## GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

# THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

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## SEARCHES AND MORE SEARCHES



Dr. Arthur Holder Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Every spring semester there is a lot of searching going on at the GTU. This year is no exception. Schools have been searching

for presidents, deans, faculty members, and administrative staff. Graduating students are candidates in searches for positions in religious institutions, schools, non-profits, and businesses.

Sometimes these searches are successful—meaning that a decision is made and someone gets hired for a new job. Some searches don't come to fruition the first time and have to be restarted, reconceived, or put on indefinite hold. In just about every case there are multiple applicants, which means that even a "successful" search is bound to disappoint a lot of people who wish the outcome had

been different.

Why do we go to all this trouble? The reason, of course, is that the health and vitality of any institution depends on the creativity and competence of the people who do the work. That is why the standards of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (one of the GTU's accrediting agencies) include the following requirement: "The institution employs faculty and staff with substantial and continuing commitment to the institution. The faculty and staff are sufficient in number, professional qualification, and diversity to achieve the institution's educational objectives, establish and oversee academic policies, and ensure the integrity and continuity of its academic and cocurricular programs wherever and however delivered."

For me, the key phrase in that section of the WASC standards is "substantial and continuing commitment to the institution." When the GTU or a member school is searching for a new employee, it is not enough just to find someone who can perform the tasks in the job description. If institutions like ours are going to thrive, they need to have people who believe in the mission enough to put heart and soul into the work they do.

When I look around the GTU, that is exactly what I see—people who believe deeply in the mission of our schools. Whenever a search committee is talking to candidates for a position here, it is not uncommon to hear a candidate say that working at the GTU would be their "dream job." They usually don't mean that it pays more than other places, or has better benefits, or shorter working hours. People want to work at our schools because they share our consortial vision of a better world, and they want to help make it happen. For many of us who have been blessed with the opportunity to work here, the GTU is a dream come true.

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Modern Language Exam

THE NEXT
MODERN
FOREIGN
LANGUAGE
EXAMINATION IS
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 21, 1:00PM
TO 4:45PM IN
THE DINNER
BOARD ROOM.

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## GTU GRADUATE FAIR

Explore your interests in understanding topics and issues related to religion and theology. Find your opportunity to address the urgent needs of our time.

Saturday, April 5, 2014 9:30am – 1:30pm Denniston Commons Church Divinity School of the Pacific 2451 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA The event includes faculty and student panels, lunch, and a treasure of helpful information.

To find out more, or to reserve a place, please contact: gtuadm@gtu.edu, 510/649-2460 or 800/826-4488

A special event designed for prospective master's level students to learn about the range of study options at the Graduate Theological Union, an ecumenical, interreligious, graduate study community in Berkeley.

## FRANCISCAN VISION SERIES LECTURE

"Francis and the Sultan: an Old Story Making its Journey through Time"

Presented by Br. Michael Minton, OFM

Thursday, April 10

Franciscan School of Theology

Classroom 1

5:10-6:10pm

Soup supper to follow 1712 Euclid Avenue Berkeley, CA 510.848.5232





## AN EVENING WITH MISS MAJOR GRIFFIN-GRACY

Come and hear the other story of the Stonewall riots.

An evening with Miss Major Griffin-Gracy

A pioneering transgender activist and elder, Miss Major, as she's formally known to circles in the Bay Area and across the country, participated in the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969 and now works

as the Executive Director of the Transgender GenderVariant Intersex Justice Project (TGIJP). She's formerly incarcerated, a former sexworker, and an icon in the world of Bay Area queer politics. Wednesday, April 2, 2014 @ 6:30pm

**Pacific School of Religion** 

**Bade Museum** 

1798 Scenic Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94709

Suggested donation: \$5.00

No one turned away for lack of funds.

## 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 21 through August 15 from 9am to noon, and the German and

Spanish courses are scheduled for July 14 through August 8 from 10am to 1pm. Tuition is \$670. GTU students can register via WebAdvisor starting on April 7. For registration questions, contact John Seal, GTU Consortial Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.



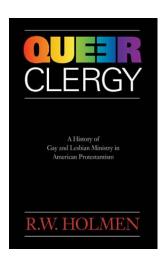
## QUEER CLERGY: A HISTORY OF GAY AND LESBIAN MINISTRY IN AMERICAN PROTESTANTISM

Join RW Holmen, author of "Queer Clergy: A History of Gay and Lesbian Ministry in American Protestantism" for a special discussion and book signing at the PSR Badè Musem on April 1 at 6:30pm.

Does history matter? Way back in 1972, the United Church of Christ ordained an openly gay man who had earlier come out to his seminary community during a symposium in the dining hall of PSR. In 2003, the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire elected a gay

man, Rev. Gene Robinson, to be their bishop; in July 2009, the Episcopal General Convention shrugged off Anglican criticism from abroad and adopted revisions to their canons that allowed partnered gays and lesbians to be called to all levels of ordained ministry. Just a month later, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) revised ministry policies to allow partnered gays and lesbians to serve openly on the ELCA clergy roster. In 2011, the Presbyterian Church (USA) also accomplished a complete reversal of ordination standards when all

references to gays and lesbians were removed from governing documents. Meanwhile, the United Methodist Church (UMC) is currently embroiled in a seemingly unending stream of ecclesiastical trials seeking to punish Methodist clergy for officiating at samegender weddings.



#### SEVENTH ANNUAL JOHN E. BOSWELL LECTURE WITH DR. JAY MICHAELSON

"Queer Theology and Social Transformation: Points of Contact, Points of Conflict" April 24, 2014 5:30pm Reception, 6:30pm Lecture, Pacific School of Religion Badè Museum

Queer theology holds forth the promise of reinventing theological discourse in the light of LGBTQ experience, queer theory, and a hermeneutic informed by marginalized voices and outsider discourse. But how does the queer theological enterprise intersect with queer activism? What are the possibilities, and perils, of translating between

theology and activist practice? What forms of political discourse are informed by queer theology, and what are undermined?

Dr. Jay Michaelson is an author, activist, and academic. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at Brown University, Director of the LGBT Global Rights Initiative at the Democracy Council, a Fellow at Political Research Associates, and a weekly columnist for the Forward newspaper. Jay is the author of five books and two hundred articles on religion, sexuality, law, and contemplative practice. His new book, Evolving Dharma: Medita-

tion, Buddhism, and the Next Generation of Enlightenment, was published in 2013 by North Atlantic Books. Other books include God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality, an Amazon bestseller and Lambda Literary Award finalist; Everything is God: The Radical Path of Nondual Judaism; and Another Word for Sky: Poems.

Jay holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Thought from Hebrew University, a J.D. from Yale Law School, and nondenominational rabbinic ordination.



## 2014-2015 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES



Financial Aid Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are available online at: www.gtu.edu/admissions/ financial-aid.

Applicants: please find your deadline date below and visit the GTU Financial Aid website to complete and submit the 2014-15 application and FAFSA. To reach the Financial Aid Office with a question, email finaid@gtu.edu or call the Office at 510-649-2469.

Common MA Students affiliated with:

ABSW: April 15 CIS: April 1 CJS: April 1 IBS: April 1 PAOI: April 1 SFTS: April 15 SKSM: April 1

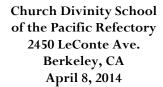
#### PREPARING FOR SUCCESS-FUL FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

All graduating students who have borrowed Federal Stafford and Graduate PLUS loans are required to complete Loan Exit Counseling prior to graduation. The Financial Aid Office will host three Federal Student Loan Exit Counseling sessions that will be held on Tuesday, April 1 from PLTS, Giesy 2: 9:00am - 10:15am; PSR Chapel 6: 11:15am - 12:30pm; and on the SFTS campus on Wednesday, April 2 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm in Scott Hall, Room 202-

203. These exit sessions will be presented by Sun Ow of Great Lakes Higher Education Corp., and will provide the following: a comprehensive and personal approach to help you understand your responsibilities as a borrower; strategies to help you manage your federal student loans, such as how to determine which repayment option fits your budget and goals and options for deferment or postponement; an overview of loan forgiveness; how and when to contact your loan servicer; the opportunity to ask questions and to benefit from the questions of other student borrowers.



### STANDING ON SACRED GROUND: FIRE AND ICE FILM SCREENING



6:00 p.m. Reception—All welcome

7:00 p.m. Introduction and short film by the Borneo Project followed by Fire and Ice 8:00 p.m. Discussion with Rev. Sally Bingham, Professor José Fragoso, Borneo Project founder Joe Lamb, Toby McLeod Admission: Free



#### 4TH ANNUAL SFTS/PSR PRODUCTION OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Friday, April 11, 7:00 pm at San Francisco Theological Seminary, Scott Hall, 101 Seminary Rd., San Anselmo.

Saturday, April 12, 7:00 pm at Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Support the empowerment of women and girls around the world, and join the global effort to stop violence against women.

Co-sponsored by SFTS & the GTU's Women's Studies in Religion Program. Proceeds from this year's performances will go to the Center for Domestic Peace, and Freedom

House.

Get your tickets at http://tinyurl.com/VagMon2014

## IBS News & Events: Spring 2014 Numata Sympsoium

Please join us for a one-day symposium, supported by the Numata Foundation, hosted at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

Narrative in Buddhist Texts, Practice and Transmission April 18, 2014 (Friday) 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Speakers include:

Dr. Charles Hallisey, Harvard Divinity School

Dr. Richard K. Payne, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Dr. Michael D. Nichols, Saint Joseph's College (Indiana)

For more information, visit our website at http://www.shin-ibs.edu/narrative



## 2013-2014 Cycle #2 STUDENTTRAVEL 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.

Susan Aguilar "Negotiating Identity: Jews in Christian Processions in Late Medieval Aragon";

Wendy Arce "Latina Sexuality, Religion and the Media: Old Gender Roles, New Possibilities";

Ashley Bacchi "Smooth Operator: Rome as Mediterranean Mediator, the Case of Crete":

Carl Bear "Funeral Psalmody in Early Christianity: An Exploration in Liturgical Musicology";

Courtney Bruntz "Selling Buddhism: The Business of Pilgrimage in China"; Amanda de Joinville "Fresco as a method of depth psychology: Religious implications in the late Republic and early Empire Roman villa in the Bay of Naples";

Peter Doebler "Old, New, Borrowed, and Blue: Hiroshi Senju's Waterfall Paintings as Intersections of Innovation";

Milutin Janjic "Religious Specifics of Samizdat Zhurnal 37";

Daniel Moceri "Ironically alienated by Patriarchy, but healing: Discerning and reclaiming the Sacred Masculine in a post-modern Christiannormative":

Mauricio Najarro "Reflections on the Right Use of Intoxication and Daydream for Readers of the Songs of War and the War on Drugs";

Mohammad Waqas Sajjad "Institutionalized Islam in South Asia: Deobandi and Barelvi Debates" and "The Na'at and Religious Music in Pakistan";

Katy Valentine "Disability Studies and Slavery in the New Testament";

Collette Walker "Between Matter and Spirit: Johannes Itten's Kinderbild as Icon of the 'New Man'";

Rachel Wheeler "Growing Wings Like Eagles: Praxis as Process in the Teaching of Amma Syncletica";

FILING DEADLINE FRIDAY, APRIL 4, BY 4:00PM IS THE DEADLINE TO FILE DOCTORAL DISSERTATIO NS, MA THESES, MABL CERTIFICATIO N OF ORAL EXAMINATION FORMS, AND CJS OR CIS CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORMS.



Mark Your Calendar!

Vatican II and Its Ensuing Dilemmas for American Catholics Today

April 23 at 7:00 pm in the Gesù Chapel at JST presented by Prof. Jerome Baggett.





Trivia Night @ the Museum
Art, Archaeology, Religion, and Museums
Thursday, April 3
6:00-8:30pm

If you enjoy trivia night at your local pub, you are sure to love it at the Badè Museum! Test your knowledge on religion, art, archaeology, and museums!

Pizza, Beer, Prizes! Badè Museum | Doug Adams Gallery 1798 Scenic Avenue Berkeley

Contact bade@psr.edu for more information

Student Voices
Thursday, April 10th
6:00-7:30pm
Doug Adams Gallery
Refreshments provided.

Moderated by Elizabeth Peña, Ph.D CARE Interim Director

Please join us for a discussion between Graduate Theological Union students who have contributed commentary for the exhibition, "Icon & Artifact", currently on view in the Doug Adams Gallery. Their panels are a combination of art historical, theological, and spiritual interpretations. Friday, April 4th: Brown Bag Lunch Series

Speaker: Colette Walker, GTU Art & Religion Doctoral Student

12-1pm, Doug Adams Gallery

This presentation is part of a series of informal brown bag lunch conversations the first Friday of each month through May. Each month features guest speakers from the GTU Art & Religion Area.









## SAN JOSE CATHOLIC WORKER SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2014



Come live, pray, and serve at Casa de Clara, our house of hospitality for women and children in downtown San Jose. During the four-week internship you will share in the work and life of the Catholic Worker community, while learning about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement.

Session I: June 1—June 28

Session II: July 2—July 29 For more information, contact Fumi: sanjosecatholicworker@gmail.com 408.297.8330 Download an application at www.casadeclara.org

Application deadline: May 15



## SFTS: News & Events

Reason, Revelation, Experience & the Body Alexander Hall 40 Kensington Rd. Sat. March 29, 2014 9:00am - 6:30pm

The epistemological problem of explicating how reason has access to either experience or Revelation persists beyond the moment of invoking either of them in one's argument. Complicating this is the intrusion of the "body" in theological discourse. When bodies that are raced, classed and gendered enter into our discussion we must inquire as to: Whose experience? Whose revelation? Each participant will present a paper reflecting their current research interest as it pertains to the above theme and questions upon which theology's future hinges.

Presenters

1) Convener: James A. Noel, Professor of American Religion, San Francisco Theological Seminary "The Execution of the Text: Ann Hutcherson, John Brown, David Walker & Nat Turner." 2) Johanne Stubbe Teglborg,

2) Johanne Stubbe Teglborg, Associate Professor of Theology, University of Copenhagen

"Between Principle and Problem: Revelation in Postdialectical

Continental Theology."

3) Matthew V. Johnson, Associate Professor of Theology and Proclamation, United Theological Seminary

"The Dialectic of Disclosure:

Communal Mediation of the Presence of God."

4) Andrea C. White, Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture, Emory University

"A Womanist Hermeneutic of Revelation."

5) Raymond Carr, Assistant Professor of Theology & Ethics, Pepperdine University

"Eschatological Politics: The Pneumatological Impulse in the Theologies

of Karl Barth and James Cone."

6) Christopher Ocker, Professor of Church History, San Francisco

Theological Seminary
"The Language of God and
Oaths to the Devil: An Historical Case for the
Inspiration of Hearers."

T.V. Moore Lectures
Destroyers of the Earth
Prophetic Critiques of
Imperial Economics
Scott Hall Rm 101
Friday, April 4, 2014
10:30am

Explore how prophetic challenges to imperial economies of the ancient world apply in today's global context.



Dr. Ellen Davis is the Amos

Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology, and Ambassador to South Sudan for Duke Divinity School.

Suggested Donation: \$10.00 Register at http:// tinyurl.com/ellendavis Scott Hall Rm 101

> Faith & the Common Good Lecture Made possible by a generous Gift from Virginia and John Hadsell

Human Trafficking. Poverty. Hunger. Climate Change.
How do we solve
The world's problems?
Alexander Hall
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Dinner 6:00pm \$30.00

Lecture 7:30pm optional donation Register at https:// tinyurl.com/fcgbatstone



Dr. David Batstone is Professor of Ethics at the University of San Francisco School of Management and President & Co---founder of the non-profit organization Not for Sale.

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GTU COMMENCEMENT THE GTU COMMENCEMENT IS MAY 8 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.



SFTS & HOSPICE BY THE BAY PRESENT

# THE DIVINE ART OF DYING TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 12:00PM-3:00PM

JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP TO EXPLORE THE SPIRITUAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND MORAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN DECIDING TO TURN TOWARDS DEATH. FEATURING **PASTORAL** THEOLOGIAN AND NOTED AUTHOR Dr. Herbert Anderson, who HAS TAUGHT AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PRINCETON SEMINARY, FULLER. and Yale DIVINITY SCHOOLS. REGISTER AT HTTPS:// TINYURL.COM/ DIVINEART

## CTNS News & Events

Thursday, April 3 CTNS Public Forum with Brian Green (recent Graduate Theological Union Ph.D. and Assistant Director of Campus Ethics at Santa Clara University), "What Science Can and Cannot Say about Ethics." Free and open to the public Dinner Board Room, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley 7:00pm

Saturday, April 26 J.K. Russell Conference with Alex Filippenko, "Life in the Universe, Scientific and Religious Perspectives." Registration required. Please see www.ctns.org after April 1 for registration details. Dinner Board Room, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley 1:00pm

Thursday, May 1 CTNS Public Forum with Oliver Putz, Lecturer in Science and Religion, Santa Clara University, Title TBA. Dinner Board Room, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley 7:00pm

## PSR/CDSP GRADUATE RESEARCH DAY

Come join us as our MA students present their research!

#### Friday, April 11 PSR Mudd 100

#### Schedule:

I. Biblical Themes 9:00-10:45 Jenna Kemp (PSR M.A.) "Nationalism in the Divine Promises to Jacob in Genesis."

Justin Staller (PSR M.A.)
"Malachi and the Form and
Function of the Synoptic Transfiguration"

Elizabeth Newsom (PSR M.A.)
"Cosmopolitan Design Elements
in the Lindisfarne Gospels."

II. Congregational Life and Ethics 11:00-12:15 Anne Clark (CDSP MA) Confronting Privilege in Congregational Service and Outreach

Caroline McCall (CDSP MTS) Virtue Ethics and Vital Congregations LUNCH 12:15-1:00

III. Religious Pluralism 1:15-3:00Rhian Jeong (CDSP MA)A Postcolonial Feminist Critique and Affirmation of Religious Pluralism"

Leigh Erickson (PSR M.A.) With Whom am I Speaking? Layers of Identity in Muslim-Christian Dialogue

Maura Schmitz (CDSP MA) Spiritual Interpretations of Sacred Texts as an Ethical Devotional Reading: A Comparative Theology of the Song of Songs and the Japji"

IV. Literary Echoes 3:15-4:00 Noah Lyons (PSR M.A.) Symbols, Prisms, and Apocalypse in the Science Fiction of Samuel R. Delany

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## Women's Studies in Religion: News & Events

The Good, the True, and The Beautiful: Latina Theology and Its Evocative Glimpses Monday, April 7, 12:30 -2:00 pm Dinner Boardroom, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library

Join WSR for an informal brown bag lunch and conversation with Latina theologians Cecilia González-Andrieu, Nancy Pineda-Madrid, and Jeanette Rodriguez. This is a time for students to engage with these scholars and their work directly, so bring questions! That evening, from 6:30-8:00, join us for the panel conversation on Latina Theology at the Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, CA. (2 units)

Faithful to the Beautiful Feast of Life: A New Reading of Betrayal and Scandal in Women's Resistance to Redemptive Violence A Talk by Rev. Rebecca Parker Thursday, April 17, 10:30 am Dinner Boardroom, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library

Join us as Dr. Parker offers an alternative interpretation of the ritual of the Last Supper, illuminated by the earliest Christian mosaic depictions of the Passion narrative and rooted in a theology centered on love, nonviolence, and justice. (2 units)

The Gendered Pulpit: Sex, Body, and Desire in Preaching and Worship Friday, April 25th 10-11:30 in the GTU Student Lounge 2465 LeConte

Please join us for a talk and book signing with GTU Alum, Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber. Her work calls for "gendering the pulpit in the direction of justice" by dismantling the patriarchal status quo in favor of inclusion and radical hospitality.

Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber is author of three books addressing the intersections among religion, gender/ sexuality, and the arts. She holds a Ph.D. in Art and Religion from GTU and is adjunct professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Wake Forest University. For more,

visit www.angelayarber.com The Gendered Pulpit will available for purchase for \$20 at the event. (2 WSR Units)

Please note that the deadline for applications for the Women's Studies in Religion Program Coordinator Position has been extended to **April 15, 2014**. Please contact **wsr@ses.gtu**.edu for more information.







## CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES: NEWS & EVENTS

#### Talmudic Transgressions: Symposium on the Work of Daniel Boyarin

This three day event celebrating the work of Daniel Boyarin will be held at both University of California Berkeley and at the Graduate Theological Union.

On **April 8th**: UCB Law School 4:00PM-8:30PM

On **April 9th**: 2401 Ridge Road, Easton Hall 9:00AM-5:30PM

On **April 10th**: UCB Law School Goldberg Room 297 9:00AM-1:00PM "Romans and Jews: Was Ethnicity an Issue?" with Dr. Erich Gruen, Professor of History & Classics, Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley Monday, May 5, 2014

5:00pm 2400 Ridge Rd. Dinner Board Room

For more information: cjs@gtu.edu



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#### THOMAS E. BERTELSEN CHAIR IN ART HISTORY AND RELIGION: PUBLIC LECTURES

The Graduate Theological Union and the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University invite you to attend the public lectures to be presented by the two finalists for the Thomas E. Bertelsen Chair in Art History and Religion, which is a joint faculty position at our two schools.

Richard S. Dinner Boardroom (3rd Floor, GTU Library Building) Monday, March 31, 12:30-1:30 pm

Dr. Damian Dombrowski

Associate Professor of Art History, University of Würzburg

"A Theatre of Salvation: Crossing the Vatican Basilica" Friday, April 11, 12:30-1:30 pm

Dr. Kathryn Barush

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art

"Sacred Sight, Sacred Site: Art and Ritual at Notre Dame de Lourdes"

## HONORABLE MENTION

#### **MA STUDENTS**

#### Thesis Successfully Defended

Chenxing Han, IBS\*
Christopher Ramsey, CJS
Jennifer Kemp, PSR
Su-Chi Lin, PSR
Maura Schmitz, CDSP
Rhian Jeong, CDSP
Paul Kacynski, PLTS
Michael Langley, PSR
\*approved with honors

#### **Oral Exam Passed**

Justin Staller, PSR

#### PHD STUDENTS

## **Comprehensive Proposal Approved:**

Reem Javed, IDS Meredith Massar, ART

#### **Oral Comprehensives Passed:**

Kyung-Hee Lee, SPRT Abdul Hamid Robinson-Royal, CHSR

#### Oral Dissertation Successfully Defended:

Peter Ajer, BIBL Carolyn Roeber, ETHC Alicia Dean, LITG

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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, <a href="mailto:amunoz@gtu.edu">amunoz@gtu.edu</a>.