

News from the Chair

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*Interdisciplinary
Research Seminar
Active*

Looking Back at the Fall Semester...

This past semester the department offered 32 sections of the Introduction to Theology course for a total enrollment of 1,193 students. 877 students were enrolled in 30 second level theology sections and 391 students in 19 third level sections. There were 127 graduate student enrollments in 18 graduate courses.

Carey Visits China

In October 2008 Dr. Patrick Carey, in response to invitations, presented a series of lectures on American Catholicism at Peking University. He focused his talks on American Catholic social thought from 1840 to 1920. He was also invited to present a paper at the Beijing Forum, a conference of scholars from diverse disciplines who focused their talks on the Forum's themes of universal harmony, peace, and prosperity. Carey's paper was on the Catholic Church and Interreligious Dialogue, focusing on the American debates on the meaning of such dialogues. This was the second time Carey was invited to the Beijing Forum. In 2006 Carey presented a paper on the Catholic Bishops and American Policies on Immigration in the Twentieth Century

Jewish Roots of Christian Mysticism

The interdisciplinary seminar on the Jewish Roots of Christian Mysticism is an ongoing research seminar of graduate students and faculty at the Department of Theology of Marquette University directed by Fr. Alexander Golitzin and Dr. Andrei Orlov. The seminar started in March 2002 as an attempt to investigate Jewish mystical traditions in the Christian theological and liturgical texts. The seminar helps to facilitate the discussion about the Jewish influences on Christian biblical and patristic developments among a broader audience.

This semester the seminar had two sessions. Fr. Bill Kurz, S.J. presented "Mary, Woman, and Mother in God's Saving New Testament Plan" Sept. 30. Fr. Joseph Mueller, S.J. presented "Tyconius' Doctrine of the Two-Part Church: Jewish Roots" Nov. 12. A future session will feature a presentation by Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski on the tradition of Martha taming the Beast.

Faculty Speak...

Rev. Joseph Mueller, S.J., "Tyconius' Doctrine of the Two-Part Church: Jewish Roots?" The Jewish Roots of Christian Mysticism Seminar, Marquette, Nov. 12, 2008.

Dr. Susan Wood, SCL, "Recovering the Church as Community," Saint Mary College, Leavenworth, KS, Nov. 13, 2008.

Luther Studies in a Catholic Context lecture features Dr. Mickey Mattox

Dr. Mickey L. Mattox, Associate Professor of Theology, delivered the Luther Studies in a Catholic Context Lecture Marquette University, "Clavis Scripturae Sacrae: Experience of the Holy Trinity in Martin Luther's Interpretation of the Old Testament," 13 November 2008. He also presented and served in a Round Table discussion at the Sixteenth Century Studies Society & Conference, on the topic: Handling God & Religion in the Reformation Classroom: Catholic Voices from "Are Catholics Christian?" to "Catholic Cacophony in the Post-Catholic Classroom." St. Louis, MO. 25 October 2008, and "God: As Seen in Martin Luther's Readings of the Saints of Genesis." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference. In St. Louis, MO, 24 October 2008.

Dr. Andrei Orlov presented a paper on the Son of Man in the first chapter of the Gospel of John at the Society of Biblical Literature in the New Testament Mysticism Project Seminar on Nov. 21. He also chaired the Afternoon Session of the SBL New Testament Mysticism Project Seminar.

Upcoming Events

Dec 8-13	Final Exams
Dec 11	Department Christmas Party, 3:30-5:00
Dec 14	Winter Commencement
Dec 16	Departmental Meeting 1:00-2:30
Jan 12	Classes begin, second semester
Jan 22	Departmental Meeting

Alumnus publishes book

Wolfgang Vondey, Assistant Professor at Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA: *People of Bread: Rediscovering Ecclesiology*. New York: Paulist Press, 2008. This is Vondey's second book, his first being Heribert Mühlen: *His Theology and Praxis*.