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Welcome to the **LFP Update**, an e-publication from the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts to keep LFP representatives and others informed about the activities of 1) LFP National Network institutions, 2) present and former Lilly Fellows and, 3) the LFP office at Valparaiso University.

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Nominations and Applications:

The LFP Postdoctoral Fellowships and for the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program

We are happy to announce that the LFP received 177 completed applications for two LFP [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) at [Valparaiso University](#). Look for the announcement of the new Fellows, including profiles, in the May issue of the [_LFP Update_](#).

We are also happy to announce that the LFP received fifty-six nominations from twenty-nine [network schools](#) for ten 2014 [Lilly Graduate Fellowships](#). Thank you for all your work in making the nomination process of this seventh year of the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program a success. In March, we will invite sixteen finalists to the Interview Conference at the Omni Severin Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 4-5-, 2014. During this weekend, the selection committee will select ten Graduate Fellows.

Online Directory of Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship Applicants

Each year, the [Program](#) receives scores more applications from highly qualified post-doctoral students than can possibly move to the on-campus interview stage. When the committee composes a cohort of Fellows it applies a complicated calculus of factors. It is inevitable that the committee will not interview highly qualified candidates who have indicated their desire to teach in church-related higher education. In order to provide Lilly Fellows National Network representatives with access to this rich pool of post-doctoral scholar-teachers we have created an on-line directory of applicants categorized by discipline. To see the directory of the current Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship Applicants, please [click here](#).

Ongoing Mentoring Programs

The November LFP Update reported that the [National Network Board](#) decided to fund three new Mentoring Programs: [Calvin College](#), "Mentoring New Faculty through Classroom Observation and Collaboration," directed by Dean Ward; [Dordt College](#), "Perspectives in Practice," directed by Leah A. Zuidema, and [Saint Louis University](#) "Beyond Branding: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Corporate Models of Higher Education," co-directed by Christopher Collins, S.J., and Michael Barber, S.J.

The Mentoring Program funded in Fall 2012 got underway at [Northwest Nazarene University](#). *Ezer: Helping New Faculty Connect to Mission and Vocation*, directed by Ed Robinson, Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Leadership Studies and Servant Leadership for NNU's Wesley Center, explores the biblical Hebrew idea of *Ezer*, which characterizes the act of "coming along side to help, to give strength to another." As the university embarked on its second century, the program director and participants have a structured mentoring program to come along side and help (*Ezer*) new faculty strengthen their sense of vocation, understand the university's Wesleyan heritage, and explore the pedagogical implications of the university's mission that is grounded in that heritage. Northwest Nazarene University's program mentors new faculty, develops their vocation as educators, fosters a better understanding of the university's Wesleyan heritage, and examines how to unite these two elements in the classroom.

Mentoring Programs have been among the most popular and successful of all LFP initiatives. Mentoring Programs provide funds to nurture new and junior faculty at Network institutions and strengthen the commitment of all faculty to institutional mission. Well-constructed mentoring programs encourage new faculty as well as veteran faculty to understand and share the ethos of the school, to grow to love the questions that the institution holds dear, and to consider the importance of fundamental matters concerning the relationship between higher learning and the Christian faith. Such programs also seek to renew and deepen the commitment of the whole institution and its leaders to those central intellectual and spiritual matters. To learn more about mentoring programs, see the [LFP website](#).

Report on Small Grant Programs

In October, the National Network Board also funded five [Small Grants](#) at [Belmont University](#), [Duquesne University](#), [Gordon College](#), [Hope College](#), and [Mount St. Mary's University](#).

Belmont University with "Courage and Renewal: Circle of Trust® approach Program," directed by Judy Skeen, seeks in this yearlong program to answer this question: *How can educators create classroom experiences where integrity is chosen from inside out?* **Duquesne University's** "Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability: Explorations at a Spiritan Catholic University" will fund six faculty members to participate in six meetings over the 2014-15 academic year to enhance interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration on ecological and sustainability initiatives by faculty members across the university while drawing on their varied areas of expertise. The program, directed by Darlene Fozard Weaver and Maureen O'Brien, will also integrate Spiritan Catholic mission for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation more fully into faculty members' research and teaching, thereby weaving them more fully into the awareness and academic engagement of undergraduate students and faculty as part of DU's mission, and it will provide faculty with a collegial setting in which to

develop a specific area of their research or teaching related to environmental stewardship or sustainability. **Gordon College's** "Young Scholars and Vocation" discussion group, directed by Bruce G. Webb, provides support for its small-group discussion seminar for young scholars in the Boston area who are in pursuit of or in possession of advanced degrees or in earlier processes of discernment and who want to explore a calling to church-related higher education in more depth. These young scholars will benefit from time with one another and with more seasoned scholars around common readings and discussion. **Hope College's** program directed by Steven Bouma-Prediger, will develop a larger conversation at the college on "robust ecumenism." The program, "Robust Ecumenism at Hope College," will extend the conversation to the Lilly Network by hosting a conference in 2015-2016 on the promise and challenges of genuine ecumenicity in Christian higher education. **Mount St. Mary's University**, with its program "*Gaudium et Spes*, Then and Now: A Faculty Dialogue," aims to engage members of its community in reflection on the 1965 Pastoral Constitution, *Gaudium et Spes*, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Under the directorship of Joshua Peter Hochschild, Mount St. Mary's University intends for this program to enhance faculty development and its curriculum.

The purpose of the LFP Small Grant Program is to stimulate conversation about church-related higher education and church-related mission on [National Network](#) campuses or among National Network schools in close proximity to each another. The Board hopes these grants of \$1500 and \$3000 will extend and strengthen the LFP's national conversation about church-related higher learning and mission within and among our network campuses. The Small Grant program is designed to fund new programs on network campuses rather than supplement on-going ones. For more information on the small grant program including reports on ongoing and past programs, see the [LFP website](#).

Update on Project R5, Art Exhibition

In the summer of 2013, the LFP, along with the CCCU, sponsored *R5: A Visual Arts Seminar and Studio in South Africa*, as a Regional Conference. *R5*, directed by Joel Carpenter of Calvin College (who won the Regional Conference Grant) and Rachel Smith of Taylor University, was a joint venture of South African and American artists who spent several weeks together in South Africa and will produce, over the 2013/2014 academic year, an art exhibition whose national premiere will be at the 2014 [LFP National Conference](#) at [Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans](#). "R5," evokes a common symbol in South Africa, the five-rand coin, and provides a way of remembering five critical issues with which South African artists struggle:

- **Remembrance:** the intertwined and contested histories of varied people groups.
- **Resistance:** the old, vivid, and continuing tradition of prophetic artistry.
- **Reconciliation:** persistent questions over how to justly reconcile aggrieved people.
- **Representation:** in a post-colonial, multicultural society, who may represent whom?
- **Re-visioning:** how does hope factor into artistic imagination?

For more information, visit the [R5 website](#).

Report on Two Upcoming LFP Regional Conferences in 2014 and 2015

The National Network Board awarded [Regional Conferences](#) to two institutions at its Fall 2013 meeting: [Gordon College](#) and [Samford University](#). For more information on Gordon College's program and all other Regional Conferences past and present, see our website.

Gordon College, through its Center for Faith and Inquiry, will host its conference, "Islam in the Western Classroom: Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching about Islam in a Post 9/11 World."

Samford University will host its regional conference "Teaching the Christian Intellectual Tradition: Augustine Across the Curriculum," October 2-4, 2014. Be looking for a Call for Papers open to members of LFP National Network Schools. For more information on Samford University's Regional Conference including a call for papers, see the conference [website](#).

Keep in Mind: Opportunities for Regional Conference on Your Campus:

Regional Conferences or Workshops represent a flexible category of programs that encourage examination of topics of special significance to faculty, administrators, and students at a particular institution or group of institutions, or matters of special intellectual concern to faculty and others in Christian higher education. The focus, character, and constituency of the conference may vary to suit the needs of the applicant, within the general guidelines listed above. Previous successful conferences and workshops have focused on issues facing schools in a particular region, topics of current debate among faculty at a particular school, student life issues, graduate student matters, various theological or denominational traditions in higher education, an array of topics in liberal and professional education, and issues of civic and public concern to the Christian intellectual community. For more information about funding and hosting a regional conference, see the [LFP website](#).

Save the Date: LFP Network Exchange in Spring, 2015

The National Network Board also awarded a Network Exchange grant to Boston College for its program, "Service, Faith, and Higher Learning," which will be held March 22 to 25, 2015.

Two recent Lilly Fellows National Network Conferences focused on the themes of service, faith and higher learning. Those conferences raised many questions regarding academic standards, theological perspectives and practical considerations, especially about how to make service learning more integral to the missions of LFP member institutions.

The PULSE Program for Service Learning at Boston College has been educating young men and women for over 40 years. It has been highly regarded nationally for its model that integrates academic and service learning. The PULSE Program now enrolls over 400 students each semester in 34 courses and over 50 service agency placements per year. This Exchange Program will share offer participants opportunities to visit volunteer field placement sites as well as classroom setting. It will provide sessions for dialogue with faculty members, placement supervisors, students, and the staff of the program. Participants will also be encouraged to identify ideas from the PULSE Program that can enrich their home campus programs.

For more details about the PULSE Program, see the [program's website](#) or the [LFP Network Exchange Website](#). **Look for a Call for Applications in May, 2014.**

Upcoming Grant Opportunity Deadlines

[Regional Conferences](#): **September 15, 2014**

[Mentoring Program](#): **September 15, 2014**

[Summer Seminars](#): **March 15, 2015**

From the Colloquium and Exiles from Eden

The [From the Colloquium](#) section of the newsletter has moved to the new LFP sponsored blog, [Exiles from Eden](#). For more on the happenings of the weekly Post-doctoral fellows colloquium and other developments in church-related higher education, check out the blog!

As always, the LFP can be followed on Facebook and now Twitter. Find us at [@LFProgram](#) and [@Exilesfromeden](#).