

THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

ASSESSMENT

For the last two months I have written newsletter articles about the GTU's recent reaccreditation by the WASC Senior College and University Commission. Following up on one of the recommendations we got from WSCUC, it seems appropriate this month to focus on the assessment of our academic programs.

What then is assessment? In current academic terminology, assessment is "the process of gathering and discussing information from multiple and diverse sources in order to develop a deep understanding of what students know, understand, and can do with their knowledge as a result of their educational experiences; the process culminates when assessment results are used to improve subsequent learning." (Mary E. Huba and Jann E. Freed, *Learner-Centered Assessment on College Campuses: Shifting the Focus from Teaching to Learning*, 2000)

In higher education, the assessment movement can be dated to the mid-1980s when educational reformers began to advocate for defining learning outcomes as an effective pedagogical strategy. Around the same time, government agencies and legislatures were calling for greater accountability on the part of institutions of higher learning, which receive enormous amounts of public funding as well as student tuition. In the past thirty years, both educational theorists and government watchdogs have only increased their commitment to measurable outcomes, direct and indirect evidence of student learning, periodic evaluation of results, and efforts to "close the loop" so that schools are continually improving and adjusting to changes in society and the particular constituencies they serve.

Although I have not always been a fan of assessment jargon, I do see the value in continuous rigorous evaluation of our academic programs. It just makes sense to me that students are more likely to learn if teachers tell them what they are expected to know and to do after they finish a course or graduate with a degree. And teachers are more likely to improve their teaching if they pay attention not only to what students say on a course evaluation form but also to the cumulative evidence of student performance measured against pre-established goals and compared with students in other courses or in other schools.

Assessment is just an organized and systematic way of asking a series of questions: "What are students supposed to learn?" "How well are they learning it?" "What can we do to help them learn better?" "Did what we tried to do to help them make a positive difference?"

At that GTU we have been doing assessment all along, in formal and informal ways. Like every educational institution in this country from kindergartens to graduate schools, we are under constant pressure to do a better job of tracking student progress and documenting it for accreditation agencies, the federal government that provides students with financial aid, and the various publics whom we serve. Assessment is challenging work, but it is necessary—and potentially transformative.

TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM HONORING DR. JUDITH BERLING — REMEMBER TO REGISTER

On May 25-26, 2016, the GTU will be holding a two-day symposium celebrating the scholarship of Dr. Judith Berling and her 29 years of service as a faculty member and administrator with the GTU. [Register now to attend "Learning as Collaborative Conversation."](#)

The GTU invites you to join Dr. Berling's students, colleagues, and friends from near and far as we gather to share how Dr. Berling has influenced us all in our personal, educational, and professional development. The Wednesday afternoon session of the symposium will feature the GTU's 2016 Surjit Singh Lecture by Philip Wickeri.

Registration is required. To register, go to the [Eventbrite page for the conference](#). All events are free, with the exception of the celebration dinner Wednesday evening. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday free of charge to all registered.

Detailed schedule can be found on page 8-9 of this newsletter.



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PLTS LUTHER LECTURE: CLIMATE, JUSTICE, HOPE, AND A LUTHERAN ETHIC OF LOVE INCARNATE

Wednesday, April 6th at 9:00am.
PLTS Chapel of the Cross

Humankind stands at a turning point in history. Either we continue on a fast track toward climate disaster or we harness human genius and creativity to forge a sustainable relationship between the human species and our planetary home. The moral challenge is heightened by matters of climate justice: those most vulnerable to the ravages of climate change are also the people least responsible for it. In this context, Earth's religious traditions are called to plumb their depths, seeking wellsprings of moral vision, hope, and wisdom for

building ecologically sound and socially just ways of living. Lutheran traditions are rich with such resources. One is the call to faith active in love that seeks justice. Another is the call to heed God's presence "flowing and pouring through all things." This lecture explores both as transformative Spirit-led invitations and gifts.

Professor Cynthia Moe-Lobeda is this year's Luther Lecturer. This event is co-sponsored by the Karen Lebacqz Endowment Fund at the GTU.

Please register online at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/cluplts>

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, BY 4:00PM IS THE DEADLINE TO FILE DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS, MA THESES, MABL CERTIFICATION OF ORAL EXAMINATION FORMS, AND CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORMS.

THE GTU GRADUATES RECEPTION

The GTU's Board of Trustees and Office for Institutional Advancement host a reception for all GTU common MA and Doctoral graduates, faculty, families and guests the night before commencement, **Wednesday, May 11th, 2016** at 5:00 p.m. in courtyard and Common Room on the CDSP campus. Please contact the Office for Institutional Advancement at 510-649-2531 or by email at advancement@gtu.edu should you have any questions about the event.

CJS NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday, April 3rd: "Curating Culture, Making Memory: On the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews."

11 am: Film Showing "Raise the Roof" at Landmark Shattuck Theater
2230 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

Lectures to follow at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life
2121 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94720

Monday, April 11th, "Remembering My Father, Abraham Joshua Heschel" with Susannah Heschel.

5:00pm: Graduate Theological Union | Dinner Board Room, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley CA 94709

Tuesday, April 26th "Writing Hunger in the Nazi Ghettos: Leyb Goldin and Oskar Rosenfeld" with Sven-Erik Rose

12:45pm: 2465 Le Conte Avenue | HEDCO Room | Berkeley, CA 94709



CARE ART FOR LOAN: GERARD VALCIN, *VOODOO A LA BOURGEOIS*, 1970

CARE NEWS AND EVENTS

April 1, 2016 from 12:00 - 1:00pm

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Poetry Reading

Kevin Burke, Executive Dean, JST, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology

Dawn P. Neal, MA Student, Institute of Buddhist Studies, GTU

Chris Renz, Academic Dean, DSPT, Assistant Professor in Religion & the Arts, Science & Theology

Marvin K. White, MDiv Student, PSR

Following the readings, a discussion of the poems will be led by Nate Klug, Pastor and Artist in Residence at Orinda Community Church. Nate is the author of two books of poetry, *Rude Woods* (2013) and *Anyone* (2015), and his poems and essays have appeared in a wide variety of literary publications. Nate's work has been recognized by a Ruth Lily Fellowship from the Poetry Foundation, the Theodore Roethke Prize from Poetry Northwest, and a residency at the MacDowell Colony.

CARE's Brown Bag Lunch Series:

Informal presentations by GTU students, faculty, and staff. Hosted the first Friday of each month from 12-1pm- bring your sack lunch!

April 16, 2016 at 2pm.

"Ancient Iconography in a New Context: Byzantine Monosandali and Their Monastic Audiences"

Rossitza Schroeder, Associate Professor of Arts and Religion, Pacific School of Religion

Location: The Legion of Honor

Late thirteenth- to early fourteenth-century Byzantine churches contain images of military saints wearing only one shoe (monosandali). These figures are known from ancient mythology and primary sources, such as Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War*. The speaker will elaborate on the meaning of these half-shod military saints in medieval Greece. This particular iconography added a sense of instability and flux, creating a suitable environment for the contemplative practices of the monks meditating upon them.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AT IBS

For the past twenty-five years, the Institute of Buddhist Studies has been led by its Dean, Dr. Richard K. Payne. With Dr. Payne's guidance, IBS has been able to overcome many challenges as it advanced its educational goals. This past year, Dr. Payne has decided to retire from the position of Dean. As he returns to a focus on teaching and research, IBS has chosen to take this as an opportunity to revise its organizational structure to best support its expanding educational programs.

On January 8, 2016, the IBS Board of Trustees approved an institutional reorganization and made a number of administrative appointments. Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, the director of IBS's Contemporary Shinshu Buddhist Studies program and a past resident minister of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, will now serve in the newly created position of IBS Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

The new Dean of Students and Faculty Affairs is Dr. Scott Mitchell, a graduate of the GTU and current member of the Core Doctoral Faculty.

The faculty and staff of the Institute are looking forward to this new chapter in its history, and are excited to be working toward accreditation and deepening our relationship to the GTU.



WSR EVENT: POETRY SLAM 2016

GTU's Women's Studies in Religion is hosting an exciting evening of poetry written and performed by members of our community! This open mic night will have light refreshments. If you are interested in performing & want to make sure you get on the list, please email WSR at the address listed below!

Certificate students can earn 1 co-curricular unit by performing at the event.

Wednesday April 20th,
6:30-8:30pm

MUDD #100
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Avenue



GTU GRADUATE FAIR

The Graduate Theological Union invites you to our **Graduate Fair** on **Saturday, April 9th**, from 11:00am-2:00pm in the Dinner Board Room at the GTU Library. Learn more about the GTU and its programs. The event features a faculty panel and time to discuss program options with current GTU students and Admissions staff. All interested in the Master of Arts or

Doctoral programs are welcome to attend. Current students are encouraged to bring interested friends!

Please RSVP—lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrea Sheaffer and the GTU Admissions staff at admissions@gtu.edu.

SUMMER MODERN LANGUAGE STUDY AT THE GTU

GTU summer language study opportunities are an excellent summer activity. These courses focus on developing researching and writing facilities in the language, and provide good preparation for the GTU Modern Foreign Language Exams. The course ends with an opportunity to take a language proficiency exam with the possibility of certifying for the GTU common MA and doctoral degree program requirements. The French course will be offered July 11 through August 5 from 9am to noon, the German course is offered July 11-August 10 (no meeting July 20-22) from 9am to 12pm, and the Spanish course is scheduled for July 11 through August 5 from 9am to 12pm. Tuition is \$650. GTU students can register on WebAdvisor through the Continuing Education module starting on April 11. For registration questions, contact John Seal, GTU Consortial Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.

MODERN LANGUAGE EXAM

The next modern Foreign Language Examination is **Wednesday, May 18**, 1:00pm to 4:45pm in the Dinner Board Room. Register by May 4 with Wendy Arce, Student Affairs Office Manager, warce@gtu.edu, 649-2400.



GTU ASIA PROJECT 2016 SPRING COLLOQUIUM

You are cordially invited to New Voices of Asia and Oceania, the GTU Asia Project Spring Student Conference.

Come enjoy delicious Asian cuisine and the presentation of three GTU PhD Candidates' projects. The presenters are:

Lalnunzira Bungsut, Biblical Studies, "Purity and Group Identity in the Book of Ezekiel"

Wanjoong Kim, Systematic Theology, "The Word Beyond Words: An Interreligious Study of the Nature of Language in the Christology of Cyril of Alexandria from the Prāsaṅgika Mādhyamaka Perspective"

Su-Chi Lin, Art and Religion, "Three objects and Their Christian Appropriation in Contemporary Taiwan"

The event will take place in the Dinner Boardroom (3rd Floor GTU Library) from 12:30 to 2:00 on **Monday, April 4**. Spread the word about this event!!

Please RSVP to Heeyoung Chung at asia-project@ses.gtu.edu by FRIDAY, APRIL 1.

2015-2016 CYCLE #2 STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following GTU doctoral students will be presenting at the international and national conferences and meetings this semester. Each has received a Student Travel Grant Award from the GTU Dean's Office.

Lauren Guerra "Reimagining the Imago Dei: The Insights of Chicana Feminist Author Sandra Cisneros";

Reem Javed "Role Models: Navigating the Terrain of Social Justice-Making";

Daekyung Jung "Reframing the Theological Rationale for Social Justice";

Amanda Kiminski "Can Stories Save Us?: Dangerous Memory in the Christian Witness of Three Nineteenth-Century Evangelical Women in America";

Henry Kuo "Virtue, Law, and the Ethics of Economic Rescue Legislation: Distributive Justice, Civil Law, and the TARP" and "The Business of Double Effect: The Ethics of Utilizing Bankruptcy Protection Laws as Management Strategy";

Su-Chi Lin "Art as Healing and Grace: Social Transformation in Taiwanese Women Iconography";

Nathan Michon "Heart Training: Enhancing the Toolbox of Contemplative Practices";

Mauricio Najarro "Translation as Self-Craft: On the Practice of Translating Hymns of Creation during a Time of Ecological Devastation";

Jennifer Owens "'I Just Shouldn't Be Here': Implications of Catholic Deconversion Narratives for Catechesis";

Hyun Ho Park "Joab, King David's Doppelgänger: A Character study of Joab in Samuel 18:1 – 19:8a";

Justin Tanis "Respeto a Las Derechos Humanos: Themes of Social Justice and Inclusion in the Art of Nahum Zenil"

GTU COMMENCEMENT

The GTU Commencement is **May 12** at 4pm in the PLTS Chapel. A reception follows the ceremony outside the Chapel. Common MA and Doctoral students planning on participating in the GTU Commencement Ceremony should report to Giesy Hall for robing and procession instructions by 3:15pm. Faculty are asked to report to Giesy Hall by 3:30pm. Contact Kathleen Kook, GTU Dean of Students, kkook@gtu.edu, 510-649-2464 for information.

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES OF COLOR AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

April 27, 4:30pm, PSR Chapel

This occasion is hosted by the Student Services Offices of the GTU Member Schools. It is an occasion to honor, celebrate, and offer blessings to the community of graduates from the GTU consortium. Please rsvp to Fredonia Thompson, fthompson@gtu.edu.

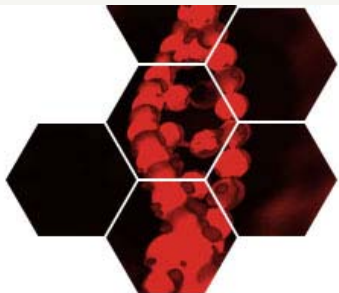




2016 RUSSELL FAMILY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE AND LECTURE

Russell Fellowship Lecture,
Thursday April 14, 7-9pm
 (Free and Open to the Public)

“The redemption of science (via the naturalization of teleology)” by Terrence W. Deacon, Professor of Biological Anthropology, UC Berkeley .



Russell Fellowship Conference
Saturday, April 16, 12-5pm
 (Registration Required, Lunch NOT Provided)

“Steps to a metaphysics of incompleteness” by Terrence Deacon & Tyrone Cashman

Respondents: Brian Green, Joshua Moritz, Carol Trabing, Adam Pryor, and Mariusz Tabaczek

For more information or to register, please contact Melissa Moritz, melissam@ctns.org

SFTS EVENT: T.V. MOORE LECTURES FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

Old Texts, New Understandings: The Revolution in Editions of Scripture

A new era dawns for the printing of the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin texts of the Bible, and of the Qur’an. New manuscript discoveries and new understandings of how scriptural texts were affected by the culture of manuscripts have set in motion major international text projects animated by new concepts in how texts should be presented in printed editions, and eventually in translations. This dramatic new era is exemplified by an emerging new edition of the Hebrew Bible, the latest new edition of the Greek New Testament, a new in-depth examination of the Old Latin Bible (a Text which is uncontrolled by any church authority and frequently inaccurate), and the recent rediscovery of one of the oldest known manuscripts of the Qur’anic text. What are these discoveries and understandings, what is new about them, and what do they mean for our understanding of the Bible? What do early (Qur’anic) manuscripts tell us about the use of the Qur’anic text at the beginning of Islam? About its stability and/or fluidity?

The participants:

9-10:30am Ron Hendel, Norma and Sam Dabby Professor of Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, general editor of The Hebrew Bible: A Critical Edition

His lecture is on: The Hebrew Bible: A Critical Edition: Restoring a Multiple Text

10:30-12:00 am Alba Fedeli, Research Fellow at the Center for Religious Studies at Central European University, Budapest, who rediscovered one of the oldest Qur’anic manuscripts.

Her lecture title: Editing Qur’anic manuscripts: the case of the Mingana-Lewis palimpsest and its digital edition: 'Are we producing data or texts?'

Lunch Break

1:45-3:15pm David Trobisch, Museum of the Bible. Director of Collections. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Washington, DC and one of the five editors of the Novum Testamentum Graece at the Münster Institute for New Testament Textual Research

His lecture is on: The Text of the New Testament: Is there an original?

3:30-5:00pm Annette Weissenrieder, Associate Professor of New Testament, with Dr. Thomas Bauer from the University of Erfurt, co-editor of the Old Latin Bible of the Gospel of Luke and Matthew

Her lecture is on: The new edition of the Old Latin Synoptic Gospels: What do these texts tell us about early Christianity?

5:00-6:00pm Panel discussion

PSR EVENT: THE NEW STORY OF WORK CONFERENCE

April 15-16, 2016

Ignite @ Pacific School of Religion

www.igniteatpsr.com/work

The New Story of Work will bring together organizers, business and faith leaders, activists, and scholars to explore and strategize around the meaning of work and the significance of labor today.

On Friday, April 15, leading scholars will present new work focusing on work and spirituality. Participants also will be invited to join in actions in the Bay Area around the Fight for \$15. Saru Jayaraman will offer the Friday morning keynote.

On Saturday, April 16, the conference will focus primarily on inter-disciplinary working groups responding to Ignite Talks – short talks from leading thinkers and organizers including David Korten, Joerg Rieger, Konda Mason, and Bob King.

CARE ART COLLECTION

While CARE is not primarily a collecting institution, it does hold a small collection of 24 artworks. They range broadly in terms of artistic medium, technique, and theme. Several important artists are represented in the collection, including Rembrandt, Chagall, and Rouault. CARE often provides art loans to GTU consortium members and other institutions for exhibition, scholarly, or education use.

Looking to brighten up your GTU office? Browse objects in the CARE Art Collection available for loan! Contact the CARE office with requests and/or questions.

Guidelines and requirements are provided in the [CARE Art Collection Loan Agreement](#) attached. Happy browsing!

OBJECTS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



DOCTORAL STUDENT COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS
DOCTORAL COUNCIL: LEVI CHECKETTS
LIBRARY COMMITTEE: STEPHEN QUARLES
STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: ANDREW LEE, I SIL YOON
SBL LIASON: HYUN HO PETER PARK

CIS NEWS AND EVENTS

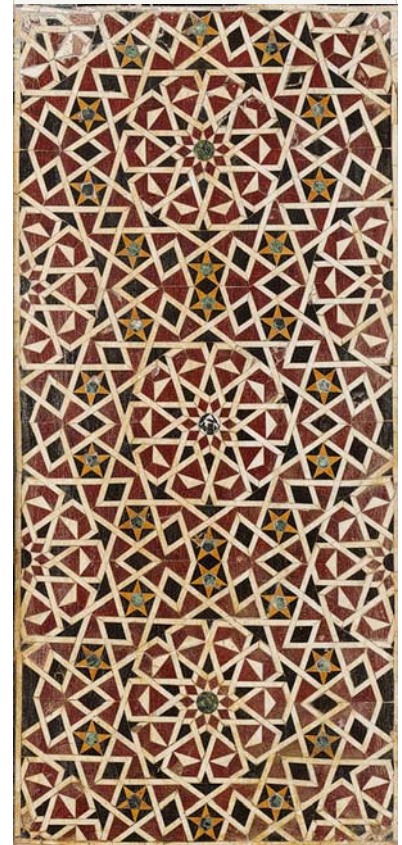
CIS is delighted to be a partner in the upcoming 7th annual international Islamophobia conference, as part of the Islamophobia Documentation and Research Project, directed by Dr. Hatem Bazian at the Center for Race and Gender, UC Berkeley. This year's theme is, Islamophobia: Has a Tipping Point Been Reached? held **April 22-23** at Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley. For further details, please see: www.irdproject.com

CIS visiting scholar and Islamic Art historian, Carol Bier, and CIS Director Munir Jiwa, are convening a group of colleagues at universities and museums on "Negotiating Cultural Boundaries Today in the Study and Teaching of Islamic Art," on **April 28** at the GTU. This will be in preparation of developing public programs, pedagogical strategies, and academic curricula concerning the study and teaching Islamic art and aesthetics.

Congratulations to Carol Bier who has submitted an article, "The Suzani Collection of Doris Duke at Shangri La in Honolulu, Hawai'i," for a multi-volume work on Uzbek art in foreign collections. The series will be published in Uzbekistan, in English, Russian, and Uzbek.

Congratulations to Sr. Marianne Farina, CSC, Professor at DSPT and CIS for being selected as the keynote for the 31st Madeleva Lecture, titled, Sacred Conversations and the Evolution of Dialogue, to be held at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame on **April 14**.

<https://www.saintmarys.edu/spiritual-life/center-for-spirituality/madeleva-lecture-series>



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May 25 (Wednesday)

9:00-10:00 Registration, PSR Chapel

10:00- Noon Morning Session, PSR Chapel: Impacts of Theories of Judith Berling

Facilitator:

Jenny Te Paa (Ohaki Consultancy)

Presentation and Reflections by:

Munir Jiwa (Graduate Theological Union)

Devin Zuber (Graduate Theological Union)

Bonnie Howe (Dominican University of California)

Elizabeth Ingenthron (Jewish Voice for Peace)

Sophia Park (Holy Names University)

Emily Wu (Dominican University of California)

12:00-1:30pm Light lunch, Dinner Board Room

1:30-3:30pm Afternoon Session, PSR Chapel: Interreligious and Cross-Cultural Pedagogy

Yik Fai Tam (Hong Kong Baptist University), Educate for Hope: Religious Education in the Post-Umbrella Movement Period in Hong Kong

Courtney Bruntz (Oregon State University), Interreligious Education for Millennial Generation

Reem Jevad (Graduate Theological Union), Reflections on 'Course Design' and 'Islamic Education'

Joanne Doi (Maryknoll Sisters), Teaching and Learning Through the Manzanar Pilgrimage

Julia Prinz (Jesuit School of Theology), Responding

4:00-5:00 [Surjit Singh Lecture](#), PSR Chapel:

Toward a More Perfect Union: The Contribution of Judith Berling to Religious Pluralism in Theological Education

Philip Wickeri (Hong Kong Sheng Kong Hui)

5:30pm Reception, CDSP Refectory

6:30pm Celebration Dinner, CDSP Refectory

DR. JUDITH BERLING SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE, CONTD.

May 26 (Thursday)

9:00-10:00 Check in, Dinner Board Room, Coffee and pastries provided.

10:00- 12:00pm Morning Session, Dinner Board Room: Boundary-Crossing Approaches and Perspectives

Matthew Harr Farris (California State University, Fresno), Some Considerations of Interdisciplinary Studies as “Spiritual Exercises”

Kang Hack Lee (Torch Trinity Graduate University, South Korea), Lee Sejong’s Spirituality

Damayanthi Niles (Eden Theological Seminary), Christian Theological Doctrine with an Eye towards Pluralism

John Thompson (Christopher Newport University), Master Journey(wo)man: Judith Berling’s Dao of “Free and Happy Wandering”

Norris Palmer (St. Mary’s College of California), Binocularly, Perspecacity, and Interstitiality: Terra Firma Amidst the Ice Floe

Arthur Holder (Graduate Theological Union), Responding

12:00-12:30pm Closing Remark, Dinner Board Room

Fumitaka Matsuoka (Robert Gordon Sproul Professor of Theology Emeritus at Pacific School of Religion)

WHERE TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES:

Member School	Date	Time	Location
GTU	Thursday, May 12, 2016	4:00 PM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
SKSM	Thursday, May 19, 2016	7:30 PM	First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, 1187 Franklin St, San Francisco, CA 94109
CDSP	Friday, May 20, 2016	10:30 AM	PSR Chapel
SFTS	Saturday, May 21, 2016	9:30 AM	SFTS, 105 Seminary Road, Bouick Field which is located right at the entrance to the Seminary.
PLTS	Saturday, May 21, 2016	11:00 AM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
DSPT	Saturday, May 21, 2016	1:00 PM	Second Church of Christ Scientist, 1521 Spruce St., Berkeley-Procession begins at DSPT
ABSW	Saturday, May 21, 2016	2:00 PM	First Baptist Oakland, Telegraph at 22 nd
JST-SCU	Saturday, May 21, 2016	3:00 PM	PSR Chapel
PSR	Sunday, May 22, 2016	4:00 PM	First Congregational Church of Berkeley

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The Dean's Newsletter is for official notices from the GTU Dean's Office regarding academic affairs and for announcements of educational events (lectures, conferences) focusing on academic research and thus of particular interest to faculty and MA and PhD students. Send submissions to Angela Muñoz, amunoz@gtu.edu.

HONORABLE MENTION

MA STUDENTS

Thesis Successfully Defended

Staci Akselrod, CJS

Joseph Glick, CJS*

Huntley Hoffman, CJS

Todd Jordan, IBS

Maureen Kennedy, SFTS

Joanne Laurence, IBS

Alistair Shanks, IBS

*With Honors

Oral Exams Passed

Christopher Brannan, DSPT

Naeyoun Cho, PSR

PHD STUDENTS

Comprehensive Proposal Approved

Tae Woong Lee, BIBL

Oral Comprehensive Exams Passed

Ki Do Ahn, IDS

Therese Bjoernaas, THEO*

Christopher Hansen, THEO*

George Hudgins, LITG

*with distinction

Advanced to Candidacy

Su-Chi Lin, ART

Abdel Ali, HIST

Robert Peach, IDS

Eleanor Shapiro, IDS

Reem Javed, IDS

Elekosi Lafitaga, BIBL

Dissertation Successfully Defended

Lauren Guerra, THEO

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