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News from the Chair

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Congratulations December Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies:

Braden Anderson, Ph.D. (Theology and Society)
Dissertation Title: “Chosen Nation: Biblical Theopolitics and the Problem of American Christian Nationalism”
Dissertation Director: Dr. D. Stephen Long

Kristine Ruffatto, Ph.D. (Biblical Theology)
Dissertation Title: “Visionary Ascents of Moses in Pseudo-Philo’s Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum: Apocalyptic Motifs and the Growth of Visionary Moses Tradition”
Dissertation Directors: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey/Dr. Andrei Orlov

Travis Stolz, Ph.D. (Historical Theology)
Dissertation Title: “Utinam Aut Anglus Non Fuissem: Isaac of Stella, the Cistercians and the Thomas Becket Controversy”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski

Master of Arts:

Jeremiah Bowden, M.A. (Systematic Theology)
Emily Schumacher-Novak, M.A. (Systematic Theology)

Graduate Student Award

Paul Monson was awarded the nationally competitive Cushwa Travel Grant. The $1,000 grant, provided by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism for research in the University of Notre Dame Archives, will be used for his project, “Reclaiming the Benedictine Mission: The Vision of Martin Marty, OSB, for Monasticism in America, 1860-1896.” The project is a major step in researching his dissertation topic.

Lonergan Annual Colloquium

The Marquette Lonergan Project will sponsor a second annual colloquium in spring of 2012. The fall colloquium remains centered on systematic theology in a multi-religious world, but the spring colloquium will address issues regarding philosophy and theology. The spring colloquium will be held on March 1 and 2, 2012. Two speakers have already agreed to present papers: Mark Morelli (Loyola Marymount University) on Hegel and Lonergan, and Michael Sharkey (UWPlatt) on Heidegger and Lonergan.
Graduate Student Publications


Graduate Student Presentations


Braden Anderson. "One Church Under God: Imagining Church Unity Amidst National Division" Feb. 9, for the Center for Peacemaking’s Soup with Substance and in conjunction with the Office of Mission and Ministry’s Mission Week theme, "Imagine God."


Brian Sigmon. "Shadowing Jacob’s Journey: Sideshadowing in Gen 47:13-26," the Midwest SBL Graduate Student Paper Competition. The paper won in the Hebrew Scriptures/Ancient Near Eastern Studies section. The award includes a $300 prize, an invitation to present the paper at the Midwest regional meeting in February, and the opportunity to submit it for publication in the annual conference proceedings.


Alumni Publications


Faculty Activities


Rev. Robert Doran, S.J. visited the Thomas More Institute in Montreal over the Christmas holidays, along with his website technical assistant Greg Lauzon, and discovered 164 audio tapes of conversations, discussions, and lectures relevant to the secondary Lonergan website, www.lonerganresource.com. Bernard Lonergan had a long association with the Institute. The recordings were sent on loan to Greg’s studio in Toronto, where he is preparing the materials to upload them to the website. These will be valuable research tools for people interested in work on Lonergan.

Dr. Ulrich L. Lehner received a short-term research fellowship (August 2011) from the Monastic Enlightenment and the Benedictine Republic of Letters research project at the University of Vienna, Austria.

Dr. D. Stephen Long. “Feed us first, then ask for virtue: the temptation in alleviating poverty,” presented to the Society of Christian Ethics meeting, New Orleans, Jan. 6. Also gave lectures at Regent College, the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Jan. 25-27 on “First principles: Christianity and the Market,” “God and the Good: Strained but Necessary Conversation Partners,” and “On Reading Charles Taylor Theologically.” February 8th and 9th presented lectures at Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University on “Why the Church Should and Should Not Be Pacifist.”


Rev. Massingale also delivered the keynote address “The Church’s Contribution to Racial Justice,” at the “All Are Welcome? Race in the Church Today” conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the University of Dayton, January 28, 2011.


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