Angels, Saints and Sinners: Béisbol, Baseball and Ethics

Ethical issues have plagued baseball since its origins as a professional sport, though the criteria for discerning the morally good from the permanently unforgivable invite deeper scrutiny. For example, performance-enhancing drugs overshadowed both the 2013 Major League Baseball season and the Hall of Fame nomination process. Players anxiously awaited word of impending suspensions and retired All Stars, tainted by the steroid era, failed to make the ranks of the most recent Cooperstown inductees. With attention to the complexity and ambiguity of daily lived experience Latin@ theologies offer insights that challenge simplistic analyses that interpret these matters strictly in terms of cheating and fairness. In light of the 40th anniversary of the induction of Roberto Clemente, the first Latino in the National Baseball Hall of Fame, these issues call for further consideration latinamente.

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Date: Sunday, September 29, 2013  
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Location: St. Robert’s Auditorium, St. Robert’s Hall

Free and open to the public.  
Food and Refreshments will be provided.