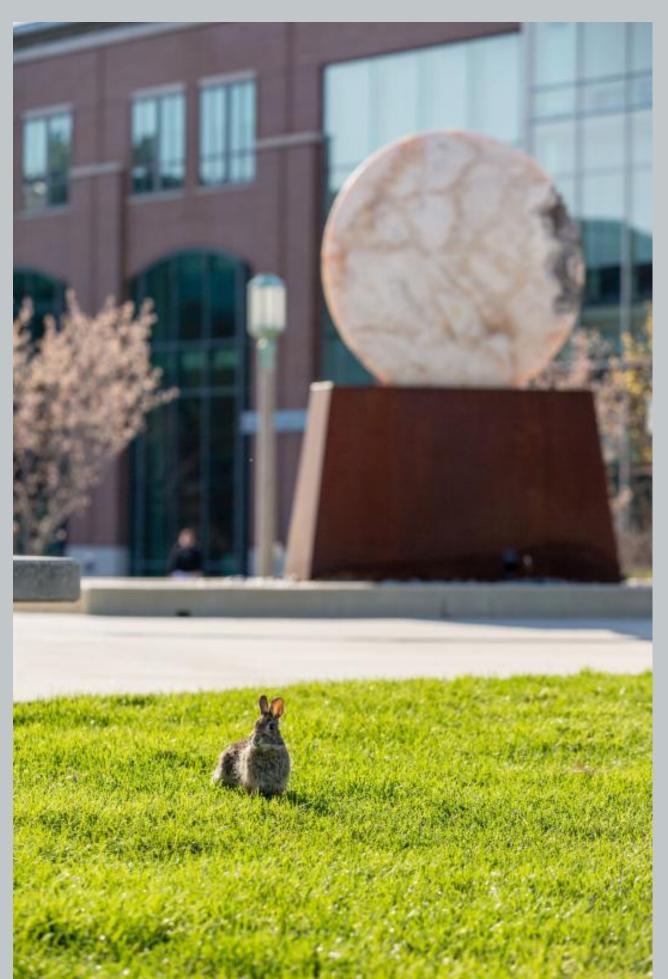
The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage March 2023



From the Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In a delightful lunch with Joan and Bill Hank about three years ago, the conversation topic turned to Former Loyola University Chicago President (and current AJCU President), Fr. Michael Garanzini, S.J.. Joan and Bill worked in close quarters with Fr. Garanzini to found the Hank Center in 2007 and guide its early days. Bill, a Notre Dame graduate and longtime Domer-donor, spent some time describing what a delight it was to work with "Fr. MJG"—and how much he respected him. Finishing a last bite of Sloppy Joe, Bill mused out loud rather decisively: "Fr. Mike Garanzini and Fr. Ted Hesburgh are the two best leaders I have ever known. Period. It wouldn't matter in what industry or sector they worked. They would lead, they would succeed, and they'd make everything better—the institution, its people, and the people that are served by them."

The leadership at the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities must have picked up on the vibe as they awarded Fr. Garanzini with their prestigious Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, Award for life-long contributions to Catholic Education at their annual meeting last month. I was in attendance for the award and the room was energized by the celebration. I truly enjoyed <u>the excellent video</u> that AJCU's Deanna Howes Spiro produced (full of familiar Loyola faces); but, I confess I enjoyed Fr. Garanzini's acceptance speech perhaps even more. The insights he offered-- about the vitality of Catholic higher education, and the way forward--were nothing short of superb. The text of his speech is linked below along with more details about the award. Congratulations, Fr. Garanzini!

We find ourselves in the middle of March and in the heyday of our semester. Two events in the near term, one this week with Dr. Dawn Goldstein, and one next week with Fr. Bill McCormick, S.J.. Details below, and we hope to see you in person (preferred!) or online. In between, we have one of Loyola's most important and urgent conferences: The School of Environmental Sustainability's seventh annual Climate Change Conference. This year's focus is **Human Migration in the Era of Climate Change**, a deeply textured issue that requires astute, interdisciplinary responses. The Hank Center is honored to have collaborated on CCC with SES since its inception; and we are proud to be among the cosponsors again. The Hank Center is also proud to announce its partnership with the Catholic Climate Covenant and Creighton University as we launch a new program this June in spiritual, ecclesial, and intellectual formation of young people for climate action—<u>Common Home Corps</u>. We are hosting the multi-day training at Loyola and more about that in our next newsletter.

Finally, today marks the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate. I will never forget the date as our Hank staff was gathered with many Jesuits in our Hank Library as we heard the news. We heard the name "Bergoglio" and then we heard "Franciscum" and then the room began to rumble with a kind of untethered and unforeseen incredulity. "Bergoglio is a Jesuit" and "I can't believe this" and "is it Francis Xavier or the one from Assisi?" Ah, what days, and we remain in the same form as March, 2013, praying with and for Pope Francis-- and honored that we get to work directly with him on needed projects and priorities. Being Pope is difficult in any environment-- let alone the hyper-saturated media culture that describes the scene today. Pope Francis is honest about the difficulty of his work and his reliance on our continued prayers. He told us so in <u>in this fun interchange</u> from our Building Bridges event last year.

In the continuing spirit of our <u>Habemus Papam series</u>, the Hank Center will be holding dialogues in the coming months on the Francis papacy. As always, we invite you to join the conversation surrounding all of our programs and initiatives-- and healthy, authentic dialogue is the key to our shared enterprise. As Pope Francis observes in *Fratellli Tutti*, there is an art and science to it: "Dialogue is often confused with something quite different: the feverish exchange of opinions on social networks, frequently based on media information that is not always reliable. These exchanges are merely parallel monologues." Amen to that, Papa Francesco. Ad multos annos-- and may God save us from the lifeless netherworld of parallel monologues.

Continued prayers to all for a healthy, prayerful Lenten season, and,

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Michael P. Murphy

Hank Center Highlights

Welcome and Protect: Jesuit Refugee Service's Response to the Ukraine Crisis



On Feb. 9 the Hank Center hosted Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) which responds to new and emerging crises as well as those that have fallen from public attention. Whether in the headlines or lost on the back page, JRS accompanies those affected by crisis in places like Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Venezuela, and Ukraine.

Co-Sponsored by the Office of Global and Community Engagement, the Division of Mission Integration, Campus Ministry, and Jesuit Relief Services, USA.

Video Available

Second Annual "Way Forward" Conference: Pope Francis, Vatican II, and Synodality

You Cannot Do This Without God's Grace: Newman, Dowling, and Conversion as Daily Practice



March 14, 2023 at 7pm Information Commons 4th Floor, Lake Shore Campus and livestreamed

Catholic theologian Dawn Eden Goldstein had written several books on spiritual healing when she began to study the life of Father Edward Dowling, SJ (1898-1960), whose guidance transformed the life of Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson. But as she researched the Jesuit--who was, like her, a former newspaper journalist and a non-alcoholic--she discovered an approach to personal conversion that was at once deeper and simpler than anything she had previously encountered. In the conversionary spirit and legacy of St. John Henry Newman, Dr. Goldstein, who was raised Jewish, will integrate aspects of her own experience with her research for Fr. Ed: The Story of Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor -and speak about how Father Ed's spirituality, which drew inspiration from St. Ignatius Loyola and Cardinal Newman, brings Catholic wisdom into the twelve-step approach that has helped millions of people find recovery.

This event is free and open to the public.

Click Here for More Information and Livestream Registration

Inaugural Jesuit Lecture: Bill McCormick, SJ The Christian Structure of Politics: On the *De Regno* of

On March 3rd and 4th the Hank Center was pleased to cohost and attend the Second Annual "Way Forward" Conference held at Boston College. Below are some pictures and media coverage from this vital, high profile, and one-of-its-kind event.





Coverage of the Conference by Boston College's Catholic Newspaper

Coverage of the Conference by Boston College's Independent Newspaper

<u>Coverage of the</u> <u>Conference by the</u> <u>National Catholic</u> <u>Reporter</u>

Further Coverage by the National Catholic Reporter

Thomas Aquinas



March 22, 2023 at 7pm CT Information Commons, 4th Floor, Lake Shore Campus and livestreamed.

In an age dominated by guilt and shame for historical complicity in violence and injustice, how are Christians to engage in public life?

This is the situation of political theology after the Holocaust: trapped between the desire to make public the claims of faith in the pursuit of justice and to heed the chastening history of injustices committed in the name of God. Yet this tension, if acknowledged properly, can become the basis for a fruitful political theology that is both public in its commitment to justice and humble in its awareness of the injustices that the pursuit of justice itself can cause.

McCormick proposes a reconceptualization of political theology that takes seriously the twin imperatives of responsibility and humility. This endeavor, he argues, can begin with a reexamination of the legacy of Thomas Aquinas' political thought, a dominant figure in Catholic tradition. In his *De Regno* we find concrete ways that political theology can inspire faith communities to both challenge and nourish political life. Adapted for our times, such a political theology would be necessarily interreligious in its desire for dialogue between persons of diverse religious traditions, communal insofar as it recognizes and cultivates the social forms that those religious traditions inhabit, and humble and responsible in its advocacy of political action, refusing to abdicate neither its social responsibility in the face of its complicity in historical injustices nor its humility despite its need to act in the world.

This event is free & open to the public.

Click Here for More Information and to Register for the Livestream

AJCU President Receives 2023 Hesburgh Award



On Saturday, February 4, Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. was honored with the 2023 Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) in Washington, D.C. Fr. Garanzini was honored for his lifelong contributions to Catholic higher education, including service as president of AJCU and Lovola University Chicago; Secretary of Higher Education for the Society of Jesus; and founder of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU). Click on the video below to learn more about Fr. Garanzini from colleagues across the Catholic higher education network (including a very special greeting from Sister Jean Schmidt, BVM!).

In his remarks during the award ceremony, Fr. Garanzini said, "I am optimistic that those who have joined the leadership ranks of Catholic higher education in this country, the many lay men and women who now lead our institutions, will be capable of assessing the risks we need to take in order to be—in the words of one of my heroes, Archbishop Hélder Pessoa Câmara, OFS of Brazil

2023 Annual Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause Lecture - Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M. CONV.



April 11, 2023 at 7pm CT McCormick Lounge, Lake Shore Campus and Livestreamed

The Cardinal Bernardin Common Cause lecture series provides Catholic prelates a platform to engage people of good will in common cause with the Church on important issues facing us today. The Hank Center welcomes our 2023 Bernardin Lecturer - the Most Rev. John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv., Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky.

Rev. Stowe's talk, "The Common Good and Synodality: The Vision of Pope Francis," will be followed by a Q&A session. As always, Commonweal is cosponsoring the Bernardin Lecture and Bishop Stowe's remark will be published in a summer issue.

Keep an eye out for the registration link to come for this important annual event.

Click here to register for the webinar!

Highlighting our Hank Center Graduate Student Fellows: Sónia Monteiro



the miracle of becoming as bold as the prophets, revolutionary as the Gospel and true as the Christ, without wounding love."

Click here to read the full text from Fr. Garanzini's speech. All of us at AJCU congratulate him on his 2023 Hesburgh Award!

> A Tribute to Fr. Garanzini

Sónia Monteiro is a doctoral candidate in systematic theology and a Senior Teaching Fellow for the 2022-23 academic year at Fordham University. She completed her Master of Arts in Theology at Fordham University (2018). While in Portugal, Sónia completed her law degree (2007) and worked as lawyer for several years. Sónia's dissertation project, written under the direction of Dr. Bradford Hinze, is entitled "Forgiveness: The Human-Divine Ladder in the Abyss of Sin. A Philosophical, Theological, and Political Investigation." Her dissertation explores, both from a hermeneutical and phenomenological perspectives, the human-divine dynamism in the event of interpersonal forgiveness before radical evil, while considering, at the same time, its implications in the public sphere. Sónia's investigation of the phenomenon of forgiveness presupposes a critical dialogue between French Continental Philosophy the Catholic theologian, Edward Schillebeeckx.

Hank Center Graduate Student Fellow: Laurel Marshall Potter



Laurel Marshall Potter is a doctoral candidate in systematic and comparative theology at Boston College and an instructor at the Universidad Centroamericana "José Simeón Cañas" (UCA) in San Salvador. She holds a B.A. in Theology and Spanish from Saint Louis University and a Master's in Latin American Theology from the UCA. Broadly, she studies the intersections among different Latin American theologies, liberation theologies, Catholic theologies, and decolonial studies. Under the direction of Carlos Mendoza Álvarez, Laurel's dissertation is titled "Que esta misa nos haga soñar: Liturgical Inter-culturation and the Mesoamerican Reception of Sacrosanctum Concilium." Together with ecclesial base communities and other marginal ecclesial communities in resistance in El Salvador, Laurel's qualitative research explores their nonnormative liturgical practices, asking whether and how these celebrations function as "source and summit" of the communities' Christian life and discipleship.



APOSTOLIC BLESSING "URBI ET ORBI" FIRST GREETING OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS Central Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica Wednesday, 13 March 2013

Brothers and sisters, good evening!

You know that it was the duty of the Conclave to give Rome a Bishop. It seems that my brother Cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one... but here we are... I thank you for your welcome. The diocesan community of Rome now has its Bishop. Thank you! And first of all, I would like to offer a prayer for our Bishop Emeritus, Benedict XVI. Let us pray together for him, that the Lord may bless him and that Our Lady may keep him.

[Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be.)

And now, we take up this journey: Bishop and People. This journey of the Church of Rome which presides in charity over all the Churches. A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust among us. Let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the whole world, that there may be a great spirit of fraternity. It is my hope for you that this journey of the Church, which we start today, and in which my Cardinal Vicar, here present, will assist me, will be fruitful for the evangelization of this most beautiful city.

And now I would like to give the blessing, but first - first I ask a favour of you: before the Bishop blesses his people, I ask you to pray to the Lord that he will bless me: the prayer of the people asking the blessing for their Bishop. Let us make, in silence, this prayer: your prayer over me.

[...] Now I will give the Blessing to you and to the whole world, to all men and women of good will.

[Blessing]

Brothers and sisters, I leave you now. Thank you for your welcome. Pray for me and until we meet again. We will see each other soon. Tomorrow I wish to go and pray to Our Lady, that she may watch over all of Rome. Good night and sleep well!

RECOMMENDED READING



In the spirit of cultivating the Catholic intellectual and artistic tradition, CCIH recommends new and notable books several times a year that integrate, interrogate, and celebrate Catholicism in dialogue with the world.

The Mind of Pope Francis (2018)

Author: Massimo Borghesi. Publisher: Liturgical Press.

A commonly held impression is that Pope Francis is a compassionate shepherd and determined leader but that he lacks the intellectual depth of his recent predecessors. Massimo Borghesi's The Mind of Pope Francis: Jorge Mario Bergoglio's Intellectual Journey dismantles that image.

Borghesi recounts and analyzes, for the first time, Bergoglio's intellectual formation, exploring the philosophical, theological, and spiritual principles that support the profound vision at the heart of this pope's teaching and ministry. Central to that vision is the church as a coincidentia oppositorum, holding together what might seem to be opposing and irreconcilable realities. Among his guiding lights have been the Jesuit saints Ignatius and Peter Faber; philosophers Gaston Fessard, Romano Guardini, and Alberto Methol Ferrer; and theologians Henri de Lubac and Hans Urs von Balthasar.

Recognizing how these various strands have come together to shape the mind and heart of Jorge Mario Bergoglio offers essential insights into who he is and the way he is leading the church. Notably, this groundbreaking book is informed by four interviews provided to the author, via audio recordings, by the pope himself on his own intellectual formation, major portions of which are published here for the first time.

The Outsider: Pope Francis and His Battle to Reform the Church (2020) Author: Christopher Lamb. Publisher: Orbis Books.

Though Pope Francis remains one of the most popular figures in the world, his pontificate has stirred up powerful opposition. Some reject his openness to divorced and remarried Catholics and the priority he places on mercy above rigid doctrine. Others reject his outspoken defense of migrants, his critiques of capitalism, and calls to protect the environment. Most of all, his critics fear his insistence that the Church must place living out the message of the Gospel with integrity ahead of serving and maintaining institutional power, secular or ecclesial.

In this book, Christopher Lamb, The Tablet's reporter in Rome, examines the Pope's ministry and agenda for the church, as well as the forces of opposition mobilized against him. What will this mean and portend for the Catholic Church? Will Pope Francis move the church in the direction he wants, or will his critics succeed in thwarting his efforts?

The Confession of Saint Patrick and Letter to Coroticus (1998)

Author: John Skinner. Publisher: Image Press.

Beyond being recognized as the patron saint of Ireland (perhaps for having chased some nonexistent snakes off the Emerald Isle), little else is popularly known about Saint Patrick. And yet, Patrick left behind a unique document, his Confession, which tells us much

about both his life and his beliefs. This autobiography, originally written in the fifth century, and short by modern standards, is nonetheless a work that fascinates with its glimpse into the life of an intriguing man, and inspires with its testament of faith. Here, in this new edition from internationally acclaimed translator John Skinner, the character of Patrick, his era, and his world vividly come to life.

Also included in this volume is the only other document known to have been written by Patrick, a letter he wrote to the soldiers of Coroticus--also Christians--who had raided parts of Ireland and taken away prisoners who were then sold into slavery. This letter is a wonderful demonstration of Patrick's rhetorical fire. Quite irate, Patrick harangues his fellow Christians, and the results are every bit as autobiographically revealing as the Confession.

John O'Donohue, author of Anam Cara, provides an insightful foreword that re-creates the unique spirituality of Patrick and of the Irish people, and shows how it applies to our lives today.

<u>Climate Politics and the Power of Religion</u> (2022)

Author: Evan Berry. Publisher: Indiana University Press.

Climate Politics and the Power of Religion is an edited collection that explores the diverse ways that religion shapes climate politics at the local, national, and international levels. Drawing on case studies from across the globe, it stands at the intersection of religious studies, environment policy, and global politics.

From small island nations confronting sea-level rise and intensifying tropical storms to highelevation communities in the Andes and Himalayas wrestling with accelerating glacial melt, there is tremendous variation in the ways that societies draw on religion to understand and contend with climate change.

Climate Politics and the Power of Religion offers 10 timely case studies that demonstrate how different communities render climate change within their own moral vocabularies and how such moral claims find purchase in activism and public debates about climate policy. Whether it be Hindutva policymakers in India, curanderos in Peru, or working-class people's concerns about the transgressions of petroleum extraction in Trinidad—religion affects how they all are making sense of and responding to this escalating global catastrophe.

<u>Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom</u> <u>Struggle</u> (2022)

Author: Shannen Dee Williams. Publisher: Duke University Press.

In Subversive Habits, Shannen Dee Williams provides the first full history of Black Catholic nuns in the United States, hailing them as the forgotten prophets of Catholicism and democracy. Drawing on oral histories and previously sealed Church records, Williams demonstrates how master narratives of women's religious life and Catholic commitments to racial and gender justice fundamentally change when the lives and experiences of African American nuns are taken seriously. For Black Catholic women and girls, embracing the celibate religious state constituted a radical act of resistance to white supremacy and the sexual terrorism built into chattel slavery and segregation. Williams shows how Black sisters —such as Sister Mary Antona Ebo, who was the only Black member of the inaugural delegation of Catholic sisters to travel to Selma, Alabama, and join the Black voting rights marches of 1965—were pioneering religious leaders, educators, healthcare professionals, desegregation foot soldiers, Black Power activists, and womanist theologians. In the process, Williams calls attention to Catholic women's religious life as a stronghold of white supremacy and racial segregation—and thus an important battleground in the long African American freedom struggle.

Religion and Politics Beyond the Culture Wars (2021)

Author: Darien Dochuk. Publisher: University of Notre Dame Press.

Influenced by culture war theories first introduced in the 1990s, much of the recent history of modern American religion and politics is written in a mode that takes for granted the enduring partisan divides that can blind us to the complex and dynamic intersections of faith and politics. The contributors to Religion and Politics Beyond the Culture Wars argue that such narratives do not tell the whole story of religion and politics in the modern age.

This collection of essays, authored by leading scholars in American religious and political history, challenges readers to look past familiar clashes over social issues to appreciate the ways in which faith has fueled twentieth-century U.S. politics beyond predictable partisan divides and across a spectrum of debates ranging from environment to labor, immigration to civil rights, domestic legislation to foreign policy. Offering fresh illustrations drawn from a range of innovative primary sources, theories, and methods, these essays emphasize that our rendering of religion and politics in the twentieth century must appreciate the intersectionality of identities, interests, and motivations that transpire and exist outside an unbending dualistic paradigm.

Contributors: Darren Dochuk, Janine Giordano Drake, Joseph Kip Kosek, Josef Sorett, Patrick Q. Mason, Wendy L. Wall, Mark Brilliant, Andrew Preston, Matthew Avery Sutton, Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Benjamin Francis-Fallon, Michelle Nickerson, Keith Makoto Woodhouse, Kate Bowler, and James T. Kloppenberg.

Religion's Power: What Makes It Work (2022)

Author: Robert Wuthnow. Publisher: Oxford University Press.

How does power manifest itself in religious practices? What forms does it take? Who sets the rules? Do the rules work? The question is not how religion affects other things, but how power is exercised within religion itself. These were addressed by Durkheim and Weber, Berger and Geertz, and others. There has, however, been a "turn to power," as Stephen Bush observes. inspired in religious studies by Talal Asad but also through the influences of Judith Butler, Pierre Bourdieu, Michel Foucault, and others. Similar questions in the social sciences have been driven by ethnographic studies of congregations, gender relations, race, and social movements in which power dynamics are present. The author examines how power is enacted as religious participants interact with one another in rituals, formulate and recite narratives they hope will communicate sincerely and persuasively, create institutions that organize dedicated space and make use of codified and pragmatic knowledge in that space, intersect with gendered and racialized identities, put symbols and storytelling to work for political purposes, and work out the mechanisms for mobilizing political protests. The book seeks to make three contributions: first, bringing closer and more specific attention to the role of power in the rapidly expanding literature on religious practices; second, specifying the mechanisms through which religion's power is exercised; and third, using this framework to discuss empirical examples that illustrate in greater detail how power works.

An Yves R. Simon Reader: The Philosopher's Calling (2021)

Author: Yves R. Simon. Editor: Michael D. Torre. Publisher: University of Notre Dame Press.

French Catholic (and then American) political philosopher Yves R. Simon was a student of Jacques Maritain and one of the most important figures in the revival of Thomism. His work, however, is still little known in English, and there is as yet no English biography of him. In *An Yves R. Simon Reader: The Philosopher's Calling*, Michael D. Torre provides an erudite and helpful introduction to Simon's life and thought. The volume contains selected key texts from all of Simon's twenty books, half of which were published posthumously, dividing them into three sections. The first fundamentally defends the Aristotelian and Thomistic account of human knowing. The second begins with his groundbreaking discussion of human freedom and ends with his account of practical wisdom. The third then expands this account to cover the chief concerns of his social and political philosophy. The selections are long enough to be substantive and contain sustained and complete arguments. Each selection has its own foreword by an eminent commentator, familiar with Simon's work, who lays out the necessary context for the reader.

An Yves R. Simon Reader includes sections from several of Simon's last and most important essays: on sensitive knowledge and on the analogous nature of "act." It includes a number of excerpts from his justly famous account and defense of democratic government. The hallmarks of his work—his careful conceptual analysis, his genius for finding undervalued examples, and his talent for creating expressions that revivified an outworn idea—are on display throughout. Indeed, as one of the book's contributors says, Simon touched nothing that he did not adorn. The result is a highly readable introduction to the thought of a key and underappreciated modern philosopher.

Contributors: Michael D. Torre, Jude P. Dougherty, Raymond Dennehy, John C. Cahalan,

Steven A. Long, Ralph Nelson, John P. Hittinger, Ralph McInerny, David B. Burrell, CSC, Laurence Berns, Catherine Green, W. David Solomon, V. Bradley Lewis, Joseph W. Koterski, SJ, James V. Schall, SJ, George Anastaplo, Walter J. Nicgorski, John A. Gueguen, Jr., Thomas R. Rourke, Jeanne Heffernan Schindler, and Robert Royal.

The Way of the Cross (2015).

Author: Caryll Houselander. Publisher: Liguori Publications.

In The Way of the Cross, Caryll Houselander accomplishes two things: first, by her imaginative re-creation of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, realized with intensity, detail, and depth, she brings a drama of anguish and tragedy to our immediate awareness; secondly, she shows us the Passion reflected in all human suffering. We can no more be detached spectators of the Passion than we can be detached spectators of the griefs and travails of the contemporary world. As Caryll Houselander writes, the part we are called to play is that of Veronica, coming forward to wipe the tears and sorrows from every stricken face we meet. And each time we have the courage and compassion to do so, we find the same image left on the veil. These profound meditations on the Stations of the Cross allow the reader to walk in the footsteps of Christ on that distant yet ever-present Good Friday.

Selected Poems of Gabriela Mistral (2011)

Author: Gabriella Mistral. Translator: Ursula K. Le Guin. Publisher: University of New Mexico Press.

The first Nobel Prize in literature to be awarded to a Latin American writer went to the Chilean poet Gabriela Mistral. Famous and beloved during her lifetime all over Latin America and in Europe, Mistral has never been known in North America as she deserves to be. The reputation of her more flamboyant and accessible friend and countryman Pablo Neruda has overshadowed hers, and she has been officially sentimentalized into a "poetess" of children and motherhood. Translations, and even selections of her work in Spanish, have tended to underplay the darkness, the strangeness, and the raging intensity of her poems of grief and pain, the yearning power of her evocations of the Chilean landscape, the stark music of her Round Dances, the visionary splendor of her Hymns of America.

During her lifetime Mistral published four books: Desolation, Tenderness, Clearcut, and Winepress. These are included in the "Complete" Nobel edition published in Madrid; the Poem of Chile, her last book, was printed years after her death. Le Guin includes poems from all five books in this volume, with particular emphasis on the later work. The intelligence and passion of Le Guin's selection and translation will finally allow people in the North to hear the originality, power, purity, and intransigence of this great American voice.

The Rabbit Hutch (2022)

Author: Tess Gunty. Publisher: Knopf.

An online obituary writer. A young mother with a dark secret. A woman waging a solo campaign against rodents — neighbors, separated only by the thin walls of a low-cost housing complex in the once bustling industrial center of Vacca Vale, Indiana.

Welcome to the Rabbit Hutch.

Ethereally beautiful and formidably intelligent, Blandine shares her apartment with three teenage boys she neither likes nor understands, all, like her, now aged out of the state foster care system that has repeatedly failed them, all searching for meaning in their lives.

Set over one sweltering week in July and culminating in a bizarre act of violence that finally changes everything, The Rabbit Hutch is a savagely beautiful and bitingly funny snapshot of contemporary America, a gorgeous and provocative tale of loneliness and longing, entrapment and, ultimately, freedom.

"Gunty writes with a keen, sensitive eye about all manner of intimacies—the kind we build with other people, and the kind we cultivate around ourselves and our tenuous, private aspirations."—Raven Leilani, author of Luste.

<u>Mr. Blue</u> (2016)

Author: Myles Connolly. Publisher: Cluny Media, LLC.

J. Blue is a mysterious man. Charming and carefree, he goes from rags to riches after the inheritance of an unexpected fortune, only to forgo money and power for the love of Lady Poverty. This life of service leads him to embrace fully his Christian faith—loving the unlovable, instructing the ignorant, and remembering that it is by grace that we are saved. In this new edition of Myles Connolly's 1928 novel, which features a special Preface by Connolly's own daughter, readers can again encounter the mystery of "Mr. Blue." Stephen Mirarchi's Introduction places the book in historical context and explains its literary structure, and his exhaustive Notes reveal Connolly's sharp command of his craft. Readers will see more clearly than ever before how "Blue made one believe almost anything is possible," especially a life of joyful self-giving.

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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.



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