



## \_\_LFP Update\_\_5.3 September, 2010

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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### \_\_\_ Information regarding the 2010 20th Anniversary LFP National Conference and Administrators Workshop \_\_\_

In 2010 the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts will celebrate its 20th Anniversary when its annual National Conference returns to Valparaiso University, the institutional home of the Lilly Fellows Program and the two-year residential Lilly Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship.

As we celebrate this return to the place from which our twenty-year conversation about church-related higher learning began, we will consider the theme, *Face to Face in Time and Place: Perspectives on Place in Higher Education*. In plenary sessions, artistic presentations, and conversation, we will consider connections among place, community, and learning in church-related higher education from theological, sociological, and architectural perspectives.

We will think through questions such as: if place is important for learning, then what constitutes a place? Does place require physical structure, and, if so, is there a pedagogical ethic related to such physical spaces? Can place exist outside of physical structures, perhaps in community identity, so that a nexus of relationships constitutes a place of learning? Can ideas exist apart from communities and places--must ideas be in some way embodied? How do memories and traditions, as they constitute place, shape the ideas taught in our classrooms? Finally, how does place connect to institutional mission, and does place matter to church-related institutions in unique ways?

Keynote addresses for the conference will be offered by: **Dr. Gretchen Buggeln**, Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Christianity and the Arts in Christ College Honors College at Valparaiso University; **Dr. Gerardo Marti**, L. Richardson King Associate Professor of Sociology at Davidson College, and **Dr. Vincent Miller**, Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture at the University of Dayton.

We cordially invite Lilly Fellows Program Campus Representatives, members of the Valparaiso University campus, and Friends of the Lilly Fellows Program to join us for this celebration.

**The deadline for registration is September 15, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

### 2010 LFP Workshop for Senior Administrators

Immediately preceding the National Conference will be **the Eleventh Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators** on the topic, *The Arts as Institutional Signature*. The Workshop will be held at Valparaiso University, **October 14 and 15, 2010**. Addressing the workshop will be **Mark A. Heckler, President of Valparaiso University**, and **Richard Yanikoski, President of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities** and former President of Saint Xavier University. The Workshop is offered at no cost to senior administrators at Lilly Fellows Program National Network [member institutions](#). The first participant from each school will be reimbursed for travel costs up to \$600. Meals and hotel accommodations will also be paid for by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts. Additional participants from member schools will be wait-listed until September 15 and will be enrolled as slots become available. **The deadline for registration is September 15, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

### \_\_\_\_\_ Introducing Third Cohort of The Lilly Graduate Fellows \_\_\_\_\_

We are excited to report the successful selection of 16 Graduate Students for the Third Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows. We especially want to thank you, the representatives, faculty, and administrators in our network of church-related schools, not only for your hard work in nominating 75 students from whom the selection committee had the difficult task of selecting only 16, but for providing the vocational formation evident in this impressive group of graduate students. The 16 Fellows were selected by a 9-member selection committee who interviewed 24 finalists on April 16-18. The Fellows met together for three days at an Inaugural Conference on August 2-5, 2009, in Indianapolis, Indiana, with their mentors-- Dr. Susan VanZanten of Seattle Pacific University and Dr. Patrick Byrne of the Boston College, along with the LFP staff and Dr. Stephanie Paulsell (LF 93-95), who, drawing on Dante's *Divine Comedy*, addressed the subject of the vocation of the Christian Scholar. The Fellows participated in discussions centered on this theme as well as the theme of hospitality. As have the First and Second Cohorts of Fellows, the Third Cohort will embark on a long-distance colloquium drawing on classical theological and other texts to continue to explore the theme: "The Proper Use of Study." The Fellows will also engage in one-on-one mentoring relationships and participate in the second of four conferences in August, 2011, at Seattle Pacific University.

### Lilly Graduate Fellows, Cohort 3

**Karl Aho** received his Bachelors Degree from Valparaiso University in 2007, his MA from Boston College in 2010, and he will pursue a PhD in philosophy at Baylor University.

**Alexandria Ashford** received her Bachelors Degree from Pepperdine University in 2010 and will pursue a MFA in Creative Writing at the University of New Orleans.

**Yelena Bailey** received her Bachelors Degree from Bethel University in 2009, her MA from NYU in 2010, and she will pursue a PhD in literature at the University of California, San Diego.

**Mike Bertrand** received his Bachelors Degree from Hope College in 2010 and will pursue a PhD in philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Hannah Bormann** received her Bachelors Degree from Calvin College in 2009 and will pursue a PhD in English at The Catholic University of America.

**Michael Colebrook** received his Bachelors Degree from Assumption College in 2010 and will pursue a PhD in philosophy at the University of Dallas.

**Tiffany DeRewal** received her Bachelors Degree from Messiah College in 2007, her MA from Villanova University in 2010, and she will pursue a PhD in English at Temple University.

**Erin Eighan** received her Bachelors Degree from Boston College in 2010 and will pursue a PhD in English at the University of Connecticut.

**Corey French** received his Bachelors Degree at Sewanee: The University of the South in 2010 and will pursue a PhD in English at the University of Virginia.

**Brian Hamm** received his Bachelors Degree from Pepperdine University in 2010 and will be pursue a PhD in Latin American history at the University of Florida.

**Sophie Hunt** received her Bachelors Degree from Valparaiso University in 2005, her MA from the University of Tennessee in 2009, and she will pursue a PhD in History at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Gideon Jeffrey** received his Bachelors Degree from Baylor University in 2010 and will pursue a PhD in philosophy at St. Louis University.

**Rachel Pietka** received her Bachelors Degree from Azusa Pacific University in 2006, an MA from Chapman University in 2009, and she will pursue a PhD in English at Baylor University.

**Katherine G. Schmidt** received her Bachelors Degree from Mount St. Mary's University in 2007, an MA from the University of Dayton in 2010, and she will pursue a PhD in theology at the University of Dayton.

**Andrew Welton** received his Bachelors Degree from Grove City College in 2010 and will pursue a PhD in early medieval history at the University of Florida.

**Robert Zandstra** received his Bachelors Degree from Calvin College in 2009 and will pursue a PhD in English at the University of Oregon.

### \_\_\_\_\_ **The Third Conference for the First Cohort of Graduate Fellows at Baylor University in Waco, Texas** \_\_\_\_\_

On May 16-19, 2010, the First Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows met at Baylor University in Waco, Texas for their third conference: *Engaging Great Texts Within the Christian Tradition*, led by First-Cohort Mentor Dr. Michael Beaty. As this group has now been together for two years, the sense of fellowship and camaraderie was striking, as were the conversations around this theme. In preparation, the group read *The Aeneid* and Flannery O'Connor's *The Violent Bear it Away*, along with papers by the speakers and selections from Aquinas. The Fellows had conversations on this topic with a number of faculty members from Baylor: Dr. Susan Conon, Associate Professor of Literature in the Honors Program; Dr. Julia Dyson Hejduk, Associate Professor of Classics; Dr. Thomas Hibbs, Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Culture and Dean of the Honors College; Dr. Victor J. Hinojosa, Associate Professor of Political Science; Dr. Scott Moore, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Great Texts and Director of the Great Texts Program in the Honors College; Dr. Jonathan Tran, Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, and Dr. Ralph C. Wood, University Professor of Theology and Literature. The Fellows stayed Brooks Flats Residence Hall, attended Morning and Evening Prayers at Robbins Chapel (led by Dr. Douglas Henry, Associate Professor of Philosophy in the Honors College and Master of Brooks Residential College), and visited the World Hunger Relief Farm in Waco. The Fellows grappled with a number of themes and questions, many of which revolved around tensions between their professional formation in graduate school and the actual practices of teaching they will encounter in their work. Of course, a vital part of the time together was fun and fellowship, both of which were had in abundance. As the First Cohort of Fellows enters its last year, it will focus on the theme in colloquium this fall of "Secularism and Belief in the Modern West and the Post-Modern Academy," and it will meet for a final conference in May, 2011, before being introduced to the LFP National Conference in 2012.

### \_\_\_\_\_ **The First Conference for the Second Cohort of Graduate Fellows at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI** \_\_\_\_\_

On August 7-11, 2010, the Second Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows met at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI for their second conference hosted by Second-Cohort Mentor Dr. Susan Felch. The conference featured conversation about Dante and Flannery O'Connor with guest teacher Dr. Peter Hawkins, Professor of Religion and Literature at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School. In preparation, the Fellows had participated in a semester long look at "The Virtuous Learner" and had read much of Dante's *Purgatorio*. In addition, the group read Dr. Hawkins' *Dante: A Brief*

*History*, several O'Connor short stories, and O'Connor's *Mystery and Manners*. The conversation blended academic analysis with personal reflection, pushing towards the integration between the spiritual and the academic that the Cohort had examined over the previous spring. These academic sessions were coupled with wonderful food and fellowship, worship at Harvest Church in Grand Rapids, and singing and boating at Dr. Felch's lake cottage. The Second Cohort of Fellows will meet again this May at the University of Dayton for its third conference.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Selection Information for the Fourth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows \_\_\_\_\_

It is time to begin the process of selecting the Fourth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows who will be entering graduate school in the fall, 2011. The process for nominating graduate fellows remains basically unchanged from last year. As was the case last year, each network school can nominate up to 3 students for the Lilly Graduate Fellowships. Students who plan to enter PhD, MFA, or comparable programs in fall, 2011, and received a bachelors degree from your institution after April, 2006, are eligible for the Lilly Graduate Fellowship. For additional eligibility requirements, click here. **The deadline for nominations is November 19, 2010.**

LFP Representatives are responsible for nominating applicants, and we are in the process of mailing promotional materials to you, so the time is now to begin preparation for nominating students from your school. For more information, please click here or contact us here.

### \_\_\_\_\_ New LFP Assistant Director Named \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Mary Beth Fraser Connolly has been named Assistant Director of the Lilly Fellows Program. Dr. Fraser Connolly received her PhD in history from The Catholic University of America and has taught American, women's, and religious history at universities in New Hampshire and Indiana. Since 2006, she has worked as the historian for the Sisters of Mercy Chicago Regional Community writing their community's history. She is currently co-editing an essay collection on Catholic laity and Vatican II and collaborating on an entry for the online database, *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000*. Dr. Connolly was also named Adjunct Assistant Professor of History at Valparaiso University.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Opportunities for receiving Mentoring Grants or hosting Network Exchanges and Regional Conferences \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the LFP National Network, you are part of an ecumenical program that sustains an ongoing conversation and set of initiatives that enrich and sustain church-related higher education. In addition, you enjoy a number of privileges including support for attending the LFP National Conference and Workshop for Senior Administrators and the chance to nominate up to three of your students for the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program. In addition, you have the opportunity to apply for four program grants to enable you to sponsor (1) programs for mentoring faculty on your campus, (2) network exchanges that showcase programs or projects that have been especially successful on your campuses, (3) smaller regional conferences that enable you to engage in close collaboration with schools in your area or with scholars who want to focus on a particular questions or subject, and (4) summer seminars for college teachers that bring together scholars from network schools for several weeks to address teaching concerns.

At its upcoming meeting in October, 2010, the LFP National Network Board will award grants for these first three initiatives: mentoring programs, network exchanges, and regional conferences. The grant to sponsor a faculty mentoring program is an especially great way to get started in the LFP granting process.

Please visit the LFP website for more information on these programs. Please note that applications for mentoring programs, regional conferences, and network exchanges are due **September 15, 2010**.

Please also note that there will be a workshop on applying for LFP grants during registration at the LFP National Conference at Valparaiso University (October 15-17, 2010).

### \_\_\_\_\_ Upcoming LFP Regional Conferences and Call for Papers at Benedictine University \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your calendars if you live in the Chicagoland area or Great Lakes region to reserve **April 16, 2011**, for a 2011 LFP Regional Conference at Benedictine University in Lisle, IL, on **Faith, Science and Stewardship: Christian Pedagogy on the Environment**. The conference will facilitate a dialogue between the various Christian perspectives on

environmental issues, as well as on effective teaching of the Christian understanding of creation and stewardship. Environmental issues, particularly about water, are of pressing concern to colleges in the Great Lakes region. In the public domain, the contributions of Christian thought on environmental issues are given little prominence. It is our hope that this conference will help inject our varying Christian perspectives into the larger debate. The conference partners – [Benedictine](#), [Lewis University](#), and [Trinity Christian College](#) – represent the Benedictine, Lasallian and Reformed traditions of Christianity, and so this conference will enjoy an ecumenical dimension. Please be watching for registration details.

[Benedictine University](#) also invite proposals for papers, panel presentations, or poster presentations. Successful proposals will address the conference theme: faith, science and stewardship. For more information on submitting proposals, please [click here](#); the deadline for proposal submissions is October 1, 2010.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Other dates and deadlines for your calendar \_\_\_\_\_

The next series of programs that will receive funding are: [Mentoring Programs](#), [Network Exchange Programs](#), and [Regional Conferences](#). Proposals are due **September 15, 2010**.

The deadline for submitting up to three nominees for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) is **November 19, 2010**. The deadline for applications for the [2011-2013 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowships](#) in Humanities and the Arts is **Tuesday, December 14, 2010**.

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

#### \_\_\_\_\_ From the Colloquium \_\_\_\_\_

Last September I reported on the distance colloquium of the [First Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#), and this year I will report on the distance colloquia of the [Second Cohorts of Graduate Fellows](#).

All three Cohorts of [Graduate Fellows](#) meet biweekly through the semester through a webinar format. The [Second Cohort](#) of Lilly Graduate Fellows, composed of students entering their doctoral programs this past fall (2009) and mentored by Dr. Susan Felch at [Calvin College](#) and Dr. William Portier of the [University of Dayton](#), covered the theme of "Hospitality" in the fall (as did the first Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows) and "The Virtuous Learner" in the spring. "Hospitality" again proved to be a timely subject for entering graduate students, as it enabled the members of the cohort to reflect on their own transitions of place and identity (being strangers in a strange land) and to think about practicing hospitality as they encountered "the other" not only as people or places but as ideas and texts. One Fellow noted, too, that the colloquium and Graduate Fellows program itself became a model for the sort of hospitality--especially in its interdisciplinary and ecumenism. While reading works such as [Christine Pohl's \*Making Room\*](#) and [Amy Oden's \*And You Welcomed Me: A Sourcebook on Hospitality in Early Christianity\*](#), the cohort explored portions of [Augustine's \*Confessions\*](#), [Phillip Hallie's \*Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed\*](#), [L. Gregory Jones and Stephanie Paulsell, \*The Scope of Our Art: The Formation of the Theological Teacher\*](#), [Mark Schwehn's \*Exiles from Eden\*](#), [Benedicta Ward's \*The Desert Fathers\*](#), and [Simone Weil's \*Waiting for God\*](#). The Weil reading--"Reflections of the Right Use of School Studies with a View to Love of God" in particular--was especially well received, as it was the by the First Cohort.

In the spring, readings on "The Virtuous Learner" stressed the integration, in identity and practice, of the academic with the moral and spiritual. Several of the Fellows--especially those reading the same works both in the colloquium and in their academic work--have mentioned how the colloquium has helped them connect reading and thinking critically to reading devotionally or otherwise in a mutually beneficial way. Others noted that the readings, mentoring, and conversations helped them to integrate the academic with the other parts of their identities as Christian, friend, parent, or spouse. The cohort focused its spring reading on Dante's *Purgatorio* and Dante himself as a learner and teacher who integrated the spiritual and the academic. Other important spring readings included [Abraham Joshua Heschel and Susanna Heschel's \*The Sabbath\*](#); [Jean Leclercq's \*The Love of Learning and the Desire for God\*](#), [Alasdair MacIntyre's \*After Virtue\*](#), [Miroslav Volf and Dorothy C. Bass' \*Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life\*](#), and [Rowan Williams' \*Ponder These Things: Praying with Icons of the Virgin\*](#).

The First Cohort of Fellows also continued to meet this past year; in the fall it focused on the issue of Christian Vocation or Calling, reading works such as [Gary Badcock's \*The Way of Life: A theology of Christian Vocation\*](#), [Lee Hardy's \*The Fabric of\*](#)

*This World: Inquires into Calling, Career Choice, and the Design of Human Work*, William Placher's *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation*, and they continued to work through Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*. In the spring, they examined the theme of the "The Virtuous Teacher," reading works by Flannery O'Connor, Tobias Wolff's "In the Garden of the North American Martyrs," essays from Arlin Migliazzo's *Teaching as an Act of Faith*, Michael Miller's *Doing More with Life: Connecting Christian Higher Education to a Call to Service*, Dennis Okholm's *Monk Habits for Everyday People: Benedictine Spirituality for Protestants*, and Josef Pieper's *Leisure: The Basis of Culture*, and they watched Robert Duvall's *The Apostle*.

May you have a productive fall, and we look forward to seeing many of you at Valparaiso University in October.

--Joe Creech