

Keynote Speakers



Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, Ph.D., is one of the most prominent leaders in U.S. Catholic theology. He is president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. He specializes in social ethics with a focus on Catholic social teaching, liberation theology, African American religious ethics and racial justice. His recent work applies Catholic social teaching to the issues of affirmative action, racial reconciliation, environmental justice, HIV/AIDS, racism, and the challenge of peacemaking in the age of terrorism. He has authored over 60 articles in peer reviewed journals, book chapters and book reviews. His most recent work was a major document for Catholic Charities, *Poverty and Racism: Overlapping Threats to the Common Good*, released in January 2008.

Massingale has served as a consultant to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, and has been a consultant to the National Black Congress, Catholic Charities, the Catholic Health Association and the National Catholic AIDS Network.

Additionally, he has been honored on a number of occasions by different universities and various institutions for his distinctive scholarly and advocacy work. He received his doctorate of sacred theology in moral theology, *summa cum laude*, from the Academic Alphonsianum, Rome; a licentiate in sacred theology from the Catholic University of America; his Master of Divinity, with high honors, from Saint Francis Seminary; and his Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, from Marquette University.



Nicholas P. Cafardi, Esq., is dean emeritus of the Duquesne University School of Law. He holds a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in canon law from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He has served as General Counsel for Pittsburgh's two largest Catholic organizations: the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University. He is a former assistant dean at the University of Pittsburgh Law School and is a former dean at Duquesne University Law School, where he is presently a professor of law.

Cafardi was the founding chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Commission on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System, and was the guiding co-author of its *Report on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System*. He was an original member of the United States Catholic Bishops' National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Youth, and served as its chair from 2004 to 2005. He is also a co-author of the National Review Board's report on the crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States.

Cafardi is one of the foremost lay canon lawyers in the United States. He is a former member of the board of governors of the Canon Law Society of America, and is the co-author of *Church Property, Church Finances, and Church Related Corporations*, which is the basic book in the field. He is also the author of *Before Dallas*, a history of the child sexual abuse crisis in the American Church. As a canon lawyer, he has represented dioceses, archdioceses and religious orders across the nation. He is the founder of Duquesne Law School's summer study of law at the Vatican, where he teaches the canon law course.

In addition to his canonical expertise, Cafardi is also an acknowledged authority in the law of nonprofit, tax exempt organizations. His casebook, *Tax Exempt Organizations*, and his hornbook, *Understanding Non-profit and Tax Exempt Organizations*, co-authored with Jaclyn Cherry of the University of South Carolina School of Law, are published by Lexis Nexis.



Race, Class and Gender in the U.S. Justice System

Thursday, November 19, 2009
3–6 p.m. • Power Center Ballroom

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Race, Class and Gender in the U.S. Justice System

2:30-3:00 Video Presentation and Light Refreshments

3:00-3:15 Invocation

Rev. James P. McCloskey, C.S.Sp., Ph.D.
Vice President for Mission and Identity, Duquesne University

Welcome Remarks

Ralph L. Pearson, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Duquesne University

3:15-3:45 First Keynote Speaker

Introduction
Ma. Christina A. Astorga, Ph.D.
Founding Director, Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought
Duquesne University

- **Rev. Bryan Massingale, Ph.D.**
President, Catholic Theological Society of America
Associate Professor, Theology Department
Marquette University

“Overcoming ‘Cultured Indifference’: The Challenge of Criminal Justice in Light of the Option for the Poor in Catholic Social Thought”

3:45-4:00 Question & Answer

4:00-4:30 Second Keynote Speaker

Introduction
Nancy D. Perkins, Esq.
Associate Dean and Professor, School of Law
Duquesne University

- **Nicholas P. Cafardi, Esq.**
Dean Emeritus
School of Law
Duquesne University

“Race, Class and Gender in the U.S. Justice System”

4:30-4:45 Question & Answer

4:45-5:00 Break

5:00-5:45 Panel Discussion

Introduction of Panelists
Ma. Christina A. Astorga, Ph.D.

- **Vanessa S. Browne-Barbour, Esq.**
Associate Professor
School of Law
Duquesne University
- **Lisette M. McCormick, Esq.**
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender,
Racial and Ethnic Fairness
- **Ann M. Popp, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
Duquesne University

5:45-6:00 Question & Answer

This conference addresses the racial, class and gender bias that infects the U.S. justice system in both overt and subtle ways. It examines and critiques “cultured indifference,” and explores what an option for the poor does for the challenge of overcoming it. Furthermore, the conference discusses how racial, class and gender bias can be eliminated in courts, because all citizens should be treated with equality, fairness and respect in light of foundational human rights and values, which must be protected at the core of the justice system.