TRANSITIONS

Dr. Arthur Holder
Academic Dean and
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Academic Affairs

People and institutions are always in transition, but there are times when we are especially conscious of the change that is underway. Surely this is true of the Graduate Theological Union this spring semester! The GTU and several of our member schools are engaged in strategic revisioning processes that challenge us to rethink our missions, structures, and programs from the ground up. Many current students are preparing to graduate, while prospective students are making plans to move to the Bay Area and begin their studies with us. Some faculty and staff are retiring or taking up new positions elsewhere.

On top of those kinds of transitions that happen every year, we have some major changes in leadership at the GTU with the departure of long-time administrators who have guided us through many changes in recent years. Just last week we learned that Jim Donahue, our esteemed President since 2000, will be leaving the GTU on July 1 to become the new President of Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga. We also learned that Maureen Maloney, formerly our Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean Students, has become a Vice President at the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, where she has been serving on an interim basis since last September. Their contributions to our common life and work have been enormous, and they will be missed by all of us who have worked with them.

For my part, the departure of my “boss” and the “fellow GTU dean” with whom I have served for the past eleven years is a bit disorienting, but also an opportunity to remember with gratitude all that I have learned from them. Both Jim and Maureen have been trusted colleagues and friends who have enriched my life and inspired my admiration. I know that many throughout the GTU join me in wishing them well in their new adventures.

We often hear it said that no one is indispensable, and now we have a chance to test the truth of that common assertion! The GTU board is already at work to identify an interim president, and the Dean of Students Office continues to thrive in the capable hands of Kathleen Kook while Katie Hennessey manages the Admissions Office with aplomb even while putting the finishing touches on her dissertation so she can graduate in May.

In the midst of all these transitions, I am reminded of the famous words of the late Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld: “For all that has been—thanks! For all that will be—yes!”
CIS Events

"Islam, Mysticism, and Dominican Life: Serge de Beaurecueil's Praxis Mystica in Dar al-Islam," lecture by Professor Minlib Dalih O.P. Wednesday, April 10, 2013 - 7:30pm
Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology. Part of Encountering Islam: Ministry in the Church and the Dominican Tradition Co-sponsored by CIS and DSPT

Islamophobia: Making Muslims the Enemy
Islam & Authors series at the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California (ICCNC), conversation with author Peter Gottschalk. Saturday, April 13, 2013 - 5:00pm
ICCNC, 1433 Madison Street, Oakland 94612
Tickets: $10 general/$5 students at the door, or available at www.iccnc.org Co-sponsored by the ICCNC and the Center for Islamic Studies (GTU)

Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea "Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea," lecture by Dr. Faisal Devji, Oxford University Monday, April 15, 2013 - 5:00pm
Dinner Boardroom, GTU Library
4th Annual International Conference on the Study of Islamophobia Friday, April 19, 2013 (All day) to Saturday, April 20, 2013 (All day)
UC Berkeley Booth Auditorium, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Law) Sponsored by the Islamophobia Research and Documentation Project of the Center for Race and Gender at UC Berkeley; co-sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies

Ibn 'Arabi and Rumi Symposium
Keynote: "Being Fully Human", Dr. William Chittick Friday, May 3, 2013 (All day) to Saturday, May 4, 2013 (All day)
Location: TBA
Co-sponsored by the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Center for Islamic Studies, and the Ibn 'Arabi Society

Reading the Qur'an Workshop
Sunday, May 5, 2013 - 12:00pm-6:00pm
Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology Co-sponsored by Zaytuna College, the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, and the Center for Islamic Studies

Guards

GTU Commencement
The GTU Commencement is May 9 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 Acting Dean of Students, kkook@gtu.edu, 510-649-2464 for information.

STUDYING DREAMS, RELIGION, AND THEOLOGY IN THE ERA OF "BIG DATA": APRIL 3, 1:30 P.M.

Please join us Wednesday, April 3, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., in CDSP 113 (Shires Hall) for a very special conversation:

Studying dreams, Religion, and Theology in the era of "big data": How might New Database Technologies aid our Research and Healing Praxis? With honored guest: Kelly Bulkeley

Kelly Bulkeley, Ph.D. is a Visiting Scholar at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. A former President of the International Association for the Study of Dreams and Senior Editor of the APA journal Dreaming, he has written and edited several books.

Our discussion will highlight questions about religion, psychology, and pastoral counseling in the era of "Big Data." A new digital tool, the Sleep and Dream Database, will be described as an example of the pros and cons of data mining technology in the study of religion and psychology and in caregiving practices. A primary question will be, how can those of us with training in theology and religious studies creatively adapt these kinds of tools to aid our research and healing praxis?

For further information, please contact Convener Herbert Anderson hander-son@plts.edu or Assistant Steven Bauman at sbauman@ses.gtu.edu
WSR Events

WSR Cafe Series with Dr. Ghazala Anwar
Thursday, April 4, 2013 - 10:30am
WSR Cafe series presents: Dr. Ghazala Anwar “Khadija: A Model Worthy of Emulation”. This talk is based on research on the portrayal of Khadija, Prophet Muhammad’s first wife in hagiographies and biographies of the Prophet written by Muslims and non-Muslims as well as modern hagiographies of Khadija herself. (2 units)
Please join us on April 4th at 10:30am on the 1st floor of the GTU Le Conte Building (2565 Le Conte Ave.)

Liberal Fundamentalism in the Service of Empire: Feminism, Sexuality, Islamophobia
Thursday, April 11, 2013 - 10:30am
Munir Jiwa, Director of the Center for Islamic Studies
Sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies and the Women’s Studies in Religion Program
Dinner Board Room, GTU Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley
Drawing on works in anthropology and critical theory, this presentation focuses on the particular ways that discussions on women, gender, feminism and sexuality have been mobilized by the Euro-American left to discipline and exert power over Islam and Muslims in its own liberal image. This creates an index of “good” and “bad” Islam and Muslims – Islamophilia and befriending Muslims that uphold liberal values, and Islamophobia and intimidation for those who do not. How do we understand colonial conceptions and practices of time and space embedded in terms like “progress/ive” and “universal” so intrinsic to ministry, mission, and empire, colluding on the left and right? How are Western liberalism, secularism, and the “Judeo-Christian civilization” reconfigured vis-à-vis Islam and Muslim subjectivity, especially using the frames of law and citizenship? And, by what stretch of the American imaginary and under what conditions and limits, can we make possible expanded norms of recognition of Islam and Muslim life?

2013 Annual Institute of Buddhist Studies Graduate Student Symposium
Saturday, April 13, 2013 (All day)
Buddhist Ritual, Buddhist Culture
Keynote speaker Dr. Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania
Institute of Buddhist Studies, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley
Our theme this year is “Buddhist Ritual, Buddhist Culture.” Buddhist ritual practices are shaped by their location and are affected by the ritual objects. How does the material world determine the ways that Buddhism is practiced? How do Buddhists use ritual objects? In turn, how does Buddhism shape these objects and transform the physical world? What is the impact, for example, on the physical world as a result of religious pilgrimage or tourism? How do Buddhists transform physical objects in the process of ritualization? This symposium will focus on these themes and will consider both historical and contemporary uses of material objects in Buddhist ritual, Buddhism’s impact on cultural materials, and the relationships between Buddhism and sacred objects.
Professor McDaniel’s keynote address is being generously supported by the Yehan Numata Foundation.
**Varieties of Medieval Jewish Literature: Tues April 9**

The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union presents the Annual GTU Jewish Studies Symposium

**Varieties of Medieval Jewish Literature**

**Tuesday April 9, 8:30am-6pm, Dinner Boardroom**

Program Schedule:

8:30 Welcome
8:45-9:30 Dina Stein (Haifa University, Visiting Professor at GTU) Charlotte Fonrobert (Stanford), respondent
9:45-10:30 Josh Holo (HUC) Fred Astren (SFSU), respondent
10:45-11:30 Fred Astren Emily Gottreich (UCB), respondent
11:30-1:30 Break
1:45-2:30 Daniel Josly-Siemiatkoski (CDSP, GTU) Deena Aranoff (GTU), respondent
2:45-3:30 Deena Aranoff Chris Ocker (SFTS), respondent
3:45-4:30 Talya Fishman (Penn)
4:45-5:15 Naomi Seidman (GTU), Closing Reflections
5:15-6:00 Reception

For more information and to RSVP please contact cjs@gtu.edu or 510.649.2482
www.gtu.edu/cjs

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**The Ethics of Theosis: April 7-8**

Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute 2013 Manolis Distinguished Lecture Series

**The Ethics of Theosis**

**Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou**

Monday, April 8 – 7pm
Orthodox Liberalism: The Politics of Divine-Human Communion
Denniston Refectory -- Church Divinity School of the Pacific at the Graduate Theological Union
Reception to Follow
Tuesday, April 9 – 7pm
The Ascents of War: The Undoing and Redoing of Virtue
Valley Life Sciences Building, Room 2060
University of California, Berkeley
Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou is a professor of theology and co-founding director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University. He is the author and co-editor of a number of books, including Being With God: Trinity, Apophaticism, and Divine-Human Communion and The Mystical as Political: Democracy and Non-Radical Orthodoxy.

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**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 22 through August 9 from 10am to 1pm. Tuition is $650. GTU students can register via WebAdvisor starting on April 8. For registration questions, contact John Seal, GTU Consortial Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.
Doug Adams Gallery Exhibition Schedule

Spring 2013
Twin Bandits
Pamela Lanza
Pamela Lanza is a San Francisco-based artist with an MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute who has exhibited in galleries, colleges, and universities across the country, and is represented by Sandra Lee Gallery in San Francisco. Lanza’s ink drawings and mixed media works in Twin Bandits give voice to the troubled times we face. Dark atmospheric illustrations depict the wreckage of war and natural disasters, but at the same time offer a sense of spiritual grace rising out of the rubble. Her work invites viewers to consider aspects of spiritual transcendence lingering in the apparent wastelands of human experience.

Summer 2013
Mining the Collection
David Sleeth
Each year, a single artist is invited by the Doug Adams Gallery to create a body of work inspired by the Badè archaeology collection. David Sleeth uses the study of archaeology and architecture to inform his creative process. Inspired by the aesthetic effects of fabrication methods and limitations of materials, he aims to separate objects from their function creating work that alludes to the beautiful qualities recognizable in historical objects without replacing them.

Fall 2013
Birds of Longing
Laurie Wohl
2011 CARE grant recipient Laurie Wohl interweaves Muslim, Jewish and Christian poetry and spiritual texts from the period of the Convivencia in Spain (eighth through fifteenth centuries) with contemporary Middle Eastern poets, particularly Palestinian and Israeli. She presents the common themes and striking parallels between Arabic and Hebrew texts—similarly rich in poetry of spiritual love, extensive poetry of exile, and poetry of nostalgia for Andalusia.

Spring 2014
Title TBD
Paul Roorda
A curated collection of pieces from Paul Roorda’s The End of the Book and Slate Requiem series will be displayed in the Doug Adams Gallery. Both series use repurposed religious materials, aged and damaged sacred texts and slate tiles from an aged and leaking church to explore the connections between age-old rituals and the re-evaluation of dearly held convictions. Roorda uses deeply symbolic materials such as gold leaf, blood, ashes, beeswax and smoke to help create works that echo the reverence of sacred icons while examining the erosion of traditional beliefs.

Bridging Beliefs: April 21, 3PM
Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir under the direction of Terrance Kelly presents:

Bridging Beliefs: Music Connecting Interfaith Community
AN INTERFAITH PANEL of MUSICIANS
Through our music we are more connected than we realize! Our panelists will explore this theme with presentations of music from various traditions.

Sunday, April 21, 2013
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

For updated information and details on Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir’s Workshop and Evening Concert on Saturday, April 20th please visit: http://www.oigc.org/2013-workshop.html
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.

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 financialaid@gtu.edu or call the Office at 510-649-2469.

Common MA Students affiliated with:
ABSW: April 15, 2013
CJS: April 1, 2013
FST: May 1, 2013
IBS: April 1, 2013
PAI: April 1, 2013
SFTS: April 15, 2013
SKSM: April 1, 2013

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 financialaid@gtu.edu by Thursday, April 4.

TRIVIA NIGHT: APRIL 18, 6PM

THE BADÈ MUSEUM AND DOUG ADAMS GALLERY COME TOGETHER FOR AN EVENING OF FUN FILLED BRAIN CRUNCHING IN THIS PUB STYLE TRIVIA NIGHT. COMPLETE WITH BEER AND PIZZA, M.C. CARIN JACOBS WILL LEAD YOU THROUGH QUESTIONS ON ART, RELIGION, ARCHEOLOGY AND MUSEUMS. BRING FRIENDS TO MAKE A TEAM OR COME ON YOUR OWN AND JOIN ONE—A PRIZE GOES OUT TO THE WINNERS.

APRIL 18, 6-8:30 PM AT THE DOUG ADAMS GALLERY/ BADÈ MUSEUM
HONORABLE MENTION

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Thesis Successfully Defended
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Jennifer Read - CJS
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Emily Brook Harrison - ABSW
Joseph Hoover - JST
Max Thornton - PSR*
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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.

Doctoral Student Committee Election Results
AAR Liaison: Michelle Mueller
Doctoral Council: Justin Lipscomb
Library Committee: Daniel London
Student Advisory Committee: Luke Devine, Suzanne Miller, Robert Peach
Student Representative to the GTU Board of Trustees: Kristin Stoneking