DOCTORAL PROGRAM REVIEW

This spring the GTU is conducting a program review of the doctoral program as required by our accrediting agencies. In consultation with the Student Advisory Committee and the Faculty Council, the Dean and the Dean of Students prepared a 34-page self-study report. Then in February the entire Core Doctoral Faculty and the Academic Committee of the GTU Board of Trustees reviewed the document and suggested some revisions.

The self-study provides a comprehensive overview and assessment of the program’s history, structure, and educational effectiveness. This document will be distributed by email to all GTU doctoral students and to all members of the Core Doctoral Faculty. If you read it carefully, you will probably learn some things you didn’t know. For example:

- The GTU ranked #17 out of 40 doctoral programs in a 2010 survey conducted by the National Research Council—and was the only ranked program not located in a major research university.
- Of the 19 doctoral students who graduated in 2013, 72% finished within seven years (the normative time), and 94% finished within ten years.
- Among 66 doctoral graduates in the years 2005-08, 45% were teaching full-time by 2013, 21% were teaching part-time, 20% were in ministry, and the rest were working in academic administration, non-profits, or government. Fourteen of them (21%) had published their dissertations.
- A 2013 survey of doctoral students indicated that 55.05% were mostly satisfied with the program, 14.68% were extremely satisfied, 25.69% were somewhat satisfied, and 4.59% were not satisfied.

A distinguished team of external reviewers will be coming to campus on May 11-13 in preparation for writing a report that will evaluate the GTU doctoral program and make recommendations for improvement. The team includes Dr. Tammi Schneider (Professor of Hebrew Bible and Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, Claremont Graduate University), Dr. John Thatamanil (Professor of Theology and World Religions, Union Theological Seminary, New York), and Dr. Susan Wood, S.C.L. (Professor of Theology and Chair of the Department of Theology, Marquette University).

Opportunities to meet with the external reviewers will be provided at the following times:

Core Doctoral Faculty
Monday, May 12, 10:00-11:30 am
GTU Dean’s Office (3rd Floor, Hewlett Library)

Doctoral Students
Monday, May 12, 12:30-2:00 pm
Student Lounge (1st Floor, 2465 LeConte Ave)
Pizza and drinks provided.

While the reviewers have received a great many documents, charts, and other kinds of data, there is no substitute for face-to-face conversation with the people who teach and learn in the program. I hope that doctoral students and faculty will meet with the reviewers and share your experience with them.
GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT CYCLE #1 DEADLINE: SEPT 15, 2014

Mark your calendar! The first cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Monday, September 15, 2014 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, 2014 through January 31, 2015 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 2013 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 76), call the GTU Dean’s Office (649.2440), or email amunoz@gtu.edu.

CHAN PRIZE COMPETITION DEADLINE: SEPT. 15, 2014

Students interested in submitting papers for the Fall 2014 Chan Prize in Religion and Economics Essay contest must do so by Monday, September 15, 2014 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 2013 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 76) — there is no application form.

WOMANIST REFLECTIONS: REMEMBERING FANNIE LOU HAMER

San Francisco
Theological Seminary
Scott Hall
101 Seminary Rd., San Anselmo, CA 415.451.2838
Saturday
May 10

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Plenary and workshops: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Register online: tinyurl.com/SFTSWomanist

Conveners:
Laurie Garrett-Cobbina
Director of Clinical Pastoral Education
Vanessa Hawkins Interim
Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality
RELIGION AND TRANSHUMANISM CONFERENCE

TRANSHUMAN VISIONS will present its 4th conference on May 10, from 9am - 9pm. The event will be held in Piedmont Veteran’s Hall, 401 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA. This conference examines the relationship between religion and transhumanism. The speakers will represent a wide-range of different viewpoints: Buddhist, Islam, Mormon, Catholic, Atheist, Jewish, Wicca, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Terasem, Urantia, mystical traditions.

QUESTIONS this conference will consider:
What is the nature of ultimate reality? Is transhumanism intrinsically atheist, intrinsically pantheist, intrinsically deist, or intrinsically metaphysical in any particular way? How broad and inclusive is transhumanism? Are religion and transhumanism compatible, or antagonistic? What are the real points of disagreement between religion and transhumanism? How will religions change in the face of new science and technology?

THE SPEAKERS ARE:
Mike LaTorra, Ted Peters, Amin Tejpar, Pei Koay, Brian Green, Lincoln Cannon, Shannon Avana, Zoltan Istvan, Carol Queen, Byron Belitsos, Robert Walden Kurtz, Jason Xu, Hank Pellissier.

Additional information:

Tickets available at EventBrite.

ABSW PRESENTS THE KEATON LECTURES: THE WAR ON POVERTY AT 50

The War on Poverty at 50: Impacts, Implications, Insights, Ideas, & Initiatives

Free Public Event
American Baptist Seminary of the West
2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley 94704
Phone: 510-841-1905
Email: RSVP to info@absw.edu by Monday, May 12
Website: www.absw.edu

A two-day conference to examine and discuss insights on the impacts and implications of the policies and program of the 1964 War on Poverty as well as current ideas and initiatives to eradicate poverty.

Thursday, May 15 - 5:30- 8:00 pm
DAY 1 – ACADEMIC COLLOQUIUM
Welcome and Introduction
Presented by Paul M. Martin, President/CEO, ABSW at the GTU

The State of Poverty and Inequality in the United States: National Report Card
Presented by Charles Varner, Associate Director, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality

Biblical Insights on The Matter of Poverty
Presented by LeAnn Snow Flesher, Academic Dean/Professor of Old Testament, ABSW at the GTU; Norman K. Gottwald, Professor Emeritus, Old Testament, New York Theological Seminary; Robert Wafawanaka, Professor of Old Testament, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University

Discussion
Moderated by Robert A. Wilkins, President and CEO, YMCA of the East Bay

Friday, May 16 - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
DAY 2 – PRACTITIONERS FORUM
An interactive forum for organizations currently (or prospectively) involved in poverty eradication efforts.

Welcome and Introduction
Presented by H. James Hopkins, Chairman, Board of Trustees, ABSW at the GTU

Voices of the Faith Traditions Regarding Poverty
Presented by LeAnn Snow Flesher, Academic Dean/Professor of Old Testament, ABSW/GTU

Roadmap to Cut Poverty in the Bay Area [United Way of the Bay Area]
Presented by Eric McDonnell, Chief Operating Officer, United Way of the Bay Area

This is a free public event.
RSVP to info@absw.edu by Monday, May 12

GRADUATES: COME TO THE TRUSTEES RECEPTION ON MAY 7TH (THE DAY BEFORE GRADUATION) AT 5PM IN THE CDSP COMMON ROOM
CIS News & Events

Congratulations to CIS visiting scholar, Carol Bier, on her forthcoming presentations and publications, which include:

"Sinan’s Screens: Networks of Intersecting Polygons in Ottoman Architecture," to be presented at the Gwacheon National Science Museum in Seoul, South Korea, as part of a conference in August – Bridges Seoul 2014: Mathematics, Music, Art, Architecture, Culture – with article published in proceedings.

"Geometry, Craft, Architecture: Lines of Intersection" to be presented at the International Society for Iranian Studies, biennial meeting, in Montreal Quebec, Canada in August.

CIS also congratulates MA student Sundiata Al Rashid and GTU PhD Presidential Scholar, Ustadh Abdullah Ali for their organization of and participation in the Malcolm X conference at UC Berkeley on April 20, and to Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh, Dr. Munir Jiwa, and CIS visiting scholar Dr. Mahan Mirza, for help with organizing and participating in the 5th Annual Islamophobia conference. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Hatem Bazian and the Center for Race and Gender at UC Berkeley for their tremendous efforts in directing the Islamophobia Research and Documentation Program. We are delighted that students, scholars, and the wider public will continue to convene over the summer through a series of discussions on Islamophobia, in preparation for conferences in Austria and France in the fall, as well as a fall 2014 course on Islam and Media, to be taught by Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh.

GTU PhD Presidential Scholar, Amin Tejpar, will be presenting at the Transhumanism conference on May 10. Congratulations to Amin whose work is at the intersection of Science, Technology, Religion and Muslim Subjectivity.

Dr. Munir Jiwa will be serving as faculty for the program, Critical Muslim Studies: Decolonial Struggles, Theology of Liberation and Islamic Revival to be held in Granada, Spain, June 9-20, 2014.

Dr. Munir Jiwa will be on sabbatical in the fall semester 2014. We are pleased to announce that he will be a visiting scholar in Anthropology at Columbia University.

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Friday, May 2, 12-1PM

Fritz Eichenberg’s Old Testament Prints: Creative Potential and Religious Insight

Speaker: Luke Devine, Art & Religion Doctoral Student, GTU

In 1955, printmaker Fritz Eichenberg (1901-1990) completed ten beautiful and insightful woodblock depictions of scenes from the Old Testament. Reflecting on this set twenty-two years later, Eichenberg comments that he had intended to complete an additional ten engravings of biblical scenes a year, but admits that other obligations took precedence. While the extant work is impressive, one may imagine that a more complete set of biblical illustrations may have been on par with some of the most highly regarded sets of biblical prints of art history both in artistic quality and religious insight. From this perspective, the unfinished Bible illustrations by printmaker Fritz Eichenberg is a case of unfulfilled creative potential for the domain of Christian and biblical art. In the process of demonstrating this, I will outline an interdisciplinary framework between creativity studies and Christian spirituality.

Doug Adams Gallery | 1798 Scenic Ave. Berkeley, CA 94709
CARE | GTU Art & Religion Area | info@care-gtu.org
GOD’S SELF-COMMUNICATION IN AN EVOLVING WORLD: EVOLUTION, SELF, AND TRANSCENDENTAL BEING

Lecture and Discussion: Thursday May 1, 2014, 7pm
Dinner Board Room, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley
Free Admission
For further information, call CTNS at (510) 848-8152
Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences www.ctns.org

Oliver Putz teaches religion and science in the Religious Studies Department at Santa Clara University. He holds a PhD in biology from the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and worked as a research biologist in the field of reproductive and evolutionary biology both in Europe and the United States. After two postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Texas at Austin, as well a short stint as lecturer at UT Austin, his attention moved to the study of theology.

He earned an MA in theology from the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley and is currently completing his dissertation in theology on the integration of theological anthropology and between God and sentient beings, including nonhuman animals.

In this talk, I will challenge theological anthropocentrism and argue that certain nonhuman animals are in a species-specific personal relationship with God. My argument is based on the one hand on a theology of experience that understands the personal relationship between God and creature to be characterized by the divine self-communication, that is, the revelatory presence of God given in every experience of a self in the world, and on the other hand on the mounting empirical evidence suggesting that numerous animal species are indeed capable of self-experience and self-consciousness. As self-experiencing Dasein, certain animals like humans are capable of reaching beyond the objects of their sense experiences onto the transcendental horizon of total being, which is God. Though this experience of the ineffable is pre-conceptual and, therefore, strictly speaking not religious, but protoreligious. I will argue metaphysically and theologically that cosmic evolution is a directed process toward the emergence of such transcendently constituted beings. In this sense, then, biological diversity leads to spiritual multiplicity.

CARE/GTU LIBRARY EVENT: THE RELIGIOUS ART OF PABLO PICASSO

Please join us for a reception to celebrate the publication of The Religious Art of Pablo Picasso by Jane Daggett Dillenberger and John Handley
Doug Adams Galley
Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education

Tuesday May 6, 2014 5:00—8:00pm
Refreshments, Spanish guitar, and book signing by the authors 5:00—6:00pm
Help us honor Jane’s many contributions to CARE and celebrate her 98th birthday!

The current art exhibition celebrates the life and work of Jane Dillenberger and the publication of her most recent book, The Religious Art of Pablo Picasso, coauthored by GTU alum John Handley. The exhibition, which runs through June 30, features select pieces from the CARE Collection (given in Jane’s honor), works from her personal collection, and materials from the GTU Archives. Included are works by Rembrandt, Rouault, Gauguin, Chagall, Warhol, Vedder, and Redon.

All are invited to a book signing in the Doug Adams Gallery at the Badè Museum on May 6 beginning at 5pm.

See the accompanying exhibition, Celebrating the Life and Work of Jane Daggett Dillenberger
Flora Lamson Hewlett Library
Graduate Theological Union
LEWIS MUDGE BOOK FORUM

Thursday, May 15, 12:30-2:00 pm
Dinner Board Room, GTU Library

The GTU will host a book forum on a posthumously published book by the late Lewis S. Mudge, a distinguished theologian and pioneer of ecumenism and interfaith dialogue who taught theology and ethics at the San Francisco Theological Seminary for many years prior to his death in 2009.

We Can Make the World Economy a Sustainable Global Home (Eerdmans, 2014) offers fresh philosophical and theological concepts, economic and political insights, and practical financial proposals to counter the causes and lasting effects of the worldwide recession that began in late 2007 and is still affecting us today.

Jean Mudge, who edited the volume for publication, will provide an overview of the book. There will be three responses given by Dr. Christopher Ocker (Professor of Church History, SFTS), Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh (Associate Director of Public Programs and Lecturer in the Center for Islamic Studies), and Rabbi Stephen Pearce (Visiting Professor of Pastoral Care in the Center for Jewish Studies).

GTU COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BOOK SWAP!

Great minds think alike… Join us for a bagel and coffee
Bring a book to exchange!

Wednesday, May 7
9:30-10:30AM
Doug Adams Gallery
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley

The GTU community is invited to participate in a friendly book swap and light breakfast to engage welcoming conversation and celebrate a successful semester!

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

GTU doctoral candidates (those who have successfully proposed dissertations) and graduates are invited to open a free 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.
CJS News & Events

"Romans and Jews: Was Ethnicity an Issue?"
with
Dr. Erich Gruen,
Professor of History & Classics, Emeritus,
University of California, Berkeley
Monday, May 5, 2014
5:00pm
2400 Ridge Rd.
Dinner Board Room
For more information:
cjs@gtu.edu

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

With Avivah Zornberg
May 19, 2014
Easton Hall
2401 Ridge Road
Berkeley, CA 94709
9:00am to 11:00am

Summer Modern Language Study at the GTU

GTU summer language study opportunities are an excellent summer activity. These courses focus on developing research 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 21 through August 15 from 9am to noon, and the German and Spanish courses are scheduled for July 14 through August 8 from 10am to 1pm. Tuition is $670.

GTU students can register via WebAdvisor starting on April 7. For registration questions, contact John Seal, GTU Consortium Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.

Modern Language Exam

The next modern Foreign Language Examination is Wednesday, May 21, 1:00pm to 4:45pm in the Dinner Board Room.

Register by May 7 with Fredonia Thompson, Receptionist and Student Affairs Office Manager, fthompson@gtu.edu, 649-2400.
Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy:

Peter Claver Ajer
The Death of Jesus and the Politics of Place in the Gospel of John
Biblical Studies
Jean-François Racine
(Coordinator)

Trisha Williams Akbeg
The Politics of Vice and Virtue: Sex Panics, Faith-Based Activism and the Secularization of Sin
Interdisciplinary Studies
Jerome P. Baggett
(Coordinator)

Joel Edward Brown
The Goddess and the Garden: The Israelite Understanding of the Genesis 3 Narrative
Biblical Studies
Gina Hens-Piazza
(Coordinator)

Courtney Bruntz
Commodifying Mount Putuo: State Nationalism, Religious Tourism, and Buddhist Revival
Cultural and Historical Studies of Religion
Judith A. Berling
(Coordinator)

Alicia G. Dean
Let No Tongue on Earth Be Silent: Broadening Understandings of God and the Human Community
Liturgical Studies
Mary E. McGann, R.S.C.J.
(Coordinator)

Amy Genevive Dibley
Abraham’s Uncircumcised Children: The Enochic Precedent for Paul’s Paradoxical Claim in Galatians 3:29
Near Eastern Religions
LeAnn Snow Flesher
(Coordinator)

Susannah Kayko Driedger Hesslein
‘Overlapping Membership’ and the Two Natures of Jesus Christ: A Nonsupersessionist Christology
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Marion Grau (Coordinator)

Sung Ae Ha
A Reading of the Divine Speech in Job in Light of the Zhuangzi: From an Asian Feminist Perspective
Biblical Studies
Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Claremont School of Theology (Coordinator)

Theresa Ladrigan-Whelpley
Toward Spiritualities of Traditions: A Critical Rendering of the Charismatic Dimensions of the Lay Vocation in the Roman Catholic Church
Christian Spirituality
Arthur G. Holder
(Coordinator)

Elizabeth Ritter Conn
Divine Disruption: Toward a Theological Reconstruction of Hospitality
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Marion S. Grau
(Coordinator)

Carolyn Ann Roebber
“So Much Is in Bud”: Steps Towards Extending Habermasian Discourse Ethics Through an Ecotheology of Wonder and Wisdom
Ethics and Social Theory
William R. O’Neill, S.J.
(Coordinator)

David Rosenberg-Wohl
Reconstructing Jewish Identity on the Foundations of Hellenistic History: Azariah de’ Rossi’s Me’or ‘Enayim in Late 16th Century Northern Italy
Jewish Studies
Erich S. Gruen, University of California, Berkeley
(Coordinator)

Gavin Wittje
The Voice of One Crying out in the Wilderness: Post-war Dance and the Ethics of Intense, Interpersonal Vulnerability
Interdisciplinary Studies
Naomi Sheindel Seidman
(Coordinator)

Thao Nguyen, S.J.
A New Way of Being Church for Mission Asian Catholic Bishops and Asian Women in Dialogue: A Study of the Documents of the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences
Interdisciplinary Studies
Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J.
(Coordinator)

Master of Arts:

Shmaryahu Brownstein
From Want to Wealth: Continuity, Contiguity, and Innovation in Habad Hasidism
Center for Jewish Studies
Naomi Sheindel Seidman
(Coordinator)

Sunglae Cho
Calvin’s Teaching on the Spiritual Journey toward the Restoration of the Image of God
Pacific School of Religion
James F. Lawrence
(Coordinator)

Sukgi Choi
Evil, Meaningless Suffering, and Providence
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Liebert, S.N.J.M.
(Coordinator)

Diana Clark
The Ambattha Sutra of the Buddhist Pali Canon: Its Socio-Historical and Literary Context
Institute of Buddhist Studies
WITH HONORS
Richard K. Payne
(Coordinator)

Brooks R. Dampman
Theosis in Teaching and Practice
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute
John Klentos (Coordinator)

Farah El-Sharif
“Making Light” of Islam: Representations of Sufism in American Religion and the Public Sphere
Center for Islamic Studies
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Christina N. Ellsworth
The Good Intentions, the Bad Consequences and the Ugly American: Examining the Logistical and Cultural Dilemmas of International Volunteerism
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Jerome P. Baggett
(Coordinator)

Carole Gallucci
Lojong for Buddhist Chaplains
Institute of Buddhist Studies
Daijaku Judith Kinst
(Coordinator)

Patricia Hellman Gibbs
God’s Indwelling as Radiant Intellect: An Intertextual Reading of Maimonides’ Guide of the Perplexed
Center for Jewish Studies
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)

Sarah Crary Gregory
The Empire Has No Close: The Catholic Church in a World without Place
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
WITH HONORS
Thomas J. Massaro, S.J.
(Coordinator)

Hilda Cruz Guiao
The Deconstruction, Reconstruction, and Reparation of “Lily of the Mohawks”: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha for Native Americans and the Catholic Church Today
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
WITH HONORS
William R. O’Neill, S.J.
(Coordinator)

Chenxing Han
Engaging the Invisible Majority: Conversations with Young Adult Asian American Buddhists
Institute of Buddhist Studies
WITH HONORS
Scott A. Mitchell
(Coordinator)

Sarah Lynne Heddon
The Madrasa Early Childhood Program: An Integrated Model of Islamic Education in Kenya
Center for Islamic Studies
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Rhian Alice Jeong
A Postcolonial Feminist Critique and Affirmation of Religious Pluralism
Church Divinity School of the Pacific
Marion S. Grau
(Coordinator)

Paul Kacynski
Resistance, Recovery, and Resurrection: A Grievers’ Response to Theodicy
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Carol R. Jacobson
(Coordinator)

Deenaz Kanji
Transformation in Contemporary Sufism: Contested Meanings and New Mediation of the Qawwali Tradition
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
WITH HONORS
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Jennifer Kemp
Nationalism in the Divine Promises to Jacob in Genesis
Pacific School of Religion
Aaron Brody (Coordinator)

Jinseok Kim
The Use of Deductive and Inductive Sermon Forms in Korean Preaching
Pacific School of Religion
Mary Donovan Turner
(Coordinator)

Michael Langley
A Historical and Philosophical Juxtaposition of Meister Eckhart and Baruch Spinoza
Pacific School of Religion
Inese Radzins (Coordinator)

**Joel Layton**  
The Interiorization of Sexual Sin in Augustine’s Moral Theology and its Effects upon the Response to Sexual Violence in De Civitate Dei  
Pacific School of Religion  
Randall Miller (Coordinator)

**Su-Chi Lin**  
Homeland Imagination: Hybridity of Liao Ji-Chun’s The Scenery with Coconut Trees (1931)  
Pacific School of Religion  
Rossitza Schroeder (Coordinator)

**Clark Andrew McNabb**  
Being and Knowledge: Gregory of Nyssa’s Anti-Eunomian Epistemology  
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute  
WITH HONORS  
John Klentos (Coordinator)

**Kaitlin E. Miani**  
A Hunger for Initiation: Rites of Passage that Meet the Developmental Needs of Young Women  
Franciscan School of Theology  
Mary E. McGann, R.S.C.J. (Coordinator)

**Troy Bryce Mikanovich**  
Animated Reflections: Religious Critique and Construction in Adult Cartoons  
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
WITH HONORS  
Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

**Fateme Montazeri**  
Why Death? An Inquiry into Text and Context in Persian Painting  
Center for Islamic Studies  
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

**Cristoffir Alixxandr Ortiz**  
Saul’s Canaanite Heritage: Cultural Continuities as Seen in 1 Samuel 28:3-19  
Pacific School of Religion  
Aaron Brody (Coordinator)

**Christopher V. Ramsey**  
Winston Churchill: A Founder of the Jewish State?  
Center for Jewish Studies  
Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Coordinator)

**Sanna B. Reinholzen**  
The Voice of Lament in Worship, and the Necessity Thereof  
Graduate Theological Union  
Lizette Larson-Miller (Coordinator)

**Julia R. Sauter**  
Flourishing on Our Own Terms: A Liberation Theology and Spirituality for People with Disabilities  
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

**Maura H. Schmitz**  
Spiritual Interpretations of Sacred Texts as a Devotional Reading: A Comparative Theology of the Song of Songs and the Japji Church Divinity School of the Pacific  
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski (Coordinator)

**Brian Sennello**  
Akrasia, Sin, and Neuroscience: A Re-evaluation of the Thomistic Treatment of Akrasia in Light of Cognitive Neuroscience  
Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology  
Michael J. Dodds, O.P. (Coordinator)

**Sasha Snowden**  
Uncovering Voices: Angela of Foligno and her Spiritual Franciscan Identity  
Franciscan School of Theology  
WITH HONORS  
Darleen Pryds (Coordinator)

**Nicole Steinmetz-Nelson**  
Until All Hungers Be Fed: Towards an Ethos of Food Justice for U.S. Catholics  
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

**Trent J. Thornley**  
A Literary Analysis of the Ariyapariyesanã Sutta  
Institute of Buddhist Studies  
Daijaku Judith Kinst (Coordinator)

**Ryan Thomas Thornton**  
When This Isn’t That: Formal Distinction and John Duns Scotus’ Account of the Trinity  
Franciscan School of Theology  
WITH HONORS  
Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J. (Coordinator)

**Todd Whelan**  
Jewish Cowboys and the Myth of the Frontier: Scripting Jewishness in American Mass Culture  
Center for Jewish Studies  
Naomi Sheindel Seidman
Randi Wren  
Forming America: In the Name of God, The Hebrew Bible and Liberty  
Center for Jewish Studies  
Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Coordinator)

Masters of Arts with a Concentration in Biblical Languages:

Cheongsoo Park  
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
John C. Endres, S.J. (Coordinator)

Joo Young Park  
San Francisco Theological Seminary  
Eugene Eung-Chun Park (Coordinator)

Justin Staller  
Pacific School of Religion  
James F. Lawrence (Coordinator)

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