

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

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its seventy-third annual convention June 7–10, 2018, at the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme of the convention was “Grace at Work in the World.” Registration took place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 7th. The continuing group, Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00–5:30 p.m. The 2018 Ann O’Hara Graff Award was presented to Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Associate Professor, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. At the Opening Session, CTSA President Mary E. Hines presided and the Very Reverend Charles C. Thompson, the Archbishop of Indianapolis, welcomed the convention participants. President Mary E. Hines led the opening prayer and remembrance of deceased members. The ceremony included a brief memorial for the seventeen CTSA members and theological colleagues who died recently: George Aziz, Gregory Baum, Rose Beal, Michael H. Crosby, O.F.M. Cap., Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, P.B.V.M., Rev. George J. Dyer, Nadine Foley, O.P., Msgr. Thomas Green, Germain G. Grisez, Anthony R. Kosnik, Rev. Matthew L. Lamb, John E. Linnan, C.S.V., Melvin Michalski, Rev. Charles J. Parr, Gaile Pohlhaus, Peter J. Riga, and Norbert J. Rigali, S.J. 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, Marian University, The Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of San Diego for their support of these programs.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 8th. The President’s reception for new and newer members followed the business meeting. Additional receptions were also sponsored by ATF Press, honoring Kim En Joong, and Paulist Press, honoring Charles E. Curran.

The convention’s liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 9th, at the Marriott Hotel. CTSA member Steven Bevans, S.V.D., presided and CTSA President Mary E. Hines gave the Reflection. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Marriott Downtown Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Mary E. Hines read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal, and check to M. Shawn Copeland.

Katharine E. Harmon was the Liturgical Liaison for the convention. 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, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, Women’s Seminar, CUERG, and the conveners of program and research groups.

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 7, 2018**

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

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1:00– 7:00 p.m. Exhibits  
3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Women's Consultation on Constructive  
Theology

**Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology** 3:00-5:30  
Panel: "Intercultural Grace: A Challenge for Transformation"

**Marriott 1-4**

Administrative Team and Conveners:  
Elizabeth L. Antus, Julia Brumbaugh, Colleen Carpenter  
Moderator: **Julia Brumbaugh**, Regis University  
Panelists: **Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.**, Holy Names University  
**Pearl Maria Barros**, Santa Clara University  
**C. Vanessa White**, Catholic Theological Union

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation

The 2018 Ann O'Hara Graff Award will be presented to  
**Nancy Pineda-Madrid**  
Associate Professor, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

5:15 – 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Steering Committee: Rose M. Beal, St. Mary's Univ., MN (Treasurer)  
Rhodora Beaton, St. Catherine Univ. (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 7, 2017**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Opening and First Plenary Session

Presiding: **Mary E. Hines**  
Emmanuel College  
President, CTSA  
Welcome: **Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson**  
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Opening Prayer and Remembrance of Deceased Members

Address: **Christopher Ruddy**  
The Catholic University of America

“What is the *Opus Dei*? Christian Humanism on the Eve  
of Vatican II”

Respondent: **Judith Gruber**  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

**9:00 p.m. Reception**

Donors: **Emmanuel College**  
**The Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University**  
**Georgetown University**  
**Marian University Indianapolis**  
**Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame**  
**College of Arts and Sciences, University of San Diego**

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**Friday Morning, June 9, 2016**

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Von Balthasar Society Breakfast  
Marian University Mission and Ministry Breakfast  
For Franciscan Universities and Colleges

8:30 – 8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 – 4:00 p.m. Registration

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

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

Presiding: David Hollenbach, Georgetown University  
Past President, CTSA

Address: **Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu**  
Loyola Marymount University  
“Wounded Grace and the Disquieting Invitation of the Real”

Respondent: **Stephan van Erp**

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Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:45 Concurrent Sessions**

1. Black Catholic Theology Consultation Marriott Ballroom 1  
Amazing Grace: Structures of Grace in the Black World

Administrative Team: Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, SimonMary Asese Ahiokhai

Convener: **Kathleen Dorsey Bellow**, Xavier University of Louisiana

Moderator: **SimonMary Asese Ahiokhai**, University of Portland

Presenter: **John Segun Odeyemi**, Veritas-Dominican University

Paper Title: "Sacred Places of the World as Places of Grace: Parallels between Yoruba Religious Cosmology and the Christ Event"

Presenter: **M. Shawn Copeland**, Boston College

Paper Title: "Social Sin and the Work of Grace"

Presenter: **Joseph S. Flipper**, Bellarmine University

Paper Title: "World in the Debate over African Theology"

2. Church/Ecumenism Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 2

Administrative Team:

Amanda Osheim, Edward Hahnenberg, Colleen Mallon

Convener/Moderator: **Amanda Osheim**, Loras College

Presenter: **Mark Gornik**, City Seminary of New York

Paper Title: "Learning in an Ephesian Moment"

Presenter: **Edmund Chia**, Australian Catholic University

Paper Title: "Asian Movement for Christian Unity"

3. God and Trinity Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 3

Administrative Team:

Karl Hefty, Elizabeth Groppe, Brian Robinette

Convener: **Karl Hefty**, Saint Paul University

Moderator: **Elizabeth Groppe**, University of Dayton

Presenters: **Peter Joseph Fritz**, College of the Holy Cross

**Jennifer Newsome Martin**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Balthasar and Rahner on Trinity and Grace in the (Art) World"

Presenter: **Neil Ormerod**, Australian Catholic University

Paper Title: “A Trinitarian Resolution of the Grace-Nature Debate: Lonergan and the Trinitarian

4. The Grace of Medellín: History, Theology and Legacy – Selected Session  
Marriott Ballroom 4

Convener: **Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F.**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Moderator: **Nancy Pineda-Madrid**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Presenter: **O. Ernesto Valiente**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Paper Title: “Medellín: Propheticism and Reconciliation”

Presenter: **Félix J. Palazzi van Büren**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Paper Title: “Medellín and Atzlán: Considerations for Latino/a Eschatology”

Presenter: **Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F.**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Paper Title: “Medellín and the Transformation of Mission: A North American Perspective”

5. Anthropology Topic Session

Marriott Ballroom 7

Administrative Team:

Julia Feder, Kevin McCabe, LaReine-Marie Mosely

Convener: **Julia Feder**, Creighton University

Moderator: **Kevin McCabe**, Seton Hall University

Presenter: **Jeannine Hill Fletcher**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “Grace in the Face of White Supremacy”

Presenter: **Adam Beyt**, Fordham University

Paper Title: “Reading the *Summa* Backwards: Against Natural Law Positivism”

6. Fundamental Theology Topic Session

Marriott Ballroom 8

Administrative Team: Jennifer Newsome Martin, James F. Keating, Christopher M. Hadley, S.J.

Convener: **James F. Keating**, Providence College (absent)

Moderator: **Christopher M. Hadley, S.J.**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Presenter: **Charles A. Gillespie**, University of Virginia

*Reports: Secretary's Report*

Paper Title: "Pure Nature" and its Double: The Drama of Nature and Grace in Henri de Lubac and Hans Urs von Balthasar

Presenter: **Peter Nguyen, S.J.**, Creighton University

Paper Title: "Grace as an Awakening of Authentic Desire in a Nihilistic, Technological Age"

Co-Presenters: **Anthony J. Godzieba**, Villanova University

**Philip J. Rossi, S.J.**, Marquette University

Paper Title: "Worldly Persistence of Grace: Imagination, Embodiment, and Vulnerability"

7. Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 9

Administrative Team:

Tobias Winright, John Fitzgerald, Michael Jaycox

Convener/Moderator: **Michael McCarthy**, Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: **Kate Jackson-Meyer**, Boston College

Paper Title: "Tragic Dilemmas in Bioethics and the Need for Moral, Spiritual, and Communal Healing through Grace"

Presenter: **Conor M. Kelly**, Marquette University

Paper Title: "The End of Life and the Work of Grace: Ordinary and Extraordinary"

8. Catholic Social Thought Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 10  
Structures of Grace from the Grassroots to the Global Common Good

Administrative Team: Anna Floerke Scheid, Linda Hogan, Kate Ward

Convener: **Anna Floerke Scheid**, Duquesne University

Moderator: **Megan K. McCabe**, Gonzaga University

Presenter: **William George**, Dominican University

Paper Title: "International Law as Emerging Structures of Grace"

Presenter: **Marcus Mescher**, Xavier University

Paper Title: "Catholic Social Thought: An Imaginative Framework to Build a Habitus of Grace"

Presenter: **Joan Crist**, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Paper Title: "Grace at work in Bajawa, Flores, Indonesia"

9. Global Integration Interest Group Lincoln

Administrative Team: Gemma Tulud Cruz, Mark Miller

Co-conveners: **Gemma Tulud Cruz**, Australian Catholic University  
**Mark Miller**, University of San Francisco

Moderator: **Anne Arabome, S.S.S.**, Marquette University

Presenter: **James Caccamo**, Saint Joseph's University

Paper Title: "Let Us Build Ourselves a City: Technology as the Catalyst of Global Integration"

Presenter: **María Pilar Aquino**, University of San Diego

Paper Title: "Global Social Movement for Justice: Theological Contributions"

Presenter: **Annemie Dillen**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Paper Title: "Crossing Borders: Lived Religion and its Practical Theological Challenges for the Church"

10. Christianity and Judaism Consultation Santa Fe  
Theology in the World after Auschwitz? The Quest of Johann Baptist Metz and the Scholarship of John Pawlikowski

Administrative Team:

Carol Ann Martinelli, Heather Miller Rubens, Matthew Tapie

Convener: **Carol Ann Martinelli**, Independent Scholar

Moderator: **Mary Doak**, University of San Diego

Presenter: **Julia Prinz, V.D.M.F.**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Paper Title: "Facing the Jews: Biblical Spirituality as Fount of Metz's Political Theology"

Jewish respondent: **Russ Arnold**, Regis University

Catholic respondent: **Kevin Burke, S.J.**, Regis University

Special Presentation to John Pawlikowski: **Elena Procaro-Foley**, Iona College

11. Spirituality Topic Session

Austin/Boston

Administrative Team: Colleen Carpenter, J. Matthew Ashley, Andrew Prevot

Convener: **Colleen Carpenter**, St. Catherine University

Moderator: **J. Matthew Ashley**, University of Notre Dame

Presenter: **Brian Robinette**, Boston College

Paper Title: "Democratization or Commodification? Theologically Assessing the Recent Surge in Contemplative and Mindfulness Practices"

Presenter: **Nicole Reibe**, Loyola University Maryland

Paper Title: "The Disabled Body, the Graced Body: Teresa de Cartagena's Relational Spirituality"

Presenter: **Kevin Vaughan**, College of St. Scholastica

Paper Title: "Grace as Playfulness in the Celtic Imagination"

**Friday Afternoon, June 8, 2018**

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

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

Presiding: **María Pilar Aquino**, Vice-President, CTSA  
University of San Diego

Parliamentarian: **William P. Loewe**  
Catholic University of America

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

1. Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Int. Grp. Marriott Ballroom 1  
The Meaning of Human Relationships and Justice in View of  
Trinitarian Theology

Administrative Team:

Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes, Nichole Flores, Nancy Pineda-Madrid

Convener: **Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes**, Mount Mary University

Moderator: **Nancy Pineda-Madrid**, Boston College School of Theology and  
Ministry

Presenter: **Katherine Elliot**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: "Learning to be Vulnerable: An Antidote to the Objectification of  
the Human Person that Fuels the Sex Trafficking Industry?"

Respondent: **Nichole Flores**, University of Virginia

Respondent: **Meghan McGuire**, Chief Executive Officer, Ascent 121:  
Ministry to long term survivors of human sex trafficking

2. Moral Theology (I) Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 2  
*Humanae Vitae* Fifty Years Later

Administrative Team:

Kent Lasnoski, Christine McCarthy, Alessandro Rovati

Convener/Moderator: **Kent Lasnoski**, Wyoming Catholic College

Presenter: **Maria Morrow**, Seton Hall University

Paper Title: "*Humanae Vitae* and the Practice of Penance"

Presenter: **David Cloutier**, Catholic University of America

Paper Title: "*Humanae Vitae* and *Amoris Laetitia*: Seeking the Catholic  
Both/And"

Presenter: **Karen Ross**, Loyola University Chicago

Paper Title: “*Humanae Vitae*, Fifty Years Later: Catholic Adolescent Girls and the Contraceptive Mentality”

3. Two Approaches to Social and Structural Sin – Selected Session  
Marriott Ballroom 3

Convener/Moderator: **Bradford E. Hinze**, Fordham University

Presenter: **Daniel Finn**, College of St. Benedict / St. John’s University, MN  
Paper Title: “Moral Agency within Sinful Social Structures”

Presenter: **Bryan Massingale**, Fordham University  
Paper Title: “Social Sin *versus* Cultural Evil: Insights from African American Socio-Political Analysis”

Respondent: **Jeremy Cruz**, St. John’s University, NY

4. Textual Journeys Interest Group Marriott Ballroom 4  
Administrative Team: Marianne Farina, Francis X. Clooney, Rita George-Tvrtkovic

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

Moderator: **Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**, Harvard Divinity School

Presenter: **James Fredericks**, Loyola Marymount  
Paper Title: “Textual Journeys: Religious Learning across Borders.”

5. Grace, Culture, Pluralism – Selected Session Marriott Ballroom 7

Convener: **Jonathan Heaps**, Marquette University  
Moderator: **Neil Ormerod**, Australian Catholic University

Presenter: **Jonathan Heaps**, Marquette University  
Paper Title: “Cooperation and Culture: Human Action as a Theonomic Principle”

Presenter: **Anne Carpenter**, St Mary’s College of California  
Paper Title: “Theological Aesthetics and Pluralism”

Presenter: **Ryan Hemmer**, Marquette University  
Paper Title: “After Retrieval: Grace, Intellectual Pluralism, and the Renewal of Theological Understanding”

6. Catholicity and Mission Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 8  
Celebrating the Contributions of Robert Schreiter

Administrative Team: Edmund Chia, Kevin Ahern, Stephen Bevans

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Convener: **Edmund Chia**, Australian Catholic University  
Moderator: **Kevin Ahern**, Manhattan College

Presenter: **Jeffrey Kirch**, C.P.P.S. General Council, Rome  
Paper Title: "An Enhanced Catholicity: Future Directions for a World Church"

Presenter: **Gemma Tulud Cruz**, Australian Catholic University  
Paper Title: "Mission Tracks in the Bush: The Dresden Four Aboriginal Mission in South Australia in Dialogue with Schreiter's Theology on Contextualization and Solidarity"

Presenter: **Kevin Considine**, Calumet College of St. Joseph  
Paper Title: "Can 'Dangerous Memories' be Communicated? Extending Insights from the Intercultural Theology of Schreiter into Dialogue with Subculture and Racialization"

7. Historical Theology Topic Session I Marriott Ballroom 9

Administrative Team: Scott Moringiello, Nicole Reibe, Agnes de Dreuzy  
Convener: **Scott D. Moringiello**, DePaul University  
Moderator: **Agnes de Dreuzy**, St. Mark's College

Presenter: **Ian Gerdon**, University of Notre Dame  
Paper Title: "Friendship in Maximus the Confessor and Accompaniment in Pope Francis"

Presenter: **Shawn Colberg**, St. John's University  
Paper Title: "Everyday Grace: Aquinas on Impetration, Divine Agency, and Human Action"

Presenter: **Donald M. Collins**, Western University  
Paper Title: "St. Thomas' Commentary on 1 Timothy 2: God's Absolute Will and the Saints' Desire that All Men be Saved"

8. Reassessing Henri de Lubac's Theology of the Supernatural – Selected Session  
Marriott Ballroom 10

Convener: **Aaron Pidel, S.J.**, Marquette University  
Moderator: **Susan Wood, S.C.L.**, Marquette University

Presenter: **Patrick X. Gardner**, Valparaiso University  
Paper Title: "The Phenomenology of the Supernatural: Nature, Grace, and Method in de Lubac's Early Theology"

Presenter: **Chau Nguyen, O.P.**, University of St. Thomas  
Paper Title: "De Lubac and Teilhard with Mary in the Nature-Grace Conflict"

Presenter: **Aaron Pidel, S.J.**, Marquette University  
Paper Title: "Erich Przywara on Nature-Grace Extrinsicism"

**9. Theological Witness of Oscar Romero Interest Group  
Lincoln**

Administrative Team: Todd Walatka, Michael Lee  
Conveners: **Todd Walatka**, University of Notre Dame  
**Michael Lee**, Fordham University  
Moderator: **Leo Guardado**, University of Notre Dame  
Panelists: **O. Ernesto Valiente**, Boston College School of Theology and  
Ministry  
**Ana Maria Pineda**, Santa Clara University  
**Michael Lee**, Fordham University

**10. After *The Benedict Option*: Benedictine Approaches to Grace in the World -  
Selected Session**

Santa Fe

Convener/Moderator: **Brendan McInerny**, College of St. Benedict / St. John's  
University  
Presenter: **Benjamin Durheim**, College of St. Benedict / St. John's  
University  
Paper Title: "Salted Ground? Toward Newly Appropriating the Benedictine  
Fusion of Liturgy and Social Justice"  
Presenter: **Brendan McInerny**, College of St. Benedict / St. John's  
University, Fordham University  
Paper Title: "'We Ascend by Humility': Humility in Benedict's *Rule* and  
Diagnosing a Post-Christian Society"  
Presenter: **Michael Rubbelke**, University of Notre Dame  
Paper Title: "'Strangers to the World': Fear, Community, and Benedictine  
Options in Post-Christian America"

**11. Grace at Work in the World? The Problems of Depression and Depressive  
Suicide – Selected Session** Austin/Boston

Convener: **Jessica Coblentz**, Saint Mary's College of California  
Moderator: **Jennifer Lamson-Scribner**, Boston College  
Presenter: **Jessica Coblentz**, Saint Mary's College of California  
Paper Title: "Persistent Depression, Diminished Freedom, and an Account of  
Non-liberative Grace"  
Presenter: **Elizabeth L. Antus**, Boston College

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Paper Title: "The Silence of the Dead": Depressive Suicide and the Eclipse of Grace and Freedom"

Respondent: **Paul Crowley, S.J.**, Santa Clara University

**Friday Evening, June 8, 2018**

**4:30-6:00 p.m. CTSA Business Meeting**

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**CTSA Business Meeting**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Marriott Ballroom 5-6**

Presiding: **Mary E. Hines**  
Emmanuel College  
President, CTSA

Parliamentarian: **William P. Loewe**  
Catholic University of America

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

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. **ATF Press Reception**

*Honoring Kim En Joong, Dominican Korean born;  
Paris based abstract artist*

9:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Paulist Press Reception**

*Honoring Charles Curran*

**Saturday Morning, June 9, 2018**

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. **Benedictine Universities and Colleges Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA*

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society**

7:45 – 8:45 a.m. **Writing for *Commonweal* Magazine Breakfast**  
*Prior registration for the event required*

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

**9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration**

8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**

**Third Plenary Session**

Presiding: **Paul Lakeland**  
Fairfield University  
President-Elect, CTSA

Address: **David DeCosse**  
Santa Clara University

“‘Faithful Citizenship’ and the Theology of Conscience: A Reflection on Grace, the World, and the 2020 Election”

Respondent: **Carolyn Chau**  
King’s University College

**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:45 Concurrent Sessions**

1. Von Balthasar Consultation Marriott Ballroom 1

Administrative Team: Barbara Sain, Danielle Nussberger,  
Nicholas J. Healy, Mark Yenson

Convener: **Mark Yenson**, King’s University College

Moderator: **Danielle Nussberger**, Marquette University

Presenter: **Michael Altenburger**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: “Grace and the Political: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Politics of John”

Presenter: **Todd Walatka**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: “Balthasar, Politics, and the Option for the Poor”

2. Creation/Eschatology Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 2

Administrative Team: Christopher Cimorelli, Wendy Crosby, Rhodora Beaton

Convener: **Christopher Cimorelli**, Caldwell University

Moderator: **Wendy Crosby**, Siena Heights University

Presenter: **Benjamin J. Hohman**, Boston College

Paper Title: “The Glory to Be Revealed: Grace and Emergence in the Eschaton”

Presenter: **Chau Nguyen, O.P.**, University of St. Thomas

Paper Title: “Full of Grace: A Marian Key to the Relationship of Nature and Grace”

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Presenter: **Joseph Drexler-Dreis**, Saint Mary's College of California  
Paper Title: "'Getting land enough to lay our Fathers bones upon': Perceiving God's Grace Outside Temporal Frameworks"

3. Christ Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 3

Administrative Team: Ernesto Valiente, Steven Battin, Brianne Jacobs  
Convener: **Ernesto Valiente**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry  
Moderator: **Steven Battin**, University of Notre Dame

Presenter: **Daniel Castillo**, Loyola University Maryland  
Paper Title: "Behold the New Adam: Christ, the Gardener, and the Global Eco-Social Crisis"

Presenter: **Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo**, Wake Forest University School of Divinity  
Paper Title: "The Grace of Resilience for the Work of Resistance: Christology, White Guilt, and White Fragility"

Presenter: **Michael Anthony Abril**, Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Paper Title: "Grace Liberating the Voice of the Poor: Sor Juana's Christology"

4. Pope Francis' Bioethical Vision – Selected Session Marriott Ballroom 4

Convener/Moderator: **Jason T. Eberl**, Saint Louis University

Presenter: **Christine McCarthy**, Fordham University  
Paper Title: "Pope Francis and the Primacy of Conscience: The Decentralization of Catholic Bioethics?"

Presenter: **Jason Keune**, Saint Louis University  
Paper Title: "Contextualizing Surgery in a Twenty-First Century Catholic Health Care System: Pope Francis' Writings on Science, Technology and Poverty"

Presenter: **Jason T. Eberl**, Saint Louis University  
Paper Title: "Culture of Life, Culture of Death, and Culture of Waste"

5. Theological Diversity Interest Group Marriott Ballroom 7  
Ecclesiology: Exploring Diverse Views of the Church-World Relationship

Administrative Team: Kristin Colberg, Dan Finn, James Keating, Christopher Ruddy  
Convener: **Kristin Colberg**, Saint John's University/College of Saint Benedict  
Moderator: **James Keating**, Providence College (absent)

Presenter: **Bradford Hinze**, Fordham University  
Paper Title: “The Church’s Relation to the World: Disputed Questions”

Presenter: **Joseph Mueller, S.J.**, Marquette University  
Paper Title: “Limits and Conditions of Conservative and Liberal Practice in Ecclesiology”

6. Rahner Society Consultation Marriott Ballroom 8

Administrative Team: Richard Lennan, Michael Canaris, Peter Fritz, Nancy Dallavalle, Mark Fischer

Convener: **Michael Canaris**, Loyola University Chicago

Moderator: **Jessica Coblentz**, St Mary’s College of California

Presenter: **Sarah Thomas**, Boston College

Paper Title: “Karl Rahner’s Theology of Neighbor Love in Dialogue with Social Psychology and Neuroscience”

Presenter: **Brandon Reed Peterson**, University of Utah

Paper Title: “Grace in Our Place? Rahner’s Understanding of Christ as a Representative”

Respondent: **Annie Selak**, Boston College

7. Asian/Asian-American Theology Consultation

Administrative Team: Anh Q. Tran S.J., Catherine Punsalan, Joseph Cheah

Convener: **Catherine Punsalan**, Seattle University

Moderator: **Elaine Padilla**, University of La Verne

Presenter: **Anselm K. Min**, Claremont Graduate University

Paper Title: “Divine Grace, Human Responsibility, and a Theology of Good Works: Rethinking the Reformation Debates from the Asian Perspective”

Presenter: **Linh Hoang, O.F.M.**, Siena College

Paper Title: “Grace Across the Pacific: Theological Reflection on Asian Slavery in the Americas”

Presenter: **Peter Nguyen**, Creighton University

Paper Title: “Grace as Sharing in Divine Silence”

8. The Fragility of Grace in the Karamazov World – Selected Session Marriott Ballroom 10

Convener: **Phyllis Zagano**, Hofstra University

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Moderator: **Elizabeth A. Johnson**, Fordham University

Presenter: **Terrence W. Tilley**, San Francisco CA

Respondent: **Anthony Godzieba**, Villanova University

9. Practical Theology Topic Session Lincoln  
Grace and Cognitive Development

Administrative Team:

Thomas Groome, Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Theresa Ann Yugar

Convener: **Thomas Groome**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Moderator: **Jeannine Hill Fletcher**, Fordham University

Presenter: **Brent Little**, Sacred Heart University

Paper Title: "A Dialogue with L'Arche: Grace, Hospitality, and Church"

Presenter: **Cynthia Cameron**, Sacred Heart University

Paper Title: "Adolescent Girls and Experiences of Grace: Considering Cognitive Development and Experiencing Transcendence"

10. Theology and Science Topic Session Santa Fe

Administrative Team: Paul J. Schutz, Heidi Russell, Catherine Wright

Convener: **Paul J. Schutz**, Santa Clara University

Moderator: **Heidi Russell**, Loyola University Chicago

Presenter: **Krista Stevens**, University of Scranton

*Read by Paul J. Schutz, Santa Clara University*

Paper Title: "Evolving Toward Solidarity: Nature, Grace, and Liberative Praxis"

Presenter: **Christina McRorie**, Creighton University

Paper Title: "Can Markets Mediate Grace? An Argument Based on Behavioral Economics"

Presenter: **Amanda Alexander**, Fordham University

Paper Title: "Actualizing Grace: Prayer, Neuroplasticity and Epistemic Transformation"

11. INSeCT and a Kairos for Catholic Theology: Serving the Church - Serving the World – Invited Session Austin/Boston

Convener/Moderator: **Gerard Mannion**, Georgetown University

Presenters: **Nontando Hadebe**, St Augustine College, South Africa  
**Maeve Louise Heaney**, Australian Catholic University  
**Gunter Prüller-Jagenteufel**, University of Vienna  
**Paulo Fernando Carneiro de Andrade**, Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro  
**Gerard Mannion**, Georgetown University

**Saturday Afternoon, June 9, 2018**

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

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. CUERG Luncheon

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

1. Lonergan Consultation

Administrative Team: John Dadosky, Darren Dias, Kevin Vander schel

Convener: **Darren Dias**, University of St. Michael's College

Moderator: **Nicholas Olkovich**, St. Mark's College

Presenter: **Alison M. Benders**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Paper Title: "Advantages of a Theological Anthropology based on Lonergan's Understanding of Human Beings as 'Originators of Value'"

Presenter: **Christopher Hadley, S.J.**, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Paper Title: "Sacralization and Desacralization in *Laudato Si'* and *The Benedict Option*"

Presenter: **Christian S. Krokus**, University of Scranton

Paper Title: "Lonergan, the Law of the Cross, and Sufism"

2. Liturgy and Sacraments Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 2

Administrative Team: Anne McGowan, James Sabak, David Stosur

Convener: **Anne McGowan**, Catholic Theological Union

Moderator: **James G. Sabak, O.F.M.**, Providence College

Presenter: **Nathaniel Marx**, Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology

Paper Title: "Sacramental Grace at Work in the World Day of the Poor"

Presenter: **Judith M. Kubicki**, Fordham University

Paper Title: "Sacramentality and the Singing Assembly"

Presenter: **Veronica Chiari A. Dy-Liacco**, University of Santo Tomas

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Paper Title: "Towards a Renewed Appreciation of Eucharistic Grace: Insights from Jewish Tradition and the Phenomenology of Emmanuel Levinas"

3. Comparative Theology Topic Session Marriott Ballroom 3

Administrative Team: Daniel Scheid, Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, PJ Johnston

Convener: **Daniel Scheid**, Duquesne University

Moderator: **PJ Johnston**, St. Olaf College

Presenter: **Craig Danielson**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Paper Title: "Integral Humanism: A Comparative Analysis of Person and Polity in Catholic Personalist and Hindu Nationalist Thought"

Presenter: **Jaechan Anselmo Park, O.S.B.**, University of Toronto

Paper Title: "Thomas Merton's Contributions to Contemplative Dialogue with Buddhists: From Self-emptying (*Sunyata*) to No-self (*Anatta*) to Trans-Cultural Maturity and the Spiritual Family"

Presenter: **James T. Bretzke, S.J.**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Paper Title: "Inculturating the Seeds of Grace in the 'Swamp' of Endo's *Silence*"

4. Theology, Sexuality, & Justice Interest Group Marriott Ballroom 4

Administrative Team: Elizabeth L. Antus, Megan K. McCabe, Cristina L. Traina

Convener: **Elizabeth L. Antus**, Boston College

Moderator: **Christine Firer Hinze**, Fordham University

Presenter: **Rosemary P. Carbine**, Whittier College

Paper Title: "Whose Justice? Which Experiences? Decentering Cisgender Feminist Theology through the Ekklesia of Wo/men"

Presenter: **Craig A. Ford**, Boston College

Paper Title: "Interrogating 'Born this Way' Theology: The Problem of 'Identity' for the Future of Catholic Sexual Ethics"

Respondent: **Susan Abraham**, Pacific School of Religion

5. Thomas Aquinas Consultation Marriott Ballroom 7

Administrative Team: Gregory F. LaNave, Anna Bonta Moreland, William C. Mattison III

Convener: **Stephen J. Pope**, Boston College

Moderator: **John Meinert**, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

Presenter: **Jean Porter**, University of Notre Dame

Paper Title: “Acquired and Infused Virtues: A Reconsideration”

Presenter: **Mark F. Johnson**, Marquette University

Paper Title: “Thomas Aquinas, Grace, and the Essence of the Soul”

6. Structures of Grace: Catholic Social Movements as a *Loci Theologici* –  
Selected Session Marriott Ballroom 8

Convener: **Kevin Ahern**, Manhattan College

Moderator: **Nichole Flores**, University of Virginia

Presenter: **Kevin Ahern**, Manhattan College

Paper Title: “Structural Grace: A Challenge to Movements and  
Theology”

Presenter: **Robert Pennington**, Mount St. Joseph University

Paper Title: “The Canonicity of Cardijn's Methodology: From Catholic Social  
Movements to Catholic Social Teaching and in the Classroom”

7. Historical Theology Topic Session II Marriott Ballroom 9

Administrative Team: Scott Moringiello, Nicole Reibe, Agnes de Dreuzy

Convener: **Nicole Reibe**, Loyola University Maryland

Moderator: **Andrew Salzman**, Benedictine College

Presenter: **Julia A. Lamm**, Georgetown University

Paper Title: “Nature and Grace When ‘Nature’ is ‘Kinde’: Julian of  
Norwich’s Vernacular Theology of Grace”

Presenter: **Elissa Cutter**, Loyola Marymount University

Paper Title: “God Made for Us This Grace: Mother Angélique and the  
Theology of Grace at Work in the (Jansenist) Convent of Port-  
Royal”

Presenter: **Grant Kaplan**, St. Louis University

Paper Title: “Re-sourcing the Nature-Grace Debate: Johannes Kuhn and the  
Nature-Grace Debate of the 1860s”

8. Protestant and Catholic Theologies of Grace in Conversation: Paradox and Gift –  
Invited Session

Marriott Ballroom 10

Convener: **Paul D. Murray**, Durham University

Moderator: **John Thiel**, Fairfield University

Presenter: **Karen Kilby**, Durham University

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Paper title: "Catholicism, Protestantism, and the Theological Location of Paradox: Nature, Grace, Sin"

Presenter: **Paul D. Murray**, Durham University

Paper title: "Actualizing Grace in Catholic Theology and Practice: Lutheran Actualism as Gift for Catholic Learning"

Respondent: **Nicholas M. Healy**, St John's University, NY

9. Moral Theology Topic Session II  
The Role of Grace in Moral Theology

Lincoln

Administrative Team: Kent Lasnoski, Christine McCarthy, Alessandro Rovati

Convener: **Christine McCarthy**, Fordham University

Moderator: **Alessandro Rovati**, Belmont Abbey College

Presenter: **Andrew Kim**, Marquette University

Paper Title: "Created Grace and Human Agency in Aquinas"

Presenter: **Scott G. Hefelfinger**, Augustine Institute

Paper Title: "Christian Prayer, Where Grace Dances with Desire"

Co-Presenters: **Christina Astorga**, University of Portland

**Rene Sanchez**, University of Portland

Paper Title: "Resisting the Logic of the Empire: Prophetic Lament and the Filipino Notion of 'Lakas' (Power)"

10. Latino/a Theology Consultation

Santa Fe

Latino/a Aesthetics of Grace

Administrative Team and Co-conveners:

Robert Rivera, Jeremy Cruz, Melissa Pagán

Moderator: **Jennifer Owens-Jofré**, Graduate Theological Union

Panelists: **Elaine Padilla**, University of La Verne

**Miguel Diaz**, Loyola University Chicago.

11. Schillebeeckx for a New Generation and New Contexts Interest Group  
Austin/Boston

Grace and Politics

Administrative Team: Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Kathleen McManus, OP, Stephan van Erp

Convener/Moderator: **Daniel Minch**, KU Leuven

Presenter: **Christiane Alpers**, Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

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- Paper Title: “The Church as ‘sewage of the world’: Schillebeeckx’s Theology of Grace in the Context of the Catholic Renewal of the twentieth century”
- Presenter: **Steven Rodenborn**, St. Edward’s University
- Paper Title: “Encountering the Threatened *Humanum* in a Culture of Indifference”
- Respondent: **Roger Haight, S.J.**, Union Theological Seminary

**Saturday Evening, June 9, 2018**

**5:00 p.m. Eucharist**

**6:15 p.m. Reception**

**7:00 p.m. John Courtney Murray Award Banquet**

**Sunday Morning, June 10, 2018**

**7:15-8:45 a.m. Conveners’ Breakfast**

*New coordinators (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups, and Consultations will meet with Paul Lakeland, CTSA President-Elect, María Pilar Aquino, CTSA Vice-President, and Kent Lasnoski, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning for the 2019 convention.*

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

8:30 – 12:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**

**9:00-10:00 a.m. Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address**

Presiding: **María Pilar Aquino**  
**University of San Diego**  
Vice-President, CTSA

Address: **Mary E. Hines**  
Emmanuel College  
President, CTSA

“Searching the Signs of These Times:  
Intimations of Grace”

**10:00 a.m. Appointment of the New President**

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

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

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**JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2018**

Citation from Mary E.Hines:

The John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement

The theologian we honor this year with the John Courtney Murray Award was born in Detroit, Michigan. Our honoree attended Holy Ghost elementary school and secondary school in that city and earned her B.A. in English from Madonna College, now University. She received the Ph.D. in systematic theology from Boston College, writing her dissertation on Bernard Lonergan's idea of the human good, a foundation that has continued to inform her scholarship. Our awardee's professional journey has taken her from St. Norbert College, to Yale Divinity School, to Marquette University

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and finally to Boston College where she is now professor of systematic theology. She also served as adjunct faculty for many years at The Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana.

Our honoree is a prolific, profound, and pioneering scholar whose work places suffering humanity at its center, particularly those suffering from the persistent racism, sexism, and heterosexism pervasive in our church and society. For our honoree this experience of suffering leads to the cross of Jesus of Nazareth, which is at the heart of her theology. In her lecture "The Trace of the Cross: Theology and Social Suffering," delivered when receiving the Marianist Award from the University of Dayton, our award recipient recounts the story of her grandmother tracing the sign of the cross over her as she was taken home from the hospital after her birth. That trace of the cross of Jesus of Nazareth has marked our honoree's theology deeply. A second early vignette recalls her sixth-grade teacher's comments about theology and theologians that suggested to her that theology might be a way to respond to suffering and oppression. The vocation of a theologian was born.

The theologian we honor tonight has made contributions in a number of intersecting areas of theology; theological anthropology, the African American Catholic experience, political theology, and thematizing an African American Catholic theology. A ground-breaking pioneer in Black Catholic theology, this scholar is the author or editor of numerous books and over 125 articles dealing with suffering, embodiment, discipleship and the cross of Jesus, political theology, and white supremacy and anti-blackness in American Catholicism, to mention but a few of the themes she takes up. As a political, or praxis theologian she explores the religious, cultural and social issues that prevent or promote human persons' attempt to realize their full humanity. Her work, *Enfleshing Freedom*, proposes a revised theological anthropology that decenters the abstract Enlightenment understanding of the human subject as white heterosexual male and identifies the used and abused bodies of "the victims of history," especially "exploited, despised, poor women of color" as the new anthropological subject. Informed by her passion for justice, her scholarship demands to be put into action.

Our honoree is not only an extraordinarily productive scholar but has contributed generously to the academy, to the pastoral life of the church and to the community. She was the first African American President of our Society and has served on CTSA committees too numerous to mention. In addition, she is a regular contributor to the convention's topic sessions and to the Black Catholic Theology Consultation. A recipient of the Ann O'Hara Graff Award of the Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, our awardee is an important mentor to many newer theologians in the Society and beyond. She is a former convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, an interdisciplinary learned association of Black Catholic Scholars, and is an active member of the American Academy of Religion holding leadership roles on numerous committees. As well as serving on numerous editorial boards, such as *Horizons*, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *The Ecumenist* and *Concilium*, she has served on many national and international committees furthering the work of the academy, for example, on the Executive Committee of the Association of Theological Schools and on its committee on underrepresented minorities. She is an elected member of the Society for the Study of Black Religion and the Society for Values in Higher Education.

Our award recipient has also generously made her scholarship available to the wider church and community. She has served on parish boards, archdiocesan committees, USCCB committees and as a member of a Catholic college Board of Trustees. The list of her presentations to religious communities, dioceses, parishes and conferences throughout the United States and beyond is truly daunting.

Our honoree is the recipient of six honorary degrees and numerous awards for her theological scholarship, the most recent, the Marianist Award that recognizes “a Catholic scholar, author, and theologian who has made an outstanding contribution to the intellectual life.”

**In recognition of her pioneering and prophetic scholarship that confronts us with the uncomfortable truth of the cost of discipleship, the Catholic Theological Society of America confers its highest honor, the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Theological Achievement, on Professor M. Shawn Copeland.**

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Mary E. Hines called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. William Loewe served as parliamentarian.

#### *Committee on Admissions*

Elizabeth Antus presented the report on behalf of the Admissions committee. Members of the Admissions Committee for 2017–18 were Elizabeth Antus, Darren Dias, Nichole Flores and Theresa Moser, Secretary, *ex officio*. The Committee met by email to review the applications May 10, 11, and 12 and concluded its work on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

154 applications were reviewed after the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Of these, 51 were applications for Associate membership and 103 were applications for Active membership. The Committee determined during its review that two applicants for Active membership were not qualified for admission at this time. The names of those the committee recommends for membership have been posted on the Convention bulletin board.

The CTSA Admissions Committee moves that those recommended for Associate and Active membership be approved.

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*

William O’Neill, the chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Nancy Dallavalle and Peter Phan, who will continue to serve on the committee next year. Since Peter Phan was unable to be present this year, Shawn Copeland agreed to assist with counting the votes, and

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Susan Ross also agreed to help. William O'Neill reported briefly on the processes of the committee and thanked those who were willing to stand for office.

The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follow:

For Vice-President:	Christine Firer Hinze Stephen Pope
For board members:	Kevin Burke Nichole Flores Julie Hnlon Rubio Jonathan Tan

There were no nominations from the floor.

**Voting Procedure change:** After discussion at the October meeting of voting procedures at the convention's business meeting, the Board decided that this year, for a one-year trial period, in each round of voting the result will be announced beginning with the individual who received most votes, but the number of votes cast for each person will not be announced.

Christine Firer Hinze was elected Vice-President in the first round. Kevin Burke was elected to the Board on the first round of voting for Board members. Julie Hanlon Rubio was elected to the Board on the fourth round. New CTSA Secretary Hosffman Ospino was 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. Paul Lakeland becomes President for 2018–19. María Pilar Aquino becomes President-Elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Mary E. Hines, Past President, and Edmund Chia and Michelle Saracino, board members.

### *Report of the President*

Mary Hines thanked the institutions and programs which had given donations to the CTSA for the convention. Their gifts are greatly appreciated. She also noted the generous work of the Local Arrangements Committee, Katharine Harmon and Matthew Sherman. Katharine assumed the role of Liturgical liaison for this Convention and was responsible for planning the Memorial Service, Morning Prayer, Table Prayer and the Eucharistic Liturgy of the convention.

Concerning the Report and discussion of Fossil Fuel investments, the Board has decided to pursue a policy of active engagement, urging CBIS to develop a strategy that divests from companies that produce or use fossil fuels as their energy source and show no sign of moving to alternative sources of energy.

Mary thanked the Committee on Evaluation of the CTSA's Convention Structure for its good work. The Board has received the Report and will discuss it in detail at the October meeting.

Regarding the grants for dinners with Bishops and Theologians, Mary noted that she has received just one Report this year from a group who had such a meeting. She encouraged others to apply for a grant from the CTSA for these meetings, which usually involve a book discussion and dinner.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Behavior has worked on a revised statement which will be sent to the membership, posted on the CTSA website, and included in the membership application form.

Mary announced that a Committee of the Board had conducted a Search for a new CTSA Secretary. After interviewing a number of fine applicants, the Committee proposed that Hosffman Ospino become the new CTSA Secretary. He will begin his term after the Business Meeting. Mary thanked Theresa Moser for stepping in as Interim Secretary for this year, and particularly thanked Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik for her efficiency, knowledge, and counsel. She expressed her gratitude for Susan Abraham and Mark Fischer who will be moving off the Board, and to David Hollenbach, Past President, for his four years of service. She ended by saying it has been a privilege to serve as CTSA President.

#### *Report of the President-Elect*

President-Elect Paul Lakeland reported on the preparations for the next convention. He especially noted the help he received from Mary Jane Ponyik, whose unflappable response to whatever request was remarkable. His Assistant Elyse Rabe attended to the details of printing the program, and Mary Hines and David Hollenbach gave wise counsel from their own experience of preparing the convention program. He noted that there is a new photographer this year, Paul Schulz, who will be taking pictures of convention events.

At this convention, there are 400 people attending and 129 are presenting papers. Of these, 49 are women (38%) and 37 come from underrepresented groups (29%). While he is confident of the count and percentages, he noted that there needs to be a more efficient way of determining who qualifies for underrepresented groups.

In addition, Paul mentioned that four people had responded to his invitation to meet with interested new members at the convention. Others are encouraged to participate in these informal meetings.

The International Board of INSeCT is meeting here at this convention, and Paul encouraged CTSA members to welcome them.

Finally, Paul thanked the members for coming and responding so well to the theme for the convention, Grace at Work in the World.

#### *Report of the Vice-President*

Vice President María Pilar Aquino spoke about the theme of the next convention, which will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has received enthusiastic comments about the theme, *Another World is Possible: Violence, Resistance, and Transformation*.

The plenary speakers and respondents have been selected. She encouraged those considering papers to reflect creatively on the connection and interaction of alternatives to violence and to honor the previous work of those participating in the 1992 convention, led by Lisa Sowle Cahill, which had a related theme.

#### *Report of the Secretary*

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Secretary Theresa Moser noted that the role of an interim secretary is similar to the work of an acting chair of a department. The acting chair must see that the work of the department happens when it is supposed to happen during the academic year, but the real work is done by the members of the department. With that in mind, she especially commended the members of the Admissions Committee, the Nominating Committee and the La Cugna Award committee for their fine work this past year. In keeping with tradition, she reported on the institutions, national and international, from which the 101 newly admitted Active members had received their doctoral degrees. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to share in the work of the CTSA this year.

### *Report of the Treasurer*

The Report of the Treasurer was included in the documents given to members attending the Business Meeting and is also included in the Proceedings. John Dadosky commented that the Society was in good financial standing. The CTSA has a healthy investment portfolio which, among other things, enables the CTSA to give scholarships to younger members and those in need of financial requirements. The CTSA also gives financial support to INSeCT and to initiatives with the bishops. John welcomed any general questions from the floor, but there were no questions.

### *Report of the Executive Director*

This year's convention attendance is 393 with 265 attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet. This compares to last year when we had 364 registrations and 70% of the registrants attended the banquet.

There are 20 publishing houses represented at this year's convention, and 7 publishing houses placed an ad within the program. The publishing houses look forward to seeing each one of you. I strongly encourage you to take a moment to stop by and speak with the representatives.

This year, 46 attendees participated in the *NativeEnergy*, an expert provider of carbon offsets initiatives. The Board selected *\_Ethiopia Clean Water Project\_* to be the recipient of the collected funds.

Katie Harmon and Matthew Sherman served as this year's Local Arrangements Committee. They have done a terrific job in assisting Mary, Paul, and me with the preparation of the convention. In addition, I would like to thank the student volunteers from the University of the Incarnate Word, University of Toronto, Boston College, Widener University, and The Catholic University of America who make up this year's registration team.

### **Future Conventions**

The CTSA will travel to Pittsburgh next year. The room rate will be \$155 and the meeting dates are June 6–9.

Your room reservation at the convention hotel impacts the current and future CTSA conventions. For every 50 rooms booked, the CTSA receives a credit. In addition, your room booking assists the CTSA in receiving responses and competitive room rates from our request for proposals from hotels for future conventions. The CTSA uses

approximately 15 meeting rooms at its annual convention, and hotels consider the number of sleep room bookings verses the square footage of required meeting space ratio when determining whether or not to submit a proposal to the CTSA.

The CTSA has taken measures to sustain the attendance at the annual meetings. The CTSA contracts with hotels in 2<sup>nd</sup> tier cities. While our room rate is slightly higher than the SCE, which meets in February, and the AAR, which meets around the Thanksgiving holiday, our registration rate is lower than the SCE and the AAR. And, we continue to award 20 convention scholarships each year to offer financial assistance to CTSA members.

The Board and I work hard to ensure the convention is enjoyable and retains the expected standards, while staying within the planned budget.

### **CTSA Website**

In December of 2017, the CTSA's website was re-designed. New to the site, the CTSA offers a link to our members newly published books. In near future, the CTSA will structure a blog and a web listing of members' articles.

### **Twitter and Instagram #CTSA2018**

The CTSA continues to hold a strong presence on Twitter. In an effort to expand its presence on social media, the CTSA is now also on Instagram (CTSA.Online). The convention hashtag to follow on both Twitter and Instagram is #CTSA2018.

### **Housekeeping Matters:**

#### **Electronic Convention Evaluations**

Tomorrow morning, an electronic convention evaluation request will be sent to the email address you provided when you registered for the convention. If you could please complete and submit the evaluation within the next two weeks, it would be very much appreciated. Your comments are valuable to the President-elect in the planning of the next year's convention.

#### **John Courtney Murray Banquet Seating**

As in prior years, facing the stage, the left half of the room will be assigned seating. The right half of the room will be open seating. You do NOT need to reserve a table for the banquet. There are plenty of seats for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support for my work as the executive director of your Society. It is my pleasure to serve. So, never hesitate to reach out to me.

#### *Report of CUERG*

Ramón Luzárraga presented the Report form CuERG.

At the 2017 CUERG luncheon, participants were asked to read an article by Joseph Cheah: "Life in the Fishbowl: An Asian American Autobiographical Theological

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Reflection.” It drove a discussion on the status of minority groups and how they are racialized differently. The motive behind this discussion was a need to sensitize people to the insidious ways persons of color are victims of social discriminations and inequities.

CUERG members were asked to bring an abstract, as well as a copy if they have one, of completed work or work-in-progress, written from their various cultural and theological contexts, which will be shared at the tables. Those who had no work to share participated in the discussion of articles or books that were presented.

We also had an extensive email discussion of the succession plan for CUERG leadership. The African-American Consultation, the Asian and Asian-American Consultation, and the Latino Consultation each are responsible for nominating a person to serve a three-year term. However, due to the irregular attendance of scholars from underrepresented groups, CUERG leaders often serve more than three-year terms. The consultations are working on having a more regular cycling of colleagues on-and-off the leadership of CUERG.

### *Report of the INSeCT Delegate*

CTSA representative and current President of INSeCT, Gerard Mannion, presented the Report.

INSeCT has a new motto, *Connecting Catholic Theology Worldwide*. The new motto helps to communicate the core focus of its work to a wider audience. More specifically, INSeCT sees its work for 2017–2020 as a “Kairos moment for Catholic Theology: Serving the Church, Serving the World.” INSeCT hopes to bring theological work being done in all parts of the world into greater dialogue, including with the church in Rome and bishops’ conferences throughout the world. It is an ambitious project, and Gerard acknowledges the ongoing organizational challenges facing INSeCT. But he is hopeful that much can be accomplished. He is grateful for the ongoing support of the CTSA.

### *Presentation of the LaCugna Award*

Jeannine Hill Fletcher read the citation for the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award. The other members of the committee were Christina Traina, Chair, and Edward Hahnenberg.

The Catholic Theological Society of America presents the 2018 Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for New Scholars to Elizabeth Antus for her essay “Was It Good for You.”

Elizabeth Antus’s “Was it Good for You?” offers a careful, yet trenchant critique of official Catholic sexual ethics from a fresh and extremely fruitful perspective. It draws attention to the ways in which sexual ethics can contribute to gendered social scripts that result in a devastating alienation from our bodies. With a sophisticated analysis of (the absence of) women’s sexual pleasure within Catholic teaching, Antus insists that theology not trivialize sexual pleasure as a necessary good in loving partnerships, as she builds a powerful ethic to address the statistically significant disorder of women’s sexual pain. Adopting a

biopsychosocial paradigm and drawing on an impressive range of sources—including medical, psychological, and social scientific literature—she directs her reader toward new social, ethical, and theological scripts to promote a holistic vision of good sex. The article is clear, creative and new, beautifully written, and stunningly persuasive. We deem it a genuinely original contribution to the field.

The Catholic Theological Society of America is very pleased to present its Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for New Scholars to Elizabeth Antus.

*Action to Receive the Reports*

The reports were received by acclamation.

*Adjournment*

There being no new business, Mary E. Hines adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

MARY THERESA MOSER  
*Secretary*  
*San Francisco, California*