

The Religious Studies Department at Gonzaga University presents:

The Annual Flannery Lecture

Thursday, March 29, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Gonzaga University Campus, Cataldo Hall, Globe Room



Featuring:
Rev. Bryan Massingale

Associate Professor of Theological Ethics at Marquette University

Speaking on: "Cultured Indifference:" The Culture of Racism and Catholic Ethical Reflection

Bryan Massingale is Associate Professor of Theological Ethics at Marquette University, where he teaches courses on African American religious ethics, Catholic Social Thought, and racial justice. His research focuses on stigmatized populations and the impact of religious faith as both a cause of social injustice and a resource for social transformation. Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, he is currently the Bernard J. Hanley Visiting Professor of Theology at Santa Clara University.

He is the author of *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, which received a First Place book award from the Catholic Press Association. His numerous articles exploring Catholic social ethics and the challenges of racism and poverty have appeared in both scholarly and pastoral journals.

His current projects explore the contribution of Black religious radicalism to Catholic theology, and the notion of "cultural sin" and its challenge to Catholic theological ethics. He is also at work on the contribution of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s social ethics to Catholic social thought, examining the question, "Why Catholic Social Teaching Needs Martin Luther King, Jr."

Professor Massingale is a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the immediate Past Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

Catholic ethics has developed an appreciation for social sin, that is, for how human wrong-doing is committed and facilitated through the workings of social institutions and structures. It has not, however, very well attended to the influence of culture upon moral reflection and action. Using U.S. racism as a case study, this lecture will explore the implications of culture and cultural formation for ethical responsibility and analysis.

Lecture is FREE and open to the public.

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