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Ph.D. '06

## The Heart of Policy

“It’s not that I’m advocating war, but there are cases where military force might be necessary, and we’d better have a rational or ethical way to decide whether it’s just or not.”

Military intervention may not seem an intuitive area of study for the seminary, but for 2006 GTU doctoral graduate, lawyer, and mother Eileen Chamberlain of Portola Valley, California, there is no incongruity. “My concern, which flows out of the moral concern, is that our current norms on using force can’t be squared necessarily within an ethical framework, and I’m trying to bring them into that framework.”

In her dissertation, *Humanitarian Military Intervention: The Moral Imperative Versus the Rule of Law*, Chamberlain examines both the ethical and legal justifications for using peacekeeping forces. She points out an egregious disconnect between theory and reality that undermines the rule of law and makes humanitarian policy less effective.

Focusing her work ended up being “as simple as reading the newspaper. I just followed what seemed to matter to me,” she said. “I’ve always been interested in international law, and have done human rights work. When I first came to the Graduate Theological Union I had no idea that I would write about this, but the topic really brought together my passions.”

A lawyer who had taken a hiatus when her third of four children was born, Chamberlain chose the GTU to follow a deeper calling. “I was grappling with a lot of my own personal philosophical questions, religious questions, and feminist questions. I started taking classes and exploring. In that process I ended up coming back to the topic that had always been meaningful to me.”

This progression was not new for Chamberlain. “Before I completed my law degree, I earned a master’s in theology at Harvard, and the same thing happened when I was there: I started with the big philosophical questions and in the end I was doing policy work.”

Her research goes right to the heart of that policy work. Chamberlain uses several cases to provide a framework for looking at the problems of humanitarian military intervention. In Kosovo, the world powers sent peacekeeping units, but the action was deemed illegal because the United Nations Security Council had not authorized it. When the genocide began in Rwanda, the Security Council did not take action to call for force. Countries heeded international law and did not send any troops, and the massacres went unchecked.



Eileen Chamberlain,  
Ph.D. '06



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## Dear GTU Community,

Whether it is Iran's nuclear capability or stem cell research in South Korea, politicians around the world and citizens everywhere are grappling with the way to talk about how one's religion and values apply to daily life. As a theologian and ethicist, I grow concerned when leaders try to characterize their opinions as existing solely in a vacuum, untouched by their private thoughts—or conversely, when they avoid using critical filters of their personal religious faith in the public domain. In both cases, they miss the chance to enhance our public conversation.

Certainly every professional role calls for some separation from one's beliefs and values. In my own life, I want my son's teachers to know the ins and outs of their subject area, not just one interpretation that fits their worldview. As a professor, every time I teach a course I make studied choices about its syllabus. In short, I ask what my role as a professional requires of me. We want leaders who can make pragmatic decisions, particularly on the tense international stage. But we need them to integrate context and expertise openly with their own moral perspectives and bring these formed dispositions to bear on relevant issues.

Some people of faith step too far the other way. Some go directly from scriptural commands to concrete, modern-day applications, ignoring the nuances of cultures and traditions. At the Graduate Theological Union, we seek to interpret our religious convictions in light of the most urgent needs of our time. This year's graduates (pp. 13-15) are dynamic people, rigorous thinkers and passionate doers dedicated to making a tangible difference for the common good. We expect that what they have learned while studying here will inform their work and their discourse for the better.

The Rev. Mauro Souza (Ph.D. '04) of Brazil (p. 3), says, "Certainly the most challenging and at the same time most blessed thing that the GTU caused in my life was that it made me deal with the paradox of strengthening my personal faith, developing my particular scholarship, and opening up my cultural background in a context of great and oftentimes puzzling diversity." Clearly a charge for every one of us.

The failure to distinguish between reasoned reflection and decision-making hermetically sealed from conscience leaves us at a loss. We strive to figure out what our different roles—friend or parent, professional or believer—ask of us. We act in ways we feel are appropriate to the situation and to what we were taught to cherish. The Graduate Theological Union is the place where religion meets the world. Striking this public/private balance is our daily challenge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Donahue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

James A. Donahue

## Opening a Conversation

This section features first-person accounts by GTU alumni about their achievements and activities, and reflections on how their GTU experience has influenced their life's work.

I live in a southern Brazilian town called Santo Ângelo. It sits in a region where, 300 years ago, Jesuits founded their missions among indigenous peoples. The entire area breathes church history. I am an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brazil, and a full-time father of two (Alex, 9 and Arthur, 2). I also work as a volunteer pastor for the local Lutheran parish. One of the congregations I serve (São Miguel das Missões) worships in a small building right next door to the ruins of the biggest and most important mission. Starting in the summer of 2006, I will be an associate professor of homiletics and Christian worship at Escola Superior de Teologia, the largest seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brazil. I am married to a Lutheran pastor, Marcia Blasi (M.A. '01).

The Graduate Theological Union was my second home from 1999 to 2004 while I earned a Ph.D. in homiletics. I worked with the entire homiletics area faculty, all brilliant and sensitive professors, but it was my advisor, Dr. Thomas G. Rogers, who influenced me the most. His gift of teaching, his ability and creativity, and his contributions to cross-cultural

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preaching are some of the GTU's greatest assets. Dr. Rogers skillfully pushed me toward excellence, challenging my critical thinking. I published two articles under his supervision, one which he co-authored.

In my Ph.D. dissertation I opened a conversation between the “new homiletics” developed in the



**Mauro B. de Souza, Ph.D. '04**  
Associate Professor of Homiletics and Christian Worship, Escola Superior de Teologia, Brazil, with his son Arthur.

United States and Paulo Freire's liberation pedagogy. I suggested a “homiletic of the oppressed” to resist the destructive, evil effects of economic globalization. In five years, I took classes with professors from all nine GTU seminaries.

Coming from a “two-thirds world” country (Brazil), I found that most people at the Graduate Theological Union care about what is going on outside of Berkeley and the United States. Students brought up burning issues and questions of global significance in class discussions. The community demonstrated its prophetic voice with its critical opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Everyone—professors, students, and staff—is committed to forming world leaders under the imperatives of justice, respect for difference, and spirit of unity.

Certainly the most challenging and at the same time most blessed thing that the GTU caused in my life was that it made me deal with the paradox of strengthening my personal faith, developing my particular scholarship, and opening up my cultural background in a context of great and oftentimes puzzling diversity. The final message I took home from the Graduation Theological Union is that the world is not so hopeless after all. It just needs a lot of work, and people of all faiths are called to play a vital part in that transformation. \*

# Bonnie Hardwick Looks Back – and Forward



**Bonnie Hardwick**

After seven years as director of the Graduate Theological Union Library and convener of the Art and Religion doctoral area, Bonnie Hardwick is relocating to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Recently she sat down with *Currents* to reflect on her tenure here.

*Bonnie Hardwick will be leading the GTU Travel Program's trip to Santa Fe in November 2006. See page 5 for more about exploring the art and history of her home region with Bonnie, and visit [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu) for full details!*

## What has been your greatest satisfaction as director of the library?

Helping build an excellent library staff. We have some staff members who have been with the library a long time and others who have joined us during my tenure. To a person, they are highly competent, service-oriented, and generous-spirited. It is perhaps the last quality that I treasure the most, for it enables true collegial work relationships.

## What has been your greatest challenge?

Without a doubt, the greatest challenge has been space. When I came there was simply no more shelf room for books. On top of that, we needed an electronic teaching lab so that we could incorporate emerging databases and other electronic resources into our instruction program as well as promote the use of instructional technology in the classroom. By putting the current periodicals into translucent plastic boxes on regular shelving, instead of on display-style shelves, we made room for the teaching lab. Compact, moveable shelving on the half of level one that is on bedrock relieved our shelving problem—for a time.

## How has the library changed in these seven years?

First of all, I would like to say how it hasn't changed. The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library is still a wondrously beautiful building, where it is a pleasure to come to work every morning. Stephen De Staebler's winged figure continues to soar through the atrium, reminding us of our striving towards wholeness. The art exhibitions help us not only to enlighten the mind but also delight the eye.

How the library has changed is, I hope, evident immediately when a person walks in: the printed books of the reference collection are on the right; the electronic teaching lab is on the left, the information commons between the two. This is where libraries are right now—poised between digital resources and printed materials. We can see the balance beginning to shift, particularly for journals and reference materials, but the book will also be with us for quite some time to come.

My staff would probably also want me to mention that the library has just gone through a winter of incessant rain without any leaks! The rebuilt terraces are not only handsome, particularly with the new plantings, but they are completely waterproof. Our CFO, Steve Argyris, the architects, and the construction crew have worked a miracle!

## Where is the library headed at this juncture (and into the future)?

We will grow! A library is a living creature, and we will continue to stretch for space. We are fortunate to have our member school American Baptist Seminary of the West accept 3600 linear feet of older, less used books into their former library stacks. The move buys some time—probably six years at most—to continue to plan for the growth and permanent storage of the collection. Meanwhile we need to keep our eye on the progress of national, and international, digitization projects, as well as encourage the American Theological Library Association to pursue cooperative digitization projects that would directly benefit its member libraries.

With some major projects accomplished, the library now has a moment of respite for the library staff to sit down together for the next stage of strategic planning about priorities, staff resources, and future needs. It is this moment, with this capable and generous staff, that is my gift to my successor as director of the library.\*

# Adams Receives Sarlo Award

## Travel Program Invites You to Santa Fe November 2-5, 2006



Explore the religious art, history, and natural beauty of the Santa Fe region with the GTU Travel Program. Dr. Bonnie Hardwick, convener of the Graduate Theological Union's Art and Religion area and retiring director of the library (see p. 4), leads the tour. An expert on the art and tradition of the region, Bonnie has had roots in Santa Fe for 14 years. She will share her love of the Southwest and open her home in the historic Eastside District for a special reception along the way.

Travelers will enjoy behind-the-scenes tours of the city's renowned museums, opportunities to meet the artists at local galleries, time to visit historic downtown churches, and an excursion to Taos Pueblo with a local guide. Of course, the trip includes meals at some of Santa Fe's famous restaurants and free time for shopping and exploring.

**China: Cultural Treasures, Natural Beauty**  
Travel to Eastern and Central China with the Graduate Theological Union in May 2007, led by core doctoral faculty member Dr. Philip Wickeri. From cosmopolitan Beijing to lovely Nanjing on the banks of the Yangtze River, enjoy private tours, meetings with local leaders, and time to explore!

*For details on the GTU Travel Program, visit [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu), call 510/649-2436, or email [travel@gtu.edu](mailto:travel@gtu.edu).*

"An idolatry is whatever we take too seriously," says Doug Adams (Th.D. '74).

Adams, who is professor of Christianity and the Arts at Pacific School of Religion and a Graduate Theological Union core doctoral faculty member, believes that without humor, one loses the ability to see multiple perspectives. He has taught here for three decades, and he credits his students as the agents of change in the classroom.



Doug Adams, Th.D. '74

"The genius of the GTU is that often the students are half the educational experience. They bring a whole range of questions and end up transforming what's said and done."

In recognition of his contributions to pioneering interdisciplinary thought and interreligious collaboration, the Graduate Theological Union honors Doug Adams as the 2006 recipient of the Sarlo Award for Excellence in Teaching, made possible by a generous gift from the Sarlo Foundation of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund.

Adams delights in finding the intersections of art history and theological studies; more recently, he has explored intertextuality in biblical art. A prolific writer and editor, he has enlisted dozens of students and faculty in writing chapters of many of his publications, and this skill at fostering creative scholarship does not go unnoticed.

"Doug is one of those rare people who combines a seemingly bottomless font of ideas with an openness and enthusiasm for new directions in the study of art and religion," said Mia Mochizuki, the Bertelsen Chair of Art History and Religion at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and the GTU.

Adams counts the development of CARE, the Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education, as one of his greatest joys. He serves as director of the GTU affiliate, which will provide 29 courses in arts and religions in '06-'07 and co-sponsor courses at member schools. The CARE offices include a media center open to all students. Plans for the Jane Daggett Dillenberger Art Gallery and the Stephen De Staebler Art Gallery are in the works.

Doctoral student Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu sums it up: "Doug Adams embodies in his person faith expressed in an effusion of colors, music, dance, and poetry. All of his students are better persons for having known him... and loved him."\*

## Students Speak



Three students from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology talk about their experience at the Graduate Theological Union.

### Christopher Fadok, O.P.

The Graduate Theological Union's connection to UC Berkeley is huge. I took a graduate-level class there on the nature of consciousness with world-renowned philosopher John Searle. One of my Dominican brothers and I were the only two enrolled from the GTU. I remember one Berkeley student asking us about St. Augustine and the nature of the soul, and how that would relate to issues in the philosophy of mind. It was an opportunity to make critical and creative dialogue happen, and participate in broader conversations about philosophical issues.



### Lawrence King

The most important thing is to not lose sight of the reason why you've come here. Most of us arrive with some specific goal, something important that's related to the outside world—to evangelize or to do social work or to reach out to people who aren't certain about their beliefs. In addition to questions of abstract theology, I try to remember the real people whose lives—physical and intellectual—are impacted by these teachings.



### Colleen Power

Studying here has given me the tools to talk with others in an open and responsive way, particularly those outside of the GTU. People hear that you're studying theology and they want to talk about it. Perfect strangers, on an airplane or on the street, often engage me in in-depth conversations about theology and life in general. They ask amazing questions. These discussions bridge gaps between my own understanding and faith with other points of view, and they give us a chance to say to each other, "This is what I believe."



## Schneiders Receives Highest Honor

Dr. Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M., professor of New Testament studies and Christian spirituality at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley (JSTB), has been awarded the John Courtney Murray Award for Distinguished Achievement in Theology by the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA). Schneiders, who is also a GTU core doctoral faculty member, has been teaching on "Holy Hill" since 1976. She received this most prestigious award in Catholic

theology at the CTSA's annual convention banquet in San Antonio, Texas on June 10. Schneiders is the author of three books: *Beyond Patching: Faith and Feminism in the Catholic Church*; *Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel*; and *Selling All: Commitment, Consecrated Celibacy, and Community in Catholic Religious Life*.

## A Greater Effect for Good

The Rev. Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd (Ph.D. '95) has been elected president of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary (ETS) in Detroit, Michigan. She is currently director of accreditation and leadership for the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Her doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union focused on religion and psychology.

For Boyd, the move is a natural. In her role at the Association of Theological Schools, she has been working with ETS on its accreditation, and so joins the seminary as a true kindred spirit. "Like the

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Graduate Theological Union, ETS emphasizes the discussion among a wide variety of groups and peoples, so it's very much part of who I am as a person," she said. "They focus on the inner city, building bridges among races, among all kinds of traditions."

Boyd has had an accomplished career, from her work as an itinerant elder and pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Church to serving as dean of Payne Theological Seminary and as associate professor of pastoral care and counseling at United Theological Seminary. She is the first African American woman to serve in both of these academic positions, as well as the first to work on the professional staff at ATS.



Marsha Foster Boyd, Ph.D. '95

"It is very exciting to have a GTU alum move into such a position of responsibility in theological education. Of course, Marsha has been doing some wonderful things all along, but this new appointment as president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary will give her a chance to have even greater effect for good," said Arthur Holder, dean and vice president for academic affairs at the Graduate Theological Union.\*

## Board Members Carry GTU Message Out in the World



Graduate Theological Union board members **Rabbi Stephen Pearce** and **Rita R. Semel** traveled to the Vatican in March for former San Francisco archbishop William Levada's installation as cardinal. Rabbi Pearce, Mrs. Semel, and Cardinal Levada (left to right) have worked closely on interfaith issues during the former archbishop's service in the Bay Area.



**Rev. Kim A. Smith**, Graduate Theological Union board member and pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church of Berkeley, stands on the Mount of Olives with the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock in the background. In March, she conducted an archaeological study tour of Israel and Palestine and met with Israeli, Arab, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish peace and justice activists.

# Spring at the GTU

Our spring events engaged the community to explore complex issues, delve into the arts, and celebrate our coming together at the crossroads that is the Graduate Theological Union. Highlights included the Reading of the Sacred Texts with Dr. Mia Mochizuki and the annual Charles S. McCoy Memorial Lecture on Religion, Ethics, and Public Life that featured two noted scholars discussing the death penalty. The GTU also honored its 2006 graduates at a reception hosted by the board of trustees for students and their families.



Mia Mochizuki (left), the Thomas E. Bertelsen, Jr. Chair of Art History and Religion, with Nancy Solari, chair of the Friends of the Library Council. Solari joined 100 other community members to listen to Dr. Mochizuki deliver the 14th annual Reading of the Sacred Texts, addressing the changing relationship between word and image as embodied in 16th-century Dutch text paintings.



GTU President James A. Donahue (left) with JoAnne Henry (Ph.D. '06). One hundred fifty people attended a May 10 reception for 2006 graduates hosted by the board of trustees. Faculty advisors presented attending graduates to family, friends, and the GTU community the night before commencement.

## The Heart of Policy *continued from page 1*

Currently the U.N.'s decision-making process gives blanket power to the Security Council to vote yes or no without a mandated basis for a ruling. Chamberlain proposes a reform of the process so that ethical and pragmatic standards are used as the basis for determining military intervention.

“Security Council members can base their vote for or against the use of force on any number of interests—from trade relations, to energy supply, to a complete lack of interest in the country where humanitarian intervention is needed. There is no standard,” she said. “I’m suggesting that an ethical standard be brought into it.”

A Catholic who was versed in just-war theory and the writing of Aquinas, Chamberlain selected the doctoral area of ethics and social theory—and found the GTU’s critical and creative scholarship fertile ground for her study. “There is such a wide range of classes, and for me, that’s attractive on a lot of different levels,” she said. “They were satisfying when I needed to do personal searching, and also when I needed to do ethical theory and its relevance to policy. Having that whole spectrum was invaluable to me.”

Graduation brings Eileen Chamberlain to new studies and policy work: she will be a post-doctoral fellow at Stanford University’s Center for International Security and Cooperation, looking further into United Nations reform and norms on use of force. “I want to get a more real-world sense of what kind of reform at the U.N. is likely, to get a better sense of where progress is being made and what kind of changes are possible in the real world now.” As the Graduate Theological Union builds bridges between faiths, cultures, and traditions, we look to people like Eileen Chamberlain to set the pace.\*

# Annual McCoy Lecture Addresses Death Penalty

One hundred people gathered at the Pacific School of Religion (PSR) Chapel on April 10th for the third annual Charles S. McCoy Memorial Lecture on Religion, Ethics, and Public Life co-sponsored by PSR and the Graduate Theological Union. "Punishment and Redemption: The Death Penalty in America" featured a conversation between GTU alumna Judith Kay (Ph.D. '88) and Elisabeth Semel. Kay is professor of religious and social ethics at the University of Puget Sound and the author of *Murdering Myths: The Story Behind the Death Penalty*. Semel is clinical professor of law and director of the Death Penalty Clinic at the Boalt School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley and daughter of Rita R. Semel, vice chair of the Graduate Theological Union board of trustees. The talk concluded with a question and answer period moderated by GTU President James A. Donahue. Guests enjoyed a lively reception and a book signing with Kay.

The McCoy lecture series was created to honor the life and work of Dr. Charles S. McCoy (1923-2002), professor of theological ethics at Pacific School of Religion and Graduate Theological Union for 33 years, and founder of the GTU's Center for Ethics and Social Policy.

To find out more about upcoming lectures and events, visit [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu).



Judith Kay, Ph.D. '88 (left), and Elisabeth Semel



Beth, Sherry, and Stephanie McCoy (left to right)



Attendees at lecture

## New Professor to Examine Christian Hebraism

The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies (CJS) at the Graduate Theological Union welcomes Deena Aranoff for a one-year appointment as assistant professor of Medieval Jewish Studies. Dr. Aranoff comes to "Holy Hill" from Columbia University where she completed her doctorate in early-modern European history, and from Hebrew College in Massachusetts, where she taught medieval and modern Jewish history and the Hebrew Bible. She has also studied rabbinic and medieval Jewish texts at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Jerusalem.

"The study of medieval Jewish texts demands knowledge of rabbinic literature as well as patterns and circumstances of medieval Jewish life and thought," said Dr. Aranoff. "My goal is to help students learn how to read and understand medieval Jewish texts and history. My particular interest, the Jewish and Christian study of Hebrew in the early-modern

period, provides a fascinating opportunity to explore the interplay between Christian and Jewish culture."

This fall she will be teaching courses on medieval history, Jewish mysticism, and attitudes toward Hebrew in Jewish and Christian thought.



Deena Aranoff

"Deena's specialty in Renaissance Hebraism will be a very important field for us at the Graduate Theological Union," said Naomi Seidman, Koret Professor of Jewish Culture and director of CJS, "because that was the first era of true Jewish and Christian cooperation in Hebrew Studies. We are always thinking about the different approaches Jews and Christians take to the study of Hebrew and the ways we learn from each other."\*

This *Currents* feature presents the perspectives of two member school presidents on a religious, social, or cultural topic. In this issue, they discuss the role of Christian mission work today given the context of our global and interfaith perspectives.

Joseph P. Daoust, S.J.

*President, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley*

In every age, the farewell words of Christ to his disciples remain in full force for all those who would follow him: “Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.” (Mark 16:15) Evangelization, preaching the good news which Jesus preached, is the perennial obligation of all Christians.

But evangelization takes different forms in different times and contexts. In our postmodern globalized world, there is virtually no one who has not heard the words of the gospels in some form. But most do not believe the words they hear, often because, as Gandhi observed, “If I had to face only the Sermon on the Mount, I should not hesitate to say, ‘Oh, yes, I am a Christian.’ But negatively I can tell you that in my humble opinion, what passes as Christianity is a negation of the Sermon on the Mount.” Unlike the earliest Christian centuries (“martyr” is the root Greek word for witness), our witness of the faith is not very convincing.

Francis of Assisi urged, “Preach the gospel at all times; if necessary use words.” Today, words are probably less important than these other principal means of evangelization: witness, dialogue, and the promotion of justice. (Cf. John Paul II *Redemptoris Mission*. 41.)

And the ultimate purpose of evangelization is not necessarily conversion to Christianity, but conversion of hearts to the message Jesus preached: “God is love, love one another, whatsoever you do for the least of your brothers and sisters,” etc. Bringing everyone we meet closer to God and that vision of God and humankind is what evangelization aims at, no matter what religion anyone belongs to. For in the next life, ultimately we will not be Christian or Muslim, Jewish or Hindu, but we shall see God face to face as God’s own daughters and sons.

In this perspective, every follower of Christ, or organization which calls itself Christian, is called upon to preach the good news Jesus brought to us all about who God is and who we are. That mission remains as urgent today as it was on the mount of the Ascension 2000 years ago.



JSTB President Joseph P. Daoust, S.J.  
and ABSW President Keith A. Russell

Keith A. Russell I

*President, American Baptist Seminary of the West*

We seem to be a little hesitant at the Graduate Theological Union to have a sustained conversation about Christian mission. As the GTU strives to be a place where “religion meets the world,” it chooses to talk more about its interfaith future than its ecumenical roots. Yet, there needs to be continued discussion about “missiology” among Christian seminaries. Hopefully, these two vital conversations can be held together so that each informs the other.

Christians need to confront our historic “westernization” of the gospel we have been presenting and confess our complicity in being instruments of imperial domination as much as instruments of liberation. Repentance is the first step before defining future global Christian mission. We in the evangelical church need to confess our failure to take the context of our neighbors seriously and to bring “our gospel” to other places and cultures with sensitivity to culture and history. A Baptist leader in Nicaragua told me recently that the most damaging thing that we Americans import is our “prosperity theology” in a land of abject poverty. Part of the task of the seminaries is to revisit the past mission involvement to gain some perspective on our mistakes and to get insight on how we might now repent.

Having confessed our historic complicity with evil, we must however face the challenge and the need to “spread the gospel” in our complicated world. Christian mission is being fulfilled in expected and unexpected ways around the globe; it is growing by leaps and bounds in Africa and Latin America. We must, however, engage in mission in a way which is sensitive to and cognizant of the values and beliefs of others.

Christian mission might best be pictured as an engagement in which one beggar shares bread with another. We come with our offering to a needy world and then share what we bring, not as a superior to an inferior or as the powerful to the weak. We are not in a war with other religions but are one of several sharing a story about what is ultimate and how life gets meaning.

# Supporting The GTU

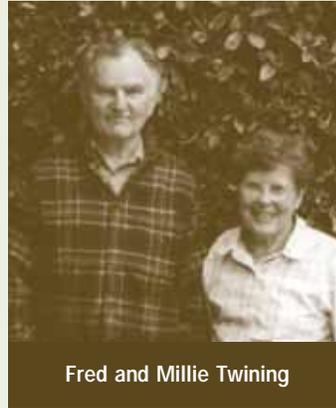


## Honoring a Vision— Supporting a Mission

*“The consortium’s core value of connecting students and faculty from different faiths, cultures, and countries in a shared educational enterprise holds tremendous relevance, today more than ever.”*

– Excerpt from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) letter dated March 1, 2006, regarding the committee’s reaccreditation visit to the Graduate Theological Union in fall 2005.

Millie Twining has been part of the Graduate Theological Union community for over thirty years. She first became involved when her late husband, Fred Twining, began teaching at Pacific School of Religion in the 1970s after retiring from his career as a business consultant. Fred also served as a GTU trustee and, alongside Charles McCoy, founded the Center for Ethics and Social Policy. Since Fred’s passing in 2003, Millie has honored his vision for the institution through her charitable giving and participation in activities and events.



Fred and Millie Twining

“The Graduate Theological Union meant so much to Fred; it was a big part of our lives. He was always interested in ethics and religion, and I continue to support that work,” she said.

Millie’s community involvement goes beyond that of the GTU. A resident of Orinda for over 50 years, she and Fred were among the founding members of the

Orinda Community Church. Just last year, she completed over 30 years of service to Planned Parenthood, where she counseled expectant mothers.

She enjoys attending the San Francisco Symphony and Opera and spending time with her family and beloved dog Penny.

GTU President James A. Donahue (Ph.D. ’84) was a student of Fred Twining’s during his doctoral studies and has been a long-time friend of both Fred and Millie.

“Millie embodies the mission and spirit of the GTU,” he said. “Her partnership with Fred made it possible for him to influence so many students, including myself. Her gifts and continuing participation mean so much to me both personally and professionally.”

The Graduate Theological Union is grateful for the legacy Millie Twining helps to sustain.

## The Legacy Circle at the GTU

Tom and Alison Kling are very clear about why they support the Graduate Theological Union: “The key New Testament commandment tells us to love your neighbor as yourself. Your neighbor has many beliefs, not all of which are the same as your own. The Graduate Theological Union fosters interchange with people from different faith traditions and develops tolerance without the surrender of one’s own way of life. As Martin Luther King said, ‘We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.’”



Alison and Tom Kling

The Klings are members of the Legacy Circle, which honors generous friends who have made provisions for the Graduate Theological Union through their estate plans. A gift of life insurance, bequest, or trust can help secure the future of the GTU. Such planned gifts of the past have supported students through scholarships, brought outstanding scholars to “Holy Hill,” and improved facilities for work and study. Enrollment is simple. Please take a moment to call or write us about your plans, so that we can thank you personally and add your name to this select group. You can reach Azure Kacura at 510/649-2421 or [akacura@gtu.edu](mailto:akacura@gtu.edu).



News and Notes from alumni, faculty, and students. Please visit [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu) for more news and to submit your updates.

**Jerome Baggett** (Ph.D. '98), associate professor of religion and society at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, is one of seven scholars from an Association of Theological Schools institution to be named a 2006-2007 Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology. Baggett's research, entitled "Sense of the Faithful: An End and Beginning of American Catholicism," will focus on how active Catholics realize their connection to the sacred in their everyday lives.

**Dwayne Carpenter** (Ph.D. '82), professor of romance languages and literatures at Boston College, is co-founder and co-director of its new Jewish studies program. He is also the author of *Alborayque*, a two-volume work in Spanish that focuses on Jewish-Christian polemics in late-medieval Spain.

**Joseph P. Chinnici, O.F.M.**, (M.A. '71), Franciscan School of Theology professor of church history, has been elected first vice president of the American Catholic Historical Association. He will serve as the organization's president in two years.

**Steve Georgiou** (Ph.D. '04) is the author of a book on the poet, sage, and hermit Robert Lax entitled *The Way of the Dreamcatcher*. It will appear in a German translation through the prestigious "Herder Spektrum" series.

GTU student **Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu**; **Anita de Luna** (Ph.D. '00); **Jeanette Rodriguez** (Ph.D. '90); and former Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley professor **Allan Deck** (co-editor) are all contributors to *The Treasure of Guadalupe*, a collection of original meditations and reflections on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The book is the newest in the "Celebrating Faith" series on Latino spirituality and theology.

GTU doctoral student **Rebecca Irelan** has been awarded a second Dempster Fellowship for the 2006-2007 academic year. The fellowship is granted by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in the United Methodist Church.

**John Kelly** (M.A. '74) was featured in the *San Francisco Chronicle* as a Jefferson Award recipient for his community service in the Bay Area. Kelly is the former executive director of the nonprofit aid center Samaritan House.

**Heup Young Kim** (Ph.D. '92), a GTU adjunct faculty member and professor of systematic theology at Kangnam University in Korea, has founded the Korea Forum for Science and Life, a center in South Korea dedicated to the study of religion and science.

**Kristin Johnson Largen** (Ph.D. '02) has been named assistant professor of systematic theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Penn.). She will teach a variety of subjects, including Buddhism and Hinduism, comparative theology, literature and theology, and the philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein.

**Hee Chun Park** (Ph.D. '05) has been appointed assistant professor of homiletics at Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea.

**David Randolph**, professor at the Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education (a GTU affiliate), was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Academy of Homiletics in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Timothy Tseng**, American Baptist Seminary of the West professor of American religious history and director of the Asian American Center, has been awarded a Lilly Theological Scholar's Grant by the Association of Theological Schools. Professor Tseng's research project is entitled "Persistent Witness: A Documentary History of Asian Protestants in the North American Diaspora."

### Nominate the 2006 Alum of the Year

Let us know your candidates by July 31! For details on nomination criteria, visit [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu) and click on "Alumni." Send nominations, including special accomplishments, to [kjachens@gtu.edu](mailto:kjachens@gtu.edu) or 510/649-2424.

The Alum of the Year will be honored at the annual GTU alumni luncheon at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Conference on November 18-21, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

# Commencement 2006

*The Graduate Theological Union extends its warmest congratulations to the graduating students of October 2005 and May 2006.*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### A.K. Anderson

Systematic and Philosophical Theology • *Evil and the God of Narrative: Four Types of Contemporary Christian Theodicy*

### Erwin C. Barron

Ethics and Social Theory  
*The Bible Tells Me So? Scripture and Experience as Sources of Authority in Debates over Homosexuality in the Presbyterian Church*

### Stephen K. Black

History • *Paideia, Power and Episcopacy: John Chrysostom and the Formation of the Late Antique Bishop*



Juan Oliver, Ph.D. '06 (left), embraces Professor Louis Weil, faculty speaker.

### Juan M. Cabrero-Oliver

Liturgical Studies • *The Look of Common Prayer: The Anglican Liturgical Place in Anglo-American Culture*

### Charles Gerald Conway

Systematic and Philosophical Theology • *A Study in the Metaphysics of Metaphorical Theology: C.S. Peirce's Conception of the "Continuum" as a Model for the "Spiritual Presence" of Paul Tillich*

### Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe

Ethics and Social Theory  
*Humanitarian Military Intervention: The Moral Imperative vs. the Rule of Law*



Professors Fumitaka Matsuoka (left) and Kenan Osborne (right) hood Kei Kato, Ph.D. '06.

### Jon David Ewing

History • *The Christianization of Pronoia: Clement of Alexandria's Conception of Providence*

### JoAnne F. Henry

Interdisciplinary Studies  
*Stories of Struggle, Songs of Hope: Womanist Postcolonial Performance Praxis*

### Timothy Hessel-Robinson

Christian Spirituality • *"Be Thou My Onely Well Belov'd": Exegesis and Spirituality in Edward Taylor's Preparatory Meditations*

### Jennifer S. Hughes

Interdisciplinary Studies  
*The Iconography of Suffering: The Biography of a Mexican Crucifix*

### Kei Kato

Systematic and Philosophical Theology • *Diasporic Hybridity, Hermeneutics and Christian Identity: Asian American Theological Voices on Diasporic Hybridity, Its Implications for Hermeneutics and the Question of Christian Identity*

### Taigen Dan Leighton

Cultural and Historical Studies of Religions • *Visions of Awakening Space and Time: The World-View of Dōgen and the Lotus Sutra*

### Elizabeth Leung

Christian Spirituality  
*Body, Self and Culture in the Study of Christian Spirituality: Embodiment and Experience in the Showings of Julian of Norwich*

### Bula Maddison

Interdisciplinary Studies  
*The Word in Dialogue: Biblical Allusion and Bakhtin's Theory of the Novel*

### Mary Joan McDonough

Ethics and Social Theory  
*Can Marketing Health Care be Moral?: A Catholic Analysis of Using Market Practices in Providing Health Care*

### Ray Maria McNamara

Christian Spirituality  
*Interdependence and the God Quest: A Christian Ecological Spirituality*

### Henry Morrison Millstein

Jewish Studies, Joint Degree with the University of California, Berkeley  
*Embodying Empire: Rabbinic and Christian Constructions of the Roman Emperor*

### Derek Nelson

Systematic and Philosophical Theology • *Social and Individual Sin in Selected Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Christian Theologies*

### Richard Hee-Chun Park

Homiletics • *Toward an Organic Homiletic: Samuel T. Coleridge, Henry G. Davis, and the New Homiletic*

### Jennifer Howe Peace

Cultural and Historical Studies of Religions • *Sound Rituals: A Comparative Study of Chanting and Communal Identity in a Hindu Temple and a Christian Abbey*

### Carrie Rehak

Art and Religion • *Journey by Stagecoach: An Adventure in Art, Life, and Religion with Mikhail Bakhtin*

### Tamara Nichols Rodenberg

Ethics and Social Theory  
*A Common Humanity: Capabilities Theory and Ubuntu—An Ecumenical Method of Dialogue in Human Development*



Student speaker Tamara Rodenberg, Ph.D. '06.

### Carmen LB Valdés

Christian Spirituality  
*"Candles in Babylon": The Imagination of Hope in the Religious Poetry of Denise Levertov*

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## DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

### Abraham Kadaliyil

Systematic and Philosophical  
Theology • *Toward a Relational  
Spirit Ecclesiology in Asia: A  
Study on the Documents of the  
Federation of Asian Bishops'  
Conferences*

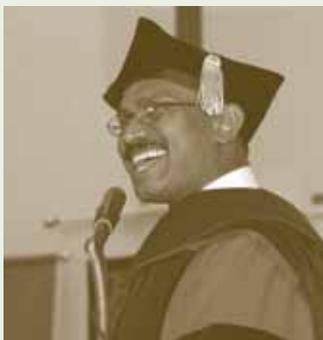
### Moses Paul Peter Penumaka

Systematic and Philosophical  
Theology • *Communicatio  
Idiomatum and Aham  
Brahmasmi: Martin  
Luther's Understanding of  
"Communication of Attributes"  
and Its Soteriological Implications  
for Sri Shankaracharya's  
Understanding of "I Am  
Brahman"*

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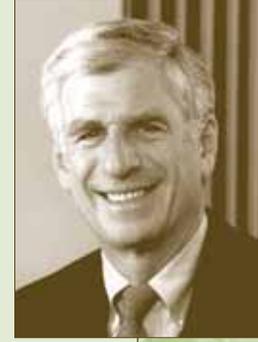
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## Senator John Danforth to be Honored at 2006 *Blessing of the Crush*

Get ready for the fifth annual *Blessing of the Crush*, coming this fall! Each year we celebrate the role and history of wine in different religious traditions—while enjoying good food and great company. The elegant evening of dinner, wine tasting, and a silent auction at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco benefits student scholarships at the Graduate Theological Union. Since its inception in 2002, the *Blessing of the Crush* has raised close to \$300,000.

Our guest of honor for the 2006 *Blessing of the Crush* is Senator John Danforth, whose prophetic voice in religion and politics embodies the mission of the GTU.

He has served as Missouri Attorney General, U.S. Senator from Missouri, U.S. Special Envoy to Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. An ordained Episcopal priest, Sen. Danforth is the author of the book *Faith and Politics: How the Moral Values Debate Divides America and How to Move Forward Together*, to be published this fall.



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