

# 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 Title: "Early Christian Sex Change: The Ascetical Context of 'Being Made Male' in Early Christianity"

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 Théologie.

## Faculty Publications

**Dr. Ulrich Lehner** - review of "David Sorkin, Religious Enlightenment," in *Journal of Religion* 92 (2012): 159–161.

**Dr. Andrei Orlov** - *Dark Mirrors: Azazel and Satanael in Early Jewish Demonology* (New York: SUNY Press, 2011).

**Rev. Thomas Hughson, S.J.** - "Missional Churches in Secular Societies: Theology Consults Sociology," in the journal *Ecclesiology* (May 2011). "Social Justice in Lactantius's Institutes: An Exploration," a chapter in Johan Leemans, Brian Matz, & Johan Verstraeter (eds) *Reading Patristic Texts on Social Ethics: Issues and Challenges for Twenty-First-Century Christian Social Thought* (Catholic University of America Press, 2011).

## Faculty Activities

**Rev. Robert Doran, S.J.** presented the Chancellor's Lecture at Regis College, University of Toronto, entitled "Trinitarian Elements in a Theology of Religion: A Tribute to Frederick E. Crowe," November 18, 2011. He was awarded an honorary doctorate (Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa), by Regis College, University of Toronto, November 19, 2011.

**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.

**Rev. Thomas Hughson, S.J.** presented "Love, Faith, and Reason: On Academic Life as a Vocation," to the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Graduate Division, at Marquette University, April 28, 2011; "Catholic Social Teaching: Why the Church's Best-Kept Secret?," St. Mary's of the Hill Parish, Hubertus, WI, September 25, 2011; Reponse to John Dadosky on, "Ecclesia de Trinitate: Ecclesial Foundations From Above," Marquette University Lonergan Center Conference, "Doing Systematic Theology in a Multi-Religious World," November 3, 2011; "Aquinas and Barth: Fr. Hughson and Dr. Long in Dialogue," Political Theologies Seminar, October 13, 2011.

## Graduate Publications

**Lincoln Rice**, "The Pluralistic Vision of the Catholic Worker: Michael Baxter's Glaring Omission," *Journal of Religion, Identity, and Politics* 1, no. 1 (January 2012), <http://ripijournal.org/2011/the-pluralistic-vision-of-the-catholic-worker-michael-baxters-glaring-omission-2/>.

**Lisa P. Stephenson**, *Dismantling the Dualisms for American Pentecostal Women in Ministry: A Feminist-Pneumatological Approach* (Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies 9; Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2011).

## Alumni Activities

**Dr. Braden Anderson** (Ph.D., 2010) published a reconfiguration of his dissertation under the title, *Chosen Nation: Scripture, Theopolitics, and the Project of National Identity*. (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2012), [https://wipfandstock.com/store/Chosen\\_Nation\\_Scripture\\_Theopolitics\\_and\\_the\\_Project\\_of\\_National\\_Identity](https://wipfandstock.com/store/Chosen_Nation_Scripture_Theopolitics_and_the_Project_of_National_Identity).

**Brice Cleland** (BS, 2011) has been named the recipient of the 65<sup>th</sup> 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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