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The University of Dayton has honored an eminent Catholic scholar on ethics and human rights with its annual Marianist Award.

The Rev. David Hollenbach, S.J., is the Director of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College. Hollenbach accepted the award last week before delivering a lecture on the rights of refugees in a globalizing world.

"Father Hollenbach is one of the most important and most accomplished scholars writing today about ethics in the Catholic tradition," said University of Dayton political science department Chair Chris Duncan, who introduced Hollenbach. "We honor him for the use of his expertise and his experience to serve the Catholic Church and the human community, to help us think through some of the most complex, urgent and conflicted issues of our day."

Hollenbach has written or edited eight books and more than 100 articles on human rights, peacemaking, economic justice, women's rights, the global nature of the church and the rights of refugees and migrants. At Boston College, he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Christian ethics, human rights and Catholic social teaching.

In 1986, he assisted the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in drafting their pastoral letter "Economic Justice for All: Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy." He previously served as president of the Society of Christian Ethics and on the board of the Catholic Theological Society of America. He currently sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Religious Ethics.

Since 1986, UD's Marianist Award has honored a Roman Catholic whose work has made a major contribution to the intellectual life.

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