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

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are in the midst of graduations here at Loyola University, and the Hank Center is wrapping up what has been a wonderful year of programs. In all we organized and sponsored 24 events, including two major international conferences: one in the fall on the poet Denise Levertov, whose commitment to Catholicism was an artistic as much as it was a spiritual journey toward faith; another in the spring on the challenge of God in continental philosophy. Papers delivered at both conferences are being edited for publication. We hope that they will make a great contribution to the ongoing work of Catholic artistic and intellectual thought.

Please see below for some of the exciting events that are in store for the upcoming fall semester. We wish you all a very pleasant summer, and we send our congratulations to the Hank Center undergraduate research fellows and student office workers who are graduating this year. And a special thank you to Dr. John Crowley-Buck, our post-doctoral research fellow, for his many years of service and friendship here at the Center.

All good things,

Dr. Mark Bosco, S.J.

UPCOMING EVENTS
MEET THE AUTHOR PHIL KLAY

Redeployment by Phil Klay
Fall 2016 Faculty Reading Club
Phil Klay is a graduate of Dartmouth College and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Iraq's Anbar Province from January 2007 to February 2008 as a Public Affairs Officer.

Redeployment takes readers to the front lines of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, asking us to understand what happened there and what happened to the soldiers who returned. Intertwoven with themes of brutality and faith, guilt and fear, helplessness and survival, the characters in these stories struggle to make meaning out of chaos.

This short story collection is poised to become a classic in the tradition of war writing. Across nations and continents, Klay sets in devastating relief the two worlds a soldier inhabits: one of extremes and one of loss. Written with a hard-eyed realism and stunning emotional depth, this work marks Phil Klay as one of the most talented new voices of his generation.

The Reading Club is for LUC Faculty Only. The author will offer a reading/lecture at Loyola University Chicago on October 20th. That event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register e-mail: HankCenter@luc.edu.

Publication Luncheon with Dr. Peter Sanchez

Wednesday, September 14
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Cueno Hall, Room 425
Loyola University Chicago
1032 W. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, IL 60660

Please join in an informal discussion with Dr. Peter M. Sanchez, PhD., Associate Professor, Political Science at LUC, on his 2015 book Priest Under Fire: Padre David Rodríguez, the Catholic Church, and El Salvador's Revolutionary Movement.

Partially funded by a Hank Center research grant, the book tells the story of a Catholic priest who joined the revolutionary movement and, after the civil war, was elected to the country's national legislature.

David Rodríguez, or Padre David as he is known throughout El Salvador, is a diocesan priest who followed the Second Vatican Council's doctrinal mandate to advocate for the poor and oppressed. In the 1970s, he joined the largest guerilla organization in El Salvador, the FPL (Popular Liberation Forces) and would later be a member of the resulting political party, the FMLN (Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front). Along with other progressive clergy committed to liberation theology, Padre David helped drive forward the country's popular movement.

LUC faculty only.
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Symposium September 21-22
Citizenship, Public Service, and the Common Good
Like all profound poets, Deane writes a single poem, but its variations reach out to embrace all of human life, from affecting elegies to celebrations of the grandeur of God. Ever glimmering in the background of his poems is the presence of Christ, as a mystery, a figure of ineffable love, as Meister Eckhart's “ground of the soul” - a touchstone against which Deane is always testing his probing imagination. Yet Deane is never narrowly pious or blinkered in his religiosity, always reaching out towards creation with an open heart and mind, offering it his singular gift of verbal fluency.

~James Harpur
Poetry International Rotterdam

The Hank Center is excited to host a two-day symposium this September called “Citizenship, Public Service, and the Common Good.” In light of the many social ills that have been exposed over the last year and the sometimes-surreal presidential primary season, the Center wanted to bring faculty, students, and concerned citizens together to discuss some of the issues facing us today before the November elections. On Wednesday, September 21, please join us for scholarly panels during the day on such issues as migration and immigration, gun culture and gun control, and an evening forum on global security and U.S. policy. On Thursday, September 22, we will offer a panel on “the state of the State” of Illinois, with various political leaders, both local and national. More information to come at the start of the fall semester.

Gerard Manley Hopkins Official Website comes to Loyola University!

With the cooperation of the International Hopkins Association and funding from the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, the official website of Gerard Manly Hopkins is coming to Loyola.

Frank Fennell, professor emeritus of English, initiated the project. The reputation of Hopkins and the new scholarship about his life and work is already present on the web and in social media. Hopkins’s contributions to the Catholic intellectual heritage, already large, will become even stronger with this new website.

It will contain links to an authenticated Hopkins biography, photos, study guides, recordings, a monitored chat room and blog site, a Hopkins bulletin board, archival material, announcements from international Hopkins societies, source listings, PhD dissertations, and much more - even a Hopkins "store" where you can acquire anything from mugs and tee shirts to serious works of art. Development of the website will begin in late summer with the intent of having it “go live” by Thanksgiving. The Hank Center is pleased to contribute to this endeavor. Stay tuned!

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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.