Santa Clara University
Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries

Connections

Fall Quarter Celebration

Join the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries for an

End of the Fall Quarter Celebration!

We'll celebrate with Eucharist and a Potluck on

Wednesday, December 5

Mass is at 6pm in the St. Francis Chapel
(located behind Mission Church)

Reception will follow in the Religious Studies Lounge
(located on the 3rd floor of Kenna Hall)

The Reception is a potluck so we need your help to make it a success. Would you be willing to bring an item to share? We're looking for appetizers, desserts or anything that you would like to provide. The GPPM will provide the drinks.

Please contact Lourdes Alonso at lalonso@scu.edu to RSVP and let us know if you can provide an item to share.

December 2012

Bannan Institute Lecture Series on Sacred Texts in the Public Sphere Winter Quarter, 2013

Sacred Dialogue: Interpreting and Embodying Sacred Texts across Traditions

The following lectures and events will explore the public significance of sacred texts from diverse contexts and traditions. The winter series will take place in the St. Claire Room, Library and Learning Commons from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

January 22, 2013

Michael Fishbane

University of Chicago, Divinity School

Dialoguing with Hebrew Scriptures

"Many Senses of Scripture: Textual, Dialogue and Spiritual Practice"

February 5, 2013

Ravi M. Gupta

College of William and Mary

Dialoguing with Hindu and Buddhist Texts

"Creation and Chaos in Hindu Sacred Texts"

February 28, 2013

David Gray

Santa Clara University

Dialoguing with Hindu and Buddhist Texts

"Contested Origins: The Hindu Hymn of the Person, the Origin of the Caste System, and the Buddhist Responses"

February 12, 2013

Eric Hollas, O.S.B.

St. John's University

Dialoguing with Christian Scriptures

"Text and Pen: The Legacy of Biblical Art and *The Saint John's Bible*"

March 7, 2013

Amy-Jill Levine

Vanderbilt University

Dialoguing with Christian Scriptures

"Pearls, Prodigals, and Samaritans: Jesus' Parables as Jewish Stories"

February 20, 2013

Ingrid Mattson

Huron University College, University of Western Ontario

Dialoguing with the Qur'an

"Sacred Dialogues Across the Qur'an"

March 14, 2013

Michael Perry

Emory University School of Law

Dialoguing with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

"The Universal Declaration as Sacred Text: Reflections on the Religion of Human Rights"

Included in the Winter Quarter 2013 Bannan Institute Lecture Series, Sacred Pixels: **Exploring Sacred Text in Digitally Integrated Cuture.**

Curated by **Elizabeth Drescher** and **Paul Soukup, S.J.**, SCU

Benson Memorial Center, Williman Room

Engaging Digital Spirituality
January 23, 2013
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Heidi Campbell, Texas A&M University, and **Lisa Webster,** senior editor, *Religion Dispatches*

Sacred Games
January 30, 2013
noon to 1:30 p.m.
Rachel Wagner, Ithica College, and **Sean O'Callaghan**, Regina University

The Digital Canon and Distributed Faith
February 13. 2013
4-5:30 p.m.
Alex Pang, Stanford Uiversity, and **Rev. Kimberly Knight**, pastor, Koinonia Church of Second Life

Director's Update

The start of Advent is always a time of retrospect and forward vision, the turn of the Church's great liturgical year and the start of something 'ever ancient, ever new,' as Augustine put it.

Clearly, this tenor also rings true for the end of an academic quarter and as I look over my shoulder as well as ahead, the spirit is one of gratitude. We began this new academic year with 19 new students to the Program, 13 of whom are enrolled for the MA in Pastoral Ministries. We were also graced by the presence of two new instructors, Dr. Deborah Ross and Dr. John Mabry, both of whom made great impressions on GPPM students. Fr. Fran Smith taught a much-loved course in Christology, Fr. Mick McCarthy built a marvelous bridge between theological studies and the 'public sphere' with his new course out of the Bannan Institute and Fr. Ricky Manalo taught GPPM's first course in San Francisco. GPPM instructors, Elizabeth Drescher and Kern Trembath labored over new online offerings for GPPM that will appear in the near future as hybrid courses, combining on-site gatherings with online exercises.

The future looks equally promising with new students coming our way from the diaconate formation program in the Monterey Diocese under the tutelage of GPPM instructor, Dr. Bill Ditewig. We'll also have Winter and Spring quarter courses that combine new offerings with more frequently-scheduled foundation courses.

So, my thanks to all of you, GPPM students, faculty, staff, and alumni for continued support of the Program and its vital mission to the university and the Church. Special thanks to Saralynn Ferrara who keeps everything going, Lynne Lukenbill who's assisted Saralynn for a good part of the fall, to Terry Jelley who has devoted time and talent to this Newsletter, to Lourdes Alonzo for being a talented organizer for student events, Jeffrey Ramos, our undergraduate student help and Fr. Mark Francis for his cordial and wise presence in the offices while on sabbatical.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the GPPM Eucharist and potluck this coming December 5 and, beyond that, wish you all a deeply joyful Christmas and promising New Year!

Bill Dohar
Director

Introducing Dr. Deborah Ross

Deborah Ross is a new instructor in GPPM and has just finished teaching 'Practical Theology' in the Program.

Dr. Ross has worked in various pastoral ministry and academic research roles, and coordinated projects addressing evangelization and mission in the Church. She is a co-author of *Talking About God in Practice: Theological Action Research and Practical Theology*, and author of a new introduction for *Image and Pilgrimage in Christian Culture* by Victor and Edith Turner.

Dr. Ross has a PhD in theology and MTh in pastoral theologyfrom Heythrop College, the Jesuit College of the University of London. Her PhD research focused upon the spiritual transformation of adults who participated in the RCIA faith-formation process. Dr. Ross' undergraduate studies were in theology, religious studies, and English at St. Mary's University College, Twickenham, London.

Dr. Ross is delighted to be assisting practical theology students in reflecting upon their individual experiences of ministry, and appreciates Santa Clara University's Jesuit values and emphasis on educating the whole person.

Ignatian Retreat

There are still some spots available for the upcoming Ignatian Retreat!

Santa Clara University's Ignatian Retreat is a five-day version of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. This dynamic experience features silence and a diversity of prayer practices in a residential setting. Each day will include confidential, individual meetings with a retreat director, more formal presentations made to the group, meals, daily liturgies, and group prayer. The retreat will be held at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, December 9-14, 2012.

Spaces for the Ignatian Retreat are privileged for students, though SCU Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are welcome to participate on a space-available basis. Spots for students can be reserved by submitting the form below AND a $150 payment in Campus Ministry (cash, check made payable to "SCU Campus Ministry," or flex).

If you plan to attend this retreat, please register at the following link or contact me with any questions.

http://scu.edu/cm/getinvolved/ignatian.cfm

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On behalf of the GPPM faculty and staff we wish everyone a

Merry Christmas & Many Blessings druing the holiday season!

ARD/AAC applications are now available for the 2013-2014 academic year. Thank you for your help in spreading the word to any graduate students you may be interested in applying.

The descriptions for both positions and the application can be found at scu.edu/residencelife. Applications are due by 4 pm on Tuesday, January 8th.

Thank you!

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2012-2013 Courses

Winter 2013

Classes begin the week of January 7

Classes end the week of March 22

Course Schedule:

Day Course Professor Room	Time Title	Location
Monday PMIN: 283 Hebrew Bible in Cultural Context J. David Pleins	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Kenna 111
Tuesday SPIR 241: The Scriptures and Spirituality John Mabry	6:00 - 9:30 pm	Kenna 214
Wednesday PMIN 204: The Church Fred Parrella	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Kenna 218
Thursday PMIN 287: Issues in Moral Theology Kristin Heyer	3:40-6:40 pm	Varsi 214

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