



Coming Down to Earth: Doing Fieldwork in Theology

FEBRUARY 23

6:00PM RECEPTION

6:30-8:00PM PRESENTATION

DEPAUL STUDENT CENTER, RM. 314B (2250 N. SHEFFIELD)

Fieldwork, ethnography, and qualitative research are words we usually associate with the nitty-gritty, hands-on work and personal interviews done in distant, exotic lands by archaeologists and sociologists...not theologians. It's a down-to-earth kind of research that hasn't yet been done much in the study of theology, but that's starting to change.



Virginia R. Azcuy, professor of theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina in Buenos Aires, explains how—and why—using “ethnographic methods” like personal observation and in-depth, in-person interviews can help bring the often obscure, overly academic world of theology down to earth, to a more accessible and practical level. They can help theologians understand the unique faith and life experiences of different Christian communities. As an example, she describes her work at a parish where people flock to experience the blessings and prayers of Fr. Ignacio Peries, the “cura sanador”—the healing priest—of Rosario, Argentina.

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