

Whither Women Religious: Analysing the Past, Studying the Present, Imagining the Future

10th Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious

June 26–29, 2016 | Santa Clara University

Sunday, June 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass | Mission Santa Clara De Asís

Noon–4:00 p.m.

Registration Open | Graham Foyer

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Keynote Address | Graham 156

Deirdre Raftery, University College Dublin
“Researching Women Religious in the 21st Century: Old Challenges and New Opportunities”

3:30–4:00 p.m.

Afternoon break

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Session A | Relationships with Clergy | Graham 163

Chair: Jim Carroll, Iona College

Jamila Jamison Sinlao,
University of California, Santa Barbara
“Pioneer Sisters in the West: Catholic Women Religious in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1850–1860”

Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia
“The Oblate Sisters of Providence and the Josephite Fathers, 1878–1903”

Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., DePaul University
“Crises—Charism, Community, and Cornettes: The Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, Emmitsburg, Maryland, 1809–1849”

Session B | Care for the Earth, Community, and the Whole Person | Graham 164

Chair: Mary Anne Foley, C.N.D., University of Scranton

Donna Maria Moses, O.P.,
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
“Religious Life in the Land of Olive Oil and Honey”

Ryan P. Murphy, Temple University
“Corporate Stances as Lived Religion: The Sisters of St. Joseph and Social Justice Activism”

Deborah Torres, Creighton University
“The Impetus of Charism for Women Religious in Response to Human Trafficking”

5:30–7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:30–9:00 p.m.

Picture in 1,000 Words I | Graham 156

Chair: Catherine R. Osborne, University of Notre Dame

Barbra Mann Wall, University of Virginia
“Photographs as Evidence for Demonstrating the Role of African Sisters in Humanitarian Relief”

Dana A. Freiburger, University of Wisconsin–Madison
“The Many Universes of Seddie Bingham / Sister Aloysia (1873–1899)”

Elizabeth Perry, Framingham State University
“The Stations of Our Saviour’s Passion: An Illuminated Manuscript from Syon Abbey, Lisbon”

Shannen Dee Williams,
University of Tennessee at Knoxville
“On Discovering Barkley Hendricks’s *My Black Nun* (1964)”

Susan Maloney, S.N.J.M.,
Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
“From Bride of Christ to Unfinished Liturgy: Spiritual Transitions in the Life of Anita M. Caspary, I.H.M.”

Maggie McGuinness, Lasalle University
“Katharine Drexel’s Ministry in Philadelphia”

Monday, June 27, 2016

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Session A | Myths and Memory | Graham 163

Chair: Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia

Matthieu Brejon de Lavergnée,
Paris Sorbonne University

“About the Myth of Origins: The Daughters of Charity and Their Founders (17th–20th Century)”

Jane Kelly, University of Melbourne

“Remembering for the Sake of the Mission and Revisiting the Myths”

Katharine Massam, University of Divinity
“Remembering the Aboriginal Benedictines, Imagining Reconciliation in Australia”

Session B | Educational Praxis | Graham 164

Chair: Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto

Jacqueline Gresko,
Douglas College New Westminster
“Women Religious Teaching Japanese Evacuees in Canada During World War II: Context and Comparisons”

Melanie Sue Carroll, Syracuse University
“Teaching Nuns and Special Education: Using Historical Models to Inform Contemporary Teacher Preparation”

Carey Pallister, Sisters of St. Ann Archives
“Nurturing the Creative Spirit: The Importance of Teaching of Art in North American Convents”

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Morning break

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session A | Interrelations: Colonizers and Colonized | Graham 163

Chair: Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London

Alison Graham, University of Toronto
“Imperializing Femininity: Vowed Women and Enclosure in Spanish Manila, 1620–1790”

Annie Stevens, Webster University

“Making the Future Possible: Lessons in Loretto Mission from China to Pakistan”

Jillian Plummer, University of Notre Dame

“Gender and Sexuality in Christian Mission: Society of the Holy Child Jesus in Nigeria”

Session B | Recovering Voices | Graham 164

Chair: Fernanda Perrone, Rutgers University

Susan Maloney, S.N.J.M.,
Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
“In Her Own Words: The Spirituality of Anita M. Caspary, I.H.M.”

Nan Cano, I.H.M.,
Immaculate Heart Community of California
“The Challenges and Rewards of the I.H.M. Community as a Contemporary Ecumenical Community 1970–2015”

Carolyn Osiek, R.S.C.J., Society of the Sacred Heart
“Editing a Saint: The Challenges of Bilingual Transatlantic Cooperation with the Writings of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne”

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Docent-led tour | Mission Santa Clara De Asís

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Session A | Picture in 1,000 words II | Graham 156

Chair: Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University Northwest

Caroline Bowden, Queen Mary University of London
“Margaret Wake in Her Clothing Gown, 1633”

Kara French, Salisbury University

“N is for Nun: Women Religious in Early American Children’s Literature”

Rebecca Berru Davis,
College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University
“Sister Helene O’Connor, O.P., Liturgical Art: An Apostolate and a Pedagogy For Artists and Educators”

Ryan P. Murphy, Temple University
“Going Against the Flow: The Sisters of
St. Joseph and the Redirection of the
Wissahickon Creek in Philadelphia”

Natalie Carroll Sargent, University of Notre Dame
“‘One in Heart’: Women Monastics and Active
Sisters Come Together”

Session B | The Changing Classroom | Graham 163
Chair: Melanie Carroll, Syracuse University

Christine Baudin Hernandez, St. Agnes Academy
“Sisters and the City: The Dominican Sisters
of Houston and the Evolution of an Educational
Infrastructure”

Fernanda Perrone, Rutgers University
“Reevaluating the Loretto Community’s Higher
Education Mission”

3:30–4:00 p.m.
Afternoon break

4:00–5:30 p.m.

**Sisters Negotiating New Roles in the Modern
World | Graham 163**
Chair: Carol Coburn, Avila University

Carmen M. Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London
“Adapting to the Modern Girl: British Catholic
Religious Life, 1940–1970”

Thomas Rzeznek, Seton Hall University
“Still the Sisters’ Hospital?: Transitions in Catholic
Healthcare in the 1960s and Beyond”

Theresa Keeley, University of Louisville
“Nuns, an Ex-Nun, and Ronald Reagan: Debating
U.S.–Central America Policy in Ireland”

5:30–7:30 p.m.
Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Film: *Chosen: Custody of the Eyes* | Graham 156
Abbie Reese, Filmmaker

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

8:00–9:00 a.m.
Breakfast

9:00–10:30 a.m.

**Roundtable: Challenges and Promises in
Researching the History of Women Religious |
Graham 156**
Chair: Maggie McGuinness, LaSalle University

Carol Coburn, Avila University

Mary Beth Fraser Connolly,
Purdue University Northwest

Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto

Kathleen Sprows Cummings,
University of Notre Dame

10:30–11:00 a.m.
Morning break

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Session A | On Leaving: Renewal and
Reconciliation | Graham 164**
*Chair: Elizabeth McGahan,
University of New Brunswick–St. John Campus*

Heidi Elizabeth MacDonald,
University of Lethbridge
“Choosing to Leave in the Post-Vatican II Era”

Christine Gervais, University of Ottawa
“Spiritual and Societal Innovations Among Former
Women Religious”

12:30–2:00 p.m.
Lunch

**Research Round Table for Graduate
Students | Graham 163**
Chair: Catherine R. Osborne, University of Notre Dame

2:00–3:30 p.m.

**Session A | Creation and Preservation of
Religious Identities | Graham 163**
Chair: Christine Anderson, Xavier University
Jennifer E. De Vries, Georgetown University
“Dressing the Part: Regulations on Clothing in
Beguine Life Rules”

Michelle Meza, California State University Fullerton
“Looking Toward the Future: Patronage Networks and Letter-Writing in English Convents, 1600–1800”

Session B | Consequences of Vatican II for Religious Life | Graham 164

Chair: Thomas Rzeznik, Seton Hall University

Sally Witt, C.S.J., Sisters of St. Joseph
“Schools and Hospitals on the Frontier: Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas, in Public Schools and Community Hospitals through the 20th Century”

Rosa Bruno-Jofré, Queen’s University
“Transtemporal and Global Approaches in a Longue Durée History of Religious Congregations: The Process of Renewal of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus (Spanish Province) as Case Study”

3:30–4:00 p.m.

Afternoon break

4:00–5:00 p.m.

Session A | Women Religious Claiming Their Own Theology | Graham 163

Chair: Mary Oates, C.S.J., Regis College

Katie Anne-Marie Bugyis, St. Martin’s University
“Unveiling Women Priests in the Late Middle Ages: the Case of Barking Abbey”

Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University
“Angélique Arnauld, Reformer, Moinesse, and Théologienne: Jansenism and Counter-Reformation Catholicism at the Convent of Port-Royal”

Session B | Developing Organization Structures: Two Case Studies | Graham 164

Chair: Barbra Mann Wall, University of Virginia

Else-Britt Nilsen, Norwegian School of Theology
“Whither Dominican Sisters? Dominican Sisters International–25 Years”

Elizabeth McGahan,
University of New Brunswick–St. John Campus
“Leadership Practices in a Canadian Congregation: An Overview”

Cecilia Murray, O.P., Mount St. Mary College
“The Monasteries and How They Grew: American Dominican Cloisters”

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Reception | 3rd Floor, Library Learning Commons

CHWR participants are invited to a reception in honor of the Tenth Triennial Conference and the opening of the archives of Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M. A small exhibition drawn from the Schneiders collection will be located in the gallery on the third floor of the Library Learning Commons, with a reception in the adjoining Father Martin Reading Room. The reception will feature light appetizers and brief comments to mark the occasion.

7:30 p.m.

Banquet | Locatelli Center

Wednesday, June 29

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Keynote Address | Graham 156

Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.

“Whither the Ministry of Women Religious? Critical Historiography as Creative Hermeneutics”

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Future | Graham 156

Chair: Catherine R. Osborne, University of Notre Dame

Mary Johnson, S.N.D. de N.,
Trinity Washington University
“International Sisters: Where and Who They Are”

Patricia Wittberg, S.C.,
Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis
“International Sisters in the U.S. Today: Findings from a New Study”

Shannen Dee Williams,
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
“‘The Future of the Black Catholic Nun [in the United States] Is Dubious’: Race, Religion, and the Changing Face of the Catholic Sister in the 21st Century World”