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Père Marquette Lecture April 11, 2010

Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Willard Prescott and Annie McClelland Smith Professor of Religious Studies at Brown University, will deliver this year’s Père Marquette Lecture **April 11, 2010 at 2 PM in the Raynor Libraries Conference Center.** The title of her lecture is “Song and Memory: Biblical Women in Syriac Tradition.” The lecture stems from Professor Harvey’s interest in women in early Christianity. She has focused particularly on the presentation of biblical women in early Syriac hymns and verse homilies, and on the women’s choirs that sang about them. Her lecture is part of a larger project that will soon bring her work on women in Christian antiquity together into a book project.

Professor Harvey received her B.A. degree in Classics from Grinnell College in Iowa, and her M.Litt. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Birmingham, England, in Byzantine History. She specializes in Syriac studies, early Christian history, and Christianity of the Byzantine and Syriac traditions.


Irfan Omar, Ph.D. Awarded Tenure

Congratulations to Dr. Irfan Omar, who has been awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor. Dr. Omar specializes in Islamic thought with a special focus on inter-religious connections between Islam and other religions.
Dr. Andrea Orlov Receives Fellowship

Dr. Andrei Orlov will be at Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a fellow of their Institute of Advanced Studies during his sabbatical in 2010-2011.

Dr. M. Therese Lysaught Awarded Grant

Dr. M. Therese Lysaught has been awarded a grant from the University of Chicago through their research program "A New Science of Virtues" (funded by the John Templeton Foundation). In collaboration with Jeffrey P. Bishop, M.D., Ph.D. (Vanderbilt), Andrew Michel, M.D. (Vanderbilt), and Amy Laura Hall, Ph.D. (Duke), Dr. Lysaught will work on a $225,000, two-year project entitled "The Economy of Virtue: Virtue Theory in Light of Poverty and Neuroscience." The project brings recent findings on the neurobiological effects of poverty into conversation with traditional and contemporary assumptions about the relationship between economics and virtue.

Dr. Ulrich Lehner Awarded Fellowship

Dr. Ulrich Lehner has been awarded a fellowship to the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study for fall, 2010.

Recent Faculty Publications


Graduate Student Presentations

Marquette was represented at the 2010 Annual Society for Pentecostal Studies Meeting, held March 4-6 at North Central University, Minneapolis, MN, by three of our graduate students and eight of our alumni. The title of this year’s meeting was “New Voices, New Visions: Future and Hope of Pentecostal Theology.”

Graduate students: Duane Loynes (moderated session), Douglas Erickson (presented paper), and Stephen Waldron (presented paper).

Ph.D. alumni who presented papers: Wolfgang Vondy of Regent University, Skip Jenkins of Lee University, Christopher Vena of Toccoa Falls College, Bill Oliverio of Marquette University, Steven Studebaker of McMaster Divinity College, John Ragsdale of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Martin Mittelstadt of Evangel University, and Timothy Senapatiratne of Bethel Seminary.

Current faculty member who also presented papers: Dr. Ralph DelColle.

Mark Jennings presented “‘They Contributed Nothing to Me’ (Gal 2:6): Paul’s Critique of the Jerusalem Apostles’ Lukewarm Support of Paul’s Gentile Mission” at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Midwest Regional Meeting, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN.

Upcoming Events

Apr 15 Annual William J. Kelly, SJ, Chair Lecture
Dr. Patrick Carey
“The Fragmentation of Theology”
Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
David Straz Hall, Room 105

Apr 29 Faculty Colloquium
Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
Henke Lounge, Alumni Memorial Union
Michel Barnes will present on the Trinitarian theology of Pope Benedict XVI.