

Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology



2020-21 Annual Report



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About Us

Who We Are

Housed at DePaul University in the Department of Catholic Studies, the Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology (CWCIT) focuses on the global nature of Catholic Christianity, especially but not exclusively in the global South—Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

CWCIT seeks to be at the forefront of the discussion about the relationship between globalization and the Catholic Church's future as a truly worldwide Church.

Our Mission

CWCIT was founded at DePaul University in 2008 to produce research that will serve the Church and the academy. To fulfill this mission, we have paid special attention to the World Church that has emerged since the Second Vatican Council and its growth in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

While our focus has been on the present global communion of faith, we also attend to historical, theological, and cultural questions that will contribute to a fuller understanding of Catholicism and the dialogue of cultures today.

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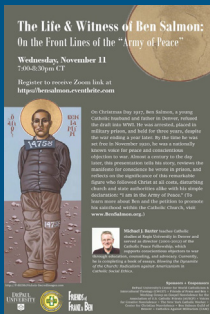
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Year in Review

It was a most unusual year, with COVID-19 forcing all of our events online, but the “silver lining” was that our programming was now accessible for the first time by people all over the world, and we saw a huge bump in attendance. Between the 4 events in our “Catholicism and Health” speaker series and the 5 events that we cosponsored, we welcomed more than 1,200 people tuning in from many different time zones!



The Life and Witness of Ben Salmon: On the Front Lines of the “Army of Peace”
 November 11

Michael J. Baxter

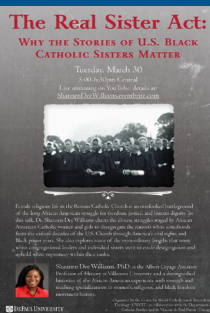
Director of Catholic Studies at Regis University (Denver), past director of the Catholic Peace Fellowship, and co-founder of Catholic Worker houses in Phoenix, AZ, and South Bend, IN



Nonviolent Democratic Insurrection: The People Power Revolution in the Philippines, 1986
 February 1

Agnes M. Brazal

Full professor of theology at De La Salle University in Manila and a founding member as well as past president of DaKaTeo (Catholic Theological Society of the Philippines)



The Real Sister Act: Why the Stories of U.S. Black Catholic Sisters Matter
 March 31

Shannen Dee Williams

Albert LePage Assistant Professor of History at Villanova University and recipient of the inaugural Sister Christine Schenk Award for Young Catholic Leadership from Future Church

Our First Livestreamed Event!
 Over 350 people joined us on YouTube for this livestream



Inaugural Berrigan-McAlister Award: Celebrating the Kings Bay Plowshares 7
 May 4-5

DePaul’s formal recognition of the practice of active Christian nonviolence by the Kings Bay Plowshares 7, a group of Christian pacifists arrested for entering the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base (Georgia) in 2018 to protest nuclear weapons.

Year in Review



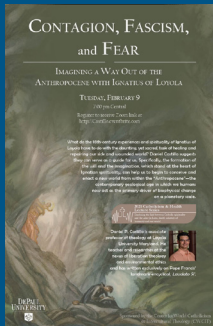
Fashion Revolution 2021: Rights, Relationships, Revolution

April 23

An annual event featuring inspiring speakers and a fashion show and centering on the question: how can we support ethical and sustainable practices in our apparel choices?

2021 Catholicism & Health Lecture Series

Exploring the link between Catholic spirituality and the *salus* (in Latin, *health, salvation*) of humanity and our world.

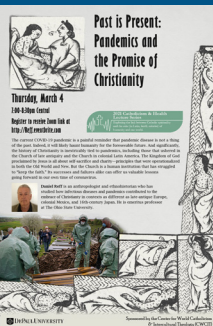


Confronting Contagion, Fear, and Fascism: Imagining a Way out of the Anthropocene with Ignatius of Loyola

February 9

Daniel P. Castillo

Associate professor of theology at Loyola University Maryland and 2009-14 National Science Foundation-funded GLOBES (Global Linkages of Biology, Environment, and Society) Fellow



Past is Present: Pandemics and the Promise of Christianity

March 4

Daniel Reff

Anthropologist, ethnohistorian, author of *Plagues, Priests, and Demons*, and emeritus professor of comparative studies at The Ohio State University

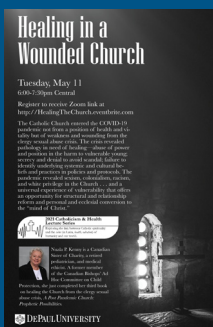


HIV Risks, Social Conditions, and Theological Ethics in Africa

April 27

Fr. Jacquelineau Azetsóp, SJ

Dean of the Pontifical Gregorian University School of Social Sciences in Rome and editor of *HIV and AIDS in Africa: Christian Reflection, Public Health, Social Transformation*



Healing in a Wounded Church

May 11

Sr. Nuala P. Kenny, OC, MD, FRCP

Sister of Charity of Halifax (Nova Scotia), a retired pediatrician, medical ethicist, and former Deputy Minister of Health for the Canadian province of Nova Scotia

Year in Review

Feedback from our Attendees

“Excellent and informed, thought-provoking presentation....The theological aspects of public affairs are so essential to informed judgment but so absent from readily available public discourse. Congratulations for serving the public by making your knowledge...available.”

“As a lecture on the challenges of HIV as a public health issue in a Catholic ethical perspective, it was an excellent description of how HIV/Aids must be addressed as a matter of social justice before one of individual, personal (sexual) morality.”

“Very clear, focused, and revealing!!”

Year in Review

Feedback from our Attendees

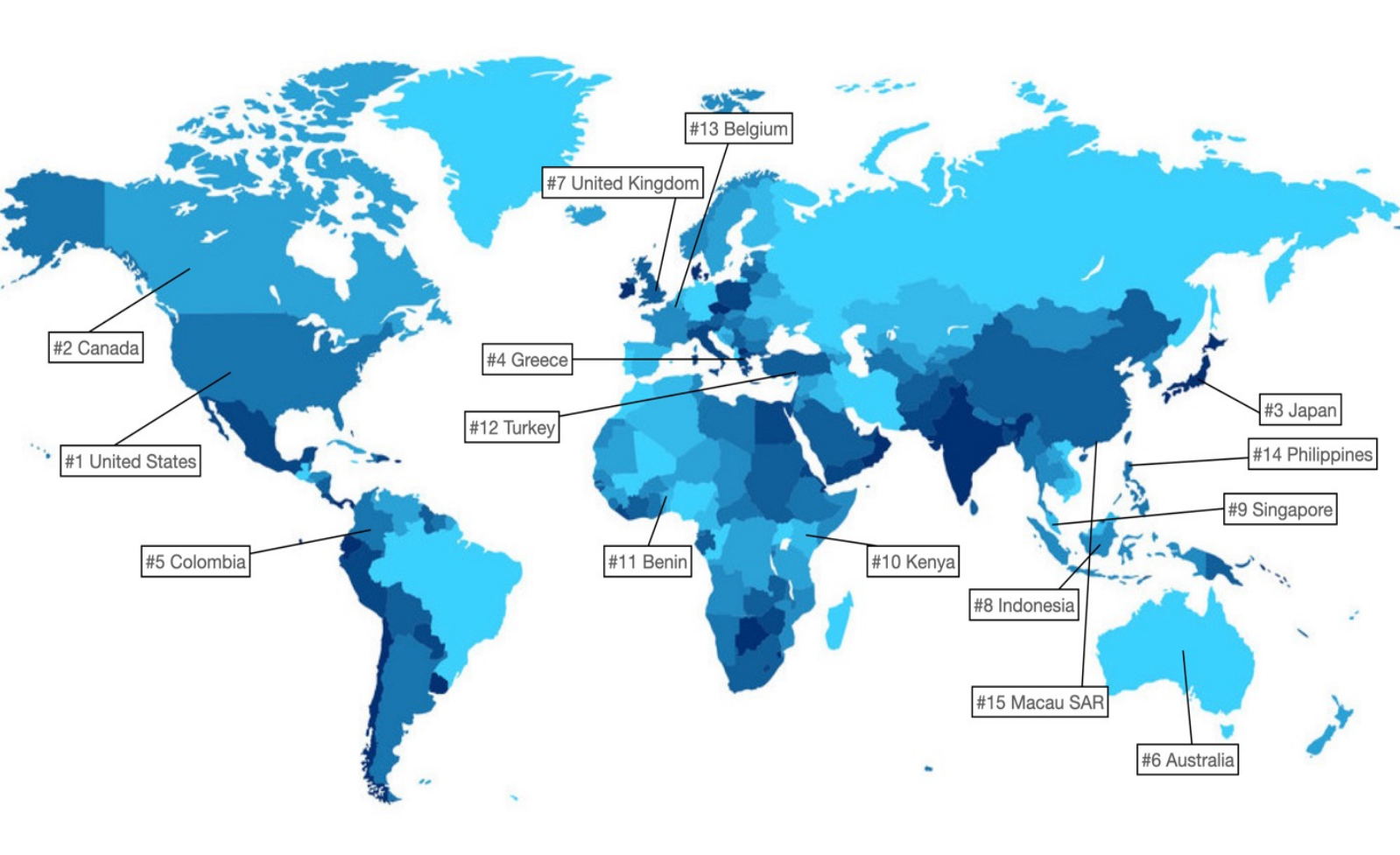
“Really excellent event. I would recommend it to all Catholics. Shannen [Dee Williams] is so right that we have a moral responsibility to know this history, and I’m so thankful for her work and taking the time to share it with us.”

“It was so enlightening! As a Mexican American woman to better understand the nature of peace as taught by Christ in the Gospels...also to deepen my understanding about the nature of war in our country and our world.”

“One of the best talks I have heard in years.”


Year in Review

The 15 countries with the most number of attendees at our speaker events this past year



Year in Review

World Catholicism Week



RISE UP AND WALK: CATHOLICISM AND HEALTH CARE ACROSS THE GLOBE

April 16-18, 2021 • Online via Zoom



Speakers from Uganda, India, Ecuador, South Korea, the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Zambia address some of the most pressing issues facing Catholic health care providers around the world

The Catholic Church is perhaps the largest provider of health care in the world. From sophisticated Catholic hospital systems to small rural clinics, the Church continues the legacy of healing begun by Jesus. Today, however, the gap between technologically advanced medicine and the needs of the desperately poor continues to widen. This year's World Catholicism Week conference addressed that gap and the role of the Church through three- and four-person panels on the following topics:

- Catholic health care services and strategies
- biblical and theological narratives of health and healing
- the relationship between Western and non-Western traditions of medicine
- healing trauma and invisible wounds
- Catholic partnerships between the global South and global North

Year in Review

World Catholicism Week

Additionally, we were honored to have the following keynote presentations:

Catholic Sisters in Health Care: Conflict, Entanglements, and Crossovers in Medicine, Nursing, and Religion

by Barbra Mann Wall, PhD, RN, FAAN



- Thomas A. Saunders III Professor of Nursing, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)
- Author, *Into Africa: A Transnational History of Catholic Missions & Social Change*

Medical Nemesis, Remembered

by David Cayley

- Award-winning journalist & former host of CBC Radio One's "Ideas" (Toronto)
- Author, *Ideas on the Nature of Science*



Year in Review

World Catholicism Week

Feedback from our Attendees

“This conference was an eye opener for many issues....The speakers gave us insider stories from practice, not things we can read in magazines or on the Internet. It was really world Catholicism.”

“I could attend only a few sessions because of the time factor but I found enriching whatever I could... attend. Involving the students to deliberate on the theme through poster discussions was also a very good move. Thanks to CWCIT of DePaul for this very engaging conference.”

Year in Review

World Catholicism Week

Feedback from our Attendees

“Warm congratulations for an EXCELLENT CONFERENCE with a powerful and timely theme...I attended many sessions...and was impressed with the quality of the presenters and content. I learned a lot!”

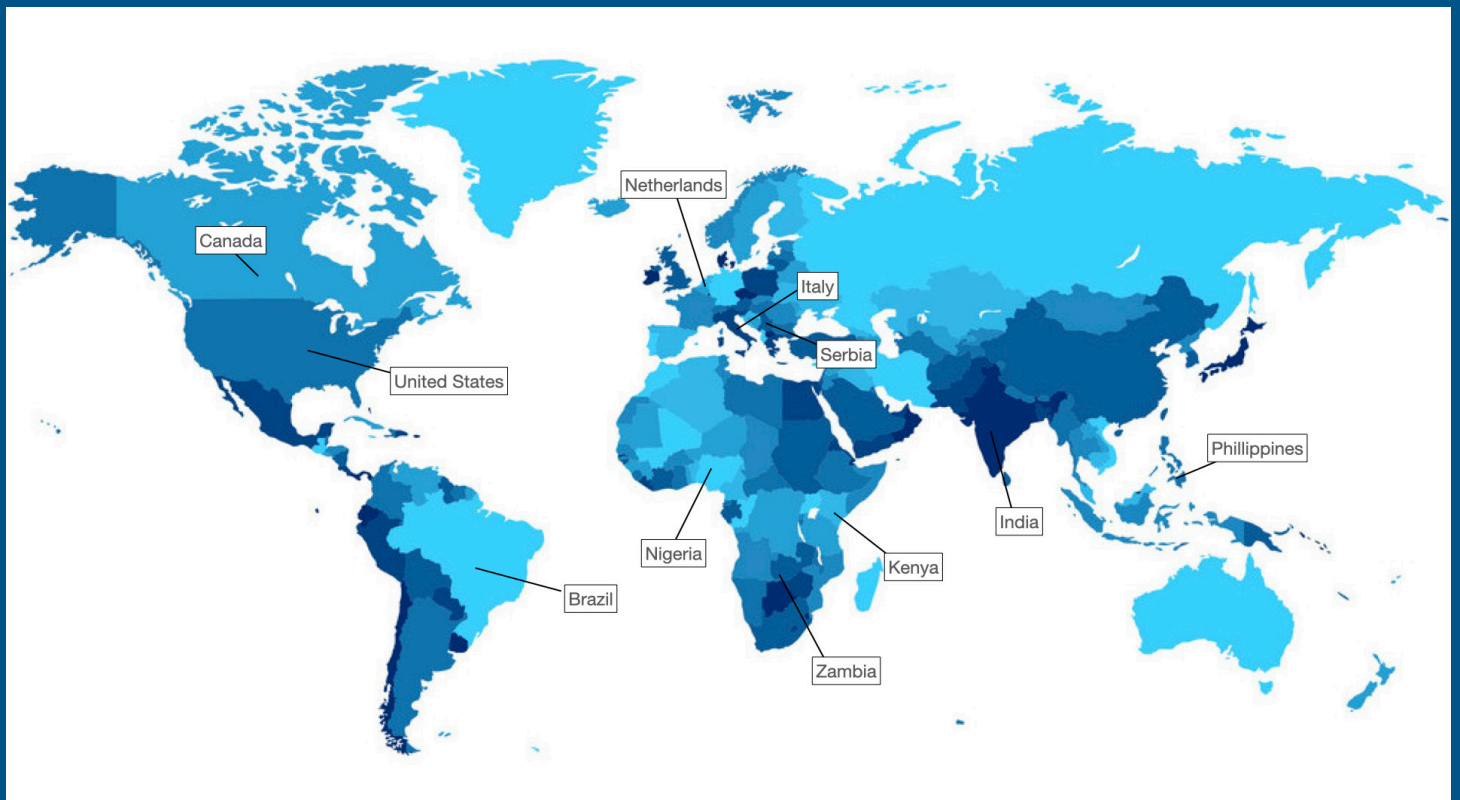
“This is fabulous! Very high-quality, well-prepared speakers, and thought-provoking topics and good delivery with the tech!”

“Thank you all for all the time and effort put into this...switching from in person to online. This is a huge achievement for DePaul and for all who participated in the conference.”

Year in Review

World Catholicism Week

The **11** countries where our **203** conference attendees tuned in from



2020-21 Collaborations

External Collaborations

- Ben Salmon Guild of Denver
- Catholics Against Militarism (CAM)
- Center for Christian Nonviolence
- Chicago Fair Trade
- Friends of Franz and Ben
- The New York Catholic Worker
- Orbis Books
- Voices for Creative Nonviolence
- Working Group on Gospel Nonviolence for the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests (AUSCP)

Cross-Campus Collaborations at DePaul

- DePaul Fair Trade Committee
- Department of Catholic Studies
- Division of Mission & Ministry
- Department of Environmental Science & Studies
- Department of Health Sciences
- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Special Collections & Archives, John T. Richardson Library

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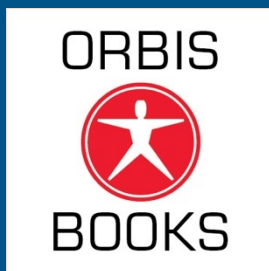
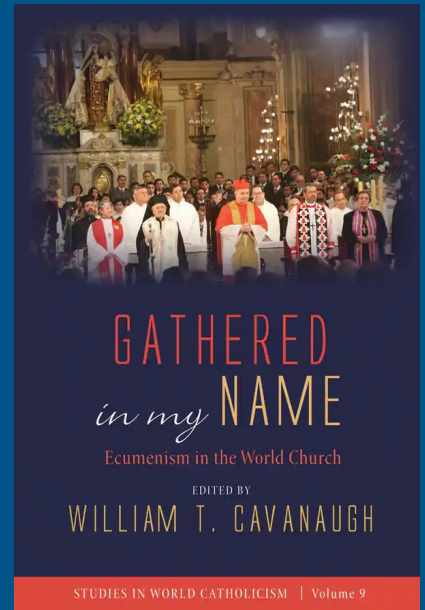
CWCIT Publications

Published in December 2020

The latest in our Studies in World Catholicism series with Cascade Books, an imprint of Wipf and Stock, this volume contains contributions from our World Catholicism Week 2017 conference.

The volume's sensitive focus on the concrete experience of local Christians, coupled with the authors' theoretical sophistication, moving from rich theology to incisive social politics, provides illuminating judgments about the church's search for unity in global perspective. Provocative and illuminating, this is contemporary ecumenical writing at its best

—Ephraim Radner, Professor of Historical Theology, Wycliffe College



Accepted for Publication

Late this year, the manuscript of the *Handbook of African Catholicism* sparked the interest of and was accepted for publication with Orbis Books, the publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Currently, Orbis anticipates a publication date of late spring 2022.

An ambitious reference work, the *Handbook* has over 50 contributors who engage some of the most pressing and pertinent issues in diverse fields of African Catholicism studies. Serving as a road map for scholars, the *Handbook* offers the best and most up-to-date research in Africa.

CWCIT Publications

Coming Up with Cascade Books



Next Up for Submission

Early in the 2021-22 academic year, we will be submitting the following manuscripts for publication in our Studies in World Catholicism series:

Daughters of Wisdom: Women and Leadership in the Global Church

Contributions from our 2018 World Catholicism Week conference

Put Away Your Sword: Gospel Nonviolence in a Violent World

Contributions from our 2019 World Catholicism Week conference

Just Getting Started

Two new book projects were born this past year for inclusion down the road in our Studies in World Catholicism series:

Reflections on Pope Francis'

Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship

This expansive project will eventually become four volumes—one each of reflections from eight leading Catholic scholars in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and North America/Europe. The submissions from the scholars in Asia, Africa, and Latin America were received this past spring. The submissions from the North American/European scholars are due in September.

Rise Up and Walk: Catholicism and Health Care across the Globe

The scholarly adaptations of the presentations by our World Catholicism Week 2021 conference speakers began arriving in late spring of this year. This coming year, we will begin the editorial/publishing process, which typically takes about three years.

CWCIT Online



Vimeo

vimeo.com/CWCIT

- 264 videos total
- 60,367 total impressions

Top 10 Countries

- United States
- Canada
- Philippines
- Italy
- United Kingdom
- Brazil
- Germany
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Australia



YouTube

[CWCIT at DePaul](https://www.youtube.com/CWCITatDePaul)

- 268 videos | 213 subscribers
- 14,546 total views

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- United States
- India
- Philippines
- Malaysia
- United Kingdom
- Singapore
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- South Africa
- Australia



Facebook

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9,120 total likes
9,297 followers



“Near and Far” Podcast

Soundcloud.com/WorldCatholicism

13 episodes with **663** plays across **9** countries

Most Popular Podcast (362 plays): “Project DREAM: A Vincentian Response to HIV/AIDS in Africa,” an interview with Sr. Catherine Mulligan, DC (coordinator of the Daughters of Charity’s Kenya mission from 2006 to 2019), about the innovative DREAM health care model launched in Nairobi and now providing state-of-the-art, holistic HIV/AIDS treatment in 6 sub-Saharan nations

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