HANK CENTER

SPRING EVENTS

2025

JANUARY



JOURNEYS OF DIGNITY SERIES

A Lecture series on Migration through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching and Jesuit Education

JAN 15

Lecture 1: "Education and Migration: A Double Helix of Loyola's Spiritual DNA"

Zoom Only | Registration Required



JAN 29

BY INVITATION ONLY

Luncheon: Newman's Cause as Doctor of the Church

The Hank Center welcomes Ken Parker, one of the promoters for Newman's cause for Doctor of the Church.



LAUDATO SI' AT 10 SERIES

Envisioning a Livable Future

An online, 7-part serial symposium in collaboration with John Carroll University, marking the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*.

JAN 29

The Current State of Climate Science
Panel featuring Katharine Hayhoe, Ben Sovacool, and Nancy Tuchman.

Zoom Only | Registration Required

FEBRUARY



FFR 13

BY INVITATION ONLY

Luncheon: On the Christian Literary Imagination

Graham Ward visits the Hank Center from Oxford to discuss philosophy, theology, and literature.



JOURNEYS OF DIGNITY SERIES

Lecture 2: "St John Paul II and Pope Francis on Migration"

Zoom Only | Registration Required



LAUDATO SI' AT 10 SERIES

Envisioning a Livable Future
The Contribution of Catholic
Social Thought

Emily Burke, Vincent Miller, "Ram" Ramanathan, and Susan Solomon Zoom Only | Registration Required

FEB 19

FREE & ALL ARE WELCOME

'Make me what thou wilt':
On Conversion and Surrender

Annual St. John Henry Newman Lecture Featuring Abigail Favale

7–8:30 PM Information Commons, 4th Floor, LSC



This year's St. John Henry Newman lecturer is Dr. Abigail Favale of the McGrath Center at the University of Notre Dame. Favale's is a thoroughly 21st-century conversion, a compelling account of recovering "the startling beauty" of an ancient faith after a decade of doubt.

As Dr. Favale, a scholar of theology and literature, writes, "There are events in life that leave you changed forever, right down to the very roots and heart of your being, because they go 'into the deep."

MARCH -



LAUDATO SI' AT 10 SERIES

Envisioning a Livable Future The Political Economy of Climate Change Brian Boland, Katie Boland,

Brian Boland, Katie Boland, Adrienne Buller, Nathan Schneider, Felipe Witchger

Zoom Only | Registration Required



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MARCH 12-14

BY INVITATION ONLY

The Fourth Annual Way **Forward Conference** Fordham University, NYC

This year's meeting, Fratelli tutti: Cultivating the Politics of Communion and Compassion brings together a select group of Cardinals, other Bishops, scholars, public-facing Catholics, and journalists to focus on Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, its specific themes of social friendship and a "better kind of politics," and the reception of these themes in the Catholic Church in the U.S.



LAUDATO SI' AT 10 SERIES

Climate Change Conference: Shifting Waters: Water Security and the Emerging Water Crisis

This year's conference will explore strategies for developing just solutions to the emerging water crisis. Speakers will discuss how people are working to protect water resources on global, regional, and local levels and invite participants to become part of the solution in their communities.

Panel & Reception: Laudato si'@ 10: Pope Francis and Caring for Our **Common Home Today**



FREE & ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday, March 15, 4:30-6:30 PM McCormick Lounge, Lake Shore Campus

The Hank Center has supported the annual Climate Change Conference from its inception and is proud to host a special panel this year: Laudato si'@ 10: Pope Francis and Caring for Our Common Home Today. This event includes a hosted post-panel reception with beer, wine, and heavy hors d'oeuvres and is one of the free sessions offered by the conference. There is a concert that follows the reception, an original composition by Loyola's Dongryul Lee-Missa Laudato Si'—and we hope you are able to attend this as well. The concert is a ticketed event.

MARCH 20 FREE & ALL ARE WELCOME



"Is Catholicism's 'Woman Problem' a History Problem?"

Teilhard de Chardin Lecture featuring Dr. Bronwen McShea

7–8:30 PM | Information Commons, 4th Floor, LSC

The Hank Center is honored to welcome the Spring, 2025 Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. Fellow in Catholic Studies, Dr. Bronwen McShea, to offer this year's Teilhard lecture.



MARCH 30-31

FREE & ALL ARE WELCOME

The Pleasures of **Pseudepigraphy Conference** Information Commons, 4th Floor, LSC

How should we understand fakes and forgeries, and what happens when they find their way into scripture? This conference will examine the ancient and widespread practice of writing letters in the names of others (i.e., epistolary pseudepigraphy). Beginning with a graduate student symposium (LUC and Notre Dame), the conference will welcome scholars of Ancient Mediterranean, Jewish, and Christian literature from Loyola and around the country to analyze fictional letters.

This conference is sponsored by the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, the Department of Classical Studies, and the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago.

APRIL



LAUDATO SI' AT 10 SERIES

Envisioning a Livable Future

Environmental Politics

Daniel DiLeo, Alexandria Nichols, Jesús Sanchez, Philip Stoddard, Pete Williams

Zoom Only | Registration Required







APRIL 15

BY INVITATION ONLY

Living Tradition Award Luncheon: Honoring Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J. 11:30 AM - 2 PM |

McCormick Lounge, LSC

Each spring the Hank Center presents the Living Tradition Award to a retired Loyola University Chicago faculty member who has exemplified the integration of Catholic thought into their work. This award commemorates extraordinary lives of scholarship, research, service, and teaching in specific fields of expertise. This year we honor Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J., an exemplary practitioner of Catholic Jesuit education and service—and a key voice in the foundation of the Hank Center.





MAY 12

BY INVITATION ONLY

Annual Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause Event: Nostra Aetate

6:30 - 8 PM | Regents Hall, WTC

Nostra Aetate, the 1965 Declaration on the Church's Relationship to Non-Christian Religions, was one of the most influential and celebrated documents issued by the Second Vatican Council. Highlighting deep spiritual and religious kinship, it made possible a renewed and positive relationship between Jews and Catholics. The Hank Center welcomes Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, and Rabbi Noam Marans, Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Community. In the spirit of cultivating the common good so dear to Cardinal Bernardin, we look forward to the reflections of our guests and to the rich dialog it will engender as we mark this important anniversary.



MAY 24

FREE & ALL ARE WELCOME

Panel and Reception at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting

4 - 6 PM | Lewis Towers, WTC

This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicea, the first ecumenical council of the Church. Convened by the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine I, the council's legacies are as contentious as they are historically and theologically signficant. Seventeen centuries later, what does it mean to teach Nicea? How do we approach it as simultaneously an historical document, a creed, a confession of faith, a cultural artifact, and an eccesial event? The Hank Center is hosting a special panel session and reception to end the NAPS annual meeting.

JUNE



Flannery Abroad: A Conference in Celebration of Flannery O'Connor's Centenary

Fordham University London Campus

Flannery O'Connor famously didn't like to travel. Nonetheless, in the tradition of the previous International Flannery O'Connor Conferences, we are taking O'Connor abroad in honor of her 100th birthday and to celebrate her lasting impact on other writers from regions far and wide.

Call For Paper Proposal Deadline: February 14, 2025



Common Home Corps #3

The Common Home Corps is a grant-bearing initiative that addresses the related challenges of climate change, youth climate anxiety, Catholic disaffiliation, and lack of the U.S. Church's fidelity to creation care. The project is collaboratively led by Catholic Climate Covenant, The Hank Center and the School of Environmental Sustainability at Loyola University Chicago, and the Center for Justice and Peace at Creighton University. 25 undergrads and young adults from across the US attended the first week-long training in June, 2023; and the setting of Cohort Three is underway—as Cohorts One and Two continue to work in the field.



