

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

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This semester the Hank Center inaugurates a faculty seminar called *All Things Ignatian: Catholic Intellectual Life and the Common Good*. The purpose of this nine-course seminar is to engage our faculty more deeply in the interplay of faith, reason, and justice in light of the rich heritage of Catholic social thought. Led by fellow faculty who have shared commitments in studying the Jesuit tradition and the Catholic intellectual mission of the university, the seminar covers such issues as the history of Ignatius of Loyola and the Society of Jesus, Ignatian humanism, the relationship between Catholic faith and the arts and sciences, and issues of social and environmental justice. We hope this seminar enlivens our faculty to see their own contributions to this 450-year history of Jesuit higher education. Invitations for faculty to join the next seminar in the spring will be coming out shortly.

The Hank Center moves in a decidedly literary direction with two exciting events this month. On October 12, the poet, critic, and biographer, Paul Mariani, joins us to teach a graduate seminar on the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, and offer a public lecture on the American poet Wallace Stevens. Mariani's new biography, *The Whole Harmonium: The Life of Wallace Stevens* (2016), has won great acclaim. And on October 20, Phil Klay, the Jesuit-educated war veteran and award-winning author of short stories, *Redeployment* (2015), offers his perspective on religious faith and modern warfare. See below for more details.

Finally, as the nation navigates the political rancor in this final month before elections, we present the classic film of Catholic faith and politics, *A Man for All Seasons*. Join us on Wednesday, October 26, in Damen Cinema, for this award-winning film about the life and death of Sir Thomas More. A discussion by Loyola's distinguished professor of British history, Robert Bucholz, will occur afterward.

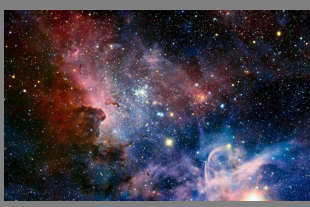
All good things,
Fr. Mark



UPCOMING EVENTS

Faith and Science
Symposium

Astronomy and Faith:
From Lemaitre's Big
Bang to the Jesuit
Fathers of the Vatican
Observatory



Thursday, November 10
4:00PM-5:00PM

Dr. Jonathan Lunine is professor of Physical Sciences at Cornell University.

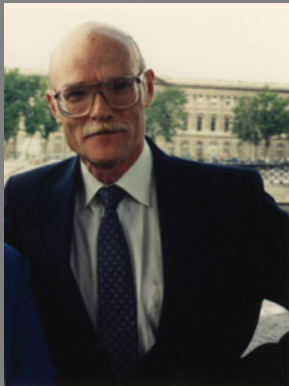
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Catholic Minds, Catholic Matters Lecture Series

Dr. Andrew McKenna



Tuesday, November 15
3:30PM-5:00PM

A lecture on René Girard, linking humanistic and religious traditions to a critical understanding of institutional practices.

Dr. Andrew McKenna is a professor emeritus of French Language and Literature at Loyola University Chicago.

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Ignacio de Loyola



Poet's Corner

Wednesday, October 12
3:30PM-5:30PM

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

Paul Mariani, poet, critic, and biographer, is the author of seventeen books: seven volumes of poetry, four volumes of criticism, and six biographies of other poets. Included in the latter are biographies of William Carlos Williams, John Berryman, Robert Lowell, Hart Crane, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and-most recently-Wallace Stevens.

Mariani published *The Whole Harmonium: A Life of Wallace Stevens* this past spring to wide acclaim, and it will be the subject of his Hank Center lecture on October 12.

Mariani, who is University Professor of English at Boston College, has won a Guggenheim Fellowship and several NEA and NEH fellowships, was a finalist for the National Book Award, and has received the John Ciardi Award for Lifetime Achievement in Poetry.

Event is free and open to the public.



Religious Faith and Modern War: A Literary Journey

Thursday, October 20
3:30PM-5:30PM

Loyola University Chicago
Information Commons, 4th Floor
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.
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Phil Klay, Jesuit-educated writer and veteran has won wide acclaim for his National Book Award winning collection of short stories, *Redeployment*. The collection tells vivid stories of how soldiers and veterans involved in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan grapple with traumatic realities. New York Times Critic Dexter Filkins writes that, "It's the best thing written so far on what the war did to people's souls." Kay's lecture is



Wednesday, November 16
7:00PM-9:00PM

The film *Ignacio de Loyola* is a thrilling look at the life of the founder of the Society of Jesus. We follow Ignacio's transformation from a brash, impulsive youth obsessed with women and sword-fighting to the masterful, charismatic leader of an order that would change the face of Christendom.

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entitled, "Religious Faith and Modern War," as he weaves together the role that his faith has had both as a US Marine and as a writer.

Phil Klay is a graduate of Regis High School in New York City, and Dartmouth College. A US Marine Corps veteran, he served in Iraq's Anbar Province from January 2007 to February 2008 as a Public Affairs Officer.

Event is free and open to the public.



Catholic Q&A: Faith and Politics

Tuesday, October 25
7:00PM-8:30PM

Loyola University Chicago
The Den, Damen Student Center
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.
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Catholic Q&A is one of our most popular events. It is a students-only affair and the setting is intimate and relaxed. This semester's Catholic Q&A will be led by [Dr. Amanda Bryan](#) (Political Science). Catholics in America will have a unique role in the 2016 election. More than ever before, Catholic voters are divided; politics and the theology of the "Francis Effect" are cross-cutting on a number of issues important to voters.

Dr. Bryan's remarks will facilitate discussion about the interesting way the "Catholic voter" will impact the 2016 election. Remarks will also be offered about what effects the loss of Antonin Scalia, one of the Supreme Court's most influential Catholic leaders, will have on the election and upcoming Supreme Court cases.

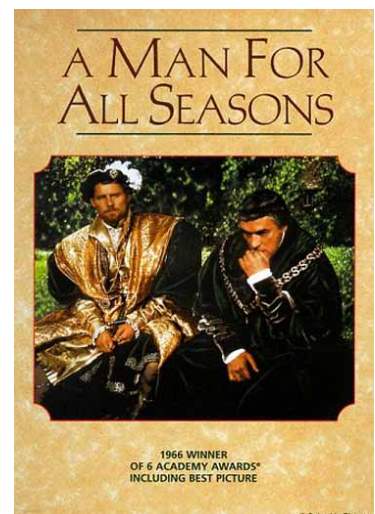
This event is open to Loyola students only.

Faith in Focus Film Series: *A Man for All Seasons*

Wednesday, October 26
6:30PM-8:30PM

Loyola University Chicago
Damen Student Center Cinema
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.
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In preparation for election season, we are proud to host a screening of the 1966 Oscar-winning classic, *A Man for All Seasons*. This searing biographical film based on the play by Robert Bolt dramatically accounts the last years of Sir Thomas More's life.



The film is an intense depiction of the personal integrity, bravery, and faith of 16th-century England's Lord Chancellor under the reign of Henry VIII. Screened in the Damen Student Center Cinema, it will be followed by a discussion with [Dr. Robert Bucholz](#) from Loyola's Department of History.

Event is free and open to the public.



A Luminous Absence: Poetry and the Need for God's Absence

Thursday, November 3
3:30PM-5:30PM

Loyola University Chicago
Palm Court, Mundelein Center
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Irish poet and novelist John Deane is the 2016 Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, Fellow in Catholic Studies. He will give a lecture focusing on the poetry of Irish poet Seamus Heaney, with added work from poets including Denise Levertov, Fred Marchant, George Herbert, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and others. Deane's talk explores the poetry of faith and tries to discover the personal response of poets to the person of Jesus Christ.

The work of Seamus Heaney provides the grounding for the notion of how the non-presence of God is deeply important for a real and living faith. If the absence of God to our senses is important, then poetry can also demonstrate the necessity for a prayer-life that is close to what is regarded as poetic inspiration, an allowing of the mind and heart to listen and focus on the Other, rather than pushing the noise of vocal prayer; how to become permeable to God rather than impermeable. So, poetry and prayer are closely aligned.

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.