

# News from the Chair

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## *Faculty Achievements*

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## **"We've said nothing new!' Luther on Tradition and Innovation" Thursday, March 5 at 4:00PM, Straz Hall, 105**

Historians always look for innovation, developments, and the uniqueness of events. For centuries Luther was described as either one who had introduced new faith and piety or as one who had spoiled the unity of the Church by his innovative and therefore heretical theology.

Markus Wriedt, distinguished professor of Historical Theology and internationally reputed historian of the Reformation, takes another look. He takes Luther's claim, that he had not said anything new, as the leading principle of his theology and his attempts to reform the Church. The result is provoking. Luther was both conservative and Catholic. Why the Church was divided in spite of this will be shown in the lecture.

## **Faculty Members Record a Productive 2008**

A compilation of the 31 full-time Faculty Activity Reports submitted for 2008 shows that the faculty authored 8 books and edited 5 others. In addition, they published 21 refereed articles, 9 other articles, 20 book reviews, 21 chapters in books, and 19 dictionary/encyclopedia entries. In addition they sat on 11 DQE boards and brought 8 dissertations to completion with defenses.

## **Congratulations to Dr. Andre Orlov and Dr. Jame Schaefer**

Dr. Andre Orlov and Dr. Jame Schaefer, both graduates of Marquette's Ph.D. program, have been awarded promotion to Associate Professor with tenure.

## Loyola-Marquette Colloquium a Success

Many thanks to everyone who participated in and attended the Seventh Annual Loyola University-Chicago & Marquette University Graduate Student Theological Colloquium. Rebecca Meier-Rao represented Marquette with her plenary presentation, "Interreligious Dialogue: A Lesson from Aloysius Pieris, S.J.," while Anne Carpenter, Stephen Waldron, and Mark Trump presented breakout papers that were well received. Jason Scully, Cathy Marcy, Eric Vanden Eykel, and Kent Lasnoski contributed by responding to papers by Loyola students. The highlight of the day was the panel discussion, in which our own Fr. Bryan Massingale and Lincoln Rice participated with a Loyola faculty member and graduate student in a conversation focused around James Cone's article "Black Liberation Theology and Black Catholics: A Critical Conversation." Jeremy Blackwood, organizer of this year's Colloquium, is very grateful for all the helping hands who aided in making the event a success." He is presently compiling a manual of how to organize this event which he will pass on to the person in charge next year.

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### *Student Achievements*

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## Concannon to Attend Collegium

Congratulations to PhD candidate Ellen Concannon, who has been selected to participate in the 2009 Collegium Summer Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life, June 5-12 at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

## Père Marquette Lecture March 22

Professor Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame, will present "Theology and the Spaces of Apocalyptic" Sunday, March 22, 2009, 2 p.m. at the Weasler Auditorium.

Born in Ireland, Cyril O'Regan received his BA and MA degrees in Philosophy at University College Dublin. He studied Theology and Philosophy of Religion at Yale from which he received his Ph. D in 1989. He has held academic positions at the School of Theology, Saint John's, Collegeville, and the Department of Religious Studies at Yale. For the past ten years he has been on the faculty of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, where currently he is the Huisling Professor of Theology.

Professor O'Regan identifies himself as a systematic theologian who is interested in a wide variety of topic areas and contemporary figures in theology, both Catholic and Protestant. He is especially interested in Trinitarian thought, eschatology, and the variety of forms of postmodern theology, and has paid particular attention to modern theologians such as Balthasar, Przywara, and de Lubac.

## Upcoming Events

- March 2-6 Midterm exams
- March 5 Dr. Markus Wriedt will present "'We've said nothing new!' Luther on Tradition and Innovation" 4:00 pm, Straz Hall, 105
- March 9 Midterm grades due at noon
- March 8-15 Spring Break
- March 19 Departmental meeting, 3:30-5:00 pm, AMU 227
- March 21 Père Marquette Dinner, 6:00 pm
- March 22 Père Marquette Lecture, Professor Cyril O'Regan, "Theology and the Spaces of Apocalyptic," 2:00 pm, Weasler Auditorium
- March 27 University Muslim-Christian Understanding Workshop