

# The Future of Franciscan Studies Conference



*Ego quod meum est feci; quod vestrum est  
Christus edoceat.*

## Remembering Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) and the Future of Franciscan Studies

The Franciscan Institute at Saint Bonaventure University invites submissions for a one-day, online, conference on the future of Franciscan studies on July 13, 2026. The conference will examine both developments and new lines of inquiry in the various facets of Franciscan Studies (theology, philosophy, history, liturgy, art, contemporary Franciscan life and spirituality) and the challenges facing the pursuit of Franciscan Studies in the current academic, cultural, and economic moments.

In particular, the Franciscan Institute invites papers of no more than 20 minutes addressing the following themes:

- 1) *New resources*: what artefacts, texts, or other testaments to Franciscanism have been discovered, underexamined, or deserving of a re-examination?
- 2) *New Questions*: what questions have been prompted by current research in Franciscan Studies or adjacent disciplines?
- 3) *New Methods*: are there any new approaches, especially those crossing over disciplines, that will support new lines and forms of inquiry in Franciscan studies?
- 4) *New Situations*: what practical context for scholars, students, and followers of Francis, official and unofficial, present problems and promise for pursuing and handing on the tradition of Franciscan Studies?

Please submit proposals, including a title and an abstract of no more than 300 words, to David B. Couturier ([dcouturi@sbu.edu](mailto:dcouturi@sbu.edu)) by February 14, 2026. Presenters will be notified by March 10, 2026.

