

October/November 2017



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The leaves are finally turning and I am reminded again how autumn moves one to deeper contemplation.

The Catholic intellectual tradition is unique in that, while it is perceived by some to be an "embarrassment of riches" and an "expert in humanity," it is only so because of the humility and diversity upon which it is fundamentally founded. As the great Jesuit, Henri de Lubac, observed: "[The Church] is humble and she is majestic. She professes a capacity to absorb every culture, to raise up their highest values; at the same time we see her claim for her own the homes and hearts of the poor, the undistinguished, the simple and destitute masses."

The implicit meaning of De Lubac's insight is one of integration--not assimilation; one of inculturation--not domination. The Catholic tradition is cosmopolitan in that it travels different tributaries of thought--from Aristotle to Al-Ghazali to Aquinas to Karen Armstrong--in order to find the harmony of difference in the vast expressions of truth, beauty, and goodness. In its desire to "care for souls," the tradition embraces, as St. Ignatius does, the profound value of the particular and the unique dignity of each person. In its desire to care for creation, the tradition embraces, as Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, does, the vast mystery of the infinite in a posture of awe and wonder.

This month, ever mindful of the global nature of the Catholic intellectual, social, and artistic heritage, we celebrate particular expressions of Catholic life: a film about a legendary Lithuanian Colonel motivated by the

highest ideals of faith, a colloquium exploring the prophetic witness of a larger-than-life Englishman, and the 2017 Teilhard lecture given by one of the most gifted Nigerian authors of our age.

We do hope you will join us at one or all of these events. Happy Thanksgiving and,

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Michael P. Murphy

CONTROVERSIAL  
CONVERSATIONS  
Faith and Public Life



**Student Discussion:**  
**What Can Women & Men  
of Faith Contribute to  
Address Gun Violence in  
America?**

**Thursday, October 26th**  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

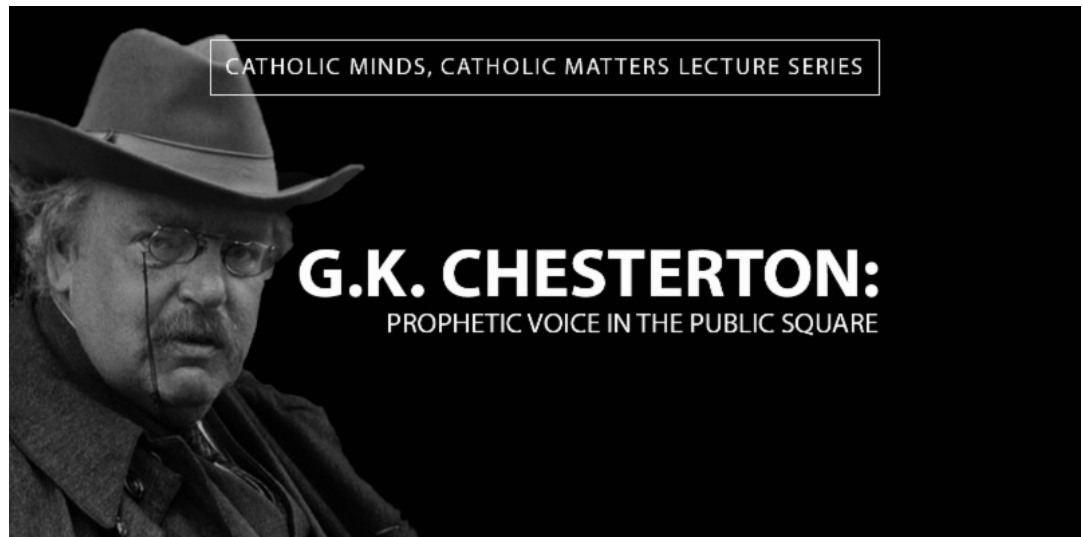
**Piper Hall**  
Loyola University Chicago  
Lake Shore Campus  
970 W. Sheridan Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60660

Panelists: [William French](#),  
Assoc. Prof. Christian Ethics  
& [Arthur Lurigio](#), Prof. &  
Senior Assoc. Dean for  
Faculty, & Director, Center  
for the Advancement of  
Research, Training, and  
Education

Moderator: [Miguel Diaz](#),  
John Courtney Murray  
University Chair in Public  
Service & Ambassador to the  
Holy See, Retired

*This Event is Free and Open  
to the Public.*

SYMPOSIUM  
Radical Faith:  
Maura Clarke and  
Transformed Justice



**CATHOLIC MINDS, CATHOLIC MATTERS**  
**G.K. Chesterton: Prophetic Voice in the Public Square**

**Thursday, November 2nd**  
3:30 - 5:30 PM

**McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall**  
Loyola University Chicago, Lake Shore Campus  
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Known as "the prince of the paradox," convert G.K. Chesterton is renowned among Catholic thinkers for his prolific and diverse output. Chesterton was at home in most any setting--poetry, plays, journalism, public lectures and debates, literary and art criticism, biography, Christian apologetics, and fiction. His work has been widely translated and his writings continue to be the subject of contemporary study and analysis, challenging and delighting new generations of readers. While his writing is well known for its humor and insight, Chesterton's work also includes calls to action for social and economic justice. He remains today a major resource in navigating contemporary social and religious issues. In this lecture, [Fr. Ian Boyd](#) will discuss the continuing relevance of these topics and celebrate the resonating call of Chesterton's prophetic voice.

[Fr. Ian Boyd, C.S.B.](#) is a distinguished Professor of Catholic Studies, President of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture, and Editor of "The Chesterton Review." He is also the author of many books, including *The Novels of G.K. Chesterton*.

*This Event is Free and Open to the Public.*



A celebration of Maryknoll Sister and missionary, Maura Clarke, who was martyred in El Salvador in 1980. This event is co-sponsored by [The Gannon Center](#), [Mission & Identity](#), and [Campus Ministry](#).

**Tuesday, November 14th**  
3:30 - 5:30 PM

**Piper Hall**  
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**RAMONAT LECTURE**

**Following Nicholas Point Through Blackfeet Country**



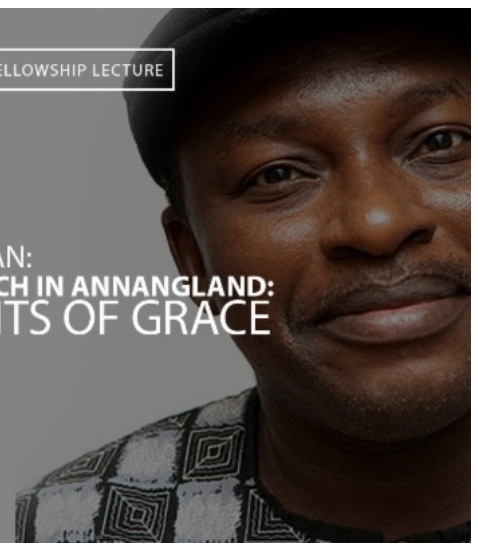
**Presented by**  
**Dr. Sally Thompson**

**Tuesday, November 14th**  
5:30 - 7:00 PM

McCormick Lounge,  
Coffey Hall

PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, SJ FELLOWSHIP LECTURE

**UWEM AKPAN:**  
**ECCLESIOLOGY OF THE CHURCH IN ANNANGLAND:**  
**PERSONAL PORTRAITS OF GRACE**



**PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, S.J., LECTURE**  
**Ecclesiology of the Church in Annangland: Personal Portraits of Grace**

**Thursday, November 9th**  
3:30 - 5:00 PM

**McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall**  
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Uwem Akpan, award-winning Nigerian author and Hank Center's Fall 2017 Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., Fellow in Catholic Studies, will offer this year's Teilhard lecture: "Ecclesiology of the Church in Annangland: Personal Portraits of Grace."

Mr. Akpan was born in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. He attended Creighton and Gonzaga universities in the U.S., and the Catholic University of East Africa in Kenya. In 2006, he completed an MFA at the University of Michigan. After much discernment, Mr. Akpan left the Catholic priesthood in 2015 in order to dedicate more time to his writing. In recent years, he served as a fellow at the Black Mountain Institute at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, the Institute for Humanities at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and the Cullman Center of the New York Public Library in New York. Currently, Mr Akpan divides his time between Nigeria and Atlanta, GA.

Mr Akpan's stories and short autobiographies have appeared in *The New Yorker*, making the "Special Literary Edition" twice. His writings have also been published in *The Nigerian Guardian*, *The Hekima Review*, *America*, and *O*, (Oprah) Magazine.

His first book, *Say You're One of Them* (2008), was named the "Best of the Year" at *People* magazine and nine other magazines and dailies across the U.S. *Say You're One of Them* was also included in *The New York Times's* Editor's Choice List, and listed as No. 27 in *Entertainment Weekly's* "Best of the Decade." Mr. Akpan's other accolades include the Commonwealth Prize (Africa Region), the PEN Open Book Award, and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for *Say You're One of Them*, which was also selected by Oprah's Book Club in 2009.

Mr. Akpan has taught English and writing in Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and the U.S. This semester, he is working with Loyola students to hone their storytelling skills as instructor of English 318: *The Writing of Fiction*, a course that covers the core Artistic requirement, and is cross-listed as Catholic Studies, African Studies, and fulfills the Multicultural requirement of the English Major. Mr. Akpan's much anticipated Teilhard lecture will sketch personal portraits of grace through the lens of encounter, cultural context, and literary complication.

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Co-sponsored by [the History Department](#) & [The Ramonats Seminar](#).

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## CATHOLIC Q & A

Catholicism: Called to Tradition or Revolution?



Jesuit Scholastic, Mike Martinez, will lead students in an informal discussion that examines the role of young Catholics in being authentically and constructively counter-cultural

Wednesday, November 29th  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Refreshments Provided

The Den  
Damen Student Center  
Loyola University Chicago  
Lake Shore Campus  
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*This event is for STUDENTS ONLY.*

## IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Sponsored by [Campus Ministry](#)

**Friday, November 3rd**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Monday, November 6th**

3:00 - 5:00 PM

**Monday, November 13th**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

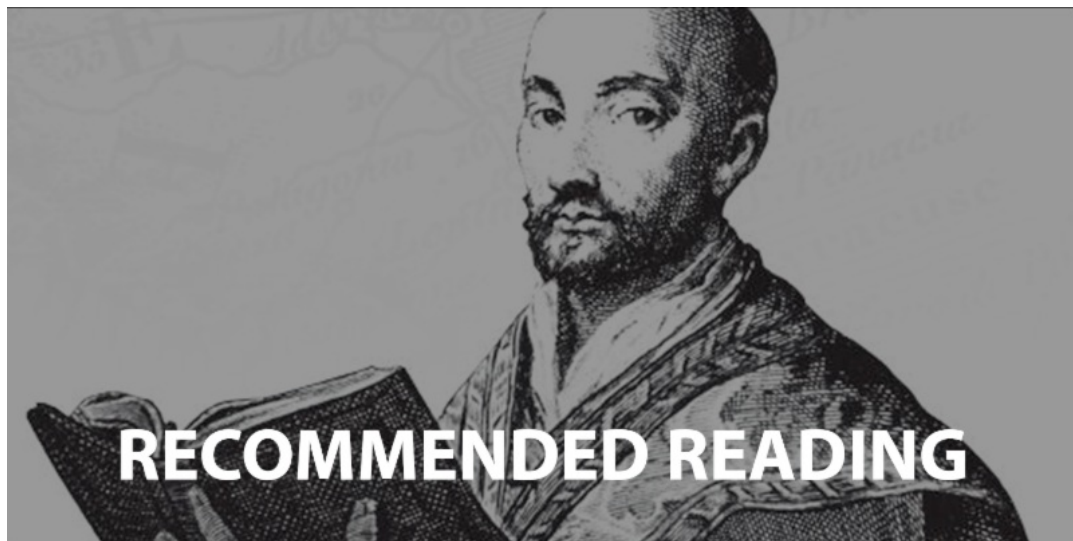
**Damen Cinema, Damen Student Center**

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In honor of [Ignatian Heritage Month](#), [Campus Ministry](#) presents the 2016 film, [Ignatius of Loyola](#), a contemporary take on the founder of the Jesuits. As a brash soldier in a time of political upheaval in Spain, the young Ignatius went from living a life of brutal violence and debauchery, to becoming one of the greatest saints in the history of the Church. Contact [Virginia Rivera](#) for more information.

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## RECOMMENDED READING

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Each month CCIH will recommend new and notable books that integrate, interrogate, and celebrate the Catholic intellectual and artistic tradition.

[\*To Overcome Oneself: The Jesuit Ethic and Spirit of Global Expansion, 1520-1767\*](#) (2013)

By J. Michelle Molina

This study examines practices of Catholic missionaries in Europe and New Spain from the 1520s through the 1760s in order to demonstrate how the emergence of the

Western concept of the "modern self" was enmeshed in the process of early modern Catholic missionary expansion. Emphasizing the centrality of embodied Catholic spiritual practices--such as Jesuit practices meditation, narrative self-reflection, confession, and the spiritual exercises in the development of the idea of "self"-- Molina also investigates the importance of the relationship between spiritual directors and their subjects. Throughout this original retelling of the emergence of the concept of modern "selfhood," Molina poses two important questions: Why does the effort to know and transcend self require so many others? And what can we learn about the inherent intersubjectivity of missionary colonialism?

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[\*We Are Not Ourselves: A Novel\*](#) (2015)

By Matthew Thomas

Named to *New York Times* 100 Notable Books of 2014, *Washington Post* Top 50 Fiction List for 2014, and *Entertainment Weekly* Ten Best Fiction Books of 2014, among many other accolades, this novel traces one family's pursuit of the American Dream in New York in the 1940s & 50s. Through the lives of his characters, Thomas charts the movements of an American century, in the process exposing our greatest desires, as well as our greatest failures. *The Washington Post* praises Thomas for his superb ability to capture "both an individual's life and the universality of that's person experience"-- with a solid eye fixed on Catholic spirituality-- in this stunning piece of literature.

[\*A Course in Christian Mysticism: Thomas Merton\*](#) (2017)

Edited by Jon M. Sweeney with a Foreword by Michael N. McGregor

This collection of Merton's lectures to young monastics at the Abbey of Gethsemani provides a valuable look at Merton the scholar. Covering sixteen centuries of central Christian mystical thinkers, this book is complete with a helpful introduction, which provides background historical and thematic information, as well as study materials at the back of the book, which offer additional reading sources and reflection questions. This compact volume displays the relevance of Merton's thought for any student of Christian mysticism and other spiritual seekers today.

[\*Do Guns Make Us Free?: Democracy and the Armed Society\*](#) (2015)

By Firmin DeBrabander

A crucial examination of the political and philosophical arguments undergirding possibly the most emotionally charged debate taking place in the United States today. In this insightful and eye-opening analysis, DeBrabander interrogates the major claim made by guns rights supporters, led by the National Rifle Association, that the right to unchecked gun ownership safeguards all other citizen rights. As the title indicates, this book offers an alternative viewpoint, demonstrating several reasons why an armed society is, in fact, not a free society-- but one locked in a kind of servility that harms the safety of the citizens and the health of the common good.

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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.