Study

FALL 2019
LECTURES,
PRESENTATIONS &
DISCUSSIONS

Saint Thomas More
The Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University
Sr. Teresa Maya '89 is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX. She graduated with a B.A. in history from Yale in 1989, her M.A. at Graduate Theological Union in Berkley, CA; and her Ph.D. in Latin American colonial church history from El Colegio de Mexico-Mexico City. She is currently serving as Congregational Leader for her Congregation and is past president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Her ministry is education and she has served as a teacher, history professor and administrator. She has passion for the formation of ministers for Hispanics and Latinos in the United States.

The Theosford John S. Murray Fellowship in Health Ethics
Sr. Michael Toman, C.S.J.
Applying Ethics to Caring for the Dying
Sunday, May 5, 2019
6pm Dinner & Lecture

Rev. Michael Rozier, S.J.
Reforming U.S. Health Care with the Grace of Imagination
Sunday, November 17, 2019
6pm Dinner & Lecture

Reverend Michael Rozier, S.J. is assistant professor of Health Management & Policy and Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University. After receiving his B.A. in chemistry from Saint Louis University, he entered the Jesuit order, earned graduate degrees in philosophy from the University of Toronto, in international health from Johns Hopkins University and in moral theology from Boston College. He earned his Ph.D. in Health Management and Policy from University of Michigan, where his research focused on the emergence of new ethical questions related to population health strategies and the rhetorical methods used to advance health policies. Rozier served as an ethics fellow with the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and worked directly with communities of need – including the homeless, incarcerated, and refugees – both in the US and in Latin America.

Catholic Faculty Series: Life as a Scholar and a Believer
Sunday, October 6, 2019
6pm Dinner & Discussion

Kristopher T. Kahle, M.D., Ph.D.
Yale School of Medicine Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Pediatrics and Cellular and Molecular Physiology at Yale University School of Medicine, and Director of Neonatal and Congenital Anomaly Neurosurgery in the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Contemporary Conversations & Book Signings
Sunday, September 22nd
6pm Dinner & Conversation followed by Book Signing

Anne Gardiner Perkins '81
Yale Needs Women
Anne Gardiner Perkins ‘81 grew up in Baltimore and attended Yale University, where she earned her B.A. in history and was the first woman Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Daily News. She is also a Rhodes Scholar and completed a B.A. in modern history at Balliol College, Oxford University. She has spent her life in education, from urban high school teacher to state-level policy maker. She received her Ph.D. in higher education at the University of Massachusetts Boston and has presented papers on higher education at leading conferences: Yale Needs Women: How the First Group of Girls Rewrote the Rules of an Ivy League Giant (Sourcebooks, 2019) is her first book.

Sunday, November 10th
6pm Dinner & Conversation followed by Book Signing

Austen Ivereigh
Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and his Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church
Austen Ivereigh is a British writer, journalist and commentator on religious and political affairs who holds a Ph.D. from Oxford University. His work appears regularly in many periodicals including America. He is well-known as a Catholic commentator for the BBC, Sky, ITV and Al-Jazeera. He is the author of numerous books including The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope (Henry Holt and Co., 2014). Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and his Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church (Henry Holt and Co., 2019) is his most recent book.

Sunday Dinners
September 1st
STM Summer Ambassador Presentations
6pm Dinner & Presentation

September 8th
Discernment of Spirits: Consulting the Spirit in Decision-Making
Sr. Janet Ruffing, R.S.M.

October 27th
Taking Action: From Global Humanitarian Response to Advocating on the Hill
Danielle Correa-Smith, Regional Relationship Manager, Catholic Relief Services

November 3rd
Sexual Abuse of Youth by Catholic Priests: A 2019 Update of Research Findings
Margaret Leland Smith and Karen Terry, Ph.D. of Catholic Relief Services
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Why be spiritual and religious?
Spirituality provides individuals with a variety of practices for developing a personal, interior life focused on growing in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Religion provides individuals with a language and set of practices for comprehending and experiencing the transcendent within a faith community. As Catholic Christians, we bring our individual spirituality to the practice of religion when we worship together, celebrating Christ’s presence in the Word, Eucharist and gathered assembly.

What is Catholic Spirituality?
As Catholic Christians, our lives are guided by certain principles and beliefs that are insights into the structure and meaning of life. Spirituality relates to how we live out these principles in everyday life, primarily by developing a prayerful relationship with Christ.

What are some of the unique qualities of Catholic Spirituality?
Catholic spirituality has developed over the 2,000 year history of the Church. Its rich set of practices help Catholics live out their faith and grow in relationship with God. Both communal and individual, Catholic spirituality places importance on experiencing Christ’s presence in Eucharist, creation, individual prayer and advancing the Kingdom of God by works of social justice.

Spiritual Development Opportunities Fall 2019

Spirituality Groups
Spirituality groups gather once a month and explore spirituality through group discussions, service and prayer. Topics for discussion include personal faith journeys, relationships, spirituality in the workplace and vocation. Please join us for this opportunity to grow and support one another. Undergraduate women’s and men’s spirituality groups meet monthly and graduate women’s and men’s spirituality groups meet every first Monday of the month.

Retreat Opportunities
Retreats offer students an opportunity to step away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on experiencing God’s presence in personal prayer and community. This fall there are two scheduled retreat days:

- **Undergraduate Fall Student Retreat Day**
  - Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th.
- **Graduate Fall Student Retreat Day** is on
  - Saturday, September 28 from 9:00am-5:00pm at Mercy Center in Madison, CT.

Students are invited to Friday mini-retreats throughout the year.

Adoration, Taizé Prayer and Stations of the Cross
All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate in times of extended prayer.

Cathletes
Varsity and Club Sports Athletes meet at STM on Wednesday evenings for a break from both training and studies to explore their faith as well as their academic and athletic identities. Students participate in service projects for Amistad Catholic Worker House and also play sports with middle schoolers at St. Martin de Porres Academy.

Pastoral Counseling, Vocational Discernment & Spiritual Direction
STM’s Chaplains provide pastoral counseling for students seeking a confidant or direction during a difficult or questioning time in their lives. They also provide spiritual direction by accompanying students as they deepen their relationship with God and offer assistance with vocational discernment through individual prayer and discussion. Email any of the Chaplains to make an appointment.

RCIA & Confirmation
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for those interested in exploring the Catholic faith and learning more about the Catholic Church as part of a discernment process concerned with the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. RCIA begins the first week in October, meeting weekly at STM. Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church may complete the sacraments of initiation through confirmation preparation.

Reading Groups
STM offers a selection of reading groups that focus on specific areas of study and their relationship to the Catholic faith. The reading groups meet once a month, usually over a meal, to discuss readings that are current, engaging and easy to manage with a full course load.

- **Faith and Policy**
  - Provides STM members with a forum to discuss their Catholic faith and their study of law.
- **Faith and Science**
  - Examines the different (and sometimes complementary) ways Christianity and science approach human rights, stewardship and life’s unknowns.
- **Women Reading Theology**
  - Meets to discuss theology written by contemporary Catholic women.

Small Church Communities
Small Church Communities (SCCs) are a part of a pastoral initiative found throughout the world. SCCs bring together small groups of students, faculty and community members weekly to pray, discuss scripture for the upcoming Sunday Mass and reflect on how it relates to their lives.
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Service Experiences at STM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROGRAMS
Catholic Charities aims to provide service to people in need and call the entire church to work for social justice. Students will organize food drives to supply their food pantry and help out in an afterschool program for first generation college students.

OUTREACH TO AMISTAD CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE
Amistad Catholic Worker House is located in the Hill neighborhood of New Haven and is a source of solidarity and service for the poor in New Haven. Outreach includes preparing and serving food and interacting with guests.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH PROJECT LONGEVTY
STM undergraduate students partner with Project Longevity on this service opportunity in New Haven. Students help clean the West River neighborhood and prepare the Little Red Hen Community Garden for spring planting.

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES ACADEMY
Saint Martin de Porres Academy relies on a committed corps of volunteers who share their diverse talents and time with our students as tutors. Tutors not only enrich each student’s educational program, but they make a tremendous academic and personal impact on a young life.

FOOD PACKAGING WITH CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)
Rooted in our call as Catholics to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, volunteers package meals to send to people who suffer from chronic hunger as a result of cyclical drought and flooding.

STM SOUP KITCHEN
Every Wednesday from October through April, the STM Soup Kitchen gives students an opportunity to take time to provide direct service to those most in need in New Haven. Drawing on “leftovers” from Yale Dining and generous grants, we provide a nutritious lunch in our soup kitchen for 250 to 500 people each week. Students can assist in preparing food any time between 9am and 11am, or serve food between 11am and 1pm or drop in and serve as time allows.

PLARN MAT PROJECT
PLARN is an upcycled material made from plastic bags. When torn into long strips and tied, it can be knitted or crocheted to make sleeping mats for the most vulnerable people in our community. Sleeping mats that are produced at STM distributed to people on the Green in New Haven.

Alternative Spring Break

The ASB program has been a cornerstone of the social justice and prayer mission of STM for many years. In contrast to other spring break trips, the ASB program is an opportunity for Catholic students at Yale to take part in a formative, faith-centered and life-changing experience. By immersing yourself in an international setting, participants in ASB have a chance to bear witness to the truly universal nature of the Catholic Church, while living in and serving a local community.

This year STM will provide opportunities for students to attend ASB trips to Europe and Central America. The trip to Taizé, France will focus on Bible study, justice talks, community work and prayer, while the trip to Central America will focus on working in schools and working alongside people living in poverty.

STM Summer Ambassadors

The STM Ambassadors program offers an intensive, summertime initiative focused on helping the underserved population in New Haven—or, wherever you are spending the summer. Select a non-profit agency of your choice, work with them on a creative new idea that addresses a need and then submit a proposal for funding to STM. If selected, you and your agency could receive funding for your work. Your project is meant to bring together the needs of the agency with your own personal passion. Applications will be available in the Spring Semester.

Lizzie White GRD ‘22 poses with students in the Agriculture Club at the Kangole School in the Karamoja region of Uganda.
“You too, dear young people, can be joyful witnesses of His love, courageous witnesses of His Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of His light.”

– Pope Francis