The Bannan Institute seeks to cultivate the University’s moral and spiritual, as well as intellectual and aesthetic values. This involves seeking answers for not only ‘what is’ but ‘what ought to be,’ and it means encouraging the search for a faith that promotes justice.

~ Fr. Lou Bannan

BANNAN INSTITUTE VISION

The Bannan Institute of the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education will collaboratively lead faculty, staff, administrators, and students in advancing the Jesuit, Catholic vocation of Santa Clara University as a transformative social force, a proyecto social, building a more humane, just, and sustainable world.

To realize this vision, the Bannan Institute will convene three strategic platforms:

PUBLIC LECTURES
Quarterly public lectures with thought leaders from a wide range of academic disciplines will further an ethic of dialogue around issues of contemporary significance central to the Catholic social, intellectual, and spiritual tradition.

PODCAST SERIES
A thematic podcast on the common good will feature a series of 20-minute segments exploring contemporary social, cultural, and religious issues from the perspective of SCU’s Jesuit, Catholic tradition of higher education.

FACULTY COLLABORATIVES
Interdisciplinary faculty seminars will convene over two years to collaborate on research, teaching, and university initiatives that advance the common good and extend the Jesuit, Catholic vocation of SCU as a transformative social force.

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Is there a common good in our common home? St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order, expressed a view dating back to Aristotle, that the common good is linked with a higher order: “the more universal the good is, the more is it divine” (Constitutions, § 622d). Ignatius charged his companions to “help souls,” advancing the common good for the greater glory of God. In our 21st century context, how does this understanding of the common good engage the realities of pluralism and a positive valuation of diversity? Whose good is sought (or discounted) in a divinely ordered common good?

Pope Francis, in his encyclical, Laudato Si’ (On Care for Our Common Home), argues that the common good today must be understood as a practice of solidarity, a practice by which we come to know and value the full and innate dignity of every human person, every dimension of the natural world, and seek to share our diverse goods freely with one another for mutual benefit, for the good of all creation. “The present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters” (§ 158).

The 2016-2018 Bannan Institute: Is There A Common Good in Our Common Home? will explore pressing issues of racial and ethnic justice, economic justice, gender justice, and environmental justice facing our world today. We hope to serve as a catalyst for faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members in advancing the common good through a summons to solidarity.

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“Society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good.”

Pope Francis
Laudato Si’ (On Care for Our Common Home), § 157

NEW! BANNAN INSTITUTE PODCAST

The Bannan Institute podcast, INTEGRAL, is a thematic podcast series exploring the question: Is There a Common Good in Our Common Home? Beginning Winter 2017, each quarter will feature the contributions of Bannan Institute Fellows and Scholars engaging this question from the perspective of their current research and teaching.

Join us for a series of accessible 20-minute segments to explore pressing social, cultural, and religious issues from the perspective of SCU’s Jesuit, Catholic tradition of higher education.

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BANNAN LECTURE SERIES

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR THE COMMON GOOD IN 2016?
WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC JUSTICE IN 2016?
STRONGER TOGETHER, MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

October 5, 2016 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library/Learning Commons

Brett Johnson Solomon, Associate Professor, Child Studies Program, Interim Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion
Anthony Hazard, Assistant Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies
Cruz Medina, Assistant Professor, Department of English
William O’Neill, S.J., Associate Professor, Social Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN 2016? THE ELUSIVE ROLE OF RACE AND EQUITY IN ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

October 11, 2016 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library/Learning Commons

Tseming Yang, Professor, School of Law
Christopher Bacon, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN 2016? ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN GLOBAL, NATIONAL, AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

October 17, 2016 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library/Learning Commons

William Sundstrom, Professor, Department of Economics
Laura Nichols, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR GENDER JUSTICE IN 2016? RETHINKING GENDER AND THE POLITICS OF POSSIBLE

October 25, 2016 | 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library/Learning Commons

Sharmila Lodhia, Associate Professor, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
Stephanie Wildman, Professor, School of Law
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Brett Solomon, Associate Professor, Child Studies Program, Interim Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Implicit Bias Among Elementary School Teachers: Implications for the School to Prison Pipeline

BANNAN INSTITUTE SCHOLARS:

Hsin-I Cheng, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Relational Citizenship in Racial and Ethnic Justice

Anthony Hazard, Assistant Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies and Department of History, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Boasians at War: Anthropology, ‘Race’ and World War II

Cruz Medina, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Strangers Who Sojourn: Social Media and the Common Good in Silicon Valley

William O’Neill, S.J., Associate Professor, Social Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
‘First Be Reconciled’: The Common Good and Restorative Justice

Margaret Russell, Professor, School of Law, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Truth Commissions, the Right to Truth, and Racial Justice in the U.S.
BANNAN MEMORIAL LECTURE
THE MARGINS AND MORALS OF POVERTY AND PROSPERITY: TOWARDS AN INTEGRATIVE JUSTICE MODEL IN BUSINESS
Nicholas Santos, S.J., Assistant Professor of Marketing, School of Business, Marquette University
May 2, 2017 | 4-5:30 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons

ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE ON ECONOMIC JUSTICE
Roundtable dialogue featuring contributions from the economic justice and the common good faculty collaborative.
May 19, 2017 | noon -1:15 p.m. (Lunch Provided)
Williman Room, Benson Memorial Center

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BANNAN FACULTY FELLOW:
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William Sundstrom, Professor, Department of Economics, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Santa Clara Income And Poverty Studies Initiative: From Vision To Reality

BANNAN INSTITUTE SCHOLARS:
Anne Baker, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: The Policy and Partisan Preferences of Donors Seeking Surrogate Representation

John Ifcher, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Affirming the Common Good in Economic Pedagogy: An Alternative Approach to Teaching Econ 1

Catherine Murphy, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Framing a Common Interest: Contexts, Strategies, and Motives of Generosity in Early Christianity

Laura Nichols, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Education as a Common Good? The Role of Catholic Colleges in Reducing Educational and Economic Inequality in a Global Context

Sreela Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Technology, Global Economic Development, and Questions of the ‘Common Good’

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GENDERED THEOLOGIES AND THE COMMON GOOD: DISCERNING SPIRITUAL CARE PATHWAYS WITH TRANSGENDER AND INTERSEX PEOPLE

Susannah Cornwall, Advanced Research Fellow, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Exeter
October 12, 2017 | 4-5:30 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons

ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE ON GENDER JUSTICE

Roundtable dialogue featuring contributions from the gender justice and the common good faculty collaborative.
November 8, 2017 | noon-1:15 p.m. (Lunch provided)
Williman Room, Benson Memorial Center

INTEGRAL PODCAST SERIES

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BANNAN FACULTY FELLOW:

Professor Lodhia chairs the Bannan Institute interdisciplinary faculty seminar on gender justice and the common good.

Sharmila Lodhia, Associate Professor, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Advocacy Unbound—New Frontiers of Gender-Based Activism and Engagement

BANNAN INSTITUTE SCHOLARS:

Maria Del Socorro Castaña-Liles, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Young Latinas and Their Lived Religion: Family Expectations, Romance, and College Life

Mythri Jegathesan, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: ‘Why We Work’: Forging Kinship and Seeking Dignity Among Informal Sector Workers in Sri Lanka

Patrick Lopez-Aguado, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Constructing Masculine Identity and Performance in the Carceral Social Order

Sonja Mackenzie, Assistant Professor, Public Health Program, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Queering Family: Gender, Kinship, and Social Justice among Elementary School Children in LGBTQ Families and Their Allies

Stephanie Wildman, Professor, School of Law, Santa Clara University
Seminar Initiative: Gender In/sight: Examining Culture and Constructions of Gender
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMON GOOD

BANNAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

NOT A ROAD MAP BUT A TRAIL:
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE COMMONS

Pedro Walpole, S.J., Director for Research, Environmental Science for Social Change, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

February 21, 2018 | 4-5:30 p.m.
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons

ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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Christopher Bacon, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Environmental and Food Justice in the Americas

BANNAN INSTITUTE SCHOLARS:

Jasmin Llamas, Assistant Professor, School of Education and Counseling Psychology, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Environmental Justice & Health:
Exploring Impacts of Smoke Exposure

Edwin Maurer, Professor, School of Engineering, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Convergence in Adaptation to Climate Change—Integrating Perceptions of Local Farmers in Nicaragua with Climate Impacts Analysis

Chad Raphael, Professor, Department of Communication, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Engaged Scholarship for Environmental Justice

Iris Stewart-Frey, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
Adapting to a Warmer World: Water Availability and Quality in Rural Communities Across Northwestern Nicaragua

Tseming Yang, Professor, School of Law, Santa Clara University

Seminar Initiative:
A Conference Revitalizing and Reimagining the Role of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in Environmental Regulation to Achieve Environmental Justice
BANNAN INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM
INTEGRAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMON GOOD

April 28, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Williman Room, Benson Memorial Center

This symposium will bring together the contributions of Bannan Institute Fellows and Scholars from a range of academic disciplines who have been exploring pressing racial, ethnic, economic, gender, and environmental justice issues to advance the common good through the 2016-2018 Bannan Institute.

Keynote Address:
Practicing Intellectual Hospitality: The Common Good and the Work of the Jesuit University

Kristin Heyer, Professor, Department of Theology, Boston College

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Laudato Si’ (On Care For Our Common Home), § 231
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