

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its sixty-fourth annual convention June 4-7 at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The theme of the convention was “Impasse...and Beyond.” Registration took place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 4th. The continuing group, Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00-5:30 p.m. The 2009 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented to Anne Patrick, Carleton College. At the Opening session, President Terrence W. Tilley presided and Most Reverend Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of Halifax welcomed the convention participants. CTSA president Terrence W. Tilley led the opening prayer, assisted by CTSA Board Member Nancy Pineda-Madrid, CTSA Delegate to INSeCT Catherine Clifford, and Judith Kubicki, accompanist. The ceremony included a brief memorial for nine CTSA members who had died since the time of the last convention: Thomas Berry, Eamon R. Carroll, O.Carm, Donald G. Clifford, S.J., Ewart Cousins, Prudence M. Croke, R.S.M., Rose Margaret Delaney, S.F.P., William P. Dowling, Jr., Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., Jerome M. Hall, S.J., Thomas F. Martin, O.S.A., Richard R. Roach, S.J., Rabbi Michael Alan Signer, Carl F. Starkloff, S.J., and John Hickey Wright, S.J. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges Saint Mary's University, Halifax, and the Atlantic School of Theology for subsidizing the event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 5th. The president's reception for new and “newer” members followed the business meeting. A reception was also sponsored by Duquesne University for faculty, alumni/ae and friends.

The convention's liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 6, at St. Patrick's Church, Halifax. Rev. Jean-Marie LaPorte, S.J., warmly welcomed the CTSA to the liturgical celebration. CTSA member Roger Haight, S.J., presided and CTSA President Terrence Tilley gave a reflection. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency, Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Terrence Tilley read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal, and check to David Bakewell Burrell, C.S.C.

Morning prayer, facilitated by Michael McCormick, was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such

groups as the Karl Rahner Society, The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, Women's Seminar, CUERG and the conveners of program and research groups.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### Thursday Afternoon and Evening June 4, 2009:

3:00-5:30 Pre-Convention Session: *Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology*

“Fermenting Impasse: Women's Critical communities and Ecclesial Transformation”

Co-conveners: Phyllis Kaminski, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN  
Elisabeth Brinkmann, College of New Rochelle

Moderator: Eileen M. Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent

Presenter: Kathleen McManus, University of Portland

Respondent: LaReine-Marie Mosely, Loyola University of Chicago

4:30-5:00 Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation to Anne Patrick, Carleton College

5:00-5:30 Business Meeting

7:00-9:00 *Opening and First Plenary Session*

Presiding: Terrence W. Tilley, Fordham University President, CTSA  
Opening Prayer and Remembrances of Deceased Members

Welcome: Most Reverend Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of Halifax

Opening Address: Gary Macy, Santa Clara University  
“Impasse passé: Conjugating a Tense Past”

9:00 p.m. *Reception*

### Friday Morning, June 6, 2008

8:00-9:00 Jesuit School of Theology Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer

9:00-10:30 *Second Plenary Session*

Presiding: Margaret O'Gara, University of Saint Michael's College, Toronto  
Past President, CTSA

Address: Constance Fitzgerald, Baltimore Carmel  
“From Impasse to Prophetic Hope: The Crisis of Memory”

Respondent: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 *Concurrent Sessions*

## 1. Church/Ecumenism Topic Session

*Barriers and Bridges: The Challenge of Mormon-Catholic Dialogue*

Administrative Team: Thomas Rausch, Ed Hahnenberg, Chris Ruddy

Convener: Thomas Rausch, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Thomas Rausch, Loyola Marymount University

Panelists: Richard Bushman, Claremont Graduate University  
Peter Huff, Centenary College  
James Massa, United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

## 2. God/Trinity Topic Session

*Immanence, Transcendence, and Divine Freedom: Trinitarian Theologies East and West*

Administrative Team: Cara Anthony, Joseph Bracken, Gill Goulding

Moderator: Gill Goulding, Regis College (University of Toronto)

Presenters: Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University  
"Sophia Orthoi! Sergei Bulgakov's Theology of the  
Trinity"  
Michael T. Dempsey, St. John's University, New York  
"Love is Free or It Is Not Love: Why the Immanent  
Trinity Still Matters in the Thought of Karl Barth and  
Contemporary Theology"

## 3. Historical Studies Topic Session

*Interreligious Relations at an Impasse: Historical Precedents*

Administrative Team: Michael Slusser, Joan Nuth, Daniel Doyle

Presenters: Pamela Kirk Rappaport, St. John's University, New York  
"Intersecting Jewish-Christian Histories:  
The *converso* Concerns of Sor Juana Inéz de la  
Cruz (1648-1695)"  
Rita George Tvrtković, Loyola University Chicago  
"Questioning Salvation History: A Medieval Dominican  
(Temporarily) Reconsiders Islam"

## 4. Moral Theology Topic Session

Administrative Team: Elisabeth Brinkmann, Bill Mattison, Kari-Shane  
Davis-ZimmermanPresenters: Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University  
"Augustinian Subsidiarity: Revisiting the Moral  
Responsibilities of Church and State"  
Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University  
"Reconciliation in Readiness of Mind: Including  
Reconciliation in *Jus ad Bellum* and *Jus in Bello*  
Just War Considerations"

## 5. Practical Theology Topic Session

Administrative Team: Kathleen Cahalan, Tom Beaudoin, Lynn Bridgers

Moderator: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

Presenters: Bryan Froehle, University of St. Thomas, Miami  
Maureen O'Brien, Duquesne University

Respondent: Richard Osmer, Princeton University

## 6. Theology and Science Topic Session

Administrative Team: Gloria Schaab, Vincent Pizzuto, Ilia Delio

Moderator: Ilia Delio, Washington Theological Union

Presenter: Kevin Mongrain, University of Notre Dame

“Anxiety and Equanimity: Christoph Schönborn and Hans  
Urs von Balthasar on the Relationship of Science and  
Christian Truth”

Respondent: Gloria L. Schaab, Barry University

## 7. Rahner Consultation

Convener: James Voiss, St. Louis University

Presenters: Jessica Murdoch, Villanova University “Overcoming the  
Foundationalist/Nonfoundationalist Divide: Karl Rahner's  
Transcendental Hermeneutics”

Stephen Bullivant, Christ Church, Oxford University

“The Myth of Rahnerian Exceptionalism:

Edward Schillebeeckx's ‘Anonymous Christians’”

## 8. Hispanic/Latin@ Theology Consultation

*People on the Move: Asian American and Latino/a Theologies in Dialogue*

Convener: Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union

Moderator: Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Jonathan Tan, Xavier University, Cincinnati  
Ohio Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, New York

## 9. Reconciliation and Restorative Justice Interest Group

Conveners: Stephen Pope, Boston College William O'Neill, Jesuit School  
of Theology, Berkeley

Presenter: William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

“Anamnestic Solidarity: Immigration from the Perspective  
of Restorative Justice”

Respondent: Stephen Pope, Boston College

10. Hindu Christology-Impasse or Opportunity? A Conversation with Ravi  
Ravindra Selected Session

Convener: Reid B. Locklin, Saint Michael's College, University of Toronto

Moderator: Reid B. Locklin, Saint Michael's College, University of Toronto

Presenters: Leo D. Lefebure, Georgetown University Michael  
McLaughlin, Saint Leo University  
Ravi Ravindra, Dalhousie University

11. The Global Economy in Impasse: Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Current Economic Crisis (Invited Session)

Moderator: Bryan Massingale, Marquette University  
Presenters: Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University  
Daniel Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville

**Friday Afternoon, June 5, 2009**

1:00-2:15 p.m. Women's Seminar Luncheon

1:15-2:15 p.m. Hearing of the Resolutions Committee  
Presiding: Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College,  
Vice President, CTSA

2:30-4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

1. Bioethics/Health Care Topic Session

Administrative Team: Lisa Fullam, John Berkman, Teresia Hinga  
Convener: Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley  
Presenter: Nuala Kenny, Dalhousie University  
Respondent: Philip Keane, Independent Ethics Consultant

2. Catholicity and Mission Topic Session

Administrative Team: Colleen Mallon, Gerald Boodoo, Mary McGlone  
Convener: Colleen Mallon, Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Moderator: Mary McGlone, Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, Denver  
Presenter: Robert Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union "When Basic Values Collide: Impasse in the Praxis of Mission"

3. Christ Topic Session

Administrative Team: Kathleen McManus, Michael Lee, Thomas Weinandy  
Moderator: Thomas Weinandy, Capuchin College  
Presenters: Susie Babka, University of San Diego "Comprehending the Other: Finding an Interpretation of the Incarnation for Interreligious Dialogue"  
Anna Moreland, Villanova University "Christian Orthodoxy and Religious Pluralism: Epistemological Considerations"  
Randall S. Rosenberg, Fontbonne University  
"The Controversy of Christ's Knowledge: A Conversation with Lonergan and Balthasar"

4. Liturgy/Sacraments Topic Session

Administrative Team: Judith Kubicki, Bruce Morrill, Timothy Brunk  
Presenters: David Dault, American Baptist College  
"Outward Signs: Toward a Semiotics of the Eucharist"  
Anastasia Christine Wendlinder, Gonzaga University  
"Reconciling Table and Sacrifice: Challenges and Possibilities"

Nancy A. Dallavalle, Fairfield University  
 “The (Non-)Ordination of Women: State of  
 the Impasse”

#### 5. Spirituality Topic Session

Administrative Team: James Wiseman, Thomas McEligott, Ray Maria McNamara

Presenters: Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana)  
 “Speaking through the Impasse: A Bakhtinian Way into  
 Spirituality”

Dorian Llywelyn, Loyola Marymount University  
 “Beyond Filioque: Spirituality and Theology in  
 Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue”

#### 6. Black Catholic Theology Consultation

*HIV/AIDS in Black: Moving Beyond the Impasse*

Moderator: LaReine-Marie Mosely, Loyola University Chicago

Presenters: Lillian Dube, University of San Francisco  
 “Black Catholic Theology in the Context of HIV & AIDS:  
 Liberating Sexualities”

Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Mount Mary College  
 “The Legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study to the HIV/  
 AIDS Epidemic in Black America Today: Moving Beyond  
 the Impasse”

#### 7. Judaism and Post-Conciliar Catholic Identity Interest Group

*Developments in Christology Based on Post-Conciliar Approaches to  
 Judaism and Their Impact on Catholic Identity*

Convener: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar, Detroit

Moderator: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar, Detroit

Presenters: Robert A. Krieg, University of Notre Dame  
 John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

#### 8. When the Magisterium Intervenes ... Interest Group

Convener: Richard Gaillardetz, University of Toledo

Moderator: Richard Gaillardetz, University of Toledo

Presenters: Bradford Hinze, Fordham University “A Decade of  
 Disciplining Theologians”  
 Anthony Godzieba, Villanova University  
 “*Quaestio Disputata*: The Magisterium in an Age of  
 Digital Reproduction”  
 Vincent Miller, Georgetown University  
 “When Mediating Structures Change:  
 Transformations of Magisterial Authority in  
 Digital Culture”

9. In This Matter of a School's Catholic Identity ... From *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* to What? (Selected Session)

Convener: John C. Haughey, Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University

Moderator: Richard Liddy, Seton Hall University

Presenter: John C. Haughey, Woodstock Theological Center

10. Crossing the Divide: A Theology of Migration Selected Session

Convener: Linh Hoang, Siena College

Moderator: Kathryn Cox, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University

Presenters: Kristin Heyer, Santa Clara University

Linh Hoang, Siena College

Daniel Groody, University of Notre Dame

**Friday Evening, June 5, 2009**

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

Presiding: Terrence W. Tilley, Fordham University, CTSA President

6:15-7:30 p.m. Receptions

President's Reception for New/Newer Members

Duquesne Reception for Faculty, Alumni/ae, and Friends

**Saturday Morning, June 6, 2009**

7:15-8:45 a.m. Breakfast Meeting, Karl Rahner Society

8:30-8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00-10:30 a.m. Third Plenary Session

Presiding: Bryan N. Massingale, Marquette University, President-Elect, CTSA

Address: James Keenan, Boston College "Solidarity, Justice, Action, Theological Ethics in the Light of Impasse"

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

10:00-12:45 Concurrent Sessions.

1. Theological Anthropology Topic Session

*Bridging the Material and Non-Material Aspects of Personhood*

Administrative Team: Erin Lothes Biviano, Rosemary Carbine, Michele Saracino

Convener: Erin Lothes Biviano, Columbia University Earth Institute

Moderator: Michele Saracino, Manhattan University

Presenters: Colleen Griffiths, Boston College "Beyond the Impasse between Humanity and Earth: A More Adequate Theology of Bodiliness"

Heidi Russell, Loyola University Chicago "Quantum Analogy: Rethinking the Human Person as Spirit/Body"

Nadia Delicata, Regis College "Electric Ecology as the Context of Postmodern Christianity"

## 2. Catholic Social Thought Topic Session

*Immigration and Catholic Social Ethics*

Administrative Team: Kristin Heyer, Charles Curran, Chris Vogt

Convener: Kristin Heyer, Santa Clara University

Moderator: Chris Vogt, St. John's University, New York

Presenters: Tisha M. Rajendra, University of St. Thomas "Migration and the Ethics of Responsibility: Negotiating the Local and Global Common Good"

Michael P. Moreland, Villanova University School of Law  
"Immigration, Citizenship, and Subsidiarity"

## 3. Comparative Theology Topic Session

*Classic "Impasses" in Muslim-Christian Encounters*

Administrative Team: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Frank Clooney,  
Pim Valkenberg

Moderator: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

Presenter: David Burrell, University of Notre Dame

Respondents: Pim Valkenberg, Loyola College in Maryland  
Scott Steinkerchner, Aquinas Institute of Theology

## 4. Fundamental Theology/Method Topic Session

Administrative Team: Alison Benders, Vincent Miller, James Keating

Presenter: Cyril Orji, University of Dayton  
"Heythrop as 'Impasse' and Rome as 'Beyond' in the  
Development of Lonergan's Organon"

## 5. Historical Studies Topic Session

*Sacraments at an Impasse: Confirmation and Confession*

Administrative Team: Michael Slusser, Joan Nuth, Daniel Doyle

Presenters: Annemarie S. Kidder, Ecumenical Theological Seminary,  
Detroit "The Impasse of Private Confession: Revisiting the  
Church of the Sixteenth Century"

Eugene Finnegan, Calumet College of St. Joseph  
"The Sacramental Practice of Confirmation at  
an Impasse"

## 6. God, Animals, and Humankind Interest Group

*Impasse and Beyond: About the Animals*

Convener: Elizabeth Farians, Xavier University

Moderator: Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University

Presenters: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University "Impasse  
and Beyond Dualistic Thinking about Human and  
Other Animals"

Elizabeth Farians, Xavier University  
"Impasse ... and Beyond the Animals Right Now"

Respondent: William French, Loyola University Chicago

7. Imagining the World Anew: The Arts and the Beauty of Impasse  
Selected Session

- Convener: Colleen Carpenter Cullinan, College of St. Catherine  
Moderator: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University of Chicago  
Presenters: Colleen Carpenter Cullinan, College of St. Catherine  
"Beyond the Devastation: Beauty, Ecology, and Emily Carr's Clearcut Forests"  
Rachel Bundang, College of St. Catherine  
"From Old School to New School: Rethinking Tradition and Social Change in Remix Culture"  
Maureen H. O'Connell, Fordham University  
"A Faith That Imagines Justice: Beyond Reward and Punishment to Restoration and Recovery"

8. Moving Beyond Impasse: An Ignatian Approach Selected Session

- Convener: Patricia A. Parachini, Washington Theological Union  
Moderator: Patricia A. Parachini, Washington Theological Union  
Presenters: Mary Garvin, Gonzaga University  
Edward McCormack, Washington Theological Union

9. Christian Visions of Reconciliation in Rwanda and Northern Ireland  
Selected Session

- Convener: Jay Carney, The Catholic University of America  
Moderator: Stephen Bevans, Catholic Theological Union  
Presenters: James Wiseman, The Catholic University of America  
Jay Carney, The Catholic University of America

10. Secular Rock and Sacred Theology? Listening Past the Stalemate  
Selected Session

- Convener: Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University  
Moderator: Cara Anthony, University of St. Thomas  
Presenters: Brian Robinette, St. Louis University  
Christopher Ruddy, University of St. Thomas  
Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University

**Saturday Afternoon, June 6, 2009**

1:00-2:15 p.m. CUERG luncheon  
Theological Studies Luncheon Meeting

2:30-4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

1. Creation/Eschatology Topic Session

Administrative Team: Natalie Kertes Weaver, John Shields, Colleen Carpenter Cullinan

- Presenter: Chris D. Denny, St. John's University, Queens, NY  
"All will be Well: Julian of Norwich's Counter-Apocalyptic Revelations"

## 2. Moral Theology Topic Session

Administrative Team: Elisabeth Brinkmann, Bill Mattison, Kari-Shane Davis-Zimmerman

Presenters: Dana L. Dillon, Providence College “Expanding in a Different Direction: Reclaiming the Twofold Nature of the Moral Object”

Patrick M. Clark, University of Notre Dame  
 “Reconceiving Conception Ascetically: Engaging the Stalemate between the Church’s Teaching on Family Planning and the Ecological Threat of Overpopulation”

## 3. Balthasar Consultation Balthasar’s Impasse and Contemporary Christology

Convener: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas

Moderator: Peter Casarella, DePaul University

Presenter: Danielle Nussberger, Marquette University  
 “Balthasar’s Theology of Christ’s ‘Impasse’ and Dark Night”

Respondent: Nicholas Healy, John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family

## 4. Asian Theology Consultation The Survival of Asian Theology in America: Impasse, Ipseity, or Insistent Interruption

Administrative Team: Rachel Bundang, Edmund Chia, Michael McLaughlin

Convener: Rachel Bundang, College of St. Catherine

Moderator: Michael McLaughlin, Saint Leo University

Presenters: Jonathan Tan, Xavier University “The Past, Present, and Future of Asian American Theologies” Joseph Cheah, Saint Joseph College “Examining Teleological Impasse in Asian American Thought”

Joanne Doi, Franciscan School of Theology  
 “Theological Bamboo Scaffolding of Postcolonial Pilgrimage”

## 5. Christianity and Judaism Consultation Evangelization and Christian Mission in Light of Impasse and Beyond

Convener: Angela Kim Harkins, Fairfield University

Presenters: Frank Clooney, Harvard Divinity School  
 John Borelli, Georgetown University

## 6. Muslim-Christian Dialogue Interest Group Does the Muslim Notion of God as One (Tawhid) Contradict the Christian Doctrine of the Trinity?

Conveners: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University

Moderator: Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Panelists: Dan Madigan, Georgetown University  
 Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University  
 Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University

7. Catholic Theology and Global Warming Interest Group Crafting a Catholic Theological Response to Anthropogenic Forcing of Climate Change

- Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University  
Moderator: Dawn Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union  
"Franciscan Christology and Global Warming: Incarnation, Relation, Action"  
Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University "Thomas Aquinas and the Cosmic Common Good"  
Denis Edwards, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia  
"Climate Change and the Theology of Karl Rahner: A Hermeneutical Approach"

8. From Conversion to Church to Witness: A Celebration of the Life and Work of Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. Selected Session

- Convener: Robert C. Christie, DeVry University  
Moderator: Robert C. Christie, DeVry University  
Presenters: Robert C. Christie, DeVry University  
Anne-Marie Kirmse, Fordham University  
Robert Imbelli, Boston College

9. The Community of Sant-Egidio as Lived Theology: A Way forward in the Impasse over Church-World Theology Selected Session

- Convener: Kristin E. Heyer, Santa Clara University  
Moderator: Kristin E. Heyer, Santa Clara University  
Presenter: Laurie Johnston, Emmanuel College  
Respondent: David O'Brien, College of the Holy Cross

10. Toward A More Perfect Union? Racial Justice Post-Obama: Impasse or Opportunity? Invited Session

- Moderator: C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union  
Panelists: Miguel Diaz, Saint John's University  
Alexander Mikulich, Loyola University, New Orleans  
Jamie T. Phelps, Xavier University of New Orleans

**Saturday Evening, June 6, 2009**

- 5:00 p.m. Eucharist  
6:15 p.m. Reception  
7:15 p.m. John Courtney Murray award Banquet

**Sunday Morning, June 7, 2009**

- 7:15-8:45 a.m. Conveners' Breakfast Meeting  
8:30-8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address

- Presiding: Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College  
Vice President, CTSA
- Address: Terrence W. Tilley, Fordham University  
President, CTSA  
“Three Impasses in Christology”
- 10:00 a.m. Appointment of the New President  
Adjournment  
Breakfast Reception/Coffee
- 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors

#### JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2009

On March 1, 1933, in Akron, Ohio, Roger and Nancy gave birth to one of their five children. That child grew into a tough-minded, yet generous, scholar. That child today receives the John Courtney Murray Award from the CTSA for excellence in theology.

Our awardee attended Kings grade school and St. Vincent's high school and graduated from college in 1954. Our awardee joined a religious community the next year and went to Rome and became a person enamored with the people and thought which originated in the Mediterranean basin. An S.T.L. was earned in 1960 and the Ph.D. from Yale in 1965. Our awardee has served the alma mater from 1964 to the present. Some 16 dissertations have been directed, 9 books authored, 3 books translated, 5 books edited or co-edited, 122 academic articles published...as of last count, so far.

Our awardee found in the Congregation of the Holy Cross a family of women and men dedicated to serving one another and the people of God. Our awardee has been a visiting scholar or professor at a number of institutions, but key was service at the National Major Seminary in Dharka, Bangladesh, in 1975 where our awardee became fascinated with Islam.

By now I suspect most of you know who this son of Notre Dame is. He has made truly significant contributions in philosophical theology, philosophy of religion, comparative theology and understanding Islamic philosophy. His work on the doctrine of God and creation in the medieval period has been a major contribution to interfaith understanding and to recognizing the crucial difference that the doctrine of creation makes in the appropriation of Greek philosophy in the monotheistic religious traditions. I suspect, though, that too few of us know that he served many years before and after his ordination to the presbyterate in 1969 as chaplain in the residence halls and graduate students' housing section of Notre Dame. He has counseled hundreds and witnessed scores of marriages.

Our awardee has carried on a dialogue with strands in Anglo-American philosophy of religion throughout his career; his work in this area has influenced me since I was a graduate student, and over the last few years I have especially appreciated some of his key insights in philosophical theology.

It is quite some time since the Society has given the John Courtney Murray award to a scholar whose home field is philosophical theology. One may disagree with him on theological and philosophical issues, but everyone who knows him knows that he is a mensch.

May I ask you to welcome the 2009 John Courtney Murray Awardee, the Theodore M. Hesburgh C.S.C. professor emeritus of philosophy and theology of the University of Notre Dame and professor of ethics and development at Uganda Martyrs' University, Nkozi, Uganda, David B. Burrell, C.S.C.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Tilley called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Jaroslav Skira served as parliamentarian.

#### *Committee on Admissions*

Jaroslav Skira, Chair, presented the report of the Admissions Committee. The other members of the committee were Kathleen Cahalan, Teresia Hinga and Theresa Moser, the secretary of the CTSA, *ex officio*. A fourth member resigned due to personal circumstances. Teresia Hinga will continue to serve on the committee next year, along with a replacement to be appointed by the CTSA president. The Committee on Admissions expressed its sincere thanks to CTSA Secretary Theresa Moser for her generous assistance in compiling the various dossiers and the statistical summary.

From approximately 84 applications returned during the year, the committee in its review determined that 81 qualified for membership, 59 for active membership and 22 for associate membership. Three of the applicants for active membership were determined not to meet the criteria for membership at this time. Seven of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Twenty-six (31%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Sixteen (27%) of the new Active members are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Seventeen (28%) are from outside the United States. The Admissions Committee recommended that the eighty-one applicants whose names have been posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The president then invited the new members and others who had been admitted to membership recently to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

*Report of the Nominations Committee*

Peter Casarella, chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Roberto Goizueta and Mary Hines. Mary Hines will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows:

For vice-president: Sara Butler  
John Thiel

For board members: Gerald Boodoo  
Kristin E. Heyer  
Vincent Miller  
Carmen Nanko-Fernandez

There were no nominations from the floor.

John Thiel was elected vice-president. Kristin E. Heyer was elected to the board on the second ballot. Vincent Miller was elected to the board on the third ballot. Secretary Mary Theresa Moser and treasurer Jozef Zalot were re-elected for a one-year term by acclamation later in the meeting. Bryan N. Massingale becomes president for 2009-2010. Mary Ann Hinsdale becomes president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Terrence Tilley as past president, Christine Firer Hinze, and Miguel Diaz, who has been nominated by President Barack Obama to be U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican. If his appointment is confirmed by the Senate of the United States, he will resign his position on the CTSA board.

*President's Report*

President Tilley announced that his report would cover six points. He first reminded the members that beginning with the 2011-2012 issue the CTSA Proceedings will only be available online on the CTSA website. Second, he noted that the list of members of CTSA committees is online on the CTSA web page and there are several vacancies to be filled this year. He encouraged members to serve on these important committees. Incoming president Bryan Massingale will appoint persons to the vacant positions.

Next, President Tilley reported on two meetings between CTSA board members and bishops. In November, three board members in the presidential line met with members of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine. The meeting included a spirited discussion of the document, "The Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian," and was followed by a cordial dinner. In March, four members in the presidential line met with members of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine. That meeting included a wide-ranging and respectful discussion of the challenges and opportunities facing the church in such areas as evangelization and the diversity of cultures in Canada. The CTSA board will continue to foster open communication between bishops and theologians in these two countries.

To warm applause, President Tilley announced that the Board of Directors had authorized him to send a letter of congratulations to CTSA member Miguel

Diaz on his nomination to be U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican. If Miguel is confirmed by the Senate and resigns his position on the Board, the Board will follow the procedure in the CTSA constitutions to select his replacement.

Finally, President Tilley thanked Executive Director Dolores Christie, her assistant Mary Jane Ponyik and those who helped them with the convention work: Michael McCormick, Angelique Montgomery, Charles Ponyik, Mara Brecht, and Christine Thibeault. He especially praised Mary Schaefer, chair of the local arrangements committee, and her team members, Magi Abdul-Masih, David Deane, and Jean-Marie Laporte, whose contribution to the work of the convention was both generous and indispensable.

### *President-Elect's Report*

President-Elect Bryan Massingale thanked the conveners and members of the administrative teams for their good work and their creative uses of the theme, "Impasse...and Beyond," in the convention sessions. He invited the conveners to the reception for new and newer members after the business meeting and reminded them that leaders of the topic sessions must come to the Conveners Breakfast on Sunday morning to prepare for the 2010 convention. Leaders of interest groups and consultations are also welcome to attend.

In his own review of the convention, Massingale noted the successful implementation of two rules. First, members can have only one speaking role at the convention. An exception to this rule can be granted to members who are also active participants in one of the consultations (ACHTUS, Black Catholics, etc.). Second, there can be no more than three speakers in any one session. This allows for more time for conversation and also assures that a variety of voices and perspectives will be heard at the convention. An innovation this year has been that the names of all members of the administrative teams appear in the program. This has the interesting result that names of some members may appear more than once in the program, but the basic rule remains—just one speaking role.

At this convention, 99 members had speaking roles. Of these, 42 had the rank of associate professor or lower, 41 were women, and 16 were members of under-represented groups. Scheduling of sessions made for "a delightful headache," but every effort was made to avoid conflicts and the scheduling of related topics in the same time slot. Finally, the breakfast for new and newer members at the convention has been quite a success. This year there were an equal number of senior members who volunteered and newer members who joined them for breakfast. This practice will continue next year.

### *Vice-President's Report*

Vice-President Mary Ann Hinsdale noted that there had been no resolutions submitted to her by the May 26<sup>th</sup> deadline, so that convention session had been cancelled. She then announced that the theme for the 2010 convention in Cleveland will be "Theology's Prophetic Commitments." In developing the theme, she

referred to Luke 19:42-44 and to the Kairos document issued by theologians in Africa, both referring to the need to recognize God's prophetic call in the concrete circumstances of life. The Call for Sessions and the deadlines for submissions will be posted on the CTSA website. The plenary speakers will include: Fernando Segovia of Vanderbilt Divinity School who will address the theme from the perspective of biblical studies; Stephen Pope of Boston College who will address the theme from the perspective of social ethics with Kristin Heyer of Santa Clara University as respondent; and Richard Gaillardetz of the University of Toledo and Catherine Clifford of St. Paul's University (Ottawa) who will address us from the perspective of ecclesiology, both local and global. As is customary, Bryan Massingale will deliver the presidential address at the fourth plenary session.

#### *Secretary's Report*

Secretary Theresa Moser reported that there are currently about 1306 members on the CTSA listserv, which is dedicated to official CTSA business only. This past year, the University of San Francisco, which hosts the listserv, updated the software so that it is now possible to send messages with attachments. It is likely that beginning in the Spring of 2010 convention information and forms for registration will be sent to the members by email in addition to being posted on the CTSA website. Secretary Moser also urged the members to keep their contact information up to date by using the "updates/corrections" form on the website. CTSA administrative teams need the correct contact information when preparing convention sessions, as do those who just want to keep in touch with colleagues. Finally, Secretary Moser noted that only CTSA members in good standing, whose dues payments are current, can be on the convention program.

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Jozef Zalot reported that CTSA's investments are handled by the Christian Brothers Investment Services, an organization committed to socially responsible investing. In the context of the current recession, the value of CTSA's investments dropped about 35%. For a brief history, in 2007 investments were valued at approximately \$473,000. In early 2008, the value declined steeply to about \$335,000, its lowest point. The investment account has since risen to about \$360,000. With regard to operational expenses, Treasurer Zalot noted that the CTSA lost the services of Mercer University Press and subsequently contracted with Sheridan Press to produce the Proceedings through 2010. While Sheridan Press has done well, it is more expensive. The Board has decided that beginning in 2011 the Proceedings will be available only online on the CTSA website.

In other matters, Treasurer Zalot noted that the CTSA donated \$5,000 to INSeCT to help with an unexpected shortfall in funds available for the travel expenses of INSeCT members to the international conference at DePaul University last summer. As members have noticed, the Executive Director's office now accepts

credit card payments through PayPal for such matters as dues and convention registration. The office has been covering the 3% fee for this from CTSA funds, but this has become quite expensive. Beginning in 2010, the 3% fee will be passed on to members based in the U.S., but not to those from other countries who already pay a fee to change the funds to U.S. dollars. There is no fee for a payment by check.

#### *Executive Director's Report*

Executive Director Christie announced that 340 have registered for the meeting. She thanked the members of the local arrangements committee and those who have donated funds to cover banquet tickets for students. The 2010 convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel, June 10-13, where the hotel room will cost \$129 per night. The 2011 convention will be June 9-12 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, California, where the rooms will be \$139 per night.

#### *Committee on Under-represented Groups*

Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Co-Chair of the committee, presented the report. She announced that CUERG now has a page on the CTSA website in the section entitled "About the CTSA." The committee is now in the process of developing a project to explore intercultural and transnational pedagogies in theology and religious studies and is seeking external funding for this. During the convention, the committee hosted a working luncheon whose purpose was to assist the committee in the planning of this project. Regarding the convention, she appreciated the efforts of president-elect Bryan Massingale to make sure the sessions of their consultations were not scheduled concurrently. She hopes this practice will continue. She asked program units to encourage diversification in participation at the levels of leadership and presenter roles and suggested that consideration be given to potential meeting sites in Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

#### *INSeCT Report*

Catherine Clifford gave the report for the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology. Last June DePaul University hosted the meeting of the INSeCT Network Council and International Colloquium, which included 26 representatives from various countries. She was pleased to report that DePaul University is interested in hosting the Network Council and Colloquium again in 2011. In August she will attend the biennial convention of the European Society for Catholic Theology in Limerick, Ireland, where she and other members of the INSeCT Steering Committee will report on the International Colloquium and speak about the future of INSeCT. In the meantime, she is working to redesign and relocate the website to Leuven, closer to the leadership of ESCT. Next year's meeting of the INSeCT Steering Committee will be held in conjunction with the CTSA's convention in Cleveland.

*Presentation of Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for Best Essay  
by a New Scholar*

President Tilley announced that the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for Best Academic Essay by a new Scholar had been awarded to Christopher Pramuk. He presented him with a plaque honoring him for the prize-winning essay, "Apocalypticism in a Catholic Key, Lessons from Thomas Merton." CTSA members responded with a warm ovation in recognition of his achievement. Following is the abstract:

In the wake of Rahner, and in some cases pressing beyond his epistemic and eschatological modesty, a range of theologians have made a compelling case that Catholic theology cannot afford to dismiss popular fascination with "the End-times," nor downplay the apocalyptic tenor of the New Testament itself. Nevertheless, in Catholic theology today apocalyptic remains something of an oddity, a message in search of a credible form. This essay explores the apocalyptic tenor of Thomas Merton's mature period (1957-1968) in order to draw some crucial distinctions between apocalyptic in an authentically "Catholic," "analogical," or "ironic" mode, and other, more dialectical forms of apocalyptic that have long dominated American religious and popular consciousness. Bringing Merton into dialogue with Russian sophiology, William Lynch, Johannes Baptist Metz, Lieven Boeve, and others, the author especially highlights Merton's contribution to the vexatious question of form with respect to apocalyptic: that is, how apocalypticism might be communicated to a general audience in a way that both seizes on the historical urgency of the Christian good news, but also refuses to give itself over to a mythological, dialectical, or dangerously idolatrous religious, cultural, or political imagination.

President Tilley then asked for a motion to receive all reports, which was approved by acclamation. With no other business to be addressed, President Tilley thanked those who had submitted reports, expressed gratitude to Jaroslav Skira for his service as parliamentarian, and invited new and newer members and Topic area leaders to the President's reception after the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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