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2017-2019 Biennial Theme: Health



Street Medicine Conference Participants



Fr. Rick Malloy at the spring Teach-In

During the last eight years, we have renamed our office in honor of Salvadoran martyr Ignacio Ellacuría, refocused our programming around Northeastern Pennsylvania and a biennial theme, reintroduced an annual teach-in, and successfully transitioned from the Provost's Office to the Jesuit Center. We have sponsored numerous on- and off-campus events.

I am forever thankful to Sister Mary Anne Foley and the Advisory Board

for placing their faith in me

And I know that the Ellacuría Initiative would not have been nearly as successful as it has been without the extraordinary work of Teresa Grettano, Jessica Nolan, Julie Schumacher Cohen, Cathy Seymour, and graduate students. I'll be back in the spring but there will be a new coordinator in the fall.

Mike Allison
Coordinator

University of Scranton to host JUHAN 2019

The University of Scranton is set to host the next Jesuit Universities Humanitarian Action Network (JUHAN) Student Leadership Conference in June 2019.

JUHAN was established to improve how Jesuit universities respond to humanitarian crises in the United States and throughout the world. Its principal focus is undergraduate education that seeks to advance humanitarian study

and professional practice in the field of humanitarian action.

With the theme of "Health & Humanitarianism," students, staff, faculty, and practitioners will explore the connection between justice in society and justice in health. Contact Mike Allison or Cathy Lovecchio for more information and check out our website at www.scranton.edu/juhan.

Ways to get involved:

- ◆ Encourage your students to attend Ellacuría Initiative-sponsored events.
- ◆ Incorporate our biennial theme of "Health" into your academic courses. Do you have your students write essays, create videos or posters, draw, paint, or take photos? Why not use "Health" as the focus of their creative pursuits?
- ◆ Encourage students to present their original research and artistic work at JUHAN 2019.
- ◆ Contact us for more information.

Fall 2018 Events

October: Events to celebrate Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero's canonization.

Hayden Kristal: Reschedule (TBA)

October 23: Co-sponsor of H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, presentation on "Global Migration: Shared Responsibility and Solidarity." 6:30 PM in McIlhenny Ballroom.

October 26: Parsa Sanjana, MPH, Deputy Director, Program Management, Linkages Across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV. Presentation at 1:00PM in AMH 212. Coffee chat at 3:00PM on TDC 2nd Floor.

October 29: John Feal and 9/11 first responders will share their stories about serving at Ground Zero, including health complications that have affected

so many since 2001 (Zadroga Bill). 5pm in LSC 133.

November 3-5: The Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Arlington, VA.

November 12: State of Scranton Seminar Series on Homelessness: A National Issue; A Local Reality. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 PM in the Rose Room. RSVP to jessica.durkin@scranton.edu or x4419.

An Ignatian Response to Mass Incarceration

Matt Cuff, senior policy advisor of the Office of Justice and Ecology of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, spoke with University of Scranton students, staff, and faculty about how the Jesuit network and Catholic Church have been working to reform the criminal justice system.

A large number of local residents were in attendance as well,

including his former Scranton Prep headmaster, Fr. Herb Keller.

As Senior Policy Advisor, Cuff advocates on domestic social justice issues including poverty, racism, criminal justice, juvenile justice and immigration. In addition, he works with U.S. and Canadian Jesuit institutions as they seek to advance the social justice mission of the Society of Jesus.



How US Foreign Policy Helped Create Today's Central American Crisis

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Ellacuria Initiative Coordinator and Political Science Professor Mike Allison participated in the annual meeting of the Jesuit Migration Network of Central America and North America (RJM-CANA) in Mexico and regional meeting of its North American subgroup in D.C. He also lobbied on behalf of immigrants, especially in regards to DACA and TPS, with staff from the Senate offices of Pat Toomey, Jon Cornyn, and Rob Portman.

In March, he also presented on the causes of today's Central American migrant crisis and potential solutions with students at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City.



St. Peter's Prep

Spring 2018 Semester Recap

February 13: “But You’re Black: The Overlooked Community of Scranton, Pennsylvania” by Glynis Johns. Co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Political Science.

February 15: “Staying in the Struggle: Examining Social Justice Movements in America” by Cona Marshall. Co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Political Science.

February 21: Book discussion by poet Martha Serpas. Co-sponsored by The Department of English and Theatre with support from the Jesuit Center, and Department of Theology.

March 8: “How will Scranton be the Healthiest Place in the Country?” State of Scranton Seminar led by Brian Ebersole, Senior Director of Springboard Health, Geisinger.

March/April: Co-sponsored three sessions of “Bursting our Political Bubbles: A Dialogue Across Differences.”

March 27: Presentation on criminal justice reform by Matt Cuff, senior policy advisor of the Office of Justice and Ecology of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.

April 5: 23rd Annual Healthcare Symposium on “Population Health Management: Justice, Access, and Financial Implications.”

April 26: Teach-in on Catholic Social Teaching and NEPA



Catholic Social Teaching and NEPA

On April 26, over 200 University faculty, students, staff, and community members met for a day of reflection on how Catholic Social Teaching helps us to understand the challenges confronting Northeastern Pennsylvania and how we as a community of faith should respond.

Thanks to Will Cohen (Theology and Religious Studies), Jean Harris (Political Science), Gretchen Van Dyke (Political Science), Patrick Clark (Theology and Religious Studies), Cathy Seymour (Center for Service and Social Justice), Matthew Meyer (Philosophy), Teresa Grettano (English and Theatre), and Fr. Rick Malloy (University Chaplain) for leading lively discussions. Please let us know whether you are interested in participating in our spring teach-in on “Health.”



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Current theme:

Health (2017-2019)

Previous annual themes:

Literacy (2015-2017)

Torture (2014)

Sustainable Memory (2013)

Inequality (2012)

Finding Justice after 9/11 (2011)

Peace and Reconciliation (2010)

Food (2009)

Immigration (2008)

Announcements:

Faculty who teach a course that fulfills the program outcomes of Peace and Justice Studies are invited to apply to have their courses listed for the concentration. For more information, contact Dr. Will Cohen (will.cohen@scranton.edu).

If you would like to participate in our spring teach-in related to Catholic Social Teaching and NEPA, please contact us. We would be happy to flesh out some ideas or find a partner for you to work with. Contact Dr. Mike Allison (michael.allison@scranton.edu).



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Our Story



A delegation of University of Scranton administrators, faculty and professional staff attended the Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education conference at Santa Clara University in 2000. At that conference, Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach challenged all Jesuit colleges and universities in the US to be characterized more and more by “the service of faith and the promotion of justice...in who our students become, in what our faculty does, and how our universities proceed.”

This meeting spawned a number of gatherings at the University, leading to the creation of a Task Force on

Education for Justice to examine, publicize and promote campus initiatives; to research and propose new ones; and to propose a permanent structure to guarantee that such initiatives would continue to be effective. The Task Force issued its report and made its recommendations at the end of the 2004/05 academic year, and a Coordinator of Education for Justice was named in fall 2007. In 2016, Education for Justice moved under The Jesuit Center and in 2017 it was renamed The Ellacuría Initiative.