Tempus fugit. My daughter is graduating from college in about a month. She was only two years old when she came to Berkeley with her father to begin his doctoral studies. When her father finished his program, his first full-time academic position took his family to Buffalo, and she was merely eight years old. I don’t think I’ll believe my eyes when I see her walk across the stage to receive her diploma! We certainly will celebrate her accomplishment! But the reality awaits; she doesn’t have a job waiting for her. Her major: English. I didn’t do the “tiger dad” thing – I didn’t push her to major in one of the STEM fields or pre-med/law. I told her to follow whatever delighted her heart. She did. I do not regret it and am very proud of her.

The GTU and its member schools will have their commencement exercises in the month of May. We certainly will celebrate the achievements of the graduates. But the reality awaits, perhaps most intensely for the Ph.D. graduates. The job market for humanities doctorates doesn’t look good, as the title of one article on this issue indicates, “The Unending Horror of the Humanities Job Market, in One Chart.” When you juxtapose the fact that the average time it takes to earn humanities doctoral degrees is over eight years and the fact that the job market for people with humanities doctorates is continuing to shrink (“The Shrinking Humanities Job Market”), it doesn’t make sense that the number of doctorates awarded keeps rising or that more people wish to do a PhD in humanities than ever before.

One key finding by the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature from their job advertisement data (2016-2017) supports the continuing trend in the job market in our disciplines: The total number of faculty positions decreased by 8.6% year over year from AY16 to AY17. GTU graduates will compete with more people than ever before in a shrinking job market. In the last five years or so, about 50% of our doctoral graduates secured a teaching job of some kind.

Is the world producing more PhDs than it needs? I think this is a wrong question to ask. I am certain that the world will be better off with more PhDs in our disciplines than fewer. But not everyone desires to be in the academia. Why aren’t the doctoral programs preparing more students for jobs outside the academia? We need to talk about this.

Uriah Y. Kim, PhD.
GTU Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs
John Dillenberger Professor of Biblical Studies
From the Dean of Students

GTU Commencement

The GTU Commencement is May 10 at 4pm Zaytuna College, 2401 Le-Conte. A reception follows the ceremony at the Bade Museum at PSR. Common MA and Doctoral students planning on participating in the GTU Commencement Ceremony should report to for robing and procession instructions by 3:15pm. Faculty are asked to arrive by 3:30pm. Contact Kathleen Kook, GTU Dean of Students, kkook@gtu.edu, 510-649-2464 for information. Join us in celebrating our accomplished graduates.

Modern Language Exam

The next modern Foreign Language Examination is Wednesday, May 23, 1:00pm to 4:45pm in the Dinner Board Room. Register by May 2 with Amberly Largusa, Student Affairs Office Manager, alargusa@gtu.edu, 649-2400.

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. French and German courses will be offered July 9 through August 3 from 9am to noon, Spanish will meet from 3pm to 6pm. Tuition is $670, due the Friday before the courses begins, payable to the GTU. To reserve a spot, contact John Seal, GTU Registrar, jseal@gtu.edu.
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2018 GTU Graduates

Master of Arts

Ria Barretto Aquino
Mestizaje: The Historical, Cultural, and Theological Roots of the Filipino and Filipino-American Identity
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J. (Coordinator)

Christina M. Atienza, O.P.
Human Flourishing: A Comparison of Aquinas on Charity and Dōgen on Practice-Realization
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Thomas Cattoi (Coordinator)

Alyssa Anneke Marie Cover
Moving Together: Strengthening Bonds in Community through Dance
Pacific School of Religion
Rossitza Schroeder (Coordinator)

Philipos Ghaly
Mobilizing Diaspora for the Kingdom of God: Theological Reflections for the Coptic Diaspora
Starr King School for the Ministry
WITH HONORS
Gabriella Lettini (Coordinator)

Aaron Terris Grizzell
Charles H. Long and the Idea of Matter and Materiality: A Locus for Interdisciplinary Understanding
San Francisco Theological Seminary
WITH HONORS
Christopher Ocker (Coordinator)

Jonathan P. Guevara
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Annette Weissenrieder (Coordinator)

Jonathan Homrighausen
Growing the Garden: Interreligious Intertextuality between the Song of Songs and the Qur’an
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
John C. Endres, S.J. (Coordinator)

Yunha Hwang
The Correlation between a Person’s Experience of Attachment to God and Their Resilience to Traumatic Experience
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Laurie Garrett-Cobbina (Coordinator)

Lorelai Kude
"Yesh Mazal b’Yisrael": Astrology and Identity in Jewish Culture
Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)

Glennis Mical Pryor Lamm
Unity By Way Of The Synagogue: Understanding the Unification of the Private and Public Spheres In First Century Jewish Communities
Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)
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Master of Arts, Cont’d.

Sofia Lozano-Pallares
_Hermanas De La Asunción Entre La Comunidad: Church, Faith and Justice Work in Chaparral New Mexico_
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J. (Coordinator)

Patrick J. Murray
_The Twelve Steps as Christian Spiritual Path_
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Alison Benders (Coordinator)

Kyung-June Park
_Jonathan Edwards and Charles Grandison Finney on Revivals: Two Perspectives_
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Christopher Ocker (Coordinator)

Caroline Elizabeth Read
_Mary Ward’s Spirituality and Leadership as Inspired by Ignatian Spirituality and the Implications for Catholic Women’s Ordination_
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
WITH HONORS
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Bradley W. Seligmann
_More in Deeds than in Words: Hospitality to the Religious Other in Jesuit Higher Education_
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
WITH HONORS
Alison M. Benders (Coordinator)

Christian Suba
_The Eyes of James Baldwin: A Method of Critical Analysis on Behalf of the Marginalized_
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Jerome P. Baggett (Coordinator)

Sophie Vener
_Speaking the Unspeakable: The Exposure and Concealing of Rabbinic Self-Awareness of the Dissonance between the Oral and Written Torahs from the Bavli to the Middle Ages_
Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies
WITH HONORS
Deena Aranoff (Coordinator)

Mary Dern Walker
_Three Women’s Prayers in the First Century CE_
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Jean-François Racine (Coordinator)

Akihiro Yasuda
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Thomas Cattoi (Coordinator)
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Masters of Arts with a Concentration in Biblical Languages

Sungeun Kim
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Eugene Eung-Chun Park (Coordinator)
Biblical Hebrew (Primary) | Biblical Greek (Secondary) | English (Modern Language)

Doctor of Philosophy

Therese Marie Ignacio Bjøernaas
Imago Dei as Imago Trinitatis: A Theology of Disability and Embodied Cognition
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Marion Grau (Coordinator)

Levi Checketts
Homo Gubernator: A Moral Anthropology for New Technologies
Ethics and Social Theory
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Diandra E. Chretain
Biblical Studies
Barbara Green, O.P. (Coordinator)

Philip Daniel Erwin
Paul and Image: Reading First Corinthians in Visual Terms
Biblical Studies
David Balch (Coordinator)

Roy A. Fisher
Towards an Off-Epochal Reading of Matthew
Near Eastern Religions
Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley (Coordinator)

Lawrence Robert Fraher
The Incarnational Imagination: Faith Formation as Shaping the Christian Imagination
Art and Religion
Rossita Schroeder (Coordinator)
2018 GTU Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy, Cont’d.

Kresten Froistad-Martin
Liberation and Casuistry: Joining Context-Based Methods for Ethical Approaches that Address Poverty
Ethics and Social Theory
Carol S. Robb (Coordinator)

Sean Matthew Gross
Parish the Thought: Examining U.S. Catholic Reception of - and Pastoral Responses to - Catholic Teaching on Homosexuality
Ethics and Social Theory
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Christopher M. Hansen
A Theological Approach to Healing and Growth: For Those Affected by Moral Injury, Operational Stress, and Trauma
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Robert Russell (Coordinator)

Jin Sook Kim
The Subject in Practice: A Lacanian Interpretation of Religious Practice
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Jay Emerson Johnson (Coordinator)

Yoon Kyung Kim
Subaltern Characters: Agents for Social Change in 2 Kings 7:1-20
Biblical Studies
Gina Hens-Piazza (Coordinator)

Tae Woong Lee
The Resistance of Daniel and His Friends: A Postcolonial Satirical Reading of Daniel 1-6 in Its Socio-political Context
Biblical Studies
Gina Hens-Piazza (Coordinator)

Raphael Okitafumba Lokola
Shalom Against the Veil of War: A Reconstructive Narrative of Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Ethics and Social Theory
William R. O’Neill, S.J. (Coordinator)

Hollis Anne Mitchem
Sailors, Soldiers and Saints: Religious Paintings for the American Military in World War II
Art and Religion
Rossitza Schroeder (Coordinator)
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Doctor of Philosophy, Cont’d.

Robert Kammer Peach
Interdisciplinary Studies
Devin Phillip Zuber (Coordinator)

Eleanor Shapiro
The Sound of Change? Performing "Jewishness" in Polish Small Towns
Interdisciplinary Studies
Naomi Sheindel Seidman (Coordinator)

Dante Ronald Quick
Toward a Black Pneumatology: An Exploration of Martin Luther King Jr. and Kelly Brown Douglas
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Jay Emerson Johnson (Coordinator)

Stephen R. Shaver
Liturgical Studies
Ruth A. Meyers (Coordinator)

Dustyn Kainoa Ragasa
Raising Hawai’i: Moral Luck and the Moral Imagination
Ethics and Social Theory
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)

Shijung Shim
The Rhetoric and Reality of Mother Love among Younger-Generation Korean American Women from a Feminist Pastoral Theological Perspective
Liturgical Studies
Herbert Anderson (Coordinator)

Daniel G. Shantu
Is Truth Intelligible? The Myth of John Hick’s Copernican Revolution and The Salvific Centrality of Christ
Systematic and Philosophical Theology
Michael J. Dodds, O.P. (Coordinator)

Khalia Jelks Williams
“Flesh that Dances”: Constructing a Womanist Liturgical Theology of Embodiment
Liturgical Studies
Mary E. McGann, R.S.C.J. (Coordinator)

Ann R. Woods
An Ancient Voice in the Contemporary Wilderness: Reclaiming Asceticism as a Christian Response to Climate Change
Ethics and Social Theory
Lisa Fullam (Coordinator)
Call for Papers: Graduate Student Symposium at the Institute of Buddhist Studies

The theme of the 2018 Graduate Student Symposium is Buddhist political engagements and imaginaries. How has Buddhist thought, cosmology, or ethics been used to engage, disengage, critique, or conform to systems of political power? Far from being wholly disinterested in secular affairs, Buddhists have over the millennia engaged the world in various ways, from tantric rituals for the longevity of the emperor and the protection of state to the Buddha’s ten duties for the king, from lay precepts and advice for marriage to wholesale rejections of lay life and retreat to the monastery. In this symposium, we hope to explore the various discursive strategies Buddhists have used historically and contemporarily to reimagine Buddhist worlds in the present moment, to critique or support political systems, and develop practices and approaches to the path in line or at odds with social norms.

Topics include but are not limited to: political reimaginings of traditional Buddhist cosmologies, doctrines, or practices; contemporary lay or monastic engaged Buddhist movements, their successes and shortcomings; the intersection of gender, race, class, nationalism or identity and Buddhist political thought; nationalist movements and their Buddhist supporters and detractors. Papers from any Buddhist tradition, region, or historical period will be considered.

Dr. Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University and author of Pure Land/Real World: Modern Buddhism, Japanese Leftists, and the Utopian Imagination (University of Hawai’i Press, 2017), will serve as the symposium keynote speaker.

Graduate students at any stage of their program are encouraged to submit paper proposals. Please send abstracts of no more than 500 words to Thomas Calobrisi (tcalobrisi@ses.gtu.edu). Please include your academic affiliation with your submission. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2018. Applicants will be notified about their submission by July 15, 2018.

Center for Islamic Studies New and Events

Please join us as we honor, remember and celebrate the life and work of our beloved friend, Mamade Kadreebux. The memorial will be held at GTU Library Board Room on May 12, from 12-6pm.

Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing the holy month (~May 15 to June 14). May it be a time of spiritual reflection and fulfillment.

Congratulations to all our students, visiting scholars, faculty and staff for a wonderful CIS 10th year anniversary year!
Student Awards

Student Travel Grants AY 18-19 | Cycle 1

Students who have papers accepted for the program of the Annual Meeting of the AAR, SBL, or other comparable national meeting or conference may compete in the GTU’s Student Travel Grant competition. Winner are given cash awards to support the costs of attending the meeting. The Dean and Core Doctoral Faculty Awards Committee select recipients for this award. The grant is awarded in two cycles. The first cycle applies to meetings and conferences taking place between May 1st, 2018 and January 31st, 2019. To apply, see the Student Travel Grants page on the GTU website. The deadline for applications for cycle #1 of the grant is September 17th, 2018.

Chan Essay Prize in Religion and Economics

The Chan Essay Prize is of about $2500 and was established in 1987 by the Lionel Chan Family Endowment. To enter, submit an original essay, a term paper for a course, or a chapter of a thesis or dissertation, with an introduction and conclusion to frame it as an independent essay. The evaluating criteria are as follows:

Genre: Within the specific genre (essay, sermon, term paper, chapter of a larger work), does the entry exhibit excellence?

Topic: How well does the topic engage?

Creativity/Contribution: given the audience of the genre, how much of an original or creative contribution is made by the paper? Does it offer fresh insights or simply rehash materials already available?

Essay prompts alternate from year to year: the prompt for AY 18-19 is “Religion and Economics.”

The deadline for submissions is September 17, 2018.

PSR Center for LGBTQ & Gender Studies News

The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS) is proud to announce its acceptance of the CLGS Andrew Ramer Collection. Ramer is a noted Jewish author and liturgist whose major life’s work is a personal journal (begun in 1971) which is currently comprised of 146 notebooks, all of which can be found in the Collection. Interviewed with fifteen other gay elders in Mark Thompson’s groundbreaking book Gay Soul, Ramer is the author of several books including Two Flutes Playing, Queering the Text, and Torah Told Different.

The Collection contains Ramer’s published and unpublished works, including his sketchbooks and paintings (he has illustrated several of his own books); his personal correspondence going back to childhood; and recordings of several interviews he has given over the years.

A reception to honor the work of Andrew Ramer and to celebrate the acceptance of his archives will be held on Sunday, 13 May 2018 from 7pm to 8:30pm in The Badè Museum at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California (1798 Scenic Avenue). This event will feature a reading by Andrew Ramer and remarks about the significance of this new archival collection by Bernard Schlager, CLGS Executive Director.
Honorable Mentions

MA/MABL
Caroline Read, MA-JST/SCU

Comprehensive Proposal Approved
Sheryl Johnson, THET
Eric Sias, BIBL

Oral Comprehensive Passed
Michaela Eskew, ART

Dissertation Successfully Defended
Roy A. Fisher, NER

Advanced to Candidacy
Mary Ashley, Ethics and Social Theory