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Cristina Vanin, PhD
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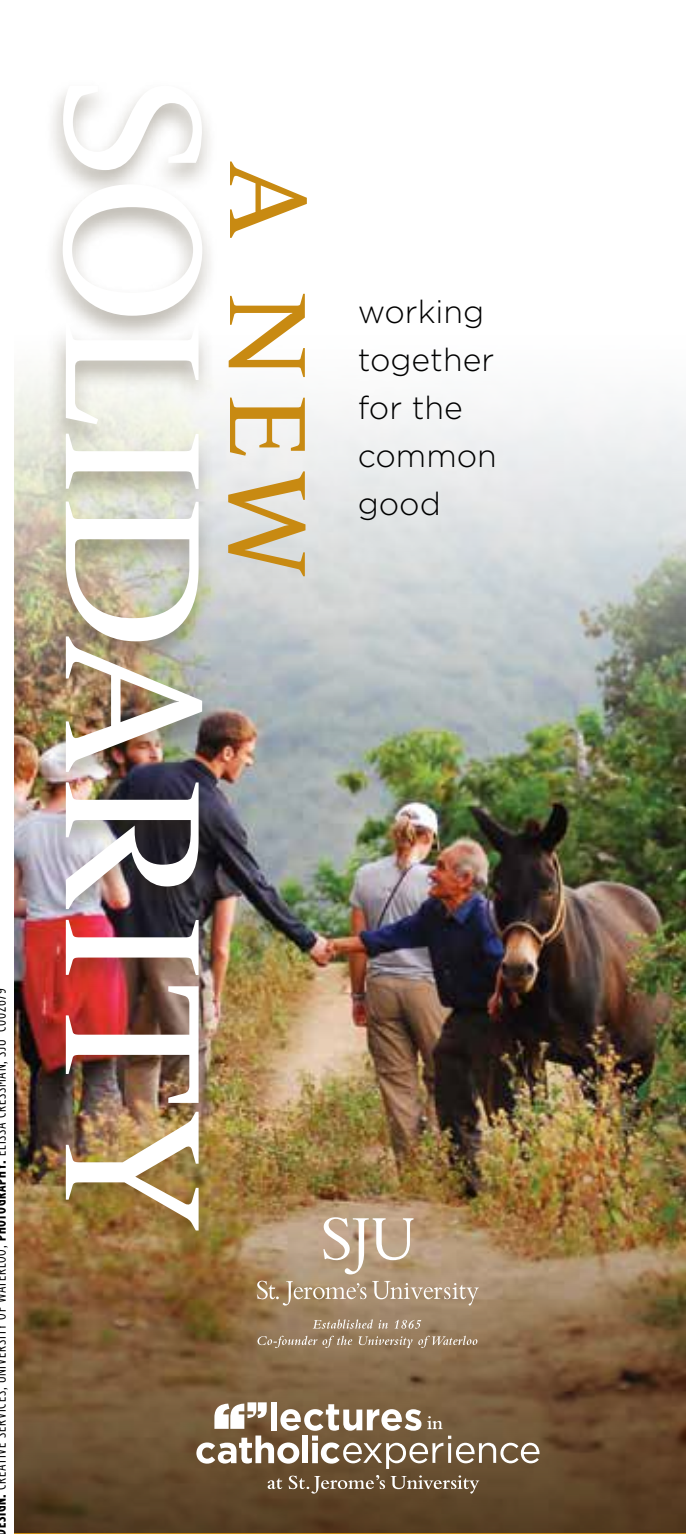
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**2013-2014 Lectures
in Catholic Experience**

C. L. Siegfried Hall

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Doors open at 6:45 pm

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Since his inauguration, Pope Francis has insisted that “a culture of solidarity should prevail over our culture of waste.”

This urgent call to rethink solidarity and make it a core value throughout the world involves a reconsideration of our global economic system to ensure the dignity of all persons and the well-being of the whole of creation. Such reflection on the meaning of solidarity needs to be done through collaboration, cooperation, and dialogue among diverse faiths, traditions, disciplines and cultures - in other words, we must pursue the common good together.

In the 2013-2014 lectures, our speakers invite us to think about the role of Catholic education, politics, media, and dissent in nurturing the common good. They will consider the notion of a just society, Catholic social teaching, forgiveness and healing, insights from the people of the South, the role of disagreement in the church, the quality of our healthcare, and the impact of taking seriously our evolving world.

I look forward to seeing you!



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Friday, October 4, 2013 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Devlin Lecture

Speaker **John J. Stapleton**, PhD, St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba

The Common Good: Does Catholic education have a role?

The common good is a core concept of Catholic social teaching, of ethical philosophy, and of many religious faiths. In this lecture, Professor Stapleton will unpack this concept and demonstrate its critical relationship to the philosophy of Catholic education. He will also suggest new ways by which Catholic education, at all levels, can foster and contribute to the common good in the church and the world.



A professor and Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba, **John J. Stapleton** has been active in Catholic and public education at the school and university levels for the past five decades. He has served as Dean of Education at Lakehead University and at the University of Manitoba, as well as Rector of St. Paul's College in Winnipeg. His research is concerned with educational leadership and Catholic education. In 2010, Dr. Stapleton was awarded an honorary degree in Sacred Letters from Regis College in Toronto.

This lecture is made possible through the Devlin lecture fund.

Friday, October 25, 2013 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Teresa Dease Lecture

Speaker **Martha Zechmeister**, CJ, PhD, Universidad Centroamericana José Siméon Canas, El Salvador

El Salvador – Passion for God and Compassion for the Other

El Salvador and its martyrs have taught us that no one can seriously seek God without struggling for a more just world. As Jeremiah says, "To do justice for the poor and oppressed, this is truly to know God." In this lecture, Professor Zechmeister considers how her experience in El Salvador teaches us that no one can 'know God' without being open to God's presence in the vulnerable and the disadvantaged. This is an openness which leads inevitably to action as well as conflict.



Martha Zechmeister is a member of the Congregatio Jesu and, currently, professor of systematic theology at the Universidad Centroamericana José Siméon Canas, San Salvador, El Salvador. Her main research interests are in political theology, Latin-American liberation theology, and Ignatian spirituality.

This lecture is endowed by a special fund created by the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Loretto Sisters.

Friday, November 15, 2013 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Scarboro Missions Lecture

Speaker **Izzeldin Abuelaish**, MD, MPH, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

A journey of hope through faith, tolerance and courage

On January 16, 2009, Israeli shells hit Dr. Abuelaish's home in the Gaza Strip, killing three of his daughters and his niece, yet he continues to be a proponent of peace between Palestinians and Israelis. As he says in his book, *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey*, "[A]s a physician and a Muslim of deep faith, I need to move forward to the light...I need to bring them justice." In this lecture, Dr. Abuelaish will talk about the importance of taking this journey of hope together, and of the role of faith, tolerance and courage in moving toward forgiveness and peace.



Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish is a Palestinian medical doctor and an associate professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. He has experienced the impacts of conflicts in countries like Palestine, Egypt, Israel, Uganda, Yemen,

Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia. Working as both an insider and outsider to conflict leads him to consider doctors as peace-makers because of the moral doctrine of their profession. Among many awards, Dr. Abuelaish has received three honorary degrees in law and been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

This lecture is endowed by a special fund created by the Scarboro Missions.

Friday, December 6, 2013 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Laurence A. Cummings Lecture on Cultural History

Speaker **George Baird**, Baird Sampson Neuert Architects, and Emeritus Professor of Architecture

Thoughts on Agency, Utopia and Property in Contemporary Architectural and Urban Theory

This lecture will discuss and criticize the uses of the concept of 'utopia' in some contemporary authors on architecture and urban form, and will explore the implications of those usages, particularly in respect to the phenomenon of human 'agency.'



George Baird is Emeritus Professor of Architecture and the former dean of the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design at the University of Toronto. He is the founding principal of the Toronto-based architecture and design firm Baird Sampson Neuert

Architects. His 2011 book, *Public Space; Cultural/Political Theory; Street Photography* was published by SUN Publications. In 2011 Baird was awarded an Honorary Degree in Engineering by the University of Waterloo. He is the 2012 winner of the Topaz Medallion of the American Institute of Architects and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

This lecture is endowed by a special fund created by family and friends in memory of former SJU professor, Laurence A. Cummings.

Friday, January 24, 2014 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 John J. Wintermeyer Lecture on Religion and Politics

Speaker **Paul Litt**, PhD, Department of History and School of Canadian Studies, Carleton University

The Just Society: Just a Slogan?

In 1968, Pierre Trudeau ran for office promising a "Just Society." Was it just an election slogan? For a society supposedly secularizing in the swinging sixties, descriptors like "Just Society" and "Peaceable Kingdom" had remarkably religious overtones. This lecture looks at how the promise of the sixties melded with Canadian identity formation and imprinted baby boomers with a particular understanding of national values that would long withstand the rise of neoliberalism.



Paul Litt is an associate professor in the Department of History and the School of Canadian Studies at Carleton University, and director of the MA in Public History program. He has worked for the Ontario Heritage Foundation and been a policy advisor at the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

Dr. Litt's research interests center on the intersection of culture, nationalism and the mass media in 20th-century Canada. His most recent book, *Elusive Destiny: The Political Vocation of John Napier Turner*, is a political biography of the leading English Canadian Liberal of the 1970s and 1980s.

This lecture is endowed by a special fund created by family and friends in memory of the Honourable John J. Wintermeyer.

Friday, February 7, 2014 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Waterloo Catholic District School Board Lecture

Speaker **Graham McDonough**, PhD, Faculty of Education and Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria

Faithful Disagreement: an opportunity for rediscovery in Catholic education

Catholic schools often find themselves dealing with disagreements with Church teaching on topics such as ordination, homosexuality, and contraception as well as with complaints that schools are not properly teaching doctrine. This lecture proposes that Catholic schools can do more to include and nurture internal disagreement as a powerful opportunity to embrace intellectual diversity, learn the value of faithful dissent and enable greater participation in the Church and the world.



Graham McDonough is an assistant professor of education and an associate fellow at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University of Victoria. He has an MA and PhD in philosophy of education from the University of Toronto. His 2012 book, *Beyond Obedience and Abandonment: Toward a Theory of Dissent in Catholic Education*, builds a case for productive dissent and provides a nuanced analysis of contemporary Catholic education.

This lecture is supported by the Waterloo Catholic District School Board.

Thursday, March 20, 2014 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 John Sweeney Lecture in Current Issues in Healthcare

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Heasley Hall, St. Mary's General Hospital
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6:30 pm Doors Open

7:30 pm Panel Discussion Begins

Quality vs Cost in healthcare delivery – where is the balance?

In today's economic environment, our publicly funded healthcare system remains under tremendous pressure. As our government funders and our patients demand lower costs and higher quality outcomes, we will explore if these demands are mutually exclusive or if they can indeed co-exist. Drawing on research and experiments from our own backyard and around the globe, this panel discussion will focus on whether higher quality healthcare at a lower cost can be achieved and what moral and ethical factors must be considered in getting us there.

The JOHN SWEENEY
Lecture in Current Issues in Healthcare

St. Mary's General Hospital (SMGH) was founded over 85 years ago on the principles of inclusivity and openness. St. Mary's mission was simply to care for the sick and needy, especially the poor and marginalized. In the tradition of the founding order, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, SMGH continues to provide a place of healing for all people – a place where the sick are cared for in body, mind, and spirit.

This lecture is held in partnership with St. Mary's General Hospital.

Friday, April 11, 2014 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Higgins Lecture on Religion and the Media

Speaker **Catherine Pepinster**, Editor, *The Tablet*, London, England

Sacred and profane: the challenges of reporting on religion

Many people in the Church, especially senior clerics, are suspicious of reporters, but journalism is a force for good, even when reporting scandal. In this lecture, Ms. Pepinster will argue that reporting religion can enhance the common good and encourage solidarity, whether that reporting is about aid in the developing world or the victims of abuse.



Catherine Pepinster is the first woman editor of *The Tablet*, the Catholic weekly, which has been in continuous publication for nearly 175 years. She joined *The Tablet* as editor ten years ago, and before that worked for the British national newspapers, *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*. She has been

responsible for coverage of the death of one pope, the resignation of another, and two papal conclaves as well as other major international stories such as 9/11, the Iraq War, and the death of Princess Diana.

This lecture is endowed by a special fund created by Dr. Michael Higgins, past President of St. Jerome's University.

Friday, April 25, 2014 | 7:30 pm

The 2013-2014 Ignatian Lecture

Speaker **Ilija Delio**, OSF, PhD, Director of Catholic Studies, Georgetown University

Rethinking Catholicity in an Evolving World

Is the universe 'catholic'? Sensitive to our world of religious pluralism, this lecture focuses on catholicity as a dynamic principle of attraction or 'whole-making' that marks the Big Bang cosmos, biological evolution, and religious evolutionary consciousness, and which breaks open in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Dr. Delio will discuss the meaning of Jesus in light of evolution and the relationship between catholicity and Christogenesis through the work of Teilhard de Chardin.



Ilija Delio is Director of Catholic Studies and Visiting Professor at Georgetown University where she concentrates in the area of Science and Religion, and is a recent Senior Research Fellow at Woodstock Theological Center. She holds a doctorate in Pharmacology from Rutgers University-New Jersey Medical

School and a doctorate in Historical Theology from Fordham University. Dr. Delio's recent books include *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being: God, Evolution and the Power of Love* and *The Emergent Christ*. Her new book, *From Teilhard to Omega: Co-creating an Unfinished Universe*, will be published by Orbis Books in 2014.

This lecture is made possible through the Ignatian lecture fund.