INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON JESUIT STUDIES

JUNE 10–14, 2015

EXPLORING JESUIT DISTINCTIVENESS
The Jesuit tradition is an intriguing prism through which to look at many aspects of the Society of Jesus’s history and influence, whether explicitly through comparative studies, or by the grouping of studies around a given topical, chronological, or geographic focus. Scholarship on the Society of Jesus engages a staggering array of disciplines like art history, theology, literary studies, history of science, international law, military history, performing arts, and archeology. From another perspective, scholarship on Jesuits and their works intersects with many historical periods like the Renaissance, Reformation, Scientific Revolution, and the Enlightenment, among others. The aim of the International Symposium on Jesuit Studies, sponsored by Boston College’s Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, is to establish a platform for academic exchange that will stimulate scholars to cross the thematic and chronological boundaries of their research fields in order to reflect this interdisciplinary development.

The symposium theme is the distinctiveness of Jesuits and their ministries. It focuses on the quiditas Jesuitica, the specifically Jesuit way of proceeding in which Jesuits and their colleagues operated from historical, geographical, social, and cultural perspectives. Is there an essential core of distinctive elements that characterize the way in which Jesuits live their religious vocation and conduct their various works? How was “this way of proceeding” lived out in the various epochs and cultures in which Jesuits worked over four and a half centuries? What changed and adapted itself to different times and situations? What remained constant transcending time and place, infusing the apostolic works and lives of Jesuits with the charism on which the Society of Jesus was founded and developed? These are just a few examples of questions that will be explored during the symposium.

Program

Wednesday, June 10 | Murray Room, Yawkey Center

4 P.M.  
WELCOME  
Casey Beaumier, S.J., Director, Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, Boston College

INAUGURATION  
William P. Leahy, S.J., President, Boston College

KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
John W. O’Malley, S.J., Georgetown University  “Aspects of the Distinctiveness of the Society of Jesus”

Thursday, June 11 | Murray Room, Yawkey Center

9–10:30 A.M.  
PANEL I: JESUIT LATINITY  
Chair: Claude Pavur, S.J., Boston College

1. Paul Gwynne, American University of Rome  “Francesco Benci and the Origins of Jesuit Neo-Latin Epic”

2. Claudia Schindler, University of Hamburg  “Exploring the Distinctiveness of Neo-Latin Jesuit Didactic Poetry in Naples: The Case of Nicolò Partenio Giannettasio”

3. Ralph Keen, University of Chicago  “Augustinus contra Lutheranos: Cardinal Bellarmine’s Use of the Church Fathers”
11 A.M.–12:30 P.M.  **Panel II: Jesuit Arts**  
**Chair:** Antien Knaap, Emmanuel College

1. John Brereton and Cinthia Gannett, *Fairfield University*  
“The Last of the Jesuit Rhetoricians”

2. Jolanta Rzegocka, *Tischner European University, Cracow*  
“Civic Education on Stage: Civic Values and Virtues in the Jesuit Schools of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth”

3. Daniele Filippi, *Schola Cantorum Basiliensis–Musik Akademie Basel, Switzerland*  
“Ask the Jesuits to send verses from Rome: The Society’s Networks and the European Dissemination of Devotional Music”

4. Steven Mailloux, *Loyola Marymount University*  
“Theoretical and Restored Jesuitism”

1:30–3 P.M.  **Panel III: Jesuit Spirituality and Theology**  
**Chair:** Franco Mormando, Boston College

1. Andrew Redden, *University of Liverpool*  
“Priestly Violence, Martyrdom and Jesuits: The Case of Diego de Alfaro, S.J. (Paraguay 1639)”

2. Leonardo Cohen, *Ben Gurion University of the Negev/Open University of Israel*  
“The Jesuit Attitude to Ascetic Modes of Life in India and Ethiopia: Guidelines for the Development of a Research”

3. Bryan Green, *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Santiago, Chile*  
“Colonial Theodicy and Global Order in José de Acosta’s *De procuranda Indorum salute*”

3:30–5 P.M.  **Panel IV: Jesuit Missions**  
**Chair:** Emanuele Colombo, DePaul University

1. Linda Zampol D’Ortia, *University of Otago, New Zealand*  
“Francisco Cabral and the Negotiation of Jesuit Identity in Japan (1570–73)”

2. Spencer Weinreich, *Oxford University*  
“The Distinctiveness of the Society of Jesus’s Mission in Pedro de Ribadeneyra S.J.’s *Historia ecclesiástica del schisma del Reyno de Inglaterra*”

6–7 P.M.  **Keynote Address**  
Paul F. Grendler, *University of Toronto (emeritus)*  
“The Culture of the Jesuit Teacher 1548–1773”

9–10:30 A.M.  **Panel V: Jesuit Education**  
**Chair:** Pamela Jones, *University of Massachusetts, Boston*

1. Jean Luc Enyegue, *S.J., Boston University*  
“Jesuit Distinctiveness: The Education of Children and Unlettered Persons”

2. Maria Giulia Genghini, *University of Notre Dame*  
“A Paris in Ecuador: The Case of the Universidad San Gregorio in Quito (1622–1769)”

3. Cristiano Casalini, *University of Parma, Boston College*  
“Discerning Skills: Psychological Insight at the Core of Jesuit Identity”

Friday, June 12  
Gasson Hall 100
11 A.M.–12:30 P.M.  PANEL VI: JESUIT PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE
CHAIR: Seth Meehan, Boston College

1. Jeffrey Burson, Georgia Southern University
“The Distinctive Contours of Jesuit Enlightenment in France”

2. Francisco Malta Romeiras, Universidade de Lisboa

3. Stephen Schloesser, S.J., Loyola University Chicago
“Jesuit Hybrids: Accommodating the Modern”

Saturday, June 13  Gasson Hall 100

9–10:30 A.M.  PANEL VII: JESUIT ACCOMMODATION
CHAIR: George Vahamikos, Boston University

1. Jesse Sargent, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
“Our Way of Proceeding: Constructing Accommodation according to the Textual Sources of Roberto de Nobili and Matteo Ricci

2. Sophie Ling-chia Wei, University of Pennsylvania
Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, Taiwan
“Innovation in the Emulation of Chinese Commentarial Tradition”

3. Rady Roldán-Figueroa, Boston University
“Jesuit Distinctiveness according to Ribadeneyra”

11 A.M.–12:30 P.M.  PANEL VIII: JESUIT ARCHIVES
CHAIR: Casey Beaumier, S.J., Boston College

1. David Kingma, Oregon Province Archives, Seattle
“Quidditas in Binary: Documenting Jesuit Identity in the Twenty-first Century”

2. David Miros, Jesuit Archives: Central United States, St. Louis
“Windows to History: Archival Administration and Jesuit Collections in the Central United States”

3. Brian Mac Cuarta, S.J., and Mauro Brunello, ARSI, Rome
“A Brief Update from the Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu”

2:30–4 P.M.  PANEL IX: JESUIT PUBLICATIONS
CHAIR: Christian Dupont, Boston College

1. Arjan van Dijk, Brill, Leiden
“Jesuit Studies at Brill”

2. Chris Staysniak, Michael VanZandt Collins, and Kasper Volk, Boston College
“The Boston College Jesuit Bibliography (The New Sommervogel)”

5–6 P.M.  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Yasmin Haskell, University of Western Australia
“Suppressed Emotions: The Heroic Tristia of Portuguese ex-Jesuit, Emmanuel de Azevedo”

Sunday, June 14  Gasson Hall 100

9–11 A.M.  ROUNDTABLE: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
CHAIR: Robert A. Maryks, Boston College