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FR. HEFT PRESENTS AT SEVERAL USC SPRING EVENTS

IACS president Fr. James L. Heft provided Institute presence at several USC events during the spring semester.

On April 16th, Fr. Heft participated in an interfaith dialogue on forgiveness. The dialogue focused on the work of Frederick Luskin, a Stanford research professor (*Forgive for Good*) whose latest project studies the nature and effects of forgiveness. Also part of the panel were Dr. Michael Stanley (USC LDS Institute/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and Shradha Jain (USC Interfaith Council). Jain is a former student of Fr. Heft's.

“...IT IS DANGEROUS TO EVALUATE THE CHURCH THROUGH ONLY A SCIENTIFIC LENS”

“I have heard many classmates and friends express their frustration with religion because it 'doesn't stand true' against the principles of science.”

Pavy said. “During the talk, Fr. Heft provided detailed, organized evidence to explain how belief in the Catholic Church and science do not inherently conflict, and that it is dangerous to evaluate the Church through only a scientific lens. The discussion was productive, interesting, and insightful. It was a great experience and I am glad I participated.” †

“...STUDENTS AT USC'S CARUSO CATHOLIC CENTER INVITED FR. HEFT TO LEAD DISCUSSIONS ON “LOVE AND SEXUALITY” AND “FAITH AND SCIENCE.”

Also in April, students at USC's Caruso Catholic Center invited Fr. Heft to lead discussions on “Love and Sexuality” and “Faith and Science.” The conversations were titled “Hefty Talks.”

Katie Pavy, a USC student who helped organize the evening, said the conversation on science and Catholicism was beneficial to her as a Catholic in the STEM field.



Fr. Heft engages in conversations with students at the Caruso Catholic Center's “Hefty Talks” in April.



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IACS TO CO-HOST 2020 “MORAL FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY” CONFERENCE

Preliminary arrangements have been made for a conference on “The Moral Foundations of Democracy” to be held in September of 2020. Led by Michael Murphy and Robert Shrum of USC’s Center for the Political Future and the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, the speakers at the conference will explore the moral foundations of our democracy and the thinking of the Catholic tradition on the issues of immigration, abortion and health care.

Murphy, one of the Republican Party’s most successful political consultants, has led more than 20 statewide campaigns to victory, including gubernatorial races for Jeb Bush, Mitt Romney, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Christine Todd Whitman, John Engler, and Tommy Thompson as well as dozens of races for the Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. He’s worked on six Republican presidential campaigns and is widely known for his work in the 2000 GOP primaries as a senior strategist for Senator John McCain. He has advised leaders in Canada, Central America, and the former Soviet Union. He is a widely known political pundit, appearing frequently on NBC, CNN, and NPR.

Shrum, the Carmen H. and Louis Warschaw Chair in Practical Politics at USC Dornsife, is the director of the Center for the Political Future and the Unruh Institute of Politics. He has a storied career as an author and campaign adviser to Democratic candidates. His numerous clients included Edward Kennedy, Joe Biden, John Glenn and Barbara Mikulski in their Senate campaigns, and John Kerry and Al Gore in their presidential races. Overseas his clients included Ehud Barak in his campaign for Prime Minister of Israel, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister of Ireland and the President of Colombia. Shrum also served as speechwriter to New York Mayor John V. Lindsay from 1970 to 1971, and speech-



Mike Murphy (left) and Bob Shrum from the USC Center for the Political Future

writer to Sen. George McGovern’s 1972 presidential campaign.

Fr. Heft has published articles on religion and politics and the role of the Catholic Church in a pluralistic democracy. As president of the Institute, he will invite

speakers known for their understanding of Catholic teaching on issues relevant to the theme of the conference.

IACS will announce more details on “The Moral Foundations of Democracy” in the coming year. †

FREQUENT IACS COLLABORATOR HONORED BY VATICAN

Dr. Mary L. Hirschfeld, associate professor of economics and theology at Villanova and regular contributor to IACS publications, has received the *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice* Foundation’s “Economy and Society” international prize for her book, *Aquinas and the Market: Toward a Humane Economy* (Harvard University Press, 2018).

As reported by *Catholic News Service*, the “Economy and Society” prize is awarded every two years to a work that makes an original, in-depth study and implementation of the social doctrine of the church. The foundation, in a press release announcing the award, said Hirschfeld’s innovative approach offered economists “a broader view” of what constitutes a good life, “giving a critical accent to the ethical deficiencies of modern capitalism.”

“Mary is uniquely qualified to address issues of faith and economic life,” said Dr. Daniel Finn, director of the Institute’s



Mary Hirschfeld

True Wealth of Nations project. “With a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard and another in theology from Notre Dame, she brings a unique set of talents and insights to pressing questions today. This recognition from Rome is well-deserved.”

Hirschfeld has contributed chapters to several Institute books, most recently, *Agency, Self-Interest, and the Moral Legitimacy of Business in Catholic Social Thought*, now under review for publication by Oxford University Press. †

NEW MEMBERS OF THE IACS BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED

The Institute has recently announced the appointment of two new members of the IACS Board of Trustees. The additions of Rich Grimes and Fr. Michael Engh, S.J. were both announced in July by Fr. James L. Heft, S.M.



Fr. Michael Engh, S.J.

Fr. Michael Engh is a Jesuit with both an academic and pastoral background. He was the president of Santa Clara University starting in 2009, and as a result brings the wisdom of both administration and teaching in higher education, as well as much experience in fundraising and institution-building. While at Santa Clara, he nearly doubled the University's endowment, formed the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, and built connections with the local community. Fr. Engh also serves on a number of boards, including the Board of Directors of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, and is a member of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference Working Group on Catholic Higher Education.

Fr. Engh retired from the presidency of Santa Clara University at the end of June 2019, and will spend a year at the Jesuit Community in Culver City—just down the freeway from USC.

"Over the years, Fr. Engh has expressed his admiration for the Institute, its mission and its commitment to helping Catholic higher education deepen its distinctive intellectual roots," Heft said. "Having just finished ten years of excellent leadership of Santa Clara University, he brings to the Institute a firsthand knowledge of the needs of Catholic higher education and what it takes to build an institution. I am delighted that he will now be an integral part of the Institute's board and family."



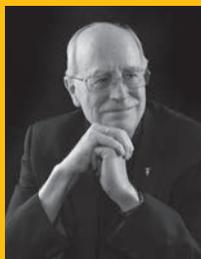
Richard Grimes

Recognized as a thought leader in the wireless communication infrastructure industry, **Rich Grimes** has over 25 years of experience and expertise in strategy, development, project execution, and cross-functional operational leadership involving some of the most

highly complex and strategic wireless infrastructure projects throughout the United States. Rich is principal and managing partner of Tournament Wireless Holdings, LLC, a consulting and advisory firm providing wireless infrastructure strategy, development, investment, and management services to real estate developments and portfolios, venture capital funds, and non-profit organizations' wireless portfolios. He has held various regional and national director positions at AT&T Wireless, Capital Tower Group, LLC, InSite Wireless Group, LLC, and Strategic Venue Partners, Inc. Rich co-pioneered the wireless lease monetization industry, various business models and strategies in wireless infrastructure development and management, and the carrier teaming strategy and projects.

"Rich will be a great board member," Heft said. "He is deeply involved in the LA community as a Catholic and as a business leader working on homelessness. I am delighted that he will now devote some of his many talents to the mission of the Institute." †

A WORD FROM FATHER HEFT



Dear Friends of the Institute,

I am delighted to announce in this newsletter two new board members of the Institute, and the recognition that economist and theologian Mary Hirschfield has received for her book recently published by Harvard University

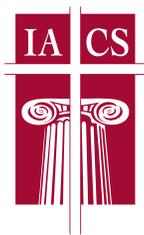
Press. We also include in this newsletter a list of the books that the Institute has published. Finally, our interactions with the staff and students of the Caruso Catholic Center continues to enrich both the Institute

and them. I hope all of you will be able to join us for our annual "Thank You" event scheduled for the evening of October 26th. Our speaker, the internationally-known Fr. Columba Stewart, O.S.B., will fascinate us with his presentation on ancient manuscripts.



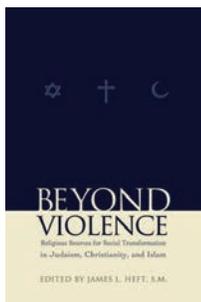
Fr. James L. Heft, S.M.

Alton Brooks Professor of Religion
President, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies
at USC



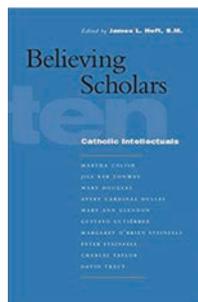
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of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at USC



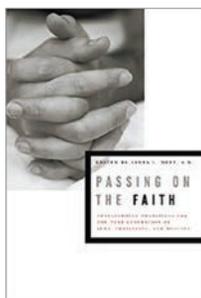
Beyond Violence: Religious Sources for Social Transformation in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

James L. Heft, S.M., ed. (NY: Fordham University Press, 2004), Translated into French, *Par-delà la violence: Le dialogue des religions est-il une utopie?* (Parole et Silence, France, 2011)



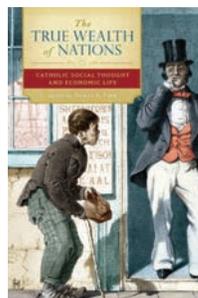
Believing Scholars: Ten Catholic Intellectuals

James L. Heft, S.M., ed. (NY: Fordham University Press, 2005)



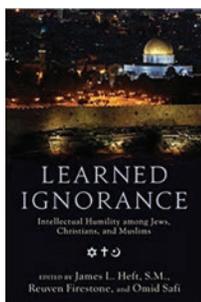
Passing on the Faith: Transforming Traditions for the Next Generation of Jews, Christians, and Muslims

James L. Heft, S.M., ed. (NY: Fordham University Press, 2006)



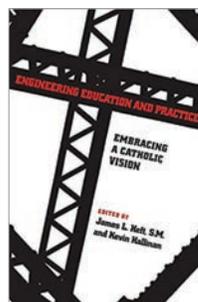
The True Wealth of Nations: Catholic Social Thought and Economic Life

Daniel Finn, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2010)



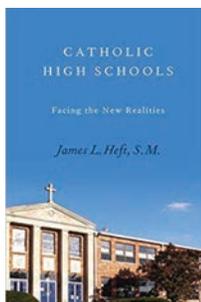
Learned Ignorance: Intellectual Humility among Jews, Christians and Muslims

Reuven Firestone, Omid Safi, and James Heft, S.M., eds. (Oxford University Press, 2011)



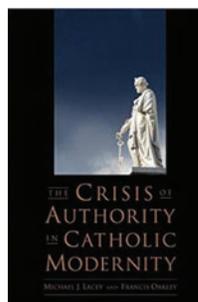
Engineering Education and Practice: Embracing a Catholic Vision

Kevin Hallinan and James Heft, S.M., eds. (Notre Dame Press, 2011)



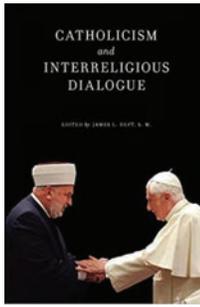
Catholic High Schools: Facing the New Realities

James L. Heft, S.M. (Oxford University Press, 2011)

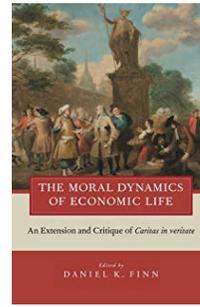


The Crisis of Authority in Catholic Modernity

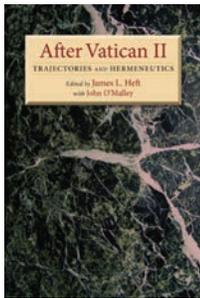
Michael L. Lacey and Francis Oakley, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2011)



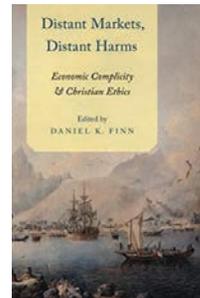
Catholicism and Interreligious Dialogue
James L. Heft, S.M., ed.
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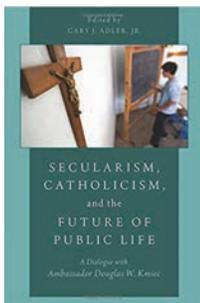
The Moral Dynamics of Economic Life: An Extension and Critique of Caritas in veritate
Daniel Finn, ed.
(Oxford University Press, 2012)



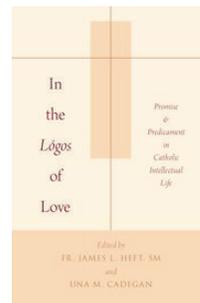
After Vatican II: Trajectories and Hermeneutics
John O'Malley, S.J., and James Heft, S.M., eds.
(Eerdmans, 2012)



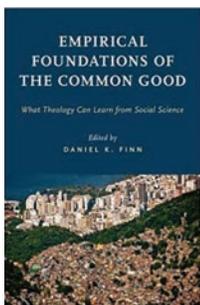
Distant Markets, Distant Harms: Economic Complicity and Christian Ethics
Daniel Finn, ed.
(Oxford University Press, 2014)



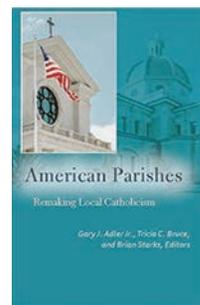
Secularism, Catholicism, and the Future of Public Life: A Dialogue with Ambassador Douglas W. Kmiec
Gary Adler, ed.
(Oxford University Press, 2015)



In the Logos of Love: Promise and Predicament in Catholic Intellectual Life
Una Cadegan and James L. Heft, S.M., eds.
(Oxford University Press, 2016)



Empirical Foundations of the Common Good: What Theology Can Learn from Social Science
Daniel Finn, ed.
(Oxford University Press, 2017)



American Parishes: Remaking Local Catholicism
Gary Adler, Tricia Bruce and Brian Starks, eds.
(Fordham University Press, 2019)

UNDER REVIEW BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Agency, Self-Interest, and the Moral Legitimacy of Business in Catholic Social Thought

Daniel Finn, ed.

The Open Circle: The Future of Catholic Higher Education

James Heft, S.M.

Empty Churches: Non-Affiliation in America

Jan Stets and James Heft, S.M., eds.

IACS WELCOMES COLUMBA STEWART FOR THANK-YOU EVENT

On Saturday, October 26, the Institute will welcome Fr. Columba Stewart, O.S.B., an expert in ancient manuscripts, who will speak about his work at the Institute's second annual thank-you event for friends and supporters of IACS. Fr. Stewart has been the executive director of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's University in Minnesota since 2003. Called the "monk who saves manuscripts from ISIS" by *The Atlantic*, he has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and India, cultivating relationships with communities possessing manuscript collections from the early medieval to early modern periods. Fr. Stewart has overseen the expansion of HMML's manuscript preservation projects in more than a dozen countries. In July, Fr. Stewart was named the 2019 Jefferson Lecturer for the Humanities, the highest honor the federal government bestows for intellectual achievement in the humanities. †



Fr. Columba Stewart, O.S.B.

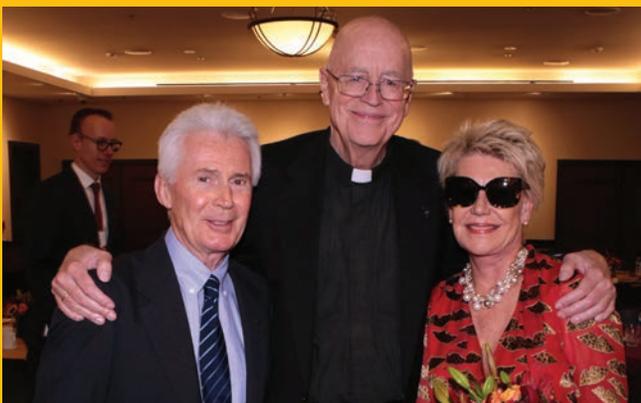
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Phil and Sharon Eaton talk with Dr. Peter Burke



Michele Engemann, Mary Pallares and Julie Condon



Jack and Ayne Baker



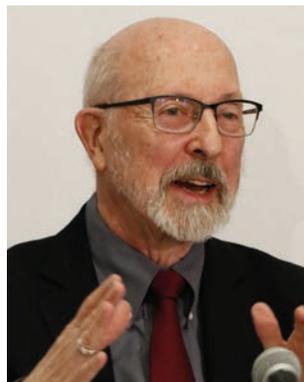
Mike and Barbara Barnoski

TOM & JULIE CONDON FALL 2019 LECTURE SERIES ANNOUNCED

The Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at USC has announced two speakers for the Fall 2019 Tom and Julie Condon Lecture Series.

IACS board member Peter Steinfels will open the Condon Lecture Series on **October 24** at the Caruso Catholic Center. Steinfels will present on the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report regarding **sexual abuse in the Catholic Church**. Steinfels published an essay in *Commonweal* in March calling into question the fairness of the report. Steinfels is an author and previously the senior religion editor for the *New York Times*. He has been a professor at Fordham University in New York City, and Co-Director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. In 2003, he and his wife, Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, were the recipients of the *Laetare* Medal for service to the church and society from the University of Notre Dame.

On **November 12**, scholar Edward Jeremy Miller will speak on **Cardinal John Henry Newman** (1801-1890). Newman, the most prolific religious writer in the English language in the 19th century, is to be canonized in Rome on October 13th of this



Peter Steinfels



Edward Jeremy Miller

year. Miller, Professor Emeritus at Gwynedd Mercy University, holds dual doctorates in philosophy and theology. Earlier in his career, he was Professor of Catholic theology and chair of the PhD program in theology at Emory University. He has been awarded an Earhart Foundation fellowship, a University of Chicago post-doctoral fellowship, and has served in the Commonwealth Speakers Program of the Pennsylvania Council of the Humanities. †

IACS BRINGS NOTED SCHOLAR TO CAMPUS IN COLLABORATION WITH HUMANITIES AT USC

Fr. Heft has invited Prof. Robert Newman, the president and director of the National Humanities Center in North Carolina, to campus to give a luncheon workshop on October 2nd to faculty interested in learning about the Humanities Center. Newman will also give a public lecture later in the afternoon on the importance of the humanities. Prior to joining the National Humanities Center, Newman was the Dean of Humanities at the University of Utah. He also taught at the College of William and Mary, Texas A&M University, and the University of South Carolina, where he served as chair of the English department. Fr. Heft met Prof. Newman last March when they both served on an external review team for Notre Dame's Institute for Advanced Studies.

Daniela Bleichmar, USC Associate Provost for Faculty and Student Initiatives, expressed appreciation for the Institute's collaboration, and said, "We look forward to working with the Institute." †



Dr. Robert Newman



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Students gather for discussion on sexual morality



Students at CCC listen to Institute lecture



Students attending one of the Institute lectures

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