



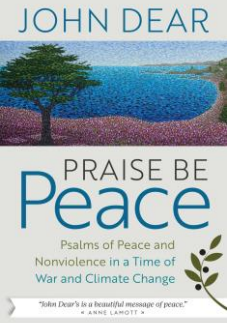


Dear Members of the Detroit Mercy Community and supporters of CLASA,

January 23, 2020

I would like to invite you to attend the following CLASA events this winter. They are free and open to the public. They are held at University of Detroit Mercy's McNichols campus, 4001 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit MI 48221. Please consult our website, <https://udmercy.edu/clasa> for this list, and for extensive coverage of past events including links to videos (available to the Detroit Mercy community). UPCOMING CLASA EVENTS WINTER 2020:

	<p><b>Friday, February 7, 11 am &amp; repeated at 12 p.m. Briggs 317: Alianzas Americas presents the Youth Leaders Across Borders tour – featuring members of “Otros Dreams en Accion” (ODA) from Mexico and “Soy Vida” from El Salvador.</b> ODA members were either deported or returned voluntarily, sometimes to care for a family member, and are now unable to return. Joining them will be youth from Soy Vida, El Salvador’s “Grafitur” project that operates in four of the most dangerous and marginalized neighborhoods of San Salvador. It provides a range of after-school art and music opportunities to children and youth, with a vibrant teen-led center that includes a computer lab, dance classes, and recording studio. The young people in this program are also learning to be muralists. The tour is supported and coordinated by Strangers No Longer (Michigan).</p>	
	<p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, 7 p.m., Life Sciences 113: Kathy Kelly, Nonviolent Resistance to "Forever Wars"</b> -- Kathy Kelly, co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, believes we should be guided by an essential ethical question: How can we learn to live together without killing one another?" She and her companions try to hear from villagers and ordinary people living on the ground in war zones, particularly in Afghanistan, Iraq, Gaza and Yemen. Kelly will share experiences and anecdotes regarding the consequences of war and our collective potential to nonviolently resist U.S. military and economic warfare. Event co-sponsored with Michigan Coalition for Human Rights.</p>	
	<p><b>Thursday, March 19, 2020: Latinx scholar, Dr. William Nericcio</b> (San Diego State) will speak about misrepresentations of Mexicans in American popular culture. In the Loranger/ Architecture Building Exhibition Hall, 12-12:45pm will be the screening of the Mextasy TV show pilot, and from 12:45-1:45pm, Dr. Nericcio will speak to the audience about mis-representations of Mexicans and Latinx groups based on the scholarship in his books, <i>Tex{t}Mex: Seductive Hallucinations of the ‘Mexican’ in America</i>, and <i>Talking #brownTV: Latinas &amp; Latinos on the Screen</i>. Co-sponsored by the Science-Technology &amp; Race Learning Community, CLAE, Language &amp; Cultural Training Program, The Writing Center, Sr. Gloria Rivera.</p>	
	<p><b>Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 7 p.m., Chemistry 114: Fr. John Dear speaks on the topic of his new book, <i>Praise Be Peace</i>.</b> “Using his new home along the Big Sur, California coast and his recent Pace e Bene Pilgrimage to Assisi, he hears the Psalms’ call to trust ‘the God of peace who stops wars’ as we continue to work for peace, and to celebrate the wonders of creation, as we mobilize against environmental destruction.” University Ministry is sponsoring this event. Fr. Dear is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee and author of 35 books.</p>	

CLASA WINTER 2020 events, continued.



**Back by popular demand!**  
Join CLASA, University Ministry, Latinx Student Association, Jesuit Community at UDM, and Gesu Peace and Justice Committee for these special events in memory of Rev.

**Dean Brackley, S.J.:**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

**UCA JESUIT MARTYRS Fundraiser Dinner,  
6:30 – 9:10 p.m., Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Student Center**

**Keynote speaker:**

**Ismael Moreno Coto, S.J. “Padre Melo”**

**Honduran Human Rights advocate**

6:30 p.m. – take your seats. 6:45 pm, program begins. Includes music by *Comparsa Sur* and Salvadoran pupusa dinner, as well as rice and beans, chips and salsa, and guacamole! We also gladly feature Patrick and Rosaura Schweiger. Rosaura was a UCA Jesuit Martyrs Scholarship recipient, and her husband Patrick was a student in the CASA program at the UCA.



**COMPARSA SUR**

**VOICES AND COLORS OF LATIN AMERICA**

*Featured musicians at our April 2 Fundraiser dinner, Bandolero Duran and his band gather together to sing Latin American folk songs that mourn injustice, express hope for the future, and insist on “the right to live in peace”/ “EL DERECHO DE VIVIR EN PAZ.”*

The Fundraiser, in its eighth year now, enables Salvadoran students to attend Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), the Jesuit University in El Salvador. Tickets: sliding scale, \$10 - \$50 per person. All proceeds go to Salvadoran Students at UCA! Free for UDM students with RSVP 72 hours in advance. Write checks to: Jesuits Southern and Central Province (you can put UCA Scholarship Fund in the memo), and send it to: Erin McDonald, University Ministry, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit MI 48221. Email ticket RSVP's (by Tues. March 31) and inquiries to [mcdonaej@udmercy.edu](mailto:mcdonaej@udmercy.edu) or call 313-993-1560; or call Gail Presbey at 313-993-1124.

**ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Padre Melo (Ismael Moreno Coto, S.J.) has been (since 2001) the Director of [E.R.I.C.](#) (Equipo de Reflexion, Investigacion y Comunicacion - Team for Reflection, Investigation and Communication) and since 2006 has been the director of Radio Progreso. He was born in Progreso, Yoro, Honduras in 1958. Fr. James “Guadalupe” Carney played a major role in encouraging Padre Melo to join the Jesuits. He was ordained in 1989. Since then he has held different posts in Central America including in the Parish of Tocoa in Honduras, and Ixcán in Guatemala. He was the Director of the Office of Apostolic Planning and Secretary of the Provincial Apostolic Council in El Salvador. He became good friends with Fr. Dean Brackley, traveling with him to Milwaukee in 2010. Padre Melo’s talk will focus on the UCA Jesuit martyrs, and Frs. Jim Carney and Dean Brackley. **Padre Melo will also speak April 2 at 4 pm in Briggs 340 on: “Consequences of the violence and insecurity in the psyche of the Honduran population.” This will be followed by a panel of Detroit Mercy students discussing current challenges in Central America.**

Sincerely,

Gail Presbey, Professor of Philosophy, Director of CLASA