



## From the Desk of Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2016 with a cold blast of winter in Chicago, the Hank Center is heating up with a series of programs this February that illustrate the many ways that the Catholic intellectual heritage helps to both ground and shape our conversations around today's pressing issues. We begin on February 3 with a publication colloquium, the fruit of a Hank Center-sponsored three-year international research project, which brought scholars from Jesuit institutions from four continents together on the shared question of how democracy, culture, and Catholicism relate in the modern world.

On February 4, we dive more deeply into the religious and the political. With violence and terrorist acts allegedly perpetrated in Islam's name dominating the news cycle, we discuss how faithful Muslims feel about ISIS and the ways the community of committed Christians can help understand Islam. Jointly sponsored by Campus Ministry, Loyola's Muslim Chaplain, Omer Mozaffar, will offer an Islamic response to ISIS and lead a panel discussion with students, staff and faculty from Loyola University Chicago.

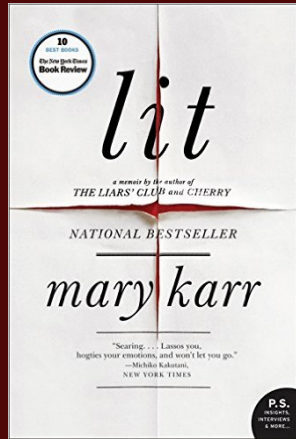
On February 11, we continue with the religious and the political but we add the literary to the equation. Join us when we welcome Dr. Randy Boyagoda to a colloquium that explores the current state of the Catholic literary tradition in the 21st century. His wonderfully titled presentation, "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Flannery O'Connor: The Politics of Catholic Literature Today," promises to be an enjoyable and engaging event.

And finally, on February 16, our *Faith in Focus Film Series* debuts a documentary film on the Trappist monk Thomas Merton, a pillar of the Catholic intellectual renaissance of 20th century America. A discussion with its producer/director, Morgan Atkinson, will follow the screening of the film.

We hope you can join us for some of these events and for the many others later this spring.

All good things,  
Fr. Mark

## SIGN UP FOR FACULTY READING GROUP



CCIH Spring 2016 Faculty Reading Group is dedicated to critically acclaimed American writer

### MARY KARR

The CCIH Faculty Reading Group will read *Lit* this spring semester.

*Lit* is about getting drunk and getting sober; becoming a mother by letting go of a mother; learning to write by learning to live. Written with Karr's relentless honesty, unflinching self-scrutiny, and irreverent, lacerating humor, it is a truly electrifying story of how to grow up-as only Mary Karr can tell it. The Boston Globe calls *Lit* a book that "reminds us not only how compelling personal stories can be, but how, in the hands of a master, they can transmute into the highest art.

[Learn more about the author and the book](#)

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## CARDINAL NEWMAN LECTURE

From Blackbelt Sinner to  
Sweet Baby Jesus  
by  
American Writer  
MARY KARR

## Publication Colloquium

Democracy, Culture, Catholicism & the  
Transnational Impact of Jesuit Higher Ed

Wednesday, February 3  
3:30PM - 5:30PM

Information Commons, 4th Fl  
Loyola University Chicago  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

On February 3rd, the Hank Center will host a publication colloquium to celebrate and discuss the recently published volume *Democracy, Culture, Catholicism: Voices from Four Continents* (Fordham UP, 2016).

In 2010, the Hank Center undertook the *Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism International Research Project* (DCCIRP).

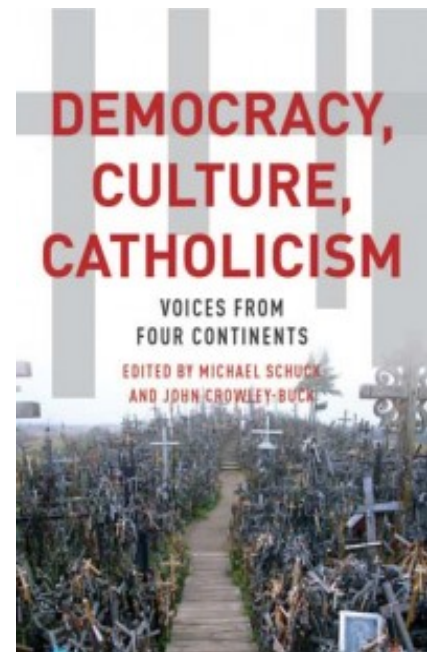
This initiative was a three-year, interdisciplinary research project that brought together scholars - and universities - from around the world to talk about the intersection of democratization, culture, and Roman Catholic thought and practice. At the conclusion of this endeavor, a selection of the scholarly contributions to the project were collected and published by Fordham University Press this past fall. This colloquium will be the first public engagement with the volume, its editors, and some of its authors since its publication.

One of the principle goals of both the project and the publication has been the facilitation of a lasting connection between scholars and universities within the transnational community of Jesuit institutes of higher education.

Colloquium participants include volume contributors Dr. Danute Gailiene (Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania) and Dr. Baskara Wardaya, SJ (Universitas Sanata Dharma, Yogyakarta, Inodnesia); volume co-editor Dr. Michael Schuck (Loyola University Chicago); and Prof. Joy Gordon (Ignacio Ellacuria, SJ Professor of Social Ethics, Loyola University Chicago). The colloquium will be moderated by volume co-editor John Crowley-Buck.

[Book for purchase is available from Fordham University Press.](#)

Event is free and open to general public.





**March 2, 2016  
3:30PM - 5:00PM**

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Floor  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd  
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general public

### PANEL DISCUSSION

Exploring Pope Francis'  
Theological Foundations: A  
Conversation with Carlos  
María Galli on 'Teología del  
Pueblo.'



**April 8, 2016**

Loyola University Chicago  
will host

### Fr. CARLOS MARIA GALLI

for a panel discussion  
on the Pope's ecclesiological  
vision. Fr. Galli, a personal  
friend of Pope Francis and a  
priest of the Archdiocese of  
Buenos Aires, is Professor of  
Theology at the  
Pontifical Catholic University  
of Argentina

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## An Islamic Response to ISIS

The Hank Center and Campus Ministry Colloquium

**Thursday, February 4**

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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The Hank Center, in conjunction with Loyola's Campus Ministry, invites you to join us for a colloquium on February 4 that will reflect on a difficult contemporary issue for people of all religious faiths. The colloquium, *An Islamic Response to ISIS*, will focus on the perceived relationship between Islam and ISIS through the eyes and voices of local members of the Muslim community.

Loyola's Muslim Chaplin, Omer Mozaffar, will offer his own response to ISIS and will be joined in the discussion by Dr. Lisa Reiter (Director, Campus Ministry, LUC) and student representatives from the Loyola community.

The timeliness and importance of this panel is clear as questions about Islam and ISIS continue to dominate the news cycle. While many are willing to make the connection between the two, can we ask the question of what really motivates ISIS - Islam or something else? How do devout, practicing Muslims navigate the perceived association between Islam and ISIS, and how do they respond to it? Finally, what can people of all religious faiths, but especially people of the Christian faith, do to respond to ISIS and stand with the Muslim community?

**Event is free and open to the public**

## The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton

Faith in Focus Film Series

**Tuesday, February 16**

7:00PM - 9:00PM

**Damen Student Center Cinema**

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1032 W. Sheridan Rd.  
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**Post-Screening discussion with  
movie producer Morgan Atkinson**

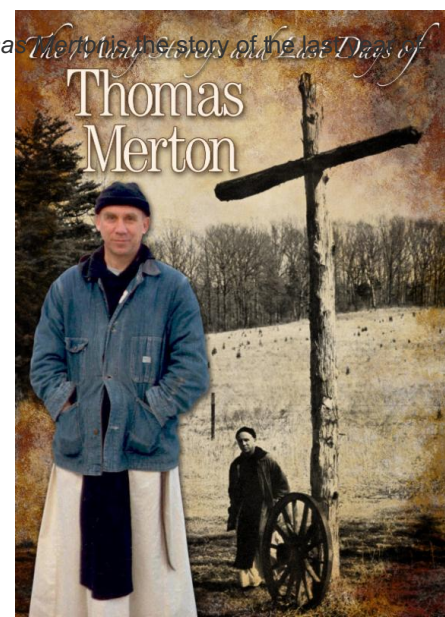


*The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton* is the story of the life of Trappist monk, social justice activist, and prolific bestselling author Thomas Merton (1915-1968).

It's a story of adventure and search that takes the viewer from his home at the Abbey of Gethsemani, across America in the turbulent year of 1968 and finally to Asia for meetings with the Dalai Lama and other spiritual seekers. The purpose of the journey? As always with Merton he seeks a fuller union with God. He believed serving as a bridge between west and east was one way in which his call could be lived out.

*The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton* celebrates the triumph of all that was gained by his journey, reflects on the tragedy of what was lost with his death and considers why Merton's life and work challenges us today.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## Tracking the Catholic Literary Tradition in the 21st Century

Colloquium with Canadian writer, critic  
Dr. Randy Boyagoda

**Thursday, February 11**  
3:30PM - 5:30PM

**Palm Court, Mudelein Center**  
Loyola University Chicago  
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Poet and convert to the Catholic faith, Denise Levertov, once wrote that, at the core of her poetry lay a "celebration of mystery" where artistic imagination "synergizes intellect, emotion, and instinct" and is "the perceptive organ through which it is possible, though not inevitable, to experience God."

In this spirit, CCIH welcomes a man of letters, Dr. Randy Boyagoda, to Palm Court on Thursday, February 11th for a public lecture. The goal of this event is to explore the current state of the Catholic literary tradition and to situate the tradition as it is unfolding against other aesthetic and critical approaches to arts and fiction. Professor Boyagoda, who is a novelist, essayist, critic, and biographer, has titled his paper "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Flannery O'Connor: The Politics of Catholic Literature Today." After he presents his remarks, four scholars will then briefly respond-LUC doctoral students Lydia Craig and Lyle Enright; and Professors Farrell O'Gorman (Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina) and Jasper Cragwall (LUC). The floor will then be open to all for what promises to be a rousing and substantive conversation.

**Event is free and open to the public.**

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## **About the Center**

The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage exists to help faculty and students recognize and research Roman Catholic thought and its link to all academic disciplines in the university. It also seeks to convey that thought to other audiences inside and outside Loyola University Chicago.