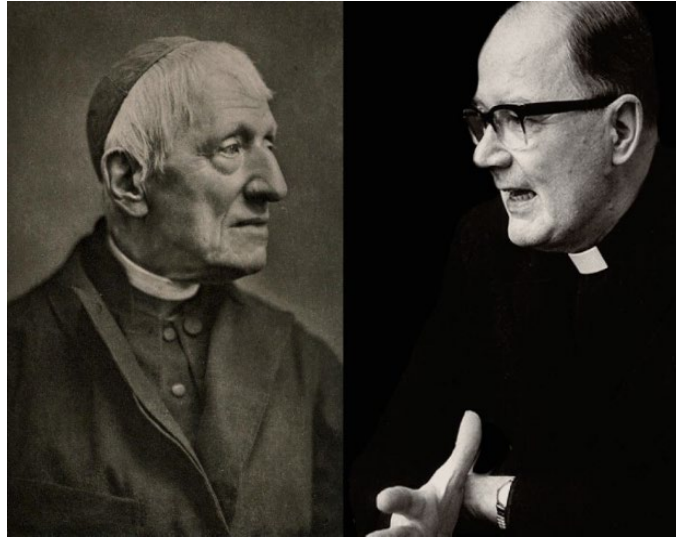


WEST COAST METHODS INSTITUTE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
April 23-25, 2026

**“The Idea of the University Today:  
Newman, Lonergan, and Higher Education”**



Session 1 TH 1/23  
3:00pm-4:15pm  
HEMM 314

**The University in Crisis**

Joseph Ogonnaya (Marquette University), “University or Multiversity: Revisioning the Fragility of Liberal Arts in Higher Education”

Heidi Bostic (Marquette University), “The Emergency of Catholic Higher Education”

Jon Heaps (Seton Hall University), “A Theory of the University and What It’s For: Précis of a Book in Progress”

Session 2 TH 1/23  
4:30pm-5:30pm  
HEMM 314

**The Idea of the University: Newman and Lonergan**

Francesca Zaccharon (Seton Hall University), “The Idea of a University Today: From Tamworth reading room to Topics in Education”

Francesco Zucchelli (Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Centrale), “Silence amidst the Noise: Newman, Guardini, and the Pre-conditions for Lonergan’s Authentic Communication”

Keynote TH 1/23  
6:00pm  
WOLFF

**Keynote Lecture**

Pat Byrne (Boston College), “What is the Unity of the University?”

Session 3 FR 1/24  
9:00am-10:15am  
LAW 314

**The Humanities in the University**

Paul Kidder (Seattle University), “Teaching Democracy”

Andrew Barrette (Boston College), “The Value of Novelty in the Humanities: reflections following Newman and Lonergan”

Theodore Moen (Boston College), "Expanding Horizons: Lonergan's Account of Conversion and the Reading of Great Books"

Session 4 FR 1/24  
10:30am-11:45am  
LAW 314

### **Teaching in the University**

Michael Sharkey (, "Report on Teaching: Byrne's *Discernment: An Introduction to Ethics*"  
Clayton Shoppa, "Education as Conversion"

Erich Sanders (Boston College), "Pedagogy for the Universe of Being"

Session 5 FR 1/24  
1:30pm-2:30pm  
LAW 314

### **Formation, Education, and Conversion**

Tim Muldoon (Boston College), "Ilative self-appropriation: Newman, Lonergan, and spiritual exercise in the formation of persons"

Ashleigh Reen (Boston College), "Educating for Freedom: Maria Montessori and *The Secret Garden*"

Jessamine Crowley (Boston College), "Enlargement of the Mind and Enlargement of Horizons in Newman and Lonergan"

Session 6 FR 1/24  
2:45pm – 4:00pm  
LAW 314

### **Culture and the University**

Evaristus Ekueme, SJ, "Artificial Intelligence, Social Media and the Role of Higher Education in Educating the Whole Person: A Lonerganian Response"

Gregory Floyd (Boston College), "Who can you trust? A Critique of Motivated Reasoning Analysis"

Session 7 FR 1/24  
4:15pm-5:30pm  
LAW 314

### **Panel: "Truth, the University and its Members"**

Andrew Barrette  
Jessamine Crowley  
Gregory Floyd  
Jerri Cheung

Tyrrell Lecture FR 1/24  
6:00pm  
WOLFF

### **Tyrrell Lecture**

Jen Sanders, "The Theology Core: Atheism, Spiritual Conversation, and the Crucifixion"

Session 8 SAT 1/25  
9:00am-10:15am  
HEMM 004

### **Theology and the University**

Michael Costas (Boston College), "The Role of Theology in the Contemporary University"

John Steichen (Boston College), "The Question of God and the Challenge of Teaching Theology in the Modern University" (via Zoom)

Chris Krall, SJ, "Educating an Experience of God: What Students Seek Versus What's Possible to Teach"

Session 9 SAT 1/25  
10:30am-11:45am  
HEMM 004

### **Theological Education as Formation**

Ligita Ryliskyte (Boston College), "Seeking Analogies for Christ's Human Consciousness"

Henry Widdicombe (Boston College), “Liturgy and Pedagogy: Participation, Formation, and Action”

Session 10 SAT 1/25  
1:30pm-2:45pm  
HEMM 004

**Institutional Conversion**

Tom O’Connor (CEO, Transforming Communication), “Advancing Wholeness and Authentic Collaboration”

Luke Lavin (Seattle University), “Forming the Formers: Ignatian Discernment and Institutional Authenticity in Higher Education”

John Krambuhl (Georgetown Prep), “Holy Institutions: Catholic Schools in the Drama of Salvation” (via Zoom)

Session 11 SAT 1/25  
3:00pm – 4:15pm  
HEMM 004

**Panel: The Poetry of Chip Hughes**

Jon Heaps (Seton Hall University)

Tom McPartland (Kentucky State University, ret)

Paul Kidder (Seattle University)

Mary Elliot (Boston College)

SAT 1/25  
5:00pm  
St. Aloysius Church

Mass

SAT 1/25  
6:00pm  
HUB 153

Reception and Banquet