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## Barry has strong presence at 2015 ACHTUS



Barry University faculty and alumni, left to right: Marian Diaz, Javier Castillo, Jose Padilla, Patricia Jimenez, Vincent Olea, Alicia Marill, Jorge Presmanes, Elsie Miranda, Mark Wedig

Five faculty members and four Doctor of Ministry alumni participated in the 2015 ACHTUS [Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologian in the US] Colloquium in Milwaukee, WI June 7-10. Barry's strong presence at ACHTUS signifies the ongoing commitment of its graduate programs in theology and ministry to the U.S.

Hispanic/Latino/a context and carrying out research in the field. Two papers were delivered by Barry faculty members and one by an alumnus of the Doctor of Ministry program. Father José David Padilla, OP presented "A Reading of the Beatitudes from the Context of the Latino/a Immigrants in the U.S.," Dr. Elise

Miranda "The Reclamation of Personal and Religious Identity as the Piece de Resistance among Cuban Nationals," and Dr. Vince Olea, "The Somatic Nature of Salvation Between Generations as Seen in Carino-Fighting and the Popular Religion of the Hispanic Community in Boyle Heights, CA."



Miguel Diaz and Elsie Miranda speaking to the issue of Cuban reclamation of Personal and Religious Identity as liberative Praxis

### A Presentation by Hosffman Ospino, PhD of Boston College: “Catholic Hispanic Ministry in the United States: The Road Ahead”

The National Symposium on Catholic Hispanic Ministry and Barry University’s Department of Theology and Philosophy sponsored a workshop and lecture on Tuesday June 23, 2015 titled “Catholic Hispanic Ministry in the United States: The Road Ahead:” A Presentation by Hosffman Ospino, PhD of



Boston College. The workshop offered participants an evening of dialogue and study



for pastoral leaders involved in Hispanic Ministry. Sixty participants explored the current dynamics in Hispanic Ministry in the Catholic Church in the United

States and the potential impact of these dynamics for ministry in Miami.

## Archdiocese of Mobile Alabama



Dr. Marc Lavallee, Luis J De Prada, Olga Villar, Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, Rev. Rafael Capó, Dr. Alicia Marill.

Olga Villar a Doctor of Ministry (Candidate) and Director of Hispanic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Mobile welcomed

Dr. Marc Lavallee, Director of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry, Dr. Marill, Director of the Doctor of Ministry

Program, Luis J De Prada (MAPTM student) of Barry University’s Department of Theology and Philosophy, and Rev. Rafael Capó, Director at the US Catholic Bishops SE Regional Office for Hispanic Ministry / SEPI and the Director Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry for Hispanics at Barry University as participant observers of the IV Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry Encounter 2015.

This event included 350 participants consisting of adults and children from 22 parish communities. Their work reflected; Formation, Missionary Option, Joint Pastoral, Liturgy and Prayer, and Family. There was a spirit of community and collaboration as the various groups volunteered to welcome, serve, and bring hospitality to all those who were part of this ecclesial Archdiocesan Hispanic pastoral planning.

## Yves Congar Award

The Yves Congar Award recognizes the contributions of today's theologians who embody the spirit of Cardinal Yves Congar, OP (1904-1995), by working, writing, and teaching in light of tradition while moving that tradition forward to meet the challenges of modern times. Our 2015 Yves Congar Award recipient Lisa Sowle Cahill, PhD, is the J. Donald Monan Professor of Theology at Boston College. She is the past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Society of Christian Ethics. Her books include *Global Justice, Christology and Christian Ethics* (2013); *Family: A Christian Social Perspective* (2000); and

*Sex, Gender, and Christian Ethics* (1996).

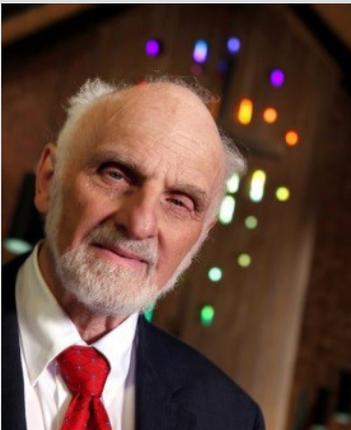
Dr. Cahill's lecture explored Catholic theology and ethics of family, which today frequently centers on the nuclear family with a heterosexual married couple, children, and complementary roles of the sexes. Dr. Cahill believes that this is a definition which does not apply to many families in today's world. In light of these realities, Cahill examined how families today find meaning and guidance from the Catholic faith, how the gospel can be preached to them, and what today's families bring to the Church.



## Mark Your Calendar

### 2016 Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence Wednesday, January 20, 2016

**Dr. Walter Brueggemann has accepted the Department of Theology and Philosophy invitation to be the 2016 Yves Congar Award Recipient.**



One of the most influential Bible interpreters of our time, Walter Brueggemann is the author of over one hundred books and numerous scholarly articles. He continues to be a highly sought-after speaker. Brueggemann has served as faculty at two institutions in his career: Eden Theological Seminary (1961-1986) and Columbia Theological Seminary (1986-2003). He is currently William Marcellus McPheeters, professor emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia.

For more information on Dr. Brueggemann please go to:  
<http://www.walterbrueggemann.com/>  
<http://www.walterbrueggemann.com/about/about-walter-brueggemann/>

### Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy held its Honors Induction Ceremony on April 23, 2015.

Undergraduate students Alexi Sperling and Lindsey Gravette, as well as graduate student Luis De Prada were inducted into the Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society. Dr. Gloria Schaab welcomed graduate students Brother Adam Becerra, fsp, Ana Maria Jimenez-Fernandez, and

Sister Annette Lucero, OP into the Theta Alpha Kappa Theology Honor Society. Dr. Ruth Tallman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy announced Natalie Diaz as the winner of the Theology Essay Contest and Cheryl Frazier the winner of the Philosophy Essay Contest. Dr. Sandra Fairbanks,

Professor of Philosophy recognized and thanked the members of the Ethics Bowl Team for their hard work this year in the 11th Annual Southeast Ethics Bowl competition.

### Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy held its 2015 spring Commissioning and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, May 8, 2015.



Carlos R Córdova, Alejandro Torres, and Maxine Lee-Fatt were commissioned in partial fulfillment of the Doctor of Ministry degree. Jose Cruzet was recognized for his Master of Arts in Pastoral ministry for Hispanics and Garvey Ervilus and Maria Guadalupe Malvais, MGSps were recognized for their Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry.

Cheryl Frazier and Jem Osae-Asante were recognized for their Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Gerard Angelo Kurbanali was recognized for his a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Art.

#### Opening Prayer



The Department of Theology and Philosophy began the 2015 Spring Two-week Residency on June 15, 2015 with an Opening Prayer and reception to welcome students for the Spring Two-week Residency. Doctor of Ministry candidate Richard Clements accepted the Department's invitation to preach for faculty and peers. The Department of Theology and Philosophy also welcomed our new Doctor of Ministry students Gladys Echenique and Jose Luis Elias.

## At the Sanctuary of la Caridad del Cobre, Santiago de Cuba.

by Elsie Miranda

By virtue of an invitation to teach a summer course in Cuba, I ended up taking one of the most significant trips of my life. I entered a time machine of sorts where I encountered the past ravaged by existential nihilism. The failed Socialist experiment that is Cuba has generated a meaninglessness that strives to permeate every level of the human imagination. Yet amidst the ruins of such despair I encountered brothers and sisters I never knew

I had who lived the daily struggle, for subsistence and in that eternal task they lose sight of meaning. I have been profoundly touched by this encounter of past and future, brought together to ask very demanding questions of my / our first world complacency. Ninety miles of ocean separates us, but 54 years of rhetoric on both sides of the Florida straits keep us from promoting a mutually beneficial and meaningful existence. Beyond

the ideological barrage there is a world of wonderful human beings, and natural beauty needing to make contact -- I have never been more certain that my "Yes" to this invitation, will be, in the words of Robert Frost, the one that will make all the difference.

Sanctuary of La Caridad del Cobre;  
Identity and Reconciliation class.



## The Department of Theology and Philosophy forms a Graduate Theology and Ministry Advisory Board

Jennie Weiss Block, OP, Doctor of Ministry, Department of Theology and Philosophy alumna has been appointed chair of the Department of Theology and Philosophy Graduate Theology and Ministry Advisory Board. The purpose and goals of the board will be to provide strategic guidance and to target

suggestions to improve and strengthen the department's graduate theology program. Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy's Doctor of Ministry and MA in Practical Theology and Ministry programs are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (<http://www.ats.edu/>) Commission

on Accrediting which requires feedback from our constituents. The Advisory Board will meet twice annually and consists of ten board members that include faculty, alumni, and community leaders.



Members of the St. Bonaventure Children's Chorale, Sr. Peggy Ryan, Doctor of Ministry (Candidate) and MA student Luis De Prada of Barry University's Department of Theology and Philosophy.

## Archdiocesan Catechetical Conference 2014

The Department of Theology and Philosophy participated as an exhibitor at the Archdiocesan Catechetical Conference 2014 at McCarthy High School in October of 2014. The Archdiocesan Catechetical Conference, sponsored by the Office of Catechesis in the Archdiocese of Miami, is the largest annual gathering of catechetical teams, Catholic School teachers, catechetical leaders, youth ministers and parish ministers in an experience that captivates and renews the catechetical mission. José-David Padilla, OP, STL, Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology and Victor Valenzuela, Doctor of Ministry candidate from Barry University's Department of Theology and Philosophy

presented at the Enrichment Sessions. During this year's conference the Department of Theology and Philosophy donated funds to support the St. Bonaventure Children's Chorale in an effort to participate and accept an invitation to meet the Pope at the 40th Congress of Pueri Cantores 2015 in Rome and sing a message of peace and hope for the world. The St. Bonaventure Children's Chorale trip will be December 26, 2015 through January 2, 2016. If you would like donate online please go to: [http://www.sbchildrenschorale.org/?tribe\\_events=40th-international-congress-of-pueri-cantores-in-rome](http://www.sbchildrenschorale.org/?tribe_events=40th-international-congress-of-pueri-cantores-in-rome)

**The next Annual Catechetical Conference 2015 of the Archdiocese of Miami will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School located at 2801 SW. 12th Street, Ft. Lauderdale Florida 33312. This year theme is "Healing Grace, Promise, and Joy: A Church which goes forth with open heart!"**

### Ethics Bowl Team competes in the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl competition.

The Barry University Ethics Bowl Team recently competed in the 11th Annual Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl competition on Saturday, November 8 at St. Petersburg College. Barry's squad competed against 21 other colleges and universities from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama with the top four teams receiving an invitation to the Ethics Bowl National Championship.

Barry's team competed in all four rounds and finished 11th overall. The team went 2-2 in head-to-head competitions, winning in rounds one and four.

This is the ninth year Barry's Ethics Bowl team has competed in the regional competition. Barry's team has qualified for the Ethics Bowl National Championship

four times in the past nine years. Barry's team captured the top spot last year, going undefeated in three rounds and beating Wake Forest in the semi-final.

This year's team included Cheryl Frazier, a senior majoring in philosophy; Alexi Sperling, a junior majoring in pre-law; Natalie Diaz, a senior majoring in sociology with a minor in biology; and Jessica Cousett, a sophomore majoring in philosophy.

The team is coached by Sandra Fairbanks, Professor of Philosophy, Joel Wilcox, Professor of Philosophy, and Ruth Tallman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, and is sponsored by the Department of Theology and Philosophy.

The Annual Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl and the Intercollegiate



Ethics Bowl International Championship are sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

Find more information at: <http://appe.indiana.edu/ethics-bowl/ethics-bowl/>

### Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Students to Support Farmworker Justice Efforts during Spring Break



A group of 11 Barry undergraduates provided 74 hours of service as part of Alternative Spring Break (ASB) in Immokalee, FL to support projects that promote farmworker justice. The students were all participants in Barry's Alternative Spring Break program (ASB) which took

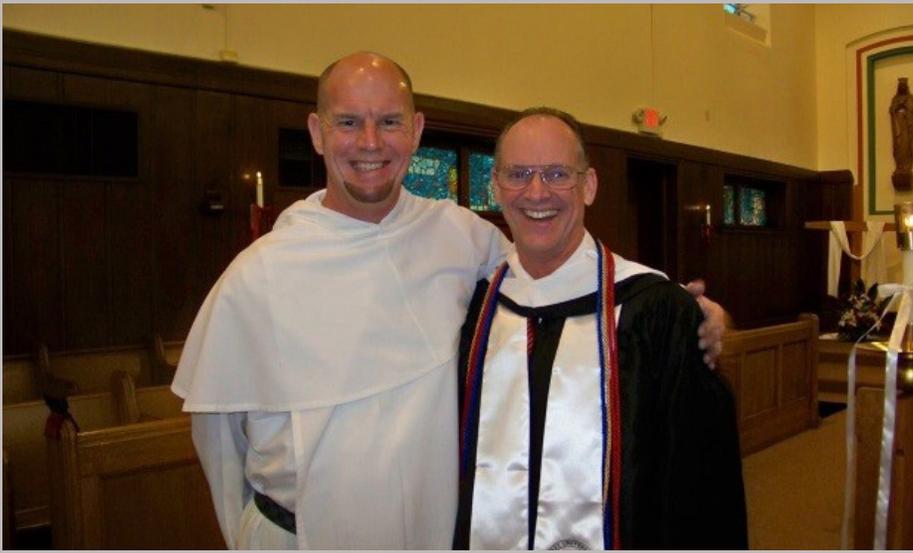
place the first week of March. The students served with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, doing property clean-up and t-shirt inventory; providing early-childhood literacy lessons and middle-school STEM activities at the Redlands Christian Migrant Association and assisting with the "Hands are for Helping, Not for Hurting" campaign; building a library catalogue; and assembling emergency food packages at the Shelter for Abused Women and Children.

The ASB group members were Keiara Greene-Williams, Victoria Hoelscher, Mayra Martinez, Paola Montenegro, Peter Nwokoye, Quayneshia Smith, Latania Richardson, Qiwen Su, Alejandro

Tobon, Tamara Vuckovich, and Rajon Wright. Dr. Marc Lavallee, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, and Courtney Berrien, Associate Director of the Center for Community Service Initiatives (CCSI), participated in ASB with the students. Dr. Lavallee was an active ASB member during his undergraduate studies at the Saint Anselm College.

**Interested in joining the Philosophy Club?**

**Contact Dr. Ruth Tallman at [rtallman@barry.edu](mailto:rtallman@barry.edu)**



**Carlos M. Cueto**, currently the Financial Project Advanced Controller at FedEx Express, has been awarded the prestigious **Five Star Award illustrating the “best of the best” at FedEx Express**. David J. Bronczek, President and Chief Executive Officer choose Carlos because of his People-Serve-Profit philosophy upon which FedEx Express was founded. This philosophy includes a drive to excel beyond expectations,

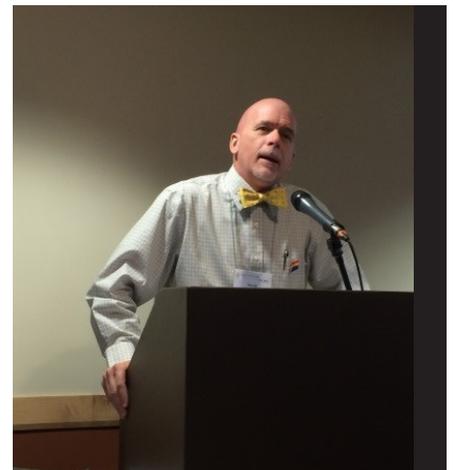
demonstrating a track record of stellar performance in achieving results, and developing a high degree of leadership in motivating and inspiring others. Carlos Cueto obtained a Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry from Barry University in 2013 and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Ministry degree. Congratulations, Carlos!

**Therese Bjørnaas** (Norway), 2012 graduate of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology program and Ph.D. student in Systematic Theology at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, was judged runner-up for best Graduate-level theology paper in the national competition for the 2015 Albert Clark Award sponsored by Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society. In addition to a monetary award, Bjørnaas’ essay “Encountering God in the Theologies of Paul Tillich and Karl Rahner” will appear in the spring 2016 issue of the Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa.



The Department of Theology and Philosophy continues to support ushispanicministry.com that was founded by alumni Patricia Jimenez DMin and Vince Olea, DMin

**Dave Fletcher, Doctor of Ministry**, senior director of graduate admissions at Barry University presented a session at the Call to Action national conference in November 2014. Dr. Fletcher’s presentation titled “All Are Welcome in This Place...Or Are They?” focused on the current status of sexual orientation non-discrimination in Catholic colleges and



universities in the United States. In December 2014 he was invited to the west coast of Florida to present to a local chapter of Call to Action and to discuss the current status and future challenges of LGBT rights in the US. Dr. Fletcher earned a Master’s in guidance and counseling from the University of South Florida and a Master’s in theology from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. He is a 2012 graduate of Barry’s Doctor of Ministry program and has served Barry University in the Division of Enrollment Services for more than 16 years. In addition to his academic interests, Fletcher is an avid bicyclist.

### Zanmi Beni

Dr. Jennie Weiss Block, Op, DMin and Laurie Nuell are co-founders of Zanmi Beni (<http://friendsofzb.org/>). Zanmi Beni, a residential community for 64 abandoned and vulnerable children, half of whom have physical or mental disabilities, is located in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti, it is a program of Partners In Health and Zanmi Lasante and is managed in partnership with Operation Blessing International. Zanmi Beni

is funded by private donations from individuals and foundations and is committed to “doing whatever it takes” to ensure each child entrusted to its care is given the opportunity and support necessary to reach his or her full potential in a safe, stable and loving community. On December 21, 2014, the children Zanmi Beni were baptized in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti. Present for the ceremony from Barry University were Mark Wedig, OP; Jorge



Presmanes, OP; Cristóbal Torres, OP; and Vicki Bailey, as well as Fr. Scott O'Brien, former Barry University Chaplain.

Article from baptism in the Catholic Sun:

<http://www.catholicsun.org/2014/12/23/abandoned-disabled-haitian-children-baptized-into-the-christian-family/>

Video and pictures by David Darg of the Baptism in Haiti. David Darg is the COO of Operation Blessing. <https://vimeo.com/115308297>



**Jennie Weiss Block, OP, DMin**, a Dominican laywoman and a practical theologian, has served as chief advisor to renowned physician and humanitarian Dr. Paul Farmer since 2009. Dr. Block was also his chief of staff in his role as United Nations deputy special envoy under President Bill Clinton. Dr. Block had the opportunity to meet the Pope while working in Rome with Dr. Farmer.



On April 26, 2015 four Barry University undergraduate students volunteered for registration at Family Fun Day 2015 to raise money for Zanmi Beni.

## Faculty Highlights

### **Pedro Blas Gonzalez, PhD,**

Professor of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences, published “Nicolás Gómez



Dávila: A South American Sage.” *Modern Age: A Quarterly Review*, Volume 57, Number 1, 77-82, winter 2015; published “Coleridge’s Ancient Mariner and the Faith that Comes by Hearing.” *The University Bookman*, 1-9, spring 2015; published “Time and Permanence in T.S. Eliot’s Four Quartets.” *The University Bookman*, 1-8, fall 2014; published “The Future of the West in the Thought of Muggeridge and Ortega y Gasset.” *The University Bookman*, 1-6, spring 2014; published “The Economics of Being: The Struggle for Existence in Prehistory.” *Cultura: International Journal of Philosophy of Culture and Axiology*, Volume 11, Issue 1, 23-39, spring 2014; published “Meaning & Boredom in Heidegger & Macbeth.” *The Center for European Renewal*, Issue 9, 37-39, winter 2014; published “Circle Nine.” *Aphelion Science Fiction*, Issue 192, Volume 19, 1-20, October 2014; published “Baltasar Gracian: La literatura y la maxima como expresion existencial.” *Circulo: Revista de Cultura*, Volumen XLII, 45-50, March 29, 2014; presented “Nobility of Spirit and Reflection as Vocation in Ortega y Gasset’s *The Revolt of the Masses*.” Barry University Philosophy Lecture Series. Miami Shores, Florida. March 18, 2015; presented “Meaning, Purpose, and Character in Daniel

Defoe’s *Robinson Crusoe*.” Barry University Great Books Lecture Series. Miami Shores, Florida. February 18, 2015; presented “El Pensamiento Filosófico de José Martí.” New Professional Technical Institute. Miami, Florida. January 30, 2015 presented “Essence, Soul, and Redemption in Coleridge’s *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.” Barry University Great Books Lecture Series. Miami Shores, Florida. November 5, 2014; presented “Albert Camus: The Moral and Existential Courage of *The First Man*.” Barry University Philosophy Lecture Series. Miami Shores, Florida. October 1, 2014; presented “Nicolás Gómez-Dávila: la sabiduria contra el modernismo.” XXXIV Congress of the *Círculo de Cultura Panamericano*. Miami, Florida. July 27, 2014; presented “The Passage of Time in T.S. Eliot’s Four Quartets.” Barry University Great Books Lecture Series. Miami Shores, Florida. April 2, 2014; participated in a Liberty Fund Colloquium “Is the Decline of Liberty Inevitable?” Tucson, Arizona. September 18-21, 2014; appeared as a guest speaker on a WNFE, 670 AM radio program “Actualidades” that is hosted by Ryna Moldes. The topic of the program was: “Radical Islam and Charlie Hebdo.” Thursday, January 20, 2015; appeared as a guest speaker on a WNFE, 670 AM radio program “Actualidades” that is hosted by Ryna Moldes. The topic of the program was: “La filosofía y la Primer Guerra Mundial.” (Philosophy and World War I). Thursday, August 7, 2014.

**Sara Fairbanks OP, PhD**, Associate Professor of Theology published “Luke 9:43b-50, Luke 9: 51-62; Luke 10:1-16.” in *Feasting on the Gospels— Luke Volume 1: A Feasting on the Word Commentary*. Ed. Jarvis, Cynthia, and E. Elisabeth Johnson, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014. This summer she will be traveling to the Philippines for six weeks to offer theological conferences to the Dominican Sisters in Pampanga.



**Marc Lavallee, PhD**, assistant professor of practical theology and director of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry, published an article titled, “A Little Rule for Beginners’: Benedictine Spirituality and the ‘New Monasticism’ Movement,” in the 2015 annual review of the College Theology Society. At the annual conference for the American Academy of Religion in November 2014, Dr. Lavallee presented, “Practical Theology from the Perspective of Catholic Spirituality: A Hermeneutic of Discernment.” Dr. Lavallee was an invited observer and consultant for a local Encuentro Pastoral in the Diocese of Mobile, Alabama in April 2015.



**Elsie Miranda, Doctor of Ministry**

Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Formation, has been elected as vice president of ACTHUS (<http://www.achtus.us>) and will coordinate the 2015 conference in San Juan Puerto Rico. Dr. Miranda was invited by Chief Judge, Frank A. Shepard, to lead



the Invocation and participate in the Third District Court of Appeal Ceremony for Induction of Candidates to the Florida Bar on October 8, 2014.

Dr. Miranda has also been in Cuba promoting a project called “Memorias en Retazos” (Shreds of Memory). This project brings Cuban born artists, from both sides of the Florida straits together to create a piece on the topic of Life, Suffering / Death and Redemption / Blessing during the last 50 years. She met with several artists as well as with Religious leaders and the Coordinator of the office of the “Historiador” in Havana to consider the possible locations for the exhibition in Cuba. Dr. Miranda currently recruiting artists and compiling a list of those who will be exhibiting their piece. We hope to bring this art exhibit to Barry University in 2016.

**Steffano Montano, MAPT**

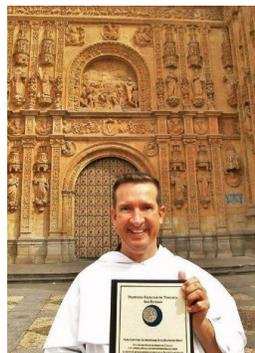
Coordinator, Service-Learning, Adjunct Instructor of Theology was awarded the Community Engaged Educator Award by the Center for Community Service Initiatives at Barry University for his role in the institutionalization of service-learning in the department and the university



place he hopes to leave behind a strong relationship between this department and its community partners that will continue to provide quality opportunities for service-learning for our students.

**Rev. Jose Padilla, OP**

-On March 18, 2015, Rev. José David Padilla, OP successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the Pontifical University of Salamanca, Spain. The title of his dissertation is: “Los injustos no heredarán el reino de Dios.” Un estudio socio-retórico de 1 Co 6,9-10 y su aportación al controvertido debate sobre la mención de los homosexuales en el Nuevo Testamento (“The unjust will not inherit the Kingdom of God: A socio-rhetorical study of 1 Co 6:9-10, and its contribution to the controversial debate on the mention of homosexuals in the New Testament”). Fr. Padilla is current Assistant Visiting Professor of New Testament in the Department of Philosophy and Theology.



at large. Steffano will be leaving us to pursue a Ph.D. in Theology and Education at Boston College this coming fall semester. In his

**Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD**

Associate Professor of Theology and Director of Graduate Programs in Theology and Ministry, presented the invited lecture “Theology and Science in Context: Seeing from Where We Stand” at Saint Mary’s College of California, Moraga, CA, on April 3, 2014. She also participated as an invited



panelist in the international videoconference “Ecology, Political Economy, and Christianity” sponsored by the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, on May 29, 2014. In addition, Sister Gloria has contributed articles to the Global Sisters Report sponsored by the National Catholic Reporter. Her publications included “Christian Lenses on the Environment,” May 20, 2014, at <http://globalsistersreport.org/column/speaking-god/spirituality/environment/christian-lenses-environment-3081> and “The Evolving Consciousness of a Prophet” on June 25, 2014, at <http://globalsistersreport.org/column/speaking-god/spirituality/evolving-consciousness-prophet-5341>. Finally, she completed the writing of her new book *If God is For Us: Christian Perspectives on God and Suffering*, forthcoming from Anselm Academic Press in February 2016.

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## Faculty Highlights



**Ruth Tallman, PhD**  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, presented a paper, "Self-Governed Agency and Freedom

to be Held Responsible," at the Western Michigan Medical Humanities Conference in September. She presented an expanded version of that paper in an invited public lecture as part of the FOCAS Alumni Series at the University of Oklahoma in February.



**Joel Wilcox, PhD,**  
Professor of Philosophy will present a paper titled "On the Value of Aesthetic Experience

for Environmental Ethics" at the 6th iteration of the Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal in June 2015.



**Sandra Fairbanks, PhD** will present a paper titled "Technology and Virtue" at the 6th iteration of the Meetings on Ethics

and Political Philosophy at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal in June 2015.

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