

# THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

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## TRANSITIONS



**Dr. Arthur Holder**

Academic Dean  
and Vice President of Academic  
Affairs

The end of spring semester and the beginning of fall semester are always times of transition in an academic community. Students graduate or move ahead

to new stages of their programs. Beloved faculty retire or leave for adventures elsewhere. New courses are being planned, and new initiatives are getting underway. Staff change jobs or take on new duties that require them to develop new skills.

Change is in the air. That is certainly the case at the GTU right now, where all of those changes are taking place, and more besides.

At the institutional level, we

have new MA opportunities in Hindu Studies and Interreligious Studies. The Core Doctoral Faculty has adopted a bold new plan for the doctoral program that will enhance interreligious and interdisciplinary engagement while providing even more flexibility for students who enter in 2016 and beyond. What has been the Swedenborgian House of Studies at the Pacific School of Religion will soon become a Center for Swedenborgian Studies affiliated with the GTU. By the end of the calendar year, the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences will move from affiliate status to become an integral program unit of the GTU.

Next year will be a time of transition for me personally because it will be my last year as Dean of the GTU. By this time next year I will complete thirty years of

teaching and administrative service here, including fourteen years in this office. It has been a delight to work with so many wonderful students, faculty, staff, board members, and alums throughout the consortium. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish and hopeful that even greater things are yet to come.

Due to some chronic (but not life threatening) health problems with my inner ear, I will be moving to part-time status in my final year as Dean. After that, God willing, I will be a part-time faculty member at the GTU for three years until retirement in 2019. I look forward to sharing in many more transitions for the people and programs of the GTU. For all that this institution and its diverse communities have given me over the years, I am forever grateful.

## GTU COMMENCEMENT



The GTU Commencement is May 7 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](mailto:kkook@gtu.edu), 510-649-2464 for information.

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## GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT CYCLE #1 DEADLINE: SEPT 15, 2015

Mark your calendar! The first cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5pm in the GTU Dean's Office. GTU doctoral students who are presenting papers at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings along with other comparable national conferences and meetings

from July 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 are eligible to apply for the first cycle. Additionally, the GTU Student Travel Grant Application form must accompany supporting materials (proof of acceptance to conferences and paper précis). It is available through the GTU Dean's Office and the GTU webpage.

For more information, please consult the 2014 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 77), call the GTU Dean's Office (649.2440), or email [amunoz@gtu.edu](mailto:amunoz@gtu.edu).

### DOCTORAL STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS

AAR LIAISON:  
YOHANA JUNKER  
(ART & RELIGION)

DOCTORAL  
COUNCIL:  
CHRISTINA  
FETHEROLF  
(BIBLICAL STUDIES)

STUDENT  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE: HAN  
NAH PHEASANT  
(ART & RELIGION;  
VANESSA HAWKINS  
(INTERDISCIPLINARY  
STUDIES); RAPHAEL  
OKITAFUMBA  
LOKOLA (ETHICS &  
SOCIAL THEORY)

STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE TO  
THE LIBRARY  
COMMITTEE: JUSTIN  
LIPSCOMB  
(INTERDISCIPLINARY  
STUDIES)

STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE TO  
THE GTU BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES:  
CHRISTOPHER  
MORELAND  
(HISTORY)

## The CENTER FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES at the GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

May 1, 12-1PM: "Aesthetics and Politics of Exhibitions: Museums, Muslims, Memory." Lecture by Center for Islamic Studies Director and Associate Professor, Dr. Munir Jiwa, recipient of the Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education's Fall 2014 Grant. Dr. Jiwa will present on the research he conducted on the representation and use of Islamic art/history in institutions from New York to Doha, the mobilization of aesthetic capital, and the cultivation of new museum subjects and publics. These institutions include: Museum of Islamic Art, Doha, Qatar; Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; Metropolitan Museum of Islamic Art, New York; Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada. Location: Doug Adams Gallery, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, CA, 94709.

The Center for Islamic Studies would like to congratulate CIS M.A. student Rania Shah on her presentation, "Saint Thomas Aquinas and Imam Al-Ghazali on the Attainment of Happiness," at the 2015 Religion in Society

Conference at the University of California, Berkeley in April. Rania's paper examined the virtue theories of Saint Thomas Aquinas and Imam Al-Ghazali, both spiritual masters of the Catholic and Islamic faiths and inheritors of Aristotle's philosophy of virtues.

The CIS would like to congratulate CIS students, faculty and visiting scholar for their participation and papers at the Sixth Annual International Conference on the Study of Islamophobia at UC Berkeley, April 23-25. CIS MA student May Kosba presented, "Politics of Terror: Islamophobia in Post-revolution Egyptian Media," CIS MA student Paula Thompson presented, "Grassroots or Astroturf: Muslims, Countering Violent Extremism and 'Safe Spaces' Initiative," CIS visiting scholar Dr. Nargis Virani presented, "Islamicate or Islamophobic?: Portrayal of Muslims in Bollywood," and CIS Director, Munir Jiwa presented two papers, "Frames and Scripts of Islamophobia" and "Registers of Humanity: Liberal Indexing, Inter-

faithwashing, and Islamophilia as Islamophobia."

Ph.D. student Waqas Sajjad will be presenting at the 5th Annual UC Santa Barbara Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference this month. The title of his paper will be "Traditionalist and Secularist Perspectives of Islam in Pakistan: The Case of Ahmed Raza Khan Bareilvi."

CIS M.A. student Reem Kosba and Ph.D. student Waqas Sajjad will be attending the 2015 Summer Students Program at the International Institute of Islamic Thought.

The Center for Islamic Studies would also like to congratulate CIS M.A. students Sundiata Al Rashid and David Hiller on their successful theses and graduation. Sundiata's thesis is titled, "From Bean Pie to Baklava: Islam in the San Francisco Bay Area," and David's is "Breathe in Union: A Brief Look at Islamic Pluralism."

## GTU OBITUARY: GEORGIANA LUND MOE

Georgiana Moe, former Head of Circulation at Pacific School of Religion and first Head of Circulation at the Graduate Theological Union Library, passed away in Oakland, CA on April 7, 2015. She received her degree in Music Education at Central Washington College of Education in Ellensburg, where she met and married her hus-

band of 67 years, Dr. Lawrence Henry Moe. In 1957 they came to Berkeley where Larry became a Professor of Musicology, University Organist and department chair at the University of California. After raising their 2 children, Georgie began her library career at PSR, then working at the GTU until her retirement. She is remembered

fondly as an efficient supervisor, a talented singer and cook, and her generous hospitality welcomed countless students, faculty, musicians and authors to her home over the decades. She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her son, Eric, daughter, Charis (Alex) Burke, and grandchildren, Dillon and Brigitte Moreno.



Georgiana Lund Moe  
1926 – 2015

### PSR: SCREENING OF *REMEMBERING VIOLENCE: RISKY PEDAGOGIES AND CONTESTED AESTHETICS* BY ANDREA BIELER AND RALF BIELER

You Are Invited  
to a screening of:  
*Remembering Violence: Risky  
Pedagogies  
and Contested Aesthetics*  
by Andrea Bieler  
and Ralf Bieler

Wednesday, 6 May  
7:15pm to 8:45pm  
MUDD 103,  
Pacific School of Religion

Discussion To Follow With  
Andrea Bieler

This video documentary engages the question of how communities and artists in different parts of the world engage the remembrance of a violent past that is haunting the present.

The film (38 minutes) was produced as an experimental lecture that was presented last November at the Religious Education Association in Chicago.

The conference dealt with the theme of Religious Education and the Unmaking of Violence.

It was created by former PSR Professor Andrea Bieler in dialogue with the choreographer and theologian Angel Mendez-Montoya and the film maker Ralf Bieler.



### CJS GRADUATE RECEPTION

THURSDAY, MAY  
7TH, 12:30PM  
2465 LECONTE  
AVENUE, HEDCO  
ROOM, 2ND  
FLOOR  
BERKELEY, CA,  
94709

FOLLOWING THE  
RECEPTION, THE  
COMMENCEMENT  
WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT 4:00PM AT  
PACIFIC  
THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY CHAPEL,  
2770 MARIN  
AVENUE  
BERKELEY, CA  
94708

## 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 20 through August 14, and the German and Spanish courses are scheduled for July 13 through August 7. Tuition is \$650. GTU students can register via the Continuing Education link on WebAdvisor starting May 1. For regis-

tration questions, contact John Seal, GTU Consortial Registrar, [jseal@gtu.edu](mailto:jseal@gtu.edu).



## CHAN PRIZE COMPETITION DEADLINE: SEPT. 15, 2015



Students interested in submitting papers for the Fall 2015 Chan Prize in Religion and Economics Essay contest must do so by Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5pm in the GTU Dean's Office. The Chan competition's purpose is to reward the thoughtful, creative work of students who are seeking authentically to bring

together theological (including ethical, Biblical, constructive) reflection on the topic of "Identity and Practice across Religious Boundaries: exploring a particular concept, theme, or practice in two or more religions (e.g., Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, etc.)." For more de-

tail on the criteria of the essay competition, please see the 2014 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 77) —there is no application form.



## CARE: NEWS & EVENTS

### Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education (CARE)

*an affiliate of the  
Graduate Theological Union*

### Brown Bag Lunch Series Friday, May 1 | 12-1pm Guest Speaker:

#### Munir Jiwa

Director and Associate Professor, Center for Islamic Studies, Core Doctoral Faculty Member, Graduate Theological Union  
Aesthetics and Politics of Ex-

hibitions: Museums, Muslims, Memory

Dr. Munir Jiwa, CARE Fall 2014 Grant Recipient, presents on the research he conducted on the presentation of Islamic Art in institutions from New York to Doha. These institutions included: Museum of Islamic Art, Doha Qatar, Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, and the Metropolitan Museum of Islamic Art, New York.

Meet at Stanford University's Cantor Center for a special tour of "Promised Land: Jacob Lawrence at the Cantor" Monday, May 4 | 11am

Free Admission | Transportation not provided  
RSVP to [info@care-gtu.org](mailto:info@care-gtu.org)

## IBS: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES CONFERENCE



### Subjectivity in Pure Land Buddhism The 17th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies August 7 – 9, 2015 Jodo Shinshu Center Berkeley, California

The conference is made possible in part by the generous support from the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the

Numata Foundation.

IBS is pleased to host this year's Conference of the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies (IASBS).

Now is the time to register for the conference, as rooms at the Jodo Shinshu Center and the Berkeley City Club are filling up.

Please visit the registration site at [brownpapertickets.com/event/1342471](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/1342471) or learn more by visiting the Conference website at [IASBS2015.wordpress.com](http://IASBS2015.wordpress.com)

For more information about these and other future events, please visit our website at [shin-ibs.edu/events](http://shin-ibs.edu/events)





## FALL 2014 AND SPRING 2015 GRADUATES

### Doctor of Philosophy

#### **Ashley L. Bacchi**

*Uncovering Jewish Creativity: Gender and Intertextuality in Book III of the Sibylline Oracles*  
History  
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski  
(Coordinator)

#### **José E. Balcells**

*Household and Family Religion in Persian Period Judah: An Archeological Approach*  
Biblical Studies  
Aaron Brody (Coordinator)

#### **Kyle Gareld Butler**

*Communities of Difference: Constructing an Ecclesiology of Multiplicity*  
Systematic and Philosophical Theology  
Marion Grau (Coordinator)

#### **Maureen Kelley Day**

*"I Am My Brother's Keeper:" American Catholic Civic Engagement through JustFaith Ministries*  
Ethics and Social Theory  
Jerome P. Baggett  
(Coordinator)

#### **Peter Lawrence Doeblér**

*Seeing the Things You Cannot See: (Dis)-solving the Sublime through the Paintings of Hiroshi Senju*  
Art and Religion  
Ronald Y. Nakasone  
(Coordinator)

#### **'Ikani Latu Fakasiieiki**

*Delilah: A Postcolonial Discourse Reading of Judges 16:4-22*  
Biblical Studies  
Gina Hens-Piazza  
(Coordinator)

#### **Matthew J. Gaudet**

*Moral Casuistry and the Ethics of Military Combat*  
Ethics and Social Theory  
William R. O'Neill, S.J.  
(Coordinator)

#### **Elizabeth Tauba Ingenthron**

*In Jewish Pursuit of Justice: Using Critical Pedagogy and Critical Whiteness Studies to Teach Israel/Palestine in the United States*  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Judith A. Berling  
(Coordinator)

#### **Jun Kim**

*Death and the Afterlife in the Book of Job*  
Biblical Studies  
Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan  
(Coordinator)

#### **Sang Yoon Kim**

*Humanistic Commentary on Scripture in the Reformation: Heinrich Bullinger's Commentary on 1 Corinthians (1534)*  
History  
Christopher Ocker  
(Coordinator)

#### **Izak Yohan**

#### **Matriks Lattu**

*Orality and Interreligious Relationships: The Role of Collective Memory in Christian-Muslim Engagements in Maluku, Indonesia*  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Judith A. Berling  
(Coordinator)

#### **Patricia J. McKee**

*Scorning the Image of Virtue: Church and Theatre in Post-Settlement England*  
Art and Religion  
Rossitza Schroeder  
(Coordinator)

#### **Jenny Patten La Monica**

*Poetic Beauty: The Theological Aesthetics of Anna Jameson*  
Art and Religion  
Michael Morris, O.P.  
(Coordinator)

#### **Daniel Sheldon Robinson**

*Deliberation, Faith and Freedom in Alexander of Aphrodisias and Clement of Alexandria*  
History  
Eugene M. Ludwig, O.F.M.  
(Coordinator)

#### **Kyle Kenneth**

#### **Schiefelbein**

*Sin and Brokenness, Passage and Purpose: Reforms in Recent American Lutheran Rites for the Pastoral Care of the Sick*  
Liturgical Studies  
Michael B. Aune  
(Coordinator)

#### **Katy E. Valentine**

*"For You Were Bought with a Price": Slaves, Sex, and Self-control in a Pauline Community*  
Biblical Studies  
David Balch (Coordinator)



**Lisa Ann Webster**

*Two for One: Reading Mystical Friendship in Early Modern French Catholicism*  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Judith A. Berling  
(Coordinator)

**Mee-Yin Mary Yuen**

*Toward an Ethic of Solidarity and Reciprocity with the Marginalized: Catholic and Confucian Social Ethics in Dialogue*  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Judith A. Berling  
(Coordinator)

**Master of Arts**

**Sundiata Al Rashid**

*From Bean Pie to Baklava: Islam in the San Francisco Bay Area*  
Center for Islamic Studies  
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

**Miriam Y. Attia**

*Ethical Concerns in Jewish and Christian Theologies of Suffering*  
Center for Jewish Studies  
Naomi Sheindel Seidman  
(Coordinator)

**Haruka Beppu**

*The Issue of Buddha-nature in Shin Buddhism in the West*  
Institute of Buddhist Studies  
David Matsumoto  
(Coordinator)

**Keith Russell Berry**

*The Perfection of Beauty: The Mother of God in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church*  
Patriarch Athenagoras

Orthodox Institute

John Klentos (Coordinator)

**Cogen Bohanec**

*A Comparison between Selfhood in the Upaniṣad-s and the Pali Canon*  
Institute of Buddhist Studies  
Richard K. Payne  
(Coordinator)

**Anne Elizabeth Sutherland Clarke**

*Wading into the River: Episcopal Congregational Service and Inequality*  
Church Divinity School of the Pacific  
WITH HONORS  
Susanna J. Singer  
(Coordinator)

**Iveth Cuellar**

*Fiesta: A Source for Sustaining Mental Health among Latinos*  
Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University  
WITH HONORS  
Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J.  
(Coordinator)

**Jeffrey Alan Dodge**

*Anointed: A Re-Examination of a Term with Multiple Meanings in Judaism and Christianity*  
Church Divinity School of the Pacific  
Marion Grau (Coordinator)

**Nancy Snowden Gutsell**

*Robert Boyle and Henry Stubbe: Two Seventeenth Century Defenses of Christianity and Natural Philosophy*  
San Francisco Theological Seminary  
Christopher Ocker  
(Coordinator)

**David Hiller**

*Breathe in Union: A Brief Look at Islamic Pluralism*  
Center for Islamic Studies  
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

**Yong Kook Ko**

*The Portrait of Balaam in Judaism, Oumran and Early Christianity*  
Pacific School of Religion  
Aaron Brody (Coordinator)

**Kelly Allison Kraus-Lee**

*A New Light: The Virtues of Same-Sex Relationships*  
Pacific School of Religion  
Randall Miller  
(Coordinator)

**Junwon Lee**

*Comparing the Understanding of the Concept of Heart between St. Francis of Assisi and Dasan Jeong Yak-Yong*  
Pacific School of Religion  
James Lawrence  
(Coordinator)

**Hillary Kristen Martinez**

*Evangelical Christian Gender Theory and Feminist Theology*  
Pacific School of Religion  
Inese Radzins  
(Coordinator)

**Maura McKenney**

*The Unique Spiritual Needs of Lesbian Women at End-of-Life*  
Church Divinity School of the Pacific  
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski  
(Coordinator)

**Claire Anne McNamara**

*A Final Act of Stewardship*  
Church Divinity School of  
the Pacific  
Marion Grau (Coordinator)

**Stuart James Moore**

*Magic Ritual, Ritual Magic:  
Fantasy Literature, Magic, and  
Ritual and the Possibility of  
Immortality*  
Graduate Theological Un-  
ion  
Ronald Y. Nakasone  
(Coordinator)

**Fr. Hovel (Artak)  
Ohanyan**

*Water as a Symbol of Spiritual  
Rebirth in the Armenian Aposto-  
lic Orthodox Holy Church*  
Patriarch Athenagoras Or-  
thodox Institute  
WITH HONORS  
John Klentos (Coordinator)

**Ramona Rachita**

*Byzantine Philoptochia in the  
Sermons of the Cappadocian  
Fathers and Saint John Chrys-  
ostom and Institutional Social  
Care in Romania*  
Patriarch Athenagoras Or-  
thodox Institute  
John Klentos (Coordinator)

**Enver T. Rahmanov**

*Engaging Suffering, Embodying  
Compassion: The Bodhisattva  
Ideal, Contextual Theology and  
the Dalai Lama's Dialogue  
beyond Religion*  
Jesuit School of Theology  
of Santa Clara University  
Thomas Cattoi  
(Coordinator)

**Candice Tei Shibata**

*The Transformation of Attach-  
ment, Loss, and Love through  
Religious Experience*  
Institute of Buddhist Stud-  
ies  
David Matsumoto  
(Coordinator)

**Liusamoa Simolea**

*Reclaiming Fafine in Isaiah  
7:14*  
Pacific School of Religion  
Mary Donovan Turner  
(Coordinator)

**Jeremy Makato Sorgen**

*A Critique of Nonviolence: On  
the Powers and Limits of En-  
counter in the Thought of Mar-  
tin Luther King Jr. and Em-  
manuel Levinas*  
Pacific School of Religion  
Randall Miller  
(Coordinator)

**Kevin E.P. White**

*Constructing Fundamentalism*  
Graduate Theological Un-  
ion  
Christopher Ocker  
(Coordinator)

**Biblical Languages****Shawn Dwight Benjamin**

American Baptist Seminary  
of the West  
LeAnn Snow Flesher  
(Coordinator)  
Barbara Green, O.P.

Biblical Hebrew (Primary)  
Biblical Greek (Secondary)  
Arabic (Modern Language)

**Joshua Alma Nelson**

Pacific School of Religion  
Aaron Brody (Coordinator)  
Annette Schellenberg

Biblical Hebrew (Primary)  
Biblical Greek (Secondary)  
German (Modern Lan-  
guage)

**Emily Rebecca Olsen**

Pacific Lutheran Theologi-  
cal Seminary  
Steed V. Davidson  
(Coordinator)  
Barbara Green, O.P.

Biblical Hebrew (Primary)  
Biblical Greek (Secondary)



## CJS LECTURE: DR. SEBASTIAN REJAK

**"Jews in Contemporary Poland: Their Attitudes Towards Assimilation, Religion, and the Holocaust" by Dr. Sebastian Rejak**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
12:00pm**

**Location:  
180 Doe Library,  
U.C. Berkeley Campus**

Join us to hear Dr. Rejak, the author of *Jewish Identities in Poland and America: The Impact of the Shoah on Religion and Ethnicity*, speak on Jewish issues in contemporary Poland.



**Dr. Sebastian Rejak**

### Chinese Tea Tasting

HEDCO Room | May 4 2015 | 8:45am

All GTU members are welcome to attend a short demonstration of the Chinese Tea Ceremony and sampling of teas by Center for Jewish Studies student Genevieve Greinetz, who has been studying the art of the “guangfu style” tea.

## WHERE TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES:

Member School	Date	Time	Location
GTU	Thursday, May 7, 2015	4:00 PM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
SKSM	Thursday, May 14, 2015	7:30 PM	First Unitarian Church of Oakland
ABSW	Saturday, May 16, 2015	2:00 PM	Beth Eden Baptist Church
CDSP	Friday, May 22, 2015	10:30 AM	CDSP
SFTS	Saturday, May 23, 2015	9:30 AM	SFTS Buick Field
PLTS	Saturday, May 23, 2015	11:00 AM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
DSPT	Saturday, May 23, 2015	1:00 PM	DSPT
JST-SCU	Saturday, May 23, 2015	3:00 PM	PSR Chapel
PSR	Sunday, May 24, 2015	4:00 PM	First Congregational Church of Berkeley



# HONORABLE MENTION

## MA STUDENTS

### Thesis Successfully Defended

Jeremy Sorgen, PSR  
Nancy Gutsell, SFTS  
Candice Shibata, IBS  
Andrew K. Lee, SFTS\*

**\*approved with honors**

### Oral Exams Passed

Shawn Benjamin, ABSW  
Emily Olsen, PLTS

## PHD STUDENTS

### Comprehensive Exams Proposal Approved

Christopher Hansen, THEO  
KyungRae Kim, THEO  
Colette Walker, ART  
Justin Lipscomb, IDS  
Ivan Vuksanovic, THEO

### Oral Comprehensive Exams Passed

Mary Ashley, ETHC  
Vanessa Hawkins, IDS  
Daekyung Jung, THEO\*  
Sandra Chavez, HIST  
Dustyn Ragasa, ETHC  
\*with distinction

### Advanced to Candidacy

Nathan Bjorge, THEO  
Luke Devine, SPRT  
Jin Sook Kim, THEO  
Ann R. Woods, ETHC  
Hun Cho Yu, THEO

### Oral Dissertation Defended

Maureen Day, ETHC  
Ikani Fakasiieiki, BIBL  
Austin Leiningner, ETHC

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### THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

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](mailto:amunoz@gtu.edu).