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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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Upcoming Deadline for Nominations for the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program

The deadline for nominations for the Seventh Cohort of [Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) is fast approaching. Make sure you send your nominees to the LFP national office by November 19. Each network school can nominate up to three students for the Lilly Graduate Fellowships. Students who plan to enter PhD, MFA, or comparable programs in fall, 2014, and received a bachelor's degree from Network institutions after April, 2009, are eligible for the Lilly Graduate Fellowship. As detailed in

the [September LFP Update](#), there are few changes to the Graduate Fellows program and application process to note. First, MFA applicants need to stress their interest in pursuing a PhD after completing their MFA. Second, three letters of recommendation are now required. If the nominee is finishing a terminal master's degree and applying to PhD program, one of those letters must come from the graduate school. Finally, in order to transition the program towards self-sustainability in accord with a new grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., we will be selecting up to ten rather than sixteen fellows for the seventh cohort. The rest of the process for nominating Graduate Fellows remains unchanged from last year. Additional eligibility requirements are found [here](#). **The deadline for nominations is November 19, 2013.**

Please submit your nominations to the LFP office via the [LFP general e-mail](#). If for some reason the transmission fails to go through, please fax the nominations to 219-464-5496 or submit the nominations via the US Mail. If you must fax or mail the nominations, please give the office a quick phone call to alert us (219-464-5317). Please include the following information regarding the nominees:

Name

E-mail address

Campus mail address

Permanent address

Telephone number (campus, cell, or permanent—at whichever we can reach the student)

Month and year of graduation

The Twenty-third Annual LFP National Conference

The twenty-third Annual LFP [National Conference](#), *Faith and Academic Freedom in Civic Virtue*, convened October 18 – 20 at [The University of Scranton](#), in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Participants were invited to think about how we as individuals and faith-based institutions bring the values of faith and academic freedom to the service of civic virtue. As universities with faith missions, our collective commitment to civic engagement arises directly from our devotion to open dialogue, ecumenism, and the search for truth, amongst our institutions and in the world beyond our campus borders. Three speakers helped spark this conversation, by presenting three distinct, but ultimately interrelated pieces. Rev. Mark Ravizza, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy and Senior Fellow at the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education at Santa Clara University, gave the first plenary address on Friday afternoon titled, "Inspiring Faith and Engaging Reality: Education for Civic Virtue in a Secular Age." Patricia McGuire, Esq., President of Trinity Washington University, inspired conversation Saturday morning with her plenary address, "Civic Virtue Starts at Home: Faith and Freedom for Institutional Transformation." Rob Kapilow, internationally renowned composer, commentator, author, and conductor, presided over the third and final plenary on Saturday afternoon. Drawing on his pedagogical gifts and vision for engaging anyone in the arts, Kapilow inspired conferees to consider how they engage different publics in their writing, art, and teaching.

In addition, conferees had an opportunity to share in an Evening of Jazz, including a pre-concert presentation by Grammy Award-winning writer, acclaimed musician, and jazz historian Loren Schoenberg and a special performance featuring The University of Scranton's Jazz Ensemble and guest soloist and legendary jazz trombonist Wycliffe Gordon. The members of the [Second Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in 2012, also attended this year's National Conference, beginning with their own Graduate Fellows Reunion Conference the two days prior to the National Conference.

To learn more about the National Conference and to see pictures from the three-day event, visit the [LFP National Conference website](#) and The University of Scranton's [conference website](#).

The twenty-fourth LFP National Conference will be held at the [Xavier University of Louisiana](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 26-28, 2014, with the theme *A Future City, A New Creation: Equal on All Sides*.

Fourteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators

On Thursday and Friday, October 17-19, 2013, at The University of Scranton, the Fourteenth Annual LFP [Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) welcomed participants from [Network Schools](#) to discuss the theme *Mission and the Economic*

Challenges Facing Higher Education. The two speakers for this workshop, Christine M. Wiseman, J.D., president of [Saint Xavier University](#) in Chicago, and R. Richard Ray, provost at [Hope College](#) in Holland, Michigan, examined how mission provides resources for church-related institutions of higher learning to address pressures to increase revenue and enrollment in unique and dynamic ways that are true to those schools' intrinsic values. Margaret Franson, Associate Dean of Christ College of [Valparaiso University](#), facilitated the workshop.

Video recordings of the two plenary sessions will be available on the [Workshop for Senior Administrators website](#) in the near future. The Fifteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators will be held at the Xavier University of Louisiana, September 25-26, 2014. Check the [website](#) for more information on next year's workshop.

Report from the LFP National Network Board October Meeting

The [National Network Board](#) of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts met for its semi-annual meeting October 17-18, 2013 at The University of Scranton, site of the National Conference. The Board funded [Mentoring Programs](#) at [Calvin College](#), [Dordt College](#), and [Saint Louis University](#). The Board also funded five [Small Grants](#) at [Belmont University](#), [Duquesne University](#), [Gordon College](#), [Hope College](#), and [Mount St. Mary's University](#). Finally, the Board awarded [Regional Conferences](#) to [Gordon College](#) and [Samford University](#).

The National Network Board voted the following LFP Campus Representatives to the National Network Board:

- **Don J. Briel**, Koch Chair in Catholic Studies and Director of the Center for Catholic Studies, the [University of St. Thomas](#) (Minnesota)
- **William L. Portier**, the Mary Ann Spearin Chair of Catholic Theology in the Department of Religious Studies, the [University of Dayton](#)
- **Stephany Schlachter**, Provost, [Lewis University](#)

The four-year terms of these board members will begin with the National Network Board meeting in April, 2014. We welcome these colleagues to the Board and thank retiring Board members **Paul H. Benson**, the [University of Dayton](#), **Barbara Rico**, [Loyola Marymount University](#), and **Mathew Schmalz**, the [College of the Holy Cross](#), for their years of faithful service to the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts.

The Fifth Biennial Lilly Fellows Program Book Award

On October 18, 2013, the fifth Biennial Lilly Fellows Program [Book Award](#) was presented to Mark A. Noll for his work, [Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind](#). The LFP presented Dr. Noll a prize of \$3000, who was present at the Friday evening banquet of the National Conference.

In *Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind*, Noll draws on the resources of Christian thought not only to defend but to promote the pursuit of truth and beauty in the liberal arts. Building on and extending his arguments in *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*, Noll demonstrates that thoughtful understandings of Christology and the Atonement not only justify passionate and precise academic work but offer specific guidance in the way scholars and teachers approach their subjects. *Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind*—a book for scholarly and general audiences—is required reading for people of faith who are interested in the purposes of education and the vocation of the teacher/scholar.

This year's finalists for the LFP Book Award are [The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society](#) by Brad S. Gregory, [No Longer Invisible: Religion in University Education](#) by Douglas Jacobsen and Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen, and [Joining the Mission: A Guide for \(Mainly\) New College Faculty](#) by Susan VanZanten

The biennial Lilly Fellows Program Book Award honors an original and imaginative work from any academic discipline that best exemplifies the central ideas and principles animating the Lilly Fellows Program. These include faith and learning in

the Christian intellectual tradition, the vocation of teaching and scholarship, and the history, theory or practice of the university as the site of religious inquiry and culture.

The Seventh Biennial Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Visual Arts

The National Network Board of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts invites submissions for the [2014 Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Visual Arts](#). The Arlin G. Meyer Prize is awarded biennially to a full-time faculty member from a college or university in the Lilly Fellows Program National Network. Work that exemplifies the practice of the Christian artistic or scholarly vocation in relation to any pertinent subject matter or literary and artistic style will be considered. The prize will be awarded in different years for works of creative imagination and for works of scholarship. The 2014 Arlin G. Meyer Prize will reward the author of creative work that emerges from his or her practice of the vocation of the Christian visual artist, in accord with the principles and ideals of the Lilly Fellows Program.

The Prize honors Arlin G. Meyer, Professor Emeritus of English at Valparaiso University, who served as program director of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts from its inception in 1991 until his retirement in 2002.

The 2014 Arlin G. Meyer Prize will be given to a body of work by an artist in one of the following categories:

Sculpture	Fabric Art
Water Color	Photography
Painting	Drawing
Ceramics	Printmaking

Submitted works must have been exhibited for the public during the calendar year 2011, 2012, or 2013.

The Prize of \$3000 will be awarded at the [Lilly Fellows Program National Conference](#) at [Xavier University of Louisiana](#), September 26-28, 2014.

Upcoming Deadlines for Awards and Grant Opportunities

November 19, 2013: Nominations for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#)

March 1, 2014: Submissions for the [Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Visual Arts](#)

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From the Colloquium on Exiles from Eden

The traditional "[From the Colloquium](#)" piece of the LFP Update is now available on the LFP-sponsored blog, [Exiles from Eden](#). Check out the latest post today!