Monday, September 14, 3 pm (Kennedy) and 7 pm (Cintas)

Benjamin Barber, “If Mayors Ruled the World” Consumption Justice Lecture Series

Benjamin Barber (CUNY, The Graduate Center), in If Mayors Ruled the World: Dysfunctional Nations and Rising Cities, argues that cities have, in the age of globalization, “once again become democracy’s best hope.” Barber presents a way of rethinking the challenge of democracy: cities, unlike the limping nation-state, are positioned to connect local democratic participation with social and political power to promote lasting change. In Consumed Barber examines how markets “corrupt children, infantilize adults, and swallow citizens whole” effectively undermining the health of our democracy and the environment. E/R &S Lecture co-sponsored by the Brueggeman Center and Sustainability Committee. For more information, contact Gabe Gottlieb, gottliebg@xavier.edu

Wednesday, September 23, 8 pm

Circle of Solidarity Vigil Concert

To mark the eve of Pope Francis’ historic and important address to the United States Congress, Xavier students will join together to listen to music and poetry and enjoy snacks from Spain, Latin America and other countries in the Gallagher Student Center Atrium. Sponsored by the Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice, Bellarmine Chapel, and the Center for Faith and Justice.

Thursday, September 24, 9-11:15am

A Historic Moment: Pope Francis Addresses the U.S. Congress

Join us for a live stream of Pope Francis’ address to Congress, panelists, and conversation about what the papal address means for us today. Bellarmine Chapel. Sponsored by the Theology Department, Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice, Bellarmine Chapel, Senior Administrative Fellow for Sustainability and the Center for Faith and Justice.
Friday, September 25 10:15-12:15

**Burnet Woods City Park Tour**
Join naturalist, Michael George, and First Year Seminar Bicycling Our Bioregion students for a tour of Clifton’s city park, Burnet Woods. We will bike from campus starting at 10:15. Return on your own. Alternatively, you can take city bus #51 for a 20 minute ride to the park. For more information, contact Kathleen Smythe, smythe@xavier.edu

Monday, October 5 4-5 pm

**Sustainability Heroes Gallery Opening**
Celebrate the life and values of Erin and Robert Lockridge, Norwood parish farmers and founders of Moriah Pie. Outside Currito Burrito in Fenwick Place. For more information, contact Kathleen Smythe, smythe@xavier.edu.

Thursday, October 29

**Ross Gay: Poetry, Race, and the Environment**
Ross Gay (Indiana University, Bloomington) is a poet, critic, and a gardener. He is the author of *Bringing the Shovel Down* and *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* and the essay “Some Thoughts on Mercy” which critically examines his experiences with racism. He is currently writing a book on African-American gardening and farming. In addition to an E/RS lecture, there will be poetry reading at Evanston’s Community Blend. For more information, contact Gabe Gottlieb, gottliebg@xavier.edu

Friday, October 30, 4-5:15 pm

**Alter Hall Sustainability Tour**
Learn more about the visible and invisible sustainability features of the newly renovated Alter Hall. For more information, contact Kathleen Smythe, smythe@xavier.edu

Monday, November 16, 2015, 7 PM, Cintas Center

**Mark Anielski: "Pope Francis, Consumption Justice and the Economics of Genuine Wealth"**
Join Mark Anielski, Canadian author of *The Economics of Happiness: Building Genuine Wealth* and learn how his model to measure the real determinants of well-being and redefine “progress” connects to consumption justice and Pope Francis’s new encyclical on care of the Earth. Sponsored by Sustainability Committee, the Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice, and Cincinnati’s Economics of Compassion Initiative. For more information, contact Nancy Bertaux, bertaux@xavier.edu

Monday, November 30, 3-5pm

**North Avondale Historical Walk**
Join entrepreneur and author, Danny Korman, on one of his 32 walking tours from his new book, *Walking Cincinnati* (co-authored with Katie Meyer). We will meet at the Admissions doors of Schott Hall at 3 pm to begin the tour. For more information, contact Kathleen Smythe, smythe@xavier.edu