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**BISHOP WALTER F. SULLIVAN CHAIR IN
CATHOLIC STUDIES LECTURE SERIES**



MARCH 24 - 4 to 6 PM

**“MIRACULOUS BONES:
Skeletal Folk Saints of Argentina and Peru”**

featuring

Frank Graziano, PhD.

MacArthur Professor of Hispanic Studies, Connecticut College

Dr. Graziano has written on an extraordinarily wide range of topics in Latin American culture. His most recent book, *Cultures of Devotion: Folk Saints of Spanish America*, was released by Oxford University Press in 2006, and is accompanied by a website, [Cultures of Devotion](#).

MARCH 31 - 3:30 to 5 PM

**“Politics, Religion, and Social Conflict in Brazil,
the World’s Catholic Giant”**

featuring

Ken Serbin, PhD.

Professor and Chair of History, University of San Diego

Dr. Serbin is the immediate past president of the Brazilian Studies Association and served as the co-chair of the Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association. His research focuses on the history of the Catholic Church and social and reproductive issues, the relationship between religion and democracy, and the revolutionary left in Brazil.



APRIL 12 - 3 to 4:30 PM

**“Living Outside the Gates: The Religious Needs
of Secular Immigrants”**

featuring

Keo Cavalcanti, PhD.

Professor of Sociology, James Madison University

Special Introduction by Dr. Eugene P. Trani, President Emeritus, VCU

Dr. Cavalcanti’s early research was on Protestant missions in Latin America. Later work focused on Protestantism in the United States and Hispanic immigration. Most immigration research has argued that religion provides a bridge between an immigrant’s home country and host country. Recent research on Latinos in the Richmond area, however, provides a very different picture.



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