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From the Director: Thanking CARA & Our Many Partners

As the Institute's Director, a very gratifying part of my job has been teaming up with other organizations to advance research or to highlight important policy topics.

Last week we worked with the Franciscan Action Network (FAN) on a conference that focused on the moral and religious dimensions at stake when governance is influenced or even co-opted by money. It was a terrific event, and marks the third event in the last decade that we have done with FAN and with its Executive Director, Patrick Carolan. FAN has become a great Catholic policy education organization under Carolan's leadership. Although our Institute for Policy Research & Catholic

Studies does more research than policy education, our research expertise matches up pretty well with FAN's education efforts. We've worked with FAN in the past on the topics of human trafficking and Latino immigration – and we look forward for the next chance to collaborate in the future.

The Institute has a similarly close relationship with Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN), with whom we're doing a conference in November. Like FAN, CMN also does Catholic policy education. Under the direction of Karen Clifton, it has become a leader in advancing the Catholic Church's opposition to the death penalty. We did a



wonderful conference with them last year on the capital punishment, bringing together economists, legal scholars, sociologists, theologians, and activists. A highlight of that conference was the powerful talk of *Dead Man Walking* author, Sr. Helen Prejean.

On Nov. 21, we'll be working with CMN again along with several other co-sponsors, doing a conference on the theme of restorative justice. The conference will consider the problem of mass incarceration in the United States, with a special eye toward the whole of the demands of justice at stake – for society, for the prisoners, and for the victims. Registration information is including in this issue of the IPR Bulletin and at our [website](#).

Indeed, it is a very long list of partners with whom the Institute has worked in recent years – the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, American Jewish Committee, Catholic Relief Services, AFL-CIO, Bread for the World, Rumi Forum, University of Notre Dame, Catholic Charities USA, Kroc Institute, Brookings Institute, United States Institute of Peace, World Politics Institute, National Association of Evangelicals, Mount Saint Mary's University, Loyola University, Center for Budget & Policy Priorities, Public Religion Research Institute, and FADICA – just to name a few.

Among all of our regular partners, however, let me especially mention the

Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). Our connections with CARA are longstanding and rich. We've worked shoulder-to-shoulder with CARA for many years on topics of Church research and the sociology of Catholics in America. We've even shared a few young researchers. Many of our most prominent Fellows – Rev. Anthony Pogorelc, S.S., Dr. Bill Dinges, Rev. Gene Hemrick, and Rev. Aniedi Okure, O.P. – have worked on CARA-related projects. The well-remembered former director of the Institute, Dean Hoge, worked closely with CARA on a number of Church research projects. Senior Fellow Bill D'Antonio along with Hoge worked with CARA's Mary Gautier, and others in developing their important series of studies and books, *American Catholics Today*.

So, it is with special pleasure then, on the occasion of [CARA's 50th anniversary](#), that the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies recognizes and applauds CARA, its chairman Bishop Gerald Kicanas, its director Rev. Tom Gaunt, S.J., and our many friends among the staff and on the board. Bravo CARA for 50 years of service and research. Warmest regards and best wishes to our friends and colleagues across town for their many, many accomplishments! We look forward with excitement to many future years of cooperation and friendship. Here's to 50 more great years, CARA!
—Stephen Schneck, Ph.D.



Review of Past Events

IPR House Warming and Office Blessing



Summer 2014 saw the move of the offices of IPR from Maloney Hall to a suite of offices adjoining Theological College. The new suite includes additional offices for resident fellows, a larger reception area and kitchen, and space for graduate and undergraduate fellows.

On Sept. 16 IPR fellows and friends attended a housewarming and blessing of the new space. As our first event of the academic year, fellows gathered and discussed recent research and projects, as well as upcoming events. IPR Fellow, Rev. Aniedi Okure, O.P. performed the blessing, asking that “God our creator who commanded us to love and serve one another as brothers and sisters, bless the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies with His presence and look kindly on all who serve and all who enter here.”

Stephen Schneck: A Catholic Political Theory?



Institute Director, Stephen Schneck launched the autumn Brown Bag Colloquia series with a presentation of his current research, entitled “A Catholic Political Theory?” Schneck’s presentation explored the possibilities for a comprehensive theory of politics, governance, and public life derived from Catholic social teaching’s principle of the preferential

option for the poor. That preferential option, it was argued, can be the basis for a theory of justice.

Schneck explained, nodding to the past examples in the discipline of political theory, how from that conception of justice a general and comprehensive theory politics can be derived.

Accordingly, Schneck identified associated conceptions of prudence, political community, law, the common good, and citizenship as well as an ideal of democratic governance itself. Looking



Review of Past Events, Cont'd

to develop the research into a book-length study, Schneck hopes to complete the research portion of the work over the next year and is eyeing his upcoming sabbatical year for completing the project.

The event saw a large turnout of both fellows and other interested academics. Other Brown Bag Colloquia slated for the coming weeks are listed in the “Calendar of Upcoming Events” section of the IPR Bulletin and [online](#).

Money and Politics: Is Washington for Sale? The Moral Question



Putting the words money and politics together almost always elicits a cynical response. Ideally, many believe, money would have little to do with the art of governing the American citizenry, or at least not beg the question, “Is Washington for Sale?”

In fact, the panelists of the “Money and Politics” conference held in Caldwell Hall on Oct. 1 underscored the many ways the political process is compromised by the role money plays in its operation. Kathy Saile of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities established the moral basis of money in politics in a discussion centered on the implications of a passage of the Balanced Budget Amendment for poverty programs. Craig Holman of Public Citizen, Aaron Scherb of Common Cause and Rev. Stacy Martin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America talked about the ways money set political agendas among members of Congress in a second panel. There was general agreement that the Citizens United Supreme Court case increased corporate power over the political campaign process at the expense of citizens. A final panel focused on what religious teachings implied for the role of economics in the political process, and Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin discussed pending legislation that would require corporations to make their contributions public knowledge toward bringing the power of “dark money” contributions to light. The conference was jointly sponsored by IPR and the Franciscan Action Network. A link to the video of the conference will be available shortly at ipr.cua.edu or on the [IPR CUA](#) YouTube Channel.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Conferences:

- November features “Restore Justice! Encounter and Mercy: A Conference on Restorative Justice”. Co-sponsored by Catholic Mobilizing Network and several other organizations, this conference will take place on Nov. 21 from 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. at The Catholic University of America. The conference includes an interdisciplinary gathering of experts, researchers, activists, and scholars. For more information and to register for this timely event check out ipr.cua.edu!
- December starts the holiday festivities with IPR’s Annual Christmas Party. Last year’s party featured many delicious items prepared by IPR Fellows and the musical talents of IPR Fellow Andrew Yeo. Who knew academics and scholars were also top chefs and musicians?! Mark your calendars now for Thurs. Dec. 11 from 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. for good food, great company, and enlightening conversation!

Brown Bags:

Our fellows have been busy with research projects over the summer, and now is the time to gather to share research informally during Brown Bag lunches. Several fellows are scheduled to present their latest work this fall, so please mark your calendars.

- **Thursday, October 23, 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.: Dr. Matthew Green**, Department of Politics and IPR Fellow: "The Fraying Cartel: Explaining Defections and Disunity in the House G.O.P.":

Divisions within the House Republican Party since 2011 have received considerable attention. Why have they happened, and how — if at all — have they undermined the power and authority of the majority party? An analysis of the most evident splits within the G.O.P. reveal that an individual representative’s decision to be loyal to his or her party is a function of the lawmaker’s instrumental goals, collective expectations of loyalty, and personal attitudes and philosophy about party loyalty. That decision is also contingent upon whether the issue at hand is related to the party’s organizational, procedural, policy-making, or electoral authority.



- **Wednesday, October 29, 12:10 p.m. — 1:10 p.m.: Dr. Jon Anderson**, Department of Anthropology and IPR Fellow: “Social Life in Social Media, or Does Content Really Matter?”
- **Tuesday, November 5, 12:10 p.m. — 1:10 p.m.: Dr. Todd Scribner**, Education Outreach Coordinator, Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB: “Forced To Flee: The Migration of Unaccompanied Migrant Children to the United States”
- **Wednesday, November 12, 12:10 p.m. — 1:10 p.m.: Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook**, former Ambassador at Large for Religious Freedom and IPR Fellow: “Building a Faith Feminist Movement with Black and Latina Women of Faith”

Brown Bags will be held in IPR offices located in Theological College, at 415 Michigan Ave., N.E., Ste. 150, Washington, DC (across the street from CUA’s Gibbons Hall.)

Please contact Dr. Maria Mazzenga at Mazzenga@cua.edu if you would like to schedule a Brown Bag for this coming Spring.



What's New?! Updates on IPR Fellows



John J. Convey

Dr. John J. Convey had an article published in the most September edition of the *Journal of Catholic Higher Education*: "Motivation and Job Satisfaction of Catholic School Teachers." *Journal of Catholic Education*, 18 (1), 4-25, <http://dx.doi.org/10.15365/joce.1801022014>.

The results of the study confirm the importance of a religious factor as a motivator for teachers choosing to teach in Catholic school elementary and secondary schools and an important predictor of their job satisfaction.



William D. Dinges

Dr. William D. Dinges co-authored an article with Ilia Delio: "Teilhard D. Chardin and the New Spirituality," in Ilia Delio, ed., *From Teilhard to Omega: Co-creating an Unfinished Universe* (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2014), 166-184.

Additionally, he has been giving a series of lectures at the Institute of International Education (DC) as part of the State Department's International Visitors Program. These were presentations on "Religion in American Culture" to delegations from Yemen and Iraq.



Matthew Green

Dr. Matthew Green presented a paper on Republican divisions in the U.S. House at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. He was also quoted in a column on the November elections in the *National Catholic Reporter*. His recent book *Washington 101*, co-authored with Maria Mazzenga and others, was recently featured in *The*

Washington Post.



Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook

On Sept. 22, Ambassador Johnson Cook launched the ProVoice/proVoz movement, a national faith feminist movement to unify, amplify and multiply the voices of Black and Latina women. The event was a standing-room-only fundraiser filled with some of the nation's most powerful leaders.

Ambassador Johnson Cook, throughout August and September, was a contributor on CNN, MSNBC, and Al Jazeera about the crisis in Iraq and NFL domestic violence.



Yleem Poblete

As the strategy against ISIL was being considered, Dr. Poblete was asked by Congressional policy makers to provide insight on regional implications and legislative options. Late summer and early September, her articles focusing on Iranian regime activities in Iraq and the Western Hemisphere were published in *The National Interest* and *The Washington Times*, with *Times of Israel* publishing a piece on dismantling the Hamas funding and weapons

network as the road to lasting peace. Dr. Poblete was recently interviewed for a Ph.D. thesis on Iran and Syria for the University of Glasgow in Scotland and is soon to be interviewed for a Ph.D. thesis on U.S. Israeli-Palestinian policy for Bar Ilan University in Israel.



Enrique Pumar

On Oct. 23, Dr. Enrique Pumar is invited to participate in a panel to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Library of Congress Hispanic Division, and on Nov. 17, he will deliver a lecture at Georgetown University.

He has been named visiting fellow of the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown effective Oct. 1. For his sabbatical in the spring, he will be a Visiting Fellow at Florida International University Center for Latin American Studies.

In terms of publications, Dr. Pumar has a chapter in the forthcoming book edited by Drs. Sandy Hanson and John White on *Latinos/as and the American Dream* and a chapter on Fernand Braudel Social Theory in the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Social Theory* edited by Cynthia Epstein and Peter Kivisto for Blackwell.



Mark Rozell

IPR Fellow Mark Rozell's book *The New Politics of the Old South: An Introduction to Southern Politics* (with Charles S. Bullock III), has been revised and updated; it is now in its 5th edition.



Stephen Schneck

IPR Director, Stephen Schneck was quoted in several media outlets over the last few weeks: Sept. 23 in the *National Catholic Register* on Catholic voters and the 2014 mid-term elections; Oct. 2 in a *Catholic News Service* story on the moral and religious dimension of money's role in American politics and government; Oct. 3 in *The Tower* on the selection of Spokane's Bishop Blase Cupich as the new Archbishop of Chicago.

Additionally, his 2012 Romero Lecture was published in *Romero's Legacy 2: Faith in the City – Poverty, Politics, and Peacebuilding*. Eds. Pilar Closkey, Kevin Moran, John Hogan. With Forward by Robert T. McDermott. (Washington: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2014)



Merylann J. Schuttloffel

Dr. Merylann "Mimi" J. Schuttloffel has published a new book: *Report on the future of Catholic school leadership---Ten Years Later*. Washington, DC: National Catholic Educational Association.



Julia Young

IPR Fellow Julia Young was awarded a Kluge Fellowship at the Library of Congress, to begin January 2015.

On Oct. 9, Dr. Young gave her first Brown Bag at the Institute titled "Mexican Migration and the Legacy of the Cristero War". Her research is part of a book project scheduled for publication in 2015 with Oxford University Press.