

# THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

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## REMEMBERING FOR THE FUTURE'S SAKE

When the ancient Israelites needed encouragement, the prophet Isaiah spoke a word from the Lord: "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug." (Is. 51:1) Amidst the many challenges to our own religious communities and educational institutions today, we can draw comfort from the experiences of those who labored here

before us.

As we continue to celebrate the GTU's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is good to remember the bold initiatives of those pioneering spirits who brought the GTU into being. Before there was a doctoral program, or a library, or any organizational structure at all, the GTU was a vision of how the future could be different if people of different faiths could study and

pray side by side.

If you are looking for some inspiring stories of the early days of the GTU, I recommend the oral history collections and other archival materials in the library. See David Stiver's article below for details!

-Arthur Holder, Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs

## ORAL HISTORIES OF THE GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

Ever wonder what thoughts and plans were on the minds of the founders of the Graduate Theological Union? Or what theological

educators faced in the Sixties and Seventies? Or at least, what they later remembered?

Special Collection and Archives recently completed digitizing two oral history collections about the early years at the Graduate Theological Union. Both can be found at the Graduate Theological Union Digital Library site:

[cdm15837.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/](http://cdm15837.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/)

The first collection is *Remembering Theological Education in the Sixties*. This extensive oral history fea-

tures interviews with 79 professors, administrators and staff from the different member schools and organizations. Ray F. Kibler III, a Lutheran minister and archivist, obtained funding for the project and conducted the interviews between 1993 and 1995. The online collection includes transcripts, some of the recorded interviews and photographs.

The second collection is GTU Oral History Collection-1988. These materials were donated from a class

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About a hundred members of the GTU community and neighbors gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony. The first phase of the library, the basement and Level 1, was completed in 1981.

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## ORAL HISTORIES OF THE GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION CONT.



GTU President Claude Welch provides opening remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new library on June 24, 1979.

in oral history that used the founding of GTU as the subject. The class was taught by Barbara Brown Zikmund, then dean of Pacific School of Religion, and Charles McCoy in Spring 1988. While only seven of the interviews are represented here, they provide additional insight to the early years of the GTU.

These two oral histories add to the growing number of primary sources that are available online from our archival collections. For additional links to GTU and religious

materials from our collection, go to our Digital Content landing page:

[www.gtuarchives.org/cdm/](http://www.gtuarchives.org/cdm/)

David Stiver

Reference / Special Collections and Archives

## 2013 AUBURN/CROSSCURRENTS RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

**Spend the month of July in New York working on a research or writing project related to one of the themes outlined below**, with access to libraries and research facilities at Columbia University, Union, Auburn, and Jewish Theological Seminaries. **Application deadline is March 1, 2013.**

The 2013 CrossCurrents Research Colloquium, in partnership with Auburn Theological Seminary, will explore several themes. Applications from scholars, theologians, activists and artists focusing on one or more of these topics will be accepted:

A. LGBTQI Theology: Projects that emphasize translating theology for wider audiences are especially welcome, as will be projects focusing on

international dimensions.

B. Moral Economy / Religious critique of Economic Theory: What is a "moral economy"? Can religious thought interface or dialogue with economic theory? How should religious communities have an impact on economic life?

C. Intersectionality: How does intersectionality theory contribute, if it does, to human thriving, allowing people to move beyond barriers of race, class, gender or sexual orientation? Projects that draw upon or critique the theory of intersectionality will be welcomed as well as those that use the theory in suggestive and groundbreaking ways.

D. Wildcard: applicants may

apply for a topic of their own interest.

More details are available at <http://www.auburnseminary.org/aril>.

THE NEXT MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAMINATION IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:45PM IN THE DINNER BOARD ROOM. REGISTER WITH FREDONIA THOMPSON, RECEPTIONIST AND STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE MANAGER, [FTHOMPSON@GTU.EDU](mailto:FTHOMPSON@GTU.EDU), 649-2400, AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE EXAM.

## 2013 SARLO EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Sarlo Excellence in Teaching Award is given each year to a member of the Core Doctoral Faculty whose teaching and mentoring of doctoral students embodies the values of interreligious dialogue and interdisciplinary approach to teaching. The next recipient of this honor, which entails a substantial monetary award, will be announced at the GTU Commencement on May 9, 2013.

Selection will be made by the Appointments and Review Committee of the Core Doctoral Faculty, with the addition of the GTU President as a voting member for this purpose. The Faculty Council has approved a nomination procedure in which a list of candidates will be composed from nominations submitted by doctoral and MA students through the Areas of Study in the doctoral program.

The Area Student Assistant in each area will be responsible for facilitating a process by which students in the area will select one Core Doctoral Faculty member to nominate for this award. Discussion

may take place among doctoral students when they gather at the February and March area meetings, but opportunity should be provided for all students to participate in the selection through email. GTU MA students are invited to submit their suggestions for nominations to MA Program Coordinator Angela Muñoz who will forward them to the doctoral student area assistant in the relevant doctoral area of study.

The faculty person nominated may be from within the area, or from another area. The name of the one Core Doctoral Faculty member nominated by an area's students should be forwarded to the GTU Dean by the Area Student Assistant as soon as possible, **but no later than Friday, March 22**. The selection criteria are as follows:

- a. Eligible candidates are active members of the Core Doctoral Faculty.
- b. Candidates exhibit creative and effective pedagogical methods and performance, both in the classroom and in

their advising and mentoring of doctoral students.

c. Candidates exhibit ecumenical and/or interreligious sensitivity and commitment in their teaching, regardless of the subject matter or field.

d. Candidates exhibit and promote effective use of interdisciplinary approaches, as appropriate to their fields.

e. Candidates display sensitivity to ethnic and cultural diversity.

f. Sarlo Award recipients may be selected only once.

Previous recipients are Judith Berling (2003), Fumitaka Matsuoka (2004), Clare Fischer (2005), Doug Adams (2006), Gina Hens-Piazza (2007), Jerome Baggett (2008), Lewis Rambo (2009), Alejandro García Rivera (2010), Ron Nakasone (2011), and Boyung Lee (2012). This annual award is made possible by a generous gift from the Sarlo Foundation.



Dr. Boyung Lee  
2012 Winner

THE GTU STUDENT LOUNGE IN THE LE CONTE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH FROM 3PM ONWARDS FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

## CAPTURE, SACRIFICE AND OTHER MEDIATIONS: FEB 7, 6:30 PM

The Pacific School of Religion is proud to present, **“Capture, Sacrifice and Other Mediations” a lecture by Rey Chow. The lecture will take place on Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 PM in the Bade**

**Museum.** Dr. Chow is a Professor of Literature at Duke University. Based on Dr. Chow's new book, *Transmedial Thinking About Capture* (Duke University Press, 2012) this lecture will invite you all to think again

and anew about concepts that are central to Christianity, like sacrifice and forgiveness. Responses will be given by Devin Zuber (PSR) and Colleen Lye (UC Berkeley).



Dr. Rey Chow

## J. K. RUSSELL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FORUM AND CONFERENCE

**Fellow's Public Forum,  
Friday, February 8, 7:00  
PM**

**Jesus and the Depth of  
Creation: The Idea of  
Deep Incarnation**

**Tucson Room of the  
Church Divinity School  
of the Pacific 7:00-9:00pm**

There seems to be an ineradicable tension between the grand-scale story of the world of creation, cosmic in scope and pitiless in its operations, and the small-scale story of Jesus as embodying divine empathy. Deep incarnation here argues for the view that by assuming the particular life-story of Jesus the Jew, God's own Logos or Wisdom conjoins the material conditions of God's world of creation ("all flesh"), shares and ennobles the fate of all biological life-forms ("grass" and lilies), and experiences the pains of all sentient creatures ("sparrows and foxes"). In this view, incarnation is the story of God's reach into the very tissues of material and biological existence. The "flesh" of Jesus Christ is co-extensive with his divinity, not just an isolated human figure of the past but neither an external appendix to divine life.

The Fellow's Forum is free and open to the public. Registration not required.

**The Annual J. K. Russell  
Research Conference  
Saturday, February 9,  
2013**

God, Information and the  
Sciences of Complexity

Richard S. Dinner Board  
Room of the GTU 1:00 to  
5:30pm

Information and complexity have become central concepts of our contemporary scientific world-view. In which sense can we speak of information and complexity also as part of the nature of God? It will be argued that traditional Logos Christology already offers important resources for speaking of aspects of information as inherent to divine life. An argument will be developed for an alternative philosophical theology, inspired by central concerns of Trinitarian theology. To the Father is ascribed the role of the inner fecundity of 'birthing' the eternal Son, thus encompassing the overflow of divine essence and love; to the eternal Son is ascribed the role of the differentiating power of information (Logos), while the life-giving and communicative power is ascribed to the Holy Spirit. In this light, the notion of divine simplicity will have to be redefined as the divine self-identity in the midst of temporal flux. For not all that happens in the world of creation is conformal with divine life.

Niels Henrik Gregersen holds his PhD from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 1987. Since 2008 he has also been co-Director of

The Centre of Naturalism & Christian Semantics, Copenhagen University.

Gregersen's primary research fields are contemporary theology and science-and-religion. His list of publications contains more than 600 entries, including 4 books, 2 co-authored books and more than 15 edited or co-edited vols. Publications include *Incarnation: On the Scope and Depth of Christology* (Fortress Press, forthcoming 2013), *Information and the Nature of Reality: From Physics to Metaphysics* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), *Naturalism and Christian Semantics* (Copenhagen University, 2010), *The Gift of Grace: The Future of Lutheran Theology* (Fortress Press, 2005), *From Complexity to Life: On the Emergence of Life and Meaning* (Oxford University Press, 2003) and *Design and Disorder: Perspectives from Science & Theology* (T & T Clark, 2002).

Conference Respondents:

Joshua Moritz, Ted Peters, Oliver Putz and Robert Russell

To register please visit [http://www.ctns.org/jkr\\_fellow\\_pay.html](http://www.ctns.org/jkr_fellow_pay.html) or write [ctnsinfo@ctns.org](mailto:ctnsinfo@ctns.org) for more information.



Dr. Niels Henrik  
Gregersen

A CALL FOR  
NOMINATIONS FOR  
STUDENT  
ELECTIONS WILL BE  
COMING TO YOU  
VIA EMAIL VERY  
SOON. PLEASE  
THINK ABOUT  
WHO YOU MIGHT  
WANT TO  
NOMINATE FOR  
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OTHER EXCELLENT  
COMMITTEE  
OPPORTUNITIES.  
NOMINATE, AND  
VOTE WHEN THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
COMES.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### New Digital Microform Scanner Graces First Floor of Library

The next time you are in the library, take a look at the microform (microfiche and microfilm) area on the first floor. Most of the previous readers/printers have been sent to electronic recycling. The newer remaining reader/prINTER that was connected to a computer has been moved and can continue to be used to view and print fiche and film. The most exciting addition is our new ST ViewScan digital microform scanner, which now sits next to the GRACE terminal.

The all-digital ViewScan incorporates the newest imaging technology. No longer are you required to print the images as they appear on the screen. The ViewScan allows you to select exactly what on the fiche/film you would like to scan, and you have the option of changing the brightness and contrast to make the image as clear as possible. You can crop (remove) parts of the image that you do not want scanned, and you can change the image settings to targeted parts of the page.

Instead of a printer, the images can be e-mailed to yourself, saved to a USB drive, or saved to your SES Google Drive account. Multiple images can be combined into a PDF for easy distribution on Moodle, or the images can be saved in a number of file for-

ats. Easy step-by-step instructions are available.

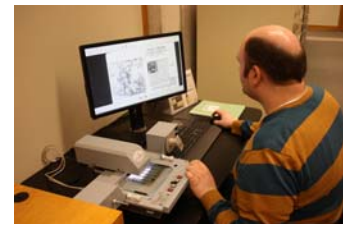
The library owns over 260,000 items on microfiche, microfilm, or opaque cards. This includes back issues of journals, a large collection of early American printed materials, a collection of flyers (Flugschriften) and other materials from the Reformation, and many theological works that are no longer available in printed form. We continue to receive new material in these forms.

The addition of the ViewScan to our library is a significant step forward in continuing to provide access to important theology and religion materials. We hope that you will come and try out this new machine.

### SAVE THE DATE

The annual Sacred Texts lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013. Arthur Holder, GTU Dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the John Dillenberger Professor of Christian Spirituality, will speak on Religious Experience as Sacred Text. Arthur is a graduate of Duke University (AB magna cum laude and PhD) and the General Theological Seminary (MDiv). A past president of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, he is the editor of *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Spirituality* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2005) and Chris-

tian Spirituality: *The Classics* (Routledge, 2010) and translator of *The Venerable Bede: On the Song of Songs and Selected Writings* (Paulist Press, 2011). The lecture will take place in the GTU Dinner Board Room at 7pm; a reception will precede the lecture at 6:30 pm. Previous Sacred Texts lectures can be found at: <http://www.gtu.edu/news-events/events/lecture-address/sacred-texts>.



### Art Opening

The spring library art exhibition will feature paintings from Los Angeles artist Jim Morphesis' "Rose Series." Central to this exhibition is a single recurring subject, the rose. The exhibition is scheduled to open in mid-March. Morphesis' paintings have been shown in nearly two hundred national and international exhibitions since the early 1970s, and are in the permanent collections of more than 25 museums, including the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. The current library exhibit celebrating the 50th anniversary of the GTU will remain on display through February.

THURSDAY,  
APRIL 5, 4:00PM  
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DOCTORAL  
DISSERTATIONS,  
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CERTIFICATION  
OF ORAL  
EXAMINATION  
FORMS, AND CJS  
CERTIFICATE  
REQUESTS.

ARE YOU A STUDENT OF COLOR? DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A STUDENT OF COLOR? DO YOU KNOW WHAT A STUDENT OF COLOR IS? COME TO OUR EVENT AND FIND OUT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR CREATING COMMUNITY IN OUR CONSORTIUM. THIS WILL BE A POTLUCK SO PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MALIA AT [MARMSTRONG@SKSM.EDU](mailto:MARMSTRONG@SKSM.EDU). GATHER AT THE FIRST FLOOR LOUNGE AT THE JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, AT 5:00 P.M. WE HOPE TO SEE A LOT OF YOU THERE TO BEGIN ENGAGE IN THIS IMPORTANT CONVERSATION TOGETHER.

## LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

### Spring 2013 Reference Open Lab at the GTU Library

This service is free to GTU students!

The library will offer a reference open lab on Friday afternoons between 1 – 4 P this spring. We will teach students how to use GRACE, the GTU library's online catalog, as well as how to use the ATLA Religion Database, JSTOR and 360 Search/

Link/e-Journal Portal. Individual students can come to the Reference Desk any time for brief orientations between 10A and 4P weekdays. If you have questions, send us an email to [libref@gtu.edu](mailto:libref@gtu.edu) or call the Reference Desk at 510-649-2501 to set an appointment, if needed. The Reference Open Lab will be available between 1 – 4 P every Friday during the Spring 2013 semester in the Teaching Lab

at the Library. NOTE: The Reference Open Lab will be \*unavailable\* on the following Fridays due to comprehensive examinations: February 15 and April 12.

Topics:

- Finding books through Grace
- How to Use ATLA/ JSTOR
- Using 360 Search/ 360 Link/ e-Journal Portal

## 2013-2014 NEWHALL AWARD RECIPIENTS

In 1987, the late trustee Jane Newhall gave a generous gift to endow competitive awards for doctoral students to engage in collaborative teaching or research with faculty mentors in the belief that such collaborative work would contribute to the professional development of the students. The 2013-14 Newhall Recipients paired with their Faculty mentors are: Ali Ataie with

Munir Jiwa, Ashley Bacchi with Deena Aranoff, Jose Balcells with Aaron Brody, Carl Bear with Lizette Larson-Miller, Lawrence Fraher with Eduardo Fernandez, Veronica Goines with Jana Childers, Lauren Guerra with Marion Grau, Tripp Hudgins and Khalia Jelks with Jennifer Davidson, Elizabeth Ingenthron with Naomi Seidman, Sang-yoon Kim with Christo-

pher Ocker, Sungrae Kim with Judith Berling, Zachary Markwith with Marianne Farina, Christopher Moreland with Joseph Chinnici, Michelle Mueller with Ibrahim Farajaje, Kyle Schiefelbein with Michael Aune, Eleanor Shapiro with Naomi Seidman, Mariusz Tabaczek with Michael Dodds, Justin Tanis with Bernie Schlager, Rachel Wheeler with Darleen Pryds.

## GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT CYCLE #2 APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 15

**The second cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Friday, February 15, 2013 at 5pm in the GTU Dean's Office.** GTU doctoral students who are presenting papers at national conferences and meetings between February 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013 are eligible to apply for the second cycle.

Additionally, the GTU Student Travel Grant Application form must accompany supporting materials. The [application form](#) is available on the GTU webpage. (Go to "Students," click on "view more" and then scroll down to the "Professional Development" subheading and the link for the application will be listed there.) For more infor-

mation, please consult the 2012 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 77), call the GTU Dean's Office (649.2440), or email [amunoz@gtu.edu](mailto:amunoz@gtu.edu).

## SURJIT SINGH LECTURE ON THURS, FEB. 21ST

**The 2013 Surjit Singh Lecture will be held on Thursday, February 21st, at 7:00pm. This year's speaker is Dr. Jennifer Peace, (Ph.D. '05),** Assistant Professor of Interfaith Studies, Andover Newton Theological School (ANTS) and Director of CIRCLE (Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership Education), a joint venture of ANTS and Hebrew College. Her lecture is entitled **"Spiritual Other/Spiritual Self: Models of Transformative Interfaith Work."**

People of diverse religious

backgrounds encounter each other daily in coffee shops, hospitals, classrooms, and around the dinner table. What might these encounters teach us about ourselves, our neighbors, or about God? Drawing on stories from *My Neighbor's Faith* (Orbis, 2012), this year's Singh Lecture will explore what these encounters tell us about the nature of transformative interfaith work today.

The lecture will be held in the Pacific School of Religion's Chapel of the Great Commission 1798 Scenic Avenue (at LeConte) in Berkeley.

**There will be a public**

**reception before the lecture at 6:00pm held in the Badé Museum** located across the courtyard from the Chapel of the Great Commission.



Dr. Jennifer Peace

## CIS EVENTS

Sunday, February 10, 2:15-8:15PM: "Reel' Jews and Muslims" with the Center for Jewish Studies and Center for Islamic Studies. Join us for a Day of Learning with workshops led by scholars and media professionals, and a screening and discussion of the film *Arranged*. Location: Easton Hall, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2401 Ridge Road, Berkeley 94709. Refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact [cis@gtu.edu](mailto:cis@gtu.edu) or [cjs@gtu.edu](mailto:cjs@gtu.edu).

Monday, February 11, 7:30PM: "Origins of Catholic-Muslim Dialogue in the United States." Encountering

Islam: 2013 Lectures and Workshops, Inaugural Lecture by Archbishop Alex J. Brunett. Co-sponsored by the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Center for Islamic Studies, and the Oakland Diocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Lecture and Reception at DSPT, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley 94708. For more information, please contact [mfarina@dspt.edu](mailto:mfarina@dspt.edu).

Saturday, February 23, 5:00PM: "Green Deen: What Islam Teaches about Protecting the Planet." Islam & Authors series at the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, conversation with Ibrahim Abdul-Matin. Co-

sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies. ICCNC, 1433 Madison Street, Oakland 94612. Tickets: \$10 general/\$5 students at the door, or available at [www.iccnc.org](http://www.iccnc.org). For more information, please contact [info@iccnc.org](mailto:info@iccnc.org).



THE CONSORTIAL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE WILL BE OFFERING A SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES WORKSHOP FOR DOCTORAL-LEVEL STUDENTS AND THOSE CONSIDERING DOCTORAL PROGRAMS. THIS WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE GTU DOCTORAL STUDENTS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN DOCTORAL PROGRAMS TO FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITH A FOCUS ON EACH STAGE OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM: COURSEWORK, COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS, DISSERTATION, AS WELL AS A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE. THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD IN THE TEACHING LAB AT THE GTU LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, FROM 6:00 - 7:00PM, SPACE IS LIMITED. TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL: [SCHOLARSHIPS@GTU.EDU](mailto:SCHOLARSHIPS@GTU.EDU).

## PREPARING FOR SUCCESSFUL 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 two Federal Student Loan Exit Counseling sessions that will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at PLTS Giesy Hall, classroom 1 from 9:30am – 10:30am and at PSR Mudd, classroom 102 from 11:45am-12:45pm.

The exit session 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. To register, please email: [fi-  
naid@gtu.edu](mailto:financialaid@gtu.edu) by Thursday, April 4.

## WSR EVENTS

Please Join WSR for Voices from the Soul: **Poetry Jam/ Open Mike Night Tues. February 12th 6:30-8 pm• PSR Mudd 100.** Opening with a piece from the Vagina Monologues. Come, bring a piece of poetry or a song and let your voice be heard. WSR certificate students get priority & receive 1 unit for performing a piece. Bring acoustic instruments only.

**March 1st Second WSR Annual Student Conference on Women and Religion** in the Tucson Room at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific 2451 Ridge Road Berkeley. 12:30-6. Reception following Conference. (2 units for whole conference, 1 unit for part)

**Thursday, March 14th WSR hosts the panel *Envisioning the Future of Theology & Ethics: A Womanist Perspective*** 6:30-8 at the American Baptist Seminary of the West 2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Join

Monica Coleman, Claremont School of Theology; Keri Day, Brite Divinity School; and Andrea White, Emory School of Theology for a discussion on key issues, debates, and new approaches to Womanist Theology & Ethics. (2 units)

Friday, **March 15th WSR hosts a Coffee Conversation with Monica Coleman, Keri Day, and Andrea White from 10:00-11:30am in the Dinner Boardroom.** This is an opportunity to discuss their publications such as Prof. Coleman's *Making a Way Out of No Way: a Womanist Theology* and *Ain't I a Womanist Too?: Third Wave Womanist Religious Thought*; Prof. Day's "Forging Community and Communi-

tas: Toward a De-Masculinization of Christology in Black Churches" in *Walk Together Children: Black and Womanist Theologies, Churches*; and Prof. White's *Black Women's Bodies and God Politics: A Womanist Theology of Personhood*. (2 Units)



## CGLS EVENTS

### **Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin Film Screening**

Friday, 8 February , 7:00pm-9:00pm, PSR Chapel

Join the Coalition of Welcoming Congregations for a screening of the film *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin*, an award winning film about the gay non-violence activist who organized the 1963 March on Washington.

### **CLGS: Beyond Bashing: A Faith Response to End Anti-LGBT Violence**

Saturday, 9 February, 2:00pm –6:00pm, PSR Mudd Building, Room 100

Beyond Bashing: A Faith Response to End Anti-LGBT Violence: A workshop on

current information about anti-LGBT hate crimes, theological reflection, and practical skills from law enforcement officials about how to prevent and respond to hate crimes. This workshop offers an excellent opportunity to work with others to end violence! To register go to: [beyondbashing.eventbrite.com](http://beyondbashing.eventbrite.com)

### **Beyond Bashing: Reception**

Saturday, 9 February, 6:00pm – 7:00pm, Pacific School of Religion, PSR Badè Museum

Come join us!

### **The First Annual Bayard Rustin Freedom Concert: Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir**

Saturday, 9 February,

7:00pm – 9:00pm, Pacific School of Religion, Chapel

Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir will perform at the Pacific School of Religion Chapel on February 9th from 7:00pm-9:00pm. This event will celebrate the life of Bayard Rustin, organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, one of the largest non-violent protests ever held in the United States. Buy tickets here: <http://bayardrustinfreedomconcert.brownpapertickets.com/>



## DOCTORAL STUDENT FORUM: FEB 20, 4PM

**The Student Advisory Council invites all doctoral students to the annual Doctoral Student Forum on Wednesday, February 20th from 4-6PM in the Le Conte Building Student lounge.**

This semester we will have a special guest for the first hour of our meeting. GTU President Jim Donahue will join us to discuss the future of our consortium and what that means for doctoral students. In the second hour we will have time to discuss any top-

ics students want to raise. **Also, there will be plenty of refreshments.**



# HONORABLE MENTION

## MA STUDENTS

### Thesis Successfully Defended

Myra Capulong– DSPT

## PHD STUDENTS

### Comprehensive Proposals Approved

John King– THEO

Lalnuniza Bungsut– BIBL

Wanjoong Kim– THEO

Martha McAfee– LITG

### Oral Comprehensive Exams Passed

Mary Cheng– SPRT\*

Corinna Guerrero– BIBL

Jong Ho Kim– HOML

Kresten Froistad– ETHC

Robert Galoob– CRLG

\*Passed With Distinction

### Advanced to Candidacy

Alan Weissenbacher-THEO

### Oral Dissertation Successfully Defended

Kathryn Alexander– THEO

Brian Green– ETHC

## 2013-2014 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES

Financial Aid Applications for the 2013-2014 academic year are available online at: [www.gtu.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://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 2013-14 application and FAFSA. To reach the Financial Aid Office with a question, email [finaid@gtu.edu](mailto:finaid@gtu.edu) or call the Office at 510-649-2469.

Doctoral Students: February 15, 2013

Common MA Students affiliated with-

ABSW: April 15, 2013

CDSP: March 1, 2013

CJS: April 1, 2013

DSPT: March 15, 2013

FST: May 1, 2013

IBS: April 1, 2013

JST: March 1, 2013

PAOI: April 1, 2013

PLTS: March 15, 2013

PSR: February 15, 2013

SFTS: April 15, 2013

SKSM: April 1, 2013

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### THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

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