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AAR/SBL ANNUAL MEETINGS: NOVEMBER 17-21 SAN DIEGO, CA

TIMES AND PLACES

Support your colleagues by attending their presentations at this year's conference. Here are the times and locations, arranged in chronological order:

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

- Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Theme: Christology, Violence, and Resurrection, **Sarah Morice Brubaker (PhD—ST)**, "Christ's Resurrected Body as Key to a Non-violent Theology of Location". Monday from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Room Torrey I - MM
- Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians, **Todd Hanneken (CJA)**, "Wars from Heaven and Soldiers from Earth: Three Jewish Responses to Violence". Monday from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in Room Mohsen A – GH
- **Molly Zahn (PhD—CJA)** is attending as the Student Representative to the Society of Biblical Literature's Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

- Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Theme: Theology and Religious Reflections on Work, Immigration, and Borders, **James E. Helmer (PhD—MT)**, "Cultural Rights for Nations but Not Immigrants?: Some Reflections on Will Kymlicka's Theory of Minority Rights". Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM in Room Mohsen A – GH

ALSO OF INTEREST

- Special Topics Forum—Theme: Introduction to the AAR: Saturday from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Room GH-Betsy A
- Student Members' Reception: Saturday from 9:30 PM to 11:00 PM in Room MM-Marriott Hall Salon 5
- Special Topics Forum—Wabash Center and Student Teacher Luncheon: Sunday from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM in Room CC-26B. For more information see: http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/RSVP/Wabash/main.asp

—JH

Join ND students, faculty, and alums at the Notre Dame Reception Sunday from 7-8:30 PM in GH-Randle B.

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comes out December 7th.
Send your submissions to
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Please Keep the Theology Lounge Tidy!

The kitchenette in the theology lounge is undoubtedly a high traffic area. The GTS has been asked to remind all graduate students to: 1) cover food in the microwave, 2) not abandon that tunafish sandwich that you brought for lunch and left in the fridge two weeks ago, and 3) keep food out of the sink (there is no garbage disposal and the plumber has already visited twice).

The administrative assistants have been going above and beyond their job descriptions to keep the area tidy and clean up after everyone, but we cannot continue to expect this of them. Responsibility for the area falls on

all of us and particularly on those who make the most use of the fridge, microwave, etc.

Please clean up after yourself—and after others if you see something icky that you can easily take care of. Thanks!

—RB



Gender Concerns Committee

This year's Theology Department Gender Concerns Committee consists of **Jan Poorman** (chair), **Jennifer Herdt**, **Cathy Hilkert**, and **Todd Hanneken** (student representative). The Committee has met twice so far to work on an agenda. The Committee will meet with the Department Chair on November 13 with the hope of finalizing a list of topics for the year.

One item has already begun: "Ten Minutes for Teaching" during the faculty meetings will be used to address issues of women in curriculum and the classroom. Faculty have been invited to give ten minute presentations on how they integrate scholarship by or about women into their syllabi, how they create a

just and inclusive classroom environment, or student research related to gender that they deem important.

Agenda items that remain to be settled address enhancing the curriculum and faculty with visiting scholars, supporting students pursuing gender studies beyond what is typically available within the Department or University, and organizing area or additional colloquia on the topic of Gender in Theology.

Stay tuned to the Bulletin for more information, and contact your representative (hanneken.1@nd.edu) to offer your thoughts to the Committee.

—TH

Around The University. . .

Visiting Lecturer Nov. 15th

Archbishop Celestino Migliore will be coming to Notre Dame this fall as the 2007-2008 Terrence R. Keeley Visiting Vatican Lecturer. Archbishop Migliore serves as the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

His lecture is entitled “Catholicism and Islam: Points of Divergence and Convergence, Encounter and Cooperation” and will take place on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 8:00 PM in Room C100, the auditorium in the Hesburgh Library.

The event is sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and the Department of Theology. For more information, check out the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at <http://www.nd.edu/~nanovic/> or call 631-5123.



—JH

**REMINDER REGARDING
MOCK INTERVIEWS**

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.

In Our Department. . .

Second MTS Colloquium

The second MTS Colloquium of the semester was Wednesday, October 31st. **Benjamin Safranski (HC)** gave a presentation entitled “Blessed are the Legend-Makers.” Inspired by J.R.R. Tolkien’s belief that his stories were “sub-creations” revealed to him by God, Ben led a discussion regarding the extent to which non-Biblical stories can be theology.

—KC

Did you know???
Library Recalls....



No one likes receiving that dreaded email from Hesburgh: “RECALL!! Book Needed at Library!” Did you know that you don’t have to hit the recall button every time your material is checked out? Instead of recalling, try going down to the Check-Out desk and ask the librarian to look up your call number.

The librarian at the desk should be able to tell you who has the item checked out and, if the person is in your department, it’s simple to send a quick email asking to borrow a book (this happens all the time, and people are usually happy to drop off a book in your mailbox—and it’s often faster than waiting for a recall to come in!).

If you’ve not tried yet and are feeling guilty about recalling...check it out!

—KH

THANKS FOR JOINING US...

Hosted by your Graduate
Theological Society!

Thanks to everyone who dropped by the First Thursday event last week!
Be sure to make it next time, on December 6th.

ND Theology Group Travels to Poland

A group of Theology Department graduate students has recently returned from a 10-day journey to Poland to participate in the seminar “Building for the Future: Jewish-Christian Dialogue in A Cultural Context.” The seminar, sponsored by the Notre Dame Holocaust Project, brought together Christian and Jewish students from Poland, Germany, Israel, and the US. After a couple of days touring Warsaw, the ND group traveled to Lublin, in southeastern Poland, to meet the other participants. Over the course of the next few days, the international group learned of the rich history of Jewish life in Lublin from the middle ages through the 1930s and felt some of the horror of the abrupt destruction of that life by the Nazis.

Experiencing Lublin and its history formed the basis for the group’s own interfaith and international dialogue. Far from constituting only “history,” the wounds of the Shoah are still raw, and all of

us at the seminar — Christians and Jews, Germans, Poles, Americans, and Israelis— brought our own burdens and preconceptions to



Members of the group in the Lublin Jewish cemetery. Photo courtesy of Jon Hanish, Hebrew Union College, CA.

Lublin with us. Over the course of a week, we saw both the challenges that true dialogue poses and the possibilities that mutual respect and trust afford. We learned to understand



better the perspectives of our colleagues of different faiths and nationalities, and saw our own backgrounds and traditions in a different light. Despite all the serious intellectual and emotional work (or perhaps because of it!),

A tombstone in a Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, evidence of the destruction by Nazi occupants. Photo by KH.



The American group from Notre Dame with our guide. Photo by Nancy Cavadini.

plenty of fun was had as well. And plenty of cabbage was eaten.

Department participants were **Andrew Prevot (PhD—ST)**, **Kate Cavadini (PhD—HC)**, **Todd Walatka (PhD—ST)**, **Jordan Wales (PhD—HC)**, **James DeFrancis (PhD—HC)**, **Elizabeth Antus (MTS—ST)**, **Todd Hanneken (PhD—CJA)**, **Katie Harmon (PhD—LS)**, and **Molly Zahn (PhD—CJA)**. **Nancy Cavadini**, who works on Jewish-Catholic dialogue for the South Bend-Fort Wayne Diocese, also accompanied us, and the trip was led by **Betty Signer** and **Rabbi Michael Signer**.

—MZ



The whole of the dialogue participants, in Lublin. Photo courtesy of Jon Hanish.

Around South Bend. . .

Tree-Mendus Fruit

Tree-Mendus Fruit is, among other things, home to the International Cherry-Pit Spitting Contest. Although you'll have to wait until next summer to pucker up and spit those cherry pits, a fall trip to Tree-Mendus is still worth the drive. You can pick up to 200 varieties of apples in their orchards, enjoy freshly pressed apple cider and free apple samples, or browse the gift shop for a nice assortment of jellies and jams. They even sell blocks of caramel to make your own candy apples. Prices are a little high—don't expect to save money by picking your own apples, but do consider it as a pleasant destination for an afternoon drive. Tree-Mendus Fruit is located at 9351 E Eureka Rd, Eau Claire, MI: 1-877-863-3276. www.treemendus-fruit.com.

Café Gulistan

Have you ever run across signs that say "Ibrahim for Citizen" and wondered who this Ibrahim is? Aside from the publicity he has gained in his endeavour to secure US citizenship, Ibrahim Parlak is the establisher of Café Gulistan, a Kurdish restaurant in Harbert, MI. This cozy restaurant opened in 1994 and has continued to receive great reviews in Michigan and Northern Indiana. In Kurdish, "Gulistan" means "Land of Roses"—a name that references not only Kurdistan but the fabulous gardens in front of the restaurant. The menu specializes in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine and includes

many vegetarian options and seafood (try the mussels!). And do not leave until you have had their baklava...! Café Gulistan is located on 13581 Red Arrow Highway in Harbert, MI, between Warren Dunes State Park and New Buffalo: 269-469-6779, and check out Ibrahim's website at http://www.freeibrahim.com/cafe_gulistan.asp.

Indulgence Pastry Shop and Café

Of course no café in South Bend compares to Lula's. But if you find Lula's is too crowded, or if you are in need of wireless access while you sip and munch, you might want to go down the road a few miles to the Indulgence Pastry Shop and Café. Located on the corner of Edison and Hickory (caticorner to Cinemark Movies 14 in Mishawaka), Indulgence offers a nice variety of breakfast and lunch items, including croissants, panini, wraps, and sandwiches. And, it is impossible to overlook their scrumptious baked goods: not just your basic cookies and brownies, but also signature carrot cake, tiramisu, and Tahitian vanilla bean crème brûlée, to cite but a few examples. They also make beautiful specialty cakes: check out the pictures on their website. Open M-Th 6AM-9PM, F 6AM-11PM, Sat 7AM-11PM. 3622 Edison Road (Hickory Plaza), South Bend: 232-2955. <http://indulgencespastryshop.com/index.html>.

—RB, KH, MR

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Metropolitan Opera: Live at ND!

If you're worried about not making it to the Met this season, fear not. The DPAC's Browning Cinema is offering a second season of opera, live from New York. Last year, the Met experimented by sending high-definition transmissions to various venues; by the end of the season in May 2007, the US audience had reached 200,000 viewers! Don't miss out on this season—starting with Gounoud's *Romeo and Juliette* on December 15th. General tickets go on sale November 9th, \$15 for students and \$22 for adults.

Check out <http://performingarts.nd.edu/index.php?page=news&newsID=21> for more information.

Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert

One of the upcoming music events at Notre Dame is the Symphony Orchestra's fall concert this Thursday, November 8th, at 8PM in the DPAC Leighton Concert Hall. The concert's theme is "Music for the Ballet" and will include works by Weber, Copland, and the ever-popular Nutcracker Suite of Tchaikovsky.

Tickets are \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$4 seniors, and \$3 all students. For more information or to order tickets online, visit <http://performingarts.nd.edu>.

—KH

God Squad Wraps Up Intramural Soccer Season

The “God Squad,” this year an interdepartmental venture between Theology and Aerospace Engineering, recently wrapped up its outdoor soccer season. After being shut out in the first three games of the season, the team rallied in its final game to beat Chak-De 2–0. With fantastic goal-keeping from Mark Ross and two goals from striker David Kneip (one off a corner kick from Ramzi Bualuan), the

team is now able to savor the sweet taste of victory throughout the offseason. Congratulations to all who participated!

If you are interested in taking part in God Squad’s next intramural adventure, Ultimate Frisbee, the deadline is approaching fast! Email Chris Porter at cporter4@nd.edu before November 8th.

—MZ

Hymn Sing at St. Joe’s Parish

The Fort Wayne-South Bend chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will be hosting its annual St. Cecilia Sing Hymn Fest at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. The evening will walk through the liturgical year in song, but is not just for musicians! Everyone is invited to listen and join in singing songs of the Church on Tuesday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m.



St. Joe’s is located on 216 Hill St. in downtown South Bend, on the corner of Hill and LaSalle

—KS

Calendar

November 8	Free Flu Vaccine for Grad Students/Spouses
November 17-21	AAR/SBL
November 22	GSU Thanksgiving Brunch
November 22-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 11	GTS Christmas Party
December 11	Last Class Day
December 19-14	Semester Break!

**T H A N K S T O M D I V ’ S
F O R T A I L G A T I N G
S U C C E S S !**

Despite the pending destruction of the Alumni Center (and Notre Dame’s current record), the Theology Department tailgates, organized by members of the MDiv program, have been a rousing success! Thanks to the MDiv’s and...go Irish!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Make plans to join theology graduate students, staff and faculty on December 11th for the annual Christmas party at Legends, hosted by the GTS!

—Details to follow in next bulletin—

