

News from the Chair

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Seminar on Theological Interpretation of Scripture Holds Inaugural Event

The Marquette Scripture Project (MSP), a new co-curricular seminar jointly instituted by faculty and graduate students of the Department of Theology, held its first major event, "What is Theological Interpretation of Scripture? A Conversation Across Disciplinary Boundaries," Oct. 2, 2008. Professors Steve Long of Systematic Theology, Mickey Mattox of Historical Theology, and Rodrigo Morales of Biblical Theology each briefly addressed the question from their respective fields, after which ensued a stimulating and productive conversation among the forty-plus attendees. The MSP was begun in August 2008 in order to address the long-standing gulf between the fields of systematic theology and biblical studies in response to the Second Vatican Council's affirmation of Scripture as the "soul of sacred theology." The group has planned a number of events and programs to foster conversation between biblical scholars and theologians in order to restore Scripture to a prominent place in the theological enterprise and to encourage biblical scholars to put their work toward the service of theology and the church. Among the current and planned activities of the MSP are a reading group discussing Henri de Lubac's *Medieval Exegesis*, a lunch series on how various theologians use Scripture in their work, and a website providing resources for those interested in the theological interpretation of Scripture. The MSP has already received publicity in a column by John Allen, Jr. on the Synod of Bishops on the Word of God (<http://www.ncrcafe.org/node/2191>), citing Rev. Bryan Massingale's comments confirming the importance of the project's work and goals. Fr. Massingale is President of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

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Theology Faculty Engage in Ecumenical Dialogue

In September, Dr. Therese Lysaught joined the newest round of the Anglican Catholic Theological Consultation in the U.S. Over the next four years, ARC-USA will be exploring points of agreement and disagreement on ecclesiology and moral issues.

October 8-12 Dr. Susan Wood, SCL participated in the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue as one of the drafters for a statement on eschatology. The topic of Round XI is "Hope of Eternal Life," and addresses such issues as purgatory, prayer for the dead, and the communion of saints.

Dr. Ralph Del Colle met in St. Paul, MN with the Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue October 17-19. He is a drafter for the dialogue, which is finishing a document on the doctrine of atonement. Del Colle is also the co-chair of the Catholic-United Methodist Dialogue sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This dialogue met October 15 at the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners to discuss the United Methodist Understanding of Eucharist.

Dr. Susan Wood, SCL met in Montreal October 23-25 with the North American-Catholic Theological Consultation to continue discussions on papal primacy. Wood presented "Response to the Ravenna Document."

Drs. Lysaught, Del Colle and Wood participate in ecumenical dialogues.

Dr. Patrick Carey Lectures in China

Dr. Patrick Carey gave a series of lectures on American Catholic Social Thought at Peking University, Beijing, China October 25 to November 6, 2008, and presented an invited paper, "The Catholic Church and Interreligious Dialogue in the USA," at the Beijing Forum (7-10 November 2008), a symposium of international scholars focusing on world-wide peace, harmony, and prosperity. The Forum is sponsored by Peking University and the Chinese Government.

Faculty Speak...

Dr. Stephen Long: "The Truth About Mary: Bridging the Analytic and Continental Divide," Oct. 24th, Catholic University; "Metaphysics and the Principle of Economy," with Douglas Meeks and Kathryn Tanner, American Academy of Religion, Nov. 3, 2008; "John Wesley and the Ten Commandments," "Reading the Decalogue Through the Centuries Conference" Wheaton College, Il., Nov. 7' 2008.

Rev. Bryan Massingale: "Religion, Race and Politics," Oct. 21, Weasler Auditorium.

Fr. Philip Rossi: "Sustaining Civil Discourse" Panel on "The Role of Religion in a Just and Sustainable World," Global Ethics and Religion Forum, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2008.

Dr. Jame Schaefer: "Subsidiarity, Solidarity, and A Positive Model of the Human Person—Promising Theological Constructs for Addressing Anthropogenically Forced Climate Change," Response to Archbishop Celestine Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Delegate of the Holy See to the United Nations, Xavier University, Cincinnati OH, Oct. 26, 2008.

Fr.. David Schultenover, S.J. "GC35: Partnership in Global Mission," lecture to JAAZ (Jesuit Alumni of Arizona), Phoenix, Oct. 12, 2008.

Dr. Susan Wood, SCL: Panel on "Response to *Canonical Theism*," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Nov. 3, 2008.

*Inaugural lecture of
Theotokos Lecture
Series November 16*

Rev. Brian Daley, S.J.

*"Woman of Many
Names: Mary in
Eastern and Western
Theology"*

*2:00 Weasler
Auditorium*

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 6 | Meeting with Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Raynor Conference Center, 3:30-5:00 |
| Nov. 13 | Luther Studies in a Catholic Context Lecture, Dr. Mickey Mattox, "Clavis Scripturae Sacrae: Experience of the Holy Trinity in Martin Luther's Interpretation of the Old Testament" |
| Nov. 16 | Theotokos Lecture, Rev. Brian Daley, S.J. 'Woman of Many Names': Mary in Eastern and Western Theology." 2:00 Weasler Auditorium |
| Nov. 20 | Departmental Meeting, AMU 227 |
| Nov. 26-30 | Thanksgiving Holiday |

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Rev. Robert Doran: "Being in Love with God: A Source of Analogies for Theological Understanding," *Irish Theological Quarterly* 73 (2008) 227-42; "Envisioning a Systematic Theology," *Loneragan Workshop*, 20 (2008)105-26.

Dr. Jame Schaefer: "Valuing Earth Intrinsically and Instrumentally: A Theological Framework for Environmental Ethics," trans. into Japanese by Yuichi Tsunoda, S.J., *Shingaku Digest* 104.2 (2008): 90-110.; "Appreciating the Beauty of Earth," trans. into Chinese by Tu Zhijin, *Nanjing Theological Review* 76.3 (2008): 145-84; *Theological Foundations for Environmental Ethics: Reconstructing Patristic and Medieval Concepts*, forthcoming from Georgetown University Press in May 2009.