



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

CALL FOR PAPERS

CATHOLIC STUDIES AND CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMON GOOD CONFERENCE

Integral Ecology for the Common Good: Catholic Perspectives on Science, Sustainability, and Justice

St. Thomas More College
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
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Public Keynote Featuring Ilia Delio, OSF, March 22, 2018 - 7:30pm
Main Conference and Closing Banquet (for Registered Attendees) March 23, 2018

St. Thomas More College welcomes abstract submissions for our upcoming conference examining issues at the intersections of Catholic traditions, science, sustainability, and social justice. This conference will draw an interdisciplinary group of scholars. We are interested in research focused on documenting and comprehending integral ecology according to a broad understanding of the term, seeking to understand how “everything is interconnected” (*Laudato Si'*, #138). We welcome contributions from scholars working in areas such as physics, sociology, chemistry, history, soil science, philosophy, mathematics, religious studies, health sciences, economics, biology, theology, English, environmental science, and political studies.

Inspired by Pope Francis' treatment of integral ecology in *Laudato Si'*, we are seeking papers that advance thinking in the following areas, particularly as they relate to the natural, empirical, theoretical, and health sciences:

- I. **Environmental, Economic and Social Ecology**
- II. **Cultural Ecology**
- III. **Ecology of Daily Life**
- IV. **The Principle of the Common Good**
- V. **Justice between the Generations**
- VI. **Other Innovative Topics at Intersections among Catholic Traditions, Science, Sustainability, and Social Justice**

Examples for the six areas include (but are not limited to): science fiction, sustainability, and justice; climate justice and scientific models; the role of science in interfaith collaboration in response to ecological derogation; integral ecology, Indigenous ways of knowing, and science; reception of Pope Francis' teachings on integral ecology in a particular scientific community; Catholic liberationist or ecofeminist perspectives on issues at the junction of sustainability, justice, and science.



Sessions

Depending on the quality of submissions there will be 4-8 concurrent sessions devoted to the above thematic areas. All presenters will be limited to twenty (20) minutes to present the highlights of their paper.

Submission Requests

Please send us a 250-300 word abstract that clearly outlines your proposed topic and demonstrates its relationship to the conference theme. Include a one-paragraph biography and also append a current CV to your e-mail.

Please send your abstract and CV to: mmuller@stmcollege.ca by September 15, 2017.

Those selected to attend the conference will be notified in advance of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, 2017.

Plans for Papers

We ask that full papers (6,000 - 8,000 words) be submitted by January 7, 2018. They will be peer-reviewed, and the reviews will be sent back to the authors by early March to allow authors to integrate reviewer comments in their conference presentations. The final versions of the papers will be due by April 15, 2018. They will then be peer reviewed through an external press.

Inquiries about the conference should be addressed to chrynkow@stmcollege.ca.

Confirmed Keynote and Plenary Speakers

1. **Ilia Delio**, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Washington, D.C., is the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Theology at Villanova University. She is the author of 17 books, including *Making All Things New: Catholicity, Cosmology and Consciousness* (Orbis Books 2015). She holds two doctorates, one in Theology from Fordham University and the other in Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences from Rutgers University.
2. **Philip J. Sakimoto** is director of the Program in Academic Excellence in the University of Notre Dame's First Year of Studies (FYS) and holds the rank of professional specialist. Sakimoto received his BA in physics from Pomona College and his MA and PhD in astronomy from UCLA. He spent close to 15 years at NASA, most recently as program manager and acting director of the NASA Space Science Education and Public Outreach Program. He managed a wide variety of educational programs at all levels, including overseeing initiatives aimed at improving the diversity of NASA's science and education communities.
3. **Damien Marie Savino, FSE**, is Dean of Science and Sustainability at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids. She holds a PhD in Civil (Environmental) Engineering and an MA in Theology from the Catholic University of America, MS in Soil Science University of Connecticut, and an undergraduate degree in Biogeography (High Honours) from McGill University. She has recently presented a documentary series *Creation* with Salt and Light TV, consisting of six one-half hour episodes exploring, through the eyes of science and faith, our human responsibility for creation.