

# The Eighth Year [2014-2015]

In addition to participating in advocacy efforts across the Gulf South States and continuing to publish articles in the JustSouth Quarterly, E-newsletter, and other external publications, JSRI fellows gave the following presentations:

## Fall 2014- Summer 2015

**September 13-** Dr. Weishar facilitated a panel discussion on unaccompanied children at the border for the Gillespie Memorial Community Breakfast.

**September 15-** JSRI co-sponsored the address of Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ., author of Tattoos on the Heart.

**September 15-** Mr. Bustamante commented on Florida hospitality workers' wages in a Tampa Bay Times article.

**September 23-** Dr. Weishar participated in "Understanding the Border Crisis" on Loyola's campus.

**September 24-** Mr. Bustamante spoke with LRN Miami on a recent Brookings report on greater investment in English instruction for immigrants.

**September 24-25-** Dr. Mikulich and Mr. Bustamante attended the the Southern Regional Asset Building Coalition 7th Annual Conference where Mr. Bustamante presented Paycheck to Payday: Florida Data.

**October 1-3 -** Dr. Weishar and Ms. Baudouin attended the Fall Meeting of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility in NYC and participated in a dialog on implementing human rights policies in private prisons.

**October 7-** Dr. Mikulich led a lunch discussion about anti-racism efforts on Loyola's campus for students and faculty.

**October 7 & 28-** Dr. Mikulich led two lunch discussions on anti-racism efforts at Loyola for students and faculty.

**October 9 -** Mr. Bustamante commented on Florida's slow processing of unemployment claims in the Tampa Bay Times.

**October 16 & November 4-** Fr. Kammer met with the Social Justice and Outreach Focus Team of the Archdiocesan Synod.

**October 20-** JSRI staff briefed Fr. Binoy Jacob, SJ, of the Kerala Province on the intricacies of founding a peace and justice institute for his province.

**October 23-25-** At the 5th Conference on Immigration to the US South, Dr. Weishar presented two papers and she and Fr. Kammer each led two panel discussions.

**October 28-** Three Loyola students presented their research papers funded under a JSRI grant from the Keller Family Foundation.

**October 2014-** Research conducted by Dr. Sue Weishar on Alternatives to Immigration Detention was included in information submitted at a hearing on Family Detention held at the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights headquarters in Washington, D.C.

**November 2-6-** Dr. Weishar presented a paper at a meeting of Jesuit migration ministries in Guadalajara, Mexico.

**November 5-** Dr. Mikulich participated in the meeting of Catholics for Repeal held at the Diocese of Lafayette.

**November 6-** Dr. Mikulich met with the Office of Black Catholics and archdiocesan leaders to plan a Black history month event for high school students.

**November 7-8-** The JSRI Board of Advisory met on the Loyola campus.

**November 16-** Fr. Kammer presented two workshops at the Ignatian Family Teach-In in Washington, D.C.

**November 18-** Dr. Mikulich participated in "Ferguson Across America" on Loyola's campus.

**November 19-** Dr. Sue Weishar spoke on behalf of JSRI at a demonstration in front of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) New Orleans office. The event was organized by the Congress of Day Laborers to protest the pending deportation of two of their members who have been active in local civil rights campaigns.

**November 25-** Dr. Weishar was interviewed by The New Orleans Advocate and Fox News 8 regarding President Obama's Executive Action on immigration.

**December 8-** Dr. Mikulich helped draft a statement on racial injustice that was posted on Catholic Moral Theology.

**December 11-** Fr. Kammer began his service on the Mission Integration Committee of Christus Health in Dallas.

**December 15-** Dr. Weishar attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of Seashore Mission, which serves immigrants and homeless people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Biloxi, MS.

**December 16-** JSRI staff members spoke with 15 students from Santa Clara University about social justice issues in New Orleans post Hurricane Katrina.

**January 9-** Dr. Mikulich met with the Provost's Diversity Committee to develop ongoing

collaboration for multiculturalism and anti-racism at Loyola University.

**January 10-** Dr. Sue Weishar chaired the Gillespie Memorial Community Breakfast at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans. The guest speaker was Gary Clements, Executive Director of the Capital Post Conviction Project of Louisiana, who discussed the application of the death penalty in Louisiana.

**January 13 -** Mr. Bustamante and Fr. Kammer led a press conference on-campus for the release of the JSRI special report Too Much for Too Many: What does it cost families to live in Louisiana?

**February 9-** Fr. Kammer lectured to a Tulane University communications class on faith-based advocacy.

**February 11 & 20 and March 12-** Fr. Kammer met in Baton Rouge with Catholic leaders to plan workshops on Pope Francis' Joy of the Gospel.

**February 12-** Fr. Kammer and Mr. Bustamante presented JSRI's study on family living costs to the Louisiana Supported Living Network annual meeting in Baton Rouge.

**February 18-** Dr. Weishar spoke at a rally in front of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to protest a decision by a Texas District Court that has temporality halted President Obama's Executive Actions on immigration.

**February 21-** Fr. Kammer addressed parishioners at St. Gabriel Parish in New Orleans on Catholic Social Thought.

**February 25-** Dr. Mikulich gave the 9th Annual Thomas Merton lecture honoring Black History Month at the Thomas Merton Center, Bellarmine University.

**March 4-** Dr. Mikulich presented his study "Diminishing All of Us: The Death Penalty in Louisiana" to the Loyola Law School.

**March 5-** Dr. Mikulich co-facilitated with Dr. Al Alcazar a Day of Enrichment for the Houma-Thibodaux diocesan and Catholic Charities staff.

**March 6-** Fr. Kammer addressed participants in the AJCU Honors Conference on the intersection of honors programs and justice.

**March 19-** Fr. Kammer discussed the Jesuit tradition of faith and justice with Loyola's Ignatian Faculty Fellows.

**March 24-** Fr. Kammer delivered Loyola's Yamauchi Lecture on Catholic social thought and immigration.

**March 24-** Dr. Mikulich attended the Louisiana diocesan Life and Justice Committee meeting.

**March 25-** Dr. Weishar urged the New Orleans City Council's Criminal Justice Committee, to discontinue NOPD participation in ICE raids.

**March 25-** Dr. Weishar spoke to a Tulane Social Work class about her work as the Director of Immigration and Refugee Services at Catholic Charities New Orleans.

**March 27-** Dr. Mikulich presented "The Body of Christ Imprisoned in Louisiana" to Loyola's Immersion program.

**April 2-** Dr. Mikulich attended a conference on "A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drug Policy".

**April 6-** Dr. Weishar attended the Biloxi Board Meeting of El Pueblo/ Seashore Mission.

**April 10-11-** JSRI's Advisory Board met.

**April 15-16-** Fr. Kammer attended the board meeting and retreat for the Ignatian Solidarity Network at Georgetown.

**April 16-** Dr. Weishar helped organize an Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Justice and Compassion for Immigrants in front of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Twenty-three local faith leaders provided statements in support of President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration.

**April 18-** Fr. Kammer delivered the keynote address for a series on Pope Francis' Joy of the Gospel in Baton Rouge.

**April 25-** Fr. Kammer provided the second workshop on the social implications of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius for the Ignatian Spirituality Institute in Lake Dallas, TX.

**April 26-28-** Fr. Kammer led three days of reflection in New Orleans on social justice for the second year novices of the Jesuit Central and Southern Province.

**April 30-** Fr. Kammer delivered two lectures on Vatican II's Constitution on the Church in the Modern World at a New Orleans Clergy Study Day.

**May 5-** Dr. Mikulich met with Mark G. Walters, a community organizer with the Micah Project.

**May 5-7-** JSRI Board Member Dr. Manuel Vasquez, Fr. Kammer, and Dr. Weishar facilitated a meeting in Atlanta on how faith leaders can advance the discourse on immigration.

**May 7 -** Dr. Mikulich participated in a conference with national faith leaders on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's payday rule.

**May 8-** Fr. Kammer preached the homily for the Baccalaureate Mass for the Loyola graduating class.

**May 12-17-** Fr. Kammer chaired the working sessions of the General Assembly of Caritas

Internationalis in Rome, Italy. This included concelebration with Pope Francis at St. Peter's.

**May 19-** Dr. Weishar joined a group of community stakeholders to discuss Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) actions in the New Orleans area with the Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas.

**May 20-** Alex Mikulich spoke about mass incarceration in Louisiana to Dominican University (Illinois) students at Café Dauphine.

**May 21-** Dr. Mikulich joined national faith leaders in a conversation about the proposed payday rule with CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

**May 28-** Dr. Weishar participated in the Heartland Delta VII Virtual Conference on Balancing Our Economic Realities with Our Call to the Margins.

**May 29-** Dr. Mikulich interviewed A. M. “Marty” Stroud III, the former Caddo Parish District Attorney who in 1984 wrongfully convicted Glenn Ford.

**June 1-** Jesuit scholastic Stephen Pitts began his internship working on economic justice projects.

**June 4-** Ms. Baudouin and Dr. Weishar organized a tour of the family detention center in Dilley, Texas, for a group of advocates.

**June 12-** Dr. Weishar participated in a demonstration to protest Louisiana’s support of a lawsuit against President Obama’s Executive Actions on immigration.

**June 17-** Fr. Kammer participated in the Mission Committee meeting of the Board of Christus Health.