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CELEBRATING THE GTU'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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Throughout this academic year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Graduate Theological Union. Whether you call it our “semicentennial” or our “quincuagenary” or our “Golden Jubilee,” it is a major milestone—and a great excuse to party!

This remarkable consortium of schools, centers, and affiliates has given us a lot.

We are blessed with the best theological library in the western United States, the largest Religious Studies doctoral program in North America, and a world-renowned model of ecumenical and interreligious cooperation.

But that’s not all. For fifty years now, students in the GTU and our nine member schools have been learning together about religious difference. GTU students have the opportunity to study with Christians of many different denominations, with Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists, and many others—not only from this country but from all over the world.

Students at the GTU learn to recognize difference, and then to respect difference,

and finally to appreciate difference as a positive good. I don’t mean to imply that this is always easy or pleasant. Our differences are real, and often deep. Understanding is elusive, and not without struggle. Sometimes the hardest part is finding out that the traditions we love and cherish, even the communities that have nourished us in faith, have been for others the cause of pain or fear.

Our religious histories are inextricably intertwined in ways that are at once fascinating and fraught with tension. But here at the GTU we can study our different traditions together with candor and trust. We are all in this together, and together we are far better than we could ever be alone.

GTU WELCOME RECEPTION – ALL ARE INVITED

The GTU Dean’s Office invites all members of the GTU Consortial Community to a **Welcome Reception on Wednesday, September 19th, 3:30pm in Denniston Commons**

located on CDSP campus adjacent to the CDSP courtyard. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, especially new faculty members who will be introduced to the GTU community. If

you have questions or need additional information, contact Angela Muñoz, GTU Dean’s Office at amu-noz@gtu.edu or 510/649-2440.

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Dr. Joy Ladin

AN AFTERNOON WITH JOY LADIN: OCT 3, 12PM

Hosted by the Center for Jewish Studies and co-sponsored by Women's studies in Religion and Starr King School of Ministry, join us on **Wednesday, October 23 at 12:00pm for an Afternoon with Joy Ladin.**

Dr. Joy Ladin is a professor of English and holds the David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in English at Stern College of Yeshiva University. She received her Ph.D. at Princeton, M.F.A. in creative writ-

ing from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College. Dr. Ladin was a finalist for the 2009 Lambda Literary Award. She has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize for Poetry and received an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship. She was also a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Ladin is the author of five books of poetry, *Coming to Life* (2010), *Psalms* (2010), *Transmigra-*

tion (2009), *The Book of Anna* (2006), and *Alternatives to History* (2003), as well as a critical study, *Sol-dering the Abyss: Emily Dickenson and Modern American Poetry* (2010). Her poems and essays have been widely published.



Dr. Father Ioan Sauca

BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH DR. FATHER IOAN SAUCA: SEPT 24, 12:30PM

The GTU President's and Dean's Offices invite you to a brown bag luncheon discussion to hear about the work of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey near Geneva, Switzerland, a program of the World Council of Churches.

**Monday, September 24th, 2012, 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Dinner Boardroom** (3rd floor, GTU Library).

The director of the Ecumenical Institute, Professor Dr. Father Ioan Sauca, will present on the future of ecumenical formation and why it

is still vitally important in the world today. There will be Q&A session.

From the Orthodox Church in Romania, Dr. Sauca first joined the World Council of Churches (WCC) as Executive Secretary for Orthodox Studies and Relationship in Mission in 1994. In 1998 he was appointed as the Professor of Missiology and Systematic/Ecumenical Theology at the WCC Ecumenical Institute in Bossey which is attached to the University of Geneva, Switzerland. He has

been serving as the Institute's Director since 2001.

Since 1946, Bossey has been fulfilling its mission of ecumenical theological formation and education. More can be found at www.bossey.ch.

Drinks and dessert provided by the GTU President's Office.

For more information contact Angela Muñoz (amuñoz@gtu.edu) in the GTU Dean's Office.



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE WORKSHOP: OCT 4, 12:30PM

Applying to Doctoral Programs? Writing the Academic Statement of Purpose is a workshop designed for you. Join GTU Dean Arthur Holder and faculty panelists in a discussion of the aca-

demically statement of purpose, the essence of the application for admission to a doctoral program. The panel will provide key suggestions for crafting this important "little" document. **Thursday, Oc-**

tober 4, 12:30-2, Dinner Board Room, GTU Library. Contact GTU Admissions to reserve a spot, gtuadm@gtu.edu, 510-649-2460.

WSR EVENTS: WELCOME RECEPTION, ROUND TABLE AND CAFÉ SERIES

WELCOME RECEPTION**Wednesday, September 19th****5:30-6:30 pm****In the Bade Museum at PSR**

Come, have some food and meet faculty & students that are interested in womens studies. This is a family friendly event, so please bring your children. Women's studies isn't just for women- so men interested please come!

WSR hosts a Round table with Dr. Daijaku Kinst Friday, September 21st Dinner Boardroom 10-

11:30am

Rev. Daijaku Judith Kinst, Ph.D., ordained in the Soto Zen tradition in 1988 and is a dharma successor in the lineage of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi. This round table will allow students interested in the "Domestic Dharma" conference an opportunity to discuss some of the issues involved in current research relating to women and Buddhism. Pastries and coffee will be served. (2 units).

Wsr Cafe Series: Dr. Darleen Pryds "Women Preachers & Leaders: The roman

catholic tradition that gets overlooked" Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 10:30 am at Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Darleen Pryds is professor of Spirituality and History at the Franciscan School of Theology. Dr. Pryds will explore traditional models of female leadership in the Roman Catholic tradition especially in the Franciscan tradition. Copies of her book, *Women of the Streets* will be for sale at a reduced rate of \$10.

Please join us for an informal conversation about her past and present work. (2 units)



OCTOBER 3, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M. IS THE DEADLINE TO FILE COMPLETED AND APPROVED COPIES OF THESE AND DISSERTATIONS OR CERTIFICATION OF ORAL EXAMINATIONS FORMS FOR MABL CANDIDATES FOR GTU APPROVAL OF DEGREE ON OCTOBER 19, 2012. THIS IS ALSO THE DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATE REQUESTS FOR CJS AND CIS CERTIFICATE STUDENTS.

COLOSSAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE: OCT 1, 10AM-3PM

The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union invites you to a Colossal Library Book Sale!

Monday, October 1, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

Choose from a large selection of paperback and hardback books

Most Hardbacks: \$2.00!
Most Paperbacks: \$1.00!

Come early for best selection. (In case of rain, the sale will be rescheduled.)

Light refreshments will be served.

ASKING ABOUT WHAT IS BETTER: INTERSEX, DISABILITY, AND INAUGURATED ESCHATOLOGY, SEPT 11, 5:30PM

CLGS Third Annual Harkness Lecture: Asking About What Is Better: Intersex, Disability, and Inaugurated Eschatology 11 September, 5:30pm Reception, 6:30pm Lecture, Pacific School of Religion Chapel

Susannah Cornwall is a Post-doctoral Research Associate

with the Lincoln Theological Institute, Department of Religions and Theology, University of Manchester, UK. Her current research focuses on interactions between intersex and faith identity via empirical research with intersex Christians in Britain, and the implications for theological policy, pastoral care and healthcare chaplaincy. Dr

Cornwall received her PhD in Theology from the University of Exeter, UK, and is the author of *Sex and Uncertainty in the Body of Christ: Intersex Conditions and Christian Theology* (Equinox, 2010) and *Controversies in Queer Theology* (SCM Press, 2011).



Dr. Susannah Cornwall

IMAGING RELIGION: OCT 1 THROUGH JAN 30

Imaging Religion

An Exhibit in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Graduate Theological Union

October 1, 2012 through January 30, 2013

The Graduate Theological Union invites you to an exhibition of icons, paintings,

calligraphy and other works of art representing different religious traditions. The

exhibit celebrates the 50th anniversary of the founding of GTU. **A blessing and celebration of the library's collection will take place on Monday, October 8 from noon to 1:30 pm at 2400 Ridge Road, Berke-**

ley, California. GTU Dean Arthur Holder will be the master of ceremonies. Participants will include representatives from the member schools, centers and affiliates.

The exhibition is supported in part by a grant from the

American Theological Library Association.

THE GTU MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAM WILL BE OFFERED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M. IN THE DINNER BOARD ROOM IN THE GTU LIBRARY. THE EXAM WILL BE OFFERED IN FRENCH, GERMAN, AND SPANISH, AND IN ITALIAN AND MODERN HEBREW IF THERE IS INTEREST. STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT GLORIA MOTLEY, GTU ACADEMIC SECRETARY, WELL IN ADVANCE IF THEY WISH TO BE EXAMINED IN AN ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE; IN THESE CASES, WE WILL NEED TO STUDENT'S HELP TO SECURE THE EXAMINER. PLEASE REGISTER WITH FREDONIA THOMPSON, GTU RECEPTIONIST AND OFFICE MANAGER (649-2400; ETHOMPSON@GTU.EDU) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 12, 2012.

GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT CYCLE #1 DEADLINE: SEPT 17, 2012

Mark your calendar! The first cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Monday, September 17, 2012 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 before January 31, 2013 are eligible to apply for the first cycle. Additionally, the GTU Student Travel Grant Application form must accompany supporting materials (proof of acceptance to con-

ferences and paper précis). It is available through the GTU Dean's Office and the GTU webpage. For more information, please consult the 2011 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 77), call the GTU Dean's Office (649.2440), or email amunoz@gtu.edu.

CHAN PRIZE COMPETITION DEADLINE: SEPT. 17, 2012

Students interested in submitting papers for the Fall 2012 Chan Prize in Religion and Economics Essay contest must do so by Monday, September 17, 2012 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

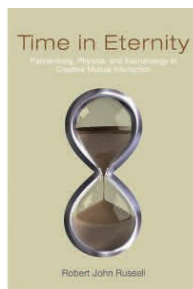
the topic of "Religion and Economics." For more detail on the criteria of the essay competition, please see the 2012 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 76) —there is no application form.

TIME IN ETERNITY BOOK REALEASE CELEBRATION: SEPT 14, 2:30PM

On Friday, September 14th the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences will celebrate the release of Robert John Russell's new book *Time in Eternity* in the Dinner Board Room (third floor of the

GTU library) at 2:30pm. There will be responses by William Stoeger, S.J., Lou Ann Trost, and Oliver Putz in addition to author Robert J. Russell. This will also serve as a recognition of the Center

for Theology and the Natural Sciences' 30th Anniversary and completion of the Ian G. Barbour Chair in Theology and Science. Reception to follow.



DOMESTIC DHARMA: SEPT 22, 9:00AM– 5:30PM

September 22, 2012
9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Domestic Dharma Symposium
The Institute of Buddhist Studies Numata Symposium:
Domestic Dharma, Beyond Texts, Beyond Monasteries
Jodo Shinshu Center
2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA.

Lay Buddhist practices are increasingly recognized as a distinct tradition, existing outside the definitions of Buddhism provided by the textual tradition and by monastic models. The 2012 IBS Numata Symposium will focus on the practice of Buddhism in the household—the

Dharma in its domestic setting. Keynote addresses will be given by Paula Arai and Lisa Grumbach. Other speakers will include Daijaku Judith Kinst and Scott Mitchell.

Schedule:

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

9:15 AM Prof. Paula Arai Keynote Address *Cleaning Cloths, Poetry, and Personal Buddhas: Laywomen's Healing Practices in Contemporary Japan*

10:00 AM Response/Q&A

10:30 AM Prof. Lisa Grumbach Keynote Address *Nuns at Home, Nuns as Home-builders: Rethinking Ordination and Family in Medieval*

Japan

11:15 AM Response/Q&A

12:00 Noon Lunch (on your own)

1:30 PM Prof. Daijaku Kinst and Prof. Scott Mitchell Presentations and Discussion: *Contemporary Home Based Practices in Zen and Jodo Shin Communities*

2:30 PM Discussion/Q&A

3:00 PM Wisdom Circles/ Small Group Discussion

4:45 PM Summaries and Concluding Comments

For more information and to RSVP please visit: <http://www.shin-ibs.edu/domestic>



THE GTU STUDENT LOUNGE RETURNS TO THE LECONTE BUILDING! CDSP NEEDED TO RECLAIM DENNISTON COMMONS FOR THEIR OWN USE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO WE HAVE MOVD OUR FURNITURE BACK TO THE FIRST FLOOR OF LECONTE AND RE-OPENED THE GTU LOUNGE FOR STUDENT USE BEGINNING AT THE START OF FALL, 2012. MONTHLY "BAGELS WITH MOE" MAY RETURN! STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES.

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

GTU doctoral candidates and graduates are invited to open a Doctoral Placement Services 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.

NEWHALL APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012

Newhall Awards are competitive awards for GTU doctoral students engaged in collaborative teaching or research with GTU Core Doctoral Faculty mentors in the belief that such collaborative work would contribute to the professional development of the students and the mission of the GTU. Awards are given for fall, spring, or both semesters, but the application process takes

place only in the fall (in order to give faculty and students time to submit courses for next year's Course Schedule). The Newhall Award Application form available on the GTU webpage. (Go to "Students" and scroll down to the "Professional Development" section to find the link.) The form contains all guidelines and criteria the Dean and Core Doctoral Fac-

ulty Awards Committee use to select award recipients. Complete applications are due in the GTU Dean's Office **by 5pm Friday, November 9**; these must come from the student and the professor for a project involving both. Award amounts depend on the number of appointments made, but are generally at least \$3000 per semester.



HONORABLE MENTION

MA STUDENTS

Thesis Successfully Defended

Sarah Nimmo, PSR
Jeremy Curtis, CDSP
Jill Amanda Schaffer, DSPT*

*Approved with Honors

PHD STUDENTS

General Comprehensive Exams Passed

Matthew Crabb, THEO
Wanjoong Kim, THEO
Nathan Bjorge, THEO
Ki Wook Min, THEO
Jenifer Owens, THEO (as allied field)
Seung Hyun Yoo, THEO
Mariusz Tabaczek, THEO
Horacio DaValle, THEO
Lauren Guerra, THEO

Comprehensive Proposal Approved

Peter Doebler, ART
Ku Jung Nam, SPRT
Carl Bear, LITG
Elizabeth Ingenthron, IDS
Elaine Belz, ART
Abdul Hamid Robinson-Royal, CRLG
Jose Balcells, BIBL
Chaitanya Motupalli, ETHC

Oral Comprehensive Exams Passed

Alan Shore, HIST
Jeffrey Hoffmeyer, THEO
Peter Ajer, BIBL

Advanced to Candidacy

Jung Ug Kan, IDS
Kyle Schiefelbein, LIT
Wai-Yin Christina Wong, IDS

Oral Dissertation Successfully Defended

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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.

Library Hours:

Fall 2012 (September 4 - December 14)

- Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 9:00 pm
- Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Saturday, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Reading Week (Oct. 22-26): 8:30 am to 5:00 pm