

2nd Annual Virtual Graduate Student Conference

RELIGIOUS ACTIVISM, POLITICAL CHANGE; POLITICAL ACTIVISM, RELIGIOUS CHANGE

Saturday, February 26th, 2022

9:30-9:45AM **WELCOME**

9:50-11:20AM **SESSION I-A | RESPONDENT: KEN HIMES, O.F.M. - BOSTON COLLEGE**

- Xenophobic Identity Formation: A Political-Theological Response to State Sovereignty
Martin Chan, Yale Divinity School
- The Secular Bottom Line: Why Corporate America Left Religion
Kevin Frazier, Harvard Kennedy School & U.C. Berkeley School of Law

SESSION I-B | RESPONDENT: JEANNINE HILL FLETCHER - FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

- Overcoming the Irrationality of Hatred: Thomas Aquinas and John Lewis on Political Activism and Practical Reason
Justin Conway, Boston College
 - Identity Crisis: Girard, Lonergan, and the Principles of Christian Political Engagement
Madeline Jarrett, Boston College
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12:00-1:30PM **SESSION II | RESPONDENT: MARK MASSA, S.J. - BOSTON COLLEGE**

- "And Ye Shall Slay the Beast": The Case of Thomas Graunger and the Myth of Theocracy in the Legal System of the English Colony at Plymouth, 1620-1681
Liam Cronan, Boston University School of Law
 - The Liberationist in Exile: Father Sergio Torres and the Search for North American Theologies of Liberation
Adam Waters, Yale University
 - The Natural Law and Interreligious Political Advocacy: A Civil Rights Movement Case Study
Dennis J. Weiboldt III, Boston College
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1:45-3:15PM **SESSION III-A | RESPONDENT: DAN MCKANAN - HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL**

- Ambiguous Affirmations: Que(e)rying Black Religious Responses to the AIDS Crisis
Danny Ballon-Garst, Emory University
- Activism, "Intractable" Homicide Rates, Christian Churches, and Imagining the Common Good: Insights from Liberation Theology
Vincent Lui, Loyola University Maryland

SESSION III-B | RESPONDENT: ERICK BERRELLEZA, S.J. - SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

- Theological Foundations of Civil Disobedience and Racial Awareness in the Sanctuary Movement
Anna Holleman & Pamela Zabala, Duke University
 - The Theological Underpinnings of the Political Activism of Religious Clergy
Joseph Roso, Duke University
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3:20-3:30PM **CONCLUDING REMARKS AND THE AWARDING OF THE BEST STUDENT PAPER**