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Congratulations to May Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies:

Scott Celsor *(Systematic Theology)*
Dissertation Director: Dr. Ralph Del Colle

Dragos Giulea *(Historical Theology)*
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


Graduate Student Presentations


Marquette Student Receives Appointment

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

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.)

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.
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.

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


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.