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#### LECTURES

SCOTT THUMMA, Professor of Sociology of Religion, Hartford International University

[\*An Endemic Church: Exploring Its Perils and Possibilities\*](#), October 12, 2022

JAMES MARTIN, Jesuit Priest and Editor-at-Large of *America*

*Building a Bridge: Welcoming LGBTQ Catholics*, October 6, 2020.

MONICA TOFT, Professor of International Politics at Tufts University

*The Global Resurgence of Religion and How We Missed It*, October 16, 2019.

MELISSA ROGERS, lawyer and Senior Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution

*Trading Kennedy for Kavanaugh: What's at Stake for Religious Freedom?*, October 18, 2018.

CHRISTIAN SMITH, Professor of Sociology and Direct of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame

*Parents, the REAL Pastors: the Absolute Centrality of Parenting in Passing on Religious Faith and Practice to the Next Generation*, October 22, 2014.

DON CUPITT, former Dean of Emmanuel College at the University of Cambridge

*A New Method of Religious Enquiry*, February 28, 2005.

NANCY AMMERMAN, Professor of Sociology of Religion at Boston University

*Tabernacles in the Wilderness: Forming Communities of Faith in a Diverse and Changing World*, October 14, 2003.

AVERY DULLES, Jesuit Priest and Cardinal of the Catholic Church

*The Catholic Church and Ecumenical Relations*, September 23, 2003.

MARGARET FARLEY, Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Christian Ethics at Yale Divinity School, and THOMAS P. DUFFY, Professor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine

*Death, Dying, and Clinical Practice*, October 4, 2001.

MARIE M. FORTUNE, Editor of the Journal of Religion and Abuse

*This Is Not About You: the Challenge of Ministry and Boundaries*, October 13, 2000.

JEAN BETHKE ELSHTAIN, Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago

*The Sin of Pride and the Triumph of Economics*, October 15, 1998.

HELEN PREJEAN, C.S.J., advocate for abolition of the death penalty

*Dead Man Walking: The Journey*, October 15, 1997.

MERCY AMBA ODUYOYE, Founder of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians

*Religious Issues in the Creative Writings of West African Women*, October 7, 1996.

WILLIAM F. MAY, Michael J. McGivney Professor of Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America

*Money and the Professions: Medicine, Law, and the Ministry*, October 9, 1995.