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LECTURE & DISCUSSION

Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 27, 2011
Helen Lerner Amphitheatre, McNulty Hall

FEATURING:

Donald Kerwin, Executive Director of the
Center for Migration Studies

Jill Gerschutz-Bell, Senior Legislative
Specialist, Catholic Relief Services,
Washington, DC

Co-authors of ***And You Welcomed Me:
Migration and Catholic Social Teaching***
(Lexington Press, 2009)

Fr. Jack Martin, St. Mary's, Elizabeth, NJ
and the Haiti Solidarity Network of the
Northeast

AND YOU WELCOMED ME: CATHOLIC TEACHING, IMMIGRANTS, AND US IMMIGRATION POLICY

“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were once aliens in the land of Egypt.”
(Leviticus 19:33-34)

The Scripture calls us repeatedly to remember our history and to respect the displaced among us. Christ identifies with the stranger and those who are marginal, and calls us to welcome them because we all, at one time or another, are strangers. Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* writes: “Every migrant is a human person who as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance.” In their talk, Kerwin and Gerschutz-Bell challenge us to align contemporary debate on the public policy on immigration with our religious convictions.

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