

The Boston College Lonergan Institute
presents

Information Technology, Spirit, and African Culture



November 17th & 18th
Higgins 310
Boston College

Friday, November 17, 2017
Higgins 310 (All sessions)

3:00pm Welcome & Introductions

Information, Insight, and Spirit

3:15pm “Making Robots Behave: Intelligence in an
Uncertain World”

Leslie Pack Kaelbling

Panasonic Professor of Computer Science and Engineering
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

4:00pm “The Perfect Storm: Social Media, the Church, and
the Developing World”

Gerald Kane

Professor & Assistant Chairperson, Information Systems
Boston College Carroll School of Management

4:45pm “Information, Insight, and Spirit”

Patrick Byrne

Professor of Philosophy & Director, Lonergan Institute
Boston College

Saturday, November 18, 2017
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Information Technology and African Culture

10:00am “Leveraging Non-Complex Educational Technologies for Teaching, Research, and Learning for Africa’s Higher Education Institutions”

Victor Mbarika
Professor of Information Technology
Southern University and A&M College

10:45am “Lonergan’s Good of Order, ICT, and Political Development in Africa”

Evaristus Ekwueme, SJ
Dean and Professor of Philosophy
Arrupe College, Zimbabwe

11:30am Break

Educating Students about the Challenges

11:45am Panel: “TechTrek Ghana: Learning from an Undergraduate Field Study Course”

John Gallagher
Associate Professor, Information Systems
Boston College Carroll School of Management

Elizabeth Bagnani
Associate Professor of the Practice
Boston College Carroll School of Management

12:30pm Lunch, Higgins Atrium

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- 1:30pm **“Shifting Perceptions and Igniting Connection”**
Adejire Bademosi
Advocate
- 2:15pm **“African Culture in Cyberspace: Prospects and Challenges”**
Enoh Tanjong
Professor of Information & Communication Technology
University of Cameroon
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm **“Are ICTs Changing Africa’s Political Landscape?: Case of the Anglophone Cameroon Crisis 2017”**
Agbome Salome Nangah
Author, “Social Media: Culture and Identity”
- 4:00pm **“The Impact of Culture on Innovation and Technology Adoption in Africa”**
Mavis Ampah Sintim-Misa
CEO, STINSAD Consult, Ghana
- 4:45pm Closing Remarks