

THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

My fourteen years as dean of the GTU will come to an end on July 1. These have been eventful years for the GTU and its member schools and affiliates as we have faced the challenges of a changing religious landscape and the increased pressures on all forms of higher education. There are too many milestones and memories to pack into the space I have here, but I can mention a few.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the GTU in 2012-13. Reaccreditation visits in 2007 and 2015 affirmed the distinctive mission of the GTU and helped us improve our support for student success. Member schools have initiated programs designed to reach out to constituencies beyond the traditional seminary population: part-time students, those living at a distance, the "spiritual but not religious," people preparing for vocations in justice ministries and non-profit leadership, those who want to study art, science, and culture as well as theology.

Our interreligious scope has expanded with the founding of the Center for Islamic Studies and the Center for Dharma Studies. The Center for Jewish Studies has developed many new public programs and a vibrant community of students and faculty. The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences is moving from affiliate status to become a GTU program, and the Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education will soon follow the same path.

The Center for Swedenborgian Studies has become a GTU affiliate, and the Institute of Buddhist Studies is making good progress toward becoming an accredited school. The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute has begun to offer MA and certificate programs. New College Berkeley now sponsors regular courses for GTU students. The School of Applied Theology has added day-, week-, and month-long sabbaticals to its semester and full year offerings.

New curricula for both the MA and doctoral programs will begin next fall, building on the interdisciplinary and interreligious strengths of the GTU. Fields of study will now be grouped into four new departments: Sacred Texts & Their Interpretation, Historical & Cultural Studies of Religion, Theology & Ethics, and Religion & Practice. Students and faculty will make new connections that will stimulate research and learning across the consortium.

Beyond these institutional milestones, I think of all the people who have come through the GTU in these past fourteen years. Students, faculty, staff, board members, and visiting scholars have enriched my life through their friendship and through the amazing diversity of their passions and projects. The GTU is made up of the people who are drawn here by our common commitment to increasing understanding and cooperation across religious and cultural divides. I have been blessed to know you and to work with you in this wonderful place.

While I am leaving the dean's office, I will continue to serve as professor of Christian Spirituality, and for the next year as our accreditation liaison officer. I look forward to the future of the GTU with anticipation and high hopes for great things yet to be!

HONORING DR. ARTHUR G. HOLDER

The Graduate Theological Union cordially invites the GTU community to a reception in honor of Arthur G. Holder as he retires as the GTU Academic Dean after 14 Years of Inspirational and Devoted Leadership.

The event will be held in the Dinner Board Room (3rd floor, GTU Library) on

Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

Presentations by President Reiss Potterveld and other members of the GTU community will begin at 5pm.

We look forward to gathering Arthur's colleagues, students, and friends to celebrate his achievements.

RSVP's should be sent to Angela Muñoz at amunoz@gtu.edu.



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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF *SHANTI!*

The entire GTU community is cordially invited to the upcoming Oakland performance of *Shanti: A Journey of Peace*--a spectacular multi-media production that fuses Western choral and orchestral music with Indian musical and dance elements. The event will be held at the Oakland Mormon Temple Auditorium, 4780 Lincoln Avenue in Oakland, on Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from this breathtaking intersection of Western and Eastern cultures will benefit MA and PhD programs here at the GTU.

Shanti has enchanted audiences for more than ten years, but this is the first time it's been brought to the West Coast. The Oakland concert will feature more than 250 musicians and dancers from the Bay Area, the Santa Clara Chorale, and a professional string orchestra. It's a one-of-a-kind world music event that you will not want to miss!

Purchase your tickets online now on the GTU Website at www.gtu.edu/events/shanti.

DOCTORAL STUDENT COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

DOCTORAL COUNCIL: LEVI CHECKETTS

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: STEPHEN QUARLES

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: ANDREW LEE, I SIL YOON

SBL LIASON: HYUN HO PETER PARK

THE GTU GRADUATES RECEPTION

The GTU's Board of Trustees and Office for Institutional Advancement host a reception for all GTU common MA and Doctoral graduates, faculty, families and guests the night before commencement, **Wednesday, May 11th, 2016** at 5:00 p.m. in courtyard and Common Room on the CDSP campus. Please contact the Office for Institutional Advancement at 510-649-2531 or by email at advance-ment@gtu.edu should you have any questions about the event.

CIS NEWS AND EVENTS

CIS is honored to host Dr. Todd Lawson, Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto, who will present on "The Qur'an as Epic." The event will be moderated by Dr. Mahan Mirza, Dean of Faculty at Zaytuna College. The event will be held **May 4 from 12-2pm** at the GTU Library Dinner Boardroom. All welcome!

CIS is pleased to co-sponsor with the Ibn Arabi Society, a conversation with Dr. Todd Lawson on: "Water, Light, Knowledge: Towards an Ecology of Imagination"

Where: The Gallery Room, Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA
When: **3pm – 5pm, Saturday May 7, 2016**

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ibn-arabi-society-lecture-series-an-afternoon-with-todd-lawson-tickets-23020456806>

CIS is proud to announce our 2015-2016 MA graduates in Islamic Studies: Murat Bilici, Ahmed Khater, Sammy Rahmatti, Asif Sheikh, Paula Thompson. Congratulations!

CJS NEWS AND EVENTS

Wednesday May 11th, 2016.

CJS Commencement Reception
3:30pm: 2465 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

Friday May 13th, 2016.

"Axe for the Frozen Sea Within Us: Law and Violence" with Avivah Zornberg
9:00am: Pacific School of Religion | Mudd 100 | 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley CA 94709

Sunday May 22, 2016.

"The Future of the Zohar: A Celebration of Daniel Matt's Zohar Translation"
3:30pm: Easton Hall | 2401 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA 94709



CREATED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY KAREN SJOHOLM

CARE NEWS AND EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunch Series

CARE's Doug Adams Gallery | **May 6, 2016, 12pm**

Book Arts: Storytelling

The field of contemporary book arts embraces concepts and techniques that are wide ranging and interdisciplinary in practice. We will explore how artists powerful use of symbolism, imagery, and materials amplify the visibility of presence, culture, voice, and spirit. Participants will also be led in a simple book making process.

Bio:

Karen Sjolholm, MA, REACE is an artist and educator with over twenty years of experience serving Bay Area institutions. She is on faculty at the Center for Arts, Religion, and Education and The School of Applied Theology. She also teaches art theory and studio courses at John F. Kennedy University where she has been chair of the Arts and Consciousness program since 2009. Her art practice includes handmade books, mixed media and sculptural processes and is centered on the power of the creative expression to deeply connect with symbolic aspects of the psyche. Her art work has been exhibited nationally and internationally.

CARE's Brown Bag Lunch Series: Informal presentations by GTU students, faculty, and staff. Hosted the first Friday of each month from 12-1pm- bring your sack lunch!

Crossings / Mojándose: Works by Sandra C. Fernández

CARE's Doug Adams Gallery

On view through May 27, 2016

Regular Gallery Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 10am-3pm

Fall 2016 CARE Arts Enrichment Grants

GTU faculty members, are you interested in integrating the arts into your course? Would you like to take your students on a field trip to a museum, concert, performance, or other arts event?

CARE is offering \$200 Arts Enrichment Grants to help fund tickets, transportation, and other expenses, and to encourage faculty to add arts activities to their courses. 5 grants are available for the Fall 2016 semester.

How to apply: send an email to info@care-gtu.org that covers the following points:

- What is the venue you plan to visit, which activity/performance?
- How will the grant help pay for the field trip? (e.g., BART tickets, museum admission, refreshments)
- How will you use this arts enrichment in your teaching? Attach a course syllabus.

Awardees will be required to report on their arts activity with an illustrated post for our blog [CARE Package](#).

Please note, this is a lump sum grant and awardees will be required to file a W9 with the GTU. This is not a reimbursement grant, so no need to keep receipts for CARE. Field trip expenses do NOT have to equal \$200; remaining funding is considered an honorarium.

Deadline for Fall 2016 courses: June 1, 2016

GTU COMMENCEMENT

The GTU Commencement is **May 12** 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.



GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT Cycle #1

DEADLINE: Sept 15, 2016

Mark your calendar! The first cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Thursday, September 15, 2016 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, 2016 through January 31, 2017 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 2015 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 91), call the GTU Dean's Office (649.2440), or email amunoz@gtu.edu.

CHAN PRIZE COMPETITION DEADLINE: SEPT. 15, 2016

Students interested in submitting papers for the Fall 2016 Chan Prize in Religion and Economics Essay contest must do so by Thursday, September 15, 2016 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 reflection on the topic of "Religion and Economics." For more detail on the criteria of the essay competition, please see the 2015 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 91) —there is no application form.

SFTS NEWS: TOWER READERS

Connect with your neighbors through Tower Readers, a new collaboration between the San Anselmo Public Library and the San Francisco Theological Seminary Library. Topics range from classic fiction to nonfiction accounts of inspirational social justice. We'll read a selected title each month, then come together to share our ideas and impressions. Everyone is welcome to attend.



May 18th:

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe.

Feminist Reading Room Geneva Hall, 5th floor San Francisco Theological Seminary Library

June 15th:

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

Town Council Chambers, San Anselmo Public Library

Third Wednesday at 10 AM

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 11 through August 5 from 9am to noon, the German course is offered July 11-August 10 (no meeting July 20-22) from 9am to 12pm, and the Spanish course is scheduled for July 11 through August 5 from 9am to 12pm. Tuition is \$650. GTU students can register on WebAdvisor through the Continuing Education module starting on April 11. For registration questions, contact John Seal, GTU Consortial Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.

BOOK LAUNCH BY ANTONINUS WALL, OP

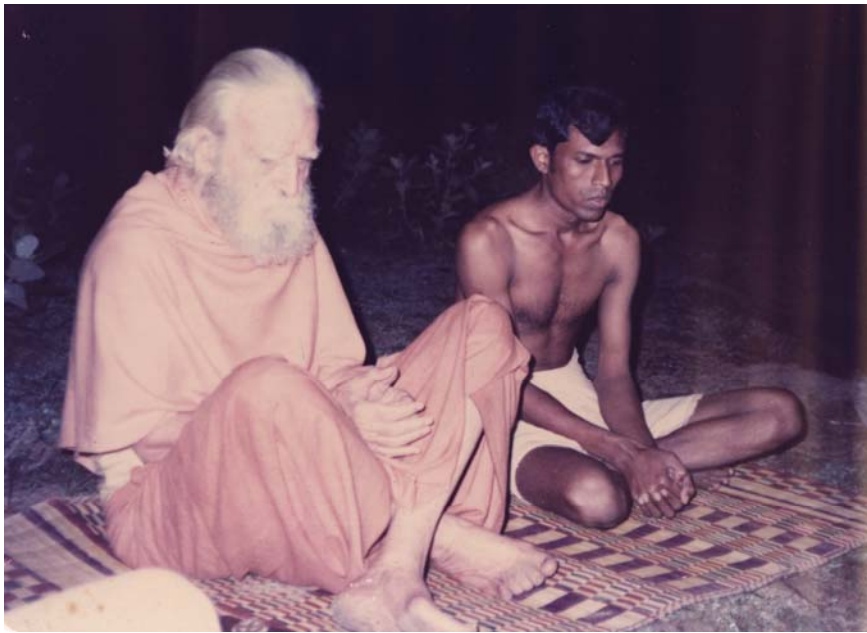
Author Antoninus Wall, OP will talk about his recent publication, *The Theology of Ecumenism, Thomas Aquinas and the Ecumenical Imperative*. Ecumenism instantly brings to mind the sometimes confusing activities of Christian churches in the last century. But ecumenism is more ancient and has widespread roots — an approach to the transcendent realities of life without hostility of fear of syncretism.

The *Theology of Ecumenism* examines ecumenism with a theological vision as well as from aspects based on our human nature. Given the current strains between Islam and Christians it offers a guide - seeing ecumenism as central to our relationship to God and to our relationship with every human being as an "image of God".

Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:00pm

DSPT, Classroom 1, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley, CA 94708





Bede Griffiths and fellow monk at Saccidananda Ashram, Tamil Nadu, India. Photo from his personal photo album.

NEW DONATIONS TO THE GTU LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Bede Griffiths Collection. Cyprian Consiglio, Camaldolese monk and advisor of the Bede Griffiths Trust, donated two boxes of documents and Griffiths' personal photo album. A British Benedictine monk, Bede Griffiths (Alan Richard Griffiths), 1906-1993 was a prominent figure at several ashrams in South India. The collection is the designated archive for the Bede Griffiths Trust. Materials include original papers, correspondence, photocopies, publications, manuscripts, audiotapes, videotapes and photographs. Finding aid: <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/tf4z09n6zj/>

Starhawk Collection. Starhawk recently donated 10 boxes of rare journals, newsletters and periodicals on spirituality. Starhawk (1951 -) is a pioneer in and advocate of the revival of earth-based spirituality and Goddess religion; a peace and justice activist; and a veteran and continued organizer in progressive movements, committed to bringing the techniques and creative power of spirituality to political activism. Finding aid: <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/>

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Bishop Roy Sano. Roy Sano, Professor Emeritus at Pacific School of Religion and a United Methodist Bishop, donated a large collection of books to the library. While most of the books will go into our annual book sale, about 10 boxes of rare Asian American books, pamphlets and materials will be added to our special collections. This is a significant addition to our resources on Asian American culture and religion, as well as about the Pacific Islands. Finding aid for the Pacific and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies Collection: <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt75804087/>

Special Collections and Archives at the GTU records the American religious experience in the West, religious dialogue, the Christian and wider religious intellectual heritage, and the ministries of the GTU's member schools and centers. For more information go to <http://www.gtuarchives.org/cdm/>

David Stiver

Special Collections Librarian

BERKELEY JOURNAL OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY

The Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology (BJRT) is the GTU's in-house academic journal, and is entering its 3rd volume! It is managed by the GTU doctoral students with peer-reviewers that include the GTU's consortial faculty. The BJRT welcomes its second chief editor, Daniel Mocerri, who will serve from 2016-2017. Students are encouraged to contact Daniel if they are interested in serving on the editorial staff. We need as many people as possible!

The BJRT publishes original, cutting-edge scholarship in all fields represented at the GTU. Students and faculty interested in publishing should be aware that the deadline for all submissions (articles and book reviews) is February 1, 2017. For more information, please visit the BJRT's website at <http://gtu-bjrt.wix.com/bjrt>. Additionally, the regular issue (Vol. 2, No. 1) will be published in the coming weeks.



MODERN LANGUAGE EXAM

The next modern Foreign Language Examination is Wednesday, May 18, 1:00pm to 4:45pm in the Dinner Board Room. Register by May 4 with Wendy Arce, Student Affairs Office Manager, warce@gtu.edu, 649-2400.

DR. JUDITH BERLING SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

On **May 25-26, 2016**, the GTU will be holding a two-day symposium celebrating the scholarship of Dr. Judith Berling and her 29 years of service as a faculty member and administrator with the GTU.

[Register now to attend "Learning as Collaborative Conversation."](#)

Registration is required. To register, go to the [Eventbrite page for the conference](#). All events are free, with the exception of the celebration dinner Wednesday evening. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday free of charge to all registered.

May 25 (Wednesday)

9:00-10:00 Registration, PSR Chapel

10:00- Noon Morning Session, PSR Chapel: Impacts of Theories of Judith Berling

Facilitator:

Jenny Te Paa (Ohaki Consultancy)

Presentation and Reflections by:

Munir Jiwa (Graduate Theological Union)

Devin Zuber (Graduate Theological Union)

Bonnie Howe (Dominican University of California)

Elizabeth Ingenthron (Jewish Voice for Peace)

Sophia Park (Holy Names University)

Emily Wu (Dominican University of California)

12:00-1:30pm Light lunch, Dinner Board Room

1:30-3:30pm Afternoon Session, PSR Chapel: Interreligious and Cross-Cultural Pedagogy

Yik Fai Tam (Hong Kong Baptist University), Educate for Hope: Religious Education in the Post-Umbrella Movement Period in Hong Kong

Courtney Bruntz (Oregon State University), Interreligious Education for Millennial Generation

Reem Jevad (Graduate Theological Union), Reflections on 'Course Design' and 'Islamic Education'

Joanne Doi (Maryknoll Sisters), Teaching and Learning Through the Manzanar Pilgrimage

Julia Prinz (Jesuit School of Theology), Responding

4:00-5:00 [Surjit Singh Lecture](#), PSR Chapel:

Toward a More Perfect Union: The Contribution of Judith Berling to Religious Pluralism in Theological Education

Philip Wickeri (Hong Kong Sheng Kong Hui)

5:30pm Reception, CDSP Refectory

6:30pm Celebration Dinner, CDSP Refectory

DR. JUDITH BERLING SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE, CONTD.

May 26 (Thursday)

9:00-10:00 Check in, Dinner Board Room, Coffee and pastries provided.

10:00- 12:00pm Morning Session, Dinner Board Room: Boundary-Crossing Approaches and Perspectives

Matthew Harr Farris (California State University, Fresno), Some Considerations of Interdisciplinary Studies as “Spiritual Exercises”

Kang Hack Lee (Torch Trinity Graduate University, South Korea), Lee Sejong’s Spirituality

Damayanthi Niles (Eden Theological Seminary), Christian Theological Doctrine with an Eye towards Pluralism

John Thompson (Christopher Newport University), Master Journey(wo)man: Judith Berling’s Dao of “Free and Happy Wandering”

Norris Palmer (St. Mary’s College of California), Binocularly, Perspecacity, and Interstitiality: Terra Firma Amidst the Ice Floe

Arthur Holder (Graduate Theological Union), Responding

12:00-12:30pm Closing Remark, Dinner Board Room

Fumitaka Matsuoka (Robert Gordon Sproul Professor of Theology Emeritus at Pacific School of Religion)

WHERE TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES:

Member School	Date	Time	Location
GTU	Thursday, May 12, 2016	4:00 PM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
SKSM	Thursday, May 19, 2016	7:30 PM	First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, 1187 Franklin St, San Francisco, CA 94109
CDSP	Friday, May 20, 2016	10:30 AM	PSR Chapel
SFTS	Saturday, May 21, 2016	9:30 AM	SFTS, 105 Seminary Road, Bouick Field which is located right at the entrance to the Seminary.
PLTS	Saturday, May 21, 2016	11:00 AM	PLTS Chapel of the Cross
DSPT	Saturday, May 21, 2016	1:00 PM	Second Church of Christ Scientist, 1521 Spruce St., Berkeley-Procession begins at DSPT
ABSW	Saturday, May 21, 2016	2:00 PM	First Baptist Oakland, Telegraph at 22 nd
JST-SCU	Saturday, May 21, 2016	3:00 PM	PSR Chapel
PSR	Sunday, May 22, 2016	4:00 PM	First Congregational Church of Berkeley

FALL 2015 AND SPRING 2016 GRADUATES

Doctor of Philosophy:

Richetta Najuma Amen

The Lukan Parable of the Great Supper: A Womanist Socio-Historical Reading of Slavery and Resistance Using the Amended Parable Theory of Octavia E. Butler

Biblical Studies

Eugene Eung-Chun Park
(Coordinator)

Wendy Monique Arce

Reel Negotiations: Exploring the Relationship between Film, Religion and Sexuality in the Latino Community

Interdisciplinary Studies

Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J.
(Coordinator)

Lalnunzira Bungsut

Purity and Group Identity in the Book of Ezekiel

Biblical Studies

Gina-Hens Piazza (Coordinator)

Robert Daren Erisman

Tawhid and Trinity: Developing the Contours of a Muslim and a Christian Understanding of the Unity of God through the Intellectual Intersection of Ibn Sina (Avicenna) and Thomas Aquinas

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Ted F. Peters (Coordinator)

Laurie J. Garrett-Cobbina

Pedagogy of Possibility and Pastoral Care of Promise: A Critical Pedagogy of Care for African American Women in Higher Education

Interdisciplinary Studies

Boyung Lee (Coordinator)

Lauren Frances Guerra

Beautified by the Spirit: Community Murals as a Liberative Source for Constructive Pneumatology

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Jay Emerson Johnson
(Coordinator)

Jeffrey Howard Hoffmeyer

Saved by Beauty: The Saving Enactment of the Triune God's Kenotic Beauty in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, According to Hans Urs von Balthasar

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Gregory Anderson Love
(Coordinator)

Milutin Janjic

Leningrad's Religious-Philosophical Seminar: A Place of Encounter Between Text and Mission

Interdisciplinary Studies

John Klentos (Coordinator)

Wanjoong Kim

The Word Beyond Words: An Interreligious Study of the Nature of Language in the Christology of Cyril of Alexandria from the Prasaughika Madhyamaka Perspective

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Thomas Cattoi (Coordinator)

Carmen Rae Lansdowne

Bearing Witness: Wearing a Broken Indigene Heart on the Sleeve of the Missio Dei

Interdisciplinary Studies

Philip L. Wickeri (Coordinator)
Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J.



Jong-Tae Lee

"Into the Region of Awe:" C.S. Lewis, Wonder, and the Re-Enchantment of the World

Christian Spirituality

Arthur G. Holder (Coordinator)

Austin Leininger

Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Holy Sex: A Sacramental Approach to Sexual Ethics

Ethics and Social Theory

Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Kathryn Moles

Progressive Religious Communities as a Practical Alternative to U.S. Public Schools for Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Ethics and Social Theory

Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

Braden Molhoek

Reinhold Niebuhr's Theological Anthropology in Light of Evolutionary Biology: Science Shaping Anthropology Shaping Ethics

Ethics and Social Theory

Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Sheri Marie Prud'homme

Gleam of the Infinite Majesty: The Interplay of Manifest Destiny and Ecotheology in Thomas Starr King's Construction of Yosemite as Sacred Text

Interdisciplinary Studies

Ibrahim Abdurrahman Farajajé
(Coordinator)

Seumaninoa Puaina

Beyond Universalism: Unraveling the Anonymous Minor Characters in Matthew 15:21-28

Biblical Studies

Gina Hens-Piazza (Coordinator)

Oliver Putz

God's Self-Communication in an Evolving World: Evolution, Self, and Transcending Being

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Robert J. Russell (Coordinator)

Alan Mark Shore

Arena of Protest: The Staging of Jewish-Christian Discourse at Madison Square Garden in the Nazi Era

History

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest (Coordinator)

Naomi Sheindel Seidman

Benjamin Su

An Intimate Liberation: Finding Language for Latin American Liberation Theology

Interdisciplinary Studies

Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Coordinator)

Mariusz Robert Tabaczek, O.P.

Emergence and Divine Action: Exploring the Dispositional View of Causation as a New Philosophical Foundation

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Michael J. Dodds, O.P. (Coordinator)

Pui Fong Wong

From Solitude to Solidarity: A Neo-Confucian Appropriation of Centering Prayer in the Transformation of Self

Christian Spirituality

Arthur G. Holder (Coordinator)

Wai-Yin Christina Wong

Women's Work for Women: Chinese Christian Women and Western Missionaries in Canton, South China

Interdisciplinary Studies

Philip L. Wickeri (Coordinator)

Beringia Zen

Shame to Hospitality: A Post-Holocaust Biblical Hermeneutic

Christian Spirituality

Barbara Green, O.P. (Coordinator)

Doctor of Theology:**Wandahilin Kharlukhi**

East-West Cultural Synthesis: Toward a Cosmic-Pneumatic Christology for Indigenous Khasi Christianity of Northeast India

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Marion Grau (Coordinator)

John Barry King, Jr.

The One, the Many, and the Philosophy of Science: A Comparison of Trinitarian and Buddhist Epistemologies

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Ted F. Peters (Coordinator)

Master of Arts:**Ineda P. Adesanya**

The Necessity of Spiritual Care for American Protestant Clergy: Living and Serving via the Fruits of God's Grace

San Francisco Theological Seminary

R. Scott Sullender (Coordinator)

Staci Rachel Akselrod

Shifting Identities: How American Jews Learned to Perform Gender

Center for Jewish Studies

Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Coordinator)

Murat Bilici

The Role of Islam in Kurdish Cultural Identity in America

Center for Islamic Studies

Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Thomas Ross Calobrisi

On Mindful Civil Religion: A Study of the Rhetoric of the Mindfulness Movement in the United States

Institute of Buddhist Studies

WITH HONORS

Scott A. Mitchell (Coordinator)

Mercedes Anne Cary

Love and Pragmatism: A Study of Religious and Social Marriage Trends in India and the United States

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University

Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

Sandra Chavez

U.S. Hispanic/Latino Theology and Immigration

Graduate Theological Union

Eugene Ludwig, O.F.M. Cap (Coordinator)



FALL 2015 AND SPRING 2016 GRADUATES, CONTINUED

Masters of Arts:

Kevin Patrick Creamer

That All Might Be Subjects: The Narrative-Practical Character of Subjectivity as Living the Question in the Writing of J.B. Metz and Viktor Frankl

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
WITH HONORS

George Griener, S.J.
(Coordinator)

Sarah Rose Ebster

Structure, Ritual and Orthodoxy: A Comparative Study of Differing Perspectives in the Valentinian Corpus and the Writings of Adi Śaṅkarācārya

Śaṅkarācārya

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

Joseph A. Glick

Interreligious Textual Parallels and the Construction of Religious Difference

Center for Jewish Studies
WITH HONORS
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)

Huntley Vaughn Hoffman II

Critical Boredom

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

Todd Jordan

Non-Narrative and Narrative in Pastoral Care

Institute of Buddhist Studies
Daijaku Judith Kinst
(Coordinator)

Maureen Elisa Kennedy

Stewardship for Familiar Strangers: The Language of Personhood and Its Impact on Medical Decision-Making for Individuals With Alzheimer's Disease

San Francisco Theological Seminary
Gregory Anderson Love
(Coordinator)

Ahmed M. Khater

A Theoretical Study of Classical Islamic Jurisprudence: The Application of Marjūh Legal Opinions

Center for Islamic Studies
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Joanne Laurence

Healing Through Death: Integrating Hospice Chaplaincy with Buddhist Healing Principles

Institute of Buddhist Studies
Daijaku Judith Kinst
(Coordinator)

Andrew K. Lee

Brendan's Nameless Monks: A Spiritual Reading of the Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis

San Francisco Theological Seminary
WITH HONORS
Elizabeth Liebert, S.N.J.M.
(Coordinator)

Cara Nicole Levin

A Sign Upon Your Hand

Center for Jewish Studies
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)
Naomi Sheindel Seidman



Noah Adrien Lyons

"Prism, Mirror, Lens": Negotiating Religion, Apocalypse, and Science Fiction in Samuel R. Delany's Dhalgren

Pacific School of Religion
WITH HONORS
Devin P. Zuber (Coordinator)

Sara Elizabeth Ortiz

An Exploration of Luke 8:26-39

San Francisco Theological Seminary
Annette Weissenrieder
(Coordinator)

Sammy Aziz Rahmatti

Understanding and Countering Islamophobia

Center for Islamic Studies
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Austin Rauhuff

Participation in God: A Comparative Consideration of the Forensic and Effective Aspects of Justification in the New Interpretation of Martin Luther and John Calvin

San Francisco Theological Seminary
Christopher Ocker (Coordinator)

Martin Danner Rawlings-Fein

Beyond David and Jonathan: Bisexual Representation in the Tanakh

Center for Jewish Studies
Naomi Sheindel Seidman
(Coordinator)

Jeffrey Austin Salzwedel

Okakura Kakuzō and the Religion of Teism: Ecotonal Narratives of Art and Nature in The Book of Tea

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University

WITH HONORS

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