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.

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 Wölfenbüttel, 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 Apostlorum_, 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.

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 26 Dr. Markus Wriedt, "'We've said nothing new!' Luther on Tradition and Innovation"