



REV. MICHAEL C. MCFARLAND, S.J.

CENTER FOR RELIGION,
ETHICS AND CULTURE

2021-2022

Year *in* Review

By the Numbers:

30	Lectures & Discussions
49	Virtual Classroom Visits
10,000	Attendees (In-person & Online)
383,000	Catholics & Cultures Page Views
5.2 Million	Catholics & Cultures YouTube Views
20,500	YouTube Subscribers
9,000	Journal Downloads



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Holy Cross

MCFARLAND CENTER EVENTS

First-Year Book Discussion 'WALKING TO LISTEN'

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

With **Andrew Forsthoefel**, author of author of *Walking to Listen: 4000 Miles Across America, One Story at a Time*



9/11 AND TWENTY YEARS OF WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Twenty years after the September 11 terrorist attacks on our nation, Worcester **Congressman Jim McGovern** sat down with **Professor Ward Thomas** to discuss withdrawing troops and the legacy of war in Afghanistan.

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)

PRIORITIES FOR POST-COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

With **Dr. Sandro Galea**, Dean and Robert A Knox Professor of the School of Public Health at Boston University and author of *The Contagion Next Time*.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)

REVEALING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WORLD'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

With **Chris Mooney**, Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist for the Washington Post and lecturer at Yale University's School of the Environment.

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THE THOMAS MORE LECTURE ON THE HUMANITIES

TELL ME HOW I CONQUERED YOU:

Clues from the Second Century BCE Mediterranean

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

With **Dan-el Padilla Peralta**, Associate Professor of Classics at Princeton University.

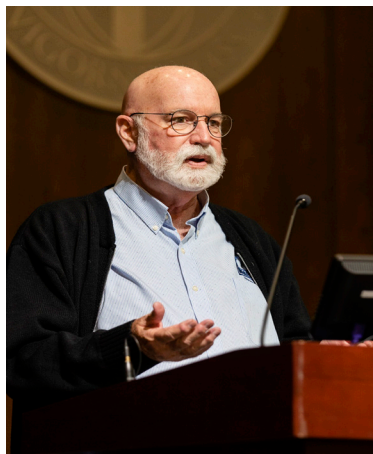
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BE FEARLESS FOR ME: COURAGE AND THE GOSPEL OF THE MARGINALIZED

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Rev. Gregory Boyle, S.J., founder of Homeboy Industries, returned to Holy Cross with "homies" **Brandon Washington** and **Saul Sanchez** to talk about building a community of kinship.

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REHM FAMILY FUND



HOW SHOULD WE ELECT PRESIDENTS?

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Nobel Prize Laureate and Harvard Professor of Economics and Mathematics **Eric S. Maskin** met with students following his talk in Rehm Library.

Co-sponsored with the Economics Department.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)



BEFORE GENTRIFICATION: RACE AND DIS/INVESTMENT IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

With **Tanya Golash-Boza**, Professor of Sociology at the University of California-Merced.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)

FROM JUSTICE TO RECONCILIATION: A JESUIT RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

OCTOBER 19, 2021

With **Dan Corrou, S.J.**, Former Holy Cross Chaplain and Regional Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in the Middle East and North Africa.

Co-sponsored with the Office of Mission.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)

AMERICA'S LONG HISTORY OF CHILD TAKING

OCTOBER 27, 2021

With **Laura Briggs**, Professor at UMass Amherst and author, *Taking Children: A History of American Terror*.

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EMPATHY AND HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING

MARCH 30, 2022

With German Historian and Williams College Professor

Thomas Kohut.

Co-sponsored with the Colloquia of the Department of Philosophy.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)



GREENING CITIES FROM PLAN TO PRACTICE

APRIL 6, 2022

A Fishbowl Discussion with **John Fernández**, Professor at MIT; **Karin Valentine Goins**, Program Director at UMass Medical School; and **John Odell '88**, Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer for the City of Worcester.

Co-Sponsored with the Office of Sustainability.

[WATCH THE DISCUSSION](#)

VOCATION OF THE WRITER

APRIL 21, 2022

With **Rigoberto González**, Professor in the Creative Writing Program at Rutgers University and author of 18 books of poetry and prose.

Part of the Working Writers Series.

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DEITCHMAN FAMILY LECTURES ON RELIGION & MODERNITY

AFRICAN, CHRISTIAN, FEMINIST AND MORE

*Mapping and Engaging African/a
Women's Theo-ethical Footprint
in the Age of Globalization*

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

With **Teresia Hinga**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Santa Clara University and founding member of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians.

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POLITICS IN THE NAME OF LORD RAMA IN NARENDRA MODI'S INDIA

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

With award-winning journalist **Kalpana Jain**, Senior Religion and Ethics Editor at The Conversation US.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)

WHAT HAS AMERICAN POLITICS DONE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Holy Cross President **Vincent Rougeau** leads a discussion with **Ross Douthat**, columnist for the New York Times and author of *To Change the Church: Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism*, and **Matthew Sitman**, Associate Editor of *Commonweal*.

[WATCH THE DISCUSSION](#)



UNTIDY, ECLECTIC, AND DIVERSE: LIVED RELIGION IN LATIN AMERICA TODAY

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

With **Gustavo Morello, S.J.**, Associate Professor of Sociology at Boston College.

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[Catholics & Cultures](#).*

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FRATERNITY, MARTYRDOM, AND PEACE IN BURUNDI: *The Forty Servants of God of Buta*

MARCH 24, 2022

With **Jodi Mikalachki**, Associate Professor of English at the University of Burundi and Visiting Fellow at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University.

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JUSTICE AND CARE: *Reflections around Clergy Abuse and Safeguarding in the Church*

MARCH 31, 2022

With **Rev. Hans Zollner, S.J.**, Founder and President of The Centre for Child Protection (now the Institute of Anthropology Interdisciplinary Studies on Human Dignity and Care) at the Pontifical Gregorian University and Member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)

FRAGMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP *Spiritual Undercurrents of the Global Catholic Resistance to Fascism*

MARCH 16, 2022

With **Brenna Moore**, Professor of Theology at Fordham University.

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KRAFT-HIATT FUND FOR JEWISH-CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING



THE POPE'S RABBI ON MEANINGFUL INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

APRIL 11-12, 2022

Argentinian-born **Rabbi Abraham Skorka**, a longtime friend of Pope Francis, visited classes and delivered a lecture focused on deepening Catholic-Jewish relationships. [WATCH ONLINE](#)

MUSLIMS AND THE HOLOCAUST

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

With **Mehnaz M. Afridi**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Interfaith Education Center at Manhattan College.

[WATCH THE LECTURE](#)

ON THE TRAIL OF AN ANTISEMITIC MYTH:

Or How Lies Are Turned into "Facts"

FEBRUARY 23, 2022

With **Magda Teter**, Professor of History and the Shvidler Chair in Judaic Studies at Fordham University.

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HOW TO READ A BIBLICAL RAPE STORY

APRIL 4, 2022

With **Rhiannon Graybill**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College.

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MAYMESTER IN JERUSALEM:

Jewish Spirituality and Mysticism in the 21st Century

In 2022, the Kraft-Hiatt Scholarship Committee awarded Ashley Rodriguez Lantigua '23 a scholarship to attend a summer course at the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

HIGHLIGHTING SCHOLARSHIP AT HOLY CROSS

RUSSIA AT WAR: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

A max capacity crowd tuned in to Zoom on a snowy Friday afternoon to hear six Holy Cross experts share their insights on Russia's war in Ukraine. With professors **Amy Singleton Adams**, **Nina Barzachka**, **Judith Chubb**, **Diana Dukhanova**, **Cynthia Hooper**, and **Olga Partan**.

[WATCH THE ZOOM](#)



POLARIZING DISAGREEMENTS:

Philosophical and Psychological Reflections on a Political Conundrum

OCTOBER 1, 2021

With **Karsten Stueber**, Professor of Philosophy at Holy Cross

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Film Premiere and Discussion

PAKACHOAG: WHERE THE RIVER BENDS

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Screening of the Holy Cross film project followed by discussion with **Fred Freeman**, Nipmuk Cultural Preservation, Inc.; **Colin Novick**, Greater Worcester Land Trust; and Lecturer **Thomas Doughton**, CIS; **Jack Hynick '22**; **Ian Kaloyanides**, Digital Media Services; Professor **Sarah Klotz**, English; and Professor **Sarah Luria**, English and Environmental Studies.

[LEARN MORE & WATCH ONLINE](#)

CURING INJUSTICE:

The Living Legacy of Dr. Paul Farmer

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

Featuring a portion of the film "Bending the Arc," followed by discussion with Holy Cross professors **Judith Chubb**, **Tsitsi B Masvawure**, **Mary Doyle Roche**, **Susan Rodgers**, and **Ann Sheehy**.

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THE UKRAINE WAR AND PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRACY

APRIL 21, 2022

With Holy Cross student **Viktor Lutsyshen '23**, of Ukraine, **Professor Nina Barzachka**, Soviet historian **Markian Dobczansky**, and Ukrainian philosopher and theologian **Roman Zaviyskyy**.

[WATCH THE ZOOM](#)



TO BE BLACK, A WOMAN, AND A STUDENT AT HOLY CROSS

What Does It Mean to Be Resilient? MAY 5, 2022

Featuring Holy Cross senior **Meah Austin '22** and student panelists **Alison Apeku '22**, **Ashley Fortune '23**, **Sagine Louis '24**, and **Shaunice Afriyeb '25**.

[WATCH THE DISCUSSION ONLINE](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACULTY & STAFF



GRATITUDE GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

More than 200 staff and faculty came together to reflect on the past 18 months of the pandemic and show gratitude for the people and acts that made our jobs easier.

TEACHING ABOUT TRUTH IN A POST-TRUTH WORLD

Before the start of the Fall 2021 semester, 25 faculty members gathered for a roundtable discussion of Michiko Kakutani's *The Death of Truth: Notes on Falsehood in the Age of Trump* and how to teach truth and skepticism in an epistemic crisis.

BEYOND FREE SPEECH

Colloquium on Speech, Education, and Citizenship

Fourteen members of faculty and staff met six times during the academic year to discuss how academic freedom and free expression affect and are affected by our larger purpose at Holy Cross.

IGNATIAN PILGRIMAGE

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a dozen Holy Cross faculty and administrators were able to participate in this guided pilgrimage tracing the steps of St. Ignatius through Spain and Rome. [LEARN MORE](#)

Faculty Scholarship Lunch series

BEING MODERN IN PUBLIC
Architecture and Engagement with Changing Forms

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Amy Finstein, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts

TWO-DIMENSIONAL MIXING AT THE MOLECULAR LEVEL

OCTOBER 7, 2021

Lynna Gabriela Avila-Bront, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

SIMULATING NEUTRON STARS ON A COMPUTER

September 13, 2021

Ben Kain, Associate Professor of Physics

DOES ANYONE STILL NEED PHILOSOPHY AND WHY?

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

Predrag Cicovacki, Professor of Philosophy

THE ETHICS OF TAINTED LEGACIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

Karen Guth, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Virtual Classroom Visits

The McFarland Center funded 49 virtual class visits in 2021-2022. These visits give students first-hand access to scholars, authors, performers, and community leaders whose work they are studying. Initiated during a year of remote learning, the Virtual Classroom Visits program continues to make possible unparalleled opportunities for student engagement with scholars in the classroom.

[VIEW THE LIST OF VISITS](#)

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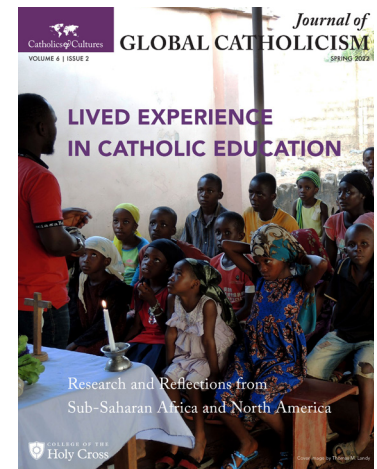
GRADUATE SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 22-23, 2022

Six international graduate scholars were selected to participate in the *Journal of Global Catholicism's* inaugural scholar symposium at the College of the Holy Cross. They presented papers and engaged with established scholars in the field of lived Catholicism, including Editor-in-Chief Mathew Schmalz, Managing Editor Marc Roscoe Loustau, Catholics & Cultures Founder Thomas Landy, and cultural anthropologist Catherine Wanner, Professor of History, Anthropology and Religious Studies at Pennsylvania State University. Their final papers will be submitted for publication in a future issue of the *Journal*. [Learn more.](#)



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NEW ON CATHOLICS & CULTURES

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN DESPLAINES, ILLINOIS

In the northwestern suburbs of Chicago, crowds sometimes exceeding 200,000 have been gathering for decades on freezing December nights to honor the Virgin of Guadalupe in a manner that echoes the [great feast in Mexico City](#). In fact, this unassuming Midwestern shrine is home to the second largest devotion to Guadalupe in the world.

[Learn more on Catholics & Cultures.](#)

