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News from the Chair

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Congratulations December Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies:

Robert Foster, Ph.D. (Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity)
Dissertation Title: “Rechristening Abraham’s Children: Election, Ethnicity, and the Interpretation of Scripture in Romans 9”
Dissertation Director: Dr. Julian Hills

Jennifer Henery, Ph.D. (Historical Theology)
Dissertation Director: Rev. Alexander Golitzin

Master of Arts:

James Sadkovich, M.A. (Systematic Theology)
Ruth Zimmerman, M.A. (Historical Theology)

Lehner Receives Book Award

Dr. Ulrich L. Lehner’s recent book Enlightened Monks: The German Benedictines, 1740–1803 (Oxford: 2011) has received the renowned John Gilmary Shea Prize, awarded by the American Catholic Historical Association for the "most distinguished and original" book on the history of Catholicism in 2010/11. The prize committee stated: "Dr. Lehner’s remarkable book adopts the notion of an eighteenth-century religious Enlightenment to argue that a large number of German Benedictines in southern and Middle Germany (as well as Austria and Switzerland) responded to the unprecedented challenges of the period by promoting enlightened thought and attitudes which steered between the extremes of secularism and reactionary Catholicism. The book demonstrates in surprising new ways how eighteenth-century Benedictines of the Catholic Enlightenment engaged with all branches of contemporary academic study while simultaneously accommodating the monastic life to modernizing trends in European society. Engagingly written, deeply researched, and seriously engaged with current research, Lehner’s work demonstrates that the Enlightenment was far more than a secular movement pitted against an obscurantist religious outlook. It was, rather, a multi-faceted trend to reconcile science and reason with matters of faith. Enlightened Monks illustrates how, paradoxically, an institution known most as a relic of the medieval past actually stood on the front lines of this endeavor."

Graduate Award

Joseph Flipper received a fellowship from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Diversity Fellows Program, and will be working with Dr. Peter Paik of the French, Italian, and Comparative Literature Department, doing research on the Nouvelle Theologie.
Faculty Publications


Faculty Activities


Dr. Ulrich Lehner was awarded a Summer Faculty Fellowship and Regular Research Grant by the Committee on Research at Marquette, for his project titled “The Theological Debates of the Catholic Enlightenment in Germany.” He presented the paper “Communities and Crime. Monastic Prisons and Monastic Criminal Law in the Early Modern Era,” at the American Catholic Historical Association, January 5, 2012, Chicago.


Graduate Publications


Alumni Activities


Brice Cleland (BS, 2011) has been named the recipient of the 65th annual McCahill Award. The award is presented to the Marquette senior student-athlete from the previous year who demonstrated the highest performance in scholarship, leadership and athletics.

Cleland graduated summa cum laude with a triple degree in exercise science, psychology and theology and was a member of multiple honor societies, including Alpha Sigma Nu, the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher education, as well as Theta Alpha Kappa and Psi Chi, honor societies for theology and psychology, respectively.

Dr. Kent Lasnoski (Ph.D., 2011) has been appointed as the new editor of the CTSA Proceedings. While a student here, Kent worked as an editorial assistant to Fr. David Schultenover, S.J., Editor of Theological Studies. Dr. Lasnoski is currently Assistant Professor of Theology at Quincy College.

Upcoming Events

Feb 25 Theology Engaging and Engaged by the Core Curriculum
This in-service opportunity, Saturday, Feb. 25, is a follow-up on the previous Wabash grant. It will focus on the Teaching Assistant as teacher. Dr. Lawrence Cunningham, from the University of Notre Dame, will speak of the place of theology in the core curriculum. Dr. Shaun Longstreet, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, will give a presentation on active learning. Dr. Julian Hills will demonstrate a method for reading biblical texts closely. Dr. Deirdre Dempsey will give teaching tips. All the participants will bring an assignment keyed to the core outcomes for sharing and critique. If interested, please contact Dr. Julian Hills.

Mar 1-2 Lonergan, Philosophy, and Theology: A Colloquium
The colloquium aims at fostering dialogue between the work of Jesuit philosopher-theologian Bernard Lonergan and philosophical figures Hegel, Heidegger, and Habermas, and issues that are important in contemporary theology. Thursday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 2, 2:00 p.m.
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