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for Religion, Peace & World Affairs

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#### INTRODUCTION

OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON SOME OF THE HIGH POINTS SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 2006 AND TO LOOK FORWARD. CHALLENGES AT THE INTERSECTION OF RELIGION, PEACE, AND WORLD AFFAIRS ARE AS SALIENT TODAY AS THEY WERE A DECADE AGO.

This past April former secretary of state Madeleine Albright launched the center's tenth anniversary celebration with a keynote lecture in historic Gaston Hall highlighting the role of religion as a catalyst for both conflict and peace. A symposium the following day featured prominent thought leaders, including Michael Gerson, Martha Nussbaum, and Miroslav Volf, as well as a conversation between Karen Armstrong and Georgetown's president, John J. DeGioia.

Around these celebrations the center also released a commemorative volume, *Religion, Peace, and World Affairs: The Challenges Ahead*, with contributions from world leaders, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu; the executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, Klaus Schwab; and the first U.S. ambassador for global women's issues, Melanne Verveer, who directs Georgetown's Institute for Women, Peace and Security.

Another major highlight this year was a conversation on secularism with two of the world's leading philosophers, Jürgen Habermas and Charles Taylor, moderated by Berkley Center Senior Fellow José Casanova. And for the fifth consecutive year, the Berkley Center played a leadership role in the organization of President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

The Doyle Engaging Difference Program enjoyed another successful year with a series of seminars on topics ranging from prison reform to religion and the state, and a vibrant Junior Year Abroad Network, which joined 39 students in 21 countries in online reflection on their experiences abroad. At the annual Doyle Symposium in April, Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet addressed the organization's new efforts to engage questions of religious and cultural diversity in its global work.

Since the founding of the Berkley Center ten years ago through a generous gift by William R. Berkley, we have lived out our mission to advance the interdisicplinary study of religion and promote interreligious dialogue in the service of peace. Our research, teaching, and outreach programs have addressed religion's connection with violence and reconciliation and explored its complex relationship with wider political, social, cultural, and economic forces. In a world that is increasingly interconnected but remains deeply divided along religious and cultural lines, the Berkley Center's work will remain critical into the future. We invite you to accompany us in the years ahead.

Tom Banchoff Director

Tom Bull

Michael Kessler Managing Director



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#### IT IS INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE BERKLEY CENTER THAT MUST PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES AT THE INTERSECTION OF RELIGION AND WORLD AFFAIRS.

#### - MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

This spring the **BERKLEY CENTER FOR RELIGION**, The Berkley Center celebrated the second day of its anniversary PEACE, AND WORLD AFFAIRS celebrated its tenth anniversary, beginning with a lecture titled "Religion, Peace, and World Affairs: The Challenges Ahead," delivered by former secretary of state Madeleine Albright.

Speaking to a full audience of students and faculty in Gaston Hall, Professor Albright provided an overview of the role of religion in international relations, both as a source of conflict and as a resource for cooperation and reconciliation. She wove personal history and professional experience into a case for religion as a force for peace. Despite observing an increase in religious extremism and violence throughout her career, she expressed her continued belief that religion has shaped the world positively and serves as a unifying, humanizing force that transcends culture and politics.

The lecture drew on Albright's extensive experience as a leading diplomat and scholar. Her subsequent conversation with Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia revisited the core themes of her pathbreaking 2006 book, The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God, and World Affairs, which was published the same year the center was founded.

The lecture was followed by a reception and dinner to commemorate the Berkley Center's work over the past decade and to honor William R. Berkley, whose vision and generous support enabled the creation of the center in March 2006.

with the symposium "Rethinking Religion and World Affairs." Panelists discussed how we can better tap the positive currents within and across traditions to advance deeper interreligious understanding, and how we should think about—and act on the changing relationship between religion, violence, and peace in today's world.

The first panel, "Interfaith Dialogue: Lessons Learned and Paths Forward," featured Akbar Ahmed of American University, Martha Nussbaum of the University of Chicago, Preet Singh of Preet Singh and Partners, and Miroslav Volf of Yale Divinity School, and was moderated by the Berkley Center's José

The second panel, "Religion, Violence, and Peace: Rethinking the Connections," was moderated by Berkley Center Director Thomas Banchoff and featured Shaun Casey from the Department of State, Michael Gerson of the Washington Post, Father Bryan Hehir of Harvard University, and Sayeeda Warsi of the U.K. Parliament's House of Lords.

The event also featured a podium discussion between President DeGioia and best-selling author and leading Abrahamic religions expert Karen Armstrong. The two addressed Armstrong's work and what universities can do to foster interreligious dialogue and combat religion-based violence.



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## 10-YEAR LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS



Former secretary of state **Madeleine Albright** delivers the lecture "Religion, Peace, and World Affairs: The Challenges Ahead" in historic Gaston Hall. The speech kicked off the Berkley Center's 10-year celebration, which took place over two days on April 7 and 8.



**Miroslav Volf** and **Preet Singh** discuss interfaith dialogue, its past successes, and its role in the future of world affairs during the first panel of "Rethinking Religion and World Affairs: The Berkley Center Tenth Anniversary Symposium."



Father **Bryan Hehir** of Harvard University reminds the audience that, historically, each religion has had its hand in spreading both violence and peace.



Journalist **Michael Gerson**, member of the House of Lords **Sayeeda Warsi**, and **Shaun Casey** of the Department of

State explore the connections between

religion, violence, and peace.

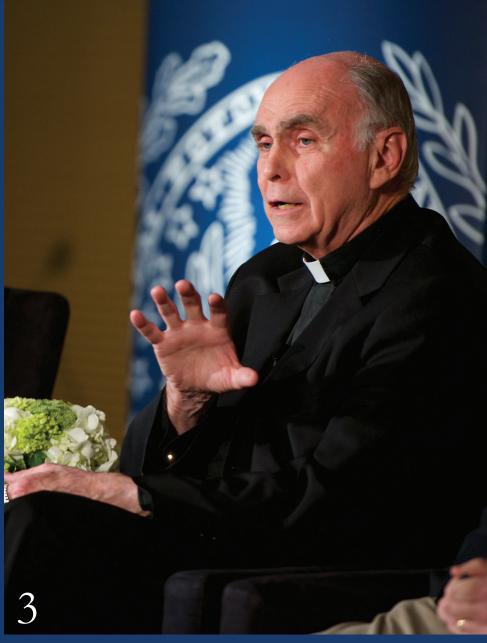


**Karen Armstrong** discusses the main premises of her book *Fields of Blood.* Georgetown University **President John J. DeGioia** moderated the conversation with Armstrong.











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# RELIGION, PEACE, AND WORLD AFFAIRS: THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

The center marked its tenth anniversary with the publication of a volume of essays by center scholars and global thought leaders. The contributions provide a survey of global challenges likely to engage us at the intersection of religion, peace, and world affairs in decades to come.

"In a world that seems increasingly polarized, greater religious literacy is indispensable... As individuals and communities become more connected to one another across cultural boundaries, and as technology increasingly transforms our economies and societies, there is an ever-greater need for people to develop a nuanced understanding of the values, perspectives, and behaviors inspired by different forms of religious activity and belief."

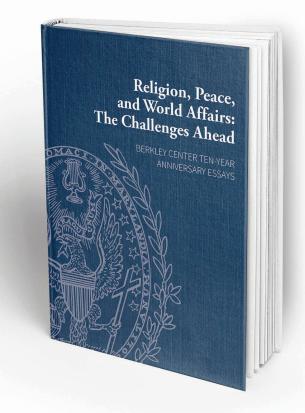
- Klaus Schwab

Founder and executive chairman, World Economic Forum

"By pooling efforts across religions and countries, we can demonstrate that we will no longer allow our faiths to be coopted by politics or extremism. Only together can we combat extremism, poverty, and other global challenges."

- Alhaji Muhammad Saad Abubakar

Sultan of Sokoto



"At a time when religious dialogue is too often dominated by divisiveness, hate, and exclusion, we must create a new paradigm. It is up to religious leaders and religious organizations to write a better story for global development in the twentyfirst century—a story that expresses our moral obligations and ethical commitments to improve the world and make it whole."

#### - Ruth Messinger

Former president and CEO, American Jewish World Service

"With the world watching, the Church has a great opportunity to continue defending the dignity of every human person, promoting the rights and duties of all, proclaiming moral values in a world that has become rich in technical knowledge but often lacks ethical boundaries. It also has inescapable responsibility to promote the common good and dialogue for peace among all nations. In a world of increasing challenges and interconnectedness this should be a central goal for the years ahead."

- Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras

#### **OTHER VOLUME CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDE:**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner
James Wolfensohn, former World Bank president
Sister Carol Keehan, president and CEO of the Catholic Health
Association of the United States
Melanne Verveer, first U.S. ambassador for
global women's issues



THE MORE WE LEARN, THROUGH PATIENT RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND DIALOGUE, ABOUT HOW RELIGION SHAPES AND IS SHAPED BY OTHER FORCES IN WORLD AFFAIRS...THE MORE WE CAN HOPE TO CHANNEL POWERFUL RELIGIOUS CURRENTS IN PEACEFUL DIRECTIONS.

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- THOMAS BANCHOFF AND JOHN J. DEGIOIA, FROM THE 10-YEAR VOLUME INTRODUCTION















## GLOBALIZATION, GOVERNANCE, **AND NORMS**

Berkley Center research explores complex issues at the nexus of global governance and norms. Center scholars study how religion and values influence political, cultural, and legal systems around the world.

Members of the Berkley Center faculty research the intersection of globalization, governance, and norms through a variety of programs. José Casanova's GLOBALIZATION, RELIGIONS, AND THE SECULAR program explores how globalization intersects with the resurgence of public religion and to what extent we live in a post-secular world. In September, Casanova led a conversation with Jürgen Habermas and Charles Taylor that discussed issues of the religious/secular divide, the challenges of pluralism and democratic order, and the immigration crisis.

In November, Berkley Center Managing Director Michael Kessler worked with the State Department to organize the "Symposium on Religion and Climate Change." The event assembled a group of faith leaders, representatives of faith-based NGOs, scholars, and government policymakers to address the complex intersection of faith, science, and policy that surrounds the challenge of global climate change. The event featured three panels and a keynote address by U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz.

Michael Kessler also leads the program on LAW, RELIGION, AND VALUES, which supports teaching, research, and conferences that explore how religion and values legitimate, shape, and conflict with global political, cultural, and legal systems. Among its many activities is the support for Project Rebirth, which develops programs that facilitate healing, foster hope, and build resilience in a post-9/11 world. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Berkley Center developed course materials and lesson plans on diversity and resilience.

#### **ISLAM AND WORLD POLITICS**

Since 2009, the ISLAM AND WORLD POLITICS program has been a part of the Berkley Center under the leadership of **Jocelyne Cesari**. The program focuses on the emergence of Islam as a political force around the world and addresses the intersection of Islam and politics in areas including democratization, immigration, and women's rights. The program began around the time of the Arab Spring, with events focusing on Islam and democratization, and it has only grown in relevance with the rise of ISIS, the subsequent migrant crisis in Europe, and rising tensions between Western nations and their Muslim minority populations.

Yüksel Sezgin, Jocelyne Cesari, and Melanne Verveer at the 2014 "Islam, Gender, and Democracy" event.





José Casanova moderates a panel with Jürgen Habermas and Charles Taylor at the Library of Congress (opposite page; photo by Shawn Miller). Department of State's Shaun Casey offers opening remarks at the "Symposium on Religion and Climate Change" (above). Panelists give their insights at the "Transatlantic Perspectives on

Religion and Foreign Policy" event (right).



LONG-LASTING GLOBAL NORMS, WHICH MAY SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION OF LEGITIMATE STRUCTURES OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, WILL ONLY EMERGE FROM SUSTAINED INTERRELIGIOUS, INTERCULTURAL, AND INTERCIVILIZATIONAL DIALOGUE.



- JOSÉ CASANOVA



## RELIGION AND CULTURE IN DIALOGUE

Through its programs, projects, and events, the Berkley Center provides an avenue for religious and cultural leaders to address critical issues in world affairs across multiple traditions.

For five years, the Berkley Center has been involved in the PRESIDENT'S INTERFAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMPUS CHALLENGE, an initiative begun by President Obama that offers participants the opportunity to hear from administration officials who share a commitment to community service with an interfaith engagement component. In fall 2015 the Berkley Center and Hartford Seminary coordinated the first international track of the President's Challenge, bringing in participants from all over the world to share their experiences.

Additionally, Georgetown was selected as the 2015 winner of the Presidential Honor Roll in the interfaith service category. This annual competition is held in conjunction with President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. This year 94 schools applied for the award.









THE BERKLEY CENTER IS CULTIVATING A NEW PARADIGM OF THINKING: THAT FAITH IN ACTION CREATES UNDERSTANDING, BRIDGING THE GAP OF MISPERCEPTION AND IGNORANCE TO UNITE AND INSPIRE.

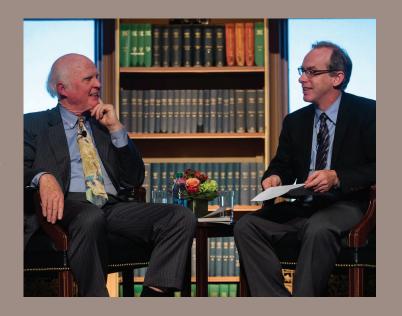


- REMY CIPRIANO (SFS'17)

#### **AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE PROJECT**

The AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE PROJECT, a partnership between Georgetown University and StoryCorps, invites Americans of diverse backgrounds to sit together and talk to each other one-to-one about the role their religious beliefs play at crucial moments in their lives. Since 2013 the project, directed by author and Berkley Center Senior Fellow Paul Elie, has brought people together for conversations about belief in eight American cities and has gathered nearly 150 stories so far. This past year, the project recorded stories in Chicago; Baltimore; and Charleston, West Virginia, and began posting standout stories on the Berkley Center's website.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch and Paul Elie discuss Taylor's acclaimed trilogy of books on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. at a 2013 event.





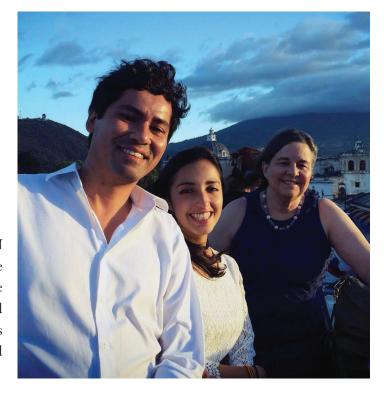


Nathaniel Adams and Katherine Marshall offer their insights at "Religion and Development: Mapping the Terrain" (opposite page). As part of their country mapping research in Senegal, Lauren Herzog and Wilma Mui accompany Senegalese religious leaders to Mauritania (top left). Katherine Marshall presents on peace and development at Sant'Egidio's "29th International Meeting for Peace," held in Tirana, Albania, in September (bottom left). Carlos Ruiz, Andrea Arzaba Diaz, and Katherine Marshall conduct fieldwork in Guatemala (below).

## RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Berkley Center, in cooperation with the World Faiths Development Dialogue, explores the role religion can play in ameliorating some of the most pressing development issues and how faith-inspired organizations and communities are meeting global challenges.

Led by **Katherine Marshall**, the Berkley Center's **RELIGION** AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT program, in close collaboration with the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD), tracks the engagement of religious communities and faith-inspired organizations around global policy challenges and brings together stakeholders to examine best practices and advance collaboration.





This year the program published two major reports that map the roles that religious ideas, institutions, and leaders play in various aspects of development efforts in Bangladesh and Senegal, respectively. The publications are the product of several years of research, relationship building, and interviews conducted by Professor Marshall and WFDD staff.

To mark the publication of the country mapping reports, the Berkley Center and WFDD held the event "Religion and Development: Mapping the Terrain." There, Marshall and WFDD staff described the methodology used for collecting the information contained in the reports and discussed the research challenges, practical applications of their findings, and the path forward. Ultimately, the goal of the event and the broader mapping work is to inform new approaches and highlight the potential for positive collaboration between the worlds of religion and development.

The Berkley Center and WFDD are currently producing similar country-level mapping reports for Kenya and Guatemala. The 2015-2016 academic year saw a series of consultations on Guatemala, including "Policy Consultation: The Role of Religion in Guatemala's Health Sector," "Our Common Home: Policy Implications for Environmental Challenges in Guatemala," and "Workshop on Global Development and Religion in Guatemala." Reports for both countries are expected to be released in winter 2016/2017.

#### **LUCE FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP**

Building upon previous projects from the first phase of collaboration with the Luce Foundation (2006-2011), the Berkley Center and World Faiths Development Dialogue have conducted global mapping of the work of faith-inspired organizations across world regions, and a country-level mapping project that explores key religion and development work in Bangladesh, Senegal, Kenya, and Guatemala. This research has produced pedagogical resources, research publications, and policy briefs, with a core objective to encourage engagement and collaboration with faith-inspired actors to achieve development goals.

Field research and consultations carried out during 2014 and 2015 are generating events, research, publications, and policy briefs that aim to encourage collaboration across the secular-religious divide in pursuit of economic and social development goals.

Key focus areas include: education, women and religion, conflict and peacebuilding, environmental challenges, health and social development, and vulnerable children.

Over the years, the country-level mapping project has produced five reports; 12 policy briefs and case studies; and 15 events held all over the world, including in Bangladesh, Guatemala, Kenya, Senegal, Cambodia, the United Kingdom, The Hague, and Qatar. A global network of scholars and practitioners working on these issues maintains contact and convened at a capstone conference in October 2016 to engage in dialogue around the research findings.



Katherine Marhsall speaks with religious leaders while conducting fieldwork in Senegal in spring 2014.

## RELIGION, VIOLENCE, AND PEACE

#### INTERVIEW SERIES WITH PEACEBUILDERS

Beginning in 2009, the Berkley Center began an interview series with activists, religious leaders, and policy specialists engaged in peacebuilding activities. Over the years, the center has collected more than 120 interviews on how religion influences peacebuilding efforts, how women engage in peacemaking activities despite often lacking formal leadership roles in their communities, and how faith inspires humanitarian responses to conflict. Past interviewees include:



**ALVARO RAMAZZINI**, Bishop of Huehuetenango, Guatemala



VINYA ARIYARATNE, General Secretary, Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya Movement



**MUSIMBI KANYORO**, CEO and President of the Global Fund for Women



IMAM OUMAR DIENE, Secretary General of the National Association of Imams and Ulemas in Senegal



**HELENE D. GAYLE**, President and CEO of CARE



**AMINA RASUL-BERNARDO**, Lead Convenor, Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy



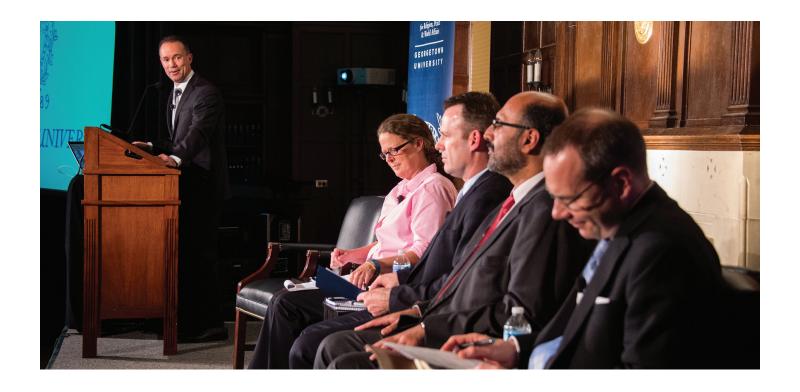
**FATUMA NDANGIZA**, Executive Secretary for the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission of Rwanda

The Berkley Center explores the timely issue of how religion contributes to violence and also how it can be a vehicle for peace.

The past year has seen a spike in religious violent extremism and religiously motivated conflict. ISIS has destabilized the Middle East and terrorized communities around the world through targeted attacks, and many Western democracies have responded with increasing restrictions on and hostilities toward their minority religious communities. This spring the center cosponsored a major event at the Newseum, "Bearing Witness to Genocide: The Plight of Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Iraq," which featured distinguished experts in law and human rights.

Panelists discussed the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's (USHMM) latest Bearing Witness report on Iraq, which documented crimes against Yazidi, Christian, and other ethnic and religious populations in Northern Iraq. They talked about the atrocities, analyzed current conditions in Iraq, and assessed future risks to civilians in the region. Speakers included UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Jeffrey Feltman, Freedom House President Mark P. Lagon, Director of the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the USHMM Cameron Hudson, and Managing Editor and Correspondent for *Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly* Kim Lawton.







AS ENORMOUS AS ARE THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS THAT THE VICTORIOUS FORCES IN IRAQ WILL FACE...THE CHALLENGES IN HEALING THE REGION AND IN CREATING UNITED POLITICAL COMMUNITIES THERE ARE MUCH MORE PROFOUND.



- FATHER DREW CHRISTIANSEN, S.J.





Eric Patterson introduces panelists at the "Radicals, Religion, and Peace: Global Security in an Age of Terror" event (top). Theravada Buddhist monk Ajahn Pasanno at "Buddhism: A Pathway to Peace and Conflict Resolution" (above). Jocelyne Cesari presents at "Radicals, Religion, and Peace," part of her project on countering violent extremism (left).

## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

The center's Religious Freedom Project examines and debates the meaning and value of religious liberty and its role in social and economic development, democracy, international diplomacy, and the struggle against violent religious extremism.

The RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PROJECT (RFP), led by Thomas Farr and Timothy Shah, held a number of events during the 2015-2016 academic year that focused on religious freedom as a policy matter, a cultural flashpoint, and a possible solution to violent religious extremism. In October, worldrenowned sociologist Peter Berger keynoted the two-day policy conference "International Religious Freedom: Toward a Model of Transatlantic Cooperation."

Later that same month, the project hosted journalist and TV personality Kirsten Powers, along with scholar Phil Zuckerman and Russell Moore. The three debated the fate of religious freedom in the public square, and especially on university campuses, from their diverse points of view.

At the RFP's April 20 conference, "Blasphemy Laws as a Challenge to Religious Freedom," panelists discussed how laws designed to protect religious communities from criticism were actually potentially stifling important debate and fundamental freedoms.





#### CHRISTIANITY AND FREEDOM

In 2012, the RFP undertook a two-year research initiative to explore Christianity's contributions to the construction and diffusion of freedom in its political, religious, and economic dimensions. This effort built upon the RFP's years of work on the historical origins of religious freedom and its institutionalization over time. It culminated in an international conference in Rome, where the research team was granted a private audience with Pope Francis. Two major academic volumes have grown out of this work, as well as a follow-on project carried out in partnership with the University of Notre Dame that focuses on Christian responses to persecution.

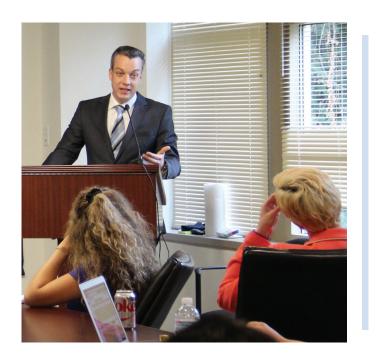
Thomas Farr, Pope Francis, and Timothy Shah at a private papal audience in December 2013.





Peter Berger offers the keynote address at the "International Religious Freedom: Toward a Model of Transatlantic Cooperation" conference (opposite page). Kirsten Powers, TV personality and author of The Silencing: How the Left is Killing Free Speech, speaks at the "Illiberal Liberalism? The Fate of Religious Freedom in the Public Square" event (left). Imam Mohamed Magid and journalist Farahnaz Ispahani serve on a panel at "Blasphemy Laws as a Challenge to Religious Freedom" (below).





Paul Elie and Drew Christiansen provide their thoughts on Pope Francis' speech to Congress at the center's viewing party (opposite page). Jodok Troy addresses how the power of figures like Pope Francis and Ban Ki-moon may be increasing at "The Power of the Pope and the UN Secretary-General in World Politics" (left). Cardinal Walter Kasper delivers a keynote speech at the National Cathedral as part of the "9th Ecclesiological Investigations Network International Conference" (below; photo by Donovan Marks).

### THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

The Berkley Center explores the Catholic Church's teachings and its involvement in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue and examines how the Church works to address global challenges of economic and social development, ethics, democracy and human rights, and conflict resolution and peace.

THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD program is led by Father Drew Christiansen, S.J., and Gerard Mannion. Many of the program's events this year coalesced around the historic visit of Pope Francis to the United States. In September, the Berkley Center hosted an informal roundtable discussion with José Casanova, Drew Christiansen, and Paul Elie, who each provided their initial reactions to and analyses of the Pope's address to Congress. In another event, featuring center Senior Research Fellow E.J. Dionne, panelists discussed the Vatican's stance on freeing the world of nuclear arms.

Pope Francis' U.S. visit and public stances on global issues was also the focus of programming by the INITIATIVE ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT AND PUBLIC LIFE, a partner of the Berkley Center led by John Carr. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the initiative held two events on the Pope's encyclical on the environment.

The Berkley Center is also involved with the ecumenical Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network, which held its ninth annual international gathering in Washington, D.C. Among the highlights of the 2015 conference—which brought together more than 300 people across four days—were a keynote speech on the future of ecumenical dialogue delivered by Cardinal Walter Kasper at Washington's National Cathedral, an incisive opening address on Vatican II from Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, and a plenary speech by Manila's Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle.



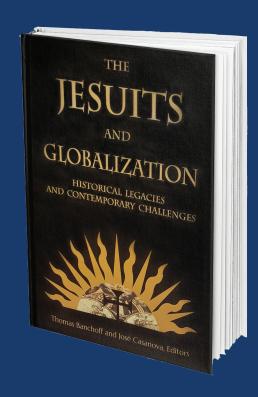


#### JESUITS AND GLOBALIZATION

Over three years the Berkley Center's Thomas Banchoff and José Casanova have led an interdisciplinary project called JESUITS AND GLOBALIZATION. The project has convened an international group of scholars to explore the historical contributions of the Jesuits to globalization—in the areas of dialogue, education, and justice—and the relevance of that experience for our contemporary global era. Symposia around each thematic area were held in Washington, D.C.; Oxford; and Florence, and a concluding conference took place in Rome in December 2014, on the occasion of the bicentennial of the reestablishment of the Society of Jesus.

The work of the first three years culminated in an edited volume, The Jesuits and Globalization: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Challenges, published by Georgetown University Press in May 2016. Rather than offering a global history of the Jesuits or a linear narrative of globalization, in this edited volume a multidisciplinary group of leading experts explores what we can learn from the historical and contemporary experience of the Society of Jesus—what do the Jesuits tell us about globalization, and what can globalization tell us about the Jesuits?

Contributors include comparative theologian Francis X. Clooney, S.J., historian John W. O'Malley, S.J., Brazilian theologian Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer, and ethicist David Hollenbach, S.J. They focus on three critical themes—global mission, education, and justice—to examine historical legacies and contemporary challenges. Their insights contribute to a more critical and of world history over the last half-millennium." reflexive understanding of both the Jesuits' history and of our contemporary human global condition.



"This interesting collection describes the remarkable historical trajectory of the Jesuit order—how already in the sixteenth century they anticipated some of the insights we have only recently acquired about how to live in a globalized world... The book offers a new perspective on the unfolding

- Charles Taylor, McGill University

#### SEPTEMBER

#### THE POPE AND THE BOMB

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A week before Pope Francis' trip to the United States, this event considered the moral and policy implications of major new initiatives by the Pope and the Holy See on nuclear proliferation and disarmament. The event featured E.J. Dionne, Bishop Oscar Cantú, Maryann Cusimano Love, and Sam Nunn.

#### **NOVEMBER**

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#### THE FELLOWSHIP: THE LITERARY LIVES OF THE INKLINGS

In their standout book *The Fellowship*, authors Philip and Carol Zaleski tell the story of a group of friends and writers whose members produced *The Hobbit, Mere* Christianity, The Lord of the Rings, The Chronicles of Narnia, and other works at the intersection of literature and religious belief. Paul Elie moderated this book event.

#### **DECEMBER**

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#### **RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY IN TENSION?**

An expert panel featuring Jocelyne Cesari, José Casanova, Ted Jelen, and Sohaira Siddiqui explored the relationship between religion and democracy through a comparison of the experience of Christian-majority and Muslim-majority countries. This event was jointly sponsored by the Berkley Center and SFS-Qatar.

#### MARCH

#### **BROKERING PEACE: THE RECENT WORK OF SANT'EGIDIO**

This event explored the roles religion plays in today's conflicts and peacebuilding efforts, as well as the Community of Sant'Egidio's approach and reputation in regard to aiding in peace processes. The discussion featured Mauro Garofalo, head of international relations for the community.

#### **JULY**

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#### **U.S.-PAKISTAN INTERRELIGIOUS CONSORTIUM**

This briefing session enabled Muslim, Christian, and Jewish delegates and visiting Pakistani university students to discuss their understandings of the historical, political, and social realities in the U.S.-Pakistan relationship, the agenda for the future, and the impact of interreligious efforts on international relations.

#### JULY

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THREATS TO RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES UNDER THE ISLAMIC STATE With the support of the Office of International Religious Freedom, the RFP hosted

a conference about the continuing travail of religious and ethnic minorities threatened by ISIS. Representatives of the targeted communities shared their personal experiences of persecution and their recommendations for policymakers.















Each semester, the DOYLE ENGAGING DIFFERENCE PROGRAM offers a series of courses known as DOYLE **SEMINARS**, which foster deepened student learning about diversity and difference through enhanced research opportunities, interaction with thought leaders, and dialogue with the Georgetown community and beyond. During the 2015-2016 academic year, Doyle Seminars discussed the following topics: violence, gender, and human rights; religion and the state; blacks and Jews in America; and prison reform.

The Doyle program also encourages students to engage with different cultures through the JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD NETWORK. JYAN asks students to share reflections on religion, culture, politics, and society in their host countries, commenting on topics ranging from religious freedom and interfaith dialogue to secularization, globalization, democracy, and economics. In 2015-2016, students studied all over the world, including in France, Hungary, Japan, Australia, Jordan, and China. Since its inception 10 years ago, JYAN has worked with more than 530 students studying abroad in over 50 countries on six continents.

In addition, the Doyle Engaging Difference Program sponsors DOYLE UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS. These student fellows, selected each academic year, conduct original research projects that explore the broader implications of cultural and religious diversity, organize and participate in events and service projects, and blog regularly for the Berkley Center to build a community of students engaged in academic and outreach work on these issues. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the center sponsored seven fellows who researched academics, activists, and thought leaders in the field of religion and higher education in an effort to help the center select international invitees for the 2016 President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge (see page 12).





JYAN blogger Kenneth Lee (SFS'17) poses with Grant Kayes (C'18) in front of a sake offering at the Meiji Shinto Shrine in Tokyo (top). Benjamin Jury (SFS'17), who also took part in JYAN, rides a camel through Wadi Rum, a valley in southern Jordan (bottom).





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#### - CARRIE HESSLER-RADELET

To encourage dialogue on diversity and difference with a wider campus audience, the Doyle program also sponsors an annual DOYLE SYMPOSIUM. This year the symposium, "Engaging Diversity, Building Peace, Changing Communities," featured Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet. Hessler-Radelet shared her reflections on the history and development of the Peace Corps' intentional engagement with interreligious and intercultural diversity to build peace and enhance global development.

Following the keynote, faculty and student panelists addressed these questions through their experiences with Doyle programs and diversity initiatives on campus and beyond. Georgetown Provost Robert Groves introduced the event.





Student Joy Robertson (SFS'16) discusses her experiences with Doyle programs and diversity initiatives on campus and beyond (opposite page, top). Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet speaks to the Georgetown community at the 2016 Doyle Symposium (opposite page, bottom). Remy Cipriano (SFS'17) poses a question to Hessler-Radelet at the Doyle Symposium (left).

#### **EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The Berkley Center also offers summer research opportunities, together with the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching and Service. The **EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE** PROJECT (ESJ) engages students and builds knowledge about the deep connections between global challenges of poverty and education. The project provides several students with summer research fellowships to travel abroad for in-depth examinations of innovative initiatives, with a focus on the work of Jesuit secondary and post-secondary institutions. Under faculty supervision, the students gather information through interviews, analyze best practices, and share their reports and conclusions with a wider global audience.

During summer 2015, ESJ sponsored four students to conduct research. Nicholas Lake (SFS'16) traveled to Guatemala to study the impact of the Development with Justice scholarship program, which provides funds specifically for indigenous and female Guatemalans. Lake conducted interviews across the country with scholarship students, tutors, and university officials to understand the impact of the program. Dana Drecksel (NHS'17) traveled to South Korea and interviewed professors, students, clergy, and activists as part of her investigation into how members of the Korean community respond to social injustices. Sabrina Khan (COL'15) traveled to Senegal to research the intersection of faith and education, particularly the role private Catholic schools play in the Muslim-majority country. Caitlin Snell (COL'16) conducted in Canada and how these cultural education programs foster personal growth.





Nicholas Lake (SFS'16) analyzed the impact of a scholarship program in Guatemala (top). Dana Drecksel (NHS'17) listens as fellow ESJ students present on their findings (bottom). Drecksel conducted research in South Korea.

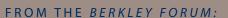
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Berkley Center faculty and staff pose with William Berkley and President John DeGioia at the 10-year anniversary dinner (top). Row 1, L-R: Carly Henry, Events and Projects Manager; Erin Taylor, Director of Communications; Melody Fox Ahmed, Assistant Director for Programs; Claudia Winkler, RFP Senior Project Associate; Ryan Coleman, Office Administrator; William Portillo, Software Developer; William Berkley; John DeGioia. Row 2, L-R: Amy Vander Vliet, Web Editor and Database Manager; Randolph Pelzer, Business Manager; Nicholas Fedyk, RFP Project Associate; Michael Kessler, Managing Director; Thomas Banchoff, Director. Melody Fox Ahmed, Sara Singha, Robert Glavan, and Michael Kessler meet to develop Project Rebirth lesson plans (bottom).

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