

The John Sobrino S.J. Colloquium on Worship, Theology, and Justice

Saturday, November 14

Call for Paper Proposals

As part of Ignatian Heritage Month, the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage and Loyola University Campus Ministry invite undergraduate and graduate students to participate in a research colloquium dedicated to the great Salvadoran priest and theologian, Jon Sobrino. While most remembered for his pioneering work in Liberation Theology, Sobrino was a priest whose pastoral ministry and daily celebration of the liturgy informed his entire life. Sobrino, then, embodied a sacramental structure of the Christian life which is nourished in worship, deepened through theological reflection, and expressed through acts of justice in the world. This colloquium, bringing together undergraduate and graduate scholars seeks to provide an opportunity for theological reflection rooted in worship and the Catholic intellectual tradition, and oriented outward in loving service to our world.

The theme of this year's colloquium is: ***Beauty and the Commitment to Justice***. The organizing committee welcomes paper proposals examining this theme, particularly along the following five research axes:

1. Philosophical and theological Explorations of beauty and its role in personal and collective justice work. Relatedly, examinations of how of "dark humor" (O'Connor) and "negative contrast experiences" (Schillebeeckx) of limitation and "ugliness" aid in or challenge this work.
2. Historical examples of how beauty in worship and the arts have been used as a means of social transformation.
3. Examinations of particular works of art or artists as catalysts of social transformation and justice. Areas of art include painting, music, dance, applied arts, literature, and poetry.
4. Examinations of the role of beauty in liturgical prayer and worship and its connection to the creation of empathy, solidarity, and commitment to justice.
5. The role of beauty in social activism and protest, especially noting any connections with sacramentality or liturgy.

Paper proposals should be no longer than approximately 250 words and should be emailed to Dr. T. Derrick Witherington (twither@luc.edu) no later than October 1. Students will be notified of their acceptance in the colloquium by October 5.

All papers accepted for this event will be published by the Hank Center. The papers which are judged by a panel of faculty/staff members as being the top three submissions will be awarded a prize. The prize levels are:

1. First Prize: \$300
2. Second Prize: \$200
3. Third Prize: \$100