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ETHICS AND CULTURE

2025-2026 Year in Review

By the numbers:

31 In-Person Events

1,585 In-Person Event Attendees

3,255 McFarland Center YouTube Views

520,497 Catholics & Cultures Page Views

107,965 Catholics & Cultures YouTube Views

22,331 Catholics & Cultures YouTube
Subscribers

25,215 Journal of Global Catholicism
Downloads

5 Grand Challenges Faculty Fellows

1 Global Catholicism Fellow

1 International Visiting Jesuit Fellow

44 Virtual Classroom Visits

Cultivating Intellectual Community and Ethical Inquiry

In 2025–2026, the McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture continued to strengthen its role as a center for intellectual community, ethical reflection, interdisciplinary collaboration, and mission-centered engagement across the College of the Holy Cross. Through public programming, faculty initiatives, digital scholarship, classroom partnerships, and research support, the Center connected academic inquiry with the moral, cultural, and religious questions shaping contemporary life.

Guided by the priorities of the Center's Strategic Plan, the McFarland Center expanded opportunities for faculty in order to contribute to the College's broader Academic Powerhouse Strategic Plan. Many programs addressed issues connected to the College's Grand Challenges framework. New faculty initiatives, including the Shared Inquiry Fellows program, strengthened scholarly networks across campus and fostered interdisciplinary engagement around questions of contemporary concern.

Two longstanding pillars of the Center's work—Jewish-Christian Understanding and Global Catholicism—continued to shape many of its programs and initiatives. Through the Kraft-Hiatt Program for Jewish-Christian Understanding, public lectures, and dialogue initiatives, the Center fostered historically informed and ethically grounded engagement across religious traditions. The Center also strengthened its leadership in Global Catholicism through the Journal of Global Catholicism, Catholics & Cultures, faculty research support, and digital scholarship that expanded access to research on lived Catholicism around the world.

Throughout the year, the Center brought students and faculty into conversation with leading scholars, artists, religious leaders, writers, and public intellectuals through lectures, symposia, workshops, grants, fellowships, and virtual classroom visits. Across these efforts, the McFarland Center continued to connect scholarship with ethical reflection, classroom learning with public conversation, and intellectual life with the broader mission of Jesuit liberal arts education.

Global Catholicism

In 2025-2026, we continued to advance the McFarland Center's leadership in the field of Global Catholicism. In addition to publishing new scholarship through the Journal of Global Catholicism and related initiatives, we continued to support faculty research through the Global Catholicism grant program for current Holy Cross faculty. This work remains central to the priorities outlined in the McFarland Center's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan and reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering interdisciplinary scholarship, teaching, a public engagement around global Catholic life and practice.



New on Catholics & Cultures

Published May 4, 2026 | Brazil

"She is Your Mother, She is Everything": Devoted crowds at the Shrine of Our Lady Aparecida



Current work on Catholics & Cultures focuses on strengthening the site itself through content enhancements, improved pedagogical resources, and ongoing platform development. The project will soon publish research conducted this year in Timor-Leste, Chile, and Peru, extending its global coverage and providing fresh perspectives on contemporary Catholic life and practice.

<https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/>

Global Catholicism

Journal of Global Catholicism

Volume 10, Issue 1 (2025) Graduate Symposium

This year the JGC welcomed Dr. Brent Howitt Otto, S.J. as managing editor. Dr. Otto received his Ph.D. in South Asian History from the University of California Berkeley and is a specialist in the history of Anglo-Indian communities. Dr. Otto also edits The International Journal of Anglo-Indian Studies. The McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture also welcomed Dr. Sharon Smith as Assistant Director. Previously, Dr. Smith served as Founding Director of the Aga Khan Documentation Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is an internationally recognized scholar of Islamic Art and Architecture. I look forward to our collaborative work together.

Volume 10, issue 1 of the Journal of Global Catholicism was expertly designed by Chris Walton of Chris Walton Design. As always, the Journal of Global Catholicism is indebted to the support and leadership of publisher Dr. Thomas Landy, director of the McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture.

Mathew N. Schmalz, Executive Editor

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Global Catholicism Grant

Diffused Religiosity among Catholics in the Sinosphere: Investigating Polymer Clay Miniatures of Food in Singapore's Columbariums

Spring 2026

Grant Recipient: Audrey Seah, Religious Studies

In a Singapore state-run columbarium where people of different religions are put to rest, it is common to find dollhouse-sized polymer clay miniatures of local foods attached to the niche plaque or the base of a columbarium niche of Catholics with Chinese ancestry. Using Chinese ancestral rites as a starting point and drawing upon the concept of diffused religion, this project aims to investigate the prevalence of these polymer clay miniatures and associated spiritualities of death and the afterlife by observing practices at Catholic cemeteries and columbariums over the Lunar New Year season. In line with the goals of the McFarland Center Global Catholicism grant, potential findings may challenge the binary of liturgy and popular religiosity and diffused religion and institutional Catholicism, and facilitate the identification of expressions of indigenized Catholicism in the Sinosphere.

JEWISH-CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING

In 2025-2026, with generous support from the Kraft-Hiatt family, the McFarland Center continued to strengthen Jewish-Christian understanding as one of the Center's three core priorities. This year's programming supported campus learning about Jewish life, Christian-Jewish relations, antisemitism, interreligious dialogue, and the ethical responsibilities that shape communities in times of conflict and division. Through lectures, conversations, and collaborative events, the Kraft-Hiatt Program invited students, faculty, and staff to engage complex histories and contemporary challenges with intellectual seriousness, empathy, and care.

The Center also continued to support Readings from the Roots, a historically sensitive translation of the Revised Common Lectionary that seeks to reduce the potential for anti-Judaism by deepening Christian engagement with its roots in Judaism.

The following events were part of the Kraft-Hiatt Program this year:

Uncovering the Contours of Anti-Semitism in America

February 25, 2026

Steven Fransblow, Chief Data and Technology Officer at Blue Square Alliance Against Hate, describes how BSA employs data-driven methodologies to conduct comprehensive research on Americans' attitudes and behaviors related to Jewish hate, systematically monitoring more than 500 million social media posts daily and analyzing online discourse surrounding antisemitism, Judaism and Israel.

[Watch the lecture](#)



JEWISH-CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING

Talking Israel/Palestine after Gaza

February 2, 2026

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism Professors [Ari L. Goldman](#) and [Gregory Khalil](#) hold different, often opposed worldviews on issues related to Israel/Palestine and the broader Middle East. Yet they have taught together for years, appearing on CBS/CNN and taking their students on reporting trips to Israel/Palestine. Ari and Greg will share how building a robust pedagogy creates the space to dive into fraught issues, including the events of October 7th and the encampments at Columbia University.

[Watch the lecture](#)



READINGS FROM THE ROOTS

Readings from the Roots continued to provide accessible resources for studying sacred texts within their historical, cultural, and religious contexts. Through essays, videos, teaching materials, and contributions from scholars and religious leaders, the project supports deeper engagement with Jewish and Christian traditions while encouraging informed dialogue across communities of faith. As a freely available digital resource, **Readings from the Roots** extends the McFarland Center's commitment to public scholarship, education, and interreligious understanding beyond the classroom.



Scholarship and Intellectual Community

For many years, the McFarland Center has supported faculty scholarship and intellectual exchange through conferences, research funding, new book workshops, lectures, and other collaborative initiatives. Building on that foundation, the Center's 2024–2027 Strategic Plan calls for renewed investment in intellectual community by creating new opportunities for faculty to engage one another's work around significant religious, ethical, and societal questions.

2025-2026 McFarland Center Faculty Fellows

Beginning in September 2025, the Center welcomed two groups of Holy Cross faculty as McFarland Center Faculty Fellows for the academic year. This new initiative strengthens the Center's role as a community of scholars by bringing faculty together in sustained interdisciplinary cohorts. Each group explored one of two themes connected to the College's Grand Challenges and the mission of the McFarland Center: Enhancing Democracy and Pluralism and Climate.

Enhancing Democracy and Pluralism

Carmen Alvaro Jarrin, Associate Professor of Sociology & Anthropology

Denise Schaeffer, Professor of Political Science and Montserrat Cluster Director

Katherine Lu Hsu, Assistant Professor of Classics

Climate

Audrey Seah, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Gareth Roberts, Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science

The Faculty Fellows program represents an important new direction in the Center's work. Through regular conversation, shared inquiry, and collaborative engagement, fellows supported one another's research and teaching while contributing to broader campus conversations around questions of pressing contemporary concern. Together with the Center's ongoing support for conferences, grants, workshops, and public programs, the initiative advances the strategic goal of strengthening scholarship and intellectual community across the College.

International Visiting Jesuit Fellows

Since 2000, 37 Jesuits have enjoyed a semester or a year engaging in scholarly research and teaching a course at Holy Cross.

2025-2026 International Visiting Jesuit Fellow Fr. Emmanuel Bueya Bu-Makaya, S.J.



An Associate Professor at Université Loyola du Congo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fr. Emmanuel Bueya Bu-Makaya, S.J. taught a course on African politics in the Political Science Department. His research is “The Role of the Pontifical Diplomacy in Promoting Security in the Eastern Part of the Congo.”

Ignatian Pilgrimage

Seventeen Holy Cross faculty and administrators joined colleagues from across the country this summer on a pilgrimage tracing the life and legacy of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, through some of the most important sites connected to his journey.



Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion & Modernity

Dignity from Below

March 23, 2026



Dignity is a term found in varied domains: law, activism, philosophy, and Catholic social thought, among others. What does it mean to take accounts of dignity emerging from grassroots social movements seriously, and how can they inflect discussions of ethics and public policy? Drawing on examples from prison reform and Black justice movements, **Vincent Lloyd** expanded our understanding of the concept of dignity.

[Watch the lecture](#)

The Rise and Fall of Confession in America

February 17, 2026



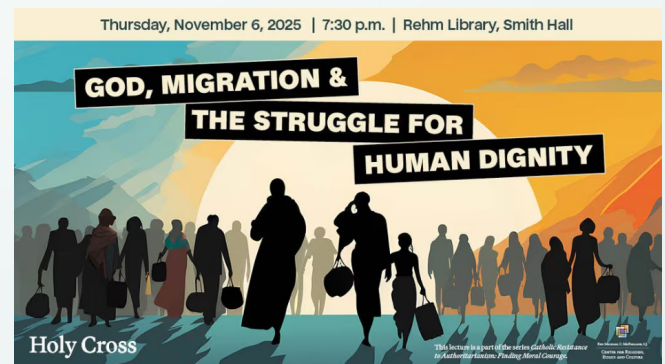
For generations, American Catholics went to confession regularly and in large numbers, admitting their sins to a priest and receiving God's forgiveness through him. The sacrament served as a distinctive marker of Catholic identity, shaping parishioners' views of their relationship to God, their neighbors, and the larger world. It gave them a clear moral framework for thinking about their own personal behavior. But beginning in the 1970s, most Catholics abandoned confession altogether. In this lecture, **James O'Toole** described and analyzed the reasons for the flourishing of the practice and the factors that contributed to its decline.

[Watch the lecture](#)

God, Migration & the Struggle for Human Dignity

Most Rev. Mark J. Seitz, Bishop of El Paso and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Migration, addressed the role of Catholic faith in the movement for immigrant justice in the United States, highlighting how this work continues the Church's mission to stand with the marginalized, challenge oppression, and defend the inherent dignity of every person.

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Rehm Family Fund Lectures

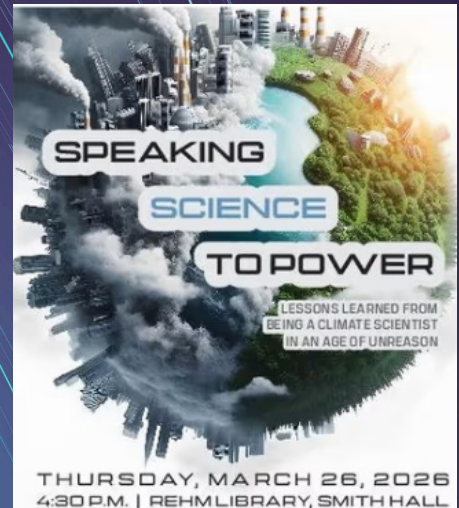
Speaking Science to Power: Lessons Learned From Being a Climate Scientist in an Age of Unreason

March 26, 2026

Benjamin Santer reflected on three decades of speaking science to power, from his role as a lead author on the 1995 IPCC report that first concluded there was a “discernible human influence” on global climate—an assertion that sparked intense political and ideological backlash. Tracing the journey from that contested moment to the U.S. National Academies’ 2025 determination that human-caused climate change is “unequivocal,” he examined the challenges of communicating evidence in an age of disinformation and the moral responsibilities of climate scientists today.

This event was cosponsored by Environmental Studies (ENVS).

[Watch the lecture](#)



Native Spirituality in Film: The New Native Cinematic Renaissance

March 18, 2026

Over the last twenty years there has been a surge of films and streaming series overseen by Indigenous directors and script writers, with Native actors cast in starring roles. Known as the “New Native Cinematic Renaissance,” this movement has allowed creatives to center themes of importance to Native American and First Nations communities—some of the most crucial of which relate to core spiritual elements of kinship, healing, and balance. In this lecture, **Brady DeSanti** (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe) explored spiritual representations in the First Nations film *Don't Say Its Name* as well as scenes from the streaming series *Echo* and *Reservation Dogs*. Through these works, he addressed issues of historic and ongoing importance in twenty-first-century Indian Country.

Prior to the lecture, the film *Don't Say Its Name* was screened on campus on March 12 in Stein 133.

This event was cosponsored with the Pakachoag Project.

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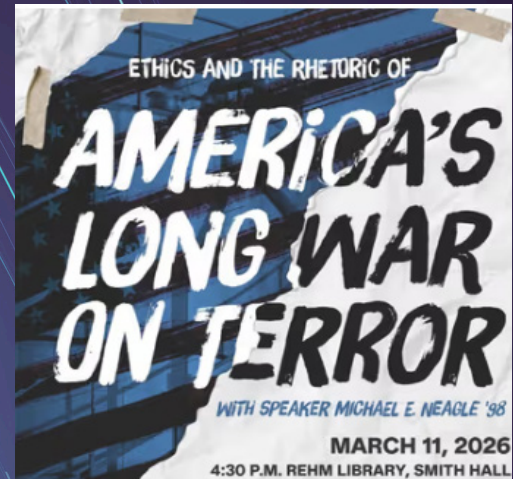


Rehm Family Fund Lectures

Ethics and the Rhetoric of America's Long War on Terror

March 11, 2026

In calling for a global war on terror following the attacks of September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush said the conflict "will be a different type of war than we're used to ... this is a different type of enemy than we're used to." But during the age of overseas American empire, the United States has engaged in such wars and pursued such enemies many times. In the past, U.S. politicians and the press often couched the danger in the language of the "bandit" or "savage." In the present, the term most often used is "terrorist." These terms all suggest criminality, incivility, and illegitimacy of cause and means. Moreover, these pejorative descriptions have served to dehumanize opponents and enable the bending or breaking of established rules of warfare to combat them. Drawing from examples in his new book, *Chasing Bandits: America's Long War on Terror* (University of North Carolina Press), **Michael Neagle** argued that this moral framework has been useful in justifying militarized violence against challengers abroad in places of strategic interest.



This event was cosponsored by Peace and Conflict Studies.

[Watch the lecture](#)

Faith, Morality & the Manosphere - Four Millennial Catholic Intellectuals Respond : Organized by Brent Otto, S.J.

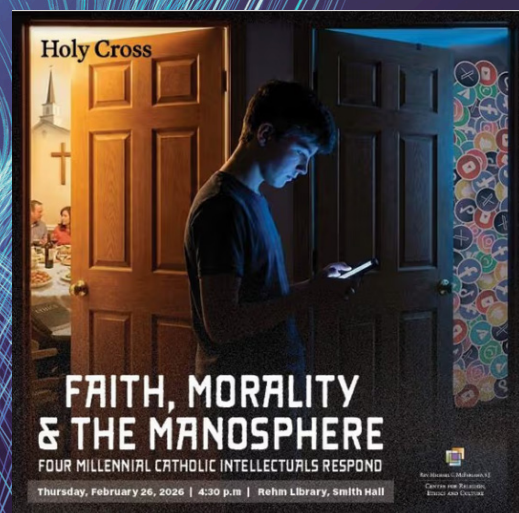
February 26, 2026

Gen Z -- young men in particular -- are being shaped less in stable communities of family, Church and community and more by the unbridled digital cultures of the "manosphere." Is this a crisis and how should the Church respond? Four millennial Catholic intellectuals--**Susan Reynolds**, **Paddy Gilget, S.J.**, **Margaret Felice** and **Peter Nguyen, S.J.**-- considered this radical recent shift in the moral formation of young people.

[Watch the discussion](#)

National Impact:

The conversation continued after the event through a nationally published series in *America magazine*, demonstrating the McFarland Center's ability to convene discussions that shape contemporary Catholic intellectual life beyond Holy Cross.



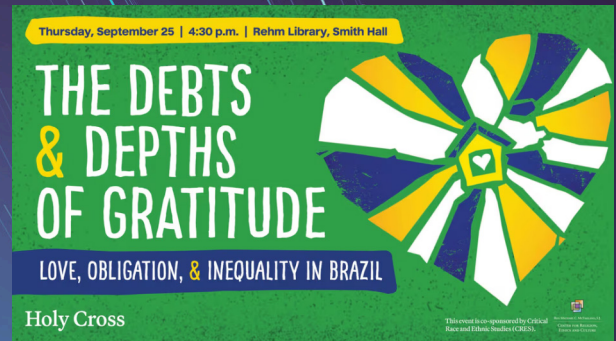
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The Debts and Depths of Gratitude: Love, Obligation, and Inequality in Brazil

September 25, 2025

Drawing on ten years of interviews and ethnographic research in Brazil, **Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman**, Associate Professor of Sociology at Rice University, examined the lives of marginalized informal domestic workers who are called “adopted daughters”: Black girls who are expected to “repay” exploitative families through their lifelong loyalty and labor. By exposing how moral frameworks are mobilized to sustain these hierarchies, Dr. Hordge-Freeman highlighted how these oppressive conditions are reframed as virtuous.

This event was cosponsored by Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES).
[Watch the lecture](#)



Which Risks? What Threat? Nuclear Weapons 80 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki

September 23, 2025

With tensions heightening across the world, nuclear weapons are no longer a relic of the Cold War. This panel brought together distinguished experts to discuss nuclear-affected communities in New Mexico, the disproportionate effects that nuclear disasters can have—and in some cases already have had—on women, and the paths forward in a nuclear world. The panel was moderated by **Jacques Linder** (Religious Studies) and featured **Myriah Gómez** (University of New Mexico), **Amanda Nichols** (UC Santa Barbara), and **Ray Acheson** (Director of Reaching Critical Will).

[Watch the lecture](#)

Other McFarland Center Lectures & Events

The McFarland Center's lectures and events – supported through both our operating budget and endowed lecture funds – bring leading thinkers in religion, ethics, culture, and public life to campus to engage directly with Holy Cross students and faculty.

I Symposium of Latin American and Caribbean Cinemas / Simposio de cine Latinoamericano y Caribeño

April 17, 2026

This one-day symposium brought into focus the ethical challenges and political stakes of representing marginalized experiences in Latin American and Caribbean cinema. Through three thematic panel sections—on marginalized musical traditions, the depiction of contested or non-normative motherhoods, and the visual treatment of illness, disability, and environmental harm—the event examined how film addresses ethical witnessing and social critique. The program also featured a keynote speaker and a screening of a notable contemporary film followed by a conversation with its director.

Organized by:

Reynaldo Lastre, Justo Planas, and Juan G. Ramos

Cosponsored by the Department of Spanish and the following Le Moyne departments and units: World Languages, Literatures and Cultures; the Dean of Arts and Sciences Office; the Noreen Reale Falcone Library; and ArtMattan Productions.

[Watch the lectures \(1 of 5 parts\)](#)

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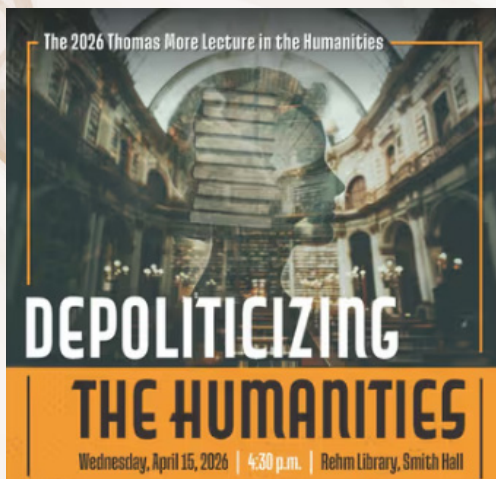
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Thomas More Lecture in the Humanities *Depoliticizing the Humanities*

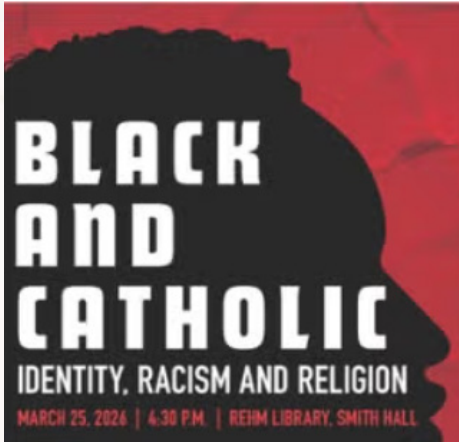
April 15, 2026



Wendy Brown reflected on what animates the most recent iteration of attacks on liberal arts higher education and considered how we might respond most effectively. Polemically, she argued that the classroom is not a place to teach or promulgate values, but rather a place to teach how values are made—how worlds are built in their image, and how we carry them, often unwittingly, in our ways of seeing and interpreting, in our language, and in our conduct. Substantively, the talk explored how to sustain the distinction between promulgating and analyzing values in order to teach students to take values more seriously, think about them more carefully, and cultivate them more deeply.

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Other McFarland Center Lectures & Events



Black and Catholic: Identity, Racism and Religion March 25, 2026

Tia Noelle Pratt, Assistant Vice President for Mission Engagement and Strategic Initiatives at Villanova University, offered insights and reflections from her first book, *Black and Catholic: Identity, Racism, and Religion*, published in Fall 2025. Ten years in the making, the book offers a sociological analysis of systemic racism in the U.S. Catholic Church and its impact on African American Catholic identity.

The Second Estate: How the Tax Code Made an American Aristocracy

February 19, 2026

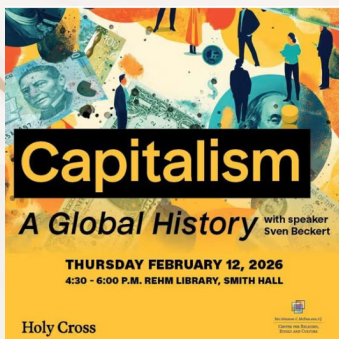
Ray Madoff explored the transformation that has occurred over the past forty years from a tax system designed to impose its greatest burdens on those with the greatest capacity to pay to one that now allows the richest Americans to remove themselves from those burdens, leaving the rest of society to pick up the slack. She also examined what can be done to bring them back into the system.

[Watch the lecture](#)



Capitalism: A Global History

February 12, 2026



Sven Beckert, a scholar of nineteenth-century U.S. and global history, spoke on the history of capitalism and its economic, social, political, and transnational dimensions. He is the award-winning author of *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*, which won the Bancroft Award, the Philip Taft Award, and the Cundill Recognition for Excellence, and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

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El Salvador's Martyrs, the Jesuits and the Living Legacy of a Faith Doing Justice

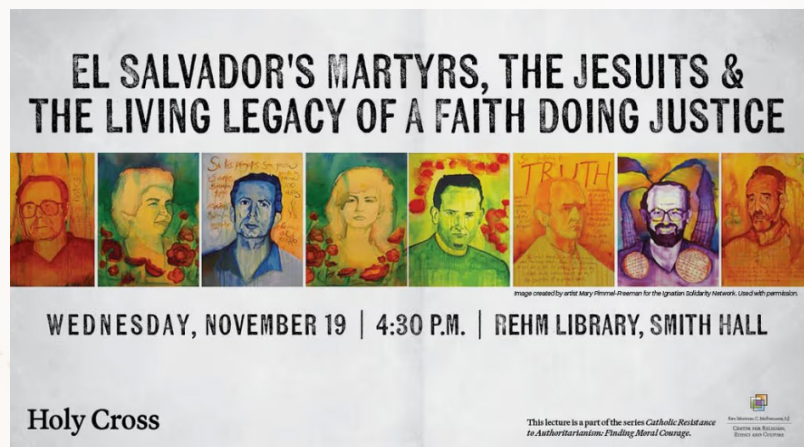
November 19, 2025

In 1989, the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador stood as a powerful example of Catholic resistance to authoritarianism. Rooted in the Gospel, the Jesuit mission, and faith in a God who sides with the oppressed, they denounced state violence and stood with the poor—paying with their lives.

Christopher G. Kerr, Executive Director of the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) and a strong advocate of Catholic Social Teaching, carries forward that legacy. In this lecture, he explored how faith communities can cultivate the moral courage to resist injustice in our own time.

This lecture was part of the series Catholic Resistance to Authoritarianism: Finding Moral Courage.

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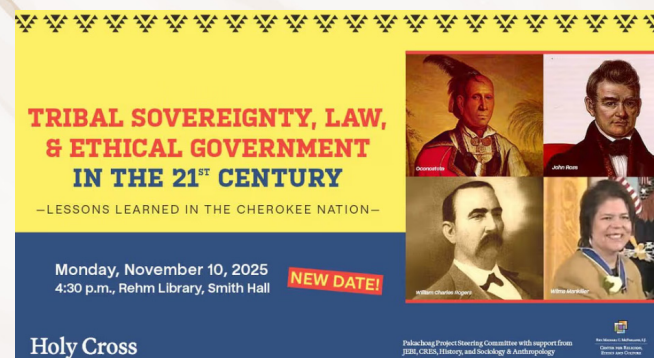
Tribal Sovereignty, Law, and Ethical Government in the 21st Century: Lessons Learned in the Cherokee Nation

November 10, 2025

What can we learn from Indian nations, unique governments with their own constitutional frameworks, laws, and sovereignty, about the art and complexity of nation-building—lessons that may benefit all levels of government today? Could the treatment of Indian tribes serve as the modern-day miner's canary, signaling the health and integrity of American democratic governance, or lack thereof?

Chadwick "Corntassel" Smith, a Native expert on tribal sovereignty, constitutional scholar, and former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, explored these questions and examined what Indian nations can teach about governance, sovereignty, and democratic institutions.

This lecture was cosponsored by JEPI and the Pakachoag Project Steering Committee.



Other McFarland Center Lectures & Events

Mainstreaming Debt Resistance

October 27, 2025

Shame prevents many Americans who need debt relief from seeking it. In this talk, **Chrystin Ondersma**, Professor of Law and Judge Morris Stern Scholar at Rutgers Law School, argued that Americans who struggle with debt should feel empowered and entitled to seek debt relief through bankruptcy.

[Watch the lecture](#)



Banned Speech: Talking about Race and God in Tough Times

October 6, 2025

Talking about race on university campuses used to be easy—perhaps too easy. No longer. Today, talk about race is vexed, carrying the double curses of theoretical unsophistication on the one hand and political danger on the other. In this lecture, **Jonathan Tran** explored whether Christian theology—that is, speech about God—can provide a way forward: ways of talking about race that grant leverage against racism while gathering a politics that centers university life around truth, goodness, and beauty.

Jonathan Tran is Professor of Theology at the Divinity School at Duke University. He is the author of *Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism* (Oxford University Press, 2022).

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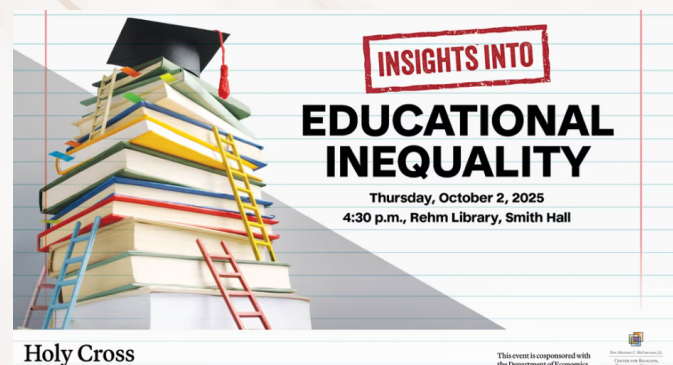
Insights into Educational Inequality

October 2, 2025

Susan Dynarski, an economist and **Patricia Albjerg Graham**, Professor of Education at Harvard University, explained how the use of large-scale datasets and quantitative methods of causal inference in her research can teach us about the effects of education policy on inequality.

This event was cosponsored by the Department of Economics.

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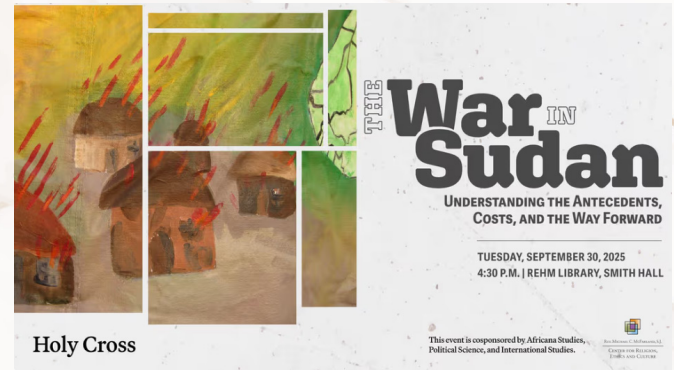
The War in Sudan: Understanding the Antecedents, Costs, and the Way Forward

September 30, 2025

Driven by the outbreak of war in April 2023, Sudan is currently facing the world's fastest-growing displacement crisis and one of the worst humanitarian crises of the twenty-first century. This roundtable brought together three leading experts—[Nisrin Elamin](#) (University of Toronto), [Mai Hassan](#) (MIT), and [Sharath Srinivasan](#) (University of Cambridge)—to examine the origins of the war and consider possible paths forward.

This event was cosponsored by Africana Studies, Political Science, and International Studies.

[Watch the lecture](#)



State Power vs People's Sovereignty: The Catholic Resistance to Authoritarianism in the DRC

September 24, 2025

In some African countries, power is seized by a single leader who is not accountable to the public. The people resist this by adhering to a more legitimate authority than the state: their conscience. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this Catholic resistance has manifested itself as an evangelical alternative, Bantu philosophy, and confrontations by Catholic laypersons against the Leviathan-state. Why should a handful of individuals be granted a monopoly on violence? Is not the state they represent merely one form of human organization among many others?

[Emmanuel Bueya Bu-Makaya, S.J.](#), a Jesuit priest and Professor of Philosophy, explored these questions while examining the role of conscience, Catholic resistance, and alternative forms of political authority in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was the International Visiting Jesuit Fellow in the McFarland Center.

This lecture was part of the series Catholic Resistance to Authoritarianism: Finding Moral Courage.

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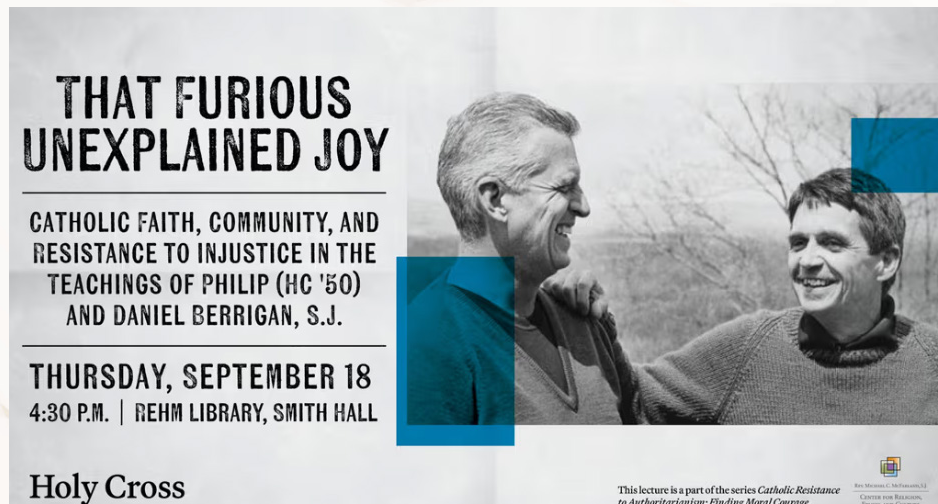
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That Furious Unexplained Joy: Catholic Faith, Community, and Resistance to Injustice in the Teachings of Philip and Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

September 18, 2025

For decades, the unyielding faith and resilience of the Berrigan brothers—Philip (HC '50) and Daniel, S.J.—famous faith-based activists and controversial social justice advocates, helped animate a Catholic movement for peace, liberation, and justice. Even today, their legacy challenges us: How can we speak of joy in a time ablaze with fossil-fueled wildfires, caged immigrant sisters and brothers, and forcibly starved children? [Anna Brown](#), Chair of the Political Science Department and Director of Social Justice at Saint Peter's University, examined their work and reflected on its meaning for our own time.

[Watch the lecture](#)



Virtual Classroom Visits

The McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture funded 44 virtual classroom visits in 2025-2026, each connected to topics central to the Center's mission. These conversations gave students direct access to scholars, authors, artists, performers, and community leaders whose work they encountered in the classroom, creating opportunities for deeper engagement with questions of religion, ethics, culture, and public life.

A Unique Student-facing Opportunity

Lunch with Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

On May 5, twenty-five Holy Cross students met with international leaders and Nobel Peace Prize-affiliated advocates from [Nihon Hidankyo](#) and the [International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War](#).

The McFarland Center sponsored the event in collaboration with Jacques Linder of the Department of Religious Studies and the Center for Nonviolent Solutions, a local organization engaged in peace education and advocacy.

