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# EDUCATION

Post Doctoral Fellowship

GreenFaith Fellowship for Religious Environmental Leadership 2007-2009

Ecclesial *Mandatum* to Teach Catholic Theology 2007

Ph.D. Historical Theology - Fordham University, NY 1986

 Doctoral Dissertation: *ChristSpirit:*

*The Pneumatological Eschatology of Shaker Christianity*

 Mentor: Ron William Walden

MA History of Christian Spirituality - Fordham University, NY 1980

 Master’s Thesis: *Mother Ann Lee:*

*The Influence of the Feminine Archetype on Shakerism*

 Mentor: Thomas Berry

BA English Literature - Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT 1971

Program in Spiritual Direction – Fordham University, NY 1990

Secondary - St. Jean Baptiste High School NYC 1961 - 1965

Elementary - Holy Trinity Elementary School NYC 1954 – 1961

**POST-DOCTORAL STUDY**

 Faculty Seminar in Asian Religions Iona College 1988

 Iona Faculty Study Abroad Program in Mexico 1985

 Iona/Fulbright Fellowship India 1987

 Iona/Fulbright Soviet Union 1989

 Faculty Seminar in Ecology Iona College 1990- 1991

 Graduate Studies in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction

Fordham University

 Semester Sabbatical 1991

 Zen Meditation with Robert Kennedy SJ, Roshi 1996

 Mennonite Mediation Skills Workshop

 Lombardsville, IL 2004

 Tutorial with Father Thomas Berry

Greensboro, NC 2007

 GreenFaith Fellowship for Religious

Environmental Leadership 2007-2009

Conflict Resolution in Ministry Training with Auburn Institute

10 sessions 2008 -2009

Pacha Mama

Awakening the Dreamer Training 2012

Maryknoll Institute Intensives on the 2014; 2015; 2016

Writings of Teilhard de Chardin

John Haught; Ilia Delio; Ursula King

Extensive Reading List on Environment, Science, Theology

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**TEACHING AND RELATED WORK**

**Waterbury Catholic High School, CT**

Religion and English 1971 – 1974

**Sacred Heart University, Fairfield CT**

Campus Minister, Liturgical Musician, Catechist 1974- 1977

**IONA College New Rochelle, NY**:

 Kathleen Deignan, CND Institute for Earth and Spirit 2019- present

Iona Spirituality Institute Founder and Director 1992 - present

Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue Convener 2009 - present

Thomas Merton Contemplative Initiative 2012 - present

I C Sustainability Education Working Group / ACES 2013 - present

 Iona Peace Institute in Ireland Founder and Director 1989 - 1996

 Professor Religious Studies 2005 - present

 Professor of Environmental Studies / Religion 2014- present

 Associate Professor Religious Studies 1992 - 2005

 Assistant Professor Religious Studies 1986 - 1992

 Chair, Department of Religious Studies 1994 - 1997

 Professor Emerita Religious Studies 2019 - present

Coordinator, Peace and Justice Studies 1987 - 1990

 Instructor, Religious Studies 1978 - 1986

 Moderator, Pax Christi/Iona and Iona Peacemakers 1978 - 1986

 Member, Justice and Peace Task Force 1978 - 1994

 Coordinator, Columba Sabbath Colloquia 1988 - 1990

 Moderator, Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority 1988

 Academic Senate 1985 - 1996

 "Ora et Labora" Retreat Program 1978 - 1986

 Co-Organizer, Mexico Travel Seminar 1985

 Campus Ministry 1978 - 1980

 Day of the Peacemaker Committee 1978 - 1989

 Writing Across the Curriculum Committee 1984 - 1985

 Project Access 1984 - 1985

 Central America Awareness Wek 1981 - 1986

 Student Advisor 1985 - 1990

 Student Travel and Study Abroad Committee 1986

 Student Affairs Committee 1987 - 1989

 Strategic Planning Group/Identity Committee 1993 - 1994

 Iona Jubilee/Coordinator for Ritual and Liturgy 1989 - 1991

 Initiation and Direction of 1400th Anniversary

 Women's Studies Committee 1986 - 1990

Women's History Week Committee/Activities 1998- present

*Yom Hoshoah* Committee 1994

 Convened and chaired the Columba Celebration Committee

for the 1400th anniversary of the death of St. Columba 1997

 Iona Spirituality Institute Book Circle 1999- 2000

 School of Arts and Science

Mission Statement Committee 1999 - 2000

## Initiated and wrote proposal for the "Brothers Hunt and Doyle

## Memorial Lecture in Religious Studies" 2000

 Scholars Soiree 1999- 2008

School of Arts and Science Mission Committee 1999- 2000

Christian Zen Meditation (weekly) 1999- 2003

"The Way of Mindfulness:"

A Day for Returning Adult Students 2000

## Woman of Achievement Committee 2000

"Faces of Courage" Cablethon for the Putnam/

Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center 2000

 Animation of monthly Taize Prayer evenings 2000

 Student Affairs Committee 2000-2003

Appointment to the Middle States Task Force on Planning

and Resource Allocation 2000

“Teaching Catholic Social Teaching” Project 2000

“Week of the PeaceMaker” / co-founder

and committee member 1978-present

Earth Month Committee 2000-present

Iona Environmental Concerns Committee 2007 - present

Faithful Citizenship Presidential Election Series 2007-2008; 2011-2012; 2015-2016

CELTIC Committee Service 2009-2013

Edmund Rice Anniversary Committee 2014

Honorary Degree/

Commencement Speaker Committee 2015-2017

### COURSES TAUGHT AND DEVELOPED\* AT IONA

Introduction to the Study of Religion\*

Religious Dimensions of Life\*

Jewish-Christian Tradition

Peace and Justice Studies / Contemporary Peacemakers

Women and Religion\*

The Modern Church: Issues and Challenges

Ecology of the Global Crisis\*

Women and Peace\*

Prayer: Theology and Practice\*

Peace Movements in America\*

Woman's Spirituality\*

History of Christian Spirituality I\*

History of Christian Spirituality II\*

American Spirituality\*

Contemporary Spirituality \*

Mysticism\*

Spiritual Masters\*

 The Celtic Tradition

 The Creation Tradition

 Therese of Lisieux, Etty Hillesum, Maura Soshin O'Halloran

 Dr. Martin Luther King

 Nicholas Black Elk

 Christ and the Buddha

 Thomas Berry

 Teilhard de Chardin

 Hildegard von Bingen

The Spiritual Legacy of Thomas Merton\*

Women Mystics of the Christian Tradition\*

The Story of the Universe

Spiritual Masters of the Creation Tradition\*

Religion in the Contemporary World\*
Religion and the Natural World \*

Spirituality in the Contemporary World\*

Spirituality for the Ecological Age\*

Catholic Creation Theology – History of the Tradition\*

Story of the Universe

Worldview of Thomas Berry (YALE MOOC)

# INSTITUTES AND PROGRAMS FOUNDED AND DIRECTED AT IONA COLLEGE

**Kathleen Deignan, CND Institute for Earth and Spirit 2019- present**

An endowed Institute integrating into the curriculum and culture of Iona the initiatives and programs of Iona Spirituality Institute, Merton Contemplative Initiative, and The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue.

The mission of the Deignan Institute for Earth and Spirit is to foster an integral and peaceful Earth community in the light of religious faith, Catholic Social Teaching, evolutionary cosmology, environmental science and a commitment to comprehensive justice. The Institute will serve the emergence of an ecological civilization through collaboration among its three ventures: The Iona Spirituality Center, The Thomas Merton Contemplative Initiative and The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue.

# The Thomas Merton Contemplative Initiative 2012 – present

A collaborative project in service to the spiritual life that engages the rich wisdom literature and legacy of one of the great spiritual masters of the contemporary world, and whose mission is to foster a contemplative culture at Iona College affording members of the community resources to develop mindfulness, interiority, and awakened *presence.* In myriad formats – courses, workshops, lectures, symposia, retreats, arts celebrations, scholarships, pilgrimages, conversations, meditation, spiritual guidance, and ritual – The Merton Initiative seeks to resource the deep springs of contemplative vitality alive in the world, for the life of the world. Under the direction of The Iona Spirituality Institute, and through the generosity of faithful benefactors, the Merton Initiative hopes to be a catalyst for spiritual awakening to empower creative transformation of consciousness, conscience, and culture.

**The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue**  **2009 – present**

In honor of the late Thomas Berry, CP, and in response to his challenge to the Catholic College in the ecological age, an on-going exploration and articulation of Berry’s vision and proposals for cultural transformation in light of the global environmental crisis. Co-Founded and Convened with Drs. Brian Brown, Kevin Cawley, Daniel Martin. The Berry Forum was awarded the first *Great Work Award* for environmental initiatives and curricular developments for higher education. The award was conferred by The Environmental Consortium of Colleges and Universities of the Hudson and Mohawk River Valleys which represents 52 institutions.

# Iona / *An Croi* Masters Program in Spiritual Guidance Informal liaison

An international collaboration with *An Croi* Wisdom Learning Center that facilitates students from the United States and Ireland to receive graduate training in theology and spirituality studies toward a certificate in spiritual guidance.

# Iona Spirituality Institute

Founder / Director / Program Designer 1992 - present

Since its founding, the ISI has served thousands of participants in the various courses, conferences, workshops, concerts, lectures, intensives, pilgrimages and retreats which it has sponsored utilizing the talents of a variety of theologians, artists and spiritual animators. (See Addenda)

**Iona Peace Institute in Ireland (International Studies)** 1993 - 1996

(alternate summers)

The Iona Peace Institute in Ireland, a feature of Iona's Peace and Justice Studies commitment, was a three-week study intensive, interdisciplinary in nature affording students an opportunity to do Peace Studies in the context of a real-life situation of conflict. The program declined with the conclusion of Dr. Deignan’s tenure as Director of Peace and Justice Studies Program.

**Iona Spirituality Institute in Ireland**  1993 – 2000

(alternate summers)

A two-week intensive study-tour focusing on Celtic spirituality, and culture.

# Peace and Justice Studies

Founder / Director 1 1987 - 1990

Interdisciplinary program of study for undergraduates with a study-abroad component.

**Other Teaching Venues/ National and International: Partial List**

**International Teaching and Workshops**

Missionary Intensive on The Great Work Globally

Maryknoll Summer Intensive for International Missioners

Maryknoll House Watch Hill Rhode Island

June 16- 22 2018

“Thomas Merton”

Dominican House of Studies / *Ecole Pastorale*

Montreal, Canada

December, 2018

“Thomas Berry and The New Story”

Spirituality and Sustainability Conference

Assisi, Italy

June 2018, June 2017

“Re-Inventing the Human: The John Moriarty/Thomas Berry Conspiracy”

Land, Sea and Spirit Conference

Sacred Heart University

Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland

June 5-8, 2017

“Thomas Merton in Rome”

Visiting Faculty Thomas Merton Society of Canada

July 1- 14, 2012 Rome, Italy

“The New Story and the Great Work”

An Eco-Retreat for the Congregation of Christian Brothers

Teacher and Animator

Ontario, Canada July 22 – 31, 2012

“The Great Work: Thomas Berry and Marguerite Bourgeoys in Dialogue”

Program for CND Canadian Associates

Howe Island, Canada June 15-17, 2012

“The Great Work: Thomas Berry and Marguerite Bourgeoys in Dialogue”

Program for English Canadian Mission Conference of the CND

Howe Island, Canada June 20 – June 29, 2012

The Great Work: The Prophetic Legacy of Thomas Berry

*An Croi* Wisdom School, Drogheda, Ireland

July 2013

“The CND Charism in the Ecological Age”

Congregation of Notre Dame Visitation Province

Nova Scotia July, 2013

Guild for Spiritual Guidance: Teilhard Cultivator

January 2012 – 2016

Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, Canada

Summer 2010; Summer 2011

Sophia Institute Graduate Program in Spirituality and Culture

Holy Names University Oakland CA

January 2008 and 2009

*An Croi* Wisdom Learning Center, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, Ireland

Summer 2008 – 2009

*Thomas Merton in France*

Thomas Merton Society of Canada Visiting Faculty

Prades, France Summer 2006

Chalmers Institute for Continuing Education

of the Vancouver School of Theology

“Recovering the Vision of Celtic Christianity”.

Winter 2006

Fordham University, NY

Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education

"Thomas Merton and American Spirituality"

Summer 1995

New York Open Center

"The Spiritual Legacy of Thomas Merton" Fall 1995

Inter-Novitiate Program Ossining, NY

Professor of Theology 1981 – 1982

**Campus Ministry**:

##  Iona College 1978 - 1980

 Sacred Heart University 1974 – 1978

**Publications:**

Books & Articles

Articles in Books:

“Children of the Resurrection: Thomas Merton and the Shakers,” pp 160-165.

 *We Are Already One: Thomas Merton’s Message of Hope*

Reflections in Honor of His Centenary (1915 – 2015)

*Fons Vitae* Thomas Merton Series *Fons Vitae,* 2015.

“The Spirituality of the Earth: Reflections on an Essay by Thomas Berry”

*Living Cosmology: Christian Responses to Journey of the Universe*

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim Editors

Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2016, pp. 114-124.

# PUBLICATIONS

**Books**

*Christ Spirit: The Eschatology of Shaker Christianity*.

Scarecrow Press, 1992. (296 pages)

##### Monograph

###### To Celebrate These Sacred Mysteries: The Crow Series

###### A Folio Edition of the Iconography of John Batista Giuliani

Giuliani Foundation for Religion and the Arts

Limited Edition, 1999

**Edited Volumes**

*When the Trees Say Nothing: Thomas Merton’s Writings on Nature*

Edited with an introduction

Sorin Books, 2003 (187 pages)

Second Edition

(selected as the *Book of the Month* by Spiritual Books Associates;

3rd on the Catholic Best Seller list, Summer 2003; 26,300 copies to date 7.09)

*Thomas Merton: A Book of Hours*

Edited with an introduction

Sorin Books, January 2007

*The Mythos Gate: New Poems* by Ann Deignan

Edited with an introduction

Schola December 2002

*Migration: A Book of Poems* by Ann Deignan

Edited with an introduction

Schola December 2005

*Thomas Merton: El Libro de las Horas*  (Spanish edition of *The Book of Hours*)

Sal Terrae, Santandar 2009

*The Love of a Lover: The Mystical Journey of Marguerite Bourgeoys*

by Ann Christian Deignan

Schola Ministries Publications, 2015

Edited with an Introduction by Kathleen Deignan, CND

Published in four translations (English, French, Spanish, Japanese) 2013-2017

*For Those Who Love the World: A Book of Hours*

*From the Writings of Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry*

Edited with an introduction

For Orbis Books

In progress

##### Chapter in Edited Volume

"The Challenge of Peace: Prayer in the Nuclear Age"

###### Praying as a Christian

The Best of the Review Vol.7, pp. 265-280

David L. Fleming, SJ, Editor

St. Louis: Review for Religious, 2000

Isbn 0-924768-08-8

“Within the Shadow and the Disguise: Thomas Merton’s Sacramental Vision”

*Beyond the Shadow and the Disguise: Exploring Merton’s Spiritual Insight*

Angus Stuart, Editor

The Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Arrowsmith, Bristol 2007

“A Prophecy of Paradise: Thomas Merton’s *Lectio* of Genesis”

*Thomas Merton: Letters to a Green Liberal*

The Thomas Merton Annual

David Belcastro, Editor

Requested and submitted

2010

“Children of the Resurrection: Thomas Merton and the Shakers,” pp 160-165.

 *We Are Already One: Thomas Merton’s Message of Hope*

*Reflections in Honor of His Centenary* (1915 – 2015)

Fons Vitae Thomas Merton Series

Fons Vitae, 2015.

“The Spirituality of the Earth: Reflections on an Essay by Thomas Berry”

*Living Cosmology: Christian Responses to Journey of the Universe* Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, editors

Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2016, pp. 114-124.

# Articles

#### Juried

"Learning to Ignite: Teaching Spirituality to College Students",

The Way Supplement (Autumn 1995) pp. 100 - 111

“Road to Rapture: Thomas Merton’s *Itinerarium mentis in Deum*”

The Franciscan Review Vol. 55 (1998) pp. 281 – 298

“Love for the Paradise Mystery: Thomas Merton, Contemplative Ecologist”

Cross Currents Vol. 58 No. 4 (December 2008) pp 545 – 569

“In the Night of Our Technological Barbarism”: Thomas Merton’s Light on the Matter”

Thomas Merton Annual (Fall 2012) pp 112-127

#### Nonjuried

"Moment of Supreme Crisis: Apocalypse of the Poor and Oppressed,"

Sisters Today (July/August 1984, Vol. 55, No. 10) pp. 586 - 591

"The Challenge of Peace: Prayer in the Nuclear Age,"

Review for Religious (May/June 1985, Vol. 44, No. 3) pp. 368 - 380

Reprinted in Pax Christi USA (Summer 1988, Vol. XII, No. 2)

"In Visitation to Creation" CND Dialogue (November 1995) p 1 – 2

"A Feast of Wonder: On the Liturgical Celebration of Epiphany"

Sacred Journey: The Journal of the Fellowship of Prayer (December 1999) pp. 23-29.

"Sacred Icons: John Giuliani"

Christianity and the Arts (Fall 2000, Vol. 7, No.4) pp. 32-33.

"Spiritual Community: *'Tis the Gift -* Shaker Spirituality"

## Sacred Journey: The Journal of Fellowship in Prayer (December 2001) pp. 35-39

“Thomas Merton: Soul of the Age”

Monastic Interreligious Dialogue Bulletin (April 2005) pp 27-32

Celebrating Thomas Merton’s Ninetieth Birthday

“One Ordained to Praise”

Foreword to *The Mattawa Song Cycle* Music by Carolyn Brown Senier

Haley Press, MA 2005 pp *xix-xxii*

“*Immaculata*: Our True Face Before We Were Born”

Monastic Interreligious Dialogue Bulletin

Bulletin 76, January 2006

“The Patient Architecture of Peace”

Merton Seasonal (Spring 2007)

“The Benedictine Charism in the Ecological Age:

Thomas Merton’s Vision and Challenge”

*Proceedings of the American Academy of Religion*

Fall 2008

“Founder of a School of Wisdom: A Tribute to Thomas Berry”

*The Ecozoic* Number 2 2009 pp. 74-75.

“Healing the Earth – In Christianity”

A Brief Tutorial on Reading the Book of Creation with Thomas Merton and Thomas Berry

*Sacred Journey* pp. 39-45

Autumn 2009 vo. 60, no. 4

“Masters of the Cosmos and the Soul: Thomas Berry and Thomas Merton in Dialogue,”

*The Merton Seasonal* 36.2 (Summer 2011) 11-21.

 “In the Night of Our Technological Barbarism”: Thomas Merton’s Light on the Matter”

*Thomas Merton Annual* (Fall 2012) pp 112-127

 “The *Ecozic*: A Meditation and an *Asling”*

*Ecozoic*: Reflection on Life in an Ecological-Cultural Age

Number 3 2013

“Dreaming Together with Wisdom”

International Thomas Merton Society Presidential Address

*Thomas Merton Seasonal:* A Quarterly Review, Vol.38, No. 3, Fall 2013, pp. 3-10.

WE ARE ALREADY ONE: THOMAS MERTON’S MESSAGE OF HOPE

Reflections in Honor of His Centenary (1915 – 2015)

“Children of the Resurrection: Thomas Merton and the Shakers,” pp 160-165.

Fons Vitae, 2015.

 “Cosmopolitan: Thomas Merton’s Urbane Spirituality”

The Merton Seasonal

# “Reading the Book of Creation:

# A Brief Tutorial with Thomas Merton and Thomas Berry”

# The Merton Seasonal Winter 2011

# "In the Dark Night of Our Technological Barbarism:

# Thomas Merton's Light on the Matter"

# *The Merton Annual* Volume 24, 2011 pp. 112-127

# Huffington Post Blog September 11, 2011

# Published Reviews

M. Basil Pennington.

*Thomas Merton My Brother: His Journey to Freedom, Compassion and Final Integration.*

New York: New City Press, 1996. 207 pp.

Reviewed in DIAKONIA. Vol. XXIX, No. 3, December 1996 pp. 242 – 243

Michael Higgins

###### Heretic Blood: An Audio-biography of Thomas Merton

Canadian Broadcasting Company, 1998

Reviewed in The Thomas Merton Seasonal, Summer 1999 pp. 33-36

Tom Ryan, editor

*Reclaiming the Body in Christian Spirituality*

Paulist Press 2004

Reviewed for Ecumenical Trends Vol. 34 No. 11 December 2005

Tom Ryan

*Yoga Prayer: An Embodied Christian Spiritual Practice*

Video program Sounds True 2004

Angus Stuart, editor

*Across the Rim of Chaos: Thomas Merton’s Prophetic Vision*

Papers Presented at the Fifth General Conference of the

Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre,

Birmingham, 2004

Reviewed for The Thomas Merton Seasonal Spring 2006 Vol. 31, No.1 pp 26-30

Paul Pearson, editor

Thomas Merton.  *Seeking Paradise: The Spirit of the Shakers*

Orbis 2003

Reviewed for *The Merton Journal* 12.1 (Easter 2005): 43-45.

Great Britain

Paul Pearson, editor

*A Meeting of Angels: The Correspondence of Thomas Merton with Edward Deming and Faith Andrews*

Frankfort, KY: Broadstone Books, 2008

Reviewed for *The Merton Seasonal: A Quarterly Review*

Vol. 34, No. 2 Summer 2009, pp. 36-38.

Monica Weis

*Thomas Merton’s Environmental Vision*

Kentucky: University Press of Kentucky, 2011

*Thomas Merton Annual* (21 pages)

Diarmuid O’Murchu

*In the Beginning Was the Spirit*

New York: Orbis, 2012

“O’Murchu weaves a tapestry of science and spirit”

National Catholic Reporter

March 1-14, 2013, pp. 14-16

Book Review for Cambridge Journals.

*Thomas Merton: Collected Essays* ed. Patrick O’Connell

Horizons, volume 41, issue 01, pp. 190-192. Horizons

May 2014

A Course in Desert Spirituality: Fifteen Sessions with the Famous Trappist Monk Thomas Merton, edited by Jon Sweeney Paperback – April 26, 2019 Merton Seasonal, Summer 2020

**Manuscript Review/Reader/Editor**

James Finley. *Christian Meditation: Experiencing the Presence of God*

Harper San Francisco. 2005

Mary Margaret Funk. *Humility Matters for Practicing the Spiritual Life*

Continuum 2005

## **Newsletter**

 “A *Thin Place: Three Days of Harmony in Belfast"*

US Update: Newsletter of the World Community for Christian Meditation

Volume 3, Issue 4, Winter 2001 p.1

The American Benedictine Academy Newsletter

[Monastic Spirituality: Expanding Merton’s Vision](http://www.osb.org/aba/2008/index.html)

The Vision and Challenges of Thomas Merton’s Eco-Monasticism

Fall 2008

### PRESENTATIONS

\* Practicing Theology in Academic / Scholarly / Public Settings:

**Scholarly Papers**

"The New Moment: The New Realism"

 Honors Colloquium, Iona College February 3, 1984

"Early Shaker Eschatology"

 Institute for Shaker Studies, Sabbathday Lake ME July 20, 1984

"Seraphic Vision: The Angel of the Itinerarium

 Mirrored in the Angel of the Duane Elegies"

 Religion and Literature Conference,

 Iona College October 13, 1984

"War in the Heavens": The Mythic Roots of Star Wars"

 St. Mary's College, Eire PA August 24, 1988

"Peace and Justice Learning in Higher Education"

 International Mission Congress

 Congregation de Notre Dame, Montreal July 26, 1989

"Ecology in the Religious Studies Curriculum"

 College Theology Society, New Orleans June 1, 1990

"Speaking of Peace in a Warring World:

 Voices of Women"

 Columba Colloquium, Iona College November, 1991

"Messianic Motherhood: Ann Lee and the American Shakers"

 American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC February, 1992

"Sex in Utopia: Oneida and the Shakers"

 Honors Colloquium Iona College April 1, 1992

"Christianity and Ecology"

Grail Theological Series Grailville, NY Spring, 1993

"Thomas Merton: Soul of the Age"

Thirtieth Anniversary Lecture in Honor of the

 Founding of Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT March 2, 1993

"Recovering the Wisdom of the Desert"

 Western Connecticut State College, Danbury, CT March 9, l994

"*Itinerarium mentis in Deum*: Merton's Bonaventuran Likeness"

Fourth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society

St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY June 16, 1995

“Thomas Merton’s Vision of Transformative Education”

American Academy of Religion

Wilmington, Delaware March 20-21, 1997

“Prisoner of Necessity” Response to keynote

Fifth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society

Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama June 12-15, 1997

“Thomas Merton’s Mystical Routes”

Iona Spirituality Institute / Corpus Christi Conference, NYC October 14, 1998

“Turning Toward Mystery: Thomas Merton’s Mystical Routes”

The Conversions of Thomas Merton:

A Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Merton’s Baptism

Corpus Christi Parish and Union Theological Seminary

Sponsored and organized by the Iona Spirituality Institute November 14-15, 1998

"Spirituality and Higher Education: Merton's Challenge"

*"Education as Transformation"*

Conference on Religious Pluralism and Spirituality in Higher Education

Temple of Understanding

Baruch College, New York October 18, 1999

### “Spiritual Masters: Christ and Buddha”

On the Academic Teaching of Religion

American Academy of Religion

Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region

New Brunswick, NJ March 15, 2001

“Thomas Merton's Vision of Transformative Education”

 Seventh Annual Meeting International Thomas Merton Society

Bellarmine University June 2001

*“Il Palio”*

Presentation of and commentary on the trophy banner

painted by artist Fr. John Giuliani

to the Magistrates, Archbishop and Commune di Siena

Palazzo Publico, Siena, Italy June 28 – July 2, 2001

“Spiritual Masters Christ and Buddha”

“*The Buddha as Teacher: What Christians Can Learn from*

*the Insights and Practices of the Buddhists”*

Program of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs

of the National Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, NY March 8-9, 2002

“Spiritual Masters Christ and Buddha”

*The Buddha as Teacher: What Christians Can Learn*

*from the Insights and Practices of the Buddhists*

Program of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs

of the National Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, NY March 7-9, 2003

“Thomas Merton’s Creation Spirituality”

International Thomas Merton Society General Meeting

University of British Columbia. June 4-9, 2003

“My Name is That Sky: Thomas Merton’s Writings on Nature”

University of San Diego

International Thomas Merton Society

for the Iona Chapter of the ITMS September 18 – 21, 2003

“A Catholic Understanding of God and Creation”

*From Suffering to Liberation: Buddhists and Catholics in Dialogue*

Graymoor, Garrison NY

The Buddhist Association of the US

Chuang Yen Monastery, Carmel, NY

The Buddhist Council of New York

The Faiths in the World Committee of the National Association

of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement October 9 - 12, 2003

*There Are No Strangers: Thomas Merton and Interfaith Dialogue*

Casagrande Interfaith Institute

Wisdom House, Litchfield CT October 24-26, 2003

“When the Trees Say Nothing: Merton’s Creation Spirituality “

Thomas Merton Society of Canada

Vancouver School of Theology, British Columbia February 26-29, 2004

“Teaching Merton to a New Generation”

International Thomas Merton Society Meeting

University of San Diego June 8-12, 2005

“The Great Encircling: Recovering the Vision of Celtic Spirituality”

Vancouver School of Theology Chalmers Institute

and the Thomas Merton Society of Canada

Vancouver, British Columbia February 10 – 11, 2006

“Within the Shadow and the Disguise: Thomas Merton’s Sacramental Vision”

 *Beyond the Shadow and the Disguise:*

*Thomas Merton’s Spiritual Experience and Insight*

Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland Conference

Oakham School Rutland England March 28-April 2, 2006

“Thomas Merton and the Shakers”

International Thomas Merton Society Meeting

Christian Brothers University, Memphis TN June 8, 2007

*Thomas Merton: Contemplative Ecologist* May 30, 2008

Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland (Inauguration of Irish Section)

Sponsored by *An Croi*

All Hallows College of Dublin University

Dublin, Ireland May 30, 2008

 “The Benedictine Charism in the Ecological Age:

Thomas Merton’s Vision and Challenge”

American Academy of Religion

Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD August 8, 2008

“Masters of Cosmos and Soul: Thomas Berry and Thomas Merton

in Dialogue on Healing the Earth”

Sophia Center in Culture and Spirituality

Holy Names University

Oakland, California January 23-24, 2009

“To Graduate Means Rising from the Dead”

Honors Convocation

Faculty Speaker of the Year

Iona College May 3, 2009

“Desecrated Sanctuary:

Thomas Merton and Thomas Berry on Healing the Natural World”

11th Annual International Thomas Merton Society Meeting

Nazareth College

Rochester, NY June 11-14, 2009

“The Great Work: Thomas Berry's Vision of the Ecological Age”

The President’s Lectures

St. John University

Staten Island, NY February 18, 2010

“The Gospel of Thomas: Good News for the Great Work”

Keynote at Plenary Session and Post-Conference Retreat

Thomas Berry and the Great Work of Our Time Symposium

Sophia Institute for Spirituality and Culture

Holy Names University

Oakland, CA July 2010

“A Prophecy of Paradise: Thomas Merton’s *Lectio* of Genesis”

Conference: *Thomas Merton: Letters to a Green Liberal*

Bellarmine University, Louisville KY October 16, 2010

“Thomas Merton’s Urbane Spirituality”

International Thomas Merton Society Meeting

Loyola University, Chicago June 2011

 “In the Night of Our Technological Barbarism:”

Thomas Merton’s Light on the Matter

Conference: Thomas Merton –

Contemplation in the Technological Age

Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY September 23-25, 2011

“Hildegard of Bingen: Doctor of the Church”

Iona Spirituality Institute Conference April13, 2013

“Aesthetic Illumination:

 Beauty as the Ground of Merton’s Sacred Vision”

Catholic University of Australia

Literature and the Sacred Arts June 2016

“The Thomas Berry/John Moriarty Conspiracy”

Celebrating the Legacy of John Moriarty

 Sacred Heart University John Moriarty Institute

for Ecology and Spirituality

“Sea, Land, and Spirit: Coastal Environment in the West of Ireland”

Dingle, Ireland June 8-10, 2017

“Overshadowed: Thomas Merton and the Cloud of Unknowing”

The Fifteenth General Meeting of the

 International Thomas Merton Society

St. Bonaventure University, Olean NY June15-18, 2017

“The Beatitudes of Thomas Merton”

The Sixteenth General Meeting of the

International Thomas Marguerite Society

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara CA June 27-30, 2019

“Thomas Merton and *Laudato si’*

Corpus Christi Chapter of the

International Thomas Merton Society

Upper West Side, Manhattan October 2019

**Other Public Presentations 1970-2017** On request

Practicing Theology in Pastoral, Educational, Catechetical, Parish, Community, Public Settings:

Extensive lecturing around peace and justice issues, social and women’s concerns, classical and contemporary spirituality, Buddhist / Christian contemplative dialogue, and religious environmentalism.

**CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMS ORGANIZED**

Christian Zen Retreat: First International *Sesshin* of Fr. Robert Kennedy, SJ, Roshi

All Hallows Conference Centre, Dublin, Ireland

Iona Spirituality Institute

Kathleen Deignan, CND organizer and co-leader

July 3-5, 1998

Celtic Spirituality Pilgrimage, Ireland

Iona Spirituality Institute

Kathleen Deignan, CND organizer and leader

July 3-19, 1998

“The Conversions of Thomas Merton:

A Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Merton’s Baptism

 Corpus Christi Church and Union Theological Seminary, NYC

Organized and Co-sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

(Kathleen Deignan, CND, PhD and Peggy Clark, MA, Co-directors)

November 14-15, 1998

Merton Commemoration, Bangkok, Thailand

Thailand Friends of Thomas Merton

Consultant in program design

December 10th, 1998

“Bearing Witness in Northern Ireland”

Iona Spirituality Institute in collaboration with the International Peacemaker Community

Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 27-30, 2000

##### “A Sabbath for the Land”

Jubilee Year Colloquium in celebration of the publication of *Religion, Law, and the Land*

by Brian Edward Brown, PhD, JD

October 5, 2000

“The Pathways of Peace” with Mairead Maguire

Nobel Peace Laureate from Northern Ireland and Ambassador for the UN Manifesto 2000

Iona College Colloquium

October 13, 2000

### “Partners in Transformation: Intercontemplative Dialogue and Practice”

Presenting author, animator Jeanne Anselmo of Thich Nhat Hanh’s Community of Interbeing

Iona Spirituality Institute

December 8, 2000

###  “Celtic Mysteries: The Festival of Beltane”

A weekend conference sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

Kathleen Deignan presenter

Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck NY

May 3-5, 2001

Inauguration of the Iona College Chapter of the

##### International Thomas Merton Society

Scholars' Soiree sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

April 20, 2001

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### “Zen’s Gift to Christians”

Presenting author, scholar, and Zen master, Robert Kennedy Roshi, of the Society of Jesus

Scholars' Soiree sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

February 22, 2001

International Thomas Merton Society

"Thomas Merton's Meditations on Advent "

A prayer concert of original compositions for the season of Advent

and in celebration of the feast of Thomas Merton

Sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute's chapter of the

International Thomas Merton Society

December 6, 2001 Iona College

"The Beloved City"

A Memorial to the Victims of September 11th at Ground Zero

Original songs with poetry and sacred dance

Sponsored by the Visitation Institute of the Congregation of Notre Dame

November 17, 2001

"The New Holiness"

Laurence Freeman, OSB, Presenter

Director World Community for Christian Meditation

Sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

Iona College

April 27, 2002

“Evolutionary Faith” A Conversation with Diarmuid O’Murchu

Sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

Iona College

July 9-10, 2002

Iona Spirituality Institute 10th Anniversary Celebration

“Moving In and Moving Out: Contemplation and Transformation for the New Millennium”

Dr. James Finely

April 24, 2003

Week of the Peacemaker: Global AIDS Crisis

Iona College

November 18-19, 2003

Iona Spirituality Institute 10th Anniversary Celebration

Thomas Merton: Learning the Art of Sacred Dialogue

Mary Margaret Funk, OSB,

Director, Monastic Interreligious Dialogue,

Former Abbess of Our Lady of Grace Benedictine Monastery

John Daido Loori Roshi,

Abbot of Zen Mountain Monastery, Mt. Trempor NY December 2, 2003

A Public Engagement on Mapping the Human Dimensions of Genetic Variation

Culmination of 2-year process of social engagement sponsored by the NIH

Iona Spirituality Institute and the Faculties of the Schools of Arts and Sciences

Iona October 1-2, 2004 (See Iona website <http://www.iona.edu/studentlife/ministry/isi/events/genetics/videos.cfm>)

“Opening to Islam”

Iona Spirituality Institute with a grant from the Balm Foundation

Inaugurating the Muslim Catholic Dialogue at Iona College

With Dr. Leo Lefebure, Fordham University

Sister Meg Funk, Monastic Interreligious Dialogue

Dr. Hassan Muslim Women’s Association

March 25, 2005

Teilhard 50th Anniversary Celebration with Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker

Iona Spirituality Institute Venue for National Symposium

Sponsored by the American Teilhard Society

beginning at the United Nations April 9, 2005

“Wellbeing: An Intensive Exploration of the

Boundary between Mental Health and Spirituality with Dr Timothy Ts’o

Iona Spirituality Institute April 16, 2005

Teilhard Symposium: “Toward a Teilhardian Politics”

A Conversation with Dick Morris

September 2005

“The Virgin Harvest”

Salute to Nobel Peace Prize nominee Mu Sochua, one of Cambodia’s leading human rights advocates for her work to stop human trafficking, domestic violence and worker exploitation.

Iona Spirituality Institute and Visitation Institute of the Congregation of Notre Dame

Iona College

November 16, 2006

“Conjectures of a Bystander: Thomas Merton Conference”

Iona Spirituality Institute

Iona College

April 14, 2007

The Berry Forum

Inauguration of the Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue

Keynote: “The Great Work”

Saturday April 24, 2010

Conferences Programs and Presentations

Facilitation and Presentations

GreenFaith Convergence for Millennial Environmental Faith Leaders

On the Promulgation of the Papal Encyclical

*Laudato si*: On the Care of Our Common Home

Una Terra, Una Famiglia

Sponsored by “Our Voices” and GreenFaith

Rome, Italy

Gathering 100 international, multifaith trainees for environmental advocacy

One Iona Student, Brother Patrick Nuanah, Ghana

Hosted at San Egidio, Trastevere, Rome

With Celebratory Parade to Vatican and Salute from His Holiness Pope Francis

June 27 – July 2, 2015

Thomas Merton's Abiding Legacy

A Month-long Internet Course

Spirituality and Practice

June 21– July 17, 2015

Thomas Berry: Acts of the Ecozoic Apostles

The Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

Annual Congregation Meeting and Retreat

Pembrooke, Ontario

July 3-11, 2015

Presentations on Thomas Berry’s Great Work (Deignan)

with Drs. Elia Dileo (Teilhard) and Daniel Horan (Merton)

St. Alphonso Spiritual Center

Long Branch, New Jersey

Pastoral Institute Week

July 13-17, 2015

Keynote: Grounding the Sacred: Thomas Merton’s Sacramental Vision

Catholic University of Australia

Conference on Religion, Literature and the Arts

July 31, 2015

Deignan Teilhard Cultivator

Guild for Spiritual Guidance

Six Sessions on the Cosmology-Anthropology-Christology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin 2015 – 2016

September 12, 2015

November 7, 2015

December 12, 2015

January 16, 2016

February 13, 2016

April 23, 2016

“Light the Way”

GreenFaith Interfaith Vigil for HH Pope Francis’ Address to the United Nations, NYC

September 24, 2016

Designed, Organized and Animated with the Berry Student Associates and Pipers of Iona College during month of September 2016

NBC Commentator for Papal Mass of Pope Francis

September 24, 2016

“Thomas Merton and the Shakers”

Symposium for the Thomas Merton Community

Palo Alto, California

October 22-25, 2016

GreenFaith Training Seminar

Webinar on Laudato Si’

October 29, 2016

“Laudato Si’: Thomas Berry and Pope Francis in Dialogue”

Rockhaven Spiritual Center

Columbus, Ohio

November 20-22, 2016

“Entering into The Cloud of Unknowing”

Six Session Video Course and Study Guides

Know You Know Media

January 4-5, 2016

“Thomas Merton and Laudato Si’”

Convocation of the Diocese of Reno, Nevada

January 8-11, 2016

Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home

Our Lady of Good Counsel Spiritual Center

White Plains, NY

May 15, 2016

GreenFaith Millennial Convergence and Training

Facilitator and Spiritual Animator for 65 North American Millennials

Including 6 Iona Students Sponsored by The Berry Forum

“Beyond Katrina: The Bayou’s Rising Tides”

Tulane University

New Orleans, LA

June 19-24, 2016

Thomas Berry: Prophet and Mystic of the Earth

A Month-long Internet Course

Spirituality and Practice

June 28 – July 30, 2016

**Conference Chair**

**“Mapping the Human Dimensions of Genetic Variation”**

**National Institutes of Health Public Engagement on Genetic Variation**

During the 2003-2004 academic year, I directed the National Institutes of Health Social Engagement on Genetic Variation hosted by the Iona Spirituality Institute and in collaboration with the Village Team of New Rochelle, during which we held a series of public meetings, focus groups and dialogue groups at Iona regarding public concerns over new genetic research - the Human Genome Project. Sponsored by the Genetic Alliance and funded by the NIH, this project engaged a wide diversity of the Westchester community in a broad range of social concerns regarding genetic variation and its impending impact on the lives of various constituencies of the American public.

The two-year project culminated in a national convocation at Iona with Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Genome Research Institute, Dr. Vivian ta Wang, Program Director of the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications Project, and Steve Olsen, author of *Mapping Human History.*

For more information and to view the video stream

<http://www.iona.edu/studentlife/ministry/isi/events/genetics/videos.cfm>

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Societies Officer

President International Thomas Merton Society 2011-2013 (ITMS) Chair, Planning Committee for The 14th General Meeting of the Thomas Merton Society Bellarmine University Louisville KY 2013-2015 Chair, Merton Centenary Committee 2011-2015

 International Thomas Merton Society

 Board of Directors 2003 – 2015

 President 2010 - 2013

 Chair Retreats Committee 2013 - 2015

Planning Committee for the June 2013

General Meeting at Sacred Heart University,

Fairfield, CT 2010-2013

American Teilhard Association

 Board of Directors 2010 - present

Catholic Theological Society of America 2012

 College Theology Society

 Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

 American Academy of Religion

 Peace Studies Association 1986 - 1991

 North American Conference

on Religion and Ecology 1990- 1993

 SPIRIN 2006-2007

 GreenFaith Fellow 2007-present

 Environmental Consortium

of Colleges and Universities 2012 - present

##### CREATIVE WORKS / PERFORMANCES

Published Recordings

Original Sacred and Liturgical Song Compositions

Published by SCHOLA Ministries, Inc. (From over 200 original compositions; 100 registered with the Library of Congress) (see Addenda)

*Hearts That Seek the Lord* 1984

 *Everlasting Sabbath* 1985

 *Of Thanks and Wonder* 1986

*In the Footsteps of Mary* 1987

 *Season of Glad Song* 1989

 *Borne by Grace*  1993

 *Stations: Songs for the Paschal Journey* 1997

 *Borne By Grace* (reorchestrated for CD*)* 1998

 *Bride: Songs of the Beloved* 1999

 *Pax Amor Christi: A Trinity of Songs* 1999

 *Visitation*  2000

 *Sabbath: Songs for Worship* 2000

 *A Garden Once Again (*reorchestrated)2002

 *Of Thanks and Wonder* (reorchestrated) 2002

 *The Servant’s Heart* (reorchestrated) 2002

 *Returning*  2003

 *Jeanne Le Ber:* *Sentinel of the Invisible*  2006 *The Gift: Songs of the Grateful Heart* 2008

 *Thomas Merton: An Audio Book of Hours*  2009

*AVE: Songs of the Congregation of Notre Dame* (remastered) 2009

*A Garden Once Again* (remastered) 2010

*Of Thanks and Wonder* 1986

 Published by Resource Publications, Inc., San Jose, CA

"*Lauda*" (Deignan)

Recorded by Noirin ni Riain on *Soundings*

Ossian Publications, Ltd., Cork, Ireland 1993

Performed by Noirin Ni Riain for *My Favourite Hymns.*

Factual Programmes

Granada Television

Quay Street

Manchester M60 9EA March 2003

**Chaplaincy**

Red Cross Chaplain in response to 9.11

Counseling and Bereavement Ministry

at Ground Zero and the Family Center, New York City

Three-month tour of duty post 9.11 September – December 2001

Center for Campus Ministries

Iona College 1978-80

Sacred Heart University

Campus Chaplain 1974-1978

**Retreats and Spirituality Intensives**

 Practicing Spiritual Animation and Guidance

(Weekend/Weeklong Programs)

"Ora et Labora" Benedictine Spirituality Retreats

Benedictine Grange, West Redding, CT 1978 – 1986

"Spirituality of the Peacemaker"

Mercy Center, Madison. CT Summer, 1987

Topics in Classical and Contemporary Spirituality

Bayside Beguines, Sacred Heart Parish 1989 – 2005

Spirituality Programs

Maryknoll Cloister, Maryknoll, NY Summers 1994-1996

"New Seeds of Contemplation:

The Spiritual Legacy of Thomas Merton"

Mt. St. Alphonsus, NY 1994-Fall/annually

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The Spiritual Legacy of Thomas Merton"

Mt. St. Alphonsus, NY 1994 – annually

"Thomas Merton: Spiritual Master"

Linwood Spiritual Center, NY January 20 - 22, 1995

"Verdancy of Grace: The Spiritual Legacy

of Hildegard of Bingen"

Linwood Spiritual Center April 12 - 14, 1996

"Living Buddha / Living Christ"

Linwood Spiritual Center January 17 - 19, 1997

"Showings of Divine Love":

The Spiritual Legacy of Julian of Norwich April 2 - 4, 1997

Christian Zen Retreat: First International Sesshin

of Fr. Robert Kennedy, SJ, Roshi

All Hallows Conference Centre, Dublin, Ireland

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“The Great Encircling”- Celtic Spirituality

Rye Spirituality Center of the Diocese of NY February 1999

"Showings of Divine Love"- The Spiritual Legacy

of Julian of Norwich

Mt. St. Alphonsus March 12 - 14, 1999

Celtic Spirituality

Mt. St. Alphonsus Retreat Center, Esopus, NY November 1999

The Celtic Mysteries

Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, NY

 *Imbolg* February 2000

 *Beltane* May 2001

 *Samhain* November 2001

*"Jubilis:* The Spiritual Legacy of Gertrude the Great"

Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, NY June 9 – 11, 2000

"Pathways in Contemplation"

An Intensive Program in

Inter-Contemplative Dialogue and Practice

Chrysalis Centre, Donard, County Wicklow, Ireland July 21-23, 2000

“Bearing Witness in Northern Ireland”

Iona Spirituality Institute in collaboration with the

International Peacemaker Community

Belfast, Northern Ireland July 27-30, 2000

“The Buddha as Teacher: What Christians Can Learn

from the Insights ad Practices of the Buddhists”

Program of the Secretariat for Ecumenical

and Inter-Religious Affairs of the National Catholic

Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor March 2-3, 2001

“My Name Is that Sky: Merton’s Creation Spirituality”

Six-day program

College of St Mary of the Woods, Indiana July 25-August 1, 2003

Thomas Merton’s Spiritual Legacy

Marytown, Libertyville, IL July 29-31, 2004

“From Wasteland to Paradise: Recovering the Wisdom of the Desert”

A Lenten Reflection on the Writing of

TS Elliot, Thomas Merton, and Mary Oliver

Cornwall Conference Center, Cornwall CT March 11-12, 2005

Thomas Merton in France

Faculty Lecturer for a Pilgrimage Program

offered by the Thomas Merton Society of Canada

Prades, France May 18-28, 2006

The Verdancy of Grace: The Spiritual Legacy of Hildegard von Bingen

Stella Maris Retreat Center

Elberton, NJ October, 2006

Masters of Cosmos and Soul: Berry and Merton in Dialogue September 10-12, 2010

Merton Community of Palo Alto

Palo Alto CA

Listen to the Voice of Creation: September 24-26, 2010

Thomas Merton and Thomas Berry in Dialogue

on Healing the Earth

Springbank Spiritual Center

South Carolina

“Living Buddha, Living Christ” October 8-10, 2010

Jubilee Retreat Center

Abingdon, VA

**INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**

Shakers, Sabbathday Lake ME

In residence for several weeks

during dissertation preparation 1978

New Rochelle Interfaith Committee 2005 – 2007

“Opening to Islam”

Program of the Iona Spirituality Institute 2004

Rudin Driscoll Professorship in Jewish Catholic Studies

Interfaith Dialogues

Co-sponsor, participant and attendee 1998-2019

GreenFaith Interfaith Fellowship 2006-present

Religious Environmental Leadership

**Dialogue Organizer/Sponsored/Presenter**

“Zen’s Gift to Christians”

Presenting author, scholar, and Zen master,

 Robert Kennedy Roshi, of the Society of Jesus

Chair Department of Religious Studies,

St. Joseph’s College, Jersey City

Scholars' Soiree sponsored by the Iona Spirituality Institute

February 22, 2001

“Thomas Merton’s Challenge to Interfaith Dialogue”

Inauguration of the Iona Chapter of the

International Thomas Merton Society

with Joseph Cunneen, founder and past editor of

Cross Currents: A Journal of Catholic Intellectual Life

May 2001

 “Merton and Islam” Fredrica Halligan, PhD

Iona Spirituality Institute Chapter International Thomas Merton Society

September 16, 2002

"The Buddha as Teacher: What Christians Can Learn from the Insights and Practices of the Buddhists" sponsored by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor. The program was organized by Dr. John Borelli, Associate Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops /United States Catholic Conference, in Washington, DC, and hosted several Buddhist and Christian scholars. Presenter March 7-9, 2003

“Nuns in the West” One of 15 Catholic nuns invited to participate in the first interfaith dialogue with 15 Buddhist nuns in a conference sponsored by Monastic Interfaith Dialogue, an initiative of the Vatican Office on Interreligious Affairs. It was held at Hsi Lei Monastery in California (see [www.NunsintheWest.org](http://www.NunsintheWest.org) )

May 23-25, 2003

“A Catholic Understanding of God and Creation”

From Suffering to Liberation: Buddhists and Catholics in Dialogue

Graymoor, Garrison NY October 9 - October 12, 2003

Casagrande Interfaith Institute

Wisdom House, Litchfield CT

“There Are No Strangers: Thomas Merton and Interfaith Dialogue”

Presenter: Merton’s Nature Mysticism Rooted in the Wisdom Traditions of the Earth and World”

 And “A Celebration of Hagia Sophia” October 24-26, 2003

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Sister Meg Funk, Monastic Interreligious Dialogue

Dr. Hassan Muslim Women’s Association

March 25, 2005

Pax Christi Metro NY

“Sacred Scriptures: Texts of Peace or Violence”

Jewish Catholic Muslim Dialogue

St. Joseph Church, Greenwich Village, NYC

2006

### AWARDS / HONORS

 McCabe Award for Social Justice, Iona College 1982

 Social Concerns Ministries and the Commission

 for World Justice and Peace Award, Diocese of Bridgeport, CT 1988

 Iona College Woman of Achievement 1996

 Kate Connoley-Weinert Award for Innovative Proposals

in Peace and Women's Studies

 American Academy of Religion 1997

*Pro Operis* Award for 20 Years of Service to Iona 2000

 *"La Presentatrice"* of *Il Palio*, Siena, Italy

at the invitation of the Commune di Siena 2001

June 28th to July 2nd 2001

Honoree, Faculty Book Reception, Iona College 2004

Science Award from the School of Arts and Science

for work in Genetic Variation Education

Iona College 2005

Faculty Speaker of the Year / Presenter at Honors Colloquium 2009

*Sapientia et Doctrina* Award for Spirituality and Spiritual Direction

Fordham University School of Religion and Religious Education. October16, 2009

*Bene Merenti* Award 2010

For 30 years of Service to Iona College

Green Faith Spirit Award October 23, 2010

for Religious Environmental Leadership

Livingston NJ

Honorary Degree Sacred Heart University May 17, 2014

*Honorus Causa*

The First *Great Work Award*

from The Environmental Consortium of Colleges and Universities Fall 2012

Woman of Achievement

Awarded by the Social Justice Committee

“Bayside Beguines”

Sacred Heart Church

Bayside, NY April 26, 2016

The Thomas Berry Award

Presented by The Berry Foundation 2019

 November 9, 2019

Iona Faculty Award 2019

##### COLLABORATIVE VENTURES/FOUNDATIONS

#####  Benedictine Grange with founder Father John Batista Giuliani

#####  Collaborated in foundation and ongoing ministry 1978 - 2018

 Thomas Merton House of Hospitality, Bridgeport, CT

 Collaborated in foundation and ongoing ministry 1972 - 1978

 Good Shepherd House of Hospitality, Norwalk, CT

 Collaborated in foundation and ongoing ministry 1975 – 1980

 CAIT (Celts and American Indians Together) Famine Relief

 with Don Bosco Mullan and Gary Whitedear 1996 – 1998

 Quest for Peace / Nicaragua

 Giuliani Foundation for Religion and the Arts 1982 – 2018

 Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES:**

International Thomas Merton Society Program Chair 14th General Meeting

“Merton 100” 2012-2015

International Thomas Merton Society President 2011-2013

International Thomas Merton Society Board 2005 – 2011

President International Thomas Merton Society 2011

Giuliani Foundation for Religion and the Arts 1982 – 2018

American Teilhard Association 2011 - present

GreenFaith 2001 – present

Appalachian Center for Faith and Ecology 2011

Schola Ministries 1982 – present

Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue / Founding Convener 2010 – present

*An Croi* Wisdom School, Ireland 2009 – 2015

Thomas Berry Foundation Board 2019 - present