

The 2009 Ignatian Family Teach-In For Justice



The Ignatian Solidarity Network

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THE IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK MISSION:

The Mission of the Ignatian Solidarity Network is to actively facilitate collaboration and communication among Jesuit affiliated organizations and individuals throughout the U.S. to advance the service of faith and the promotion of justice. Our programs are designed to strengthen the connection between faith and justice in civic life through education, action, and spiritual reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

THE VISION OF THE IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE:

Since 1995, Jesuits, former Jesuits, lay pastoral leaders, and the broader Ignatian family have gathered at the gates of Fort Benning, GA, to call for the closure of the School of Americas (SOA) and to commemorate the deaths of the Salvadoran Jesuit martyrs, their housekeeper, and her daughter, the four churchwomen, and the many other men, women, and children who have been innocent victims of civil war and bloodshed.

Our theme for this year's gathering is *¡Presente!*, which is recited during the funeral procession for all the victims of the graduates of the School of Americas.

¡Presente!, speaks to the Ignatian family's deep relationship to the people of El Salvador and challenges us to remember what solidarity with the crucified peoples of this world truly looks like. This year's teach-in breaks open the meaning of *¡Presente!* by reflecting on the legacy of the Jesuit martyrs twenty years later and the inspiration they continue to provide for the present and future justice efforts of the Ignatian family.



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You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

-Mahatma Gandhi

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NOVEMBER 20TH-21ST, 2009
¡PRESENTE!

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
SOUTH HALL, COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER

- 5:30 **Gathering, Music, & Reconnecting**
Music by Francisco Herrera
Slideshow by Linda Panetta
- 6:30 **Welcome and Introductions**
Ann Magovern, Executive Director, Ignatian Solidarity Network
- 6:40 **Opening Prayer: Gathering of the Waters**
Jesuit High School Portland
- 6:45 **Reflection on our Theme and Purpose**
Susan Haarman, Masters of Divinity Student at The Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
- 7:00 **El Salvador: Past, Present and Future**
Rachel Bloom, Creighton University
Nathan Tye, Creighton University
Jackie Arnason, Creighton University
- 7:15 **Rev. Kevin Burke S.J., Salvadoran Martyrs ¡Presente!**
- 7:30 **Candy Garcia: Martires de mi Epoca, Sentir con la Iglesia**
- 7:45 **Student Speakers**
Karina Macias, Mount St. Mary's College
Ashley Wilson, St. Joseph's University
- 7:55 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS— see page 8 for times and locations**
- 9:10 **Reconvene in the South Hall**
- 9:15 **Sarah Berger: Camino a la Realidad**
- 9:30 **School of Americas Watch: Call to Action**
- 9:45 **Closing Prayer:**
St. Peter's College

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST
SOUTH HALL, COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER

- 8:45 **Welcome**
- 9:00 **Call to Prayer**
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
- 9:15 **Student Speakers**
Dylan Menguy, Canisius College
Elizabeth Reid, Rockhurst University
- 9:25 **Oscar Chacon: El Salvador Today**
- 9:40 **Gene Palumbo: Hope of the UCA Martyrs**
- 10:00 **Bill Quigley: Social Justice for Life- A Revolution of Values**
- 10:15 **Student Speakers**
Eric Chalmers, Brophy College Preparatory
Satoya Beckles, St. John's University
- 10:25 **Farah Mohsen: Iraq and Democracy-Then and Now**
- 10:40 **Liz McAlister: Steps on the Long Road to Nuclear Abolition**
- 10:55 **Moving "The Tent" into the Future**
ISN Members
- 11:05 **Closing Prayer**
Fr. Ted Gabrielli, S.J.
- 11:20 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS—see pages 9 and 10 for times and locations**
- 6:30 **Closing Liturgy— South Hall**
President: *Fr. Charlie Currie, S.J.*

"The way to faith and the way to justice are inseparable ways. It is up this undivided road, this steep road, that the pilgrim Church must travel and toil. Faith and justice are undivided in the Gospel which teaches that faith makes its power felt through love. They cannot therefore be divided in our purpose, our action, our life."

-Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

SPEAKERS

Susan Haarman is in her final year as a Masters of Divinity Student at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. This is her ninth year at the Teach In, an experience that has deeply shaped her life. She is also the Athletic Coordinator for Team Enduring Hope, a project of Contemplatives in Action that lets people raise money for the recovery of New Orleans while competing in endurance races.

Rev. Kevin Burke, S.J. is the Executive Dean and Associate Professor of Systemic Theology at The Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. In recent years he has lectured and published on a number of themes, including the philosophical and theological vision of Ignacio Ellacuría, the witness of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the theological significance of martyrdom, the theological dimensions of peacemaking, the faith that does justice, cultural diversity in the American Catholic experience, and Ignatian spirituality.

Candy Garcia is the lead vocalist of the Salvadoran folk band Grupo Musical Horizontes. Grupo Horizontes performs popular regional folk music that emerged from the experience of social movements confronting the reality of the “dirty wars” in Latin America. As a young lay catechist Candy worked with Sr. Dorothy Kazel and Jean Donovan. Candy is now the director of religious education at Immaculate Conception Parish in Puerto de la Libertad where Dorothy and Jean lived out their ministries in La Libertad and La Paz. Candy also directs a human development project supported by International Partners in Mission that is named after Dorothy Kazel and Jean Donovan.

Sarah Berger is a graduate of Boston College and Georgetown University. She is currently a Human Development Specialist at the World Bank in the Latin America and Caribbean Region. In particular, she is working on education and health care policy in Central America and Argentina. Berger has been part of Ignatian Family Teach-In since 1996.

Gene Palumbo is a freelance journalist who met Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero at a meeting of Latin American bishops in Puebla, Mexico in 1979. When Archbishop Romero was murdered in 1980, Gene went to El Salvador, and ended up moving there to cover the civil war. He’s currently the local correspondent in El Salvador for Time Magazine and the New York Times, and is the editor of El Salvador News Service. Gene taught and coached at Baghdad College, a Jesuit school in Iraq. He later received a Masters degree from Fordham University. Gene has teaches a course on El Salvador’s civil war at the *Casa de la Solidaridad*, a semester-long study-abroad program for students at Jesuit colleges and universities who want to combine a direct immersion experience with rigorous academic study.

Oscar Chacon is an expert on immigrant rights that has dedicated the past twenty years of his life to this cause. Mr. Chacon serves currently as president of the Salvadoran American National Network (SANN). He is also one of the founding members of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC), an advocacy umbrella organization for and by Latino and Caribbean immigrant-led organizations from around the U.S. NALACC was established in May of 2004.

Bill Quigley is a human rights lawyer active in New Orleans, Haiti, and many other struggles around the world. Bill is a professor at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law where he runs the Poverty Law Clinic and Social Justice Center. He is on a two year leave to work as Legal Director at the Center for Constitutional Rights. Bill works with others on issues of civil disobedience, eradication of poverty, the right to housing, public education, death penalty, voting rights, and international human rights.

Farah Mohsen was born and raised in Baghdad. After the American led invasion of Iraq, Farah moved to Syria in 2003. She studied English Literature at Damascus University in Syria, then joined the Iraqi Student Project (ISP) in 2008. She is currently living in northern California and is studying at Dominican University of California majoring in Political Science.

Liz McAlister co-founded The Jonah House with her husband Phillip Berrigan. Jonah House is a nonviolent resistance community in Baltimore, Maryland. Liz has lectured on nonviolent resistance, community, prayer and peacemaking. She has faced the courts of this country and been jailed repeatedly for nonviolent resistance to our country’s love affair with war.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

El Salvador Elections 2009: Past, Present and Future: *Crystal Milo and Karina Macias Mount St. Mary’s College*

Learn information from first hand observation of the El Salvador Elections 2009. Observations will be shared by students who served as official election observers.

Can Congress Actually Shut Down the SOA/WHINSEC? Will They? How Can You Help?

David Mezzera and Theresa Cameranesi SOA Watch

This workshop will enlighten attendees about legislative efforts in the current session and what students can do about making a difference on the issue.

Social Justice and the Theatre: *Nicole Vagle and Becky Chabot*

By using theatre as an example, this breakout will discuss the use of the arts as both methods of processing experience and ways of promoting social change.

Annunciation House: 30 años caminando con los migrantes—Student Safety and Solidarity in the changing reality of the US/Mexico Border *Timothy Broyles, Assistant Campus Minister, Brophy College Preparatory*

This session will look at the current reality of the border, whether or not it is safe to bring a group to the border, and how you can join solidarity efforts on the border.

Wage Theft: Why Millions of Working People Are Not Getting Paid and What You Can Do About It: *Kristin Kumpf and Meg Koach of Interfaith Worker Justice*

This workshop will explore the wide spread effects of wage theft, ways campuses and communities can stop wage theft, and how young people can support worker justice campaigns.

Solidarity & Social Justice: Short-term Immersion Experiences as a Model for Social Change: *Meagan Chuckran and Tiffany Lee, International Partners in Mission*

This breakout will provide concrete examples of the Immersion Experience Program as a model for justice-based education, solidarity, and partnership across boundaries of culture and faith.

Behind the Swoosh: Sweatshops and Social Justice: *Jim Keady, Founding Director of Educating for Justice* Jim Keady shares his stories of living with Nike’s factory workers and his decade-long effort to end sweatshop abuses. He also shows attendants what they can do to get involved and join this fight for justice.

Agent of Change: Spiritual Exercises for the Student Activist: *Jocelyn A. Sideco, Executive Director of Contemplatives in Action*

St. Ignatius offers a method for integrating our prayerful imagination and our passionate action in the Spiritual Exercises. We will get a chance to experience prayer in a way that is centered on Christ and integrative of the building of God’s Kingdom.

“Transformation” in Appalachia: Preparing for Alternative Break Immersions: *Jill Kriesky, Executive Director of the Clifford M. Lewis, S.J. Appalachian Institute at Wheeling Jesuit University.*

Caught up in the transportation, fund raising and other logistics of setting group’s alternative break immersion experience in Appalachia? Come learn about the resources available to prepare your trip participants for such a transformation.

The Iraqi Student Project: *Farah Mohsen, Iraqi Student Project*

A more in-depth look at the Iraqi Student Project and how you can get involved.

Asking the Right Questions: Discerning Post-Graduate Service: *Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Mercy Volunteer Corps, Rostro de Cristo* This breakout will focus on discerning options for post-graduate international service.

Ignatian Spirituality and the Environment: *Joseph Carver, SJ*

We are consuming far beyond what the planet can sustain. If we simplify, it makes room for the poor at the table of modernization so they can appreciate the true benefits of the modern age—clean air, clean water, and ready access to food.

Simple Living: Walking in Solidarity: *Rachel Forte, Recruiter, Jamie Smeland Alaska Area Director, Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, and Lisa Colella, Program Coordinator, Jesuit Volunteer Corps*

This breakout will explore how embracing the value of simple living allows individuals to be more consciously present to those living on the margins throughout the world.

Now What? Transforming Experience into Advocacy: *Lauren Fukuda, Senior at Creighton University*

This breakout will be an opportunity for student activists to learn how to take their service and immersion experiences to the next level.

Return to El Salvador: *Jamie Moffett, Independent Documentary Film Director*

Although the brutal 12-year civil war ended nearly 20 years ago, violence, hunger, and a debilitating lack of opportunities continue to drive Salvadorans to look for a better life elsewhere. Join us in this documentary to discover the surprising connection between the Americas you may not have been aware of before.

Breaking Chains: The Student Abolitionist: *Mark Hoerrner, SE Regional Director for the Not For Sale Campaign* This breakout will show how giving to a cause results in concrete successes impacting thousands of lives around the world. It is not enough to simply be aware of the issue of modern-day slavery – its time to stand up and end slavery in our lifetime.

Bringing it Back Home, Social Justice Media, and Collaboration: *Carlos Rodriguez and Russell Lum, Juniors at Loyola Marymount University*

This breakout will focus on what LMU students have done to focus on the issue of closing the SOA on their campus, and give ideas about what you can do on your own campus.

The Meeting Place of Hope and History: *Liz McAlister Co-Founder Jonah House, Baltimore, MD*

A more in-depth look at Liz's presentation.

Transforming Us vs. Them Thinking and Doing: *Ken Preston, Training Coordinator for Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service*

This workshop explores some experiences and principles of nonviolence through a dynamic, interactive role-play exercise

Political Ministry: How Our Catholic Faith Teaches Us to Be Young Advocates: *Sarah Carey, Network* During this session we will show Catholic Social Teachings calls for activism, point to examples of how this activism exists today and give ways that you can become active in your state, city, community or school.

Mass Rehearsal: *Billy Kavula, Maureen Bergan, Spring Hill College, Fr. Don MacMillan, S.J., Boston College* Come to this breakout if you want to be involved in the closing Liturgy. It's for all those interested in serving as Eucharistic ministers, singers, musicians, and readers. You must come if you want to be part of the Liturgy.

"The struggle against injustice and the pursuit of truth cannot be separated nor can one work for one independent of the other."

-Ignatio Ellacuría, S.J.

Please see next page for Breakout times and locations

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Room 102 (first floor)

Wage Theft: Why Millions of Working People are Not Getting Paid and What You Can Do about It

Room 103 (first floor)

Simple Living: Walking in Solidarity

South Hall (main speaker stage)

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Beginning to walk on the waves has a sense of adventure, ease, but then thinking and darkness and grasping for Christ's hand is the reality of suffering, doubt, struggle. But the courage and suffering of these people never ceases to call me."

-Dorothy Kazel

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead

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The 4th Annual Spring Teach-In:

Environmental Justice and Sustainability

March 5th-8th, 2010

Wheeling Jesuit University

Wheeling, West Virginia

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