

THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

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DOCTORAL PROGRAM REVIEW



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

This spring the GTU is conducting a program review of the doctoral program as required by our accrediting agencies. In consultation with the Student Advisory Committee and the Faculty Council, the Dean and the

Dean of Students prepared a 34-page self-study report. Then in February the entire Core Doctoral Faculty and the Academic Committee of the GTU Board of Trustees reviewed the document and suggested some revisions.

The self-study provides a comprehensive overview and assessment of the program's history, structure, and educational effectiveness. This document will be distributed by email to all GTU doctoral students and to all members of the Core Doctoral Faculty. If you read it carefully, you will probably learn some things you didn't know. For example:

- The GTU ranked #17 out of 40 doctoral programs in a 2010 survey conducted by the National Research Council—and was

the only ranked program not located in a major research university.

- Of the 19 doctoral students who graduated in 2013, 72% finished within seven years (the normative time), and 94% finished within ten years.
- Among 66 doctoral graduates in the years 2005-08, 45% were teaching full-time by 2013, 21% were teaching part-time, 20% were in ministry, and the rest were working in academic administration, non-profits, or government. Fourteen of them (21%) had published their dissertations.
- A 2013 survey of doctoral students indicated that 55.05% were mostly satisfied with the program, 14.68% were extremely satisfied, 25.69% were somewhat satisfied, and 4.59% were not satisfied.

A distinguished team of external reviewers will be coming to campus on May 11-13 in preparation for writing a report that will evaluate the GTU doctoral program and make recommendations for improvement. The team includes Dr. Tammi Schneider (Professor of Hebrew Bible and Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, Claremont

Graduate University), Dr. John Thatamanil (Professor of Theology and World Religions, Union Theological Seminary, New York), and Dr. Susan Wood, S.C.L. (Professor of Theology and Chair of the Department of Theology, Marquette University).

Opportunities to meet with the external reviewers will be provided at the following times:

**Core Doctoral Faculty
Monday, May 12, 10:00-11:30 am
GTU Dean's Office (3rd Floor, Hewlett Library)**

**Doctoral Students
Monday, May 12, 12:30-2:00 pm
Student Lounge (1st Floor, 2465 LeConte Ave)
Pizza and drinks provided.**

While the reviewers have received a great many documents, charts, and other kinds of data, there is no substitute for face-to-face conversation with the people who teach and learn in the program. I hope that doctoral students and faculty will meet with the reviewers and share your experience with them.

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GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT CYCLE #1 DEADLINE: SEPT 15, 2014

Mark your calendar! The first cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Monday, September 15, 2014 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, 2014 through January 31, 2015

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 2013 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 76), call the

GTU Dean's Office (649.2440), or email amunoz@gtu.edu.

CHAN PRIZE COMPETITION DEADLINE: SEPT. 15, 2014



Students interested in submitting papers for the Fall 2014 Chan Prize in Religion and Economics Essay contest must do so by Monday, September 15, 2014 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 "Religion and Economics." For more detail on the criteria of the essay competition, please see the 2013 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 76) — there is no application form.



WOMANIST REFLECTIONS: REMEMBERING FANNIE LOU HAMER

San Francisco
Theological
Seminary
Scott Hall

101 Seminary Rd., San
Anselmo, CA
415.451.2838

**Saturday
May 10**

**Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Plenary and work-
shops: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30
p.m.**

Register online: ti-nyurl.com/SFTSWomanist

Conveners:

Laurie Garrett-Cobbina
Director of Clinical Pastoral
Education

Vanessa Hawkins Interim
Director of the Program in
Christian Spirituality

RELIGION AND TRANSHUMANISM CONFERENCE

TRANSHUMAN VISIONS will present its 4th conference on **May 10, from 9am - 9pm.** The event will be held in **Piedmont Veteran's Hall, 401 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA**

This conference examines the relationship between religion and transhumanism. The speakers will represent a wide-range of different viewpoints: Buddhist, Islam, Mormon, Catholic, Atheist, Jewish, Wicca, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Terasem, Urantia, mystical traditions.

QUESTIONS this conference will consider:

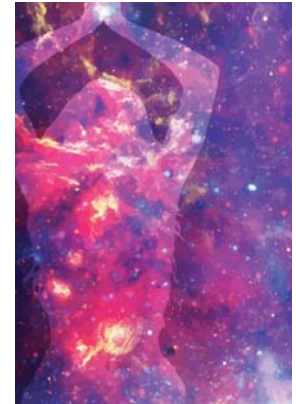
What is the nature of ultimate reality? Is transhumanism intrinsically atheist, intrinsically pantheist, intrinsically deist, or intrinsically metaphysical in any particular way? How broad and inclusive is transhumanism? Are religion and transhumanism compatible, or antagonistic? What are the real points of disagreement between religion and transhumanism? How will religions change in the face of new science and technology?

THE SPEAKERS ARE:

Mike LaTorra, Ted Peters, Amin Tejpar, Pei Koay, Brian Green, Lincoln Cannon, Shannon Avana, Zoltan Istvan, Carol Queen, Byron Belitsos, Robert Walden Kurtz, Jason Xu, Hank Pellissier

Additional information:
<http://brighterbrains.org/articles/entry/religion-and-transhumanism-the-future-of-faith-ethics-and-philosophy-may-10>

Tickets available at EventBrite



ABSW PRESENTS THE KEATON LECTURES: THE WAR ON POVERTY AT 50

The War on Poverty at 50: Impacts, Implications, Insights, Ideas, & Initiatives

Free Public Event
American Baptist Seminary of the West
2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley 94704
Phone: 510-841-1905
Email: RSVP to info@absw.edu by Monday, May 12
Website: www.absw.edu

A two-day conference to examine and discuss insights on the impacts and implications of the policies and program of the 1964 War on Poverty as well as current ideas and initiatives to eradicate poverty.

Thursday, May 15 - 5:30- 8:00 pm
 DAY 1 – ACADEMIC COLLOQUIUM

Welcome and Introduction
 Presented by Paul M. Martin, President/CEO, ABSW at the GTU

The State of Poverty and Inequality in the United States: National Report Card
 Presented by Charles Varner, Associate Director, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality

Biblical Insights on The Matter of Poverty
 Presented by LeAnn Snow Flesher, Academic Dean/Professor of Old Testament, ABSW at the GTU; Norman K. Gottwald, Professor Emeritus, Old Testament, New York Theological Seminary; Robert Wafawanaka, Professor of Old Testament, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University

Discussion
 Moderated by Robert A. Wilkins, President and CEO, YMCA of the East Bay

Friday, May 16 - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
 DAY 2 – PRACTITIONERS FORUM
 An interactive forum for organi-

zations currently (or prospectively) involved in poverty eradication efforts.

Welcome and Introduction
 Presented by H. James Hopkins, Chairman, Board of Trustees, ABSW at the GTU

Voices of the Faith Traditions Regarding Poverty
 Presented by LeAnn Snow Flesher, Academic Dean/Professor of Old Testament, ABSW/GTU

Roadmap to Cut Poverty in the Bay Area [United Way of the Bay Area]
 Presented by Eric McDonnell, Chief Operating Officer, United Way of the Bay Area

This is a free public event.
 RSVP to info@absw.edu by Monday, May 12
 Light dinner reception provided on Day 1; Continental breakfast and mid-morning snacks provided on Day 2



GRADUATES:
 COME TO THE
 TRUSTEES
 RECEPTION ON
 MAY 7TH
 (THE DAY
 BEFORE
 GRADUATION)
 AT 5PM IN
 THE CDSP
 COMMON
 ROOM



CIS NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations to CIS visiting scholar, Carol Bier, on her forthcoming presentations and publications, which include:

"Sinan's Screens: Networks of Intersecting Polygons in Ottoman Architecture," to be presented at the Gwacheon National Science Museum in Seoul, South Korea, as part of a conference in August – Bridges Seoul 2014: Mathematics, Music, Art, Architecture, Culture – with article published in proceedings.

"Geometry, Craft, Architecture: Lines of Intersection" to be presented at the International Society for Iranian Studies, biennial meeting, in Montreal Quebec, Canada in August.

CIS also congratulates MA student Sundiata Al Rashid and GTU PhD Presidential

Scholar, Ustadh Abdullah Ali for their organization of and participation in the Malcolm X conference at UC Berkeley on April 20, and to Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh, Dr. Munir Jiwa, and CIS visiting scholar Dr. Mahan Mirza, for help with organizing and participating in the 5th Annual Islamophobia conference. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Hatem Bazian and the Center for Race and Gender at UC Berkeley for their tremendous efforts in directing the Islamophobia Research and Documentation Program. We are delighted that students, scholars, and the wider public will continue to convene over the summer through a series of discussions on Islamophobia, in preparation for conferences in Austria and France in the fall, as well as a fall 2014 course on Islam and Media, to be taught by Dr. Som Pour-

farzaneh.

GTU PhD Presidential Scholar, Amin Tejpar, will be presenting at the Transhumanism conference on May 10. Congratulations to Amin whose work is at the intersection of Science, Technology, Religion and Muslim Subjectivity.

Dr. Munir Jiwa will be serving as faculty for the program, Critical Muslim Studies: Decolonial Struggles, Theology of Liberation and Islamic Revival to be held in Granada, Spain, June 9-20, 2014.

Dr. Munir Jiwa will be on sabbatical in the fall semester 2014. We are pleased to announce that he will be a visiting scholar in Anthropology at Columbia University.



BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: FRIDAY, MAY 2, 12-1PM

Fritz Eichenberg's Old Testament Prints: Creative Potential and Religious Insight
Speaker: Luke Devine, Art & Religion Doctoral Student, GTU

In 1955, printmaker Fritz Eichenberg (1901-1990) completed ten beautiful and insightful woodblock depictions of scenes from the Old Testament. Reflecting on this set twenty-two years later, Eichenberg comments that he had intended to complete an

additional ten engravings of biblical scenes a year, but admits that other obligations took precedence. While the extant work is impressive, one may imagine that a more complete set of biblical illustrations may have been on par with some of the most highly regarded sets of biblical prints of art history both in artistic quality and religious insight. From this perspective, the unfinished Bible illustrations by printmaker Fritz Eichen-

berg is a case of unfulfilled creative potential for the domain of Christian and biblical art. In the process of demonstrating this, I will outline an interdisciplinary framework between creativity studies and Christian spirituality.

**Doug Adams Gallery |
1798 Scenic Ave. Berkeley,
CA 94709
CARE | GTU Art & Religion Area | info@care-gtu.org**

GOD'S SELF-COMMUNICATION IN AN EVOLVING WORLD: EVOLUTION, SELF, AND TRANSCENDENTAL BEING

Lecture and Discussion:
Thursday May 1, 2014, 7pm
Dinner Board Room, Graduate Theological Union,
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley
Free Admission
For further information,
call CTNS at (510) 848-8152
Center for Theology
and the Natural Sciences
www.ctns.org

Oliver Putz teaches religion and science in the Religious Studies Department at Santa Clara University. He holds a PhD in biology from the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and worked as a research biologist in the field of reproductive and evolutionary biology both in Europe and the United States. After two post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Texas at Austin, as well a short stint as lecturer at UT Austin, his attention moved to the study of theology.

He earned an MA in theology from the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley and is currently completing his dissertation in theology on the integration of theological anthropology and between God and sentient beings, including nonhuman animals.

In this talk, I will challenge theological anthropocentricity and argue that certain nonhuman animals are in a species-specific personal relationship with God. My argument is based on the one hand on a theology of experience that understands the personal relationship between God and creature to be characterized by the divine self-communication, that is, the revelatory presence of God given in every experience of a self in the world, and on the other hand on the mounting empirical evidence suggesting that numerous ani-

mal species are indeed capable of self-experience and self-consciousness. As self-experiencing Dasein, certain animals like humans are capable of reaching beyond the objects of their sense experiences onto the transcendental horizon of total being, which is God. Though this experience of the ineffable is pre-conceptual and, therefore, strictly speaking not religious, but protoreligious. I will argue metaphysically and theological-ly that cosmic evolution is a directed process toward the emergence of such transcendently constituted beings. In this sense, then, biological diversity leads to spiritual multiplicity.

WSR HOPES
 EVERYONE HAS A
 WONDERFUL
 SUMMER AND
 LOOKS FORWARD
 TO SEEING YOU
 AGAIN IN THE
 FALL!

CARE/GTU LIBRARY EVENT: *THE RELIGIOUS ART OF PABLO PICASSO*

Please join us for a reception to celebrate the publication of
The Religious Art of Pablo Picasso
 by Jane Daggett Dillenberger and John Handley
 Doug Adams Galley
 Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education

Tuesday May 6, 2014 5:00-8:00pm

Refreshments, Spanish guitar, and book signing by the authors
5:00—6:00pm

Help us honor Jane's many

contributions to CARE and celebrate her 98th birthday!

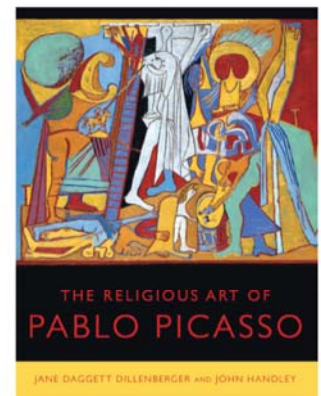
The current art exhibition celebrates the life and work of Jane Dillenberger and the publication of her most recent book, *The Religious Art of Pablo Picasso*, coauthored by GTU alum John Handley. The exhibition, which runs through June 30, features select pieces from the CARE Collection (given in Jane's honor), works from her personal collection, and materials from the GTU Archives. Included are works

by Rembrandt, Rouault, Gauguin, Chagall, Warhol, Vedder, and Redon.

All are invited to a book signing in the Doug Adams Gallery at the Badè Museum on May 6 beginning at 5pm.

See the accompanying exhibition, *Celebrating the Life and Work of Jane Daggett Dillenberger*

Flora Lamson Hewlett Library
 Graduate Theological Union



LEWIS MUDGE BOOK FORUM

Thursday, May 15, 12:30-2:00 pm

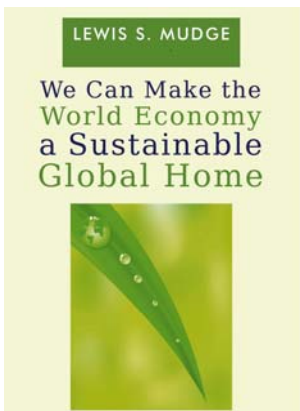
**Dinner Board Room,
GTU Library**

The GTU will host a book forum on a posthumously published book by the late Lewis S. Mudge, a distinguished theologian and pioneer of ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue who taught theology and ethics at the San Francisco Theological Seminary for many years prior to

his death in 2009.

We Can Make the World Economy a Sustainable Global Home (Eerdmans, 2014) offers fresh philosophical and theological concepts, economic and political insights, and practical financial proposals to counter the causes and lasting effects of the worldwide recession that began in late 2007 and is still affecting us today.

Jean Mudge, who edited the volume for publication, will provide an overview of the book. There will be three responses given by Dr. Christopher Ocker (Professor of Church History, SFTS), Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh (Associate Director of Public Programs and Lecturer in the Center for Islamic Studies), and Rabbi Stephen Pearce (Visiting Professor of Pastoral Care in the Center for Jewish Studies).



GTU COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BOOK SWAP!

Great minds think alike...

Join us for
a bagel and coffee

The GTU community is invited to participate in a friendly book swap and light breakfast to engage welcoming conversation and celebrate a successful semester!

Bring a book to exchange!

**Wednesday, May 7
9:30-10:30AM**

Doug Adams Gallery
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley

Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education

510.849.8935

info@care-gtu.org



DOCTORAL CANDIDATES & GRADS: OPEN A DOSSIER (FREE SERVICE)!

GTU doctoral candidates (those who have successfully proposed dissertations) and graduates are invited to open a free dossier file.

The Dossier Service includes weekly job announcements (via email)

and the ability to request all or parts of a dossier be sent to institutions with job openings.

Call the Dean's Office (649-2440) or e-mail amunoz@gtu.edu for more information.

CJS NEWS & EVENTS

"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

The Richard S. Dinner Center
for Jewish Studies at the
Graduate Theological Union
presents



"I am a Stranger" Becoming Ruth



With Avivah Zornberg

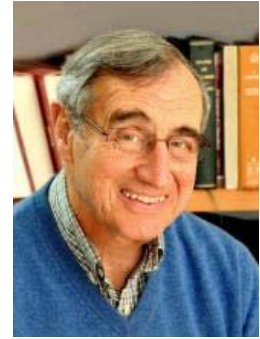
May 19, 2014

Easton Hall

2401 Ridge Road

Berkeley, CA 94709

9:00am to 11:00am



Erich Gruen



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 com-

mon 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 Consortium Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.



MODERN LANGUAGE EXAM

The next modern Foreign Language Examination is Wednesday, May 21, 1:00pm to 4:45pm in the Dinner Board Room.

Register by May 7 with Fredonia Thompson, Receptionist and Student Affairs Office Manager, ftompson@gtu.edu, 649-2400.





FALL 2013 AND SPRING 2014 GRADUATES

Doctor of Philosophy:

Peter Claver Ajer

The Death of Jesus and the Politics of Place in the Gospel of John
Biblical Studies
Jean-François Racine
(Coordinator)

Trisha Williams Akbeg

The Politics of Vice and Virtue: Sex Panics, Faith-Based Activism and the Secularization of Sin
Interdisciplinary Studies
Jerome P. Baggett
(Coordinator)

Joel Edward Brown

The Goddess and the Garden: The Israelite Understanding of the Genesis 3 Narrative
Biblical Studies
Gina Hens-Piazza
(Coordinator)

Courtney Bruntz

Commodifying Mount Putuo: State Nationalism, Religious Tourism, and Buddhist Revival
Cultural and Historical Studies of Religion
Judith A. Berling
(Coordinator)

Alicia G. Dean

Let No Tongue on Earth Be Silent: Broadening Understandings of God and the Human Community
Liturgical Studies
Mary E. McGann, R.S.C.J.
(Coordinator)

Amy Genevive Dibley

Abraham's Uncircumcised Chil-

dren: The Enochic Precedent for Paul's Paradoxical Claim in Galatians 3:29

Near Eastern Religions
LeAnn Snow Flesher
(Coordinator)

Susannah Kayko Driedger Hesslein

'Overlapping Membership' and the Two Natures of Jesus Christ: A Nonsupersessionist Christology
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Marion Grau (Coordinator)

SungAe Ha

A Reading of the Divine Speech in Job in Light of the Zhuangzi: From an Asian Feminist Perspective
Biblical Studies
Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan,
Claremont School of Theology (Coordinator)

Theresa Ladrigan-Whelpley

Toward Spiritualities of Traditioning: A Critical Rendering of the Charismatic Dimensions of the Lay Vocation in the Roman Catholic Church
Christian Spirituality
Arthur G. Holder
(Coordinator)

Thao Nguyen, S.J.

A New Way of Being Church for Mission Asian Catholic Bishops and Asian Women in Dialogue: A Study of the Documents of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences
Interdisciplinary Studies
Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J.
(Coordinator)

Elizabeth Ritter Conn

Divine Disruption: Toward a Theological Reconstruction of Hospitality
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Marion S. Grau
(Coordinator)

Carolyn Ann Roeber

"So Much Is in Bud": Steps Towards Extending Habermasian Discourse Ethics Through an Ecotheology of Wonder and Wisdom
Ethics and Social Theory
William R. O'Neill, S.J.
(Coordinator)

David Rosenberg-Wohl

Reconstructing Jewish Identity on the Foundations of Hellenistic History: Azariah de' Rossi's Me'or 'Enayim in Late 16th Century Northern Italy
Jewish Studies
Erich S. Gruen, University of California, Berkeley
(Coordinator)

Gavin Wittje

The Voice of One Crying out in the Wilderness: Post-war Dance and the Ethics of Intense, Interpersonal Vulnerability
Interdisciplinary Studies
Naomi Sheindel Seidman
(Coordinator)

Master of Arts:

Shmaryahu Brownstein

From Want to Wealth: Continuity, Contiguity, and Innovation in Habad Hasidism

Center for Jewish Studies
Naomi Sheindel Seidman
(Coordinator)

Sunglae Cho

Calvin's Teaching on the Spiritual Journey toward the Restoration of the Image of God
Pacific School of Religion
James F. Lawrence
(Coordinator)

Sukgi Choi

Evil, Meaningless Suffering, and Providence
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Liebert, S.N.J.M.
(Coordinator)

Diana Clark

The Ambantha Sutra of the Buddhist Pali Canon: Its Socio-Historical and Literary Context
Institute of Buddhist Studies
WITH HONORS
Richard K. Payne
(Coordinator)

Brooks R. Dampman

Theosis in Teaching and Practice
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute
John Klentos (Coordinator)

Farah El-Sharif

"Making Light" of Islam: Representations of Sufism in American Religion and the Public Sphere
Center for Islamic Studies
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Christina N. Ellsworth

The Good Intentions, the Bad Consequences and the Ugly American: Examining the Logistical and Cultural Dilemmas of International Volunteerism
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Jerome P. Baggett
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Carole Gallucci

Lojong for Buddhist Chaplains
Institute of Buddhist Studies
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God's Indwelling as Radiant Intellect: An Intertextual Reading of Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed
Center for Jewish Studies
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)

Sarah Crary Gregory

The Empire Has No Close: The Catholic Church in a World without Place
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
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Hilda Cruz Guiao

The Deconstruction, Reconstruction, and Reparation of "Lily of the Mohawks": Saint Kateri Tekakwitha for Native Americans and the Catholic Church Today
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
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Engaging the Invisible Majority: Conversations with Young Adult Asian American Buddhists
Institute of Buddhist Studies
WITH HONORS
Scott A. Mitchell
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Sarah Lynne Heddon

The Madrasa Early Childhood Program: An Integrated Model of

Islamic Education in Kenya
Center for Islamic Studies
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Rhian Alice Jeong

A Postcolonial Feminist Critique and Affirmation of Religious Pluralism
Church Divinity School of the Pacific
Marion S. Grau
(Coordinator)

Paul Kacynski

Resistance, Recovery, and Resurrection: A Griever's Response to Theodicy
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Carol R. Jacobson
(Coordinator)

Deenaz Kanji

Transformation in Contemporary Sufism: Contested Meanings and New Mediation of the Qawwali Tradition
Center for Islamic Studies
WITH HONORS
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Jennifer Kemp

Nationalism in the Divine Promises to Jacob in Genesis
Pacific School of Religion
Aaron Brody (Coordinator)

Jinseok Kim

The Use of Deductive and Inductive Sermon Forms in Korean Preaching
Pacific School of Religion
Mary Donovan Turner
(Coordinator)

Michael Langley

A Historical and Philosophical Juxtaposition of Meister Eckhart and Baruch Spinoza
Pacific School of Religion



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Joel Layton

*The Interiorization of Sexual Sin
in Augustine's Moral Theology
and its Effects upon the Response
to Sexual Violence in De Civitate
Dei*

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Randall Miller (Coordinator)

Su-Chi Lin

*Homeland Imagination: Hybridity
of Liao Ji-Chun's The Scenery
with Coconut Trees (1931)*

Pacific School of Religion
Rossitza Schroeder
(Coordinator)

Clark Andrew McNabb

*Being and Knowledge: Gregory of
Nyssa's Anti-Eunomian Epistemology*

Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute
WITH HONORS
John Klentos (Coordinator)

Kaitlin E. Miani

*A Hunger for Initiation: Rites of
Passage that Meet the Developmental
Needs of Young Women*

Franciscan School of Theology
Mary E. McGann, R.S.C.J.
(Coordinator)

Troy Bryce Mikanovich

*Animated Reflections: Religious
Critique and Construction in
Adult Cartoons*

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Why Death? An Inquiry into Text

and Context in Persian Painting
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*Saul's Canaanite Heritage: Cultural
Continuities as Seen in 1
Samuel 28:3-19*

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Christopher V. Ramsey

*Winston Churchill: A Founder of
the Jewish State?*

Center for Jewish Studies
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Sanna B. Reinholtzen

*The Voice of Lament in Worship,
and the Necessity Thereof*

Graduate Theological Union
Lizette Larson-Miller
(Coordinator)

Julia R. Sauter

*Flourishing on Our Own Terms:
A Liberation Theology and Spirituality
for People with Disabilities*

Jesuit School of Theology of
Santa Clara University
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Maura H. Schmitz

*Spiritual Interpretations of Sacred
Texts as a Devotional Reading:
A Comparative Theology of
the Song of Songs and the Japji*

Church Divinity School of the
Pacific
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski
(Coordinator)

Brian Sennello

*Akrasia, Sin, and Neuroscience:
A Re-evaluation of the Thomistic
Treatment of Akrasia in Light of*

Cognitive Neuroscience
Dominican School of Philosophy
and Theology
Michael J. Dodds, O.P.
(Coordinator)

Sasha Snowden

*Uncovering Voices: Angela of
Foligno and her Spiritual Franciscan
Identity*
Franciscan School of Theology
WITH HONORS
Darleen Pryds (Coordinator)

Nicole Steinmetz-Nelson

*Until All Hungers Be Fed: Towards
an Ethos of Food Justice for
U.S. Catholics*
Jesuit School of Theology of
Santa Clara University
Jerome P. Baggett
(Coordinator)

Trent J. Thornley

A Literary Analysis of the Ariyapariyesanā Sutta
Institute of Buddhist Studies
Daijaku Judith Kinst
(Coordinator)

Ryan Thomas Thornton

*When This Isn't That: Formal
Distinction and John Duns Scotus'
Account of the Trinity*
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GTU	Thursday, May 8, 2014	4:00 PM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
FST	Saturday, May 17, 2014	1:00 PM	PSR Chapel
ABSW	Saturday, May 17, 2014	2:00 PM	Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, 3534 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland, CA
SKSM	Tuesday, May 20, 2014	7:00 PM	Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, CA
CDSP	Friday, May 23, 2014	10:30 AM	CDSP Denniston Courtyard
SFTS	Saturday, May 24, 2014	9:30 AM	SFTS Buick Field
PLTS	Saturday, May 24, 2014	11:00 AM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
DSPT	Saturday, May 24, 2014	1:00 PM	DSPT Galleria
JST-SCU	Saturday, May 24, 2014	3:00 PM	Zaytuna College (Formerly Universalist Christian Church)
PSR	Sunday, May 25, 2014	4:00 PM	First Congregational Church, Berkeley, CA

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Your opportunity to meet
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**Monday, May 12,
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