

Sanctity and Society: Devotions to Holy Figures in Multi-Cultural Contexts

Schedule of Events

April 19-20 in HSSB 4080



Presented by the Virgil F. Cordano Endowment in Catholic Studies

Thursday, April 19

2:00-2:25 Conference check-in and Welcome

2:25 Opening Remarks: Ann Taves, Cordano Chair of Catholic Studies at UCSB

Session 1 – 2:30- 3:45

Holy People and Legitimization

- * “The Legitimation of an Occult Practice within Jainism: Examining the Biography of Nāgārjuna”
Lynna Dhanani, Yale University
- * “Nyingma Authorization Through Indic Identification During the Second Transmission of Buddhism in Tibet”
Joel Stephen Gruber, UC Santa Barbara
- * “Uplifting the Cross: ‘Black’ Simon of Cyrene, the Italo-Ethiopian Conflict, and the African American Political Imagination, 1934-1945”
Kai Parker, University of Chicago

Comment: Vikas Malhotra

Break 3:45-4:00

Keynote I: 4:00-5:30

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame: “

Reception: 5:30-6:15

No-Host Dinner: 7:00

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Friday, April 20

Breakfast 9:00-9:30

Session 2 – 9:30-10:30

Latino/a Catholic Holy Figures

- * “The Virgin of Guadalupe in Flesh: (Re)articulations of Communion in Delilah Montoya’s Creative Expressions”
Tracy Michelle Zuniga, UC Riverside
- * “Machismo and Holiness in Costa Rican Spirituality”
William Dawley, UC San Diego

Commentator: Rafael Gamboa

Break: 10:30-10:45

Session 3: 10:45-12:00

Hagiography

- * “Neglected Saint: Arahant Sivali and Its Worships in Theravāda Buddhism”
Chipamong Chowdhury, University of Toronto
- * “Court and Cloister: The Two Lives of Margherita Colonna”
Bianca Lopez, Washington University in St. Louis
- * Nasir-i Khusraw and the Moral-Ethical Ideals of the Isma‘ilis of Badakhshan
Shafi Gulamadov, University of Toronto

Comment: ?

Lunch 12:00-12:45 in HSSB 4020

Session 4 – 12:45-2:00

Recasting Holy People

- * Bridging East and West: Ministry and Legacy of Maximus the Confessor (580-662)”
Yelena Borisova, Baylor University
- * “Translating and Transforming the Character of Holiness: A Case Study of the Guru in Caitanya Vaisnava Tradition”
Claire Robison, UC Santa Barbara
- * “Recasting Holy People through Parody: South Park’s Devotion to Desacralization”
Kristy L. Slominski, UC Santa Barbara

Comment: ?

Break 2:00-2:15

Keynote II – 2:15-3:30

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Break 3:30-3:45

Session 5 – 3:45-5:00

Holy Figures in Time and Space

“Medieval Childhood and Sainthood in the Cross-European Context”
Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley, Northwestern University

“‘Go, sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything’ (AP Moses 6): how the physical environment shaped the spiritual engagement of the first Egyptian ascetic saints”
Maria Giulia Genghini University of Notre Dame

Comment: Lauren Horn Griffin

Hosted Conference Dinner 6:00-