INTERFAITH RELATIONS

The first of our Core Curriculum courses, “The Journey of Transformation,” engages students in their transition to maturity by sharing the ways in which larger communities, including the Catholic Church, encounter the world at large. Participants in this faculty seminar will review a key document from the Second Vatican Council, “The Declaration on the Church’s Relationship to Non-Christian Religions” (Nostra aetate) and its implementation. Initially the focus will be on the Church’s encounter with the Jewish people, and then with the adherents of other world religions, especially Islam.

Since 1998, the Center for Catholic Studies has provided the opportunity for faculty to reflect in depth on topics central to the Catholic intellectual tradition. This seminar is open to all administrators and faculty. Faculty participants who write a short response-essay will receive a stipend of $300. These essays will be collected and made available online at http://scholarship.shu.edu/catholic-studies/.

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Fr. Lawrence Frizzell

The Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell, D. Phil. (Oxon) has been involved in Jewish-Christian Studies for more than fifty years. In 1975, under Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher’s guidance, he and Rabbi Asher Finkel were founding members of the MA program in Jewish-Christian Studies.
ABOUT THE INSTITUTE OF JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Established in 1953 at Seton Hall by Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher, the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies is the oldest academic institution in the world dedicated to Catholic-Jewish relations and is the founder of the only Jewish-Christian studies graduate program in the United States. Our mission flows from God’s call to serve and be a blessing to the world and is guided by the underlying principles of the constitutions and decrees of the Second Vatican Council, especially Nostra Aetate and the Holy See’s documents to implement the Church’s relationship with the Jewish people. The Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies is a leading center of expertise committed to the mission of developing, encouraging and increasing the collaborative peace-building efforts of Jewish and Christian scholars, theologians, educators and students. For more information visit: https://www.shu.edu/judaeo-christian-studies/

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR VOCATION AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership promotes openness to God’s call in both the academic life and common life of Seton Hall University to support the overall mission of forming students as servant leaders for today’s world. The Center began in 2003 supported by a generous grant from Lilly Endowment to further their goal of preparing the next generation of Church leadership. The Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership does its work in cooperation with other campus organizations and by sponsoring several different programs including faculty development, scholarships, and retreats for faculty and administrators. The mission of Seton Hall University reflects a faith in God who knows us individually and has a personal plan for our life. The call to our vocation is not a demand but an invitation to join God in something meant for our doing. A generous response to our vocation – like the choice at a fork in the road -- can make all the difference. For more information visit: https://www.shu.edu/vocation-servant-leadership/

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

Founded at Seton Hall University in 1997, The Center for Catholic Studies (www.shu.edu/go/ccs) is dedicated to fostering a dialogue between the Catholic intellectual tradition and all areas of study and contemporary culture, through scholarly research and publications and ongoing programs for faculty, students, and the general public. In 2001, the Center conducted the annual faculty summer seminar, “The Core of the Core,” which originated the present University Core Curriculum. The Center also developed the undergraduate degree program in Catholic Studies with its major, minor and certificate, which in 2012 became the Department of Catholic Studies (www.shu.edu/go/dcs). The Center continues to support the Department with scholarship aid and its ongoing program of co-curricular activities. Focusing on the central role of the faculty, the Center is the sponsor of regular Faculty Development programs, including lectures, seminars and retreats. The Center also administers two national faculty development programs: Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life, and The Lilly Fellows Program. The Center has also helped to establish the Toth/Lonergan Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies to bring exceptional scholars and outstanding contemporary thinkers to the university to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and studies. The Center maintains a global focus in international scholarship and is the home of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture, as well as the Bernard J. Lonergan Institute. The Institutes offer opportunities for study and research, as well as ongoing programs related to faith and culture. In addition, the Micah Institute for Business and Economics concentrates on communicating Catholic Social Teaching and ethics to business education at Seton Hall and the wider business community. The Center also publishes the prestigious Chesterton Review and The Lonergan Review.