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WELCOME (BACK) BBQ

- Who:** All Theology Graduate Students
- What:** A Barbeque of course!
- When:** August 25, 4 PM
- Where:** Andy and Denise Teeter's House
1725 Oak Park Drive, South Bend
- Why:** To see friends you haven't see since last summer, welcome new colleagues to the department, and eat your fill of burgers and bratwurst!
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- Hope to see you there!

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Greetings from the Department Chair

Dear Friends,

How wonderful it is to be able to welcome here for the first time, or welcome back to campus, our graduate students in all our various programs. Our graduate student community is a particularly vibrant one. If you have any doubt about that, just stop by the Theology Department lounge any weekday at lunchtime! I have always treasured my own days as a graduate student for the friendships I built and for the conversations, at lunch and sometimes long into the nights, in which I surely learned as much as I did in class itself.

I believe our graduate student community offers this experience fully to its members, one in which so many valuable conversations, both in class and especially out of class, add in crucial and irreplaceable ways to the

education you are receiving here. Education, whatever else it may be, is surely about the consolidation and expansion of vision, and I know that our own graduate student body is vision-filled and committed to envisioning and re-imagining theology as we move forward, "faith seeking understanding," always recovering and re-articulating our continuity with the past, always, too, alert to the "signs of the times" as we move into the future. YOU are the future of theology!

With thanks for your continuing commitment to our common discipline, and in the hopes that you will stop in to say Hello if I don't see you in a class,

Sincerely,
—JC

Welcome to New Theology Graduate Students

The GTS extends a warm welcome to new students in all of the theology graduate student programs. In the M.Div Program, we welcome: **Beth Barsotti, Jacob Hurst, Katie Healy, Layla Karst, Jean Ann Seckerak, Stephen Cavill, Josh Stagni, Beth Jeub, Colleen Bartholomew, and Megan Trout.**

In the MTS Program we welcome: **Sonja Anderson, Richard Barry, Tobias Blake, Kerry Casey, Grace Cunningham, Mark Enemali, John Fahy, Kathleen Grimes, Linards Jansons, Erin Kidd, Kristofer Koller, Clarey McKeown, Brandon Peterson, John Shekita, John Sikorski, Gilbert Stockson, and Caroline Taeger.**

In the Masters of Sacred Music Program we welcome: **Andrew Cashner, Aaron Renninger, Kimberly Thompson, and Kevin Vaughn.**

In the PhD Program we welcome: **Brian Barrett, Dulcinea Boesenberg, Adam Clark, James DeFrancis, Andrew Downing, Sara Ferry, Michael Francis, Kevin Haley, Albertus Horsting, Luma Khudher, David Lantigua, Joungeun Lee, Jennifer Martin, Nathaniel Marx, Sheila McCarthy, Andrew Prevot, Horacio Vela, Jordan Wales, and Jeffrey Wickes.**

Update from the Graduate Theology Society

Welcome or welcome back to the GTS! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some fun and relaxation in addition to the summer classes (language and otherwise), ministry internships, candidacy exam bibliographies and dissertation proposals. I hope it has been a fruitful and productive summer for each one of you.

The Executive Board of the Graduate Theological Society (which brings you this august publication) has met a couple of times over the course of the summer to discuss the needs of the graduate student community and devise occasional events to bring us out of our carrels and into each others' company. The most immediate of these is the **Welcome (Back) Barbeque** to be held on August 25th at Andy and Denise Teeter's house. Those of you who have attended past barbeques know that they are always a good time. We hope to see everyone along with their spouses, children, significant others and lawn games.

We are also hoping to extend the new tradition of wine and cheese socials on the First Thursday of every month. Look for signs and e-mails in the next few weeks.

In addition to planning social gatherings, the GTS board serves as your representation to various faculty and university committees. **Molly Zahn (CJA)** will be serving as the PhD Committee representative this year. She attends meetings of the PhD Committee and raises issues of concern to those in the PhD Program. As PhD Committee rep she will also help to organize the recruitment weekend in February.

Charles Skriner (MT) is this year's representative to the Graduate Student Union. The GSU serves as our advocate on important issues like health insurance for graduate students. They are also active in planning events for graduate students in all departments (see the calendar for their orientation events) and in funding some of our activities. The GTS is currently in need of a second GSU representative. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Charles.

Todd Hanneken (CJA) is this year's representative to the Department Gender Concerns Committee. Past Gender Concerns Committee representatives have worked on the departmental inclusive language statement and have solicited input from female students about gender issues in the department. If you have suggestions or concerns in this area, contact Todd

James Helmer (MT) and Melanie Ross (LS) will be working to coordinate professional development this year. Past professional development events have included mock interviews and brown bag lunches on C.V. creation, the publication process and other topics of interest to those who hope to have a job someday. Please contact James or Melanie if you have requests or suggestions.

Sofia Barbato and Mary Tracy continue to serve as the M.Div Representatives. One of the most important functions of the GTS is to provide opportunities for interaction between the various programs. In the past, the M.Div community has helped to organize intramurals, tailgates and the annual GTS retreat.

Elections for the **MTS representatives** will take place during the first weeks of classes. If you are an MTS student and would like to get involved, please consider running for these offices.

The remaining members of the GTS executive board are Vice President **Katharine Harmon (LS)** and myself, **Rhodora Beaton (ST)**. Katie has graciously volunteered to edit the bulletin this year. She will also be running the elections this fall and taking up the carrel duties in the near future.

As President this year, I will be holding everything together and helping out wherever I can. I look forward to seeing everyone at GTS events and hope that if you have concerns, suggestions, or just want to get involved, you won't hesitate to be in touch.

With all best wishes for the new academic year,
—RB

A A R / S B L T O T A K E P L A C E I N S A N D I E G O , C A N O V E M B E R 1 7 - 2 0

Reminder: The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature will take place in San Diego, CA from Nov. 17-20. Register before September 15th for the 'SuperSaver' Rate.

Registration for student members of the AAR and/or SBL is \$70 before September 15, \$88 before October 15 and \$100 after October 15. For more information visit www.aarweb.org or www.sbl-site.org/

—RB

In Our Department...

News, Updates and Announcements

Congratulations to all our new parents: **Sarah Morice (PhD ST)**, husband Phil, and big brother Nathan welcomed Micah Theodore to the world on Thursday August 9, and **Jenny (PhD – ST)** and Jay **Martin** welcomed their son, James Leslie Martin III on May 17, 2007.

We are also delighted to announce several marriages this summer: **Annie Vorhes (PhD – LS)** and **Patrick McGowan (M.Div, 2005)** were wed in South Bend on May 26; **Nathaniel Marx (PhD – LS)** was wedded to Kristen Elizabeth Bree on August 4 at Notre Dame; **Ryan Dainty (M.Div)** was married to his wife Nicole on August 4; and **Peter Fritz (PhD – ST)** and Rochelle Rokusek were married on June 2 in Dubuque, Iowa, with **John Thiede (PhD – ST)** as the celebrant.

If you have any announcements regarding births, marriages, illnesses or deaths, or any announcements regarding professional accomplishments (i.e., grants received, papers published or presented), please send an email to mross2@nd.edu so that they might be included in the next issue. Please don't be shy...the department is eager to hear your news!

—MR

REMINDER REGARDING MOCK INTERVIEWS AND JOB TALKS

Note to PhD students on the job market: once you secure an interview, either at AAR/SBL or on-campus, contact the office of the DGS (Carolyn Gamble) if you would appreciate the opportunity of a mock interview or practice job talk before fellow graduate students and professors.

K A N E B C E N T E R I N F O R M A T I O N

Located in 353 DeBartolo, the John A. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning is committed to the promotion of teaching excellence and to the professional development of graduate students.

To this end, the Center sponsors an annual series of free workshops, presentations, and mini-courses that aim to identify the best teaching practices and learning environments, and to assist Notre Dame faculty and teaching assistants in developing and implementing effective teaching strategies. It also offers individual consultation on a variety of teaching-related topics.

On August 23rd and 24th, the Center will be conducting a two-day series of workshops designed to assist beginning teaching assistants. To register, or to learn more about the Center's programs, visit the Center's website (kaneb.nd.edu).

—JH

New Administrative Assistant for M.Div and MSM programs

Friends,

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Administrative Assistant for the M.Div. Program, Emily Hartzler. Some of you may know Emily already from her work as assistant to Prof. Michael Signer of the Theology Dept.

Emily began on Monday, August 20. Initially she will be splitting her time between our office and her familiar digs on the 2nd floor, until Rabbi Signer can hire a new assistant. In addition, Emily will be assuming administrative assistant duties for the Master of Sacred Music Program, under the direction of Prof. Michael Driscoll. Emily's combined position will be full-time, 12-month.

Please join me in welcoming Emily! She will be with us on Orientation day, Aug. 24, so you will have a chance to greet her then if not sooner.

See you all soon,
Mike Connors

Around South Bend. . .

In each issue we provide some tips for life outside the library—restaurants, bars, shops, parks, and whatever else we can think of. We start off the year with some local favorites that returning students probably already know about, but that newcomers should be sure to check out.

South Bend Farmers' Market

This is *the* time of year to visit the *South Bend Farmers' Market*. Just a week ago the *New York Times* had a piece on the rich fruit and vegetable production in this area, and it all shows up at the Farmers' Market. Stock up on anything from apples to zucchini and all the beans, corn, cucumbers, peaches, and tomatoes that you could want in between, as well as fresh bread, meats, cheeses, specialty items, and crafts. Saturday is the best (and busiest) day to go, but many vendors are also there on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. 1105 Northside Boulevard (intersection of Northside and Sample). The Farmer's Market is open Tuesday and Thursday 7–2, Friday 8–3 (through September), and Saturday 7–3.

Fiddler's Hearth

There are places to get cheaper beer with less Celtic kitsch in South Bend, but for good food, great beer, and an active live music schedule, it's hard to beat *Fiddler's Hearth*. The Hearth always has several local beers and several imports from Britain and Ireland on tap (including, of course, Guinness), as well as an extensive selection of Irish and Scotch whisky/eyes. The menu

ranges well beyond standard pub fare to Irish favorites (try the boxty), steak, and seafood, but there are plenty of options under \$10. There is live folk or Irish music most nights of the week. Fiddler's Hearth is smoke-free and family-friendly. 127 North Main St. in downtown South Bend (1.5 blocks south of LaSalle), 232-2853 and fiddlershearth.com.

Rocco's Pizza

Every town needs a good local pizza place; South Bend has several, but *Rocco's* is arguably the best. Started in the 1950s and still run by the same family, Rocco's serves up traditional thin-crust pizzas as well as an assortment of pasta dishes. The walls are covered with Notre Dame memorabilia and newspaper clippings documenting the family's immigration from Italy and history in the area. It's often crowded, especially on weekend evenings, but there is lots of seating so there's usually not much of a wait. Located north of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center at 537 N. St. Louis Boulevard in South Bend, 233-2464. Open Tuesday-Thursday 5–11 pm, Friday-Saturday 5 pm–1 am; closed Sunday-Monday.

If you have a favorite that you think everyone else should know about, let us know! Email Molly Zahn at mzahn1@nd.edu.

—MZ

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT: SOUTH BEND AND BEYOND

South Bend, by virtue of itself and by virtue of its location in the great state of Indiana, provides some excellent arts and entertainment opportunities. Beginning on Notre Dame's campus, the Debartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) offers a fantastic venue for music and theater. Their seasons in the past have included some significant world performers—both popular and, perhaps, more obscure—and this year promises to be no different. You can check out their performance schedule at <http://performingarts.nd.edu/> or call 574.631.2800 for the ticket office.

Outside of the world of the golden dome, if you have not yet turned your radio dial, tune it to 88.1 WVPE, your National Public Radio station for Elkhart/South Bend. If you have a fa-

vorite NPR program, this station probably broadcasts it—everything from news in the morning to jazz at night. You can check out their schedule, both of radio broadcasts and family-friendly sponsored events, at www.wvpe.org. Finally, for those of you who may not have realized its proximity, Chicago—whose possibilities for cultural experience are enormous—is a short car or train trip away. By car, it takes about 1 hour and a half to get to the Loop; the South Shore train leaves from the South Bend Airport and takes a little over 2 hours. To check out the South Shore Train system, check out <http://www.nictd.com/> or call 1.800.356.2079 for schedule information. Remember that Indiana is on Eastern time...and Chicago is on Central!

—KH

More Events from the Graduate Student Union

The Graduate Student Union of Notre Dame offers a number of events each semester for contact among graduate students of all departments. Some of the upcoming events include:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Ice Cream Social
LaFortune Ballroom
1:00 - 4:00PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

Welcome Back Social
Legends
8:00 - Midnight

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Welcome Back Picnic
Fischer O'Hara Grace Residences
6:00 - 8:00PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Summer Shakespeare
"Love's Labor's Lost"
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$6.00 at LaFortune Box Office
beginning Friday, August
24. Limited amount
of tickets will be on hand.

Be sure to take advantage of some of these events, especially when free ice cream is involved....

FOOTBALL TICKETS . . .

The Notre Dame Ticket Office offers the information you'll need to pick up your student football ticket booklet for the Fall season. Check www.und.com/student-tickets or call

INTRAMURAL SPORTS CZAR NEEDED . . .

The GTU is still searching for someone who would like to coordinate the theology intramural team. With a title like "Sports Czar," what devotee of athletics would reject such an appellation? If you are interested in helping coordinate, please contact Mary Tracy at tracy.17@nd.edu.

Calendar

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| August 25 | GTU Welcome Back BBQ |
| August 27 | GSU Welcome Back Social (Legends) |
| August 28 | Fall Classes Begin |
| September 20 | University Celebration of the Beatification of Fr. Moreau, CSC |
| October 4-6 | Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Conference, Brookline, MA |

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THIS SUMMER'S TEA PARTY

The women of the Theology Department enjoyed each other's company, news, theological discourse, and delectable dishes at the first tea party this year, hosted by Katharine Harmon (PhD-LS) at her home on July 13. Over 20 women were able to attend, this time stretching from summer **MA's**, **PhD's**, **MDivs**, and **MTS** students to those women significantly attached to theology programs.

Thanks to all of the women who came to this event. Inaugurated three years ago, it has been a wonderful way to get to know other women throughout (and connected to) the department. We will look forward to the next tea which will occur some time in the Fall semester. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Katie Harmon, kharmon1@nd.edu.

—KH

Welcome
to the
Fall Semester!

