

January 2015



## From the Desk of Fr. Bosco, S.J.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Hank Center strives to help faculty and students do cutting edge research on Roman Catholic thought across the disciplines of the university. To this end, the Center awards competitive year-long grants to help faculty undertake new research concerned with or connected to Catholic thought. Many of these projects have resulted in publications that have added to the texture of academic conversation in many fields of study. Our current research projects include faculty from

English literature, physics, history, and social work. We are very excited to offer a batch of four new grants to faculty for this coming year. In this vein, join us for our February luncheon with Dr. Ann Solari-Twadell, whose recent work on the spiritual formation of student nurses was funded by a Hank Center research grant.

The Center also awards course development grants to faculty who create new courses that intersect with the Catholic discourse in their discipline. Through these grants we now have regularly scheduled courses on "Catholic and Islamic Perspectives on Democracy" in political science, "Catholic Aesthetics" in philosophy, and "Art and the Catholic Tradition" in Fine Arts. Three new faculty members were awarded such grants this year—one in English literature on the Seven Deadly Sins, one in Modern Languages on Catholicism in Media in Latin America, and one that combines the chemistry of food with theology and spirituality.

Through both sets of grants, the Hank Center hopes to build and deepen our intellectual engagement with Catholic thought and culture.

Please join us for other February programs, including our "Catholic Q & A" (a student led event), and the annual Cardinal Newman Lecture held each spring. See below for more information.

Wishing you a happy new year,  
Mark Bosco, SJ

## FACULTY READING GROUP

Sign up for  
The Hank Center's Spring  
2015 Faculty Reading  
Group.

## Life in dialogue with faith: The subtle complexities of an ongoing conversion

The Cardinal Newman Lecture

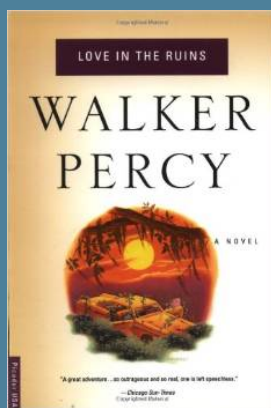
### A lecture by Dr. Colby Dickinson

Assistant Professor, LUC

Tuesday, February 10  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Coffey Hall, McCormick Lounge  
Loyola University Chicago  
1032 W Sheridan Rd  
Chicago, IL 60660

How is life capable of being lived in continuous conversation with faith if not as a constant conversion experience? Indeed, how are we even capable of recognizing a



We will read Walker Percy's now classic novel, *Love in the Ruins*, published in 1971. Percy, a Catholic convert and friend to many of the great Catholic writers of mid-20th century America won the National Book Award for his debut novel, *The Moviegoer*.

Author of nine books, Percy often explores the spiritual malaise that surrounds modern life. Both entertaining and yet deeply philosophical, *Love in the Ruins* embarks on a hilarious odyssey on the meaning of life. Join us for the ride!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

A Contemplative in Action: Is It Really Possible?

Guest Speaker

**Mark Kennedy Shriver**  
Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at Save the Children



**Wednesday, April 8**  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dr. Shriver will discuss his book about his father A

complex and subtly developed faith in the modern world without it undermining our established sense of self? As a convert to Catholicism, Prof. Colby Dickinson has often reflected on these questions insofar as they also illuminate new ways to think and do theological practice. Turning back directly to Cardinal Newman's *Apologia*, this talk will engage both Newman's conversion to Catholicism, Prof. Dickinson's own experiences of conversion and how the life lived in faith is itself a never-ending process of conversion.

**Event is free and open to the general public. Contact CCIH for more information.**

## Loyola University Chicago confers the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi

**Installation of the the John Courtney Murray Chair. Honorary Degree Conferral and Address of Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi**

**Wednesday, March 25,**  
3:00 pm -4:15 pm  
**Madonna della Strada Chapel**

**Colloquium: The Preferential Option for Culture in Latino/a Theology**

**Thursday March 26,**  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**R. Klarczek Information Commons, 4th Fl**  
**1032 W. Sheridan Rd**  
**Chicago, IL 60660**

On March 25th, Loyola University Chicago will confer upon His Eminence Gianfranco Cardinal Ravasi an honorary doctoral degree. Cardinal Ravasi is the President of the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archeology. An expert in biblical languages, he served as Prefect of the Biblioteca-Pinacoteca Ambrosiana in Milan and taught Old Testament Exegesis at the Theological Faculty of Northern Italy.

Ravasi is widely recognized as one of the leading intellectuals of the Roman Curia and has published over 150 volumes, mainly on biblical topics. As part of his conferral celebration, Ravasi will offer a lecture entitled "American Culture, Catholic Higher Education, and their Contributions to the Global Church."

On March 26th, Cardinal Ravasi will join Dr. Miguel H. Diaz, The John Courtney Murray University Chair in Public Service and the former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, as well as other nationally recognized Latino/a theologians, in an unprecedented colloquium on the topic of *The Preferential Option for Culture in Latino/a Theology*.

This colloquium seeks to honor the presence of Cardinal Ravasi in the United States by engaging the rich history and diversity of Latino/a Catholicism, and the origins, development, and future of Latino/a theology. With the historic election of Pope Francis as the first Latin American Pope, and in light of Pope Francis' upcoming papal trip to our shores, this colloquium seeks to read and interpret these "signs of the times" through faith-filled, critical, and fruitful conversations. In service to Church and country, these conversations will provide building blocks that help bridge human differences, create policies, and promote human actions that advance the common good of all people of good will.

**See future postings at CCIH for registration and for updates on this colloquium.**



Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi will visit Loyola University Chicago in March  
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*Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver.*

Faculty from Loyola's Professional Schools will respond to Mr. Shriver's talk, noting how each of their professions might further the legacy embodied in the life of Sargent Shriver.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference on the Poet  
Denise Levertov  
**October 2015**  
Loyola University Chicago

The Joan and Bill Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage is pleased to announce a conference devoted to the life and work of the poet **Denise Levertov** (1923-1997)



"this need to dance / this need to kneel": The Poetry and Poetic Life of Denise Levertov will take place this coming October 23-25 and will feature Levertov biographers, scholars, and contemporary poets.

We welcome proposals for twenty minute presentations on any aspect of Levertov's work.

Send 250-500 word proposals to Dr. Melissa Bradshaw at [mbradshaw@luc.edu](mailto:mbradshaw@luc.edu) by April 15, 2015.

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## The Meaning and Impact of a Service Immersion: A Pilgrimage of Nursing Students Serving the Sick in Lourdes, France

Informal conversation with  
Associate Professor  
**P. Ann Solari-Twadell, RN, MPA, FAAN**

**Tuesday, February 17**  
**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Cuneo Hall, Room 417**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
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Students from the School of Nursing have been serving those who come to participate in the religious rituals offered through the Roman Catholic shrine in Lourdes, France since 2009. The purpose of this presentation is to explore the impact of the Lourdes Service Immersion on nursing students' daily spiritual practices, as well as, identify the nature of the personal change experienced by each student through participation in the Lourdes Service Immersion.

In addition, this study is designed to investigate if the student's vision of delivering nursing care has changed because of this service immersion experience. This research will be presented by Dr. P. Ann Solari-Twadell, faculty member in the Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University of Chicago. The co-investigators of this research project are: Dr. William Schmidt, Institute of Pastoral Studies; Dr. Dawn Overstreet, EVOKE (at the time of the research study); and Fr Justin Daffron PhD, Development. This results of this mixed method study will be presented using results of a questionnaire titled, "The Daily Spiritual Experience Scale" and a recorded interview.

**LUC faculty only. Please RSVP by e-mailing to [catheritage@luc.edu](mailto:catheritage@luc.edu).**



## Catholic Q&A Series invite scholars for candid discussions

A favorite program in the Catholic Studies community is the *Catholic Q&A*, a student centered event. In an informal setting, maximum participation and candor can be achieved. The questions are drawn from student interest and the presenters invited (both from LUC and beyond) are always compelling. The event was once a biannual affair;



however, because of popular demand, it now takes place twice a semester. Last semester students engaged both the independent scholar Jon Sweeney who asked *Is There a Hell and Who's In It?* and His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI (in one of his final public events as Archbishop of Chicago) who asked, along with students, *What is Our Hope for the 21st Century Church?*

This spring we will hold an unprecedented three Catholic Q&A sessions. It will be a tale of three Jesuits who will fix their focus on one important theme: "What is the relationship between Catholic Social Teaching and Political Action?" Our first session takes place on Thursday (2/5) with Fr. Joseph Koterski, SJ, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University and Editor-in-Chief of *International Philosophical Quarterly*. Fr. Koterski will ask the question *What is the Place of the Right to Life within Catholic Social Teaching?* Our remaining two sessions will be led by Fr. Brendan Horan, SJ (on 3/12) and Fr. Michael Garanzini, SJ (on 4/16) respectively who will ask questions on the same theme, questions that connect the Catholic intellectual tradition with economics, politics, and culture. Stay tuned for more information.

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## About the Center

The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage exists to help faculty and students recognize and research Roman Catholic thought and its link to all academic disciplines in the university. It also seeks to convey that thought to other audiences inside and outside Loyola University Chicago.