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Sheraton Hotel
Denver, Colorado
6-7 January 2017
2016 ACHA Award Recipients 2017

2016 Shea Book Prize
Karen B. Olds
Forging the Past: Invented Histories in Counter-Reformation Spain
(Yale, 2015)

2016 Marraro Book Prize
Andrew Berns
The Bible and Natural Philosophy in Renaissance Italy
(Cambridge, 2015)

2016 Koenig Book Prize
Franz Posset
Johann Reuchlin (1455-1522). A Theological Biography
(De Gruyter, 2015)

2016 Peter Guilday Journal Prize
Christopher Riedel, Ph.D.
“Praising God Together: Monastic Reformers and Laypeople in Tenth-Century Winchester”

2016 John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award
Jennifer Binczewski
Washington State University
“Solitary Sparrows: Widowhood and the Catholic Community in Post-Reformation England”

2017 Distinguished Scholar Award recipient
William Issel
San Francisco State University

2017 Distinguished Teaching Award recipient
Jeffrey Burns
Franciscan School of Theology

2017 Distinguished Service Award recipient
U.S. National Park Service
FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY 2017

Session One, 8:30am-10am

Recent Research in Medieval Catholicism
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 10)
Chair: Scott Bruce (University of Colorado)
Papers:
The Voice of the Most Powerful Intercessor: Examining Mediation and Supplication Between Christ and Mary in Medieval Narrative Sources
Vanessa Corcoran (Catholic University of America)
Gregory the Great in the English Reformation
Ann Kuzdale (Chicago State University)
Comment: Scott Bruce (University of Colorado)

Church-State and the Challenges of Ethnicity and Race
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 16)
Chair: Richard Gribble, CSC (Stonehill College)
Papers:
Authority, Obedience, Defiance: Episcopal Rule and Lay Responses on Race
Michael A. Skaggs (University of Notre Dame)
A Higher Moral Order: Catholic New Dealers, Ethnic Mexicans, and Wartime Agencies
Maggie J. Elmore (University of California, Berkeley)
Comment: Richard Gribble, CSC (Stonehill College)

American Catholicism and Imperialism, 1898–1945
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 17)
Chair: Charles T. Strauss (Mount Saint Mary's University)
Papers:
Evading the “Absurdly Sanguine”: William Bourke Cockran, American Catholicism, and the Cause of Anti-Imperialism, 1904–08
Atlas Tian Xu (Catholic University of America)
Archbishop Francis Spellman and the Marriage of Catholicism to America
Jason Surmiller (University of Texas at Dallas)
Comment: Charles T. Strauss (Mount Saint Mary's University)
Session Two, 10:30am-12 Noon

**Before Buffalo: John Timon’s Early Ministry**  
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 10)  
**Chair:** Dennis Castillo (Christ the King Seminary)  
**Papers:**  
*John Timon’s Vincentian Years*  
John E. Rybolt (DePaul University)  
*John Timon: Friend and Fellow Missionary of Jean-Marie Odin*  
Patrick Foley (independent scholar)  
*Solidifying an American Catholic Presence: John Timon’s Missionary Work in Texas and the Mississippi Valley*  
Paul Lubienecki (Steel Plant Museum)  
**Comment:** Dennis Castillo (Christ the King Seminary)

**Catholicism on Radios and in Theaters**  
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 16)  
**Chair:** Betty Ann McNeil, DC (DePaul University)  
**Papers:**  
*The Vatican Radio Broadcasts for North America in World War II: Supporting USA for a "Just War"?*  
Raffaella Perin (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)  
*Ecumenical Oscars: Hollywood’s Reception of Vatican II*  
Paul G. Monson (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology)  
*The Miracle Film Controversy: Competing Catholicisms in Postwar America*  
Anthony B. Smith (University of Dayton)  
**Comment:** Betty Ann McNeil, DC (DePaul University)

**Catholic Antisemitism and German National Socialism**  
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 17)  
**Chair:** Beth Ann Griech-Polelle (Pacific Lutheran University)  
**Papers:**  
*‘Privileged’ Marriage and Catholicism Under National Socialism*  
Kevin P. Spicer CSC (Stonehill College)  
Martina Cucchiara (Bluffton University)  
*Father Erhard Schlund: A Catholic Dialogue with Nazi Antisemitism*  
Jeremy S. Roethler (Texas State University)  
*Vatican Responses to Antisemitism, 1933–38*  
Suzanne Brown-Fleming (Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies)  
**Comment:** Martin R. Menke (Rivier University)
Session Three, 1:30pm-3pm

Catholic Youth in the 20th Century
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 10)
Chair: Thomas F. Rzeznik (Seton Hall University)
Papers:
Providential Leadership: Parochial Schools in Brooklyn and Philadelphia
James T. Carroll (Iona College)
Shellshocked: Fr. Leonard Feeney and Jesuit Education in the Postwar Era
Katherine Richman (Labouré College)
Lay Apostles and Work Campers: Catholic and Protestant Youth Service in the 1950s
Christopher Staysniak (Boston College)
A Hipster Saint and Cool Catholics: Crafting Millennial-Generation Catholic Identity in the US
Katherine A. Dugan (Springfield College)
Comment: Thomas F. Rzeznik (Seton Hall University)

How Exactly to “Restore All Things in Christ”? Differences among Opponents of Modernism and Modernity
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 11)
Chair: Charles Talar (University of Saint Thomas)
Papers:
The Modernist Crisis and the Society of Jesus: Tensions Between the “White” Pope and the “Black” Pope
Peter Bernardi (Loyola University Chicago)
Childhood vs. the French Republicans: An Anti-Modernist Motif of Pius X and Charles Péguy
Christopher Denny (St. John’s University)
Pragmatism’s Breach: The Modernist Crisis in the Catholic Church
David Schultenover (Marquette University)
Comment: Charles Talar (University of Saint Thomas)

Southern Catholicism
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 16)
Chair: Michael Skaggs, University of Notre Dame
Papers:
Albert Foley, S.J. and the Southern Interracial Movement
Krista Stevens (Fordham University)
Bishop Humberto Medeiros, Advocate for Hispanics: The Brownsville Years: 1966–70
Richard Gribble, CSC (Stonehill College)
The Valiant Shepherd: Christopher Byrne, Fourth Bishop of Galveston, 1918–50
Sr. Madeleine Grace, CVI (University of Saint Thomas)

Comment: Audience

Digitization of Archives and Its Impact on Scholarly Research
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 17)
Chair: Maria R. Mazzenga, Catholic University of America
Participants:
Marian J. Barber, Catholic Archives of Texas
Robert Carbonneau, CP, United States Catholic China Bureau
Emilie Leumas, Archives and Records, Archdiocese of New Orleans
Fernanda Perrone, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Session Four, 3:30pm-5pm

Race, Religion, and American Civil Rights
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 16)
Chair: Margaret M. McGuinness, (La Salle University)
Papers:
Roy Wilkins’s Role in Advancing Civil Rights in Catholic Circles
Cecilia A. Moore (University of Dayton)
JFK, Civil Rights, and Catholic Clergy
Bentley Anderson, S.J. (Fordham University)
Appealing through the Court: Black Catholic School Communities and the Black Freedom Struggle
Katrina M. Sanders (University of Iowa)
Comment: Margaret M. McGuinness (La Salle University)

Catechism, Missals, and Papal Pronouncements
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 17)
Chair: Dennis Castillo (Christ the King Seminary)
Papers:
Benedict Bradley, O.S.B. and Church Renewal
Augustin Curley, O.S.B. (Newark Abbey)
The Regional Reality of Applying the Universal Principles of a Catechism: The Baltimore Catechism and the Issues Facing Catholics in 1880’s America
Ryan Hanning (University of Saint Mary)
Comment: Dennis Castillo (Christ the King Seminary)

Friday, January 6, 2017: 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
SATURDAY, 7 JANUARY 2017

Session Five, 8:30am-10am

Extra- and Intra-Catholic Polemics in Early Modern Europe
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 10)
Chair: Mary Corley Dunn (Saint Louis University)
Papers:
1. The Polemical Contexts of Teresa of Avila’s Commentary on the Lord’s Prayer
   Ellie Gebarowski-Shafer (Middlebury College)
2. Consensus Patrum in Bellarmine’s De Controversiis
   Ralph Keen (University of Illinois at Chicago)
3. Women as Moinesses and Théologiennes: Gendered Polemics against the Port-Royal Nuns
   Elissa Cutter (Saint Louis University)
Comment: Mary Corley Dunn (Saint Louis University)

Catholicism in the "American Century"
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 11)
Chair: Margaret M. McGuinness (La Salle University)
Papers:
1. Larchmont Madonnas: Catholicism Moves to the Suburbs
   Marian J. Barber (Catholic Archives of Texas)
2. "For Dust Thou Art, and unto Dust Thou Shalt Return": 20th-Century American Catholic Funeral and Burial Practices
   Sarah K. Nytroe (DeSales University)
3. From Camp Simon to the Challenge of Peace: The Importance of Gordon Zahn
   Benjamin T. Peters (University of Saint Joseph)
Comment: Margaret M. McGuinness (La Salle University)

Frontier Catholicism across Three Centuries
(Sheraton Denver Downtown, Governor’s Square 16)
Chair: James T. Carroll (Iona College)
Papers:
Praying for a Miracle: The Catholic Church and the Battle of New Orleans
Emilie Leumas (Archives and Records, Archdiocese of New Orleans)
Mystery and Myths—18th-Century La Louisiane Français and 19th-Century Maryland
Betty Ann McNeil, DC (DePaul University)
Comment: James T. Carroll (Iona College)

Global History of Catholicism
(Sheraton Denver Downtown, Governor’s Square 17)
Chair: Adam Asher Duker (The American University in Cairo)
Papers:
Gustavo Gutiérrez: Liberation Theology and the Urgent Need to Become Praxis By the
Churches for a World of Social Justice and Just Peace
Vasilis Dimitriadis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)
Comment: Adam Asher Duker (The American University in Cairo)

ACHA Information Table
Saturday, January 7, 2017: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
(Sheraton, Client Office 1)

Session Six, 10:30am-12Noon

Testing Virtue: An Historical Examination of Two 20th-Century Heroes
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 10)
Chair: Sebastian Lukasik (Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL)
Papers:
Courage in the Crucible: Chaplain Francis L. Sampson and the Habits of Virtue
Sean P. Klimek (Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL)
Abandon Not Hope All Ye Who Enter Here: The Power of Follow-Through in the Life
and Vocation of Father Walter Ciszek, S.J.
Daniel Connelly (Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL)
Comment: Sebastian Lukasik, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base)

Presidential Roundtable
“The Future of Catholic History: What Do Graduate Students Want to Know?”
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 16)
Liam Matthew Brockey, Michigan State University
Shannen Dee Williams, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Recent Research in the History of Catholicism and Politics
(Sheraton, Governor's Square 17)
Chair: Richard F. Crane (Benedictine College)
Papers:
- Luther's Challenge to Pope Leo X’s Turkish Strategy
  James G. Kroemer (Concordia University)
- Faith and War: The Lazarists during the Great War
  Juan-Fernando Leon (Wheaton College)
- From the Observer of History to the Maker of History: Angelo Roncalli, Charles
  Borromeo, the Council of Trent, and Consequences for Vatican II
  Max Vodola (Catholic Theological College)
Comment: Richard F. Crane (Benedictine College)

ACHA Presidential Luncheon, 12:30pm-2:30pm
Windows Banquet Hall, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

Session Seven, 3:30pm-5pm
Books and Boundaries: Catholic Textual Encounters in 19th-Century America
(Sheraton Denver Downtown, Governor's Square 11)
Chair: Kyle B. Roberts (Loyola University Chicago)
Papers:
  Michael Albani (Michigan State University)
- Wares for a Catholic Market: The Expansion of the Swiss Publishing House Benziger from Europe to the United States in the 19th Century
  Heinz Nauer (University of Lucerne)
- The Heresy Saga: Heterodox Theology and Obscene Literature in the 1870s St. Ignatius College Library Collection
  Gustav Roman (Loyola University Chicago) and Roman Krasnitsky (Loyola University Chicago)
Comment: Kyle B. Roberts (Loyola University Chicago)
Catholicism and Americanism in the 19th Century: New Perspectives on an Old Debate
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 16)
Chair: Katie M. Oxx (Saint Joseph’s University)
Papers:
Where Bigotry Thrives: Know-Nothingism and the Origins of an Inclusive Civil Religion
Luke Ritter (Troy University)
The "Use and Abuse of Reading": American Catholics and the Debate over Reading, 1860–90
Erin Bartram (University of Hartford)
Isaac Hecker's American Odyssey: Rewriting the Catholic Nation in the Church and the Age
William S. Cossen (The Pennsylvania State University)
Comment: Katie M. Oxx (Saint Joseph’s University)

"Agents of Change": Intellectuals, Journalists, and Advocates
(Sheraton, Governor’s Square 17)
Chair: Kathleen Sprows-Cummings (University of Notre Dame)
Papers:
Joseph Jessing, German-American Catholics, and National Myth-Making in Late 19th-Century America
Thomas Stefaniuk (Florida Gulf Coast University)
Performing Dignity: Dante and Doré and Queer Dissent
Roy Brooks-Delphin (University of Georgia)
Cardinal Newman on Orestes A. Brownson: "He Has Acted like an Uncharitable Vulgar Half Converted Yankee" a Reexamination of the Newman-Brownson Differences
Charlotte Hansen (University of Chichester)
Comment: Kathleen Sprows-Cummings (University of Notre Dame)

ACHA Liturgy
Saturday, January 7, 2017: 5:30 PM-6:15 PM
Sheraton, Governor’s Square 17

Nota Bene: The AHA Program Committee has scheduled this ACHA co-sponsored session for Friday, January 6, 2017: 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

134. Global Christianity in War and Peace, 1914–45
(Sheraton, Plaza Ballroom D)
Chair: Adrian Gregory (University of Oxford)

Sin, Redemption, Salvation: Catholicism and the French Republic in War
Frederic Gugelot (University of Reims)

Beyond Belief: A Catholic Sensory History of War, 1914–45
Patrick J. Houlihan (University of Oxford)

Nationalist Christian Internationalists: German Military Chaplains from World War to Cold War, 1943–57
Doris L. Bergen (University of Toronto)

Comment: Jonathan Ebel (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
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