Convocation 2011

Dr. Patrick W. Carey will present “Avery Cardinal Dulles, SJ: A Model Theologian.” Cardinal Avery Dulles, SJ, is the foremost American Catholic theologian of the post-Vatican II era. In the entire twentieth century, no other theologian, with the possible exception of John Courtney Murray, SJ, has had as important an impact upon American Catholic thought. Dulles, though, is unmatched in the twentieth century because of his prolific publications and the wide distribution and reading of his published theology. More bishops, priests, and religious, as well as large numbers of laity, have been influenced by his writings than by any other single American theologian. This lecture will focus on the relation of biography and theology. The convocation takes place Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 3:30 PM in the Alumni Memorial Union, Ballroom D.

Fr. Golitzin Nominated Bishop

Archimandrite Alexander Golitzin was nominated as the candidate for Bishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese at the diocese’s Fifth Congress-Sobor Saturday, July 9, 2011. A native of Saint Innocent Church, Tarzana, CA, Father Alexander Golitzin received a BA in English from UC Berkeley and an MDiv. from Saint Vladimir’s Seminary. He spent seven years pursuing doctoral studies at Oxford University in England under His Eminence, Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware]. During this time, he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos. Fr. Golitzin came to Marquette in 1996 and was promoted to Professor in 2004.

Undergraduate Major Serves as Missionary

Emily LaLoggia, recent graduate from Marquette with a degree in Theology, will be, for the next year, serving as a NET [National Evangelization Team] missionary. NET is an international nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Minnesota under the oversight of the Archbishop of St. Paul/Minneapolis. The mission of NET Ministries is to challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. NET Ministries fulfills its mission by:

- Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith
- Inviting young people to live for Christ
- Forming young people in Christian character through the study and practice of their faith
- Equipping youth workers and young adults with the ministry skills needed for evangelization.

From August 2011-May 2012 she will be traveling around the U.S. giving youth retreats at Catholic schools and parishes along with a team of about 10 other young adults. As missionaries, they are asked to live simply and give generously. They will be engaged in daily personal and team prayer, which will be a source of nourishment as they will strive to proclaim the Gospel to the youth through talks, skits, prayer experiences, and games.
Meet the New Graduate Students

Ph.D. Students

Timothy Gabrielson (JCA) comes to Marquette with an MA in Biblical Studies/New Testament from Denver Theological Seminary. This builds on dual BS’s in Mathematical and Computer Sciences and Economics from the Colorado School of Mines. Tim’s MA thesis compared Revelation with Jewish apocalyptic works of late antiquity and concluded that Christian apocalyptic was generally at home in the Jewish thought world from which it emerged. He wishes to continue this line of exploration by examining Pauline literature from the perspective of Jewish apocalyptic.

Jason Gehrike (HIST) received his MA in Historical and Exegetical Theology from Concordia Theological Seminary in Indiana, also studying at Westfield House, Cambridge University during his time there. Prior to this he studied ancient history with a minor in classical studies at Hillsdale College. Jason is interested in “delving into Augustine’s exegetical and homiletical work to consider Augustine in light of his scriptural exegesis,” with particular attention to the normativity of Christology for Augustine’s theological work.

Christopher Gooding (ETH) earned his MA in Theology from Duke University after working for an anti-sex-trafficking non-profit (International Justice Mission) in Bombay, India. Based on this work, he is interested in studying how shifts in dogmatic and hermeneutic methodologies have had effects on political theology toward the end of aiding groups like IJM in imagining politics in forms not dependent on state action.

Joseph Gordon (SYST) comes to Marquette from Lincoln Christian University Seminary where he wrote his Master’s thesis on “Henri de Lubac on Revelation, theology of History, and the Nature of Christian Exegesis.” He is “interested in further exploring the nature and implications of Christian theologies of history...taking into account both the historical particularity of God’s revelation in the ‘Christ-event’ and the subsequent sacramental/participatory mediation of that revelation in and through the Church.”

Darren Henson (TAS/HME) earned his STL and MDiv. from University of St. Mary of the Lake—Mundelein Seminary and served as Vice President of Mission and Ethics for the Mercy Health System in Kansas. Darren inaugurates our new specialization in Healthcare Mission and Ethics and brings with him over ten years in pastoral ministry as well as strong interests in palliative care.

Erik Hesla (SYST) earned his B.A. in Philosophy and Classical Studies at the University of Santa Clara and his MTS in Systematic/Historical Theology from Boston College. His own life trajectory makes him keenly interested in what von Balthasar has described as “the ‘daily wound’ that is the confessional split among Christians.” He wishes to explore this question through the theology of Karl Barth, and also through the theology of the incarnation, Trinitarian Theology, theological aesthetics (esp. von Balthasar), and the appropriation of patristic insights into modern systematic theology.

Samantha Miller (HIST) earned her M.Div. at Duke University as well as a dual BA in Religion and History at Hope College. She is interested in patristic exegesis, particularly Gregory of Nazianzen’s use of scripture as well as Chrysostom’s Christological reading of the Psalms and Augustine’s exegetical practices, especially as exhibited in De Doctrina Christiana.

Daniel Morehead (HIST) received his MTS from Duke University, MA from Wheaton College Graduate School, and BA from Wheaton College. His area is systematic theology and his interests include theological anthropology, Christology, accounts of evil and sin, virtue ethics, theology of language, the theological interpretation of scripture, and pneumatology.

Jakob Rinderknecht (SYST) has an M.A. in Systematics and Monastic Studies from St. John’s University, Collegeville, building on a B.A. in Liturgical Studies with minors in Hebrew and the Classics in Greek in Christ College at Valparaiso University. He brings a keen and ongoing interest in ecumenical questions and seeks to explore them via the intersection of ecclesiology and sacramental theology.

Nathan Thiel (JCA) received his bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies at UW-Madison in 2008 and completed his MA in Theology at Marquette, specializing in Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity. He is especially interested in the Gospel of John and the so-called parting of the ways between Christians and Jews.

Stephen Waers (HIST) received his M.Div. with a focus in Church History, from the Emmanuel School of Religion in Tennessee. Stephen is particularly interested in the study of early Christian sources and the integral role played by the interpretation of biblical texts in the life of the early church, especially as these texts were read through received intellectual and philosophical systems.

Jeff Walkey (SYST) comes to Marquette with a BS in Management from Purdue University, theological studies at the University of Notre Dame, and his MTS from Duke University, where he wrote a thesis entitled “Likeness as Correspondence: Some Reflections on Nature, the Supernatural, and the Thomistic Metaphysics of Participation.” Jeff’s theological interests range from apophatic theology and the analogia entis to twentieth century appropriations of Thomistic thought.
Meet the New Graduate Students

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MA/MACD Students

Elizabeth Dillon comes to us with a double major in English and Theology from the University of Notre Dame. She spent a year as a PULSE Fellow on the Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience, where she lived in intentional community and worked with the East End Cooperative Ministry, an interfaith organization addressing the basic needs of Pittsburgh’s East End. In the MA program, she will specialize in JCA with a focus on the Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament.

Gary Klump has a BA in English and Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville as well as an MA in Theology with a concentration in Sacred Scripture from the Augustine Institute in Denver Colorado. His specific interests are in Ancient Near Eastern culture and Ancient Israel.

Gary Newman, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade religion teacher at St. Mary’s School in Elm Grove, received his B.A. in theology from Marquette in 2008 and is now a student in the MACD program.

Dawn Streblow earned her B.A. in Theology from Mount Mary College. Dawn is pursuing an MA in order to prepare herself for doctoral studies in historical theology.

Joel Stepanek earned his degree in Religious Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and is currently serving as a youth minister in a parish in Manitowoc. He is in the MA program at Marquette.

Graduate Publications


Recent Appointment

Robert Schram, recent M.A.C.D. graduate has accepted a theology teaching position at St. Anthony’s High School.

Faculty Receive Awards


Rev. Robert Doran, S.J. is a member of the newly formed advisory Board of the Lonergan Institute, Boston College. He has also been invited to receive an honorary doctorate from Regis College, University of Toronto, November 19, 2011 and to give the Chancellor’s lecture.

Rev. Bryan Massingale won a 1st place award from the Catholic Press Association in the category of “Social Concerns” for his book, Racial Justice and the Catholic Church. He has also been invited by the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago to receive an Honorary Doctorate in Theology in May 2012.

Dr. Susan Wood, SCL received the Saint John University’s Chancellor’s Citation for her work on the Committee on Illumination and Text for the Saint John’s Bible June, 18, 2011.

Faculty Write and Speak


