Spring 2014 Justice-Related Presentations

Pope Francis' Year of Firsts: Reflections on the Anniversary of the Papacy of Jorge Mario Bergolio, S.J.

February 26th 2014, 7pm, Mandeville Hall, Wolfington Teletorium

A Panel Presentation of Reflections on the new Jesuit Pope from a variety of perspectives:
- **Kathleen Duffy, S.S.J., Ph.D.** - Professor of Physics, Chestnut Hill College
- **Margaret McGuiness, Ph.D.** - Professor of religion and Executive Director of Mission Integration at La Salle University
- **David Meconi, S.J., D.Phil.** - Assistant Professor of Early Christianity, St Louis University
- **Rocco Palmo** – Author, Whispers in the Loggia

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Look! Contemporary Art and Social Justice in Philadelphia
February 17-March 28, 2014
L Gallery Show in Merion Hall
February 20, 5-7pm, Opening night
March 20, 5pm, Foley Center, Panel Discussion

This Spring, a University Gallery in Merion Hall, curated by Emily Hage focuses on issues of social justice in Philadelphia, including gun violence, community development, and incarceration. The title of the show is "Look! Contemporary Art and Social Justice in Philadelphia" and the dates are February 17 - March 28, 2014.

There also will be a panel discussion on March 20 at 5 pm at the Foley Center on campus.
Panelists include artists in the show and community leaders whose work relates to the works on view: Scott Charles (Temple U.), Anthony Williams (Juvenile Justice Centers), and artists Glen Sacks, and Sarah McEneaney. The artists in the show are Glen Sacks, Sarah McEneaney, as well as Susan Hagen and Dan Heyman.

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Sr. Francis Joseph Outreach Lecture
Mr. Tony Braithwaite
March 18, 7pm, Forum Theater

Tony Braithwaite is a Barrymore Award winning actor and teacher at Saint Joseph’s Prep. Tony will speak on social justice topics linked to Dr. Ken Weidner’s Faith-Justice Series Course, *Serious Comedy and Social Justice*.

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When Racism and Theology Mix
Kevin Spicer, C.S.C. PhD.
March 20, 7-8:30pm Haub Executive Suite, McShain Hall, 5th floor

Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.,Ph.D., a priest in the Congregation of the Holy Cross, is the James J. Kenneally Distinguished Professor of History, Stonehill College, Easton, MA, and the author of Hitler’s Priests: Catholic Clergy and National Socialism and Resisting the Third Reich: The Catholic Clergy in Hitler’s Berlin

In the late 19th and into the 20th century, the widespread attitude of Catholics and other Christians was that Jews were divinely destined to suffer and be on the margins of society. As this presentation will show, this sentiment contributed to the growing power of racial anti-Semitism, making the lives of Jews in Europe more precarious. It was in this climate that Pope Pius X stated that "we cannot concede Judaism any further validity."

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Religion and Medicine-Mennonite
Gerry Baer, M.D.
March 27th, 11am, 226 BL

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Experiencing Exodus Together
Sunday, March 30, 4-6 pm

The Passover Meal, the Seder, marks one of the major feasts on the Jewish calendar. Passover is also important for Christians since the story of Israel's Exodus from Egypt is a principal element of many Christian observances, especially during Holy Week. The Seder meal is a wonderful way for Christians to have a direct experience of Jewish spiritual life, and for both communities to rededicate themselves to a world in which slavery and injustice are no more.

The Passover Seder at SJU is a full catered kosher meal. Participants will join in the prayers, songs, and celebration in as close to a traditionally Jewish form as possible. A limited number of seats are available for 50 Christians and 50 Jews - first come, first served - so register as soon as possible!

Registration forms will be available soon!

The Arab Uprising: Accomplishments and Disappointments (tentative title)
Dr. Marc Lynch, George Washington University
April 8, 11am, BL 265

Dr. Marc Lynch from George Washington University is a specialist in Middle East politics, Arab media and public opinion and public diplomacy. Dr. Lynch will present the Arab Spring including the transformations of the region’s politics, emerging changes and implications.

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Can We Begin To Talk To Each Other?
Thursday, April 3, 7-8:30 pm, Haub Executive Suite, McShain Hall, 5th floor

Pope John XXIII’s convening of a great church council in the 1960s was an opportunity to start a new relationship between Jews and Catholics. But there were powerful forces at work on all sides that made any conversation difficult.

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How can “The Dialogue” continue When We Strongly Disagree?
Thursday, April 10, 7-8:30 pm, Haub Executive Suite, McShain Hall, 5th floor

Although rapprochement with Jews was a personal priority for Pope John Paul II in the 1980s-1990s, a series of controversies threatened to cancel early steps toward a new interreligious relationship.

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Can We Learn From Our Differences?
Thursday, April 24, 7 – 8:30 PM, Presidents’ Lounge, Campion Hall

Despite periodic missteps, Catholic-Jewish interactions became widespread. Pope Benedict XVI broke new ground on key theological questions about the “new relationship,” even while his eventual successor, Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Francis), was experiencing that new relationship with the Jewish community in his native Argentina.

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2014 Earth Week Seminar

Dr. Adam Rome, Unidel Helen Gouldner Chair for the Environment, Associate Professor of History and English, University of Delaware
Thursday, April 24th, 4:00pm, Doyle Banquet Hall South, Campion Student Center

Adam Rome is an environmental historian of the United States. His first book, *The Bulldozer in the Countryside: Suburban Sprawl and the Rise of American Environmentalism* won the Organization of American Historians’ Frederick Jackson Turner award. His second book, *The Genius of Earth Day: How a 1970 Teach-In Unexpectedly Made the First Green Generation*, came out in 2013. He also has written about environmental reform in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era – the period when Americans first tried to stop pollution, conserve natural resources, and preserve wild places and wild creatures. From 2002 through 2005, he edited *Environmental History*, the leading journal in the field. He also is a member of the English department, where he teaches courses on environmental non-fiction, and he is co-director of the College of Arts and Sciences environmental-humanities initiative. He earned his B.A. from Yale and his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

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The Legacies of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II
A panel discussion of Pope Francis’ homily at the April 27th canonizations
Philip A. Cunningham, Director, Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations
Adam L. Gregerman, Assistant Director, Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations
Shawn Krahmer, Chair, Department of Theology and Religious Studies
Rocco Palmo, Journalist, *Whispers in the Loggia*
May 1, 7-8:30 pm, Presidents’ Lounge, Campion Hall

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