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SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL EVENTS AND SESSIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

2022 CSJ Center Symposium Opening Event

Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5:00pm-6:00pm (PST)

Opening Remarks by Judith Royer, CSJ, Director of the CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice, Loyola Marymount University

Tour of “June Edmonds: Full Spectrum” exhibition at LMU’s Laband Art Gallery, where June Edmonds will be in conversation with José Miguel Camacho ’22, Laband Education Assistant

Special performances by the LMU Choir curated by Todd Harper, Chair of Music and Director of Choral Activities, Loyola Marymount University

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Compassion Knows No Borders

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 10:00am-11:30am (PST)

In the past year, border law and policy has seen whiplash-inducing ups and downs. Out of the gate, the Biden administration made good on certain campaign promises in the area of immigration but deferred on others. Later, federal courts dealt severe blows to progress, reversing attempts to restore protections dismantled by the prior administration. Throughout, vulnerable immigrants amassed at our southern border in record numbers. This panel will discuss the current situation at the border from a humanitarian, legal, and Christian perspective.

Amalia Cortina, Advocate for Immigrants

Troy Elder, Migration Missionary & Attorney of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Suzanne Jabro, CSJ, Founder of Border Compassion

Maria Elena Perales, Director, Justice Center, Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

Gustavo Sermeño, U.S. Asylum Seeker

From Le Puy to Los Angeles: Justice in the CSJ Tradition

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm (PST)

This session will dive into the historical and current works of justice in the Southland by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Los Angeles Province, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange with featured speakers from the congregations, sponsored institutions, and organizations.



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Mary Rose Batungbacal, Principal, St. Mary's Academy

Katherine 'Kit' Gray, C.S.J., Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

Shannon Green, Director, The CSJ Institute of Mount Saint Mary's University

Michael McNaught, Assistant Director, Center for Religion and Spirituality,
Loyola Marymount University (Moderator)

Maureen O'Connor, C.S.J., Leadership Team, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet,
Los Angeles Province

Shawna Smith, Executive Director, Hope Builders

Jeffrey Thies, former Vice President, Providence St. Joseph Health

Special Presentation of *Holding Still*

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 2:30pm-3:30pm (PST)

Holding Still is a riveting, candid and insightful short documentary film about practicing Centering Prayer while incarcerated at Folsom Prison. The film focuses on a diverse group of men speaking candidly about their years-long practice. These men share their stories and wisdom with the intention of bringing this practice to other incarcerated men and women, knowing the power of the practice to heal trauma and transform toxic shame. Through personal testimony, viewers will understand and more importantly emotionally connect with the experience of recovery each individual describes. The film is produced by Prison Contemplative Fellowship (<https://www.uspcf.org/>).

Mary Trunk, Director of *Holding Still* and Assistant Professor in Film at Mount St. Mary's University

Ray Leonardini, Producer of *Holding Still* and Founding Director of Prison Contemplative Fellowship

Special Presentation of *Paths and Moments*

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 4:30pm-6pm (PST)

A special presentation of selections from *Paths and Moments*, a collaborative project between the CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice and Providence St. Joseph Health Mission Leadership Institute. The Mission Leadership Institute offers whole-person development in health care for aspiring and current Mission Integration Leaders as well as high potential leaders. The production features the incredible journey of three mission leaders within Providence St. Joseph Health.

Doris Baizley, Adjunct Professor, Theatre Arts, Loyola Marymount University

Nancy Jordan, Associate Vice President & Chief Mission Integration Officer, Providence Mission Leadership Institute



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Judith Royer, CSJ, Professor Emeritus, Theatre Arts, Loyola Marymount University

Martin Schreiber, Vice President, Providence Mission Leadership Institute

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Goods Movement, Sustainable Freight and Environmental Justice: Community Voice and Business Engagement

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 1:00pm-2:00pm (PST)

This session examines the imperatives of environmental justice and sustainable development in business.

Jeff Thies, Director, Institute for Business Ethics and Sustainability, Loyola Marymount University

Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, Former Harbor Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles & Lecturer in the College of Business Administration, Loyola Marymount University

David Pettit, Senior Attorney, Climate & Clean Energy Program, Natural Resources Defense Council

Refusing Death: How Asian and Latina Immigrant Women Fight Environmental Racism in LA

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 2:35pm-3:50pm (PST)

As part of the 2021-2022 Bellarmine Forum, Dr. Nadia Kim presents on environmental justice and activism in Los Angeles. In our global cities today, immigrants of color and their children are increasingly suffering hyper-pollution and alarming rates of asthma and cancer (and covid-19) due to their residence near diesel-spewing shipping ports, freeways, and rail yards, and near the oil industry that props them up -- all of this to ensure a constant flow of consumer goods from China to LA (i.e., not just the City of Hollywood but the City of Oil) and to the rest of the nation. To chronicle how Asian and Latina immigrant women have led resistance movements against such environmental injustice -- among the most dynamic efforts for social change in our global cities -- Kim examines how the activists redefine racism, classism, and the meaning of citizenship as a cornerstone of their politics. They do so by deeming the neoliberal nativist racist state as a system of physical and emotional violence and neglect, thereby responding with a politics that centers an ethics of care for each other's physical and emotional needs.

Dr. Nadia Kim, Professor of Sociology, Loyola Marymount University



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Accessibility & Inclusivity on University Campuses: Academic Libraries' Role in Serving People with Disabilities

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 4:30pm-6:00pm (PST)

What are academic libraries doing to advocate and better serve the community of people with disabilities? How does this work connect with serving the community overall on a university campus and making the learning process more accessible? The discussion will take a broad view of the following:

- Access to information resources
- Technology (mobile technology, assisted learning design, E-reader use)
- Providing open access from an economic perspective (open access, pay walls; vendor participation)
- Access to physical spaces
- Collaboration/partnerships (present and future)

Amanda Apgar, Assistant Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts, Loyola Marymount University (Moderator)

Darlene Aguilar, Instructional Design Librarian, Reference & Instruction Services, William H. Hannon Library, Loyola Marymount University

Marie R. Kennedy, Serials & Electronic Resources Librarian, Acquisitions & Collection Development, William H. Hannon Library, Loyola Marymount University

Sue Scheibler, Chair and Associate Professor Film, Television, and Media Studies, School of Film and Television, Loyola Marymount University

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Change in Action: Careers in Restorative Justice

Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm (PST)

This dynamic panel discussion will explore the multitude of ways to pursue a passion for social and restorative justice professionally. Panelists from education and non-profit sectors will share their path to restorative and other forms of justice work. The discussion will include an exploration of the impact these practices are currently having and will have in the future, including action toward dismantling systemic oppression. Gain insight and recommendations for your next steps toward furthering restorative justice practices on campus and in our community.

Dr. Nikki Chamblee, Restorative Practices Coordinator, DeSoto Independent School District

JC Nieblas, RJP School Specialist, National Conflict Resolution Center

Reuben Roberts, Restorative Justice Schools Coordinator, Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth



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Jessie Tena, Restorative Practitioner/Trainer, National Conflict Resolution Center

Julie Vue, Director of Youth and Education Program, OC Human Relations

Julia Wade, Associate Director for Restorative Practices, Office of Student Conduct & Community Responsibility, Loyola Marymount University (Moderator)

COVID-19's Impact on Communities of Color: Key Findings from a National Study for Congressional Caucuses of Color

Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 2:00pm-3:30pm (PST)

Recognizing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., as well as the dire need for data informed legislation, a COVID-19 communities of color (COC) needs assessment was launched on behalf of members of several congressional caucuses by The Alliance of National Psychological Associations for Racial and Ethnic Equity (The Alliance). Findings revealed more than a pandemic for communities of color; COVID's impact represented a syndemic for these communities. Key findings and implications will be shared. Representatives from each of the Alliance organizations will present along with the project principle investigator, Dr. Cheryl Grills. This includes: The Asian American Psychological Association, The Association of Black Psychologists, The Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, The National Latinx Psychological Association, and The American Psychological Association.

Dr. Cheryl Grills, Director, Psychology Applied Research Center (PARC), Loyola Marymount University

Special Presentation of *Flowers Aren't Enough*

Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 5:00pm-6:30pm (PST)

Flowers Aren't Enough is a monologue that tells the story of Michal, a young woman from an upper-middle-class family who finds herself in an abusive relationship. Michal describes how her partner gradually narrows her world isolating her from her surroundings. We see her denial; her guilt and how social conditionings intensify her shame and despair. We witness Michal sinking into darkness and then watch how she takes charge of her life, and rediscovers herself. Based on true stories, Naomi Ackerman has woven the voices of women from different cultures and backgrounds into a performance that encourages social change. Naomi is an experienced actress, consultant, and facilitator creating curriculums that use drama techniques to deal with social, gender, and educational issues as well as exploring identity and promoting tolerance and dialogue between diverse participants.

The production will conclude with a panel discussion featuring Naomi Ackerman in conversation with Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben and Sr. Judy Vaughan, CSJ.

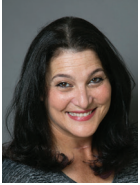
Naomi Ackerman, Writer/Actor of *Flowers Aren't Enough* and Founding Executive Director of The Advot Project

Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben, Ph.D., Founding Director, Home Shalom

Judy Vaughan, CSJ, Founding Director, Alexandria House



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Naomi Ackerman

Writer/Actor of *Flowers Aren't Enough* and Founder/Executive Director of The Advot Project

Naomi Ackerman is an experienced actress, consultant, and facilitator. She creates curriculums that use drama techniques to deal with social, gender, and educational issues, as well as exploring identity and promoting tolerance and dialogue between diverse participants. The Advot (ripples) Project uses theater for transformation, and works with disadvantaged youth, many of whom have been incarcerated, and all of whom come from difficult family situations. Through theater exercises, creative writing, music and dance, the youth explore healthy relationships, improve communication skills, nurture personal growth, improve their self-esteem, and transform their lives for the better. Ackerman is a social activist who produces events and gatherings that teach, engage, and call to action communities and individuals to take a stand and find their voice to fight injustice.

Ackerman served two years in the Israeli Defense Forces and received a BA in Education and Theatre from Hebrew University, as well as a Special-Ed Teaching Credential from the David Yellin Teachers Seminar. She has participated in various multinational theater productions. Naomi is a founding member of "View Points" – an Arab-Jewish dialogue theater produced by the Shimon Peres Center for Peace. She wrote, directed, and performs the acclaimed one-woman show "Flowers Aren't Enough," which deals with the issue of domestic violence, and has been featured over 1,900 times globally, including at the United Nations' Commission for the Status of Woman (CSW) and in addition has been translated to four different languages. Ackerman is a recipient of the KCET-Link Local Hero 2014 Award, the 2016 International Woman Achievers Community leadership award, and the 2018 Covenant Award.



Darlene Aguilar

Instructional Design Librarian, Reference & Instruction Services, William H. Hannon Library, Loyola Marymount University

Darlene Aguilar is an Instructional Design Librarian at Loyola Marymount University where she creates online library tutorials to improve student information literacy and research skills. She is a California native who grew up in Compton. Aguilar completed her undergraduate degree at UCLA, and earned a Master of Education



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in Learning Design and Technology from USC. Before transitioning to Loyola Marymount University, she worked in the Los Angeles Unified School District for seven years providing educational workshops and resources to help remove socioeconomic barriers to learning. She now continues this pursuit in higher education. Her goal is to help increase the use of online instruction to accommodate working professionals who do not have the option to solely attend school. As a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, she strongly believes in their motto: "Let the love of learning rule humanity." Those who love learning should not be kept from receiving a great education due to a disability, lack of resources, or other circumstances. As a lifelong learner, Aguilar is also learning the martial art Muay Thai in her spare time.



Amanda Apgar, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts, Loyola Marymount University

Amanda Apgar received her Ph.D. in Gender Studies from University of California, Los Angeles. Her book, *The Disabled Child* (University of Michigan Press), examines memoirs about raising children with disabilities and demonstrates the structural underpinnings of gender, class, and race privilege in positive portrayals of disability. Apgar teaches on gender, sexuality, disability, body theory, memoir, and autism.



Doris Baizley

Adjunct Professor, Theatre Arts, Loyola Marymount University

Doris Baizley, playwright, teaches in the theatre department at Loyola Marymount University where she and Professor Judith Royer, CSJ, started its Voices of Justice program and its New Works Festival of student plays. Her plays *MRS. CALIFORNIA*, *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*, *TEARS OF RAGE*, *SHILOH RULES*, *SEX STING*, and *SISTERS OF PEACE* have been developed and produced in US regional theaters, including A Contemporary Theatre, The Alabama Shakespeare Festival, History Theater, National Theatre of the Deaf, Salt Lake Acting Company, and The Mark Taper Forum. Documentary and community-based plays include: *ONE DAY/SARAH HOUSE* (Santa Barbara Independent Best Original Script); *THE MIKADO PROJECT* co-written with Ken Narasaki (Pacific Rim Playwriting Award); *PH*REAKS* co-written with Victoria Ann Lewis; and *SEX STING*, co-written with defense attorney Susan Raffanti (Guthrie Theatre/Playwrights' Center Two-Headed Challenge Award; LA Weekly 10 Best list). Most recently the Alley Theater in Houston presented her adaptation of *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* as their return to live theater.



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Nikki Chamblee, Ph.D.

Restorative Practices Coordinator, DeSoto Independent School District

Nikki Chamblee has been an educator for 19+ years. She is licensed in New York and Texas in the areas of English Language Arts, Special Education and English as a Second Language. She received Tier 1 and Tier 2 training in restorative processes from the Morningside Center for teaching social responsibility and Restorative discipline practices coordinator training from the Texas Education Agency. Chamblee also has a graduate certification in Restorative practices from the International Institute for Restorative Practices and is a Restorative practitioner trained by IIRP in basic Restorative practices and facilitating conferences. From 2017-2020, Chamblee served as the Restorative Discipline Coordinator for the DeSoto Alternative Education Program. She also served as the Coordinator of Restorative Practices for Fort Worth ISD returning to DeSoto ISD in November 2021 to serve as their Coordinator of Restorative Practices.



Mary Rose Batungbacal

Principal, St. Mary's Academy

Mary Rose Batungbacal is principal of St. Mary's Academy, the oldest continuously operating Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and has been in Catholic education since 2010. She is an LMU "double alumna", including LMU PLACE Corps.



Amalia Cortina

Advocate for Immigrants

Amalia Cortina fled to the United States from El Salvador in 1996. After arriving to the US and applying for a green card, she and her husband were charged with "violating immigration laws" and were detained for 16 months while their children, ages 13, 16, and 19, lived alone. After their release from detention, both she and her husband were granted asylum. Tragically, her husband died from cancer not long after. Cortina retired and spends her time helping immigrants serving their sentence at the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. She used to conduct Parenting Classes to immigrants living in the Pico Union Area. Cortina is a precedent setting leader whose work has laid the foundation to the empowerment of countless immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. She is the author of "The Power of Love: My Experience in a U.S. Immigration Jail" and appeared, along with her children, in the film *Posada: A night to Cross All Borders*, a documentary about unaccompanied immigrant children.





Troy Elder, J.D.

Migration Missionary & Attorney, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

As Border Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, Troy Elder coordinates ministry activities in the Diocese of San Diego related to US-Mexico border and migration issues. Elder is an attorney, community- and faith-based activist, and former law professor with nearly 25 years of experience representing refugees and immigrants. He spent a decade teaching immigration law, poverty law, international human rights, and ethics at U.S. and foreign law schools, most recently at Yale. He also studied liberation theology and colonization as a Henri Nouwen Scholar at Yale Divinity School, receiving a master's degree in Religious Ethics in 2013. From 2014 to 2018, Elder served as the Bishop's Legate for Global Partnership at the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. There, he worked to catalyze clergy and laity around immigrant and human rights issues domestically and abroad, including that diocese's response to the 2014 child migrant surge. While on the Los Angeles Bishop's staff, Elder worked with congregations to create worship, educational, service, and advocacy programming in the area of immigrant rights and world mission.

After moving to the San Diego Diocese, Troy served as a senior attorney at Immigrant Defenders Law Center in San Diego, Tijuana, and Mexicali, where he supervised systemic and appellate work at the U.S.-Mexico border on behalf of migrants subjected to the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), brought COVID decarceration cases in immigrant prisons, and fought border metering and the third-country transit asylum ban. Most recently, along with other Episcopalians, he was a founding member of a new group, Desert Support for Asylum Seekers, which assists migrants on both sides of the border at Calexico, California. Troy is married to the Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija, an Episcopal priest and his partner of 19 years. They live in Cathedral City with their dog, Lucy.



Katherine 'Kit' Gray, C.S.J.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

Sister Katherine 'Kit' Gray has been a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange, CA for 58 years. She is the Novice Director and Director of Initial Formation. She serves on various congregational committees, supports various CSJO ministries with presentations and classes; and is a facilitator for various groups, including communities of women and men religious.



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From 2013-2020, Sister Gray was Director of Mission Integration and Ongoing Formation for Christ Cathedral, Garden Grove, California. Prior to ministry at Christ Cathedral, she was the General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for ten years. Her other ministry experience includes high school teaching and administration; adult religious education; lay ministry formation; RCIA; and group facilitation for religious communities and other organizations in the United States and internationally. She was principal of Rosary High School in Fullerton, CA; Diocesan Director of Religious Education in Santa Rosa, CA; and Chancellor of the Diocese of Orange, CA.

Sister Gray has an undergraduate degree in English from Marymount College, an M.A. in Theology from the University of San Francisco, and certificates in teaching, administration, and group facilitation.



Shannon Green

Director, The CSJ Institute of Mount Saint Mary's University

Shannon Green is the inaugural director of the CSJ Institute at Mount Saint Mary's University. She is the former director of campus ministry at Marymount California University, and at Dominican University in River Forest, IL.



Cheryl Grills, Ph.D.

Director, Psychology Applied Research Center, Loyola Marymount University

Dr. Cheryl Grills is a Clinical Psychologist with a current emphasis in Community Psychology. On the faculty of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) for the past 34 years, she is a Professor of Psychology, Director of their Psychology Applied Research Center, and President's Professor in their College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Grills is a national past President of The Association of Black Psychologists. She currently serves on the CA Reparations Taskforce, appointed by the Governor of CA. She also serves as a Commissioner and Chair of Los Angeles County's Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections, which focuses on conditions and practices within county jails and correctional facilities. She was Co-Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection whose work led to significant reforms in



LA County's approach to child welfare, including establishment of an Office of Child Protection.

Dr. Grills is a research principal investigator on several multi-site projects addressing mental health disparities, social determinants of health, positive youth development, and COVID's impact on communities of color nationally. An important part of her work is in the area of racial stress focusing on research and training associated with racism, racial stress, implicit bias and the development of community-based self-help models to address the negative effects of racism on people of African ancestry in the US and globally. Her research interests, publications, and projects include African Psychology, African-centered models of treatment engagement with African-Americans; community psychology; community mental health; mental health disparities; community organizing as a public health strategy; community defined intervention strategies; positive youth development; and program evaluation with community-based organizations engaged in social justice efforts, community change and prevention on a host of social issues.



Todd Harper, D.M.A.

Associate Professor of Music, Chair of Music, and Director of Choral Activities, Loyola Marymount University

Todd Harper earned the Bachelor of Arts from CSU, Fresno, a Master of Arts from CSU, Northridge and the Doctor of Musical Arts from University of Southern California. Choirs under Harper's direction have performed at annual conferences for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and international performances by invitation include Austria, Czech Republic, Spain and Italy. Harper has received invitations as conductor, clinician and lecturer throughout the United States and internationally with engagements in China, Hong Kong, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Germany, Italy, Indonesia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Taiwan, and Venezuela.

Harper is a board member of the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) and he is the Chair of the ACDA International Activities Committee. Harper's research interests have led to funded research projects in Germany, France, and Austria. He has published numerous articles in the ACDA Choral Journal, the IFCM International Choral Bulletin and he is also a contributing author to *Student Engagement in Higher Education: Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Approaches for Diverse Populations*.



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Robert Hurteau, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Religion and Spirituality

Robert A. Hurteau is director of the Center for Religion and Spirituality and a former missionary. He holds a PhD in Practical Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. Since becoming director in 2005, Hurteau has greatly expanded offerings in Hispanic theology and ministry, and worked in partnership with the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to bring into existence programs focused on the concerns of African American Catholics. He serves on the governing committee of the Martin Gang Institute for Intergroup Relations, a joint venture of American Jewish Committee-Los Angeles and LMU.



Suzanne Jabro, CSJ
Founder of Border Compassion

Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ, is the founder of Border Compassion, an all-volunteer movement inviting, coordinating and guiding faith communities to Cross-Over. Standing at the border with asylum seekers, Border Compassion forms a flexible, nimble, and efficient web of compassion. Sister Jabro is recognized for Diocesan Restorative Justice Ministry, Founding the Center for Restorative Justice Works and its flagship program, Get On The Bus. She is a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Los Angeles province.



Nancy Jordan, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President & Chief Mission Integration Officer,
Mission Leadership Institute, Providence St. Joseph Health

In her role as AVP with the Mission Leadership Institute, Nancy Jordan primarily oversees curriculum and instruction. She is also a Providence Chief Mission Integration Officer, adjunct instructor at California State University East Bay, and former School Principal. Jordan holds master's degrees in Psychology from San Francisco State University and Education Administration from St. Mary's College of California as well as a doctorate of education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University. She holds a graduate certificate in Catholic Healthcare Ethics, educational administrative services credentials, co-chairs the California Medical



Foundation Ethics Committee, and teaches in Providence core leader formation programming. The Mission Leadership Institute enables Jordan to blend her spiritual foundation, professional experience, and academic preparation with her passion for whole-person leadership development. Jordan and her husband, Robert, live in Napa, California and enjoy traveling and spending quality time with their three adult children and spirited Labrador Retriever, Duncan.



Marie R. Kennedy

**Serials & Electronic Resources Librarian, Acquisitions & Collection Development, William H. Hannon Library,
Loyola Marymount University**

Marie R. Kennedy is the Serials & Electronic Resources Librarian at Loyola Marymount University. She has written and presented widely about electronic resources, including co-authoring two editions of *Marketing Your Library's Electronic Resources: A How-To-Do-It Manual*. Kennedy writes the *Organization Monkey* blog about organization and librarianship (<http://orgmonkey.com>) and is the co-director of the Institute for Research Design in Librarianship.



Nadia Kim, Ph.D.
**Professor of Sociology,
Loyola Marymount University**

Nadia Y. Kim is Professor of Sociology at Loyola Marymount University. Her research focuses on US race and citizenship inequalities regarding Korean/Asian Americans and South Koreans, race and nativist racism in Los Angeles (e.g., 1992 LA Unrest), immigrant women activists' politics of the body and emotions, environmental racism and classism, and comparative racialization of Latinxs, Asian Americans, and Black Americans. Throughout her work, Kim's approach centers (neo) imperialism, transnationality, and the intersectionality of race, gender, class, and citizenship. Kim is author of the multi-award-winning *Imperial Citizens: Koreans and Race from Seoul to LA* (Stanford, 2008); of *Refusing Death: Immigrant Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice in LA*, which chronicles the embodied, emotive, and citizenship politics of Asian and Latin@ immigrant women's fight for cleaner air in LA (Stanford, Spring 2021), and of award-winning journal articles on race and assimilation and on racial attitudes.



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Ray Leonardini

Producer of *Holding Still* and Founding Director of Prison Contemplative Fellowship

Ray Leonardini is a former lawyer who practiced government and nonprofit law for nearly 30 years. For the last 13 years, as a volunteer chaplain, Leonardini has led meditation groups and taught contemplative prayer and the spiritual journey at Folsom State Prison in California. He is the author of *Finding God Within; Going Inside* (the companion text to *Finding God Within*); and *Toxic Shame and Contemplative Prayer*.



Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, J.D.

Advocate & Industry Expert, Lecturer in the College of Business Administration, Loyola Marymount University

Jerilyn López Mendoza is the Los Angeles Regional Organizer for the Climate Center, working to deliver speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions in California. In prior professional positions, she served as Deputy Director for Public Participation at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), appointed by California Governor Edmund G. Brown; commissioner of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works; and vice president of the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners. Mendoza's tenure as Harbor Commissioner at the Port of Los Angeles, from 2005 to 2010, coincided with the development and implementation of the first-ever in the world port-related "Clean Air Action Plan," as well as the innovative Clean Truck Program.

From 2014 to 2020, she served as an appointee of President Barack Obama to the Joint Public Advisory Committee to the Commission on Environmental Cooperation. This tri-national body advises federal environmental agencies on environmental impacts affecting the continent of North America related to the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Mendoza also worked as policy director and staff attorney at the Environmental Justice Project Office of Environmental Defense Fund in Los Angeles for nine years, where she helped pioneer the use of Community Benefits Agreements to offset the negative community impacts of public and private development and assisted in launching the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust to increase open space in the urban core.

A native of Montebello, California, Mendoza earned her bachelor's degree in American



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Studies from Stanford University with departmental honors, and twice won American Jurisprudence awards (the highest grade in the class) at UCLA School of Law. She lives in the San Fernando Valley with her eternally patient husband and teen daughter.



Michael McNaught

Assistant Director, Center for Religion and Spirituality, Loyola Marymount University

Michael McNaught is a media professional, educator, and assistant director at the Center for Religion and Spirituality. He works and teaches in media arts, religious education, and interreligious affairs. McNaught serves on the boards for St. Mary's Academy and CIMA, the Catholic-peer association for the entertainment industry in Los Angeles.



JC Nieblas

RJP School Specialist, National Conflict Resolution Center

JuanCarlos Nieblas was born and raised in San Diego, California. For the last 25 years, Nieblas has led educational justice work providing multiple services in elementary, middle school and high school as a counselor, pupil advocate and Restorative Justice Practitioner. His work with youth and their families began at the age of 16 and has led him to serve as a leader in the Restorative Justice movement. He is currently the Program Manager for the Restorative Justice Practices in Schools with National Conflict Resolution Center. Nieblas continues to employ his diverse Educational experience to support the personal, social, emotional, and academic student needs. Collaboratively he works in partnerships with the San Diego Unified School District RJP Department, Escondido Union School District and Sweetwater Union School District, school leadership, staff, existing programs, and community agencies to lead, develop and implement Restorative Justice Practices through schools in San Diego County. Nieblas holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in chemical dependency and is currently pursuing a Pupil Services Credential for School Counseling from National University. He is a member of *Izcalli* and the National Compadres Network, where he continues to honor his lifelong commitment to serve and mentor young men in the community as he was once a mentee himself.



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Maureen O'Connor, C.S.J.

Leadership Team, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Los Angeles Province

Maureen O'Connor, C.S.J., a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Los Angeles Province, is a member of the province leadership team. A lifelong educator, she is the former principal of St. Brendan School.



Maria Elena Perales

Director, Justice Center, Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

Maria Elena Perales works for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange as Director for the St. Joseph Justice Center. She has been working with the sisters for almost 16 years. Perales represents the congregation as her office engages and partners with other religious congregations, organizations, laity groups and community leaders at the local and national level to promote awareness, advocate, pray and act to address social and ecological injustice. She is a proud mother to two young adults, Stephanie and Michael, who are also engaged in nonprofit organizations promoting social justice. As an immigrant from Mexico, Perales can relate to the hardship and anguish immigrants face today from the anti-immigrant political climate and the inequalities the COVID pandemic has surfaced.



David Pettit, J.D.

Senior Attorney, Climate & Clean Energy Program, Natural Resources Defense Council

Since joining NRDC in 2007, David Pettit has focused on curbing pollution in California by litigating against industries, campaigning for clean forms of energy, and promoting green development in urban areas. He has litigated environmental cases in trial and appellate courts at both the state and the federal level, including a number of cases that have changed the way governments regulate air pollution, groundwater pollution, and habitat preservation. Pettit holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a JD from the University of California, Los Angeles.





Karen Rapp

Director & Curator, Laband Art Gallery, Loyola Marymount University

Karen Rapp, director of the Laband Art Gallery, is a Los Angeles arts leader. Rapp oversees the production of all Laband exhibitions, including the annual juried student art exhibition. She is the former director of the Vincent Price Art Museum at East Los Angeles College, where she led the expansion of the museum and curated a rotating project series called HOY SPACE that received critical attention for its focus on underrepresented artists in the community.

Previously, Rapp served as assistant director, curator and director of the Sweeney Art Gallery at UC Riverside from 1998 to 2005, and has curated exhibitions for artists including Pearl C. Hsiung, Ken Gonzales-Day, Carlos Almaraz, Shizu Saldamando and Lorenzo Hurtado-Segovia.

She earned her bachelor's degree in history and art history from UCLA and a master's degree in public history from UC Riverside.



Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben, Ph.D.

Founding Director, Home Shalom

Dr. Steven Carr Reuben has been involved in the field of moral development and spiritual education for nearly forty years. He holds Bachelor's degrees in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of California, Davis, two Master's degrees from the University of Southern California and the Hebrew Union College, a Certification in Aging and Human Development from the University of Georgia, a Ph.D. in Religion from Sierra University, and two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. He was ordained as a rabbi in 1976. Dr. Reuben was a founding editor of Compass Magazine for teachers. He is a recognized expert on moral education, who has appeared on countless television and radio talk shows, and travels the country lecturing on character education and how to successfully meet the challenges of interfaith relations. He currently serves as Rabbi Emeritus of Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation in Pacific Palisades, California, and is past president of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California. He is married to Didi Carr Reuben and is stepfather to Gable.



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Reuben Roberts

Restorative Justice Schools Coordinator, Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth

Reuben Roberts is an east coast native of New York City/ New Jersey. He began his career working with system-engaged youth in Groups homes and Juvenile Detention Centers. In 2012, Roberts moved to the Bay Area, where he started his career at the Oakland Unified School District as a Restorative Justice Coordinator. He later moved on as Restorative Justice Program Director at Youth Radio, where he created healing spaces for youth who were exposed to gang-violence, sexual exploitation, the foster care system, and substance abuse. This led Roberts to where he is now, as the Restorative Justice in Schools Coordinator at RJOY (Restorative Justice For Oakland Youth). In this position, he provides a learning forum/healing space for educators and restorative justice practitioners across the state of California. Roberts is determined to provide resources that help educators and community organizers eliminate systems of oppression that exploit black and brown children.



Judith Royer, CSJ, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Theatre Arts and Director, CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice, Loyola Marymount University

Judith Royer, CSJ, has worked as producer, director and dramaturg with new play development programs sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, California Council for the Humanities, Playwrights Theatre, The Mark Taper Forum, Southern Repertory Theatre, Theatre Gallery in Los Angeles, of which she was founder and former artistic director, and a series of Oral Histories/ Documentary Theatre projects with seniors, cancer survivors, veterans and clients from agencies dealing with issues such as homelessness, human trafficking, immigration and restorative justice. Sr. Royer is a founding member of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE); former chair of that organization's Playwrights Program; former coordinator for the New Plays Production; and outgoing respondent's workshop coordinator for Region XIII Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.





Sue Scheibler, Ph.D.

**Chair and Associate Professor Film, Television, and Media Studies,
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Sue Scheibler has graduate degrees in New Testament Studies and Philosophy of Religion and a PhD in Critical Studies (Film and Television) from the University of Southern California. They have published in a variety of books and journals, including *Theorizing Documentary*, *Alternative Media Handbook*, *War: Interdisciplinary Investigations*; *Time In Variance*; *Handbook on Gender and Asian Philosophy*; and *What can TV teach us about the spiritually healthy institution?* Their research and teaching interests include film theory, television studies, video game studies, disability studies, queer pedagogy, disability justice, and inclusive pedagogy. Current projects include queer pedagogy, in collaboration with LMU student Harrison Hamm; *Queering the Sublime in Penny Dreadful*, also in collaboration with LMU student Harrison Hamm; and a manifesto on glitching academic time.



Martin J. Schreiber, Ed.D.

**Vice President, Mission Leadership Institute, Providence St.
Joseph Health**

Martin Schreiber is the VP for the Mission Leadership Institute Providence St. Joseph Health System. He has a Doctorate of Education in Administration and Supervision from the Loyola University Chicago, a Masters of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology from Santa Clara University, a Masters of Applied Philosophy in Medical Ethics from Loyola Chicago, a Bachelor of Science from Miami University, and a Principal Certificate from the Harvard School of Education. Schreiber's previous global experiences have taken him to Haiti, a leper colony in Yunnan Province China, a mission in Honduras for abandoned boys, and an orphanage for HIV children in Nairobi, Kenya. He went on to be appointed as Board President for Nyumbani (first and largest HIV positive orphanage in Kenya). His time as a Jesuit afforded him the opportunity to serve the many faces of poverty in the world prior to pursuing a different life journey. Schreiber designed and recorded the *Healing Stories* Podcast on iTunes and now hosts *Walk with Me* podcast at Providence. He recently authored two chapters on resilience and storytelling in the book, *Physician Wellbeing During Sustained Crisis* (2021).



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Gustavo Sermeño
United States Asylum Seeker

Gustavo Sermeño is an asylum seeker from El Salvador born in 1990 during the middle of a war. Back in El Salvador, Sermeño has degrees in Psychology and English and worked at AT&T. He was forced to seek asylum when local gangs threatened his family if he refused to pay a monthly “rent.” During his journey to the United States, Sermeño met his current partner and gave birth to their daughter, Vilma, in Mexico. They spent three years trying to cross to the United States legally but many who offered to help were corrupt. They finally received the help they needed from Sr. Suzanne Jabro, Brother Modesto and attorneys at the ACLU. In August of 2021, Sermeño and his family were able to cross and currently reside with a sponsor in Portland, Oregon. They are still in the process of getting their asylum petition granted.



Shawna Smith
Executive Director, Hope Builders

Shawna Smith is executive director of Hope Builders, a vocational training and services organization serving marginalized communities in Orange County. She has worked in the non-profit sector in the areas of workforce development, violence prevention, intervention, homelessness, and volunteer service.



Jesse Tena
Restorative Practitioner/Trainer, National Conflict Resolution Center

Jessica Tena has over twenty years of experience in the California public school system serving as a teacher, administrator, coach, mentor, and now as a consultant. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis on teaching at the secondary level from San Diego State University as well as a Master’s degree in Education with a Cross-Cultural focus. She was honored as San Diego Unified School District’s Teacher of the Year for High School in 2013. That same year she also completed her training to become a Freedom Writer Teacher in Long Beach, California. Tena is a Senior Partner with Educators Cooperative where she and her team have been transforming K-12 education through leadership training, technical assistance and



embedded coaching for more than a decade in the Southern California region. She also serves as the Program Implementation Specialist of Restorative Justice Practices in Schools for the National Conflict Resolution Center in San Diego. Her current projects include supporting San Diego Unified School District to end the school to prison pipeline and support the expansion of restorative communities.



Jeffrey Thies, D.Min.

**Director, Institute for Business Ethics and Sustainability,
Loyola Marymount University**

Jeff Thies is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Management at the College of Business Administration. He has held executive management positions in the direct mail marketing and healthcare industries, developing leadership formation and professional development programming for the organizations. Prior to joining LMU full-time, Thies worked in the area of applied ethics as a mission integration executive, most recently serving as Vice President of the Leadership Institute for St. Joseph Health in Irvine, California. In that role, he oversaw system initiatives which focused on individual and organizational values formation as well as training in clinical and organizational ethics. Additionally, Thies oversaw governance development programs and was executive staff to the St. Joseph Health Board of Trustees and the Governance and Nominating Committee of the St. Joseph Health Board of Trustees. Thies holds B.A., M.A. and M.Div. degrees from St. John's College in Camarillo, California and a D.Min. from the Claremont School of Theology with an emphasis on Mexican immigrant culture and religious practices.



Mary Trunk

Director of *Holding Still* and Assistant Professor, Film, Mount St. Mary's University

Mary Trunk is a filmmaker, choreographer and multi-media artist living in Altadena, CA. Her films take seemingly simple subjects and illuminate how each radiates out to bigger questions like finding the meaning in our lives. She has been producing and directing documentaries, dance videos, experimental hybrid films and paintings for more than 30 years. Trunk is also a film, video and screen dance Professor at Loyola Marymount University, Mount Saint Mary's University and Art Center College of Design. Her work can be found at www.maandpafilms.com, www.musclememoryproject.com and @marytrunk.



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Judy Vaughan, CSJ, Ph.D.
Founding Director, Alexandria House

Sr. Judy Vaughan is currently the Founding Director of Alexandria House where she lives and works. Founded in 1996, Alexandria House is a transitional residence and neighborhood center for women and children in need. Sr. Vaughan has spent more than twenty-five years in program development, administration, board collaboration and fundraising for national and community-based organizations.

Before returning to Los Angeles in 1996, Sr. Vaughan served as Project Coordinator for Women for Guatemala, a solidarity organization committed to raising awareness about human rights abuses in Guatemala and to offering financial support for women's efforts in Guatemala. From 1986 – 1990, she was National Coordinator for the National Assembly of Religious Women, a Catholic feminist organization committed to working for justice in church and society. During this time and to the present, Sr. Vaughan has co-facilitated over 100 "Multicultural Look at Racism" workshops throughout the United States. She was Director of House of Ruth in East Los Angeles from 1982 to 1986. Additionally, Sr. Vaughan has served as a college educator in California, including being adjunct faculty in the Education Department at Mount St. Mary's College. She has been recognized as a "Woman of Justice" by NETWORK (1997), as an "Outstanding Founder" at the National Philanthropy Day (1999), and as a "Woman of the Year" by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women (2001). In 2007, both Alexandria House and Sr. Vaughan received commendations from the City and County of Los Angeles for their work on behalf of women and children. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Los Angeles and co-parents a 19-year-old daughter, Raynisha. Her educational background includes a Ph.D. in Religious Social Ethics from the University of Chicago (1982), a master's in Sociology from San Diego State.





Julie Vue

Director of Youth and Education Program, OC Human Relations

Julie Vue (she/they) has been with Orange County Human Relations since Fall 2016 as *Director of Youth and Education Program*. She leads a passionate team who are dedicated to working alongside students, parents, teachers, and administrators in Orange County schools, with the goal to improve school climate and create safe, inclusive, equitable and restorative schools. Vue graduated from UC Irvine with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and minors in Gender & Sexuality Studies and Civic & Community Engagement and earned a Master of Arts in Education with emphasis on Social and Cultural Analysis from Cal State Long Beach.



Julia Wade

Associate Director, Restorative Practices, Student Conduct & Community Responsibility, Loyola Marymount University

Julia Wade earned her Master's degree in Counseling with a PPS Credential from Loyola Marymount University and her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. She has a passion for service and education. After completing her undergraduate studies, Wade embarked on a year of service with City Year (AmeriCorps) at Gompers Middle School in Los Angeles. She has worked in the Division of Student Affairs at LMU for 10 years. Wade served as the Senior Administrative Coordinator for Judicial Affairs and served for two years as the Associate Director of Student Success. She currently serves as the Associate Director for Restorative Practices in the Office of Student Conduct & Community Responsibility and as a Case Manager for the Student Affairs Dean's Office. Wade is currently pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership at UCLA, with her dissertation focusing on the use of restorative practices as a response to student sexual misconduct on college campuses.



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