

News from the Chair

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Wood joins International Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue to discuss baptism.

Congratulations to December Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who graduated at the December Commencement: Richard Arndt, PhD Theology and Society, Paul Heidebrecht, PhD Theological Ethics, Fortunate Ojiako, PhD Historical Theology, William Owen, MA, and Samuel Wood, MA.

Teaching Tips Offered for the Introductory Course

The Department of Theology will hold the first of a series of brown bag teaching workshops intended for graduate students on Tuesday, January 20th, from noon to 1, in David Straz 105. Dr. Julian Hills and Dr. Michel Barnes will be the presenters. Dr. Hills will talk about strategies for teaching New Testament texts in Introduction to Theology; Dr. Barnes will present strategies for teaching the Trinity. Those graduate students who are currently teaching Theo 1 as well as graduate students who anticipate teaching an introduction course, whether at MU or at some other institution, are encouraged to attend. Members of the faculty, whether fulltime or part time, are of course also welcome to attend. The Department will provide cookies, coffee and tea.

On Tuesday, March 24th, from 11:45 to 1 pm, AMU 157, the Department will host a lunch for the Theo 1 instructors. Two speakers from the College of Education, Dr. Kathleen Cepelka (Associate Dean of the College of Education) and Dr. Ellen Eckman (Associate Professor in the College of Education) will present on high school curricula in Wisconsin schools. Additional information forthcoming.

Dr. Susan K. Wood, SCL Invited to Participate in the International Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue

Walter Cardinal Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, has invited Dr. Susan Wood, SCL to become a member of the Catholic delegation for a new fifth phase of the dialogue established on the worldwide level by the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The theme of this phase is "Baptism and Growing Church Communion." The topic coincides with Dr. Wood's forthcoming book, *One Baptism: Ecumenical Implications of the Doctrine of Baptism*, which will be published in early Fall, 2009 by the Liturgical Press. The first meeting will be in July.

Previous phases of the dialogue concentrated on the Gospel and the Church (1967-1971), the Eucharist and Church ministry (1973-1984), the Church and Justification (1986-1993), and the apostolicity of the Church, (concluded in 2006).

Faculty going and coming...

Dr. Ulrich Lehner departed January 2 to be a resident in the prestigious Princeton Institute of Advanced Study during the spring Semester to continue research on religious influences on the Enlightenment. In addition he will be a Summer Research Fellow at the Herzog-August-Bibliothek in Wofenbüttel, Germany and a Fellow at the International research Center for Comparative history of Religious Orders at the Catholic University of Eichstätt, Germany.

Dr. Mickey Mattox will be on sabbatical this semester working on volume 2, Genesis 12-50, in the Reformation Commentary on Scripture series forthcoming from InterVarsity Press.

We welcome back Drs. Julian Hills, John Schmitt, and Fr. David Schultenover, S.J., who are returning from sabbaticals.

Dr. Hills completed a book-length manuscript (introduction, translation, notes) on the *Epistula Apostolorum*, and brought nearer to completion two other apocryphal writings to be included in the "Early Christian Apocrypha" project. He also revised an article on the Nicodemus story in John 3.

Dr Schmitt worked on introduction and annotations of Paul Giustiniani and Peter Quirini's *"Libellus" ad Leonem X*, a call for church reform, 1513, (translation by Stephen Beall) which will appear in the Marquette University Press series Reformation Texts in Translation as well as his project "Gendered Personification in the Hebrew Bible: Images of Israel and Jerusalem."

Fr. Schultenover's project consisted of several projects: (1) serving as a delegate to the Jesuits' General Congregation 35 that elected a new superior general and drafted legislation to guide the Society of Jesus for the next generation; (2) continuing to edit *Theological Studies*; (3) editing the collection titled *The Reception of Pragmatism in France and the Rise of Catholic Modernism, 1890-1914* (The Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming, spring 2009); working on another edited collection titled *Theology and Globalization* (proposal submitted); and continued work on a book-length biographical study of Luis Martín García, the superior general of the Society of Jesus at the time of the Modernist Crisis.

Mattox and Lehner leave for sabbatical and research leaves and Hills, Schmitt, and Schultenover return.

Upcoming Events

January, 2009

- Jan 12 Classes begin, second semester
- Jan 22 Departmental Meeting
- Jan 29 Departmental Colloquium, Dr. Sharon Pace, 3:30-4:30

February, 2009

- Feb. 7 The 7th Annual Marquette University/Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student Theological Colloquium, Raynor Library Conference Center, 10am - 5:30pm
- Feb 12 Theologian Mary Gerhart and Physicist Allan Russell lecture, Raynor Conference Center Beaumier Suites B & C
- Feb 13 Deadlines to submit work to instructor for incompletes earned 2008 Fall semester
- Feb 19 Departmental Meeting
- Feb 23 Rev. Thomas Worchester, S.J., Wade Chair, "The Modern Papacy: Between Tradition and Innovation," 4:00
- Feb 26 Dr. Markus Wriedt, "'We've said nothing new!' Luther on Tradition and Innovation