

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its seventy-first annual convention June 9–12, 2016 at the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The theme of the convention was “Justice and Mercy.” Registration took place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 9th. The continuing group, Women’s Consultation in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00–5:30 p.m. The 2016 Ann O’Hara Graff Award was presented to Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., of Fordham University. At the Opening Session, CTSA President Bradford Hinze presided and Jorge Ferrer, S.J., on behalf of the Most Reverend Archbishop Roberto O. González Nieves, O.F.M., of the Archdiocese of San Juan, welcomed the convention participants. President Bradford Hinze led the opening prayer and remembrance of deceased members. The ceremony included a brief memorial for the eight CTSA members and theological colleagues who died recently: Margaret Brennan, I.H.M.; Lawrence E. Burns; Catherine (Kate) Dooley, O.P.; Virgilio Elizondo; John A. McGrath, S.M.; James W. Reites, S.J.; Anne Elizabeth McLaughlin, R.S.M., and David Stagaman, S.J. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges the Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame; Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame; Boston College; and Fordham University for their support of these programs.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 10th. The president’s reception for new and newer members followed the business meeting. An additional reception was also sponsored by Liturgical Press.

The convention’s liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 11th, in the San Gerónimo Ballroom of the Caribe Hilton. CTSA member Fr. Jean Pierre Luiz presided and M.T. Davila gave the spiritual reflection. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Caribe Hilton. Toward the end of the meal, President Bradford Hinze read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal, and check to Orlando O. Espín.

David Stosur served as the liturgical liaison for Thursday’s memorial service and for Saturday’s Eucharist. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, Von Balthasar Society, the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, Women’s Seminar, CUERG and the conveners of program and research groups.

### **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

#### **Pre-Convention Events, Thursday, June 9, 2016**

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.      CTSA Board Meeting

*Reports: Secretary's Report*

- 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.            Registration  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.            Registration
- 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.        Pre-Convention Sessions  
3:00 – 5:30 p.m.        Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology
- Topic:                    Scholarship, Activism, and Theological Vocation: The Ecumenical  
                                  Vision of Puerto Rican *Teólogas*
- Co-Conveners:        Rhodora E. Beaton, St. Catherine University  
                                  Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University  
                                  Colleen M. Carpenter, St. Catherine University
- Moderator:            Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University
- Panelists:             MT Davila, Andover Newton Theological School  
                                  Doris J. García Rivera, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto  
                                  Rico/Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.        Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation
- Presentation:        2016 Award presented to Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., Fordham  
                                  University
- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.        Business Meeting
- Steering Committee:    Rose M. Beal, St. Mary's University, MN (Treasurer)  
                                  Rhodora E. Beaton, St. Catherine University (Convener)  
                                  Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University (Convener)  
                                  Rosemary Carbine, Whittier College  
                                  Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University (Ann O'Hara-  
                                  Graff Award Convener)  
                                  Kathryn Cox, College of Saint Benedict/St. John's Univ.  
                                  Katharine Harmon, Marian University (Secretary)  
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                                  Margaret Mary Moor, Theology and Life Institute  
                                  Christine Luna Munger, St. Catherine University  
                                  Paulette Skiba, Clarke University  
                                  Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University

**Thursday Evening, June 9, 2016**

- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.        Opening and First Plenary Session
- Presiding:            Bradeford E. Hinze, Fordham University, President, CTSA  
                                  Opening Prayer and Remembrance of Deceased Members
- Welcome:             Jorge Ferrer, S.J., on behalf of Archbishop Roberto O. González  
                                  Nieves, O.F.M., and the Archdiocese of San Juan
- Address:             Fernando Picó, S.J., Universidad de Puerto Rico  
                                  "Challenges to Justice and Mercy in the Caribbean and Puerto  
                                  Rico: Christian Responses"

Respondent: Michael E. Lee, Fordham University

9:00 p.m. Reception

Donors: Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame  
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Boston College

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**Friday Morning, June 10, 2016**

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Von Balthasar Society Breakfast

Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara Breakfast

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

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

Presiding: Susan K. Wood, S.C.L., Marquette University  
Past President, CTSA

Address: Paul G. Crowley, S.J., Santa Clara University  
“Bold Mercy: God’s Summons to Ecclesial Conversion”

Respondent: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

**11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

1. Spirituality and the Scandal of the Mundane: Race, Racism, and Religious Identity—Selected Session

Convener: Marinus Iwuchukwu, Duquesne University

Moderator: Karen Teel, University of San Diego

Presenters: Marinus Iwuchukwu, Duquesne University  
Elisabeth T. Vasko, Duquesne University

Respondent: M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

2. Comparative Theology—Topic Session

Convener: Bede Bidlack, St. Anselm College

Moderator: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

Panelists: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Harvard University

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Respondent: Ruben Habito, Southern Methodist University  
Mara Brecht, St. Norbert College (absent)  
SimonMary Ahiokhai, Valparaiso University  
James L. Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University

3. Justice and Mercy on the Cross: Revisiting Anselm's Theory of Atonement—  
Selected Session

Convener: Robert J. Barry, Providence College  
Moderator: Bruce D. Marshall, Southern Methodist University (absent)  
Presenter: David L. Whidden III, Our Lady of the Lake College  
Brandon R. Peterson, University of Utah  
Amanda Alexander, Fordham University

4. Catholic Perspectives: The Church: Towards a Common Vision—Interest Group

Convener: Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University  
Moderator: B. Kevin Brown, Boston College  
Presenters: Steven Bevans, S.V.D., Catholic Theological Union  
Susan K. Wood, S.C.L., Marquette University

5. Fundamental Theology and Method—Topic Session

Convener: John E. Thiel, Fairfield University  
Moderator: Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame  
Presenters: Caesar A. Montevecchio, Mercyhurst University  
Colby Dickinson, Loyola University Chicago  
Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago

6. Latino/a Theology—Consultation

Convener: Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University at Mesa  
Moderator: Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University at Mesa  
Presenters: Rebecca Berru Davis, St. Johns University (MN)  
Robert J. Rivera, St. Johns University (NY)

7. Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery—Interest Group

Convener: Nichole M. Flores, University of Virginia  
Moderator: Christina McRorie, University of Virginia  
Presenter: Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University  
Joseph E. Capizzi, The Catholic University of America  
Victor Carmona, Oblate School of Theology

8. Yves Congar, O.P.: Legacy and Future Directions—Interest Group

Convener: Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University  
Moderator: Rose Beal, St. Mary's University (MN)

Presenters: Laurie Johnston, Emmanuel College  
Eric Dart, Duquesne University  
Christian Raab, O.S.B., St. Meinrad Seminary and School of  
Theology

9. Sacramental-Prophetic Vision: Exploiting Insights from Bernard Cooke's *Essential Writings*—Selected Session

Convener: Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., Vanderbilt University  
Moderator: Amanda Osheim, Loras College  
Panelists: Daniel Horan, O.F.M., Boston College  
Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J., Fordham University  
Kimberly Hope Belcher, University of Notre Dame  
Richard Lennan, Boston College

10. Theology and Science—Topic Session

Convener: Gloria Schaab, S.S.J., Barry University  
Moderator: Oliver Putz, Santa Clara University  
Presenters: Robert Russell, Center for Theology and Natural Sciences/Graduate  
Theological Union  
Stephen Pope, Boston College  
Julia Feder, University of Notre Dame

11. Catholic Social Thought—Topic Session

Convener: Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University  
Moderator: Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University  
Presenters: Robert Gascoigne, Australian Catholic University  
Conor M. Kelly, Marquette University (absent)  
Christian Henkel, University of Tübingen

**Friday Afternoon, June 10, 2016**

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

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

Presiding: Mary E. Hines, Emmanuel College, Vice-President, CTSA

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

1. Historical Theology I—Topic Session

Convener: Scott Moringiello, DePaul University  
Moderator: Shawn Colberg, College of St. Benecit / St. John's University  
Presenters: Anna Harrison, Loyola Marymount University  
Francis Caponi, Villanova University  
Agnes de Dreuzy, St. Mark's College, University of British Col.

2. Failures in Sexual Justice: Catholic Feminist Responses and Recommendations—  
Selected Session

Convener: Elizabeth Antus, John Carroll University  
Moderator: James F. Keenan, S.J., Boston College  
Presenters: Elizabeth Antus  
Megan K. McCabe, Boston College  
Cristina Traina, Northwestern University

3. Bioethics/Healthcare—Topic Session

Convener: Robert V. Doyle, California Lutheran University  
Moderator: Meghan Clark, St. John's University (NY)  
Presenter: Tim Carey, Boston College  
Christina G. McRorie, University of Virginia  
Jennie Weiss Block, O.P., Partners in Health

Christianity and Judaism—Consultation

Convener: John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M., Catholic Theological Union  
Moderator: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar  
Presenter: Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University (NY)  
Respondent: Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

5. Thomas Aquinas—Consultation

Convener: Gregory LaNave, Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception  
Moderator: David Whidden, Our Lady of the Lake College  
Presenter: Romanus Cessario, O.P., St. John's Seminary  
Respondents: Mark F. Johnson, Marquette University  
Michael Dauphinais, Ave Maria University

6. Lonergan—Consultation

Convener: Mark Miller, University of San Francisco  
Moderator: Mark Miller, University of San Francisco  
Presenters: Joseph Ogbonnaya, Marquette University  
John Dadosky, Regis College, University of Toronto  
Joseph Martos, Independent Scholar

7. Von Balthasar—Consultation

Convener: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas  
Moderator: Mark L. Yenson, King's University College at Univ. of W. Ontario  
Presenters: Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame  
Randall S. Rosenberg, St. Louis University

8. Moral Theology I—Topic Session

Convener: Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University at Mesa  
Moderator: Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University at Mesa  
Panelists: Teresa Delgado, Iona College  
Jorge Ferrer, S.J., Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina  
Luis Rivera-Pagán, Princeton Theological Seminary

9. Creation/Eschatology—Topic Session

Convener: Mary Doak, University of San Diego  
Moderator: Steven Rodenborn, St. Edward's University  
Presenters: Gregorio Montejo, Boston College  
Wendy Crosby, Loyola University Chicago  
Abigail L. Lofte, University of St. Michael's College

10. Catholicity and Mission—Topic Session

Convener: Marinus C. Iwuchukwu, Duquesne University  
Moderator: Amanda quantz, University of St. Mary  
Presenters: Kevin Glauber Ahern, Manhattan College  
Jeanine E. Viau, University of Central Florida  
Respondent: Elochukwu Uzukwu, C.S.Sp., Duquesne University

11. Asian/Asian American Theology—Consultation

Book Launch: *World Christianity and Global Theologizing: Essays in Honor of Peter C. Phan on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday* (2016)

Convener: Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University  
Moderator: Anh Q. Tran, S.J., Jesuit school of Theology of Santa Clara Univ.  
Panelists: Joseph Cheah, University of St. Joseph (CT)  
Julius Kei-Kato, King's Univ. College at W. Ontario Univ.  
Christina Astorga, University of Portland  
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary  
Respondent: Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

**Friday Evening, June 10, 2016**

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

Presiding: Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, 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. Liturgical Press Reception

**Saturday Morning, June 11, 2016**

*Reports: Secretary's Report*

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Benedictine Universities and Colleges Breakfast  
(Sponsored by St. Anselm College)

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

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

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

Presiding: David Hollenbach, S.J., Boston College, President-Elect, CTSA

Address: Margaret Farley, R.S.M., Yale University  
“Mercy and Its Works: If Things Fall Apart, Can They be put  
Right?”

Respondent: Emmanuel Katongole, University of Notre Dame

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:45 Concurrent Sessions**

1. Responsible Investment in Companies Producing Fossil Fuels: Developing  
Guidelines for the CTSA and Other Catholic Institutions—Invited Session

Moderator: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara  
University

Panelists: Erin Lothes Biviano, College of St. Elizabeth  
Regina Wentzel Wolfe, Catholic Theological Union  
John Carr, Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life,  
Georgetown University

2. Newman and the Crisis of Modernity—Interest Group

Co-Conveners: Brian W. Hughes, University of Mary (KS)

Danielle Nussberger, Marquette University

Moderator: Robert C. Christie, National Institute of Newman Studies

Presenters: Ono Ekeh, Sacred Heart University  
Damon McGraw, The Academy of the Holy Cross  
Paul Monson, Loyola Marymount University

3. Black Catholic Theology—Consultation

Convener: Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, Xavier University of Louisiana

Moderator: C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: John Segun Odeyemi, Duquesne University  
SimonMary Ahiokhai, Valparaiso University

4. God/Trinity—Topic Session

Convener: Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University  
Moderator: Manuel Cruz, Belmont University  
Presenters: Gloria L. Schaab, S.S.J., Barry University  
Christopher M. Hadley, S.J., Lonergan Research Institute, Toronto  
Greg Zuschlag, Oblate School of Theology

5. Moral Theology II—Topic Session

Convener: Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University at Mesa  
Moderator: Christina Astorga, University of Portland  
Presenters: Alessandro Rovati, Belmont Abbey College  
Gigesh Thomas, KU Leuven  
James F. Keenan, S.J., Boston College

6. Buddhist-Christian Dialogue—Interest Group

Convener: Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
Moderator: Karen Enriquez, Xavier University  
Presenters: Susie Paulik Babka, University of San Diego  
Ruben Habito, Southern Methodist University  
Glenn Willis, Misericordia University

7. Liturgy/Sacraments—Topic Session

Convener: Judith M. Kubicki, C.S.S.F., Fordham University  
Moderator: Anne McGowan, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University  
Presenters: Rhodora Beaton, St. Catherine University  
Johnathan Stotts, Vanderbilt University  
Susan Ross, Loyola University Chicago

8. Practical Theology—Topic Session

Convener: Theodore James Whapham, University of Dallas  
Presenters: William A. Clark, S.J., College of the Holy Cross  
Hosffman Ospino, Boston College  
Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University

9. Anthropology—Topic Session

Convener: Vincent J. Miller, University of Dayton  
Moderator: Andrew Prevot, Boston College  
Presenters: Kevin P. McCabe, Seton Hall University  
Brianna Jacobs, Fordham University  
Steven J. Battin, University of Notre Dame

10. Spirituality—Topic Session

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Convener: Simon J. Hendry, S.J., University of Detroit Mercy  
Moderator: Wendy Wright, Creighton University  
Presenters: J. Matthew Ashley, University of Notre Dame  
Dorian Llywelyn, S.J., Heythrop College, London

11. Theological Diversity—Invited Session

Convener: Christopher Ruddy, Catholic University of America  
Moderator: Kristin Colberg, College of St. Benedict / St. John's University  
Presenters: James Keating, Providence College  
John Thiel, Fairfield University

**Saturday Afternoon, June 11, 2016**

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. Decolonizing Theology: Puerto Rico as Locus, Source, y Context en Teologías Latin@s—Selected Session

Convener: Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic theological Union at Chicago  
Moderator: MT Dávila, Andover Newton Theological School  
Presenters: José R. Irizarry, Villanova University  
Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton  
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University (NY)  
Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union at Chicago

2. Historical Theology II—Topic Session

Convener: Daria Spezzano, Providence College  
Moderator: James Kang Hoon Lee, southern Methodist University  
Presenters: Khaled Anatolios, University of Notre Dame  
Bruce D. Marshall, Southern Methodist University (absent)

3. Christ—Topic Session

Convener: Susie Paulik Babka, University of San Diego  
Moderator: Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University  
Presenters: Karen Teel, University of San Diego  
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University  
Christian S. Krokus, University of Scranton

4. Theology and Challenges of Global Integration—Interest Group

Convener: Gemma Tulud Cruz, Australian Catholic University  
Moderator: Mark Miller, University of San Francisco  
Presenters: Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College  
Vincent Miller, University of Dayton  
Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

5. Living Justice and Mercy in the Dominican Tradition: Selected Reflections in Honor of the 800th Year of the Order of Preachers—Selected Session

Convener: Colleen Mary Mallon, O.P., Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Moderator: Mary Catherine Hilkert, O.P., University of Notre Dame  
Presenters: Kathleen McManus, O.P., University of Portland  
Leo Almazán, O.P., Aquinas Institute of Theology  
Colleen Mary Mallon, O.P., Aquinas Institute of Theology

6. *Laudato Si'*, Justice, and Mercy: Seeking the Common Good for our Common Home—Selected Session

Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University  
Moderator: Christiana Peppard, Fordham University  
Presenters: Daniel Castillo, Loyola University Maryland  
William George, Dominican University  
Joshua Snyder, St. Anselm College  
Posters: Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University  
Daniel DiLeo, Boston College  
Cristina Vanin, University of Waterloo  
Neil Ormerod, Australian catholic University  
Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University  
James O'Sullivan, Boston college

7. Gender Justice and the Role of Women in Church and Society (INSeCT)—Invited Session

Convener: Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College  
Moderator: Catherine Clifford, University of St. Paul  
Presenters: Christina Astorga, University of Portland  
James Mcevoy, Australian Catholic University  
Carlos Mendoza-Álvarez, O.P., Universidad Iberoamericana

8. Comparative Theology Reading Group—Interest Group

Conveners: Marianne Farina, C.S.C., Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology  
Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Harvard Divinity School  
Moderator: Francis X. Clooney, S.J., Harvard Divinity School  
Reading Guide: John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

*Reports: Secretary's Report*

9. Rahner Society—Consultation

Convener: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University  
Moderator: Michael M. canaris, Loyola University Chicago  
Presenters: Paul D. Murray, Durham University  
Matthew R. Petrusek, Loyola Marymount University

10. Church/Ecumenism—Topic Session

Convener: Richard Lennan, Boston College  
Moderator: David Turnbloom, University of Portland  
Presenters: Edmund Kee-Fook Chia, Australian Catholic University  
James B. Nickoloff, College of the Holy Cross  
Respondent: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College

11. Beyond Trento: North American Moral Theology in a Global Church—Interest Group

Conveners: Bryan N. Massingale, Marquette University  
Kristin E. Heyer, Boston College  
Moderator: Bryan N. Massingale, Marquette University  
Presenters: Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University (NY)  
Shawnee M. Maniels-Sykes, Mount Mary University  
Respondent: Kristin E. Heyer, Boston College

**Saturday Evening, June 11, 2016**

5:30 p.m. Eucharist  
6:45 p.m. Reception  
7:15 p.m. John Courtney Murray Award Banquet

**Sunday Morning, June 12, 2016**

7:15 – 8:45 a.m. Conveners' Breakfast

*New coordinators (or their delegates) of Topic Sessions, Interest Groups, and Consultations will meet with David Hollenbach, S.J., CTSA President-Elect, Mary E. Hines, CTSA Vice-President, and Kent Lasnoski, Editor of Proceedings, for evaluation and preliminary planning for the 2016 convention.*

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

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

Presiding: Mary E. Hines, Emmanuel College, Vice-President CTSA  
Address: Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, President CTSA

“Decolonizing Everyday Practices: Sites of Struggle in Church and Society”

- 10:00 a.m. Appointment of New President  
10:15 a.m. Breakfast and Reception/Coffee  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CTSA Board of Directors Meeting and Luncheon
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Local Arrangements Committee, San Juan – 2016  
--MT Dávila, Andover Newton Theological School  
--Elsie Miranda, Barry University

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JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2016

This year's John Courtney Murray Award recipient was born on January 25, 1947, the third of four children, who at the age of 14 arrived in the United States. After receiving an undergraduate degree in philosophy and a master's degree in

theology, our awardee pursued and received a doctoral degree in Systematic and Practical Theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1984 with a dissertation exploring evangelization and intercultural dialogue between practitioners of Caribbean Catholicism and the Yoruba religion. This dissertation anticipated what would be abiding research avenues throughout our scholar's subsequent career.

Author of many books and over 300 essays in theology that have appeared in U.S., European, and Latin American professional journals, our honoree is recognized as a pioneer who has broken new theological ground in areas that include tradition and traditioning, culture and intercultural communication, the sense of the faithful, popular religious expressions, and popular Catholicism in particular. Strikingly, this scholar's attention, one might say devotion, to encountering popular religious traditions and cultures and local communities is also a hallmark of Pope Francis's papacy. In real ways, our honoree's theological work has prepared many scholars to appreciate Francis's engagement with local communities of faith in post-colonial contexts, and the pope's challenge to theologians to do the same.

Over decades of scholarship, teaching, and dedication to communal engagement, this theologian has wrestled with problems associated with the historical and contemporary legacies of colonization, slavery, racism, and prejudice against LGBT persons. Along with an award-winning dictionary of theology and religious studies, our honoree is the distinguished editor and co-editor of essential sources in Latino/a theology covering systematic theology, theology of traditions, ecumenical Hispanic/Latino theology, and culminating in the monumental resource *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Latino/a Theology*. For these many achievements our colleague has been awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Catholic Theological Union and has received honors and recognition across the Americas and the Caribbean, as well as in Europe, and especially in Germany and Austria. The author's most recent book was the occasion for four days of papers and discussion at the University of Münster by scholars from Germany, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Greece.

This pioneer and leader in the field of Latino/a theology is one of the founders of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, serving twice as president, and the founding editor of the *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*. In these roles our awardee has played a central part in promoting the highest scholarly standards for Hispanic/Latino Theology, and has encouraged and mentored the writing careers of numerous scholars.

It is very rare to have someone inspired to experiment, in collaboration with others, with creating a theological culture. Besides advancing the study of indigenous popular religious cultures among Catholics and adherents of other religious traditions, and the role of cultures and intercultural dynamics in the traditioning process, our awardee has also contributed to the creation of an intercultural model and style of doing theology that is deeply engaged and collaboratively involved with a community of theologians and local communities of accountability, in which the work of theology belongs to and arises from the community. This is a truly groundbreaking achievement, one that bears comparing and contrasting with classic historical precedents that include the work of Marie Dominique Chenu at la Saulchoir, Johann Sebastian Drey at The University of Tübingen, and the medieval model of the university developed in Bologna, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, and Salamanca.

In recognition of these and numerous other contributions to the academy, church, and wider communities, it is my honor to present the 2016 John Courtney Murray Award to professor of systematic theology and religious studies, and founder and director of the interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism at the University of San Diego, Orlando O. Espín.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Brad Hinze called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. William Loewe served as parliamentarian.

### *Committee on Admissions*

Amanda Osheim, Chair, presented the Report of the Committee on Admissions. The Committee on Admissions for 2015-16 was Amanda Osheim (2014-16), Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu (2015-17), Cyril Orji (2015-17) and Natalie Kertes Weaver (ex officio). Amanda Osheim reported on behalf of the Committee on Admissions that they received a total of 87 applications, 85 of which were approved for active membership by the committee. 54 met the criteria for active members, including 3 who hold the Doctor of Ministry Degree. 31 met the criteria for associate membership and represent 15 doctoral institutions. These include associate members from: Boston College-7; Charles Stuart University, Australia - 1; Duke University, 1; Fordham University- 4; John Paul II Institute - 1; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven - 2; Marquette University - 1; Pontificia Universita San Tomasso - 1; Regis College - 1; St. Paul's University - 1; University of Dayton - 1; University of St. Michael's College - 1; University of Munster - 1; University of Notre Dame - 6; Vanderbilt University -1.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee's recommendation by an aye vote and acclamation. 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 invited the new *active* members to vote in the nominations election. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the appendices to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

### *Report of the Nominating Committee*

Maria Pilar Aquino, the chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Shawn Copeland and William O'Neill, who will continue to serve on the committee next year. Maria Pilar Aquino presented the nominee list and thanked all the nominees for their willingness to be candidates for office. Maria Pilar Aquino also noted the committee's process in determining the slate, observing that the committee paid special attention this year to CTSA service. Maria Pilar Aquino also thanked her committee members, past and present, for their collaboration and support on this committee. Shawn Copeland will be the chair of this committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows:

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*Vice President*

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Paul Lakeland  
Aloysius P. Kelley S.J. Prof. of Catholic Studies  
Director, Center for Catholic Studies  
Religious Studies  
Fairfield University  
Fairfield, DC

Vincent Miller  
Professor and Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture  
Religious Studies  
University of Dayton  
Dayton, Ohio

*Board Member*

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Susan Abraham  
Associate Professor, Tenured  
Chair, Department of Theological Studies  
Theological Studies  
Loyola Marymount University  
Los Angeles, CA

Mark Fischer  
Professor of Theology  
St. John's Seminary  
Camarillo, CA

Laurie Johnston  
Associate Professor, Director of Fellowships  
Theology & Religious Studies  
Emmanuel College  
Boston, MA

Sophia Park, S.N.J.M.  
Associate Professor, Religious Studies and Philosophy  
Holy Names University  
Oakland, CA

There were no nominations from the floor, and nominations were closed. Paul Lakeland was elected Vice-President in the first round. There were no nominations from the floor for Board members. No one was elected to the board in round one. In round two, Susan Abraham was elected to the Board. Mark Fischer was elected to the Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. There were no nominations from the floor for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. Natalie Kertes Weaver was re-elected by acclamation for a

one-year term later in the meeting, and John Dadosky was elected Treasurer for a one-year term, also by acclamation. David Hollenbach becomes President for 2016-2017. Mary Hines becomes President-Elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Brad Hinze, Past President, and Catherine Clifford and Natalie Imperatori-Lee, board members.

*Report of the President*

President Brad Hinze thanked those who had stood for election and proceeded to give his own report, highlighting several matters.

Brad opened with mention the the Board's initiative to encourage positive interaction between theologians and local bishops through a \$500 grant to sponsor a bishop/theologian dinner is going well. Four grant proposals came in last year and three have already taken place. Brad encouraged these to continue with a special appeal, asking the theologians here gathered to be very intentional and very conscientious about trying to cultivate more sustained dialogues with our bishops.

There is an invited session this year on theological diversity, and it will become an interest group next year. This leaves one interest group open for 2017, and we are now receiving proposals for an interest group.

Brad thanked the following supporters for their donations, noting that there were not local Catholic institutions of higher education to support the conference. Special thanks was given to the Department of Theology of the University of Notre Dame, Latino Studies Institute of the University of Notre Dame, Boston College, and Fordham University.

Brad Hinze also thanked the Local Arrangements Committee, David Stosur, and Mary Jane Ponyik. Brad also thanked Joe Zalot for his years of service as Treasurer and presented Joe with a plaque. Brad thanked Mary Jo Iozzio and Matt Ashley for their Board service. Brad finally thanked Susan Wood for her work as Past President and 4 years of service on the presidential line.

*Report of the President-Elect*

President-elect David Hollenbach expressed his gratitude to all who had worked with him to plan the convention, including the members of the local arrangements committee. David offered the following opening remarks. 123 people making presentations, of whom 44 are women and 41 are from underrepresented groups. David also noted that tomorrow a session will occur concerning the Society's investments in fossil fuel companies. Thomas Massaro is the moderator of the group, and the other members include Erin Loethes Biviano, Regina Wolf, and John Carr. This group will present their proposals tomorrow for what might be sustainable guidelines for investment, after which they will develop a proposal for the Board to consider at the October 2016 meeting. This document will be considered in a Friday night session in June of 2017, after which time the Board will determine next action steps the Board can take on this important issue. David reminded all administrative teams to update their rosters by the Conveners Breakfast on Sunday morning with their new members. David also reminded the conveners that their panelists members should be members in good standing. If they are not members, they need to apply.

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Also, no members should present more than 2 years in a row. David concluded by thanking Mary Jane Ponyik and Kevin Brown, graduate assistant, for their help.

### *Report of the Vice-President*

Vice-President Mary Hines reported that the 72nd annual convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 8–11, 2017. The convention theme is “Ecology: Theological Investigations.” The plenary speakers, including some junior and senior scholars, include Christiana Peppard, Denis Edwards, Andrew Prevot (respondent), Anne Clifford, (Daniel Castillo, respondent), and David Hollenbach. The Call for Papers is available online and a hard copy is also available at this meeting. Mary Hines also reminds conveners to come to the conveners breakfast prepared with their new rosters.

### *Report of the Secretary*

Secretary Natalie Kertes Weaver acknowledged and thanked Mary Jane Ponyik for her continued assistance in activities related to the Secretary position. Natalie shared that she continues to work with the archivist at the Catholic University of America on transitioning CTSA materials, including past applicants records, and she reminded all members to be sure to update their email addresses, contact information and list of professional achievements on the website. Also, associate members who have completed their degrees were encouraged to apply for active membership.

### *Report of the Treasurer*

Treasurer Jozef Zalot presented his report, noting up front that the CTSA is in strong financial shape. Joe directed the membership to review the investments and expenses sheets that were distributed. Joe highlighted that CTSA has funded over 100 scholarships over the past ten years. As of the close of the business day preceding the Friday Business meeting, \$557,799.00 was in the investment. A new member stood to thank the Board for the scholarship he received that allowed him to attend the conference. This was Joe’s final presentation as Treasurer to the CTSA.

### *Report of the Executive Director*

Executive Director Mary Jane Ponyik reported that over 372 CTSA members are registered for the convention and 75% of these are attending the John Courtney Murray Banquet. 12 publishing houses attended and 7 posted an ad. She expressed her gratitude to Maria Theresa Davila and Elsie Miranda for their work on the Local Arrangements Committee. She also thanked the 42 registrants who supported the Native Energy initiative. Mary Jane Ponyik then announced that the CTSA is contracted for next year in Albuquerque. \$135.00 will be the room rate. Since 2010, the hospitality industry increased its rates significantly. CTSA is in a difficult shape because of our meeting time in June, which is a peak travel time. Also, due to environmental concerns the hotels are also adding on extra fees. In order to keep the convention hotel rates affordable, we have moved to second tier cities. Mary Jane assured members that we are trying to be mindful in every way possible of

convention costs and encouraged members to book at the CTSA hotel. Mary Jane reminded the members to update their contact information on the website. CTSA members are often sought for professional engagements, lectures, CTSA convention matters, and it is important that the contact information is up to date. Mary Jane concluded by thanking the membership for allowing her to serve them.

*Report of CUERG*

Sophia Park presented the report. She first thanked the CTSA Board for their support of the luncheon. She noted that at this year's meeting after the luncheon, CUERG will discuss their leadership structures and organization. The goals of the Society are to educate the society on the importance of diversity and to create a network of members of under-represented groups. Both goals are being met, and the leadership of CUERG seeks to continue advancing the visibility and support of members from under-represented groups.

*Report of the INSeCT Delegate*

Nancy Pineda-Madrid, the INSeCT Delegate, presented the report. She thanked the Board members for their support of her work and reported on the meeting in Rome in 2015 of the delegates. The executive committee will meet in Bangalore, India in July 2016 in preparation of their three-year network council meeting (also in Bangalore) in 2017. She submitted the following report:

In July 2015, INSeCT held its Executive Committee Meeting. All five members of INSeCT's executive committee attended: Dr. Martin Lintner (President & ESCT representative); myself (Vice-President & CTSA representative); Dr. Erico Joao Hammes (Vice-President & SOTER representative); Dr. James McEvoy (member & Australian Catholic Theology Association [ACTA] representative); and Dr. Gaston Ogui Cossi (member & Association des Théologiens Catholiques du Bénin (ATCB) representative). The Executive Committee will meet this summer in Bangalore, India to plan our 2017 Network Council Meeting which will also be in Bangalore and will focus on the theme: "A Question of Gender Justice: The Role of Women in Decision-Making in Different Areas of Church and Society."

Several Catholic academies around the globe have been doing preliminary work that will contribute to the 2017 Network Council. I have organized the following CTSA contribution. It will be an invited session titled: "Gender Justice in Church and Society" (INSeCT) which will take place tomorrow at 2:30pm. This session will contribute to the 2017 meeting not only through its substantive discussion of INSeCT's 2017 topic but also by fostering conversations among Catholic societies which is one of INSeCT's primary goals. To that end CTSA member, Dr. Christina Astorga (University of Portland) will be presenting and so will Dr. James McEvoy (Australian Catholic University) who is a current INSeCT executive committee member and is president of the Australian Catholic Theological Association (ACTA); and Dr. Carlos Mendoza-Álvarez, O.P. (Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México) and is the former president of the Unión de Instituciones Teológicas Católicas en México, A.C. Former INSeCT President and current CTSA Board

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Member, Dr. Cathy Clifford, will be moderating this session. This spring I have met twice in person with Dr. Shaji George Kochuthara, (visiting professor at Boston College, Spring 2016) and Associate Professor of Theology at the Faculty of Theology, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK), Bangalore, India. We chose to meet in Bangalore as a means of continuing INSeCT's support for the development of Catholic societies in the southern hemisphere. Dr. Shaji George Kochuthara will be our contact there.

Yesterday, June 9, 2016, I met with the CTSA Board to discuss INSeCT's mission and infrastructure, a conversation which will continue over the course of this coming year. This year, 2016, INSeCT celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I wish to acknowledge Dr. Anne Patrick who was a member of INSeCT's first executive committee. I encourage CTSA members to visit INSeCT's website for further information on the state of Catholic theology around the globe. Our website and blog can be found at <https://insecttheology.wordpress.com>.

### *Presentation of the LaCugna Award*

On behalf of Roberto Goizueta, Chair, President Brad Hinze, presented the report of the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award, whose committee members include David Clairmont (2014–17) and Christina Traina (2015–18). The committee selected Benjamin Durham and David Turnbloom for their essay "Tactical Ecumenism." They found the essay to be creative, well researched, and well argued. In addition, the committee was impressed by the authors' interdisciplinary method, integrating religious studies and theology. President Brad Hinze then presented the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award, a plaque and a check, to Benjamin Durham and David Turnbloom. A précis of the paper is included here:

The article examines the relationship between ecumenical dialogues and embodied ecumenical practices. By utilizing Michel de Certeau's theory of strategy and tactics, the authors construct a hermeneutic that aims at forming ecumenists and the object of their discourse. Specifically, unauthorized practices of collaboration between denominations (i.e. ecumenical tactics) are seen as a formative source for ecumenical dialogue (i.e. strategic ecumenism).

### *Adjournment*

There being no new business, President Brad Hinze adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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