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2022-2023 *Year in Review*

By the Numbers:

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| 31 | Lectures & Discussions |
| 35 | Virtual Classroom Visits |
| 5,293 | McFarland Center Lecture Views |
| 392,560 | Catholics & Cultures Page Views |
| 296,470 | Catholics & Cultures YouTube Views |
| 21,350 | Catholics & Cultures YouTube Subscribers |
| 9,000 | Journal of Global Catholicism Downloads |

MCFARLAND CENTER EVENTS

REIMAGINING PROTECTION FROM GUN VIOLENCE

OCTOBER 3, 2022

With **Craig Rood**, associate professor of English at Iowa State University and author of "After Gun Violence: Deliberation and Memory in an Age of Political Gridlock."

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COAL CAPITAL

Fushun and the Contradictions of Fossil Fuel Extractivism
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NOVEMBER 14, 2022

With Historian **Victor Seow**, assistant professor of the history of science at Harvard University.

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BEING IN THE ROOM PRIVILEGE

Elite Capture and Epistemic Deference

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

With **Olúfẹ̀mí O. Táíwò**, associate professor of philosophy at Georgetown University.

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PRIVACY'S TANGLED HISTORY AND ITS TENUOUS POST-DOBBS FUTURE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

With **Amy Gajda**, The Class of 1937 Professor of Law at Tulane University Law School.

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BUILDING THE POLITICAL WILL AND MORAL COURAGE TO END HUNGER IN AMERICA

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

With **Congressman Jim McGovern**, Project Bread CEO **Erin McAleer '02**, executive director of the Worcester County Food Bank **Jean McMurray**, and director of the Massachusetts Food System Collaborative **Winton Pitcoff**.

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)



CONFRONTING THE 21ST CENTURY LABOR QUESTION CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, WORK RELATIONS, AND THE DEEPENING CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY

OCTOBER 18, 2022

With labor expert **Joseph McCartin '81**, Professor of History and executive director of the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University.

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WHAT IS MISOGYNY?

Concepts, Targets, and Triggers

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

With **Kate Manne**, associate professor at the Sage School of Philosophy at Cornell University.

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VOCATION OF THE WRITER

A Collaboration with the Creative Writing Program

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

With acclaimed poet and lawyer **Lawrence Joseph**, author of several collections of poetry, including "A Certain Clarity" (2020), "So Where Are We?" (2017), and "Codes, Precepts, Biases, and Taboos" (2005).

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KOREATOWN, LOS ANGELES

Immigration, Race, and the "American Dream"

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

With **Shelley Lee**, professor of American studies at Brown University.

International Visiting Jesuit Fellows

These four Jesuits spent a semester or a year teaching at Holy Cross. In addition, each offered a public lecture.

THE OPPRESSION AND RESILIENCE OF INDIA'S MUSAHARS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

With **Rev. T. Nishaant, S.J.**, former principal of St. Xavier's College of Management & Technology in Patna, Bihar, India.

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MATURING FAITH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

JANUARY 31, 2023

With **Rev. Ferenc Patsch, S.J.**, professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and a prolific author of books on the theology of religions.

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SUFFERING, RESISTANCE AND FREEDOM

A Postcolonial Subaltern (Dalit) Study of Isaiah 52:13-53:12

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

With **Rev. Selva Rathinam, S.J.**, former president of Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth (JDV) Institute of Philosophy and Theology, the Pontifical Athenaeum in Pune, India.

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EVIL AND SIN IN AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION AND CHRISTIAN REVELATION

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

With **Rev. Joachim Zoundi, S.J.**, lecturer in systematic theology at Hekima University College, in Nairobi, Kenya.

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BEYOND ACTIVISM

Building Broad-based Alliances to Tackle the Climate Crisis

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

With **Rev. Angus Ritchie**, director of the Centre for Theology and Community and a priest in the Anglican Diocese of London.

RACE/RELIGION

Ethnic Studies, Religious Studies, and the Case of Islam

MARCH 16, 2023

With **Sylvia Chan-Malik**, associate professor in the departments of American and women's and gender studies at Rutgers University New Brunswick.

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CONFERENCE

Bringing the Holy Land Home

The Crusades, Chertsey Abbey, and the Reconstruction of a Medieval Masterpiece

MARCH 25, 2023
College of the Holy Cross

Digital reconstruction of Richard the Lionheart with improved reconstruction of surrounding text. © Jani Domaradz and Anniina Luoma.

New England Medieval Consortium

COLLEGE OF THE Holy Cross

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"BRINGING THE HOLY LAND HOME"

CONFERENCE

The Crusades, Chertsey Abbey, and the Reconstruction of a Medieval Masterpiece

MARCH 25, 2023

In association with Cantor Art Gallery and the New England Medieval Consortium, this symposium explored the impact that the Crusades had on medieval western Europe.

DMITRY MURATOV

NOBEL PRIZE WINNING RUSSIAN JOURNALIST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Russian journalist **Dmitry Muratov**, founder of the newspaper Novaya Gazeta and winner of the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize, addressed the campus community and participated in the Defending Democracy Forum with President Vincent Rougeau. Before hundreds of students, he described the breakdown of democratic ideals, diplomacy and nuclear disarmament in Russia and emphasizes the threat of propaganda and disinformation campaigns worldwide.

ARCHIPELAGO OF RESETTLEMENT

Theorizing Refugee indigenous Solidarities across the Refugee Settler Condition

OCTOBER 19, 2022

With **Evyn Lê Espiritu Gandhi**, assistant professor of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE
RUSSIAN JOURNALIST

DMITRY MURATOV

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2022

4:30 PM
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
St. Joseph Memorial Chapel

7:30 PM
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY FORUM
with Holy Cross President
Vincent Rougeau
Hogan Ballroom

*"We are the prerequisite for progress.
We are the antidote against tyranny."*

DEITCHMAN FAMILY LECTURES ON RELIGION & MODERNITY

CONTEMPLATION IN AN AGE OF ANGER

OCTOBER 20, 2022

With **Brian Robinette**, associate professor of theology at Boston College.

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CONFRONTING AMERICA'S REAL SISTER ACT

Black Catholic Nuns in United States History

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

With **Shannen Dee Williams**, associate professor of history at the University of Dayton and author of "Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle."

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CAN ROBOTS FEEL PAIN?

Theorizing AI from Ibn Rushd's 'Science of the Soul'

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

With **Sylvester Johnson**, associate vice provost for public interest technology and founding director of the Center for Humanities at Virginia Tech.

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HEARTLAND CATHOLICISM

HOW FAITH AND MIGRATION IN RURAL AMERICA ARE RESHAPING PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

With V.O. **Kristy Nabhan-Warren**, Professor and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Iowa & author of "Meatpacking America: How Migration, Work, and Faith Unite and Divide the Heartland."

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KRAFT-HIATT FUND FOR JEWISH-CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING



PREACHING FROM THE ROOTS: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC CLERGY

NOVEMBER 8-9 2022

Catholic priests from dioceses in and adjacent to Massachusetts gathered at the Thomas P. Joyce '59 Contemplative Center to prepare for the Advent season and focus on ways of preaching from Hebrew Scripture that are authentic to both Catholicism and Judaism and avoid anti-Jewish signaling and misinterpretations of the texts.

HOME IN A DISTANT LAND

Archaeology and the Study of Uprooted Communities in Israel

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

With **Ido Koch**, senior lecturer in archaeology at Tel Aviv University and co-director of the Tel Hadid Expedition.

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TORAH AND MITZVAHS IN HELL

Astonishing Jewish Religious Activity at Auschwitz

MARCH 20, 2023

With **Alan Rosen**, renowned scholar of Holocaust literature & author and editor of many books, including "The Holocaust's Jewish Calendars: Keeping Time Sacred, Making Time Holy" and "Filled with Fire and Light."

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HIGHLIGHTING SCHOLARSHIP AT HOLY CROSS



TEACHING AT INTERSECTIONS: ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COEDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

At the 50th anniversary of coeducation, faculty discussed the unique challenges and opportunities that integration and coeducation have brought. The panelists explored how faculty—then and now—work at multiple intersections as educators and scholars.

Part of the President’s Faculty Symposium. Sponsored by the Rehm family fund.

Virtual Classroom Visits

The McFarland Center funded 35 virtual class visits in 2022-2023. These visits give students first-hand access to scholars, authors, performers, and community leaders whose work they are studying. Initiated during a year of remote learning, the Virtual Classroom Visits program continues to make possible unparalleled opportunities for student engagement with scholars in the classroom. Sponsored by the Rehm Family Fund.

[VIEW THE LIST OF VISITS](#)

IGNATIAN PILGRIMAGE

2023 celebrates 20 years of the annual summertime pilgrimage for faculty to visit important sites that help them understand the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, and the mission of Holy Cross today.

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Faculty Scholarship Lunch series

DOOM-SCROLLING WITH LUCAN

The Ancient Roman Poet on Ecopolitical Catastrophe, Then and Now

WITH TIM JOSEPH, PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS

“LGBT FOLKS WILL DEFEAT BOLSONARO”

Some Reflections on Gender, Democracy and Political Affect

WITH CARMEN ALVARO JARRÍN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY

HIGH-SUGAR DIETS AND (IN)FERTILITY

Insights from C. elegans

WITH MICHELLE MONDOUX, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

JOURNAL OF GLOBAL CATHOLICISM

JGC Volume 7

ISSUE 1

FALL 2022

This issue included articles exploring festivals in Romania, girls' education & child marriage in Central Africa, and architecture in Hungary.

ISSUE 2

Graduate Symposium

SPRING 2023

As part of our mission to support younger scholars, we invited twelve graduate students to submit papers and have them reviewed by scholars in their field. Some of these papers were published in this issue of the journal. The symposium was sponsored by the Rehm Family Fund.

Author Meets Critics Series

MARC ROSCOE LOUSTAU

Managing Editor of the Journal of Global Catholicism

DECEMBER 14, 2022

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SIMON COLEMAN

Chancellor Jackman Professor in the Arts at the University of Toronto

APRIL 4, 2023

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Catholics & Cultures

LES COMMUNAUTÉS NOUVELLES COMME LIEU THÉOLOGIQUE

The New Communities as a Theological Site

APRIL 28-30, 2023

This conference drew together an array of African theologians to reflect on the goals and experiences of the hundreds of "new communities" that have prospered in West Africa. These communities are changing religious life in the region. The articles will become an issue in the Journal of Global Catholicism.

This conference was co-sponsored by Catholics & Cultures and the Institut de Théologie de la Compagnie de Jésus, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.