

# News from the Chair

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## MAY THEOLOGY GRADUATES

DOCTORAL: 7

MASTERS: 2

MAJORS: 15

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## Congratulations to May Graduates

### Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies:

#### Scott Celsor (*Systematic Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "Word and Faith in the Formation of Christian Existence: A Study in Gerhard Ebeling's Rejection of the *Joint Declaration*"

Dissertation Director: Dr. Ralph Del Colle

#### Dragos Giulea (*Historical Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "The Noetic Paschal Anthropos: Gen 1:27 and the Theology of the Divine Image in Early Paschal Literature"

Dissertation Director: Rev. Alexander Golitzin

#### Timothy Henderson (*Biblical Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "'The People Believe That He Has Risen from the Dead': The Gospel of Peter and Early Christian Apologetics"

Dissertation Director: Dr. Julian Hills

#### Mark Koehne (*Biblical Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "The Septuagintal Isaian Use of Nomos in the Lukan Presentation Narrative"

Dissertation Directors: Rev. Dr. William Kurz, S.J. and Dr. Andrei Orlov

#### Patricia Lewis (*Systematic Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "The Body as Symbol: Bringing Together Theories of Sex/Gender and Race for Theological Discourse"

Dissertation Director: Dr. M. Shawn Copeland

#### Michael Novak (*Systematic Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "An Ecclesiology of Charisms in the Theology of Francis A. Sullivan, S.J."

Dissertation Director: Rev. Dr. Michael Fahey, S.J.

#### Amy Richter (*Biblical Theology*)

Dissertation Title: "The Enochic Watchers' Template and the Gospel of Matthew"

Dissertation Directors: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey and Dr. Andrei Orlov

### Master of Arts:

Nathan Lunsford

Stephen Waldron

### Undergraduate Theology Majors:

Matthew Aubart  
Michael Greuel  
Francisco Hurtado  
Laura Johnson  
Alexander Kaftan

Patrick Kelly  
Michael Kilkenny  
Thomas Klind  
David Kruse  
Christopher Owen

Timothy Rank  
Alexander Ronaldson  
Monica Schettler  
Andrew Schettler  
Peter Wagoner

## Graduate Student Publications

**Alexis-Baker, Andy.** "Just Policing: A New Face to an Old Challenge." In *Peace Be With You: The Church's Benediction Amid Empire*, edited by Michael Hardin, 80–99. Telford, PA: Cascadia, 2010.

**Blackwood, Jeremy,** "Lonergan and Rahner on the Natural Desire to See God." *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, new series, 1, no. 2 (2010): 85-103.

## Graduate Student Presentations

**Nathan Willowby.** "The Nature of St. Thomas' Instruction in *De Regno*," presented at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the AAR, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 9, 2010.

## Marquette Student Receives Appointment

Congratulations to Michael Novak who has accepted a one-year replacement position in Systematic Theology at Loyola University, New Orleans.

## Majors' Study Break

Hosted by Rev. Bryan Massingale and Dr. Deirdre Dempsey, Theology Majors are invited for soda and snacks, just to relax and visit with one another. The event has taken place the past few semesters, with good turnout. This semester the event took place May 12, 2010. Pictured below are a few of the attendees.

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey (blocked) Rev. Bryan Massingale, Michael Cannon, Christopher Owen, David Kruse, Jack Kelly (blocked) Timothy Rank, and Thomas Klind.

## Theta Alpha Kappa Members

Members of Theta Alpha Kappa gathered May 13, 2010 for an induction ceremony, and presentation of cords to those who are graduating this year. The event was moderated by Dr. Deirdre Dempsey. Rev. Joseph Mueller, S.J. opened the ceremony with prayer.

Pictured from left to right: Timothy Rank, Francisco Hurtado, Michael Cannon, Thomas Klind, Christopher Owen, and John Kelly. (Not able to be present: Nichole Steinmetz, Brice Cleland, Kollin Petrie, and Peter Wagoner.)



## Rev. Thomas Hughson, S.J. and Dr. John Schmitt Retire

**Dr. John Schmitt** served Marquette teaching the Hebrew Bible, with a keen interest in the gendered identification of Israel, for 31 years. In recent years he also became very involved in interreligious dialogue with the Jewish and Muslim communities and continued a life-long interest in monasticism.

**Fr. Tom Hughson, S.J.** taught systematic theology at Marquette for 30 years and is especially known for his work on John Courtney Murray and theology in the public sphere. In the Department he has done yeoman's service as DGS, recruiting some of the nation's best theology students to the Department.



Fr. D. Thomas Hughson, S.J. and Dr. John Schmitt

## In Memoriam

**Rev. Russel J. Stommel** died Tuesday, 11 May 2010, at the age of 69. Fr. Stommel was a doctoral student in the Department of Theology and served as an adjunct faculty member of the Department for a number of years.

## From Siberia...

**Dr. Andrei Orlov** received an email from Dr. Thomas Garcia-Huidobro, a Jesuit priest working in Novosibirsk, Russia, the Capital of Siberia, who said "For me your web page '**Jewish Roots of Eastern Mysticism**' has been a spring of inspiration on my academical work...you can't imagine how important it has been to me."

## Faculty Activities

**Dr. Jame Schaefer** presented: 'Principles for a Water Ethic: Contributions from the Catholic Theological Tradition,' Panel on Ripples of a Water Ethic, Water and People Conference, Marquette University Law School, February 26; "The Planetary Common Good," Faculty Sustainability Panel, MUSG Green Week, Marquette University, April 8; and, "Beyond Earth Day #40: Finding Motivation in Religious Beliefs," Cobeen Residential Hall, Marquette University, April 22; and selected to participate in Senior Faculty Consultation on "Teaching toward Eco-Justice: Where Sustainability and Social Justice Meet in Theological Education" at Seattle University, July 26-28.

**Dr. D. Stephen Long** was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the United Community Center. Dr. Long donated countless hours to the Adult Day Center (ADC) as a program assistant while on sabbatical. He also made an effort to recommend many students to serve as volunteers at UCC.

## Recent Faculty Publications

**Dr. Jame Schaefer**, "Valuing Water with Gratitude and Restraint: A Catholic Theological Imperative," *New Theology Review* 23 (February 2010) 16-26.

## Delivery of THEO 1001 and Mentoring New Teachers

In recent years, the Department of Theology has made efforts to continually improve delivery of THEO 1001 and to more intentionally prepare our graduate students to transition into teaching.

**Dr. Deirdre Dempsey**, in addition to her work these past couple of years as Director of Undergraduate Studies and moderator of the Theology Honor Society, TKA, has taken the initiative to plan and implement a series of activities to mentor our graduate student teachers.

As Dr. Dempsey enjoys a well-earned sabbatical next year, **Dr. Julian Hills** will build on this excellent foundation by becoming the departmental liaison to THEO 1001 with oversight of adjunct teaching of this course.

**Dr. Therese Lysaught**, Director of Graduate Studies for 2010-2011, is writing a proposal to the Wabash Grant Graduate Program Teaching Initiative, which, if granted, would give the department the opportunity to assess our doctoral teaching preparation program and determine best practices for that program.