

# INAUGURAL BISHOP WALTER F. SULLIVAN CHAIR IN CATHOLIC STUDIES SYMPOSIUM



## *Catholicism in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities for the Global Church*

MODERATOR: *Dr. R. Andrew Chesnut*



*Dr. Chesnut*, Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Chair in Catholic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies at VCU, currently serves as the co-coordinator of the Latin American Studies Association's program on religion and is conducting research on miracle-working saints of the Americas and Europe. A specialist in Latin American Christianity, his most recent book is *Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte, the Skeleton Saint* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

### PRESENTATIONS

#### *Catholicism in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities*



*Dr. José Casanova*, Professor of Sociology and Senior Fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University, heads the Program on Religion, Globalization, and the Secular. He has published works on a broad range of subjects, including religion and globalization, migration and religious pluralism, transnational religions, and sociological theory. His best-known work, *Public Religions in the Modern World* (University Chicago, 1994) has become a modern classic in the field and has been translated into six languages.

#### *Can U.S. Catholics Help a Declining Superpower Take its Place in the International Community?*



*Dr. R. Scott Appleby*, Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, serves as the John M. Regan Jr. Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and studies religion in the modern period, focusing on the roles of religious actors in conflict and in peacebuilding, and on the history of modern Roman Catholicism. His most recent publications are *The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion, Violence and Reconciliation* (2000) and *Strong Religion* (2003).

#### *Charismatic Catholicism in Latin America: The Brazilian Case*



*Dr. Brenda Carranza*, Professor of Social Science at the Pontifical Catholic University of Campinas, Brazil, coordinates the series, Subjects and Societies, for the Brazilian publisher, Editora Ideias & Letras and is a principal investigator on such research projects as "The Export of Pentecostalism and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal," "The Re-Christianization of Europe," and "Charismatic Catholics and Pentecostal Protestants: A Love-Hate Relationship?" sponsored by the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative at USC. Her most recent publication is *Catolicismo midiático*. Aparecida: Ideias & Letras, 2011.

#### *Asian Catholic Churches: A New Way of Being Church?*



*Dr. Peter C. Phan*, the Ignacio Ellacuria Chair of Catholic Social Thought in Theology at Georgetown University, and a native of Vietnam, emigrated to the US in 1975. He earned doctoral degrees in sacred theology from the Universitas Pontificia Salesiana in Rome and in philosophy and divinity from the University of London. Phan is the first non-European-American to be elected president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. His publications address topics ranging from patristic theology to eschatology and the history of missions in Asia; the role of non-Christian religions discussed in *Being Religious Interreligiously: Asian Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue* (2004).

#### *Of Coffins and Churches: Ten Priorities for Catholicism in Africa in the 21st Century*



*Dr. Emmanuel Katongole*, born and educated in Uganda, was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest by the Kampala Archdiocese in 1987. Since then he has served parishes in Africa, Belgium, and the United States. He is co-director of the Center of Reconciliation at the Duke Divinity School—a center whose mission is to inspire, form, and support leaders, communities and congregations to think, feel, and live as ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken world. His research interests cover a wide range of issues related to theology and violence especially in Africa. He examines the role of stories in the formation of political identity, the dynamics of social memory and the nature and role of Christian imagination. His most recent publication is *A Future for Africa* (University of Scranton Press, 2005).

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