

**SECRETARY'S REPORT  
THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its seventy-second annual convention June 8–11, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme of the convention was “Ecology: Theological Investigations.” Registration took place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 8th. The continuing group, Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00–5:30 p.m. The 2017 Ann O’Hara Graff Award was presented to Margaret A. Farley, R.S.M., Professor Emerita of Yale University Divinity School. At the Opening Session, CTSA President David Hollenbach presided and the Very Reverend John C. Daniel, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, welcomed the convention participants. President David Hollenbach, S.J. led the opening prayer and remembrance of deceased members. The ceremony included a brief memorial for the seven CTSA members and theological colleagues who died recently: Sr. Anne E. Patrick, SNJM; Most Rev. Thomas G. Doran; Jerry D. Korsmeyer; Sr. Mary Barbara Agnew, CPPS; Rev. J. Leo Klein, S.J.; Sr. Mary Aquin O’Neill, R.S.M.; and Harry McSorely. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges Emmanuel College, The Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University, Georgetown University, and Norbertine Community of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey for their support of these programs.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 9th. The president’s reception for new and newer members followed the business meeting. An additional reception was also sponsored by Liturgical Press.

The convention’s liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 10th, at the Immaculate Conception Church. CTSA member David Hollenbach, S.J., co-presided with Rev. Warren Broussard, S.J., pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. Toward the end of the meal, President David Hollenbach read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal and check to Francis Clooney, S.J.

David Stosur was the Liturgical Liaison for the convention. We had musical assistance from several quarters: for the opening memorial from members Jonathan Tan (pianist) and Nancy Dallavalle (cantor); for Morning Prayer on Friday and Saturday a Native American Call to Prayer by flutist Kevin Newman; and assisting the musician at Immaculate Conception, Juliane Rivera, was area musician/liturgist Mary Frances Reza. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, Von Balthasar Society, the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, Women’s Seminar, CUERG and the conveners of program and research groups.

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 8, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.      CTSA Board Meeting
- 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.          Registration  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.          Registration
- 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.        Pre-Convention Sessions  
3:00 – 5:30 p.m.        Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology
- Co-Conveners:    Rhodora E. Beaton, St. Catherine University  
                          Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University  
                          Colleen M. Carpenter, St. Catherine University
- Moderator:        Kathrn Lilla Cox, College of St. Benedict, St. John's University
- Presenter:        Erica Olson-Bang, The College of New Rochelle  
                          "The Wilderness beyond the Garden in Jewish, Feminist Poetry
- Presenter:        Cristina Lledo Gomez, Australian Catholic University  
                          "Interruptions, Cycles, and Reciprication: Disrupting Our Maternal  
                          Metanarratives when Speaking of the Earth as Our Mother"
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.        Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation
- Presentation:     2017 Award presented to Margaret A. Farley, RSM, Professor  
                          Emerita, Yale University
- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.        Business Meeting
- Steering Committee:    Rose M. Beal, St. Mary's University, MN (Treasurer)  
                          Rhodora Beaton, St. Catherine University (Convener)  
                          Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University (Convener)  
                          Rosemary Carbine, Whittier College  
                          Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University (Ann O'Hara-  
                          Graff Award Convener)  
                          Kathryn Cox, College of Saint Benedict/St. John's  
                          University  
                          Katharine Harmon, Marian University (Secretary)  
                          Jennifer Kryszak, St. Thomas University  
                          Paulette Skiba, Clarke University

**Thursday Evening, June 8, 2017**

- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.        Opening and First Plenary Session
- Presiding:        David Hollenbach, S.J., Georgetown University, President, CTSA  
                          Opening Prayer and Remembrance of Deceased Members

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Welcome: Very Reverend John C. Daniel, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Santa Fe  
Address: Christiana Zenner Peppard, Fordham University  
“An Ethic of Aridity: Theology, Ecology, and Planetary Change.”

9:00 p.m. Reception

Donors: Emmanuel College  
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**Friday Morning, June 9, 2016**

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Von Balthasar Society Breakfast  
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara Breakfast

8:30 – 8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Second Plenary Session

Presiding: Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University  
Past President, CTSA

Address: Denis Edwards, Australian Catholic University  
Ecological Theology: Trinitarian Perspectives

Respondent: Andrew Prevot, Boston College

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:45 Concurrent Sessions**

1. A Pilgrim Church at the Border: Catholic Theological Responses – Invited Session

Convener: Kristin Heyer, Boston College  
Moderator: Roberto S. Goizueta, Boston College  
Presenters: Kristin E. Heyer, Boston College  
Leo Guardado, University of Notre Dame  
Tisha Rajendra, Loyola University Chicago

2. Anthropology—Topic Session

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Convener: Elizabeth Antus, John Carroll University  
Moderator: Julia Feder, Creighton University  
Presenters: Eric Daryl Meyer, Loyola Marymount University  
Elizabeth Pyne, Fprdhuam University  
Gregory Zuschlag, Oblate School of Theology

3. Moral Theology – Topic Session

Convener: Christina A. Astorga, University of Portland  
Moderator: Kent J. Lasnoski, Wyoming Catholic College  
Presenters: Kyle Lambelet, University of Notre Dame  
David A. Clairmont, University of Notre Dame  
Tobias Winwright, Saint Loyis University

4. Black Catholic Theology—Consultation

Convener: Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, Xavier University of Louisiana  
Moderator: Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes, Mount Mary University  
Presenters: Dempsey Rosales Acosta  
LaReine-Marie Mosely, SND, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

5. Practical Theology—Topic Session

Convener: Natalie Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College  
Moderator: Thomas Groome, Boston College  
Presenters: Thomas Ryan, Loyola University of New Orleans  
Meghan J. Clarke, St. John's University, New York  
Joan Brown, O.S.F., New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light

6. Historical Theology – Topic Session

Convener: Scott Moringiello, DePaul University  
Moderator: Nicole Reibe, Boston College  
Presenters: Andrew Salzmman, Benedictine College  
Clifton Stringer, Bostin College  
Jonathan M. Kaltenbach, University of Notre Dame

7. Fundamental Theology and Method – Topic Session

Convener: Daniel A. Rober, Sacred Heart University  
Moderator: James F. Keating, Providence College  
Presenters: Richard J. Barry, Providence College  
Anne M. Carpenter, St. Mary's College of California

8. Judaism and Christianity—Consultation

Convener: Leo D. Lefebure, Georgetown University

Moderator: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar  
Presenters: James Bernauer, S.J., Boston College  
Noel Pugach, University of New Mexico

9. Buddhist Christian Dialogue—Interest Group

Convener: Karen B. Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University  
Moderator: Jonathan Y. Tan, Case Western Reserve University  
Presenters: Jason Hays, Naropa University  
Anita Houck, St. Mary's University  
Scott Steinkerchner, Order of Preachers  
Maureen Walsh, Rockhurst University

10. Catholic Perspectives on The Church: Toward a Common Vision—Interest Group

Convener: Stephen J. Pope, Boston College  
Moderator: Susan K. Wood, S.C.L., Marquette University  
Presenters: Edward P. Hannenberg, John Carroll University  
Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., Boston College

11. Permeable Boundaries: The Role of Ethnography in Attending to Integral Human Ecology- Selected Session

Convener: Lorraine Cuddeback, University of Notre Dame  
Moderator: Jessica Coblenz, Boston College  
Presenters: Lorraine Cuddeback, University of Notre Dame  
Jaisy Joseph, Boston College  
Layla Karst, Emory University

**Friday Afternoon, June 9, 2017**

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Women's Consultation on Constructive Theo. Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Hearing of Resolutions Committee

Presiding: Paul Lakeland, Vice-President, CTSA

**2:30 – 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

1. Theology, Sexuality, and Justice: New Frontiers – Interest Group

Co-conveners: Megan K. McCabe, Boston College  
Cristina Traina, Northwestern University  
Moderator: Megan K. McCabe, Boston College  
Presenters: Katie Grimes, Villanova University  
Bryan Massingale, Fordham University

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Respondent: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College

2. Textual Journeys: Religious Learning Across Borders- Interest Group  
Seeing Interreligiously: Icons, Saints, and the Environment

Co-conveners: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Harvard University  
Marianne Farina, C.S.C., Dominican School of Philosophy and  
Theology

Moderator: Marianne Farina, C.S.C., Dominican School of Philosophy and  
Theology

Presenter: William Hart McNichols

3. Bioethics/Healthcare—Topic Session

Convener: Meghan J. Clark, St. John's University

Moderator: Michael Jaucox, Seattle University

Presenter: Christine McCarthy, Fordham University  
Matthew Shadle, Marymount University  
Paul Scherz, Catholic University of America  
Joshua R. Snyder, Laboure College

4. We are What We Receive: *Laudato Si'* and Depolarizing Dialogue – Selected  
Session

Convener: Amanda Osheim, Loras College

Moderator: Amanda Osheim, Loras College

Presenters: Stephen Okey, Saint Leo University  
Annie Selak, Boston College  
Gregory Hillis, Bellarmine University

5. Catholic Social Thought: Beyond Personal Conversion: Coercion, Solidarity, and  
Political Resistance for Environmental Justice – Topic Session

Convener: Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University

Moderator: Daniel Cossachi, Fairfield University

Presenters: Krista Stevens, Marquette University  
Daniel K. Finn, St. John's University  
Daniel J. Daly, Saint Anselm College

6. Karl Rahner—Consultation

Convener: Richard Lennan, Boston College

Moderator: Robin Ryab, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Michael Rubbelke, University of Notre Dame  
Jean-Pierre Fortin, Loyola University Chicago  
Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

7. Theology and Science —Topic Session

Convener: Catherine Wrigt, Wingate University  
Moderator: Paul Schutz, Fordham University  
Presenters: Gloria L. Schaab, S.S.J., Barry University  
Justin D. Klasses, Bellarmine University

8. Thomas Aquinas - Consultation

Convener: Anna Bonta Moreland, Villanova University  
Moderator: Kent J. Lasnoski, Wyoming Catholic College  
Presenters: Connie Lasher, Molloy College  
Chris Thompson, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity

9. Lonigan - Consultation

Convener: Mark T. Miller, University of San Francisco  
Moderator: Brian Bajezk, University of Toronto  
Presenters: Jen Sanders, Boston College  
Christina Vanin, St. Jerome's University  
Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegreer, Australian Catholic University

10. John Henry Newman and the Crisis of Modernity – Interest Group

Co-conveners: Brian W. Hughes, University of Saint Mary  
Danielle Nussberger, Marquette University  
Moderator: Tim Muldoon, Boston College  
Presenters: Daniel Rober, Sacred Heart University  
Christopher Cimorelli, Caldwell University  
Colby Dickinson, Loyola University Chicago

11. God and Trinity – Topic Session

Convener: Manuel Cruz, Belmont University  
Moderator: Karl Hefty, St. Paul University  
Presenters: John P. Slattery, University of Notre Dame  
Brendan McInerney, Fordham University

**Friday Evening, June 9, 2017**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. CTSA Business Meeting

Presiding: David Hollenbach, S.J., Georgetown University, President, CTSA  
Parliamentarian: William P. Loewe, Catholic University of America

6:15 – 7:45 p.m. President's Reception for New/Newer Members

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- 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Liturgical Press Reception
- 8:00–9:30 p.m. Special Session on the Question of Divestment from Fossil Fuel-Producing Companies
- Convener: David Hollenbach, S.J., Georgetown University  
Moderator: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
Presenters: Erin Lothes, College of St. Elizabeth  
Regina Eentsel Wolfe, Catholic Theological Union  
John Carr, Initiative of Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, Georgetown University  
Julie Turner, Director, Catholic Responsible Investing, Christian Brothers Investment Services

**Saturday Morning, June 10, 2017**

- 7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Benedictine Universities and Colleges Breakfast  
(Sponsored by St. Anselm College)
- 7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Karl Rahner Society Breakfast Meeting
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Exhibits Open

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Third Plenary Session**

- Presiding: Mary Hines, Emmanuel College, President-Elect, CTSA  
Address: Anne M. Clifford, C.S.J., Iowa State University  
Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*: An Ecofeminist Response  
Respondent: Daniel Castillo, Loyola University Maryland

- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:45 Concurrent Sessions**

1. Theological Diversity – Interest Group

- Convener: Christopher Ruddy, Catholic University of America  
Moderator: David Cloutier, Catholic University of America  
Presenters: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College  
Nicholas Healy, Jr., Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family

2. Comparative Theology – Topic Session

A Comparative Theological Discussion of Daniel Scheid's *The Cosmic Common Good*



Convener: Christian Krokus, University of Scranton  
Moderator: Christine McCarthy, Fordham University  
Presenters: P.J. Johnston, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
Michael VanZandt Collins, Boston College  
Respondent: Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University

### 3. Moral Theology – Topic Session

Convener: Christina A. Astorga, University of Portland  
Moderator: Christine McCarthy, Fordham University  
Presenters: Scott G. Hefelfinger, University of Notre Dame  
Brian Bajzek, Regis College, University of Toronto  
Luis G. Vera, Mount St. Mary's University  
SimonMary Ahiokhai, Valparaiso University

### 4. Liturgy and Sacraments – Topic Session

Convener: Katherine E. Harmon, Marian University (IN)  
Moderator: James G. Sabak, O.F.M., Providence College  
Presenters: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University  
David Farina Turnbloom, University of Portland

### 5. Women Healing Earth: Revisiting Rosemary Radford Ruether's Work on Moral Agency & Ecological Ethics Among Women of the Global South – Invited Session

Convener: Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University  
Moderator: Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University  
Presenters: Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco  
Theresa A. Yugar, California State University  
Sarah E. Robinson-Bertoni, Santa Clara University

### 6. Creation, Faith, and the Contemporary Context: New Applications of Edward Schillebeeckx's Theology of Creation – Selected Session

Co-conveners: Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., Boston College  
Kathleen McManus, O.P., University of Portland  
Stephen van Erp, KU Leuven  
Moderator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M., Boston College  
Presenters: Heather M. Dubois, University of Notre Dame  
Daniel Minch, KU Leuven  
Respondent: Stephen van Erp, KU Leuven

### 7. Asian/Asian-American Theology—Consultation Asian American Hybridity and Ecology

Convener: Carolyn Chau, King's University College  
Moderator: Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph, CT

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Presenter: Julius-Kei Kato, King's University College  
Respondents: Karen B. Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University  
Anh Tran, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

8. Catholicity and Mission —Topic Session

Convener: Amanda Quantz, University of St. Mary  
Moderator: Edmund Kee-Fook Chia, Australian Catholic University  
Presenters: Abigail Lofte, University of St. Michael's College (ON)  
Eric Martin, Fordham University  
Eugene Schlesinger, Marquette University

9. Christ—Topic Session

Convener: Elisabeth T. Vasko, Duquesne University  
Moderator: Orfilio Valiente, Boston College  
Presenters: Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine's University  
Peter Fritz, College of Holy Cross  
Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University

10. The Church and Community Organizing: Exploring the Work of Luke Bretherton and Bradford Hinze – Selected Session

Co-conveners: Alessandro Rovati, Boston College  
Bradford Hinze, Fordham University  
Moderator: Mary Doak, University of San Diego  
Presenters: Alessandro Rovati, Boston College  
Jason Steidl, Fordham University  
Richard L. Wood, The University of New Mexico

11. Ecological Conversion, Spirituality and Solidarity – Selected Session

Convener: Christopher P. Vogt, St. John's University (NY)  
Moderator: Nichole Flores, University of Virginia  
Presenters: Christopher P. Vogt, St. John's University (NY)  
William O'Neill, S.J., Santa Clara University

**Saturday Afternoon, June 10, 2017**

12:50 – 2:15 p.m. *Theological Studies* Editorial Consultation Luncheon

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. CUREG Luncheon

**2:30 – 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

1. Latino/a Theology: Tierra, Justicia y Libertad: Spatial Ecology and Latino/a Theology – Consultation

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Convener: Robert J. Rivera, St. John's University (NY)  
Moderator: Robert J. Rivera, St. John's University (NY)  
Presenters: Melissa Pagán, Mount Saint Mary's University (CA)  
Rudy Busto, University of California Santa Barbara

2. Ecclesiology and Ecumenism – Topic Session

Convener: Kristin Colberg, College of St. Benedict  
Moderator: Brandon Peterson, The University of Utah  
Presenters: Judith Gruber, Loyola University of New Orleans  
Margaret M. Gower, Loyola Marymount University  
Jakob K. Rinderknecht, University of the Incarnate Word

3. Cosmic Body, Ritual Justice – Selected Session

Convener: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University  
Moderator: Christian Krokus, University of Seranton  
Presenters: Bede Benjamin Bidlack, Saint Anselm College  
Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University  
Respondent: SimonMary Asese Ahiokhai, University of Portland

4. Theology and Challenges of Global Integration—Interest Group

Co-conveners: Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University  
Mark T. Miller, University of San Francisco  
Moderator: Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary  
Presenters: Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University  
Anselm Min, Claremont Graduate University  
Stephan Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union

5. Spirituality – Topic Session

Spiritual Habits for the Cultivation of Ecological Virtue

Convener: Wendy M. Wright, Creighton University  
Moderator: Colleen Carpenter, Saint Catherine University  
Presenter: Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

6. Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery – Interest Group

Convener: Nichole Flores, University of Virginia  
Moderator: Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes, Mount Mary University  
Presenters: Mary Doak, University of San Diego  
Respondent: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

7. Creation and Eschatology – Topic Session

Convener: Steve Rodenborn, St. Edward's University  
Moderator: Christopher Cimorelli, Caldwell University

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Presenters: Rhodera Beaton, St. Catherine University  
Allison Covey, Regis College, University of Toronto  
Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., Catholic Theological Union

8. von Balthasar – Consultation

Convener: Mark Yenson, King's University Collene (ON)  
Moderator: Anthony C. Sciglitano, Seton Hall University  
Presenters: Charles A. Gillespie, University of Virginia  
Rodney Howsare, DeSales University

9. Reading *Laudato Si'* From an Africanist Background – Selected Session

Convener: Emmanuel Katongole, University of Notre Dame  
Moderator: Emmanuel Katongole, University of Notre Dame  
Presenters: La Reine-Marie Mosely, S.N.D., Notre Dame of Maryland  
Paulinus Odozor, University of Notre Dame  
Andrew Prevot, Boston College

10. Panel Discussion: Conscience and Catholic Health Care: From Clinical Contexts to Government Mandates – Selected Session

Convener: David DeCosse, Santa Clara University  
Moderator: David DeCosse, Santa Clara University  
Presenters: Roberto Dell'Oro, Loyola Marymount University  
Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology  
M. Cathleen Kaveny, Boston College

11. Historical Theology – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation -Topic Session

Convener: Rita George-Tvrkovic, Benedictine University  
Moderator: Shawn Colberg, Saint John's University (MN)  
Presenters: R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College  
Ian C. Levy, Providence College  
James K. Lee, Southern Methodist University

**Saturday Evening, June 10, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.** Eucharist  
6:15 p.m. Reception  
7:00 p.m. John Courtney Murray Award Banquet

**Sunday Morning, June 11, 2017**

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Conveners' Breakfast

*New coordinators (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups, and Consultations will meet with Mary Hines, CTSA President-Elect, Paul Lakeland, CTSA Vice-President, and Kent Lasnoski, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning for the 2018 convention.*

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Fourth Plenary Session**

Presiding: Paul Lakeland, Vice-President CTSA  
Address: David Hollenbach, S.J., President CTSA  
“The Glory of God and the Common Good: Theology and Solidarity in a Turbulent World”

10:00 a.m. Appointment of New President

10:15 a.m. Breakfast and Reception/Coffee

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CTSA Board of Directors Meeting and Luncheon

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2017

The person the Catholic Theological Society of America honors this year with the John Courtney Murray Award has made distinctive, even unique, contributions to recent Catholic theology. His work is deeply traditional and creatively original. In honoring him, the Society shows its hope that growth in the depth of our understanding of both the Christian tradition and the reality of God remain possible in our day.

Our awardee was born in Brooklyn, grew up and attended Catholic grade school in Staten Island and Regis High School in Manhattan. He then entered religious life and pursued a B.A. in Philosophy at Fordham University. Following his studies in the Bronx he went half way around the world to teach at St. Xavier's High School in Kathmandu, Nepal, an experience that was the beginning of his deep interest in the encounter between his Christian faith and the religious traditions of south Asia. Returning from Kathmandu, he studied at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, was ordained to the priesthood, and went on to complete his Ph.D. in South Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago.

Since then his work in the encounter between Christianity and South Asian religion has made one constructive contribution after another. At Boston College he led the Theology Department's creation of the field now called "comparative theology." It is no exaggeration to say our awardee founded modern comparative theology as a distinct branch of theology. He has mentored numerous students who continue to shape the field. Many universities have welcomed him as visiting professor, including Chicago, Harvard, John Carroll, and Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. He has been the Academic Director of Oxford University's Centre for Hindu Studies. In Chennai, India, he has taught often at the Satyam Nilayam Center for Philosophical Studies. Harvard University appointed him Parkman Professor of Divinity and Comparative Theology in 2005 and Director of Center for the Study of World Religions in 2010. He has lectured widely in India and throughout the world, recently giving Cambridge University's Teape Lectures in the UK and India on the relationship between Christian and Hindu thought.

He is the author of fourteen books, edited four more, and written over two hundred scholarly articles. A few titles indicate the range of his scholarship. In 1997 the International Society for Hindu Christian Studies judged *Seeing through Texts: Doing Theology among the Srivaisnavas of South India* the Best Book of 1994-1996. *Divine Mother, Blessed Mother: Hindu Goddesses and the Virgin Mary* won the 2005 Alpha Sigma Nu Award for Excellence in Theology. *Comparative Theology: Deep Learning across Religious Borders* has been translated into German, Chinese and Korean. *His Hiding Place Is Darkness: An Exercise in Hindu-Catholic Theopoetics* eloquently sets forth our awardee's vision. Many of his works have been published not only in the US and Europe, but in India as well.

Our awardee has served on the Board of our Society, as well as the Board of the American Academy of Religion. He helped found the comparative theology groups of both of these societies. He is a member of the American Theological Society and was the First President of International Society for Hindu-Christian Studies. He has received several honorary degrees.

Within our awardee's religious community, the Society of Jesus, he has been Coordinator for Interreligious Dialogue. He has written on the encounter of early Jesuits like Robert DeNobili with South Asian traditions and on the approach to interreligious learning of his fellow Jesuit who is now Pope Francis. Our awardee carries on the quest for interreligious understanding launched by early pioneers in this effort like Alessandro Valignano and Matteo Ricci. The person we honor has surely made major contributions both to interreligious understanding and to Christian theology.

The Catholic Theological Society of America is most pleased to confer the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement upon Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

David Hollenbach called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. William Loewe served as parliamentarian.

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*Committee on Admissions*

Cecilia González-Andrieu, presented the Report on behalf of the Committee on Admissions. The Committee on Admissions for 2016–17 was constituted by Cecilia González-Andrieu (2015–17), Elizabeth Antus (2017–19) and Natalie Kertes Weaver (ex officio).

The Committee on Admissions received a total of one-hundred and thirty applications. Thirty-six new members were welcomed to Associate membership, and ninety-two were welcomed to Active membership. The new Active members include new members and those updating their memberships from Associate to Active. The applications showed much variety, representing forty-five degree-granting institutions, and new members reside in nine countries beyond the United States.

The Admissions Committee recommends that the one hundred and four applicants, whose names were posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting hall, be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. They were greeted with a round of applause. The President invited the new *active* members to vote in the nominations election. New members are found in the appendices to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

*Report of the Nominating Committee*

Shawn Copeland, the chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Nancy Dallavalle and William O'Neill, who will continue to serve on the committee next year. Shawn reported briefly on the processes of the committee and thanked those who were willing to stand for office. Shawn also noted that the committee is dependent on the membership for recommending nominees. Shawn commented that the slate of nominees was intentionally diverse, paying attention to a wide range of ideological, institutional, and demographic characteristics of the candidates.

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows:

For Vice-President:	Maria Pilar Aquino Dawn Nothwehr
For board members:	Rosemary Carbine Edmund Chia David Cloutier Michele Saracino

Maria Pilar Aquino was elected Vice-President in the first round. No one was elected to the board on rounds one. Edmund Chia was elected to the Board on the second ballot. Michele Saracino was elected to the board on the third ballot. CTSA



Secretary Natalie Kertes Weaver was re-elected by acclamation for a one-year term later in the meeting, and Treasurer John Dadosky was re-elected for a one-year term, also by acclamation. Mary Hines becomes President for 2017-2018. Paul Lakeland becomes President-Elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are David Hollenbach, Past President, and Mark Fischer and Susan Abram, board members.

*Report of the Treasurer*

John Dadosky commented that the Society was in good financial standing. He commented that this was his first year and that he was grateful for the work of Joe Zalot and Mary Jane Ponyik. John commented that last year's convention cost us \$30,000 more than this year's convention due to its location on an island. John told the membership that we retain a healthy investment portfolio in order to retain an employee, support scholarships, and to help support worthy interests such as INSeCT. John invited the membership to ask specific questions by email and welcomed any general questions from the floor. There were no questions.

*Report of the President*

President David Hollenbach, S.J., thanked several institutions for their support for our events. These include Georgetown University, Emmanuel College, The Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University, and Norbertine Community of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey. David next referenced the travel ban of President Donald Trump, which the CTSA responded to by a Board Statement commenting that this executive order was immoral and religiously dangerous. The statement is available online.

USCCB held a meeting with representatives from a number of institutions on March 27, 2017. CTSA was represented by Christopher Ruddy and Sr. LaReine Mosely as well as David Hollenbach, S.J. David presented a paper called: "The Theological Enterprise: Dialogue and Proclamation," which was well-received. David also noted that the Board is in the process of developing a statement on ethics and standards for professional conduct, such as those held by the American Academy of Religion and Society of Christian Ethics. The Board decided to call a subcommittee together at its Fall Board meeting to convene a group to draft a statement. This draft statement will be distributed to the membership after the convention, and David asked for feedback over the summer, which can be used to finalize a statement for the CTSA at the Fall 2017 Board meeting.

David also mentioned that we are still considering the Society's investment in fossil fuels companies. An ad hoc committee (Thomas Mossaro, chair, Gina Wolfe, John Carr, and Erin Lothes) developed a report and proposals about the most morally responsible way to invest or divest. A brief of this report will be discussed by committee representatives and Julie Tanner from the Christian Brothers Investment Services in a special session to be held Friday evening, June 9, 2017 at 8:00 pm. After the special session at which notes will be taken by Secretary Natalie Kertes Weaver, the entire discussion will be considered further at the Fall 2017 Board meeting. At this time, the Board will decide how to proceed with the Society's investments. David

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notes that this is a listening session, and it remains the Board's responsibility to make fiduciary judgments about the Society's investment strategies.

David concluded his report by thanking his Board members for their support this past year.

### *Report of the President-Elect*

President-elect Mary Hines opened her comments with the convention data of 105 presenters: 45% are women and 20% are from underrepresented groups. She noted that it has been five years since we last evaluated the convention structure. Over the next year, there will be a committee formed to perform the mandatory five-year evaluation of the conference structure. Mary also thanked the seven new members and seven older members who agreed to participate in the new member breakfast opportunity. Mary encourages more participation. Mary also encourages administrative teams to update their information by Sunday morning. Mary reminded the conveners to pay attention to presentation guidelines, including paying dues. Mary also thanked David Stosur, Kevin Brown, Mary Jane Ponyik, and the LAC committee for their help with this convention.

### *Report of the Vice-President*

Vice-President Paul Lakeland gave information about the 2018 conference to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Marriott. The conference theme is Grace at Work in the World. Paul noted that three plenary speakers and respondents have been selected.

Cecilia González Andrieu with Stephan van Erp as respondent;  
Christopher Ruddy with Judith Gruber as respondent;  
David De Cossee with Carolyn Chau as respondent.

Paul thanked Mary Jane Ponyik for her help and expressed enthusiasm for the coming convention and encouraged the members to consider participating.

### *Report of the Secretary*

Secretary Natalie Kertes Weaver reported on the institutions from which the new active members received their doctoral degrees and noted that a full list of degree institutions is published in the active membership appendix to the Proceedings. Natalie shared that the membership information had been digitized over the past year and that she and the executive director are working together to keep and maintain good records of the Society's membership for historical record and present use. Natalie also mentioned that materials are regularly sent to the archives at the Catholic University of America. Natalie thanked Mary Jane for all her help over the past year.

### *Report of the Executive Director*

Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik reported on CTSA members registered for the convention are attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet. She also noted eighteen publishing houses attended and seven posted an ad. She expressed her gratitude the Local Arrangements Committee. She also thanked all the student volunteers.

Mary Jane reminded the members to update their contact information on the website. CTSA members are often sought for professional engagements, lectures, CTSA convention matters, and it is important that the contact information is up to date. Mary Jane also reminded associate members to apply as active members when they have completed their doctoral degrees.

Executive Director Ponyik then announced that the CTSA is contracted for future conventions as follows. Mary Jane commented on the nature of booking hotels into the future:

2018 Indianapolis, Indiana  
2019, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Members are encouraged to visit the CTSA website and also the Authors' Corner. In the Author' Corner, members will find recently published books, along with an abstract written and submitted by current CTSA members. To submit a book for posting, click on the Authors' Corner link found on the CTSA home page and complete a submission form.

Also, Mary Jane reminded the membership of gratuity guidelines for house cleaning staff.

Finally, Mary Jane thanked the membership for their continued warm welcome to the position of Executive Director.

### *Report of CUERG*

The Committee consisted of Christina A. Astorga (Chair, 2017–18), Ramon Luzarraga, Co-Chair, and Vanessa White, Co-Chair. The following report was submitted by all three members, focusing on its goals to give voice, to pursue diversity, and to create a network for underrepresented theologians and their work:

In view of the goals of CUERG, the luncheon celebrated the scholarly works of underrepresented members. All CUERG members who attended the luncheon were asked to bring an abstract, as well as a copy if they have one, of a completed work or work-in-progress, written from their various cultural and theological contexts, which will be shared at the tables. Those who have no current work to share participated in the discussion of articles or books that are presented.

An ad hoc committee was created to explore the possibility of an online site where the works and writings of underrepresented members are posted, which will be used for reference and also as a resource in the future for a study of the impact of the

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scholarship of underrepresented members on the shape and direction of contemporary theology, in the academy in general, and in particular, at the CTSA.

The luncheon ended with a discussion on how people are racialized differently, and, thus, the need for greater awareness and sensitivity. An article by Joseph Cheah of St. Joseph University, "Life in the Fishbowl: An Asian American Autobiographical Theological Reflection," will be used for discussion. This article will be sent by the current Chair of CUERG to the convention attendees who purchased a luncheon ticket prior to the convention. CUERG members were all encouraged to join the luncheon to work towards the strengthening of bonds as members of CUERG, in pursuit of the vision and mission. Convention attendees who are not CUERG members were warmly invited to join the luncheon.

### *Report of the INSeCT Delegate*

Nancy Pineda-Madrid, the INSeCT Delegate, presented the report. She began by thanking David Hollenbach. This is the end of Nancy's service for INSeCT as delegate. The Network Council will meet this summer in Bangalore, India to celebrate its twenty years of work. The theme for this triennial meeting is the Question of Gender Justice. They anticipate having 24 theologians in attendance, almost all of whom will be presidents of their theological societies. These theologians are international in representation, and 8 of them are women. INSeCT will publish the reports of all the theologians present on their website. Representing CTSA at this meeting will be Gerard Mannion, Paul Lakeland, and Nancy Pineda-Madrid. Martin Lintner will become the CTSA delegate to succeed Nancy's term of service. Nancy also reports chairing a committee (Cathy Clifford, Brad Hinze, James Keenan) to develop a report on how INSeCT might best flourish into the future. This report was considered at the CTSA Board meeting on June 8, 2017.

Nancy concludes by saying that it was an honor and a privilege to serve as the representative for INSeCT.

### *Presentation of the LaCugna Award*

David Clairmount, Chair, submitted the report of the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award Committee, whose members also included Cristina Traina and Jeannine Hill Fletcher.

The Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for New Scholars was awarded this year to Judith Gruber of Loyola University New Orleans for her essay "Revealing Subversions: Theology as Critical Theory." The committee noted the significant increase in number of submissions this year. The committee recommends that a reminder be sent to the CTSA membership in early January prior to the submissions deadline of January 31.

The essays were, on the whole, of very high quality and the committee identified

six finalists for the award, all of which we agreed were deserving candidates. We read the essays in February and shared brief written comments on each prior to our deliberation to decide the winner. We delivered our final decision to the CTSA leadership after our conference call in mid-March.

David Clairmont's term ends with this award cycle and Christina Traina will serve as chair of the selection committee next year.

David Hollenbach read the following citation and presented a plaque and a check to Judith Gruber:

The Catholic Theological Society of America presents the 2017 Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for New Scholars to Judith Gruber for her essay "Revealing Subversions: Theology as Critical Theory." In this theoretically complex and theologically rich essay, Gruber revisions theology under the influence of critical theory and the non-absolutization of narratives. She helps us to embrace the historicity of the incarnation event as necessarily multi-perspectival and invites us to consider how the tension of conflicting interpretive frames can be theologically productive.

Gruber engages deeply with number of significant scholars in the history of western philosophy, while placing that engagement in dialogue with scholarship in biblical studies and systematic theology. Her essay provides a well-argued and philosophically insightful contribution to the rise of contextual theologies. It links those theologies with wider academic discourses that focus on the connection between the search for truth and the reality of human blindness occasioned by the consolidation of power in discourse and through institutions.

Although affinity with Catherine LaCugna's work is not a condition for the award, Gruber's essay shows a sensitivity to abiding concerns of LaCugna's own work by uncovering "resources for counter-hegemonic strategies" within the Christian tradition through an engagement with critical theorists.

The Catholic Theological Society of America is very pleased to present its Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for New Scholars to Judith Gruber

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Judith Gruber  
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Revealing Subversions: Theology as Critical Theory

In: Anthony Godzieba, Bradford Hinze (eds). *Beyond Dogmatism and Innocence: Hermeneutics, Critique, and Catholic Theology*. Liturgical Press 2017. 179–202.

Theology has very good reasons to be skeptical of critical theory. The tradition of critique, after all, was inaugurated by Immanuel Kant with the explicit goal to curb the

influence of religious authority, and more recent strands of critical thought, such as feminist and postcolonial theories, have pushed this agenda only further; they have traced the impact of male and ethnic privilege on the formation of the Christian tradition and have thus massively complicated the claim of the church to be the universal representation of God's salvific presence in the world. The tenets of critical theory, it seems, are a direct attack on the epistemopolitical foundations of the Christian faith. It is against the odds, then, that this essay argues that theology lives up to its own normative foundation *only if* it is done as radical critique. It develops this argument in two steps:

First, a sketchy genealogy of critical theory shows that the driving force in the development of critique is the problematic relation between knowledge and power. From the initial belief that the use of reason will lead to emancipation, it shifted to the exposure of an unholy (but purifiable) alliance of reason and oppression, and ultimately acknowledged that reason is irresolvably tied to power – and, through its entanglement with power, can be both liberative and oppressive. Through these shifts, Critical Theory has thus unburied a profound ambivalence at the heart of reason, which deprives knowledge of an absolute foundation: The self-critique of Critical Theory has triggered a paradigm shift towards a non-foundational, post-metaphysical epistemology. Critical Theory no longer looks for the one universal form of reason, knowledge or truth which is believed to facilitate emancipation, but actually reinscribes the epistemopolitical logic of hegemony; instead, it traces the forging of knowledge in an – uneven – tug of war between hegemonic and subversive narratives. Critique is “not the exposure of error; it is constantly and persistently looking into how truths are produced.”<sup>1</sup>

A second step outlines how profoundly critical theory unsettles theology: a critique of Christian tradition exposes its deep-running complicity with hegemonic power, but also uncovers resources for counter-hegemonic strategies at its very heart. Through a postcolonial relecture of New Testament texts, the essay argues that from its very inception in the Jesuanic proclamation of the coming of God's kingdom, the Christian tradition has derived its existence and shaped its normative texts from an epistemopolitical positioning in relation to hegemonic discourses. This implies that, because they take their shape as its subversion, the manifestations of *God's basileia remain dependent on hegemonic politics* – and this is the truly unsettling outcome of a radical critique which exposes the entanglement of power and knowledge in the Christian tradition. As a subversion of the established epistemopolitics in a specific situation, it cannot be traced back to one independent foundation which then gave rise to conflicting interpretations, but has *always already* owed its formation to *other* narratives, *other* discourses, *other* epistemopolitical formations. This deprives the church of an absolute and pure origin, and a definite telos (which could also serve as a norm for evaluating the disparate narratives within its tradition): A radical critique of the Christian theology exposes an ‘impurity’ at its very foundation – its origin cannot be had absolutely, but is contingent upon epistemopolitical power. Such a critical relecture massively complicates the orthodox master narrative of the church. Through its genealogical analysis, a radical critique of Christian tradition shows that, if this

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<sup>1</sup> Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, “Bonding in Difference,” in Alfred Arteaga, ed., *An Other Tongue: Nation and Ethnicity in the Linguistic Borderlands* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1994), 273–85.

narrative of the church is claimed to be absolutely true and universally valid (as opposed to contingently conditioned), it relies, in fact, on hegemonic strategies of oppression and exclusion. This entails a profound destabilization of tradition *as we know it*; however, it also offers resources for reconceiving Christian theology in a new way: Once *other* stories are no longer silenced by the hegemonic master narrative of the church, it becomes visible that Christian tradition has taken its shape *in resistance to the exclusivist epistemopolitics of hegemony*. A critique of the hegemonic narrative of Christian tradition discloses a counter-hegemonic thrust at the heart of this tradition – a critical description of Christian theology reframes *Christian theology as radical critique*.

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*Action to Receive the Reports*

The reports were received by acclamation.

*Adjournment*

There being no new business, David Hollenbach adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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