

# GARAVENTA CENTER

## For Catholic Intellectual Life & American Culture

### 2025 Fall Events

**Annual Zahm Lecture - The Future of Human Engagement: A Guide for Real People Living Through Unreal Times with Dr. Eric Ancitl**  
**Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m., Buckley Center Auditorium**

What does it mean to stay human in an age of rapid acceleration and AI? This keynote offers a grounded, voice-driven guide to building trust, connection, and meaning in a world that feels increasingly unreal.

**Feeding the World: Insights from the United Nations World Food Programme with David Austin**  
**Thursday, October 2, 5 p.m., Doyle Auditorium, DB004**

Drawing on his experience in government, non-profit, and private sector roles, David, Former Director of Strategic Partnerships, United Nations World Food Programme, will share insights on how technology, innovation, policy-making, and strategic partnerships intersect in the global humanitarian fight against hunger. David is a graduate of UP School of Business non-profit MBA program.

**Annual Hesburgh Lecture - Jazz and Sacred Music with Composer J.J. Wright**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m., Doyle Auditorium, DB004**

An evening with J.J. Wright, an American composer, conductor, and piano player who currently serves as the director of the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir. He composed *O Emmanuel*, an Adventide album that drew from jazz and sacred music traditions and peaked at number 1 on the Billboard Traditional Classical Albums chart. Co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Portland.

**Hope Springs Adjacent: Innovating for Global Health with Scott Knackstedt**  
**Thursday, October 23, 5 p.m., Franz Hall 120**

Drawing on his background in science and international affairs, University of Portland alum Scott Knackstedt will share how innovation can be used to advance health equity in low-resource settings around the world, transforming barriers to access into opportunities for impact.

**"Greetings from Palestine" Art Exhibit Reception and Companion Film Screening of *Arab and Jew: Return to the Promised Land***  
**Monday, November 3**

**Film Screening & Discussion - 5-6:30 p.m.; Exhibit Reception - 6:30-8 p.m., Buckley Center Art Gallery, BC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

Largely abstract charcoal drawings, by Portland multimedia artist Kathan Zerzan, will be integrated with vintage photos from Palestine. The photos—a series of tourist posters produced in 1965 that were brought back from Palestine by Kathan's father, an American who served as a military doctor in Palestine in the mid-1960's—together with the drawings present life as it once was, juxtaposed with the pain and loss evident today.

The screening of *Arab and Jew: Return to the Promised Land* and following panel conversation co-hosted by UP's Center for Constructive Dialogue is offered to explore the power of courageous listening as a pathway to peace—across cultural, political, and religious divides. The aim of the exhibit, film, and provided copies of *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann for further reading is to promote thoughtful reflection, dialogue and cooperative efforts to work for peace in the Middle East.

**Book Launch with Karen Eifler and Rachel Wheeler**  
**Wednesday, November 5, 5:15 p.m., Doyle Auditorium, DB004**

*Beneath the Roar and the Tumult* is a collection of essays by professors from a vast array of disciplines and provides a practical toolkit for helping college students hone their skills and knowledge to imagine a more just world and take actions to realize their deepest aspirations; that is, to do the ongoing work of prophets.

**Advent Visio Divina**

**Wednesday, December 10, 12:30 p.m., Chapel of Christ the Teacher**

Enjoy a contemplative prayer practice using a sacred image from *The Saint John's Bible* directly following the noon Mass. Co-sponsored by Campus Ministry.

### Ongoing Events

#### Pre-Play Receptions & Panels

**Saturdays, 6:15-7:15pm | Mago Hunt Center**

**October 4 - *New Works, New Voices* | November 15 - *The Thanksgiving Play***

Ticket show holders enjoy complimentary wine, small bites and an expert pre-show panel discussion. To purchase tickets: [up.edu/theater](http://up.edu/theater).

#### Thirst Fridays for Faculty & Staff

**Fridays, 4-6pm | 9/12, 12/5, 4/24 | Dundon-Berchtold 101 Lounge**

Enjoy libations, laughter and great conversation at this no-agenda social favorite!  
Open to all staff and faculty.

#### Faith & Intellectual Life Discussion Group for Faculty & Staff

**Fridays, 3:30-5pm | 9/19, 11/14, 1/30, 4/10 | Franz Hall 426**

Open to all UP staff and faculty. Readings are posted at [up.edu/garaventa/fildg](http://up.edu/garaventa/fildg).

#### Core Samples Lunches for Faculty & Staff

**Thursday, 10/9 & Wednesday, 11/12 | 11:30am | Teske Room, Bauccio**

Faculty & staff may attend any or all of the Core Samples lunches, two per semester. These have proven a terrific way for all of us to build our knowledge of what happens in UP's Core Curriculum. Co-sponsored by Core Program.

### Events are free and open to all

(unless otherwise indicated)

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