



Letter from the Director: Reflections and Requests

I'm sure those in every age feel they have arrived at a crossroads, a point of extraordinary convergence. This is no less the case now. Locally, we've just finished commemorating the 10th anniversary of Katrina's landfall. Nationally, Pope Francis arrives in less than two weeks. Internationally, the Synod on the Family starts in less than a month. We're witnessing an extraordinary migration from Africa and the Middle East to Europe. Closer to home, higher education enrollment continues to be challenged by demographics, economics, and new alternatives.

And, by the way, a new school year is beginning. What a time to study; what a time to bring LIM's model of critical reflection to bear on what matters today.



Loyola Katrina Memorial inscribed with the names of the schools that accepted Loyola students, mostly tuition free, in the fall of 2005. Photo by beloved university photographer Harold Baquet who recently passed away.

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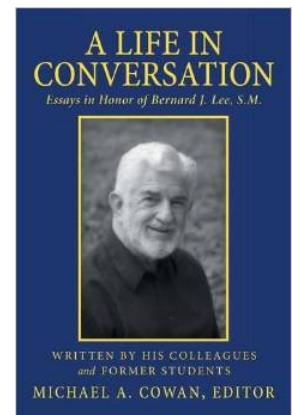
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A Life in Conversation: Essays in Honor of Bernard Lee, S.M., Edited by Michael A. Cowan (iUniverse 2015).

LIM faculty member Dr. Michael Cowan recently edited a book of essays honoring the long and creative academic career of Professor Bernard J. Lee, former director of the Loyola Institute for Ministry, who has published and taught on the cutting edge of Catholic theology. He has been a beloved teacher, generous mentor and cherished colleague during his academic tenures at Maryville University, St. John's University (Collegeville), Loyola, and St. Mary's University, San Antonio.

In *A Life in Conversation*, Dr. Lee's colleagues and former students offer a collection of essays that honor him on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. The essays focus on many aspects of Lee's pioneering work which includes explorations in process theology, ecclesiology, the Jewish world of Jesus, sacramentology, religious life, small Christian communities, and practical theology.



News Notes and Announcements

Online Open Houses

14 September 2015 • 19 October • 9 November • All take place at 8 p.m. Central Time

If you know someone who may be interested in LIM on-campus or online programs, please encourage them to attend one of our fall online open houses. Those interested can learn about our online and on-campus programs, which are Ignatian, practical, transformative, and affordable. To attend an Online Open House,

1. Go to <http://loyno.adobeconnect.com/openhouse/>
2. Select "Enter as a Guest"
3. Type in your name and click "Enter Room." If you log-in before the starting time, you will need to wait until the start time before being invited in.

Webinars

All webinars are free and open to the public, but attendance is limited to 100 participants and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Muslims around You • 17 September 2015 • 8 p.m. Central

Adil Khan, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of Islamic studies at Loyola University New Orleans, with an interest in contemporary Islam, Muslim identity, the Muslim intellectual tradition.

The Sacramental Gift of Family Life: A Theological and Pastoral Response to the World Meeting of Families • 8 October 2015 • 8 p.m. Central



Timothy O'Malley, Ph.D., is the director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy and a professor in the University of Notre Dame Department of Theology.

Mission and Solidarity: A New Perspective • 12 November 2015 • 8 p.m. Central



Juan-Lorenzo Hinojosa is the founder of Solidarity Bridge, a non-profit organization that trains and equips medical communities in Bolivia and Paraguay, empowering them to provide high-complexity surgery and other health care for those living in poverty.

An Advent Spirituality • 3 December 2015 • 8 p.m. Central



Sr. Dot Trosclair, O.P. , is the director of the Spirituality Center in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

To attend a webinar,

1. Go to <http://loyno.adobeconnect.com/webinar/>
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Astronomer Guy J. Consolmagno, S.J., to Speak at the President's Guest Lecture Series in October

Attend in Person, or Watch the Livestream

Noted astronomer Brother Guy J. Consolmagno will discuss the impact of Jesuits on science in a program entitled "Exploring New Worlds, From Peru to Mars; Jesuits and Science" on 7 October in Loyola's Nunemaker Auditorium, 3rd floor of Monroe Hall at 7:30 p.m. The event will be livestreamed on the Loyola website.

The scientific revolution began in the late 16th century, just as the Jesuits came on stage with their revolutionary ideas about scholarship, education, and "finding God in all things." The impact of Jesuits on science can be seen from José de Acosta in the 16th century to the modern Vatican Observatory. We'll highlight a few of the more noteworthy Jesuit scientists and examine why they have played a unique and essential role in the development of modern science.

Brother Guy J. Consolmagno, S.J., a Jesuit brother for over 20 years, is the co-author of five books on astronomy and has spent time as a visiting professor and scientist around the country. He is the curator of the Vatican meteorite collection in Castel Gandolfo, one of the largest in the world, and his research explores the connections between meteorites and asteroids, and the origin and evolution of small bodies in the solar system. He was honored by the International Astronomical Union with the naming of asteroid 4597.



A Brief History of the End of Everything

Brother Consolmagno's series on BBC radio examines contemporary understandings of the universe's end in light of the religious, scientific, and cultural contexts that have shaped it.

Listen to the series at the BBC's website [GO»](#)

Spring Classes Set: Online and On-Campus

Online Spring 2016 Classes

[Introduction to Practical Theology](#) (LIM G703-W01)

[Christian Origins \(New Testament\)](#) (LIM G712-W01)

[Church, Sacraments and Liturgy](#) (LIM G722-W01)

[Spirituality, Morality, and Ethics](#) (LIM 704-W01)

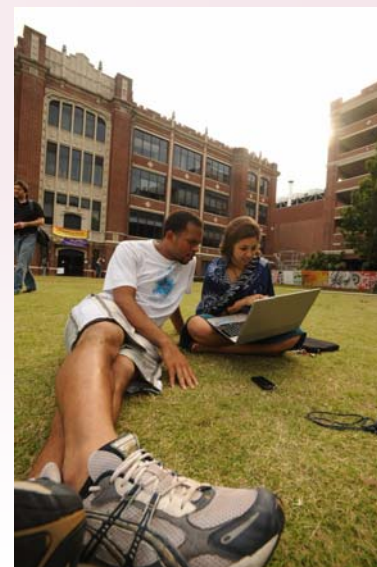
[Digital Media and Ministry](#) (LIM 826-W01)

[Pastoral and Educational Praxis](#) (LIM 886-W01)

On-Campus Spring 2016 Classes

[Christian Origins \(New Testament\)](#) (LIM G712-W01)

[Spirituality, Morality, and Ethics](#) (LIM 704-W01)





Transformational Leaders Are JESUIT EDUCATED.

#JesuitEducated Campaign

Share Your Story of What it Means to be Jesuit Educated

Since Friday, 31 July, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) has been publishing reflections about what it means to individuals who have received a Jesuit education in the online publication *Jesuit Educated*. This campaign, which began on the feast of St. Ignatius, will continue through Friday, 25 September, the week of the pope's visit.

Loyola University New Orleans supports this campaign and wants you to share your story. It may be published in *Jesuit*

Educated or on the Loyola website.

How has your Jesuit education transformed you? What's your story? What makes you proud to be #JesuitEducated?

Graduates of Jesuit institutions are part of a community whose members make a difference in the world. That community includes members of Congress, those in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, lay ministers serving others in ecclesial and workplace ministry, Olympic athletes, and the leader of the

Catholic Church! Pope Francis is among those who demonstrate the impact of a Jesuit education; won't you share how your Jesuit education has transformed you?

Share your story of between 300 and 500 words at the [#Jesuit Educated webpage](#).

- Read the stories of others [GO»](#)
- Learn about the campaign [GO»](#)



Your Milestones, Your LIM Community

Please share your milestone with the larger LIM community by emailing limmiles@loyno.edu. Include your degree, (expected) year of graduation, and program (online, on-campus, or LIMEX). If you wish to include a photo of yourself or the milestone event in your life, please add it as an attachment to your email. Your milestone may be featured in a future issue of the LIM Express or in the Successes spotlight on the LIM homepage.

Letter from the Director Continued

And what a difference 10 years have made. I attended a conference sponsored by *The Atlantic* with the theme, “Do You Know What It Means to Know New Orleans.” It allowed wealthy foundations to spotlight their successes and other speakers to assess New Orleans ten years on. It had some 45 speakers on 15 or so different panels (you can watch it at <https://goo.gl/3z8NgN>). It was a moving event, and it highlighted the strides New Orleans has made in education, culture, entrepreneurship, and resilience.

The day’s most insistent number, however, was 52%—the number of unemployed African American men in the city—52%. The response to this number, and the people it represents, is more complex than just more jobs; it’s also about effective housing, healthcare, education, and criminal justice reform.

I was also struck that none of the panelists represented religion, when it was faith communities from around the world that helped New Orleans rebuild.

To overlook faith at an event of panels carefully curated to reflect New Orleans’ diversity is, unintentionally, to be ignorant of New Orleans and, perhaps intentionally, to write religion out of the post-Katrina narrative.

The challenge for religion is to bring to bear its powerfully transformative resources on our problems today, but it must do so against the backdrop of an increasingly secular U.S. society and the bad press religion receives because of the likes of ISIS and Westboro Baptist Church who, in God’s name, peddle hate and worse.

I look forward to Pope Francis’s visit because I suspect he’ll help our country focus on people like those represented by the 52% and how faith can respond; he’ll mix calls for justice with those for mercy, and he’ll do so with a sense of humility, fallibility, seriousness, and humor that can appeal and transform.

Locally, Loyola continues to face enrollment challenges because of fewer traditional-aged undergraduates nationally, the same number of colleges competing for them, and an expanding number of less expensive alternatives. As the higher education landscape evolves and as Loyola explores how best to live out its mission and respond to the signs of the times, programs, including LIM, will likely face budget cuts.

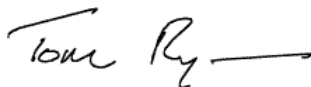
Budget cuts are always difficult, but LIM has resources to respond to them. In addition to on campus and fully online, we have begun to offer the LIMFlex <http://www.lim.loyno.edu/lim-flex> option that combines the flexibility of online with the in-person learning community of LIMEX. We are also learning from LIM Professor Zsupan-Jerome’s work in digital culture and ministry and from our grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation entitled “Communicating Charism” that is aimed at building social media and leadership capacity among communities of women religious in the U.S., Africa, and Asia <http://www.loyno.edu/news/story/2014/12/10/3544>.

Given our commitment to community and flexibility, we will continue to draw on the best of digital and analog in education and to do so in support of practical theologies that can renew the Church and world at this kairoitic moment.

I have a few requests for you:

- What were your reflections on Katrina? What are your hopes and thoughts on Pope Francis’s visit? Please enter them here: <https://goo.gl/Qx6xog>. Anyone can see results in spreadsheet form here: <https://goo.gl/Palss1>.
- If you’ve been Jesuit educated in any way, please make sure to respond to the #JesuitEducated Campaign that’s spotlighted elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Let us know on Facebook or Twitter how you’ve benefitted from being #LIMEducated.
- Please spread the good news about LIM to others you think might benefit from being #LIMEducated.
- We’ve developed a new donation page. Check it out! <http://www.lim.loyno.edu/donate>

Thank you!



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The Loyola Institute for Ministry

The mission of the Loyola Institute for Ministry (LIM) is to prepare women and men for religious education and ministerial leadership in Catholic and other Christian communities through professional graduate education and through professional continuing education. The Master of Religious Education and the Master of Pastoral Studies degrees are offered in the Institute. A number of continuing education options are also part of Institute programming.

This newsletter is designed for students in all the LIM programs, alums, current liaisons, facilitators, faculty, and friends.

The content of the newsletter is collected, edited, and prepared for the web by Jennifer Shimek.



Upcoming Events

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