

# THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FLANNERY LECTURE

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY, CATALDO HALL, GLOBE ROOM



FEATURING:

## DR. M. SHAWN COPELAND

PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY  
AT BOSTON COLLEGE

**Speaking on:** “Toward A Mystical–Political Theology of Solidarity”

### About the Lecture:

Just over fifty years ago in a sermon address, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sketched a dream of human and humane living in which “justice would roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream” (Amos 5:24). King’s dream called for a purposeful, hope-filled, and sustained action in construction of social justice. The lecture argues that in order for such action to be effective, it ought to be grounded in certain basics—compassion, conversation, and solidarity. Moreover, the lecture proposes a connection between King’s notion of the beloved community and a notion of the Mystical Body of Christ.

**The Flannery Chair of Roman Catholic Theology** is an endowed Chair gift of the late Maud and Milo Flannery of Spokane, to further excellence of theological study and teaching at Gonzaga University. The Flannery Lecture is delivered each year by an outstanding theologian who is invited to campus especially for the lecture.

### ABOUT DR. M. SHAWN COPELAND

Dr. M. Shawn Copeland is Professor of Systematic Theology at Boston College. She is a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), and a former Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium (BCTS), an interdisciplinary learned association of Black Catholic scholars. Professor Copeland is a prolific author, with more than 100 publications to her credit including *Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race and Being* and *The Subversive Power of Love: The Vision of Henriette Delille*. She is the recipient of five honorary degrees as well as the Yves Congar Award for Excellence in Theology from Barry University, Miami, Florida, and the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Black Religious Scholars Group of the American Academy of Religion. Her research interests include: 1) shifts in theological understanding of the human person and accords particular attention to body, gender, and race; 2) the African American Catholic experience, and 3) political or praxis based theologies.

LECTURE IS **FREE** & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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