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Welcome to Prospective PhD Students!

This weekend, February 21–23, the department will conduct its annual Visit Weekend for prospective doctoral students. As usual, we welcome a group of candidates from around the country and around the world who already have distinguished academic records. We on the GTS board like to take this opportunity to get the GTS Bulletin into their hands and give them a taste of what is going on in the department.

The GTS (Graduate Theological Society) exists to foster all aspects of student life for

Theology graduate students. It works to support collegiality and social functions as well as professional development opportunities. In that vein, we are also here to serve prospective students. If you are here for the weekend and have any kind of questions about life and work here at Notre Dame, feel free to contact any of us on the GTS executive board (names and emails are on the next page). We wish you all the best for a good weekend and a successful grad school search!

—MZ

GTS Plans for Professional Development

Following suggestions gathered from the Graduate Student Survey submitted earlier this semester, the GTS plans to include more information about professional development opportunities in each bulletin issue. We will work on including more information on relevant conferences, professional memberships available to grad students (see next column!) and funding opportunities. Check out the new “Professional Development” section on the inside cover of this bulletin!

Membership ...

Consider becoming a member of one of the following professional organizations:

- College Theology Society: \$25/year
- American Academy of Religion Student Membership: \$30/year
- Catholic Theological Society of America (must be ABD): \$30/year for those with income under \$20,000
- Society of Biblical Literature: \$25/year

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The next GTS Bulletin will be published after the Mid-Semester break. Please send your submissions to kharmon1@nd.edu.

Professional Development . . .

Conferences :

There are two major conference paper proposal deadlines approaching. The Society of Biblical Literature's (www.sbl.org) annual conference will be in Boston from 11/21/2008 – 11/25/2008. Their call of papers closes March

1st. The American Academy of Religion (www.aarweb.org) will have its annual conference in Chicago from 11/1/2008 – 11/3/2008. All paper proposals are due by February 25th.

—TW

Funding Opportunities :

The Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA) has a grant for graduate student professional development worth up to \$1000. It is intended to satisfy special, one-time needs that cannot be met by the funding allocated specifically to departments for graduate students. Such needs might include expenses associated with doing or presenting research, or expenses associated with language or

other skill training. The deadline for applications is March 10th. More information can be found on the ISLA website: <http://isla.nd.edu/internal/awards/gssrsg/Professional.cfm>

If anyone has any information about upcoming conferences or other funding opportunities, please email Todd Walatka (twalatka@nd.edu) or James Helmer (James.E.Helmer.2@nd.edu). —TW



Seminar in Feminist Theology and the Catholic Tradition

In 2008-2009, Professor **Mary Catherine Hilkert** will direct a series of seminars exploring the development of feminist theology within the Catholic tradition since the time of the Second Vatican Council. The seminar will meet on Friday mornings seven times during the next academic year; participants will read key essays or books on major topics within this realm of study, such as the doctrine of God, the mission of the Church and women's roles in the church, theological anthropology, and Jesus and salvation.

Any advanced doctoral student may apply; a materials grant of \$500 is available

through ISLA.

Application Procedure: Please send a brief statement (two pages max) explaining why you are interested in the seminar and how you might benefit from it. Please include an abbreviated CV (two pages). For more information, contact Ken Garcia (kgarcia@nd.edu), or Catherine Hilkert (hilkert.1@nd.edu).

Please send three copies of the application materials to: Ken Garcia, Associate Director, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 101 O'Shaughnessy Hall, University of Notre Dame

—KH

Around Our Department . . .

Adam Clark (PhD—MT), was ordained on February 17, 2008 into the ministerium of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The ordination took place at his home church in Hickory, North Carolina. Adam will be installed on March 2 as assistant pastor at St. Peter Lutheran in Mishawaka, where he would love to see any unattached Lutherans join him in worship!



Christina Rae (PhD—CJA) has recently had her article, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians: Acts 19:23-41 in light of goddess worship in Ephesus", accepted for publication by *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.



Congratulations to **Andy Teeter (PhD—CJA)** on being awarded the Edward Sorin post-doctoral Fellowship for 2008-2009!



Good wishes to **Damon McGraw (PhD—HC)** who has recently been appointed an Executive Research Fellow at the National Institute for Newman Studies in Pittsburgh, PA.



Current dissertationists **Vitalijs Permjakovs (PhD—LS)** and **Nicholas Russo (PhD—LS)** recently presented papers in the Problems in the Early History of Liturgy Seminar at the North American Academy of Liturgy in Savannah this January (see below). Nick's presentation was entitled "A Note on the

First Spring MTS Colloquium

On February 13th, **Spencer Daniel (MTS—ST)** gave the first MTS Colloquium of this semester. This spring, colloquia will deal with the problem of evil, and Spencer started off by leading the MTS students in a discussion on the problem of Hell. Spencer sought to root the conversation in the Christian tradition while addressing the discomfort of many Christians today with the idea of Hell.



—KC

GTS website . . .



The GTS is continuing to develop our website at www.nd.edu/~gts.

Let a GTS member know what you would like to see included on the website!

Role of *Secret Mark* in the Search for the Origins of Lent," and Vitalijs discussed "Historical Origins of the Byzantine Rites of Church Dedication." Vitalijs has also recently translated a Russian work by Nicholas Afanasiev entitled *The Church of the Holy Spirit* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007).



Congratulations to **Daria Lucas (PhD—HC)** on being awarded a graduate teaching fellowship for 2008-2009.



We hope for good health and lots of sleep for **Patrick Clark (PhD—MT)** and Jennifer Clark with their new daughter, Elizabeth Macrina, born on January 18, 2008.



Congratulations to **Charlie Camosy (PhD—MT)** on being appointed to a tenure track position at Fordham University!



Finally, we extend congratulations to **Candace McLean (PhD—ST)** who has accepted an adjunct teaching position in theology at the University of Portland next year. She will be teaching two courses a semester, including a 205 class called "Biblical Traditions."



We know there is more good news out there waiting to be announced! Please don't be shy: send any future contributions to mross2@nd.edu.

—MR

Around Our Department...

Progress for Gender Concerns Committee

The Gender Concerns Committee has made significant progress, particularly in stabilizing a distinguished visiting scholar position to attract women faculty and promote gender parity. In 2008-2009 Cristina Traina will come to Notre Dame from Northwestern University. Negotiations are currently under way to bring another prominent scholar for the following school year. Starting in 2010, Dean Roche has committed five years of funding for a distinguished visiting scholar position. The Gender Concerns Committee is grateful to **John Cavadini** and Dean Roche for making this possible. The faculty will make suggestions for distinguished women scholars to invite through this program. Graduate students can make suggestions to any faculty member or GTS Gender Concerns Rep., Todd Hanneken (hanneken.l@nd.edu).

The faculty meetings are also dedicating “ten minutes for teaching” to gender concerns, the next of which aims to address teaching historical texts and translations that do not use inclusive language.

The faculty is also beginning the long process of investigating the possibility of a minor in the PhD program in critical theory or feminist hermeneutics. Revisions or additions to the curriculum will require extensive consideration in all five areas.

The idea of designating funding or awards for theology graduate students to promote research in contemporary critical method seems to be losing steam in light of existing opportunities available, such as the pre-doctoral teaching fellowship in the Gender Studies Program. —TH

Liturgical Studies Students Attend NAAL Conference

The North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL) met January 2-6, 2008 in Savannah, GA for its annual meeting. The NAAL is an ecumenical and inter-religious association of liturgical scholars who work to promote and support liturgical research, publication, and dialogue at the scholarly level. Academy members are specialists in liturgical studies, theologians, artists, musicians, and persons in related disciplines whose work affects liturgical expression and furthers liturgical understanding.

The Academy's origins date to December 1973, ten years after the promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, when more than fifty American experts in liturgy met at Scottsdale, Arizona. The ecumenical gathering, sponsored by the journal *Theological Studies* and organized by two Jesuits, Walter Burghardt and John Gallen, met to discuss the principle opportunities, needs, and problems of liturgical renewal. In January 1975 the academy was founded at the University of Notre Dame, when a

basic agreement was reached on goals, structures, and membership qualifications. The first official meeting was held in January 1976 at Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The society meets in locations throughout the United States and Canada and has grown from the original 83 members to 489 in 2002, including 231 Roman Catholics, 8 Eastern Christians (both Orthodox and non), 5 Jews, and 161 Protestants.

Members divide their time among plenary sessions on topics of contemporary concern, seminars focused on specific areas, and special sessions where members present research in progress. Notre Dame's LS program was well-represented by **PhD** students: **Kim Belcher**, **Melanie Ross**, and **Joel Schmidt** attended as student visitors, and **Nick Russo** and **Vitalijs Permjakovs** both presented seminar papers. Faculty member **Paul Bradshaw** was honored this year with the Berakah Award, given annually to honor a member of the academy who has made a significant contribution to liturgical studies. More information (and a lovely picture of Paul!) is available at <http://www.naal-liturgy.org/>. —MR

Around South Bend. . .

The Garden Patch

The Garden Patch, located at 228 W. Edison Rd in Mishawaka, is a small grocery store (almost feels like a co-op) which specializes in vegetarian and vegan food. If you're not willing to travel across town just for vegetables, you might also be excited about their bulk spices (much cheaper than the bottles at Martin's!) or the impressive selection of teas and fair trade, organic coffee. The Garden Patch does not carry much fresh produce (try the Farmer's Market for that) but has a wide variety of dried fruit, legumes, grains, and pre-packaged vegetarian options. Their hours are somewhat limited, so you might want to call in advance: (574) 255-3151.

Breadsmith

If the bread selection at Martin's or the Meijer isn't satisfying you, check out the locally-owned Breadsmith. Started by a former ND theology grad student, Breadsmith carries a wide and rotating selection of specialty breads, muffins, scones, as well as a selection of organic coffee! Some items are more expensive than your local grocery, but who can pass by their apple pie bread (which makes great French toast, by the way!). Located on SR 23 (or 2022 South Bend Ave.) near the Martin's. Open Mon-Fri: 7am-7pm, Sat: 7am-5pm, and closed Sunday: (574) 273-9130, or see www.breadsmith.com.

Uptown Kitchen

If you're looking for a new, fun place to eat, you should make your way out to The Uptown Kitchen in Granger. Their breakfast menu (which is served all day) has everything from ordinary pancakes to a variety of quiches and frittatas, and their lunch and dinner menus are just as appetizing. Everything is made with fresh and from mostly all organic ingredients. The staff and atmosphere is friendly and inviting. Prices reasonable for the high quality of food. Located at 303 Florence Avenue in Granger, just 200 yards North of the Cleveland Rd (State Rd 23) & Gumwood Rd/N Main St intersection. In the new "Toscana Park Shopping Centre" -- on the corner of the 2nd building (Florence Ave). Open 7am-2pm Sun-Tues and 7am-9pm Wed-Sat: (574) 968-3030, or check them out at www.uptownkitchen.net.

Khun Daeng Thai Kitchen

Khun Daeng Thai Kitchen: This little family place may well be the best Thai in town. The menu is more extensive and the atmosphere more homey than at Siam downtown. The house tea is a little dubious, but they do have a cool fishtank, Located one block south of McKinley Ave., just past Main St., in Mishawaka. 302 E. Russ St.: (574) 259-0735.

—RB, KH, KC, MZ

DPAC MUSIC AND ARTS



Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra

DPAC
Friday, February 22, 8pm

Tristan and Isolde
Metropolitan Opera:
Live in High Definition
Saturday, March 22, 12:30pm

Hubbard Street Dance Company

DPAC
Tuesday, March 4, 7:30pm

La Bohème
Metropolitan Opera:
Live in High Definition

Worship Services in Lent

Many opportunities for Lenten services exist on both Notre Dame's and Saint Mary's campus.

Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart:

Lenten vespers, Sundays, 7:15pm

Music is led by the Notre Dame Folk Choir

Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 7:15pm

Saint Mary's Church of the Loretto

Lenten vespers, Sundays, 4:30pm

Taking up the Cross: MDivs and MSMs Attend Marten Lecture

This year's Marten lecture took place January 30 this year at the Morris Inn. This year's speaker, Sr. Barbara E. Reid, O.P., Ph.D., offered the attending MSM and M.Div. communities some reflections about how to recover the wide variety of biblically based images of the cross. Sr. Reid considered how this rich variety of theological interpretations of the cross could be used to short-circuit cycles of violence and abuse rather than feeding them. Before suggested seven different theological images of the cross present in scripture, Sr. Reid offered a guiding criteria for assessing the theological value of images of the cross: a true theology of the cross does not keep sin central and has salvific effect. Paraphrasing Elizabeth Johnson, she urged, "If it does not save or free, do not call it

salvation." The seven main images in Sr. Reid's mosaic of cross metaphors included: atoning sacrifice (mercy seat), redemption (ransom), scapegoat, martyr or model of heroic death, suffering just one, lamb who is slain, and justification. Using multiple images, drawing from various biblical sources and listening to stories of people who have endured involuntary suffering and abuse can inform and inspire theologians and ministers to distinguish between suffering broadly considered and God's saving will, emphasizing the voluntary and loving quality of the saving images of the cross in scripture. Drawing this connection between the sacrifice of Jesus and free will is a helpful way of further underscoring the theological significance of the cross.

—MT



Upcoming MSM Recital



Carrie Groenewold, organ
Saturday March 29
2:30pm
Reyes Organ Hall,
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Kim Thompson, voice
Friday April 4
5:00pm
Annenburg Auditorium,
Snite Art Museum

Kevin Vaughn, organ
Sunday April 13
2:00pm
Reyes Organ Hall,
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Chris Ahlman, organ
Saturday March 29
5:00pm
Reyes Organ Hall,
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Carolyn Pirtle, voice
Saturday April 12
2:00pm
Annenburg Auditorium,
Snite Art Museum

Aaron Renninger, organ
Sunday April 20
2:00pm
Reyes Organ Hall,



Calendar

February 22-23	PhD Admissions Weekend
February 28	GTS First Thursday, 4:30-6:00pm
March 1-9	Mid-Semester Break
March 21-24	Easter Holiday
April 30	Last Class Day

Good luck
To all taking PhD
candidacy exams
next month!