Too Small a World: Catholic Sisters as Global Missionaries

April 6-8, 2017
University of Notre Dame

Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Exhibition in Rare Books & Special Collections

12:00 p.m. -12:45 p.m. | Lunch

12:45 p.m.-1:15 p.m. | Plenary Address
Sr. Barbara Staley, M.S.C.
Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. | Session 1

Locating Missionaries
Maggie McGuinness, La Salle University
"How Far Do You Have to Go to Be a Missionary? The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia"

Danae Jacobson, University of Notre Dame
"From Montreal to Montana: Exploring the Environmental and Spiritual Faithscapes of Canadian Sisters"

Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University Northwest
"The Effect of Missioning on the Missionary: The Sisters of Mercy in Chicago and Peru"

Authority and Identity
Vefie Poels, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
"The Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood and Their Pursuit of Independence"

Catherine Foisy, Université du Québec à Montréal
"Crossing Borders, Breaking Walls: On the Activity of Two Female Missionary Catholic Institutes in Algeria since 1945"

Ria Christens, Cultureel erfgoed annuntiaten Heverlee (Heritage Centre of the Sisters of the Annunciation), Heverlee-Louvain, Belgium
"Terra Incognita: Belgian Sisters in Africa"

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Session 2

An Education of the Heart: Lay Involvement in Cabrinian Educational Missions
Yvonne Hrapmann, Cabrini High School
Jeffrey Gingerich, Cabrini University

Raymond Ward, Cabrini University

Imperial Habits: Irish Foundresses in Canada, New Zealand, and Australia
Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto
"Mother Teresa Dease, I.B.V.M., and the Loretto Foundations in Canada"

Jenny Collins, Independent Scholar
"Mother Gabriel Gill, O.P., and the Dominican Sisters in New Zealand"

Deirdre Raftery, University College Dublin
"The Transnational Mobility of Nineteenth-Century Irish Women Religious"

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Keynote Address
Mary Johnson, S.N.D. de N., Trinity Washington University
"The Past Is Truly Prologue: International Sisters in the U.S. Today"

Friday, April 7

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. | Session 3

Founding Education
Maria Williams, University College London, Institute of Education
"Too Small a World: The Transnational Mobilization of Mother Cabrini's Catholic Educational Practice 1889-1917"

Rosa Bruno-Jofre, Queen's University
"Transnationality and Transtemporality Crossing Pedagogical Visions: The Case of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus and Its Apostolate in Spain"

Brian S Collier, University of Notre Dame
"Katharine Drexel and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Among Native Americans: A Culture of Progressive Reform"

Thomas M. Southard, Cabrini University
"'She Was No Saint:' Leadership Styles of 19th Century Foundresses"

Medical Missions
Matthieu Brejon de Lavergnée, Sorbonne University
"Missionary Sisters and Nurses: A Transnational Approach. The Case of the Daughters of Charity and Sisters of Saint-Paul de Chartres in Cuba, Panama, and Philippines (late 19th-early 20th centuries)"

Barbra Mann Wall, University of Virginia
"Humanitarianism and Development in Post-Colonial Africa: Medical Missions and Sociocultural Change"

Ailish Veale, Independent Scholar
"Catholic Medical Missionaries and the Development Era"

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Session 4

Missionary Identity
Mary Ewens, O.P., Sinisawa Dominican Research Center
"The Many Levels of Missionary Ethnocentrism: Sister-Practitioners and Sister-Victims"

Theresa Keeley, University of Louisville
"Not Above the Fray: Religious and Political Divides' Impact on U.S. Missionary Sisters in Nicaragua"

Christine Baudin Hernandez, St. Agnes Academy
"Dialogue with the World: The Constitutions of Maryknoll Sisters, 1925-1975"

Thu T. Do, L.H.C., Saint Louis University
"Preparing Global Missionaries: Educational Opportunities for Religious Sisters from Developing Countries Today"

Unconventional Missionaries
Makrina Finlay, O.S.B., Abtei St. Scholastika zur Burg Dinklage
"The Tutzing Missionary Benedictines: Striking a Balance between Monastic Stabilitas and Mission"

Laura J. Taylor, University of Notre Dame
The Current, Complicated State of Missionary Sisters from Ireland since Vatican II

Ryan P. Murphy, Temple University
"Few, Yet Ready for Any Good Work: Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia as Missionaries"

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. | Lunch

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. | Session 5

Race and the Mission to the United States
Isaac O. Akande, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
"The Ladies of the Sacred Heart Among the Potawotomi of Kansas, 1840-1870"

Amy Rosenkrans, Notre Dame of Maryland University
"The 'Good Work': The Franciscan Sisters of Saint Mary, Mill Hill, and the African American Mission in Baltimore"
Julie Chamberlain, George Washington University
"The Patron of the Status Quo?: The Legacy of Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity in the United States"

Representing Mission
Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London
"British Representations of Female Missionaries, 1950-1970"

Edel Robinson, Independent Scholar
"Ocean Pathways: Irish Missionary Films and Filmmaking 1930-1997"

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Prayer Service
Transportation provided to and from Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's College

6:30 p.m. | Conference Banquet

Saturday, April 8

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Transportation provided to and from the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Chicago. Anticipated schedule: Depart South Bend 8:00 a.m. EST; arrive shrine 9:30 a.m. CST; depart shrine 1:00 p.m. CST; arrive South Bend 4:30 p.m. EST. Those who wish to remain in Chicago and catch flights directly will be able to bring their luggage on the bus from South Bend; they will, however, be responsible for transport to Chicago area airports by taxi or public transportation.