

# Study

FALL 2019  
LECTURES,  
PRESENTATIONS &  
DISCUSSIONS

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## Lectures & Fellowships

### The Inaugural Reverend Robert L. Beloin Lecture



**Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.**

**Academics Beyond Ideology, Fashion and Fad: Some Principles for a More Genuine Sincerity and Authenticity within our Learning**

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

**7pm Lecture followed by a reception**

Reverend Ron Rolheiser, OMI, is a theologian, professor, award-winning author and president of the Oblate School of Theology. He holds Master's degrees from the University of San Francisco and University of Louvain, Belgium along with a Ph.D. and S.T.D. from the University of Louvain. He specializes in systematic theology and philosophy as well as Augustine mysticism and spirituality. He is a popular speaker in contemporary spirituality and religion and their relationship to the secular world. Rev. Rolheiser writes a weekly column that is carried in over seventy newspapers around the world. He is the author of numerous books including *The Passion and the Cross* (Franciscan Media, 2015); *Bruised and Wounded: Struggling to Understand Suicide* (Paraclete Press, 2017); and *Wrestling with God: Finding Hope and Meaning in Our Daily Struggles to Be Human* (Image, 2018).

### The Mary Field and Vincent deP. Goubeau Lecture on Women's Contribution to Church & Society



**Sr. Teresa Maya, C.C.V.I. '89**

**We are Enough! Facing the Future of Religious Life**

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**

**6pm Dinner & Lecture**

Sister 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 Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Fellowship in Faith & Science



**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 John Jay College of Criminal Justice**



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## A Spiritual Life: Frequently Asked Questions

### 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.



Help prepare or serve lunch for the STM soup kitchen.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH PROJECT LONGEVITY

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. Applications for the following trips will be available in October.

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.



Immerse yourself in a life-changing experience.

Students marched with children on Guatemala's National Day of No Violence Against Children.

## 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



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