The Brueggeman Center was named in memory of Edward B. Brueggeman, S.J., former chairman of Xavier University’s Department of Theology and a leading figure in the Midwest for interfaith cooperation. Brueggeman committed much of his life to promoting greater understanding among religious groups. He founded and co-hosted the local religious television program “Dialogue,” which ran for more than 20 years. This popular show brought together leaders of many faiths to exchange views in an atmosphere of respect and trust. The Brueggeman Center aims to build upon the broad ecumenical and interreligious outreach that typified both Brueggeman’s spirituality and his career.

Honoring the legacy of Edward B. Brueggeman, S.J.
the Edward B. Bruegeman Center for Dialogue aims to start important conversations on campus and in the community.
Foreword

The Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue began in 2002, over lunch in the office of Xavier University President Michael J. Graham, S.J. I had only been at Xavier for two years, as the Besl Family Chair in Ethics/Religion and Society, when he asked me to develop a new center at Xavier.

Aware of my background in comparative philosophy of religions and comparative values systems, Fr. Graham asked that I expand the Brueggeman Center for Interfaith Dialogue, a small center within the theology department directed by Joe Bracken, S.J.

I researched the center and the university resources dedicated to it and spoke with people from around Cincinnati and across the country. In the spring of 2002, I made a proposal to Fr. Graham to rename the center the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue and to broaden its mission beyond interfaith dialogue to include other academic disciplines, the business community, government and civil society in its work. I also wanted its mission to focus on global issues.

The concept was to create a center that would focus on creating cross-sectoral dialogues in programs, conferences, publications and projects that would address global issues from a wide range of perspectives.

My hope was that the Brueggeman Center could become a portal to the world for Xavier, by bringing experts from around the world to campus and by sending students all over the world to engage in research and service. Our mission was to help develop a new global consciousness at Xavier—politically, economically, culturally but above all religiously and morally.

Fr. Graham accepted the proposal without revision, and we began an amazing journey of discovery and engagement here at Xavier and around the world.

James P. Buchanan, PhD
Founding Executive Director
“It is an absolute obligation of schools and universities to promote understanding of the current events, not only among their students, but also among members of the larger community. This is where the Brueggeman Center fulfills its unique mission of stimulating awareness of the most vital issues of our time.”

María Czyzyk-Krzeska | University of Cincinnati

“Every great university needs a center like the Brueggeman Center—a place where the great issues of our time are rigorously debated for the benefit of our society.”

Mitchel D. Livingston | University of Cincinnati

“The Center has become one of the intellectual oases of hope.”

David Tracy | The University of Chicago

“The Center brings together the best minds from diverse backgrounds. We learn so much from each other.”

Barbara Glueck | American Jewish Committee

“The Brueggeman Center enriches Cincinnati with its speakers. It insists upon dialogue—talking and thinking through matters of importance and bringing them into our daily lives in Cincinnati. The Center is a tonic against intellectual slumber, an energy boost from the mundane.”

Joe Dehner | Foreign Policy Leadership Council
Here at Xavier University, we take our mission very seriously—to form students intellectually, morally and spiritually, with rigor and compassion, toward lives of solidarity, service and success. And the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue has been, since its inception, instrumental in uncountable ways in helping us realize our Jesuit Catholic mission.

Over the last many years, the Brueggeman Center has established a premier reputation locally for privileged conversations by thoughtful people on global issues. The many Town Hall Meetings it has sponsored have brought together University citizens, members of all our region’s communities and significant national and international figures to puzzle out together how we might best proceed with issues of deep importance to us all. The Center has engaged our students in a very special way, broadening their horizons through its many programs, especially the Winter-Cohen Brueggeman Fellows Program. And the faith perspective—always implicit and often explicit—in Brueggeman Center programming ensures that this important angle of vision is present in our meaningful conversations concerning issues that shape our world.

Perhaps this particular contribution of the Brueggeman Center pleases me the most. Certainly, this steady emphasis in the work with the Brueggeman Center has positioned it as the region’s pre-eminent place for interreligious discourse, thought and action. We are a vastly better Jesuit and Catholic university as a result of all the Center’s good work.

Please join me in congratulating Brueggeman Center Director James Buchanan on a momentous initial decade for this important work.

Michael J. Graham, S.J.
President, Xavier University
The Brueggeman Center promotes meaningful dialogue in a world that is both increasingly connected and more isolated than ever.
Risk and Transformation: What ever happened to dialogue?

What passes for dialogue in the mass media is too often ideologically closed and politically volatile punditry. At the same time, communication has become unidirectional: the mass media speaks at us, not with us.

The Internet and social networks have created new spaces for us to narrate our lives in minute detail. Emails are dashed off with thoughtless abandon. Students walk around campus with eyes focused on their latest text message rather than their fellow students. In cyberspace, place disappears, time compresses, change accelerates and the things that connect us are less about culture and tradition than technology and consumption.

At the same time our institutions (social, business, government and educational) encourage isolation through specialization and structures that foster competition rather than cooperation. That our communities are disintegrating should not surprise us. Communities must be grounded in open, honest, trustworthy communication. And just as information is not knowledge (much less wisdom), the communication of our age is not dialogue.

Authentic dialogue can only happen if the participants are willing to risk their presuppositions. Authentic dialogue must also have the potential to transform. Providing spaces where we can dare to take risks and be transformed is critical. Universities often provide that space. The Brueggeman Center is a place within that larger space where dialogue is not only encouraged but taught, where dialogue is the first and foremost expectation.

Every Brueggeman Center project begins and ends in dialogue. For this reason we never do a project alone. We develop projects with our partners and work together to implement them and share in their success.

Our projects use dialogue to build “social capital”—the human-to-human engagement that forges the civic bonds upon which our communities are built. Along the way we learn things about others but also about ourselves. Only through dialogue will we find the commitment and ways to work together toward common goods.
monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastic College in Mundgod, India, bless a sand mandala they prepared on campus.
In keeping with its mission, the Brueggeman Center has developed a diverse range of programs to encourage dialogue in a variety of different spheres. Its interfaith symposiums, human rights presentations, sustainability workshops, political debates, gender and diversity forums, and film screenings are designed to foster the discussions that help people understand each other and the world, and to search for solutions to the critical problems of our time. The events are participatory, timely and provocative. They offer an opportunity to discuss important topics in order to enlighten, challenge and inspire the community.
“In the religion of art, there are no creeds. There is but one faith—the service of beauty. Art is the solvent of prejudices.”

moses jacob ezekiel | jewish sculptor
PROGRAMS Interfaith Dialogue and Engagement

The Brueggeman Center was founded at a time when interfaith dialogue had never been more important. After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, America had critical questions to ask of itself and the world. The Center tackled these issues head-on, beginning with a discussion on Sept. 11, 2003, that explored the common ideals between Christians, Jews and Muslims.

fundamentalism conference

Since Sept. 11, a great deal of attention has been focused on Islamic fundamentalism. But extremism is a global phenomenon that crosses national, ethnic, socioeconomic and religious boundaries. It is clear that religious fundamentalism is on the rise in the United States and abroad. Fundamentalists shape their message and their strategies to fit the times and increasingly impact the national and political landscape. With all of this in mind, it’s clear that fundamentalism raises ethical, theological and political questions with which everyone must contend.

The Brueggeman Center brought seven experts to Xavier to discuss religious extremism on Oct. 31, 2004.

artistic expressions of faith

Artistic Expressions explores ways in which different faiths symbolize the sacred in art. The series features experts discussing what is unique about each tradition as well as what the traditions have in common. The series exhibits profound artistic expressions at some of the region’s most important museums and places of worship.

“Many of the discussions that have ensued from this series have helped people to be more understanding, more tolerant, more celebratory about different faiths,” says Abby Schwartz, the series’ longtime director. “And art is such a great vehicle for getting there.”

The Artistic Expressions of Faith series occurs every two years.
The Brueggeman Center has brought in people like Dr. Paul Farmer to start discussions about human rights and health care in the developing world.
In a world still fraught with dictatorship, civil war and poverty, the Brueggeman Center is committed to promoting and protecting human rights. To do so, it invites internationally renowned speakers to discuss their work on the frontlines of advancing human rights. People like Dr. Paul Farmer and Mohini Giri, who go to great lengths to defend the inalienable rights of the world’s marginalized poor.

**Dr. Paul Farmer**

Dr. Paul Farmer works to bring transformative health care to the developing world. He co-founded Partners in Health, an organization that brings the benefits of modern medical science to the poorest and sickest communities. Farmer is internationally known for his innovations in community-based health care models. He is chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and a winner of several humanitarian awards.

*Farmer was a featured panelist at the Town Hall Meeting, “HIV/AIDS and Globalization,” on April 22, 2007.*

**Mohini Giri**

Mohini Giri, whose own mother was widowed when Giri was 9, founded the War Widows Association and the Guild of Service to help the thousands of widows in India left to fend for themselves at the end of the Indo-Pakistani War in 1971. Giri is the daughter-in-law of the late Shri V. V. Giri, former president of India. Proficient in nine languages, Giri is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee and has received many awards, including the Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award. She is the author of *Emancipation and Empowerment of Women*.

*Giri came to Xavier on Nov. 17, 2010, to discuss the stigma widows face in India, where in traditional Hindu society they are abandoned by their families and impoverished by a system that fails to recognize their existence.*
brueggeman center director james buchanan (right) greets robert f. kennedy jr. at xavier.
In an age of diminishing natural resources, climate change and rising pollution, few global issues are as urgent as the environment and sustainability. The world is changing so fast that it’s important to keep abreast of the latest alternative energy research and the most pressing environmental threats. The Brueggeman Center addresses these issues by bringing in speakers like Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Vandana Shiva.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s reputation as a resolute defender of the environment stems from a litany of successful legal actions. Kennedy was named one of Time magazine’s “Heroes for the Planet.” Kennedy serves as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and president of Waterkeeper Alliance. He is also a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law’s Environmental Litigation Clinic and was co-host of “Ring of Fire” on Air America Radio. Earlier in his career, he served as assistant district attorney in New York City. Among Kennedy’s published books are The New York Times best-seller Crimes Against Nature (2004); The Riverkeepers (1997); and Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr.: A Biography (1977).

Vandana Shiva is a physicist, author and environmental activist from India. She has worked for changes in agricultural and food production systems, calling for greater protection of indigenous rights to biodiversity, particularly for seeds of food crops. She also has played an important role in the eco-feminist movement, calling for greater participation of women in agriculture as a means to achieve sustainability. Among her books are Biopiracy: the Plunder of Nature and Knowledge (1997); Stolen Harvest: The Hijacking of the Global Food Supply; and Manifestos on the Future of Food and Seed (2007).

Shiva delivered a speech, “Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change,” at Xavier on Oct. 28, 2009, and was a panelist at the Town Hall Meeting “Globalization and Food Security.”
China is both a rising superpower and an ancient country. How it responds to globalization will have international impacts.
When the Brueggeman Center was founded, the United States was entrenched in a war in Afghanistan and preparing to invade Iraq. In the intervening years, global politics have grown no less tumultuous. The Brueggeman Center continues to foster dialogue on campus that challenges our leaders, scrutinizes accepted paradigms and searches for the most equitable way forward in a volatile world.

**Joseph Wilson**

In 2002, the CIA sent Ambassador Joseph Wilson to Niger to investigate claims that Saddam Hussein was seeking to buy yellowcake uranium to advance Iraq's nuclear program. Wilson reported back to Washington that the claims were groundless. But after hearing President George W. Bush repeat the accusation in his 2003 State of the Union address, Wilson expressed his dissent in an op-ed piece in *The New York Times*. The subsequent revelation in the press by columnist Robert Novak that Wilson's wife—Valerie Plame—was a covert CIA operative sparked an intense legal and political row.

*Wilson, a foreign policy expert with decades of experience in international politics, spoke at Xavier on Dec. 5, 2005.*

**‘China in a Global Context: Transformations and Traditions’**

With its accelerating economy and increased political clout, there is little question that China is a rising superpower. But how will China interact with and impact a globalizing world? The Brueggeman Center hosted a three-day national conference to address that question. This multidisciplinary faculty development workshop was designed to help university instructors infuse content on Chinese culture into their undergraduate humanities and social science courses. Activities began with a town hall-style meeting, then the workshop opened with two sessions examining the phenomenal dynamism of contemporary China, followed by sessions addressing the relevance of China's diverse historical experiences and its cultural traditions.

*The Brueggeman Center partnered with the East-West Center, Hawaii, to host this conference on China, April 3-5, 2008.*
The Brueggeman Center is dedicated to the idea that meaningful dialogue entails the participation of diverse voices.
With dialogue as its foundation, the Brueggeman Center is committed to seeking a diversity of opinions. For too long the world’s important issues have been discussed among men in patriarchal societies. Haleh Esfandiari and Nandini Gunewardena are just two examples of women who would not stay silent. They came to Xavier to offer their extraordinary insights on the world.

**haleh esfandiari**

Iranian-American academic Haleh Esfandiari is the founding director of the Woodrow Wilson Center’s Middle East Program. She is the former deputy secretary general of the Women’s Organization of Iran, has taught at Princeton University and has worked as a journalist in Iran and the United States. Esfandiari was detained in solitary confinement in Iran’s Evin Prison for more than 110 days in 2007. The Brueggeman Center brought her to campus to tell the story behind her book, *My Prison, My Home: One Woman’s Story of Captivity in Iran*. With its unpredictable leadership, uncertain nuclear ambitions and its involvement in the Iraq war, Iran presents one of America’s most difficult foreign policy challenges.

*Cosponsored by the Foreign Policy Leadership Council, Esfandiari came to Xavier on Jan. 19, 2010, to speak about her detainment in Iran.*

**nandini gunewardena**

Nandini Gunewardena is a sociocultural anthropologist in the international development studies department at UCLA. The Brueggeman Center brought her to Xavier to discuss the food, water and oil crises, and their implications on women around the world. She has been engaged in hands-on strategies to address women’s poverty, reproductive health and nutrition, and economic empowerment in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. Her work links cultural gender ideologies to material conditions as evidenced in social institutions and everyday practices. She teaches applied anthropology courses on gender and development, gender and poverty, and global poverty issues.

*Gunewardena delivered a talk at Xavier titled “Global Crises, Translocal Uncertainties: Women’s Survival, the Myth of Scarcity and Natural Resources” on Nov. 17, 2008.*
when the brueggeman center invited tibetan monks to create a sand mandala at xavier in 2007, the result wasn't just a work of art, it was a campus-wide learning opportunity.
The Brueggeman Center uses many means to engage the community in important discussions. Occasionally a special event transpires that offers a unique glimpse into a culture, religion or global issue. The Center also shows films that address a range of topics and inspire discussion in the audience.

*a mandala on campus*

In 2007, half a dozen monks traveled to Xavier from the Drepung Gomang Monastic College in Mundgod, India. The College, which was founded near Lhasa in 1416, moved to India following the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1959. The monks spent five days beneath a live webcam, creating an intricate mandala from colored sand. People from 21 states and 10 countries, including their home monastery, logged in to watch. During the closing ceremony, in accordance to tradition, the work of art was swept away and in a ceremonial procession carried to the Ohio River as a way of returning it to the Earth.

*The monks created their sand mandala at Xavier from April 10-14, 2007.*

*‘what are we doing here?’*

Just one of many provocative films shown on campus to generate discussion, “What Are We Doing Here?” explores why aid to Africa over the last five decades has been largely ineffective and often harmful. The film tells the story of three university students who travel across Africa in an attempt to understand one of the great problems of our time; the failure to end poverty. A discussion with producer Tim Klein followed the screening.

*The Brueggeman Center screened “What are We Doing Here” on Feb. 23, 2011.*
the brueggeman center's town hall meetings draw a well-rounded audience, from students to community members, to xavier president michael j. graham, s.j.
One of the Brueggeman Center’s signature programs is the Town Hall Meeting. Each spring the community is drawn together for an expert-led dialogue on the vital issues and impacts of globalization. These meetings provide a public forum for interactive discussion that allows for diverse perspectives in the hope that we might identify areas of agreement and opportunities for new collaborative solutions.

‘Islam and globalization’
karen armstrong, dr. b.s. foad, farooq kathwari and jerry leach

Karen Armstrong, one of the most influential writers on religion, joined a panel representing the local Islamic community, the global business community and the world of politics to discuss Islam and globalization.

The Town Hall Meeting held on April 25, 2006, was one of a number of events in which the Brueggeman Center worked with the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati to celebrate their 10th anniversary.

‘The challenge ahead: in search of a new energy future’
ray anderson, christopher flavin, kevin Leahy, david orr

This Town Hall Meeting brought together the president of World Watch Institute, the CEO of Interface, Inc., a scientist from Duke Energy and one of the premier environmental writers to engage the audience in thinking about our global energy crisis and future.

This Town Hall Meeting, like all of them, drew some 800 people to the Cintas Center to engage with the speakers and each other, April 6, 2009.
Jennifer Komos spent her 2008 Brueggeman Fellowship in Kenya, working on issues of education and empowerment of women.
The Winter-Cohen Family
Brueggeman Fellows Program

The Winter-Cohen Family Fellows Program at the Brueggeman Center offers up to 10 students each year the chance to combine a year of intensive independent study with an international immersion experience. The program is highly competitive and draws upon Xavier’s most accomplished graduate and undergraduate students from all three colleges and a wide range of disciplines.

The Fellows program has two goals. First is the research, through which we hope students will learn about their chosen topics from a global perspective. Second is to help students develop a new level of self-confidence by challenging them to conceive, plan and complete a program that begins with a yearlong independent study, followed by an immersion trip, which they take alone, to engage in research and service. They must plan every aspect of this trip themselves; create the network of people and institutions with which they will interact, plan all the travel and housing details and at some point step off a plane and manage an intense set of challenges including language, food, illness, transportation, loneliness and culture shock in some of the most difficult places on earth.

Because the group is chosen from Xavier’s three colleges, they spend an intensive year engaged in interdisciplinary learning. They become each other’s teachers.

The program is high risk and high reward. The Center’s hope is that the Fellows program will offer personal, intellectual, moral and spiritual self-discovery and growth that will change their lives in ways we cannot imagine.

They take the risks, and they are transformed.

The Brueggeman Fellows Program is funded by the Ralph I. and Julia Winter Cohen Memorial Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation. With special gratitude to Susan Winter Ward and Marilyn Winter-Tamkin.

The Brueggeman Fellows

• By 2011, the program has sent students to over 50 different countries to engage in research and service.
• Study topics range from interfaith dialogue to microfinance, the environment, cultural identity, human rights, health care, refugees and internally displaced people, the World Trade Organization, graffiti, cross-cultural music and more.
• Many Fellows have published small books about their experiences.
• Fellows have gone on to graduate school, to receive Fulbright and Truman Fellowships, go to Law and Medical School and to work in NGOs.
• As the students will attest, the program transforms their lives in ways big and small.
• To learn more about all of the Fellows, go to www.brueggemanfellows.org.
Brandon Sipes  
brueggeman fellow 2007

In the summer of 2007, Brandon Sipes traveled across Northern Ireland, Croatia, Bosnia and France studying religious violence and reconciliation. In the midst of these countries’ fractious histories, he found the hope of redemption.

“The historical conflicts in Northern Ireland, Croatia and Bosnia have deep religious dimensions. Protestants and Catholics have fought for centuries in Ireland, and the ethnic strife of the Balkan War divided Muslims and Christians. In France, the Taizé Monastery provides a sanctuary to people from all faiths.

“People hosted me in their homes or monasteries. I stayed only one night in a hotel when I wasn’t able to connect with my host in Dubrovnik, Croatia. In Northern Ireland, I stayed with a guy who is now a dear friend.

In Sarajevo, I stayed at the Franciscan monastery of Ivo Markovic. I had great interviews there, and great fun attempting the language with cab drivers. I still remember a few of the phrases I butchered. Da li govore engleski means ‘Do you speak English?’ I used that one often.

“The fellowship helped me clarify exactly what I wanted to be doing. I knew I wanted to go into social justice work. Through my fellowship, I realized I wanted to be working with those in the midst of religious conflicts. This is exactly where I’ve ended up. I am a conflict mediator and facilitator. I have an ongoing project in Israel-Palestine, a new project developing with an arts center in Lahore, Pakistan, and have several projects here in Ohio.”
Katy Baldwin  
brueggeman fellow 2008

*In the summer of 2008, Nepal was emerging as a new democracy after an 11-year Maoist uprising dethroned the world’s last Hindu monarchy. Katy Baldwin traveled to Kathmandu to investigate.*

“On my second day, the King was forced out of the royal palace. I had a front-row seat to watch the country embrace its new democracy. As I trekked in the Himalayas and cycled through the rice paddies of the Terai, I conducted interviews with politicians, journalists and anyone who would share their stories. I caught mangoes falling heavy and ripe from the trees. I trudged through monsoon showers to language lessons and played hangman with students so enthusiastic about their education that one boy walked for two hours to get to school.

“My fellowship taught me to be independent, diplomatic and confident. But I also learned to be vulnerable, open and trusting. I was overwhelmed by hospitality and kindness. People explained giddily that my name means ‘girl’ in Nepali. They taught me better techniques for eating *dal bhat* (lentils and rice) with my hands.

“Nepal is a democracy started from scratch. From the outside, it looked chaotic and dangerous. Protests were frequent and tires burned in the street. I learned that democracies everywhere are subject to power struggles, partisanship and other pitfalls. A democracy of any age relies on the resilience and commitment of the people.

“I returned to the United States a better citizen. I voted in my first presidential election that fall, just as the Nepali Constituent Assembly did the same.”
“My experiences as a Brueggeman Fellow have colored my decisions, occupations and the way I live my life. Now, as a mother, I hope to share my experiences in Kibera with my daughter.”

Brenda Ratemo  
brueggeman fellow 2009

In the summer of 2009, Brenda Ratemo returned to her native Kenya to gather firsthand information on a health care system she one day hopes to improve.

“Even though I grew up in Kenya, I was given new eyes during my fellowship there, working with the Ministry of Health, the National Hospital Insurance Fund and other agencies to assess the public health care system. Kenya has a resource-poor and budget-tight health care system, like many countries. But I met community members who are establishing group finance schemes with their meager earnings to fund local health facilities. Community organization is a powerful tool in addressing some of our biggest problems, one that is often overlooked. I am currently studying to be a doctor at Dartmouth Medical School. I will return to Kenya when I’m finished.

“One day during my fellowship I visited a district hospital. It was around 7:30 a.m. and I had come to interview a doctor who worked in the pediatrics section. There was a line of about 50 mothers waiting to see her. Some had been there as early as cockcrow, 4:00 a.m. Others had returned who had not received help the previous day. The only doctor in the entire ward took a couple of minutes to talk to me in the midst of her morning. I asked her if she felt overworked. ‘If I do not do it,’ she said simply, ‘who will?’”
Elisabeth Patterson
brueggeman fellow 2010

In the summer of 2010, Elisabeth Patterson traveled to Bogota, Colombia, to study the health disparities faced by people who have fled the country’s continuous fighting.

“My project focused on the health issues of Colombians who have been internally displaced by ongoing conflict. In addition to lacking health care, displaced people also suffer from water shortages, homelessness and racism when they arrive in the already crowded cities, which lack the infrastructure and jobs to support them.

“I knew a woman who lived with her grandson in the barrios at the city’s edge. They had attended some human rights programs I helped initiate. I saw her one afternoon, and she looked sick. As a nursing student, I was the closest health professional for several miles. Her symptoms pointed toward an intestinal pathogen from drinking unclean water. She had visited a doctor when the pain became unbearable and she lost her appetite. But she couldn’t afford the medication. Nor could she take time off work for follow-up appointments. And she couldn’t afford a diet that would restore her strength. She also had to feed her grandson.

“I felt helpless. Colombia’s conflict had uprooted this woman from her home and denied her access to affordable health care and employment opportunities. Far too many societies—and not just South American ones—develop social programs that fail to reach those who truly need them. I plan to use my nursing degree to promote advocacy and true dialogue between communities and the NGOs attempting to help them.”

“Perhaps the most important thing that I gained from my Brueggeman Fellowship was the desire to explore, not just geographically, but also intellectually and socially. For that reason I joined the Peace Corps.”
The Brueggeman Moment

The initial experience of stepping off a plane in a foreign country realizing they’re on their own is so transformative that Fellows have begun to call it their “Brueggeman Moment.” It’s when they ask themselves,

“What have I gotten myself into?”

“I was dropped off as the only English speaker in Loma Linda. Why did I ever think it was a good idea to travel by myself in a developing country where I hardly speak the language? My driver, the same one who dropped me off, was quite surprised to find tears streaming down my face a month later when I left.”

Jennifer Sands
Guatemala | 2009 | Fair Trade Coffee

“I was forever changed by the kindness I received from those I met in Tangier, Amman and Damascus.”

Ashley Bonnell
Syria, Morocco and Jordan | 2010 | Iraq War Refugees

“The experience crystallized my new determination to use my graduate studies in virology to design affordable, effective diagnostics for resource-poor settings.”

Ann Fiegen
Peru | 2010 | New Approaches to Infectious Disease Control

“When I arrived, I was overwhelmed with the vast squatter settlements. Behind every squatter settlement is an organized system of oppression. Behind each deteriorating school building is a group of people who are denying equal access to education. Nothing ever just ‘is.’ Reality is not coincidence, it is constructed.”

Bianca Callejas
South Africa | 2009 | Politics, Culture and Community

“On a Saturday night in Buenos Aires, an ATM ate my debit card. I had no access to money for the weekend. Without hesitating, one of my Argentine hosts gave me enough money for a night at a hotel and something to eat. I had been traveling with him to small German villages in rural Argentina, and was fascinated by his culture. His people had preserved their German language despite two massive emigrations. In that moment, however, I realized it was the relationship we had forged together that mattered most.”

Matt Bigelow
Argentina | 2006 | German Immigration to Argentina Before WWII
“Being a Fellow was about finding a humble confidence in myself that I never knew existed.”

margaret weidner
india | 2010 | water

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“By the time I had to leave, I wanted nothing more than to stay.”

jennifer komos
kenya | 2008 | education and empowerment of women

“In Yogyakarta, near the end of my trip, I visited a small Buddhist temple for a one-hour sitting meditation session. After the session, I talked with the 10 or so locals in attendance. I was surprised to learn that many of them were Muslims or Christians and did not consider themselves only Buddhists. They maintained their identity as Muslims and Christians, while also practicing meditation in a Buddhist temple. They were, in a sense, multi-religious. I realized that religion and religious identity are not rigid, exclusive or static. They can be very fluid and accommodating. My personal experience of religion doesn’t clearly fit any common definition, and it was amazing to see that the same was true for people halfway across the globe.”

steve plachinski
indonesia | 2007 | interreligious dialogue in yogyakarta

“I landed at Istanbul’s Ataturk Airport at midnight, waited two hours to get through security and then haggled for a van ride into the city together with Italian newlyweds and an elderly Austrian couple. I was dropped off last at 3:00 a.m., barely awake after a day of travel. I walked into my hostel to settle in for the hottest, loudest and least restful night of ‘sleep’ I’d ever had. I didn’t speak Turkish, so I had no idea where the hostel manager had put my luggage, how long my reservation at the hostel went or how much they had charged my credit card. I wondered what I had gotten myself into.”

christian lowry
germany and turkey | 2007 | sociopolitical consequences of muslim integration into western europe
The Blessing project began as most things do in the Brueggeman Center— with a conversation. This one involved Yaffa Eliach, who was a visiting professor in the Brueggeman Center in 2004; William Madges, then chair of Xavier’s Department of Theology; Rabbi Abie Ingber, then Director of Hillel Jewish Student Center for Greater Cincinnati; and James Buchanan, who had just become the Brueggeman Center’s director. Eliach suggested that there was an important interfaith story about Pope John Paul II, who had transformed the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people, that needed to be told. She suggested that the group build an exhibit to tell that story.

With Xavier and the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati behind them, in October 2004, Madges, Ingber, Eliach and Buchanan traveled to Rome for an audience with Pope John Paul II. They asked for his blessing for the project, and he bestowed it. The promise was that the exhibit would open on May 18, 2005, which would have been the Holy Father’s 80th birthday. Unfortunately, the Pope wouldn’t live to see its unveiling.

Ingber, Madges and Buchanan had no experience whatsoever in building exhibitions, and they had four months to do it. When Buchanan enlisted the support of local museum curators and explained the project’s timeframe, they told him it was not possible to open in four months. But while working their regular jobs and spending long hours at the Brueggeman Center every evening, Madges, Ingber and Buchanan somehow managed to finish in time for what was one of the most amazing gatherings of the Catholic and Jewish communities in the history of Cincinnati on May 18, 2005.

“The Center plays a critical role in promoting basic, universal human values and rights, which are close to the hearts of people of all faiths, and in serving the common good.”

Maria Czyzyk-Krzeska | University of Cincinnati
about the exhibit:

• A 2,300-square-foot multimedia exhibition.
• Artifacts from more than 20 lenders.
• The exhibit traveled the United States for over 8 years in 18 venues from New York to Los Angeles, from Buffalo to Houston. Building interfaith community,
• Numerous video stations with interviews of people ranging from the Pope’s childhood friends to church leaders, including exclusive interviews with Jerzy Kluger.
• Plans are in the works to either take the current exhibit or build a second one to tour Europe.

Over 1 million visitors since opening as of 2011
What began as a story about his Papacy expanded into one that encompassed his entire life—from his childhood in Wadowice, Poland, to the horrors of his experience during WWII and the Holocaust, to his life as a young priest in Krakow, and then to his remarkable interfaith work as Pope. More than a historical exhibit, A Blessing to One Another was designed to immerse the visitor into a multimedia world spanning Wadowice in the 1920s to the Vatican of today. The exhibit commemorates, educates and inspires. It not only tells the “big” story of the life of the Pope but also the “smaller” story of his amazing relationship with Jerzy Kluger, his childhood and lifelong Jewish friend, thus transforming the exhibit into a story that is not just about the Pope but potentially a story for each of us.

The creation and success of the exhibit has been a watershed moment in the transforming relationship between Xavier University, the Catholic community and Cincinnati’s Jewish community. The Brueggeman Center has been responsible for the management of the exhibit since it opened in 2005. The exhibit’s creators see it as a ministry to transform interfaith relations wherever it goes.

For more information about the exhibit and to see a video, go to: www.blessingexhibit.org.

The Golden Rule: A common thread through all religions

**Buddhism:** Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.

THE BUDDHA, UDNA-VARGA 5:18

**Baha’i Faith:** Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things that you would not desire for yourself.

BAHA’U’LAIH, GLEANINGS

**Hinduism:** This is the sum of duty: Do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.

MAHABHARATA, 5:1517

**Islam:** Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself.

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD, HADITH

**Native Spirituality:** We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive.

CHIEF DAN GEORGE

**Sikhism:** I am a stranger to no one, and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all.

GURU GRANTH SAHIB, p.1299

**Christianity:** In everything, do to others as you would have them to do you, for this is the law and the prophets.

JESUS, MATTHEW 7:12

**Confucianism:** One word which sums up the basis of all good conduct…loving-kindness. Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.

CONFUCIUS, ANALECTS 15:23

**Jainism:** One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated.

MAHAVIRA, SUTRAKRITANGA

**Judaism:** What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary. Go and learn it.

HILLEL, TALMUD, SHABBATH 31A

**Taoism:** Regard your neighbor’s gain as your own gain and your neighbor’s loss as your own loss.

LAO TZU, T’AI SHANG KAN YING PIEN 213-218

**Zoroastrianism:** Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself.
come to the table: many profound, inspiring conversations have taken place around the dinner table at the Brueggeman Center.
The Center

The Brueggeman Center occupies a peaceful 1920s Tudor-style, red-brick house on a shady edge of campus. The house includes offices, a seminar room, a lounge and office for the Fellows and two bedroom and office suites for visiting scholars and speakers. The seminar room doubles as a wonderful space for shared meals. These meals embody the Center’s spirit of dialogue. Before most major events, the Center hosts a meal at that table with the speakers and participants. There are only two rules: great food and one conversation in which everyone participates. These pre-event conversations can become so engrossing that speakers have trouble leaving them to reach their events on time. For many guests, these dinner conversations are the most memorable part of their visit to Xavier.
“I’ve had the exciting and the challenging privilege of being part of the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue since its very beginnings. So I’ve been able to observe how over the years, under the able leadership of James Buchanan and with the support of Xavier and the broader Cincinnati community, the Center has become better and better at what it does—bringing together select groups of people who by talking with each other inspire other people to talk with each other about the kind of things that everybody wants to, and needs to, talk about… The Brueggeman Center has made a difference in the lives of so many of us, and of our city, and of our nation.”

paul knitter | the paul tillich professor of theology, world religions and culture | union theological seminary, new york city

“The Brueggeman Center has been a wonderful partner, bringing expertise, perspective, and intellectual as well as financial capital to the table. Whether it is a willingness to host a meeting or an event or offering the expansive services of Xavier University to our humble endeavor, we would not have achieved the success we have with this series without the cherished partnership of the Edward B. Brueggeman Center.”

abby schwartz | former curator of education, taft museum of art

“The Center has been a leader and at the table in bringing to the forefront and addressing critical issues impacting our society, regionally and globally.”

shakila t. ahmad | bridges for a just community
“As our country rapidly moves to become an amalgam of different ethnicities and faiths in the 21st century, the Brueggeman Center’s work will assume even more significance in ensuring that we function as a harmonious, peaceful society. ... We have received worthy support from the Brueggeman Center in bringing community leaders together in speaking with one voice against bigotry toward Muslim Americans and affirming equal rights for our citizens of all faiths and ethnicities. In such efforts, it has displayed national leadership.

“Xavier University can be rightfully proud of the trail-blazing work done by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue in our community over the last decade. We wish the Center every success and look forward to a productive, cooperative relationship well into the future.”

inayat Malik MD | Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati

“The Center’s resources, mission and physical space add a tremendous amount of intellectual vitality to campus.”

kathleen smythe | xavier university

“The Brueggeman Center at Xavier University is one of the most dynamic institutions in our community. Since its inception, it has opened minds and broadened awareness of a myriad of important issues. The Center has played a unique role in bringing together diverse organizations, religious and academic institutions, businesses and individuals. Through its significant public programming and initiatives with students, the institution is an agent for change and challenges people to work for solutions to social issues.”

sarah l. weiss | the center for holocaust and humanity education

“The Brueggeman Center is a critical leader in the effort to forge new and better relationships between people, and to identify real solutions to the complex challenges facing us as a community. I am in awe of everything that the Center has accomplished in just eight short years, and I wish for nothing but continued success as we move together from strength to strength in the years ahead.”

brian jaffe | the jewish foundation of cincinnati
Cynthia Cummins, Administrative Assistant

Cynthia has been with the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue since its beginning. In addition to keeping the Center running, Cynthia has been in charge of the arrangements for hundreds of programs.
The most exciting question in program development is, “What’s next?” That question becomes so all-consuming that we rarely look back at the path we have traveled. The following list reflects the past years of Brueggeman Center programming. It is a reminder of our wonderful regional, national and international partners; of the work we have shared with them to make Xavier University an important forum for public discussion of critical issues; of how much we have learned and how much we have yet to learn; of the thousands of people who have attended our programs and lent their voices to the dialogue; and of the challenges that lie ahead.
from left to right: tom crain, kevin leahy, ray anderson, christopher flavin, kathleen smythe, james buchanan and david orr just prior to a town hall meeting titled “the search for a new energy future.”
Past programming

2002

Town Hall “Globalization and the Environment,” Ralph Nader, John E. Pepper, Lawrence E. Sullivan, John W. Wilhelm, Marjory E. Searing. march 11

2003


Diverse Traditions, Common Ideals-Christian, Jewish Muslim Relationships in a Post 9/11 World sept. 11

Brueggeman Chair Lecture: On the Bridge between a Vanished Past and a Safe and Present Future, Professor Yaffa Eliach sept. 18


Contemporary Civil Rights: The Spiritual and Social Journey of Bernard LaFayette with Bernard LaFayette dec. 10

2004

Artistic Expressions Of Faith: Images of Women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Skirball Museum, Rabbi Ken Ehrlich, Dr. Eva Frojmovic feb. 26

Artistic Expressions Of Faith: Images of Women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Cincinnati Art Museum, Abby Schwartz, Peter Barnet, Michael David-Weill mar 4

Civic Engagement Institute, partnering with the Kettering Foundation, Ohio State University Extension, Civic Life Institute, University of Kentucky Dept. of Community & Leadership Development & Cooperative Extension Service, the Scripps-Howard Center of Civic Engagement, Northern Kentucky University, and the Northern Kentucky Public Policy Forum march 4-5

Artistic Expressions Of Faith: Images of Women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Dr. Halide Salam march 11

The Health Impacts of Urban Sprawl, partnering with the UC Environmental Policy Center march 18

Democracy and Civil Society, A Single Country Project for Afghanistan march 22

Brueggeman Center & E/RS Film and Discussion Series: Globalization and the Environment in Film—“Emerald Forest” march 24

Arun Gandhi: A Season of Non-Violence march 25

Brueggeman Center & E/RS Film and Discussion Series: Globalization and the Environment in Film—“Whale Rider” march 31

The Political and Aesthetic Dimension of the Feminine Ideal in China, Eva Kit Wah Man april 2

Claudia Stevens: An Evening with Madame F april 6

Town Hall “The Impact of Globalization on Women in the US and the World,” Mary Robinson, Jocelyn Dow, Deborah Henretta, Patricia Mische april 9


Nurturing Hope in the Face of the AIDS Crisis, Naomi Tutu sept. 19

The Question of Iraq: Past, Present and Future, Greg Thielmann, Adeed Dawisha sept. 23

The Question of God: Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis, cosponsored with WCET sept. 28

Bangladeshi Workers Speak: The Human Face Behind the Global Economy sept. 29

“Going Green” Webcast and Workshop oct. 6, 13

Searching for Common Ground: Catholicism and Pentecostal Christianity in Dialogue, Amos Yong oct. 12

Corporate Responsibility: How to Use Global Principles, David Schilling oct. 19

Romero Folk Mass for 20th Anniversary of the Assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero nov. 16

2005

Middle Eastern Film Festival jan. 12-16

LEEDS Luncheon regarding the advantages of Xavier building sustainability jan. 31

Archbishop Michael L. Fitzgerald, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue/“Interfaith Relations Today”/Vatican II’s Nostra Aetate march 6

The Johnson & Johnson Credo: The Soul of this Fortune 50 Company, Roger Fine march 14

The Faces of Genocide/High Stakes in Sudan: Reflections on the Future of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights april 5

Holocaust Awareness Weeks/ America’s Response to the Holocaust: What We Now Know and Why It Matters, cospnsored with Center for Humanity and Holocaust Education april 10

A Hero Speaks/“Hotel Rwanda”: A Lesson Yet to be Learned, Paul Rusesabagina april 13

Town Hall “Food Security and Globalization,” Vandana Shiva, Ken Hackett, Julie Zavon april 17

A Blessing To One Another: Pope John Paul II & The Jewish People, Opening may 18

EarthSpirit Rising/Ecology, Spirituality, Community, cospnsored with Imago, Matthew Fox, Winona LaDuke, Malidona Some, Diana Leaf Christian, Frances Moore Lappe, Miriam Therese MacGillis, OP, John Seed, Paula Gonzalez, SC july 8-10

Hosted Imams with International Visitor’s Center oct. 5

“Vision of Hope presentation, A Global Ethic,” James Buchanan & Paul Knitter oct. 17

HIV/AIDS and Islam: Between Scorn, Pity and Justice, Farid Esack/Brueggeman Chair nov. 6

Immigrant’s Day nov. 13

Nostra Aetate 40 Years Later: The Future of Christian-Jewish Relations, Rabbi David Sandmel, Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit, Elizabeth Groppe nov. 14

Advocacy for Change: Refugees and Rebels, Kenneth Bacon nov. 15

Debating The War In Iraq, Joseph Wilson dec. 5
“The Center not only educates about the complexities of multi-faceted current challenges; it also offers opportunities for public deliberation on matters of public concern. In this way, the Center serves the highest aspirations of both the University as well as wider society.”

anas Malik | Assistant Professor of Political Science and Sociology | Xavier University

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### 2006

- **Jan. 25**
  - John Paul II and Benedict XVI: The Papacy in the New Era of Jewish-Catholic Relations, Rabbi Michael Sigler

- **Feb. 1**
  - Gender and Family in Islam, Dilek Cindoglu, Visiting Fulbright Scholar

- **Feb. 8**
  - Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Opening Night, Cincinnati Art Museum, Dr. B.S. Foad, Hillel Gala cosponsor

- **Feb. 13**
  - Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Dr. Nili Fox

- **Feb. 15**
  - Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Artistic Expressions of Faith: Leo Klein, S.J.

- **Feb. 19**
  - Our Future in a Globalizing World, John Quigley and Richard Rohr

- **Feb. 24**
  - Are You Afraid Of Me? Post 9/11 Community Forum, cosponsored with the Freedom Center

- **Feb. 26**
  - Healing Deadly Memories, Dr. Arthur Dewey

- **March 2**
  - The Role of Religion in Politics: Views from the Right and Left, Michelle Goldberg, Phil Burrell

- **March 9**
  - The Non-duality of Good and Evil: Buddhist Reflections on the New Holy Wars, Daniel Liechty, David Loy

- **March 12**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Skirball Museum, Dr. Nili Fox

- **March 19**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

- **March 23**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

- **March 26**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

### 2007

- **Jan. 25**
  - Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Artistic Expressions of Faith: Leo Klein, S.J.

- **Feb. 2**
  - LDAP cosponsor

- **Feb. 5**
  - Islam: What Catholics Need to Know, Elias D. Mallon, SA

- **Feb. 13**
  - How Do We Solve America’s Addiction to Oil? Cancelled due to weather

- **Feb. 24**
  - The Great Turning, Joanna Macy

- **March 2**
  - Christian Leadership, Political Engagement, and Social Change, Jim Wallis

- **March 3**
  - Developing Economies in an Era of Globalization, Jamil Mahuad

- **March 7**
  - Day of Dialogue, Rick

- **March 12**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

- **March 18**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

- **March 23**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

- **March 29**
  - Sacred Space Through the Ages, Artistic Expressions of Faith: Exploring Aspects of Devotion in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Taft Museum of Art, Katie Johnson

### 2008

- **Feb. 3**
  - Beyond Stereotypes: Islamophobia and the War on Terror, David Cole, Peter Gottschalk, Mohamed Nimer

- **Feb. 27**
  - Seeking Refuge in the 21st Century: The Crisis in Darfur, Elisehva Milikowsky

- **March 9**
2009

The Tragedy of Darfur and Sudan: A Dialogue with Omer Ismail and Simon Deng
feb. 18
Darfur Week, Educator’s Workshop, cosponsor feb. 21
Darfur Week, Michael Chikwanine & Katie Meyler, cosponsor feb. 23
Understanding Haitian Culture and Development, Karen Richman feb. 25
Three Comics, Three Faiths: An Interfaith Comedy Show, Jordan Carlos, Dan Ahdoot, Kumail Nangiani march 12
When Truth Becomes Dangerous: Religion and Violence, Paul Knitter march 15
Witnesses of Faith: The Struggle for Environmental Justice and Human Rights in Brazil, Brother Rodrigo de Castro, Amedee Peret march 25
Town Hall “The Challenge Ahead: In Search of a New Energy Economy,” Ray Anderson, Christopher Flavin, Kevin Leahy, David Orr april 6
Paul Dixon of Kingston University/ “Honorable Deceptions? The Role of Political Lying in the Northern Ireland Peace Process,” cosponsor april 17
Catholic/Jewish Dialogue, Eugene Fisher & Rabbi Gary Greenebaum april 21
Politics Institute, “Kevin Phillips,” cosponsor april 22
Out of Poverty, Paul Polak april 27
Children of Hope, Rabbi Abie Ingber april 28

EarthSpirit Rising, David Korten, David Orr, Paula Gonzalez, SC, Miriam Therese MacGillis, OP june 12-14
Saving Darwin: How to Be a Christian and Believe in Evolution, Karl Giberson sept. 14
Pakistan’s Foreign Relations Under The War On Terror, Mansoor Alam sept. 16
“In Defense of Food: The Omnivore’s Solution,” Michael Pollan, cosponsor, E/RS lecture series sept. 27
“Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change,” Vandana Shiva, cosponsor, E/RS lecture series sept. 28
“Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think,” movie, showing at The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center oct. 10
“Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change,” Vandana Shiva oct. 18
Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think, movie, showing at Xavier, Michael Wolfe, producer nov. 16
Taizé service at Bellarmine nov. 11
The Future of Islam: Muslim-West Relations, John Esposito nov. 18
Brueggeman Fellows 2008-2009 Presentation nov. 20

2010

My Prison, My Home: One Woman’s Story of Captivity in Iran, Haleh Esfandiari jan. 19
Invisible Children: The Story of Child Soldiers, Boni march 9
Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Opening Night, Cincinnati Art Museum, Dr. Wilson Yates april 7
E/RS Series and Town Hall: A Conversation with Wendell Berry, Wes Jackson and Gene Logsdon april 11
Survivor Soulmates, David Gewirtzman and Eugenie Mukeshimana april 13
Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati, Stephen Knapp april 21
Spirituality and Social Critique: A Modern Jewish Perspective, Jonathan Garb april 25
Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Stephen Knapp april 28
The New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START): Reducing the Nuclear Threat, retired Lt. Generals Robert G. Gard, Jr. and Dirk Jamesons sept. 8

Bioneers Conference: Greening Your Cities & Neighborhoods, cosponsored with Imago.
Local speakers: Andrea Torrice, Thane Maynard, Chad Edwards, Roxanne Qualls, Laure Quinlivan.
National speakers via satellite:
John Francis, Jessy Tolkien, Mallika Dutt, Peter Warshall, James Hansen, Elizabeth K. Lindsey, Andy Lipkis, Mary Gonzales, John Warner, Gary Hirshberg, Lynne Twist, Gloria Feldt, Anthony Dantese, Jane Goodall oct. 15-17
Cradle to Cradle—Designing a Hopeful Future with Inspiration from Living Systems, William McDonough, Sustainability Day oct. 25
Writing God’s Word: The Quran, Imagery and Islamic Art, Sheila Blair nov. 3
White Rainbow, movie, with Linda Mandrayar, producer nov. 16
The Plight of Widows in India, Dr. Mohini Giri nov. 17
2011

Bruggeman Fellows 2009-2010 Presentation Feb. 18

Film: What Are We Doing Here, with Tim Klein, producer Feb. 23

E/RS Lecture: Jackie Brookner, On The Waterfront April 10

Town Hall “The Global Water Crisis,” Greg Allgood, Peter Gleick, Menahem Libhaber April 11

Campaigns, Policy and Public Life: A Conversation with Dennis Eckart, cosponsored with the Center for the Study of the American Dream April 12

Jerome Rothenberg: Readings by the internationally renowned poet, essayist and anthologist, cosponsored with the Xavier English Department April 13

A Bilingual Poetry Reading with Father Ernesto Cardenal, cosponsored with Xavier’s Academic Service Learning Semesters April 16

Sonia Nazario: Hispanic Heritage Series, author of “Enrique’s Journey Oct. 6

Tamale Road Movie Presentation, Marcos Villatoro Oct. 19

Contemporary Islam, Akbar Ahmed Oct. 21

Does China Exist?, James & Deborah Fallows Oct. 27

Recology, Recycling, Bob Beso, Sustainability Day Nov. 7

Rock the Casbah, Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World, Robin Wright Nov. 10

American Muslims and the Workplace: Seminar and Interfaith Dinner, Sponsored by the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati Nov. 17

2012

On the Same Page: The Submission, Amy Waldman March 4

Islam and Modernity, Waheed Hussain March 12

Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Hindu Temple, Kanniks Kannikeswaran March 28

Search for the Spiritual Art, Taft Museum of Art, Stabat Mater: Sacred Hymns with Catacusic Consort, April 11

Search for the Spiritual Art, Islamic Center, Alex Kronemer April 18

Taize service at Bellarmine April 19


A Blessing To One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People, Exhibit displayed at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Sept. 10 to Jan. of 2012

Latin Lessons: How the U.S. “lost” South America, Hal Weitzman September 10

Islamophobia and Racism in this Election Year, Nihil Awad, Charles Hughes Sept. 19

IUSB-In-India-US Business Network: India Comes to Cincinnati, Greg O’Connor Oct. 3

Sustainability Week Events-Silent Spring at 50: The Prophetic Vision of Rachel Carson Oct. 4

3E Summit: Cincinnati’s Summit on Energy-Economy-Environment Oct. 5

Participants included Xavier, the Edward B. Bruggeman Center for Dialogue, and local “green” organizations, including the City of Cincinnati’s Office of Environmental Equality, community at large

Raising Elijah: Protecting our Children 50 Years after Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring, Sandra Steingraber Oct. 7


domino01: Aqua/International Art Exhibition and Humanitarian Collaboration of Worldwide Distributed Art, Cosponsored by OMID (hope in Persian), Xavier, and the Bruggeman Center for Dialogue Nov. 28
“Being a Fellow wasn’t just about research, reading, meetings and traveling. It was about being part of an inspired community of individuals.”

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2013

Will the Year of the Snake Prove Venomous for Sino-US Relations? Ambassador Jim Sasser, Professor Gray Sasser Feb. 5

Salvadoran Women Share Their Culture at CFJ’s Community Night, Marta Ramirez, Vitalina Luna Feb. 18


IUSBN-India-US Business Network: Reaching 1/5 of the World, Adrian Mutton, Olaf Friese Feb. 27

On The Same Page: The End of Your Life Book Club, Bill Schwalbe March 2

Brueggeman Fellows 2012-2013 Presentation March 8

U.S. Intervention: When is Enough Really Enough?, Robin Wright March 14

Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty, Mustafa Akyol March 21

Out of Cordoba Film and Discussion, with Jacob Bender, director March 21

Colonialism Empire, and Race: The Politics of Modern Jewish-Christian Relations, Susannah Heschel, cosponsor, E/RS Lecture Series April 8

The Spiritual Significance of Jihad in Islamic Economics, Dr. Waleed El-Ansary April 22

Poetic Vision Tour-Introspicere, special musical journey through 800 years of poetry, Dawud Wharnsby, Saad Muhammad, J. Mecka, Saad Omar April 28

IUSBN-India-US Business Network: Navigation Through the Prism: What Our Deep Dive Into India Taught Us, Dr. Rashmi Assudani May 23

Center for Economic Initiatives and National Bureau of Asian Research presentation and discussion on business issues, led by four Asian experts May 28

Are Mars and Venus Realigned: US-EU Cooperation in the Middle East, Daniel Schwammenthal May 29

Art at the X, Multicultural Expressions of Faith, Endowed by a grant from Xavier University’s Women of Excellence. Co-sponsored by Xavier’s Department of Art, Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity, Women’s Center, Center for Mission and Identity, Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice, Center for Interfaith Community Engagement, and the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue May-September 2013

African Summit IV, Christopher Che Sept. 21

Justice and the Politics of Dignity, Michael Rosen Sept. 23

A Tale of Two Futures: How Empowerment Helped One Mayan Girl Beat the Odds, Anelma Ortiz Oct. 14

Energy Justice: Sustainable Forms of Energy, Joan Fitzgerald, Larry Falkin, Garry Harris, Sustainability Day Oct. 28

Indonesia and the Arab Spring: No Easy Answers, Elizabeth Collins Oct. 29

Swami Vivekananda: 150th Birth Anniversary, co-sponsored with the World Hindu Council Cincinnati Chapter, and the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Nov. 10

IUSBN-India-Starting a Business in India: 10 Lessons Learned, Chris Devonshire Nov. 11

Occupational Therapy Without Borders, Frank Kronenberg Nov. 11

Xavier To Haiti: The Paths Of Two Alumni, Benjamin Krause, Scott Griffin Nov. 13

Peter Hershock of the East-West Center in Hawaii, discussions surrounding the Asian Studies Minor at Xavier Nov. 19, 20, 21

3E Summit: Sustainability, The New Path to Growing Your Business, cosponsors included the US Green Building Council, City of Cincinnati Office of Environment and Sustainability, Green Umbrella Nov. 22

Forum on Hydraulic Fracturing and Shale Drilling, cosponsored with the American Jewish Committee and The League of Women Voters Dec. 4

2014

Afghanistan and Central Asia Were Once the Center of the World: What They Achieved 1,000 Years Ago and What, if Anything, This Means Today? S. Frederick Starr Jan. 16

Iran: Nuclear Negotiations, Human Rights and Other Emerging Priorities, John Bradshaw Feb. 11

“Crimes in the Heartland,” movie, showing at The National Underground Freedom Center Feb. 24

Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Opening Night, Cincinnati Art Museum, James Buchanan Feb. 19

Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Skinball Museum, David Gitlitz Feb. 26

Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Hindu Temple, Swami Ishatmandanda March 5

On the Same Page: A Star for Mrs. Blake, April Smith March 8

Energy Justice: Leading the Way to a Third Industrial Revolution, Jeremy Rifkin March 10

Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Taft Museum of Art, Caroline Hillard March 12

Search for the Spiritual Through Art, Islamic Center, Michael Wolfe March 19

Town Hall “Building Sustainable Local Economies in an Age of Globalization,” Michael Shuman, Kristen Barker, Michele Bertaux March 17

Brueggeman Fellows 2013-2014 Presentation March 21

Pope Francis: The Jesuit and Franciscan Legacy, presentation and discussion on the one year anniversary of his papacy, Gillian Ahlgren, Christopher Pramuk March 18

“Sanctity of Sanctuary: Paul Strauss and the Equinox Farm,” film showing at Esquire Theater, Lloyd Library, Kennedy Auditorium at Xavier, Blis DeVault, producer Feb. 5, 21, March 26

Carriage House Farm Tour, led by Paul Strauss/Practical Visionary in Residence at Xavier March 28

Mexico’s Predicament and American Policy, Gustavo Esteva April 3

Green Umbrella 2014 Sustainability Summit, John Picard May 12
Continuation of

2014

World Refugee Day Cup: Soccer event at Taft High School, with local refugee groups participating, cosponsors included RefugeeConnect, and HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) June 28

The Current State of Politics in Pakistan and its Implications for US Foreign Policy, Dr. Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq, visiting Fulbright Scholar from Pakistan, Dr. Anas Malik, Associate Professor of Political Science at Xavier August 14

Weekend launch, Institute for Spirituality & Social Justice, Paul Knitter, Professor Emeritus, Theology at Xavier, and formerly Paul Tillich Professor of Theology, World Religions and Culture at Union Theological Seminar, co-sponsors ISSJ, Office of The President, Department of Theology, Bellarmine Chapel September 26, 27, 28

From Jails to Jobs: Community Re-Entry & the Criminal Justice System Father Greg Boyle, SJ, co-sponsor included Office of the President, Center for Faith and Justice, and thirteen local churches, faith based and secular organizations October 2

Water Justice Series/Blue Revolution: A Water Ethic for America, Cynthia Barnett October 19

Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit: Ground-breaking day long conference to share latest ideas, resources and solutions, and to dialogue with forward thinkers, sustainability leaders and companies working to make a positive impact in environmental sustainability, Stan Meiburg, U.S. EPA Acting Deputy Administrator, co-sponsor included Green Umbrella, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Greater Cincinnati Green Business Council, U.S. Green Building Council (Cincinnati Chapter) May 1

What Is It Like To Be A Refugee? Dr. Ana Julieta Calvo June 18

Irregular Warfare, U.S. Special Operations, Dr. Kalev I. Sepp July 13

2015

Pope Francis: His Commitment to the Environment, Dan Misleh March 12

Water Justice Series/Blue Future: Protecting Water for People and The Planet Forever, Maude Barlow, speaker, author, co-sponsors included Sustainability at Xavier, Green Umbrella, Senior Administrative Fellow for Sustainability & Environmental Imagination, Environmental Science Program, MA in Urban Sustainability & Resilience March 16

What Do We Do About ISIS? Major General Paul D. Eaton (Ret.) April 1

Why We Stay: The Changing Role of Women and Our Faith Communities, Rosemary Radford Ruether, Judith Plaskow, Amy Levin, Gina Messina-Dysert, Jennifer Zobair, Amina Wadud, co-Editors and authors, Faithfully Feminist. Funding supported by a grant from Xavier University’s Women of Excellence, with additional support from The President’s Office, and the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue. Co-sponsored by American Jewish Committee, The Center for Diversity & Inclusion, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Center for Interfaith Community Engagement, Dorothy Day Center for Faith & Justice, Institute for Spirituality and Social Justice, XU Gender & Diversity Studies, Jewish Community Relations Council, XU Mission & Identity, Ethics/Religion & Society Program, XU Department of Theology September 20

The International Politics and Bioethics of Human Genetic Engineering, Jamie Metzl September 30

Living & Making History: The Marc H. Tanenbaum Collection and the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II, Hebrew Union College-Hewish Institute of Religion, reflections by Dr. James P. Buchanan, Brueggeman Center for Dialogue October 11

What Is The Right Thing To Do? Michael Sandel, co-sponsored by the Cintas Institute for Business Ethics, Ethics, Religion, and Society at Xavier, and the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue October 15
2016

15 Years Later: The Cincinnati Riots and The Future of the City-Series of Events:

An Evening with Fr. Michael Graham: Reflections on 2001 January 21

The Collaborative Agreement: A Dialogue with Judge Susan Dlott January 26

Film Screening: Cincinnati Goddamn (directors April Martin and Paul Hill)

Town Hall Meeting, panelists Rev. Damon Lynch III, Iris Roley, Al Gerhardstein, Captain Maris Herold, moderated by Donna Jones Baker, President & CEO the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati February 2

Musical Event: The Armed Man 2016 (by Kaleel Skeirik and Tyrone Williams) March 1

Sponsored by The President’s Office at Xavier, Cosponsored by the Ethics/Religion and Society Program, The Eigel Center for Community-Engaged Learning, The Center for Diversity and Inclusion, The Brueggeman Center for Dialogue

Refugees and the Responsibility to Welcome: Yours, Mine and Ours, Mark Hetfield January 6

Drones and the International Law of Armed Conflict, James Mackler February 9


This Changes Everything: Avi Lewis Film, inspired by Naomi Klein’s book. Epic attempt to re-imagine the vast challenge of climate change. April 3

Sunni Shiite: An Instructive Conversation, Consul General of Pakistan, Faisal Niaz Trimmizi April 7

The Refugee Crisis: Policy Responses in Germany and Europe, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Herbert Quelle April 11

Climate Change: Examining our Responses, Global and Local Moderated by James Buchanan, Panelists; Nancy Bertaux, Anas Malik, John Smieocki, Scott Hassell April 12

From Fear to Freedom: Fighting Islamophobia Moderated by James Buchanan, director, Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, Panelists; Dr. Amina Darwish, University of Cincinnati, Dr. Anas B. Malik, Xavier University, Dr. Baher Foad, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Imam Illyas Nashid, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Dr. Saba Chughtai, Muslim Mothers Against Violence April 13

The Cooperative Economy: Building a Sustainable Future Interactive conference aimed at preparing the way for a more inclusive and cooperative economy. Keynotes, Jessica Gordon Nembauer, John Jay College, Melissa Hoover, Democracy At Work Institute. April 21

World Refugee Day Cup: Soccer event at Xavier University to celebrate World Refugee Day. Teams from countries around the world compete. Events for families include a resource fair and a family fun zone. Cosponsors include RefugeeConnect, a project of the Junior League of Cincinnati, and the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier June 4

The Future of Energy: A View from the Frontlines of the Energy Wars, Todd Schwartz June 7

Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit 2016: Stakeholders throughout the Ohio Valley region and adjoining areas discuss and celebrate the work that is currently being done throughout the Midwest and identify future regional collaboration. Keynote from Paul Hawken, co-founder of Smith & Hawken, internationally recognized proponent of sustainable business practices. Co-sponsors include Green Umbrella, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Greater Cincinnati Green Business Council, U.S. Green Building Council (Cincinnati Chapter) June 10

The U.S. Foreign Service-Does It Matter Today? D. Thomas Longo July 5

How International Immersion and Study Abroad Can Change Your Life and Career Sept. 23


Legal Terms and Issues on Immigration: Panel of experts offers definitions relevant to policy and practices facing immigrants, migrants and refugees. Oct. 26

RefugeeConnect, a project of the Junior League of Cincinnati, and the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier June 4

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Responsibility And Hope For A World In Conflict: 50th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate, Yonathan Arfi, Francis X. Clooney, S.J., and Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, global leaders in interreligious thought and action explore together ways in which interfaith collaboration can enrich our community and our world. Cosponsored by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, XU Department of Theology, Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Program of Catholic Studies at University of Cincinnati, Bellarmine Chapel, XU Mission & Identity, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and the Jewish Community Relations Council. October 18

Food For All: Reverend David Beckmann, President, Bread for the World October 22

The Cooperative Economy: Building a Sustainable Future, cosponsored by Ethics/Religion & Society, Community Blend, Cincinnati Union Coop Initiative, The Eigel Center at Xavier, and Brueggeman Center for Dialogue November 12

Pope Francis, Consumption Justice & The Economics Of Genuine Wealth, Mark Anielski November 16

Neighborhood Economics Conference 2015: Accelerating the low of capital through our neighborhoods, held at Gallagher Theater and Student Center, Xavier University. Sponsored by SOCAP, and the Economics of Compassion, in partnership with the Parish Collective, Christ Church Cathedral, The Diocese of Southern Ohio, Balle, CiNBA, Xlink, Locavesting, Kiva, and the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue. November 17, 18
Women & Faith: Deborah Levine  

“Issues of Religion and Faith are emerging as major challenges in the American workplace. Religious Diversity at Work guides business leaders and service providers through religious differences. Our many contributors provide much-needed religious literacy, expert advice on minimizing conflict, and engaging training tools.” Ms. Levine, editor, Religious Diversity at Work and Religious Diversity in our Schools Nov. 3

Food Waste: A Strategic Regional Conversation; Creating a Road Map to Prevent, Recover, Recycle Nov. 4

Journeys of Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Panel of entrepreneurs who moved to America by choice or by necessity, faced the challenges of trying to establish themselves, and found success. Main sponsorship thru the Center for International Business at Xavier, cosponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier, and Refugee Connect, Nov. 17

Ta-Nehisi Coates: One of America’s most important voices, particularly on issues of race, inequality, mass incarceration, and reparations. His award-winning essay for The Atlantic, “The Case for Reparations,” was widely read and discussed during the summer of 2014 and is now taught in classrooms across the US. Between the World and Me, a letter to his son about race and police brutality, won the National Book Award in 2015, Nov. 20

2017

ReelAbilities Film Festival: Organized by LADD, Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled, region’s largest film festival, dedicated to celebrating the lives, stories and art of people who experience disability and difference. Brings together the many individuals and agencies in greater Cincinnati serving veterans, and people with disabilities involving motor, developmental, sensory, and mental health challenges. March 9-12

XU Dementia Care Summit and Refresh Your Soul Conference, Teepa Snow March 13, 14

The God of Life and a Civilization of Love, Catholic Response to the Refugee and Immigration Crisis, Professor Tim Groody April 5

Climate Justice Series: Climate Change and the Merchants of Doubt, Dr. Naomi Oreskes April 6

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH 2017: LAND JUSTICE “FOR Land’s Sake” A MULTI-GENRE PRESENTATION IN THE ARTS, Michael Henson, Sherry Cook Stanforth, Karl Zuelke October 12

Civil Rights in the US with Thomas Wheeler II October 26

Latin America Trending towards Beijing, Washington, or its Southern Star, Dr. Cynthia Watson December 5

Losing an Enemy: Obama, Iran, and the Triumph of Diplomacy, Trita Parsi June 26

The Middle East: A Diplomat’s View, A Wide Ranging Conversation with Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York August 29
**2018**

Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the Struggle for Power, Ambassador Kenton Keith  *February 13*

2016–17 Brueggeman Fellows Travel Research Presentations  *February 23*

When US foreign policy goals conflict with conduct of American businesses abroad, Qaisar Shareef  *March 26*

**Earth Day with Vandana Shiva:** Vandana Shiva was named one of the top Seven most Powerful Women on the Globe by Forbes magazine in 2010. Trained as a physicist, she founded Navdanya, a national movement to protect the diversity and integrity of living resources, especially native, see the promotion of organic farming and fair trade. This event is part of the Land Justice Series, Sustainability at Xavier. Cosponsored by Sustainability at Xavier, Green Umbrella Regional Sustainability Alliance, Ethics, Religion and Society at Xavier, Brueggeman Center at Xavier  *April 22*

Refugee Empowerment Initiative Summit 2018: Refugee Empowerment Initiative partners create a space to present, discuss, and co-create solutions for challenges facing our Refugee communities  *April 25*

Fifth Annual World Refugee Day Cup Soccer Tournament at Xavier University to celebrate World Refugee Day. Teams from countries around the world compete. Events for families include a resource fair and a family fun zone. Cosponsors include RefugeeConnect, and the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier  *June 23*

Cincinnati Festival of Faiths: Modeled after popular long-standing festivals in Louisville and Indianapolis, this is Greater Cincinnati’s first festival, showcasing the many faith traditions of our region. It also includes a day of community service for interfaith groupings of volunteers. Organized by the local Bridges of Faith Triadogue, the Festival’s objectives are to promote awareness of Greater Cincinnati’s religious diversity, celebrate the variety of cultural contributions to our community’s quality of life, and educate families about the world's religions. The theme for this inaugural event is “Compassion through Action” in recognition of the role the faith community has historically played and continues to play in advancing a civil, socially just and welcoming community for all who live, work and visit Greater Cincinnati. The event will also serve to unify our community, focusing on our similarities and celebrating our differences.  *June 24*

Business and Human Rights: Progress in addressing modern slavery in Asian supply chains, Sean Lees  *July 10*

What is US Foreign Policy today? Is there a Trump Doctrine? Al Tuchfarber, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Cincinnati, Patrick Haney, Professor of Political Science, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Miami University  *August 15*

Interfaith Breakfast, Over The Rhine International Film Festival: This year marks the second annual Interfaith Breakfast, cosponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue. The Interfaith Breakfast celebrates our shared humanity with an inclusive gathering of faith communities. The event is sponsored by the Over The Rhine International Film Festival along with InterfaithCincy.org and The Festival of Faiths. Over The Rhine Film Festival, formerly ReelAbilities, is organized by LADD. It’s the region’s largest film festival, dedicated to celebrating the lives, stories and art of people who experience disability and difference  *September 26-28*

Cincinnati 2030 District Inaugural Event: The 2030 Districts are a national model for urban sustainability. Each District is comprised of developers, property owners and managers who make an aggregated commitment to reducing their building’s energy use, water consumption, and transportation emissions by 50% by the year 2030. The Cincinnati 2030 District is a collaborative effort to create a network of healthy, high-performing buildings in Cincinnati.  *October 5*

North Korea: What is happening and is Trump’s effort a mirage? A private discussion with James Min and Keith Luse  *October 10*

Populism on the Rise: What Does This Mean for Minority Communities in Germany and Europe? Stefan Schluter  *October 22*

**Sustainable Communities, Sasha Forbes Oct. 29**

AJC Cincinnati Thanksgiving Diversity Lunch: The Five Freedoms of the First Amendment, Kevin Aldridge  *Nov. 14*

Cincinnati Union Co-op Initiative: Creating an Economy that Works for All  *Nov. 29*

Green Umbrella 20th Anniversary Celebration  *Dec. 6*

International Cybersecurity Celebration  *Dec. 6*

The Depth and Breadth of the Challenge, Gene Price  *Dec. 13*
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“Shoot This Not That” directed by Alphonzo Wesson, documentary, featuring the Homicide Survivors Youth Initiative, focusing on the impact of gun violence on Cincinnati youth Jan. 24

2020 Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit: “Cities of the Future: Becoming a Regenerative Region,” imagining how cities can become regenerative hubs that enhance rather than deplete our natural resources, promote a vibrant, resilient built environment and support healthy, equitable communities. By examining innovative strategies to link rural, urban and suburban communities, we can identify new opportunities to build regions that are both socially and environmentally resilient. Sponsors include Green Umbrella and Brueggeman Center May 3

EquaSion Art 4 Heart Arts Contest Nov. 15

AJC Cincinnati 2020 Simon Lazarus Jr. Awards: For more than five decades, AJC Cincinnati has recognized high school students from across Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky for their community service efforts, Dr. James P. Buchanan, Judge April 1

US-China: Dimensions of a Complicated Relationship, Cynthia Watson June 3

“Awake & Act: The Role of the Police and Nonviolence” Sponsored by the Non Violence Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, IJPC Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center July 29

“American Antisemitism in Historical Perspective”, CCJR, Council of Centers on Jewish Christian Relations, Conference Webinar Oct. 25

“Beyond Dialogue: The Power of Interfaith Collaboration” Sponsored by the Institute for Religious Liberty at Thomas More University, Panelists: James Buchanan Ph.D., Aaron Bludsworth, Gary Phillip Zola Ph.D.

“Awake & Act: Successes and Shortcomings of Police Oversight Efforts with Jules Griff” Sponsored by the Non Violence Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, IJPC Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center Nov. 18

EquaSion Art 4 Heart Arts Contest Nov. 15

AJC Cincinnati Thanksgiving Diversity Lunch: “Celebrating Our Unique Roots and Shared Values As We Gather In Gratitude” Alicia Kapper Nov. 19

Imago Music In Your Woods Sept. 19, 26

“Awake & Act: Living Nonviolently in 2020” Sponsored by the Non Violence Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, IJPC Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

APNET, African Professionals Network, 10th Anniversary Celebration Oct. 22, 23, 24
2021

Between Dialogue and Action: A webinar conversation about different approaches to interreligious work and the complex relationship between interreligious dialogue and action, Sponsored by the Rossing Center for Education and Dialogue, Jerusalem, Moderated by Sarah Bernstein James Buchanan, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Maha Elgenaidi Jan. 18

“Awake & Act: The Role of the Citizen Complaint Authority with Zeke Williams” Sponsored by the Non Violence Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, IJPC Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center Jan. 27
Some of the Brueggeman Center’s Partners

Authentic dialogue engages diverse opinions. That’s why the Brueggeman Center seeks the broadest scope in its partner organizations. Since its inception, the Center has partnered with more than 80 local, national and international organizations.

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Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Avila University, Kansas City, MO
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Economic Opportunity Taskforce
EquaSion
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The Florida Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, FL
FPLC/Foreign Policy Leadership Council
Franciscan’s Network/Franciscan’s International
The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, Phoenix
Greater Cincinnati Advocates for Darfur
Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council
Greater Dayton Christian Connections
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The Holocaust Museum of Houston
HUC-UC Ethics Center
InHEIRitance Project
Immigrant and Refugee Law Center
Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center
International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs
International Council of Christians and Jews
Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Federation of Cincinnati
Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati
The Jewish Museum of Maryland, Baltimore
Kettering Foundation
Loyola Museum of Art, Chicago
Merton Institute/Thomas Merton Institute for Contemplative Living
Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati
Miami University/Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program
The Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York
Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center
National Issues Forums
National Security Network
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
New Prospect Baptist Church
North American Interfaith Network
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Ohio Humanities Council
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Pax Romana
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The Pluralism Project, Harvard University
Proctor and Gamble Corporation
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We have also partnered with 20 academic departments or programs at Xavier, student government and many clubs and student organizations.