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Biographical Information:

Dr. Donaldson has been on the faculty of the National Catholic School of Social Service since 2004, bringing extensive experience in nonprofit social service management and public policy advocacy. Prior to teaching at NCSSS, Dr. Donaldson worked for ten years in a community-based homeless services agency in Washington, D.C, providing direct service, directing programs in advocacy, social justice, family services, and developing affordable housing. Prior to her nonprofit experience, Dr. Donaldson was a Legislative Fellow for the late Senator Paul Wellstone, working on the mental health components of Senator Wellstone's single payer health plan and the Wellstone Initiative for Safe Homes, Senator and Mrs. Wellstone's domestic violence initiative.

Since 2009, Dr. Donaldson has served on the Peace and Justice Committee for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. She co-authored a Chapter entitled "Catholic Social Teaching, Poverty, and the Economy" in a recent Liturgical Press publication entitled, "A Vision of Justice." She has written about the integration of Catholic Social Teaching in graduate social work education, and co-edited a special issue of the journal *Social Work and Christianity* on Catholic Social Teaching and social work that was published in the summer of 2012.

Her research interests are in the areas of advocacy, community organizing, and social change practice; social change leadership development within grassroots communities; community-based participatory research, community development; and strategies to end homelessness.

Dr. Donaldson continues to maintain a small consulting practice to train and develop the advocacy, organizing, and social change capacity of human service agencies and grassroots communities.