I recently watched the televised funeral for former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London. Both the program booklet and the sermon by the Bishop of London quoted some lines from T. S. Eliot’s poem Little Gidding (1942):

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from.

How appropriate those lines are for reflection at the end of a life—not just a life of historic significance on the world stage, but of each individual’s life. Eliot’s words also ring true for us as we come to the end of an academic year during which we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the GTU.

“The end is where we start from.”

It has become a well-worn cliché to note that “graduation” from an academic degree program is at the same time the “commencement” of a new stage in life. Nevertheless, it is certainly true for the soon-to-be graduates of the GTU and its member schools that this month is both an end and a beginning. Sometimes that means a new job or career in a new location; sometimes it means the beginning of another degree program here or at some other institution. In any case, there are bags to be packed, plans to be made, and goodbyes to be said.

But it is not only the graduates who face an end—that-is-a-beginning this month. For those who remain here, there will soon be more changes as new students, faculty, and staff arrive to take the place of those who are going away. And beyond the usual succession of faces that happens every year, we can expect some significant institutional changes as well. “What we call the beginning is often the end.”

Higher education is undergoing a revolution in both form and content, while most of our religious communities are experiencing transformations more dramatic than they have seen in decades, or perhaps centuries. All of these shifts are affecting the GTU schools and affiliates, often in ways that we would never have foreseen or predicted. There are many voices telling us that we simply cannot do the same things in the same way any longer. But there will be new challenges to meet, and new dreams to pursue. “To make an end is to make a beginning.”

In such times of transition, we do well to return to the fundamental values and commitments that brought us here—both as institutions and as individuals. In that sense, the future will bring us back to the place where we started, but it will be different because we ourselves will have changed. As Eliot goes on to say:

With the drawing of this Love
And the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
GTU STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT CYCLE #1 DEADLINE: SEPT 16

Mark your calendar! The first cycle deadline to compete for a GTU Student Travel Grant is Monday, September 16, 2013 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, 2013 through January 31, 2014 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 2012 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 77), call the GTU Dean’s Office (649.2440), or email amunoz@gtu.edu.

CHAN PRIZE COMPETITION DEADLINE: SEPT. 16

Students interested in submitting papers for the Fall 2013 Chan Prize in Religion and Economics Essay contest must do so by Monday, September 16, 2013 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 “Identity and Practice across Religious Boundaries: exploring a particular concept, theme, or practice in two or more religions (e.g., Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, etc.).” For more detail on the criteria of the essay competition, please see the 2012 Doctoral Program Handbook (p. 76) — there is no application form.

CDSP PANEL: MAY 23, 2PM

On Thursday, May 23 from 2-4 pm, Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) will present "The Church and the Moral and Spiritual Future of America," a public panel discussion with its three 2013 honorary degree recipients: Sr. Simone Campbell, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth and Bonnie Anderson. The event is free and open to the public. CDSP President Mark Richardson will moderate the panel.

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 6 from 9am to noon, and the German and Spanish courses are scheduled for July 15 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.

GRADUATES: COME TO THE TRUSTEES RECEPTION ON MAY 8TH (THE DAY BEFORE GRADUATION) AT 5PM IN THE CDSP COURTYARD

Sr. Simone Campbell
Dharma at Times of Need: May 3-4

**Dharma at Times of Need: The Interface of Chaplaincy and Ministry**

Fundamental to the teachings of Buddhism is a description of the human condition as one of suffering, frustration and disappointment. A deep understanding of this condition is the necessary step toward living with and through that actuality, especially when we are confronted by that actuality in its starkest terms—the death of a loved one, terminal illness, loss of hope, anguish. This two-day symposium will explore the ways that engaging the insights of the Dharma can benefit people at the times of greatest suffering, frustration and disappointment, and the role of minister and chaplain in assisting others at and through those times of need.

**PROGRAM**

Friday, May 3
3:00 - 3:30pm Opening Greetings
3:30 - 5:30pm First Panel
5:30 - 6:00pm Break/Refreshments
6:00 - 7:00pm Keynote: Rev. Seigen Yamoaka
Buddhist Chaplaincy and Practical Ministry In An International Context

Saturday, May 4
8:30 - 9:00am Opening Greetings
9:00 - 11:00am Second Panel
11:00 - 1:00pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 3:00pm Third Panel
3:00 - 3:30pm Break
3:30 - 5:30pm Fourth Panel
5:30 - 6:00pm Closing

Location: Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA

To register, go to: [http://www.shin-ibs.edu/2013](http://www.shin-ibs.edu/2013) and click on “Register now!”

This symposium is jointly sponsored by the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley and Buddhist Ministry Initiative, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge.

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**Islamic Thought**

**In Search of the Lost Heart: Explorations in**

**Ibn ‘Arabi and Rumi Symposium**

Keynote: “Being Fully Human”, Dr. William Chittick

Date/Time: Friday, May 3, 2013 (All day) to Saturday, May 4, 2013 (All day)

Location: Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, 2301 Vine Street Berkeley, California 94708

Co-sponsored by the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Center for Islamic Studies, and the Ibn ‘Arabi Society

**Reading the Qur’an Workshop**

Date/Time: Sunday, May 5, 2013 - 12:00pm-6:00pm

Location: Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, 2301 Vine Street Berkeley, California 94708

Co-sponsored by Zaytuna College, the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, and the Center for Islamic Studies

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

GTU doctoral candidates 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](mailto:amunoz@gtu.edu) for more information.
Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy:

Kathryn Bellm Alexander
Saving Beauty: Andy Goldsworthy and a Theological Aesthetics of Nature
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Jay Emerson Johnson (Coordinator)

David Friend
Intimate Transcendence: Proximity and Depth in Christian Architecture
Art and Religion
Mia M. Mochizuki (Coordinator)

Elizabeth Stanhope Gordon
Creating Space: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Spirituality, Religiosity, and Public Mental Health Services
Christian Spirituality
Elizabeth Liebert, S.N.J.M. (Coordinator)

Brian Patrick Green
The Is-Ought Problem and Catholic Natural Law
Ethics and Social Theory
Richard M. Gula, S.S. (Coordinator)

Shaina Hammerman
The Fantastic Hasid: Fashioning Jewishness on Screen History
Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Coordinator)

Katherine C. Hennessey
Education as Formation: Virtue Ethics and Catholic Education

Lynn Maren Hofstad
Reconsidering the Atonement: A Re-examination of the Nature of Atonement Symbols
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Ted Peters (Coordinator)

Micah T. J. Jackson
What Do You Mean We Preacher?: A Gricean Analysis of First-Person Pronoun Use in the Preaching Event
Homiletics
Linda L. Clader (Coordinator)

Young Won Kim
Trial of Obedience to the Word of God: Anselm’s Proslogion and the Renewal of Discourse Between Analogia Entis and Analogia Fidei
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Richard Schenk, O.P. (Coordinator)

April Renée Lynch
Spirituality of Beauty in the Art of Artemisia Gentileschi and Elisabetta Sirani
Art and Religion
Arthur G. Holder (Coordinator)

Marilyn Lee Matevia
Casting a Net: Prospects Toward a Theory of Justice for All
Ethics and Social Theory
Carol Robb (Coordinator)

Mohamad Som Pourfarzaneh
Muslim Cultural Producers in the United States: Countering Stereotypes with Media+, Social Networks, and Cultural Capital
Cultural and Historical Studies of Religions
Munir Jiwa (Coordinator)

Adam Pryor
The God Who Lives: An Examination of the Emergence of Life and the Doctrine of God
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Robert J. Russell (Coordinator)

Andrea Sheaffer
Envisioning Judith: Art Illuminates Minor Characters’ Significant Roles in the Book of Judith Biblical Studies
Barbara Green, O.P. (Coordinator)

Daniel Smith
Toward a Lutheran Theology of Nature: An Ecological Ethics of the Cross
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Ted Peters (Coordinator)

Larry Taylor
Art Verging on the Religious: Threads of the Spirit in Minimalism and Beyond
Art and Religion
Michael T. Morris, O.P. (Coordinator)
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Toward a Theology and Ethics of Dialogical Leadership in the Roman Catholic Church: An Operational Perspective  
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Trauma and the Eucharist: Embodying Transformative Theologies  
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Elizabeth Liebert, S.N.J.M. (Coordinator)

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Star Trek: Engaging the Shadow  
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Center for Jewish Studies  
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Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

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Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology  
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Library Committee: Daniel London
Student Advisory Committee: Luke Devine, Suzanne Miller, Robert Peach
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