

THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER

WSCUC ACCREDITATION VISIT

The GTU will be hosting a visiting team from the WASC Senior College and University Commission on October 20-22. WSCUC is one of the two agencies that accredits the GTU as an educational institution, along with the Association of Theological Schools which will visit us in spring 2017.

Accreditation is very important to a school for many reasons. Because we are accredited, GTU MA and doctoral students are eligible for federal student aid, and credits earned here are easily transferable to other institutions. Beyond those practicalities, accreditation is a valuable means of quality control and continual improvement. The members of the visiting team are themselves faculty and administrators in other accredited schools who volunteer their time to help the GTU ensure our students and the wider public that we are fulfilling our mission.

During the visit, the team will gather information from students, faculty, staff, and trustees. They have indicated that topics of particular interest include governance (especially the GTU's relationship with its member schools), financial and strategic planning, and educational effectiveness. The GTU has already submitted a wide-ranging institutional report on these and other matters, which will soon be made available to members of the community via email.

Please help make our visitors welcome. See below for further information about how you can participate in the reaccreditation process.

GTU PHD/THD LUNCH WITH WSCUC TEAM MEMBERS

Wednesday, October 21

12:30pm-2:00pm

Dinner Boardroom (GTU Library, 3rd floor)

GTU MA LUNCH WITH WSCUC TEAM MEMBERS

Wednesday, October 21

12:30pm-2:00pm

GTU Student Lounge (2465 LeConte Ave., 1st floor)

To send confidential comments to the WSCUC team please use the email address gtu@wascsenior.org. Only authorized WSCUC staff and team members have access to it. The email address is open for comments now through October 22, 2015 only.



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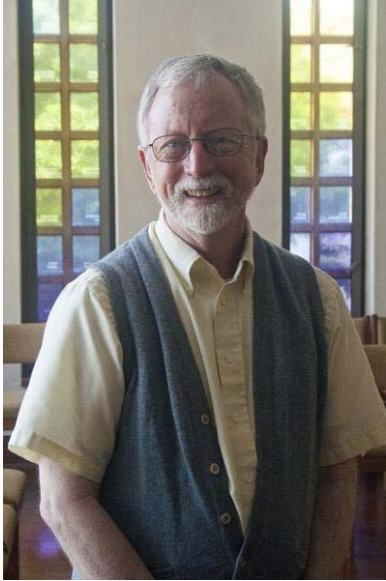
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DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURE:

NOVEMBER 5, 2015, 7PM



Dr. William O'Neill, Associate Professor of Social Ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (JST-SCU) will deliver the 2015 Distinguished Faculty Lecture on Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7:00pm at the PSR Chapel. Each year the faculty of the Member Schools nominate distinguished faculty from outside their school who they feel embody the scholarly standards, teaching excellence, and commitment to ecumenism that define the GTU. The nominations are considered by the Council of Deans

who elects the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. The Distinguished Faculty Lecture is entitled "A Terrible Beauty: Reimagining Human Rights." The response will be given by Dr. Marianne Farina, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT). Immediately following the lecture, there will be a reception in the Doug Adams Gallery across the courtyard from the PSR Chapel.

GTU LIBRARY'S FALL REFERENCE DESK HOURS

A librarian is available:

Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays: 10am-4pm; Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 10am-7pm; Sundays: 1pm-4pm
Additional hours by appointment.

Seeking Talented Proofreaders

The Dean of Students office provides proofreading support for international students working on course papers. If you are willing and available to participate and assist with this service (for pay), please contact kkook@gtu.edu



GTU LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

Now there are more ways to get help from a librarian!

NEW: ASK A LIBRARIAN, ONLINE

Pilot program for Fall 2015: online virtual reference appointments. Can't make it to Berkeley to meet with a librarian? We can meet with you online, by appointment. No software installation is necessary; you will need a headphone or speakers and will be able to meet with the librarian in your browser window. You'll be able to see the screen of the librarian and ask questions via a chat box. Contact us for questions or to set up an appointment. As always, in-person one-on-one research appointments are available too!

LIBRARY WORKSHOPS: Daytime, Nighttime, & Online

In-Person workshops: Tues. 10/6 at 2pm OR Wed. 10/7 at 6pm in the library teaching lab. No registration required. Bring your own computer, or use one of ours.

Online Workshop: Friday 10/9 at 10am. To register for the online workshop, please send an email to library@gtu.edu. We will email you the directions to connect. There is no software to install, but you will need headphones or speakers to listen in. We will spend half the time with advanced journal searching in the ATLA Religion Database and the rest will be open to demonstrations and questions about resources such as GRACE, WorldCat, and anything else.



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VIDEO TUTORIALS:

Need help learning to use the ATLA database? Confused about WorldCat? Check out our tutorials and guides, available on the GTU Library website at <http://gtu.edu/library/get-help>



SALVATORE LASCARI (ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 1884-1967). "ON WITH MICHAEL PRINCE MILITANT OF HEAVEN". PHOTO IS COURTESY OF THE ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN ART, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

CARE: NEWS AND EVENTS

CARE's Brown Bag Lunch Series

Triptychs for Victory: Altar Paintings for the American Armed Forces in World War II
 Guest Speaker: Holly Mitchem (Doctoral Candidate in Art & Religion, GTU, CARE Fall 2014 Grant Recipient)

Beginning in 1941 and ending in 1945, American artists created 455 hand-painted and sculpted Christian and Jewish religious triptychs that were sent to units of the American Armed Forces stationed in war zones and in stateside military hospitals and bases. Many of the triptychs were lost during the war, but others returned to the United States and were placed in churches and museums on the east coast. In this presentation, Holly Mitchem (CARE Spring 2015 Grant Recipient) will discuss her research to that is uncovering the lost history of this American religious art project.

CARE's Brown Bag Lunch Series is held the first Friday of every month through December in the Doug Adams Gallery.

Ongoing CARE Exhibition

The Erosion of Memory: Works by Anne Tait

September 10 - December 11, 2015

Tait's work is influenced by vernacular 19th-century memorials and the influence of industrialized printmaking on images of memory and domesticity. Prints, paintings, glass etchings, and embroidery pieces combine cemetery grave imagery with monograms. They are an extension of her work in stone carving.

Writing support groups

for GTU doctoral students at the comps stage and at the dissertation stage.

Are you interested in working with a group of student peers to have support in the comprehensive exam or dissertation stage? We are forming support groups to meet and share progress, and, co-working groups to work together in a shared writing space for a regular period of time. Groups will establish their own schedules and way of working together. We intend to get these started in October. We are also considering approaches for online options. Please send your name, email, stage in the program, and the type of group that interests you.



**CARE's
 Doug Adams
 Gallery Hours:
 T, Th, F 10am-3pm**

1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley



FALL FORUM

for Doctoral Students, October 14, 12:30-2pm, Student Lounge, 2465 LeConte. The Student Advisory Committee is sponsoring this forum for doctoral students to find out how the new doctoral curriculum coming in fall 2016 will (and will not) affect current students. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

CV/COVER LETTER WORKSHOP

Wed, Oct. 14th 10-12pm
GTU student lounge with JanJan Lin, Assistant Professor of New Testament

Please bring a copy of your CV and cover letter to work on and revise.

GTU RECEPTION AT AAR AND SBL

Join the GTU faculty, students, and administration at our GTU Reception at this years' AAR and SBL annual meetings. Prospective doctoral students interested in meeting GTU faculty and students are encouraged to RSVP to Andrea Sheaffer, Director of Admissions, so we can welcome you.

Westin Peachtree Plaza
Savannah Ballroom A
210 Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, GA 30303
Saturday, November 21, 2015
7:00- 10:00 pm

RSVP: asheaffer@gtu.edu

GTU ADMISSIONS: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE WORKSHOP

Are you planning to apply to doctoral programs this year or sometime in the near future? Would you like a better understanding of the all-important statement of purpose? Plan to attend the upcoming workshop to learn about the topic from a panel of faculty members. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 12:30-2:00pm in the Dinner Board Room at the GTU library. For more information or to reserve a place, contact GTU Admissions: admissions@gtu.edu or 510/649- 2460.

NEWHALL APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015

Newhall Awards are competitive awards for GTU doctoral students engaged in collaborative teaching or research with 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 Faculty Awards Committee use to select award recipients. Please read it carefully so that your proposal will contain all the necessary components. Complete applications are due in the GTU Dean's Office by **5pm Friday, November 13**; 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. **Late materials will not be accepted.**

CIS: EVENTS AND NEWS

Center for Islamic Studies is pleased to announce that Islamic Art Historian and CIS Visiting Scholar, Carol Bier, will be giving a gallery talk and tour of the exhibit "Woven Luxuries: Indian, Persian, and Turkish Velvets from the Indictor Collection," at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. October 15, 2015, 11am-2pm.

CIS is delighted to share that CIS visiting scholar Dr. Nargis Virani, CIS lecturer Dr. Som Pourfarzaneh, and CIS Director Dr. Munir Jiwa, will be attending the Parliament of the World's Religions and fostering collaborations on Muslim leadership. Oct 15-19, 2015, Salt Lake City.

CIS is pleased to be a continued co-sponsor of the Islamophobia Research and Documentation project, directed by Dr. Hatem Bazian at the Center for Race and Gender at UC Berkeley. Munir Jiwa will be attending the upcoming conference titled, Islamophobia: (Neo)Racism and Systems of Oppression. October 24-25, 2015, Montreal.



CTNS EVENT: ENGAGING STUDENTS AND EMERGING YOUNG ADULTS IN THEOLOGY AND SCIENCE
BY GREG COOTSONA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7 P.M. LOCATION T.B.D.
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CALL FOR POSTER AND MULTI-MEDIA SESSIONS

On May 25-26, 2016, the GTU will be holding a two-day symposium celebrating the scholarship of Dr. Judith Berling. The planning committee for **Learning as Collaborative Conversation: Celebrating the Scholarship and Teaching of Judith Berling** is calling for poster and multi-media presentation proposals. The content of the proposed poster or multi-media presentations must be related to Dr. Judith Berling's academic areas of interest--pedagogy, comparative religion, or theory of interdisciplinary studies. Proposals (no longer than 500 words) must specifically describe how the presented project will engage, reflect, and build directly on Dr. Berling's work in one or more of

these areas. Please specify whether you plan to present with traditional poster or with multimedia display.

The selected posters will be exhibited during the symposium, and multi-media presentations will be shown during symposium reception. Selected posters and multi-media presentations will be officially recognized. The planning committee strongly encourages creative and collaborative work, which is Dr. Berling's personal pedagogy. Inquiries and proposals should be sent to Dr. Sophia Park (park@hnu.edu) or Dr. Emily Wu (emily.wu@dominican.edu). **The deadline for proposal submission is December 10, 2015.**



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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.

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HONORABLE MENTION

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Asif Sheikh, CIS*
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PHD STUDENTS

Comprehensive Proposal Approved

Therese Bjoernaas, THEO
Su-Chi Lin, ART

Oral Comprehensive Exams Passed

Se Hyuk Park, HIST

Oral Dissertation Successfully Defended

Benjamin Su, IDS
Jeffrey Hoffmeyer, THEO
Wanjoong Kim, THEO
John B. King, THEO

Advanced to Candidacy

Matthew Paulson, THEO
Lauren Guerra, THEO

THE FLORA LAMSON HEWELETT LIBRARY CELEBRATES
THE PUBLICATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS CULTURES

Thursday, October, 1st, 6:30-8:30, Dinner Boardroom,
2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California 94539

Six years in the making, the project was spearheaded by GTU faculty, Professors Fumitaka Matsuoka (retired), Edmond Yee (retired), and Ronald Y Nakasone, and graduate Jonathan Lee. Together with other contributors to the two-volume 1000+page encyclopedia, they will share their insights on the Asian American experience. Please join in celebrating an effort that highlights GTU scholarship in advancing the spiritual traditions of Asian American and other peripheral communities and their spiritual cultures.