
CST Writing Retreat/National Meeting

June 2 to 5, 2016

@ The University of Notre Dame

[Detailed Agenda](#)

The [Catholic Social Tradition Learning and Research Initiative](#) meets to build on work over recent years, facilitate relevant writing for publication, and plan further efforts.

Project Website → <http://blogs.nd.edu/cstresearch/writing-retreat-june-2016/>

Attendees

Roger	Bergman	Creighton University
Jay	Brandenberger	University of Notre Dame
Erin	Brigham	University of San Francisco
Katherine	Feely	John Carroll University
Tara	Hudson	University of Notre Dame
Kathleen	Maas Weigert	Loyola University (Chicago)
Heather	Mack	Heather Mack Consulting
Michelle	Nickerson	Loyola University (Chicago)
Bernard	Prusak	King's College
Bill	Purcell	University of Notre Dame
Jennifer	Reed-Bouley	College of St. Mary
Margarita	Rose	King's College

And by videoconference:

Kurt	Schlichting	Fairfield University
Kathryn	Getek Soltis	Villanova University
Harry	Dammer	University of Scranton
Anthony	Vinciguerra	St. Thomas University

Location — Location — Location

Most of our meetings will be at the [Sacred Heart Parish Center](#) (on the lake)

We will meet in the Youth Room, lower level, and disperse to others areas as needed.

On Friday, late morning, we travel to Geddes Hall, home of the Center for Social Concerns.

Many of the “commutes” are walkable (good time to reflect, talk) if the weather cooperates.

Wifi at Parish Center and on campus: [ND-Guest](#), with no password

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Arrivals during the day: check in at the Parish Center

<http://sacredheartparish.nd.edu/sacred-heart-parish-center/>

7:00 pm Informal Gathering / Wine
(Youth Room or Patio)

Friday, June 3

7:45 am Morning Prayer (at Parish Center) [Bill]

8:15 Breakfast (at Parish Center)

Food from Au Bon Pan

9:00 **Welcome and Plan** [Jay]
(Youth Room in PC)

Introductions (especially Katherine, Tara)

Meeting Overview

Team updates [Kathleen]

Writing Plans ... [Jay]

- integrative project theme and team acknowledgements, etc.
 - potentials for book, special editions of journal(s), articles, ...
 - presentations at conferences (look ahead)
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10:00 **Team Meetings/Writing**
(Youth Room and Classrooms in PC)

Working groups/teams

in Youth Room and/or three classrooms

10:45 Travel to [Geddes Hall](#), across lake: walk or ride

[Campus Map](#)

11:15 **Reflection Prompt/Discussion** [Jay]

Clemens Sedmak

Visiting scholar at the Center for Social Concerns

<http://socialconcerns.nd.edu/staff/clemens-sedmak-phd>

Coffee House, 1st floor of Geddes Hall

Some writings from Clemens: [Doing Local Theology](#)
[Human Dignity, Interiority, and Poverty](#)

12:15 **Lunch** (at Geddes, in Coffee House)

Conversations continue

Food from Au Bon Pain

1:30 Writing Time (and group meetings, if needed)

Various locations: consider 10th floor of Hesburgh Library

3:45 **Mark Guntz** (in Geddes, coffee house) [Kathleen]

University of Notre Dame Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research
CIMA, CHERC, and ACCU Synergy

Mark Guntz develops a variety of institutional research initiatives at Notre Dame, and is helping to direct [CIMA](#), the Catholic Identity Mission Assessment initiative linked with ACCU and CHERC (acronym test at the end of the session).

Mark will share [survey instruments](#) being developed to examine CST and related components/constructs, and discuss at Best Practice Guide underway.

4:30 Keep writing!

take 5 min break, if necessary

6:30 Depart from Parish Center for restaurant

Drive: Jay, Bill, Tara will have cars, and perhaps others

[Directions](#) to *India Garden*

6:45 **Dinner** and conversation
at *India Garden*, separate room

8:00 Individual reflection/Writing time

Saturday, June 4th

[Sunburst](#) Race Events

Tara is running the half-marathon at 6:00 am (yeah Tara)

The 10K starts at 7:00 am, ending on campus, so if you run fast you can make it for prayer

7:45 Morning Prayer [Jennifer]

8:15 Breakfast (and updates as needed)
Food from *Panera Bread*

9:00 **Writing**
Groups meet as needed

12:15 Lunch (at Parish Center)
Food from *Panera Bread*

1:15 **CST Rubric Discussion** [Jennifer]
and Group Check-in
Youth Room, Parish Center

2:15 Writing

5:00 Break/free time, or keep writing!

6:00 Leave for Jay's house
(walkable: about 1.25 miles) or drive

6:30 **Dinner** at Jay's house: [1035 N. Notre Dame Ave](#)
Good food, good conversation, friendly dog, bit of wine, stories to tell, ...
We are at the SW corner of ND Ave and St. Vincent, green house

Sunday, June 5th

8:15 Breakfast

Food from *Einstein's*

9:15 Depart for SMC
(cars or walk)

9:30 Mass at [Church of Loretto](#)

Saint Mary's College

Walking (less than mile) is advised if weather is good

Cars will be available too

11:15 **Writing ...**

12:30 Lunch at Parish Center

Food from *Café at Overlook*

1:30 **Writing**

Group meetings, if needed

3:00 **Large group meeting**

[Jay/Kathleen/Bill]

Plans/next steps

- Conference presentations
 - Publications
 - Foundation report
 - Funding potentials
 - New participants
 - Leadership in teams, overall
 - Further meetings/calls as group
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5:00 Break/free time

- 6:00 Leave for dinner (sooner if walking)
- 6:15 **Dinner**
at *The Mark Dine and Tap*, Eddy St, near campus
(walk, about 1.25 mile, or drive) [Directions](#)
- 8:00 Packing, ...
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Monday, June 6

Departures at individual times

Breakfast on your own: consider Café at Overlook, Sorins in Morris Inn, Café de Grasta

June through December, 2016 →

- Keep writing, ...
 - Finalize plans for conferences
 - Team calls and collaboration
 - Final report to foundation
 - Funding potentials
 - Reports on rubric, theory, etc for web or like
 - Clarify leadership, next steps
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Principles, once internalized, lead to something. They prompt activity, impel motion, direct choices. A principled person always has a place to stand, knows where he or she is coming from and likely to end up. Principles always lead the person who possesses them somewhere, for some purpose, to do something, or choose not to."

William Bryon S.J. (1998)

Ten Building Blocks of Catholic Social Thought