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# “Francis of Assisi in the Sources: Weighing the Evidence”

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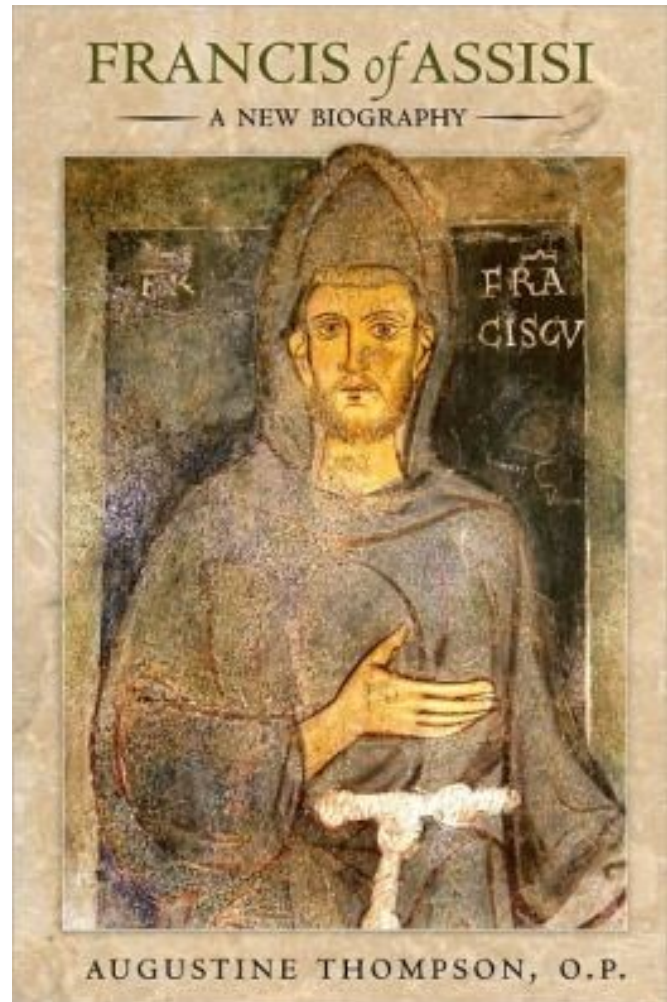
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**4:00 — 6:00 p.m.**

**Chancellor’s Suite, UC**



In his lecture Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P., will analyze the surviving evidence for the life of Francis using modern historical methods. The result is a complex yet sympathetic portrait of the man and the saint. The Francis who will emerge is both more complex and more conflicted than that of older research. His famed devotion to poverty is found to be more nuanced than expected, perhaps not even his principal spiritual concern. Fr. Thompson will revisit events small and large in Francis's life, including his troubled relations with his father, his contacts with Clare of Assisi, his encounter with the Muslim sultan, and his receiving the Stigmata, to uncover the man behind the legends and popular images.

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