

PROGRAM

THE NINTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Women Religious Through the Ages: Managing Individual and Institutional Realities

June 23-26, 2013 • St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN

All Sessions will be held at Coeur de Catherine • You are advised to bring a copy of the program to the conference

Sunday, June 23

1:00–9:00 p.m. Registration / Box Lunch

1:00–3:00 p.m. Welcome

Keynote Speaker: Florence Deacon, OSF

“Women of the Gospel, Women of the Church: A Delicate Weaving”

5:00 p.m. Buffet Supper

7:00 p.m. Film: *Band of Sisters*

Discussion with filmmaker Mary Fishman

9:00 p.m. Welcoming Reception

Monday, June 24

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30–10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (1-2)

Session 1. Sanctity, Mythmaking, and History: Sister Saints in Historical Perspective

Margaret McGuinness, LaSalle University, Chair

Sarah A. Curtis, San Francisco State University “Writing the Lives of Saints: Archives and the Ownership of History”

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame
“Writing the Afterlives of the American Sister-Saints”

Virginia Meacham Gould, Tulane University
“Searching for Henriette Delille”

Session 2. Diverse Narratives of African American Women Religious

Joseph Mannard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Chair

Ed Brett, LaRoche College, Pittsburgh
“An Intrepid Lot’: Insights Gleaned From Eight Years of Research on the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans”

Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia
“The Civil War Experiences of the Oblate Sisters of Providence”

Shannen Dee Williams, Rutgers University
“Desegregating the Habit: Portraits of Five Pioneering Black Sisters in Historically-White Congregations in the United States”

10:00–10:30 a.m. Nutrition Break

10:30–12:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (3-5)

Session 3. Canadian Women Religious Across the Centuries

Jacqueline Gresko, Faculty Emeritus, Douglas College, New Westminster, British Columbia, Chair

Colleen Allyn Gray, McGill University, Quebec
“As a Bird Flies: The Writings of Marie Barbier, Seventeenth-Century Montreal Mystic”

Maryse Cloutier-Gélinas, Université Laval, Quebec
“Addressing the Corporeality of Nineteenth-Century Laurentian Women Religious: Two Case Studies from the Region of Quebec City” Elizabeth W. McGahan, University of New Brunswick-Saint John

“New Directions: The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (Saint John, NB) and the Peru Mission Experiment”

Session 4. Race and Religion in the United States

Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts at Valparaiso University, Chair

Megan Stout Sibbel, Loyola University Chicago
“Catholic Sisters and Schools in Southern African American Communities, 1930- 1970”

Amanda Bresie, Texas Christian University
“The Business of Sanctity: Mother Katharine Drexel and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Relations”

Annie Stevens, Webster University, St. Louis
“‘Busted Again’: The Sisters of Loretto and the Underground Railroad”

Session 5. New Nuns in a New Global Reality

Mary Oates, Regis College, Emeritus, Chair

Marian Mollin, Virginia Tech
“New Nuns on the Global Stage: Ita Ford, the Maryknoll Sisters, and the Hidden History of the Global 1960s”

Margaret Preston, Augustana College
“Mastering the Modern World of Healthcare: South Dakota’s Presentation Sisters, Sr. Colman Coakley and McKennan Hospital”

Catherine Osborne, Fordham University
“‘Their Outlook is Always Quite Different’: Annunciation Priory and the Gender of Building”

12:00–1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30–3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (6-7)

Session 6. Film: “Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America”

Discussant: Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ, Editor/Coordinator, History of Women Religious Conference

Session 7. Gender and Religious Leadership: Historical Perspectives

Rosa Bruno-Jofré, Queens University, Ontario, Chair
Margaret Susan Thompson, Syracuse University
“The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same:
Historical Context for Current Tensions in Religious Life”
Barbra Mann Wall, University of Pennsylvania
“Historical Context for Health Care Policy Disputes between US
Bishops and US Sisters”
Anne E Patrick, Carleton College
“Changing Understandings of Virtue and Tensions Between the
Vatican and LCWR: Insights from the Twentieth Century”

3:00–3:30 p.m. Nutrition Break

3:30–5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (8-9)

Session 8. Monasticism—Challenges and Influences in Three European Contexts

Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon;
Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, Chair
Else-Britt Nilsen, OP, Norwegian School of Theology
“Conventual Nursing in Medieval Scandinavia”
Caroline Bowden, Queen Mary, University of London, U.K.
“Managing Early Modern Enclosed Communities in Exile: Texts
and Practice in English Benedictine Convents”
Susanne Malchau Dietz, Danish Deaconess Foundation, Copenhagen
“Gender, Vocation and Professional Competencies: A Collective
Biography of the Deaconesses’ Contribution to Social Welfare
and Nursing Care in Denmark, 1863-2013”

Session 9. Past and Future Partnerships: Lay Scholars and Congregational Archives

Mary Kraft CSJ, Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet,
St. Paul Province, Moderator
Margaret McGuinness, LaSalle University, Panelist
Carol Coburn, Avila University, Panelist
Joseph G. Mannard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Panelist
Anne M. Butler, Utah State University, Emeritus, Panelist

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7–8:30 p.m. Forum: LCWR (Session 10)

Dolores Liptak, RSM, Sisters of Mercy, Hartford, Speaker
Karen Kennelly, CSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Speaker
Regina Siegfried, Adorers of the Blood of Christ, St. Louis, Moderator

8:30 p.m. Reception

Tuesday, June 25

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30–10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (11-12)

Session 11. Between Worlds: Australia and the Global Network

Gemma Betros, The Australian National University, Chair

Katharine Massam, Uniting Church Theological College,
MCD [Melbourne College of Divinity] University of Divinity,
Melbourne, Australia
“Writing a Missionary Vocation: Spanish Benedictine Women in
Western Australia”
Jane Kelly, St Mary’s College, University of Melbourne “Letters
to Link the World: Mary Gonzaga Barry (1834-1915) in Australia”

Session 12. Responding to Changed Conditions within the Western Canadian Apostolate

Heidi MacDonald, Lethbridge University, Lethbridge, Alberta, Chair
Sister Magdalen Stengler, OSU/Independent Scholar, Prelate,
Saskatchewan
“Tapestry of Change: Ursulines of Prelate, 1919-2012”
Sister Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, St Thomas More College,
Saskatoon; Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
“Shaping a Gentle Province: Saskatchewan’s ‘Sister Act’”

10:00–10:30 a.m. Nutrition Break

10:30–12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (13-15)

Session 13. Expansion and Identity in Nineteenth Century Convents

Elizabeth W. McGahan, University of New Brunswick-Saint
John, Chair
Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London
“British-Dutch Exchanges: Cultural Imperialism and the Sisters
of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy (SCMM), 1861-1900”
Moira E. Egan, Independent Scholar, New York City
“Women Religious and the Re-imagination of English Catholic Identity”
Deidre Raftery, University College Dublin
“A Great Builder’- Nineteenth Century Women Religious and
Strategies for Convent Expansion in Ireland, North and South”

Session 14. Canadian Women Religious Respond to Vatican II: Individual and Institutional Initiatives

Mary Ann Foley, University of Scranton, Chair
Rosa Bruno-Jofre, Queens University, Ontario
“The Canadian Province of the Religieuses de Notre Dame des
Missions: The Horizon Reference and Reception of Vatican II,
Moving Toward a New Constellation of Meanings”
Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta
“Vatican II and Falling Membership in Congregations of
Women Religious in Canada”
Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto
“Fathers of the Council, Mothers of the Community: The Carter
Family and the Second Vatican Council”

Session 15. Changes in German and American Religious Communities After World War II

Prudence Moylan, Loyola University Chicago, Chair
Isabelle Nagel, Ruhr-University Bochum
“Transformation Processes of American and German Sisters Pre and
Post Vatican II, a Comparison: The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary and the German Good Shepherd Sisters (1950-1990)”
Markus Kroll, Ruhr-University Bochum
“Transformation Processes of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and
Christian Charity (Heythuysen) in their German Province after WWII”

12:00–1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30–3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (16-17)

Session 16. Across National and Temporal Boundaries:

Writings of Women Religious

Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia, Chair

Kara French, University of Michigan

“Sister Mary Ignatia Greene: A Missionary Heroine in an Age of Anti-Catholicism”

Susan Maloney, SNJM, Sisters of the Holy Names/
Independent Scholar

“Woman of Integrity: Freedom and Responsibility in the Writings of Anita M. Caspary, IHM”

Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University

“My Dear Mother, Pray for My Conversion: Spiritual Direction and Cooperation between Angelique Arnauld and Jeanne de Chantal”

Session 17. Health, Education and Welfare

Anne Klejment, University of St. Thomas, Chair

Thomas F. Rzeznik, Seton Hall University

“Sustaining the Work of Charity: The Case of St Vincent’s Hospital (NYC)”

James T. Carroll, Iona College

“Wellsprings of Energy: Parochial Schools in the 20th Century”

Regina Bechtle, Charism Resource Director, Sisters of Charity of New York

“‘Certain Arrangements Must be Privately Agreed On’: Organizational Tensions among Religious, Clergy and Laity in Sisters of Charity Orphanages, 1814-1846”

3:30 p.m.Business Meeting

5:30 p.m. Reception – Cash Bar

6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet

After Dinner Address: Ann Harrington, Loyola University Chicago

“From French Priests in Japan to Irish Sisters in Iowa: A Personal Reflection”

Presentation of Distinguished Book Award

Presentation of Distinguished Historian Award

Wednesday, June 26

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:45–10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (18-19)

Session 18. Women Religious in France: Managing Individual and Communal Challenges

Colleen Allyn Gray, McGill University, Quebec, Chair

Gemma Betros, The Australian National University

“Managing Suppression: Leadership, Survival, and Spirituality in the Aftermath of the French Revolution’s Suppression of Convents, 1792-1801”

Mary Hayes, Trinity College, Washington, DC

“Julie Billiard and Saint Esteve de Sambucy: Opposing Visions of Religious Life”

Kathleen J. Barker, Northeastern University / Massachusetts Historical Society

“Maintaining Religious Communities in Times of Crisis”

Session 19. Vatican II: Stimulus and Response (s)

Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto, Chair

Louise O’Reilly, NUI, Maynooth, Ireland

“The Impact of Vatican II on the Lives of Women Religious: A Comparative Study”

Bren Ortega Murphy, Loyola University of Chicago

“Dressing for Success: The Evolving Effect of Vatican II on Religious Attire”

Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University–Purdue University at Indianapolis

“The Problems of Generations in Religious Life”

10:15–10:30 a.m. Nutrition Break

10:45–12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (20-21)

Session 20. The Sisters of the Visitation: Managing Individual & Institutional Realities in the Nineteenth-Century American South

M. Christine Anderson, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Chair

Joseph G. Mannard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Fostering the Maryland Tradition: Southern Culture and Identity in Antebellum Visitation Convents”

Barbara J. Howe, West Virginia University

“Managing Individual and Institutional Realities: The Wheeling Visitandines in the 1860s”

Session 21. Comparative Analysis of Mentoring by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan, and Scranton, Pennsylvania

James Carroll, Iona College, Chair

Melanie Carroll, Syracuse University

“Qualitative Study on Mid-Twentieth Century Mentoring of Parochial School Educators by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, Pennsylvania”

Maxine Kollasch, IHM, A Nun’s Life Ministry

“A Quantitative Approach to Mid-Twentieth Century Theological Mentoring of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan

12:00 p.m. Box Lunch

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