

Dr. Todd A. Olsen

Todd is a Minnesota native and earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota-Morris, and a master's degree in counseling psychology at the University of Kansas, where he developed a leadership seminar and wrote his thesis on leadership development and college students.

He worked at the University of Denver for sixteen years in a variety of positions and earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education there, writing his dissertation on partnerships between faculty and student affairs staff to enhance student learning. At Denver, Todd was one of the founders of the Pioneer Leadership Program, a signature academic and residential learning program.

Todd joined the staff at Georgetown in 2002, and has been active in campus planning efforts, in policy revisions related to alcohol, sexual assault, and bias reporting, and in developing new programs linking academic and co-curricular life. He has served on the steering committee of the Engelhard Initiative (a curriculum infusion program linking student mental health and general education courses) from its inception. His work has focused on strengthening Georgetown's Catholic and Jesuit identity, and on assuring a welcoming community for all students. Todd served for ten years as a member of the Policy Committee for the Patriot League athletic conference, and currently chairs the James E. Scott Academy within NASPA, a leading national student affairs association. Todd is a member of the Mission and Identity Advisory Committee for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. He graduated with the inaugural class of AJCU's Ignatian Colleagues Program.

Todd has served as a faculty member at three student affairs training institutes. He was one of the lead authors of a set of principles for student affairs practice at Catholic colleges and universities, and has recently co-authored articles on entrepreneurial leadership and on curriculum infusion. Todd has served as an adjunct instructor in the Educational Leadership graduate program at George Washington University, and is currently an adjunct assistant professor in the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Georgetown.

Todd and his wife Regina live in Springfield, Virginia with their three children Madeleine, William, and John.