Our Inheritance: Vatican II at 50
The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century

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Our Inheritance will engage a multidisciplinary cohort of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Conciliar world.

Its purpose will be twofold: first, to generate reflection on the Council's ongoing legacy as we commemorate the golden anniversary of its conclusion; and second, to chart a course for Catholic intellectual life looking outward toward Vatican II's centenary in 2065.

Agenda

Monday, March 9, 2015

Welcome and Keynote Session
4:00-6:15pm

Speaker: John T. McGreevy, University of Notre Dame

Respondents: Michael E. Lee, Fordham University
Bronwen Catherine McShea, Columbia University

Moderator: Matt Malone, S.J., America

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Welcome
8:30-8:45am

Session I: Politics, Culture, Gender—Successes, Disappointments, Opportunities
8:45-10:30am

How did Vatican II change Catholic reflection about politics, culture, and gender? In what ways have Council documents been inadequate for such reflection given the multiplicity of ways the
world has changed since 1965? What are the emerging horizons in politics, culture, and gender toward which Catholic intellectuals should now orient their attention?

Panelists: Tobias L. Winright, St. Louis University
Paul Elie, Georgetown University
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami

Moderator: Vincent J. Miller, University of Dayton

Break
10:30-10:45am

Session II: *From a European Church to a Global Church: Critical Perspectives on Globalization*
10:45am-12:30pm

How does the Church’s European past relate to its global future? In what ways do globalization and global conflict present an ongoing challenge for Catholic intellectuals? To what extent does Vatican II continue to provide resources and perspectives that are valuable for navigating the many challenges related to globalization?

Panelists: Marcello Neri, Europe-University of Flensburg (Germany)
Maryann Cusimano Love, The Catholic University of America
Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College

Lunch Break
12:30-1:45pm

Session III: *Vatican II at 100: Imagining an Agenda for the Next Half Century*
2:00-4:00pm

What is the future of Vatican II? What might an agenda for Catholic intellectuals look like as we move toward Vatican II's centenary in 2065?

Panelists: Stephen R. Grimm, Fordham University
Maria Teresa Dávila, Andover Newton Theological School
Christiana Z. Peppard, Fordham University
Tricia Bruce, Maryville College

Moderator: Gary Adler, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

Break
4:00-4:15pm
Session IV: *Review and Wrap-Up Session*
4:15-5:30pm

What have we learned? What have we yet to learn? Where might this conversation lead?

Respondents:  Catherine Cornille, Boston College  
Massimo Faggioli, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)  

Moderator:  James P. McCartin, Fordham University

Reception for all conference participants  
5:30-6:30pm

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**Presenter and Moderator Biographies**

**Gary Adler** is director of research at the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California and a visiting instructor in the Department of Sociology at Boston College. His first book, an edited volume on secularism, Catholicism, and democracy, will be published by Oxford in 2015. He is currently at work on his second book, *Just Travel?: Suffering, Transformation, and Action at the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Along with Tricia Bruce and Brian Starks, he co-leads The American Parish Project, a multiyear sociological research initiative.

**Tricia Bruce** is associate professor of Sociology at Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. She is the author of *Faithful Revolution: How Voice of the Faithful Is Changing the Church* (Oxford, 2013) and is currently at work on a study exploring how parishes accommodate diversity and navigate the declining relevance of geographic boundaries. Along with Gary Adler and Brian Starks, she co-leads the American Parish Project, a multiyear research initiative sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California.

**Catherine Cornille** is Newton College Alumnae Chair of Western Culture and professor and chair in the Department of Theology at Boston College. A specialist in interreligious dialog with a particular emphasis on Hindu-Christian and Buddhist-Christian engagement, her publications include *The Im-Possibility of Interreligious Dialogue* (Crossroads, 2008), *Women and Interreligious Dialogue*, edited with Jillian Maxey (Wipf and Stock, 2013), and *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Inter-Religious Dialogue* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

**Maria Teresa Dávila** is assistant professor of Christian ethics at Andover Newton Theological School. Her research explores class, militarism, immigration, and activism, and she is currently undertaking a study of faith leaders, peace and justice practitioners, and others regarding their understanding of discipleship and public witness. Her publications include a range of book chapters and articles in *Political Theology, The Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, and *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*. 
Paul Elie is a senior fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University and the director of the American Pilgrimage Project, a partnership between StoryCorps and the Berkley Center. He is the author of the award-winning *The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003) and *Reinventing Bach* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012), as well as numerous articles in *The Atlantic, Commonweal*, and other venues. Previously, he was a senior editor at Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Massimo Faggioli is director of the Institute for Catholicism and Citizenship and assistant professor in the Department of Theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. His publications include *Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning* (Paulist, 2012), *True Reform: Liturgy and Ecclesiology in Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Liturgical, 2012), and *Sorting Out Catholicism: A Brief History of the New Ecclesial Movements* (Liturgical, 2014). He is a frequent contributor to *America, Commonweal* and *The Tablet* (London).

Stephen R. Grimm is associate professor of Philosophy at Fordham University. He leads The Varieties of Understanding project, a multiyear research initiative, funded by the John Templeton Foundation and the Henry Luce Foundation, exploring how humans understand and aiming to produce models for an integrated understanding of the world by drawing together insights from philosophy, theology, and psychology. His work has appeared in, among other places, *The British Journal of the Philosophy of Science, Mind, and Philosophical Studies*.

Natalia Imperatori-Lee is director of the Catholic Studies Program and associate professor Religious Studies at Manhattan College. Her research interests include the intersection of popular religion and ecclesiology, theology in the Catholic Spanish-speaking world, and the place of the marginalized communities within church governance. She is the author of numerous articles in, among other venues, *The Journal of Feminist Studies of Religion* and *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*. She is currently at work on a book project on the significance of narrative in ecclesiology.

Michael E. Lee is associate professor of Theology and a member of the faculty at the Institute for Latin American and Latino Studies, Fordham University. He is author of the award-winning *Bearing the Weight of Salvation: The Soteriology of Ignacio Ellacuría* (Herder & Herder, 2009), editor of *Ignacio Ellacuría: Essays on History, Liberation, and Salvation* (Orbis, 2013), and currently is engaged in a book project on the mystical-political theology of Oscar Romero. He is past president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States.

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Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado is associate professor of Religious Studies at the University of Miami. A specialist in Latino/a, Latin American, and feminist theologies, her publications
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**Matt Malone, S.J.,** is Editor-in-Chief of *America* where he previously served as an associate editor. Before entering the Society of Jesus, he was special assistant and chief speechwriter to U.S. Representative Martin T. Meehan (D-MA), founding deputy director of MassINC, an independent political think tank, and co-publisher of *CommonWealth*, a review of politics, ideas and civic life. He is a member of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion, and his writing has appeared, among other places, in The *New York Times* and The *Washington Post*.

**James P. McCartin** is director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture and associate professor of Theology at Fordham University. A historian of U.S. Catholicism, he is the author of *Prayers of the Faithful: The Shifting Spiritual Life of American Catholics* (Harvard, 2010), a study that traces how the concept of the sanctity of the human person developed within popular belief and practice before and after Vatican II. He is currently at work on a history of U.S. Catholicism and sex in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

**John T. McGreevy** is Dean of the College of Arts and Letters and professor of History at the University of Notre Dame. The author of the award-winning *Parish Boundaries: The Catholic Encounter with Race in the Twentieth Century Urban North* (University of Chicago Press, 1996) and *Catholicism and American Freedom: A History* (W.W. Norton, 2003), he is currently at work on a book project on nineteenth-century Jesuits and what they tell us about religious controversy, the “Catholic revival,” and the transatlantic dimensions of American religion.

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**Vincent J. Miller** is Gudorf Chair of Catholic Theology and Culture and a member of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Dayton. His research engages Catholic social teaching at its intersection with politics and popular culture. He is author of *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture* (Continuum, 2003) and is currently working on a book about how globalization is affecting religious belief and communities. He is a frequent contributor to and blogger at *America*.

**Marcello Neri** is a member of the Department of Social Studies and Theology and co-director of the Literature and Theology research project at the Europe-University of Flensburg (Germany). He is Editor of the magazine *Il Regno*, a writer for the magazine *Il Mulino*, and a member of the board of both the Centro Studi Sara Valesio and the Forum Junge Theologie. His publications

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**Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier** is associate professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University. A specialist in interreligious dialog, Asian American theologies, feminist theology, and liberation theology, she has published numerous book chapters, reviews, and articles in journals such as *Modern Theology*, the *Journal of Hindu Studies*, the *Asian Christian Review*, and *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*. With James L. Fredericks, she is co-editor of *Interreligious Friendship after Nostra Aetate* (Palgrave, 2015). She co-chairs the Los Angeles Hindu-Catholic dialog.

**Tobias L. Winright** is Hubert Mäder Endowed Chair at the Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics and associate professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University. His published works include *After the Smoke Clears: The Just War Tradition and Post War Justice*, co-authored with Mark Allman (Orbis, 2010) and *Green Discipleship: Catholic Theological Ethics and the Environment* (Anselm Academic, 2011). He is co-editor of the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* and book review editor for *Political Theology*. His research includes the ethics of policing, plastic surgery, and capital punishment.