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News from the Chair

Congratulations to May Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies

Abraham B. Fisher, Ph.D. (Systematics)
Dissertation Title: “The Church as Symbolic Mediation: Revelation Ecclesiology in the Theology of Avery Dulles, S.J.”
Dissertation Director: Susan K. Wood, SCL, Ph.D.

Michael, D. Harris, Ph.D. (Historical)
Dissertation Title: “Christological Name Theology in Three Second Century Communities”
Dissertation Director: Michel R. Barnes, Ph.D.

Jonathan S. Morgan, Ph.D., (Historical)
Dissertation Title: “Circumcision of the Spirit in the Soteriology of Cyril of Alexandria”
Dissertation Director: Michel R. Barnes, Ph.D.

Lincoln R. Rice, Ph.D. (Ethics)
Dissertation Title: “Toward a Renewed Theological Framework of Catholic Racial Justice: A Vision Inspired by the Life and Writings of Dr. Arthur Grand Pre Falls”

Jason P. Roberts, Ph.D. (Ethics)
Dissertation Title: “Emerging in the Image of God: From Evolution to Ethics in a Second Naïveté Understanding of Christian Anthropology”
Dissertation Director: Jame Schaefer, Ph.D.

Jason K. Scully, Ph.D. (Historical)
Dissertation Title: “Isaac of Nineveh’s Contribution to Syriac Theology: An Eschatological Reworking of Green Anthropology”
Dissertation Director: Bishop Alexander Golitzin

Brian O. Sigmon, Ph.D. (Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity)
Dissertation Title: “Between Eden and Egypt: Echoes of the Garden Narrative in the Story of Joseph and His Brothers”
Dissertation Director: Sharon P. Pace, Ph.D.

Master of Arts

Adam T. Arn, M.A. (Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity)
Essay Title: “In Nature’s Image: Attending to Earth’s Call for Ecological Conversion”
Essay Readers: Joshua Ezra Burns, Ph.D. and Jame Schaefer, Ph.D.

Graduating Majors & Minors

Theology Majors:
Dustin Hacker
Amanda Pohle
Lauren Maggiori
James Seter III

Theology Minors:
Eric Belter
Lisa Cathelyn
Katherine Dickey
Mark Schulz
Amanda Skowronski
Katie Stahlmann
Ashley Zimmermann

Graduating Majors & Minors
**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Dr. Daniel Maguire has been named the next recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society of Christian Ethics. The award is typically given once a year to recognize one member for creative and lasting contributions to the field of Christian ethics. “The award will recognize outstanding, sustained, and substantive contributions of the recipient that have advanced the field of Christian ethics, taking into consideration the following factors: the quality and quantity of the recipient’s publications, scholarship that defines the issues Christian ethicists must address, influence within the field of Christian ethics as manifested in the work of the recipient’s students, and influence of the recipient’s scholarship in promoting the importance and relevance of Christian ethics for audiences beyond the discipline itself and beyond the academy.” The Board’s vote was unanimous, and Dr. Maguire will receive the award at the annual meeting in Seattle, January 10, 2014.

**Honorary Doctorate**

Rev. Robert Doran, S.J. has been invited to receive an Honorary Doctorate from University of St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, on November 2, 2013.

**Faculty Grants**

Dr. Danielle Nussberger has received a Core Assessment Development Grant of $1000 for her proposal for THEO 4995 (Theology Capstone Seminar). The requirements of the grant are: 1) During the summer of 2013, funded faculty will modify an existing assignment(s), or develop a new assignment(s) for the purpose of generating assessment data for one or more of the Integrated Core Learning Outcomes for the University Core of Common Studies (UCCS); 2) Funded faculty will meet with the Director of the UCCS for one hour during the week of August 20-24 in order to discuss implementation of modified/new assignment and its assessment; 3) Funded faculty will incorporate their assignment(s) into their class, so that it is a required part of the course; 4) Funded faculty will use the common ICLO rubric to rate the assignment(s), and provide the summary data, along with samples of the work produced by the students (or copies of thereof) to the Core Curriculum Review Committee.

Dr. Jame Schaefer received an Interdisciplinary Events Grant for “Justice at the Intersection of Science and Policy: Marquette University, Great Lakes Week, and the Future of Ecology” to engage Marquette students and faculty with other local, state, and national clean water stakeholders on September 11, 2013. The grant is $4735, from the College of Arts and Sciences, for collaboration with Jim Courtright/Biology and McGee Young/Political Science.

**Summer Research Fellowship**

Dr. Ulrich Lehner was awarded a Summer Fellowship by the Earhart Foundation to finance research on his book project ‘Disputed Enlightenment,’ a contextual history of the religious Enlightenment in Central Europe. The award, $18,500, will allow for digitization of archival documents and travel to European archives and libraries.

**Student Leadership Award**

Theology Major Trevor Gundlach received one of 74 Student Leadership Awards for outstanding contributions to peer education. Each year the Division of Student Affairs recognizes a select group of students for their active involvement and participation in the enhancement of campus life and building community on campus. The 44th annual Student Leadership Recognition Program awards were presented April 21 to honor students for their significant contributions of service and leadership that benefit the Marquette Community.
Faculty Publications


Dr. D. Stephen Long, "Opposing or Ignoring Metaphysics? Reflections on Kevin Hector’s Theology without Metaphysics" in the inaugural issue of the Journal of Analytic Theology, found online.


Facult Activities

Rev. Robert Doran, S.J., delivered ”’No Other Gospel’: Ecclesial Integrity in the Appropriation of the Second Vatican Council” at the West Coast Methods Institute, Loyola Marymount University, April 5, 2013.

Dr. Ulrich L. Lehner gave a keynote lecture at the Academy of Catholic Theology on 22 May 2013 on “Enlightenment and Monasticism: Friends or Foes?” Dr. Lehner was again asked to serve as external reviewer for fellowship applications for the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, and the Notre Dame Institute of Advanced Study.


Dr. D. Stephen Long gave the annual C.S. Lewis lecture at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, April 14, on the theme, ”’Why Jesus Isn’t Ethical.’” From May 21st to June 8th he will be walking the Camino Santiago de Compostela with eight undergraduates in a joint Spanish-Theology course. June 17th he will present a lecture at the Barth Conference, Princeton University on his forthcoming book, ”Saving Karl Barth: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Preoccupation.”


Dr. Jame Schaefer presented “Reconciliation with God, Others, and Earth: Motivation for ‘Healing a Broken World’,,” Ignatian Associates, Milwaukee, March 26; and “Cooperating with God’s Creation: A Christian Response to Environmental Degradation,” Adult Forum, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, April 28.

Dr. Susan Wood presented “Unity at the Table: The Ecumenical Challenge,” at the conference “The Theology of Cardinal Walter Kasper: A Celebration of his Life and Work,” University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 26, 2013.
Graduate Student Publications


Graduate Student Presentations


Jonathan Heaps, "The Gifted Horizon: Religious Experience and Supernatural Truth" at the Wesleyan Philosophical Society’s annual conference, Seattle Pacific University, on March 21; "The Decentered Universe: On Plausibility, Religious Experience, and Supernatural Belief” at the West Coast Methods Institute, Loyola Marymount University, April 5, 2013.

Darren Henson gave the following Grand Rounds presentations at Columbia-St. Mary’s Hospital: “Race, Religion, and Sex: Social Factors Impacting Medicine,” May 21, 2013; “Medical Repatriation: Can this ever be an ethical option?” Columbia-St. Mary’s Hospital, Milwaukee, WI, March 19, 2013; “Problems of Praxis: Theological and Practical Implications for Palliative Care.” Columbia-St. Mary’s Hospital, Milwaukee, WI, Jan. 15, 2013.

David Horstkoetter, with Jeremy Blackwood, Ph.D., “Apocalyptic Inbreaking, the Scale of Values, and Loving Dangerously: Sublating Bernard Lonergan and Johann Metz by a Theo-Politics of Grace and Love” at the West Coast Methods Institute, Loyola Marymount University, April 5, 2013.

Joseph Gordon, “Conversion, Revelation, and the Ends of the Interpretation of Scripture” at the West Coast Methods Institute, Loyola Marymount University, April 5, 2013.


Graduate Student Activities

Nathan Lunsford has been accepted into a summer graduate seminar on the thought of John Henry Newman, taking place from June 17-21. Organized and sponsored by the Lumen Christi Institute, the week-long intensive seminar will take place at Oriel College, in Oxford, England, and will be taught by Ian Ker. Further details are online.

Paul Monson received the Graduate Student Summer Research Grant ($750) from the American Catholic Historical Association for the project: “Lakota Catholicism in Rome: The Reports of Bishop Martin Marty on Sitting Bull and the Dakotan Frontier, 1880-1893.” In June, Monson will travel to the Academy of American Franciscan History in Berkeley, California, to study unpublished notes on Marty in the Archivo Storico de Propaganda Fide (Vatican City).

Alumnus News

Dr. Anthony Bonta presented a paper, “Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, Promoter and Protector of the Warm Slovak Faith,” in Rome May 16-17 at a conference honoring the 50th anniversary of the Slovak Institute of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome, which Bishop Andrew G. Grutka helped support.