



## \_\_LFP Update\_\_ 10.2

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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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**The 2015 LFP National Conference:  
*Created for Creativity: Music, Culture, and Faith***

The [Twenty-fifth Annual National Conference](#) will take place at [Belmont University](#), October 9 through 11 in Nashville, TN. Belmont and Nashville look forward to welcoming attendees. Participants will have the chance to hear how Belmont's signature programs in music, songwriting, religion and the arts, and music business embody its commitment to embedding strong Christian character in all that the university does. Attendees will be invited during the breakout sessions to talk with colleagues about ways the Christian intellectual and artistic traditions inform signature programs at their own institutions. Belmont hopes to encourage conversations in which conferees can learn from one another about ways to engage with discipline-specific Christian content in courses and programming.

Speakers will include : **Steve Guthrie**, formerly of the St. Andrews Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts, founding director of the Belmont Religion & the Arts Program, and author of several books including *Faithful Performances: Artistry, Embodiment, and the Enactment of Christian Identity*; **William Powell**, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Auburn University, who has conducted at Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral and the Kennedy Center; **Ginny Owens**, ASCAP and Dove Award-winning songwriter and performer; and **Gordon Kennedy**, recipient of multiple Grammy Awards and internationally acclaimed songwriter. In addition, attendees will have a chance to see two biblically-themed art exhibits, as well as hear students from Belmont's School of Music. Nashville is known as Music City, so attendees have left time on both Friday and Saturday nights to sample live music at one or more of the many downtown music venues.

The [Fourth Cohort](#) of Lilly Graduate Fellows, which completed its three-year fellowship last year, will also attend this year's National Conference. The Graduate Fellows will attend a Reunion Conference the two days prior to the National Conference.

**Registration for the National Conference opened on May 14, 2015.** For more information and to register, see Belmont University's [conference site](#), or visit the LFP National Conference [page](#). The deadline for registration is **August 31, 2015**.

**The 2015 Workshop for Senior Administrators:  
*Mentoring for Leadership in Mission***

Immediately preceding the National Conference will be the [Sixteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) on the topic, ***Mentoring for Leadership in Mission***. The Workshop will be held at Belmont University October 8 to 9, and will examine how church-related schools develop faculty leaders who shape, articulate, animate, and promote institutional mission. Special attention will be given to mentoring mid-career and senior faculty to advance institutional mission. Addressing the workshop will be J. Bradley Creed, President Elect of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, and Denise Doyle, Chancellor of the [University of the Incarnate Word](#) in San Antonio, TX.

The Workshop is offered at no cost to senior administrators at Lilly Fellows Program [National Network](#) member institutions. Each Institution is eligible to register one senior administrator (president, vice president, academic dean, provost, or equivalent). One 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 on a waiting list until September 10 and will be enrolled as slots become available. **Registration for this**

conference opened on May 14, 2015, and the deadline for registration is August 31, 2015. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### New Lilly Fellows Selected

This year, the Program received 185 complete applications from prospective candidates in humanities and arts disciplines vying for one of three [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) the Program awarded. A selection committee of eight [Valparaiso University](#) faculty, with Program Director Joe Creech, winnowed the number of candidates to seven finalists who visited the Valparaiso University campus. We are extremely pleased to announce that the committee's three choices have each accepted the offer of the Lilly Postdoctoral Fellowship.

**Nicholas Kauffman** earned his BA in English from Hillsdale College. After several years teaching literature at the secondary level, he went on to pursue graduate training in Classics at Johns Hopkins University, where he will receive his PhD in May. His dissertation, "Rereading Death: Ethics and Aesthetics in the Ancient Reception of Homeric Battle Narrative" studies the way the *Iliad's* representations of death were incorporated into dialogues about war and violence in later Greek literature. This subject reflects his primary interest as both a scholar and a teacher: the capacity of ancient texts to shape discourse about perennial human questions.

**Anthony Minnema** earned his BA in History from [Calvin College](#), and an MA in Medieval Studies from Western Michigan University. He completed his doctorate in European History from the University of Tennessee. His areas of research and teaching interest include premodern Christian-Muslim relations, Arabic-to-Latin translation movements, and the history of information technology. His book manuscript, *Algazel in Latin Christendom, 1150-1600*, is under contract with Amsterdam University Press. The monograph examines the European audience of a Latin translation of an Arabic philosophical work, *The Intentions of the Philosophers*, by the Muslim theologian al-Ghazali. This project uses this work as a lens to see the rise, decline, and recovery of the Arabic philosophical tradition in premodern Europe. The book redefines Arabic philosophy's role in the European intellectual tradition and reverses the standard narrative of European history in which humanism triumphs as an advance over a narrow scholasticism.

**Xueying Wang** earned a BA in German from Beijing Foreign Studies University, and an MA in literature from Beijing University. After she came to the United States, she earned an MA and a PhD in theology from the [University of Notre Dame](#). Her dissertation, "Gregory of Nyssa on the Corporate Nature of the Human Body," explores Gregory's conception of the human body as an important medium of interpersonal relationships, including human beings' relationship with Christ, the Incarnate Word. Xueying's research and teaching interests include early Christian theology, theological anthropology, and comparative religions (especially East Asian religions and Christianity).

### News from Former Lilly Postdoctoral Fellows

**Katherine Calloway**, who is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of English at [Westmont College](#), reports that her book, *Natural Theology in the Scientific Revolution: God's Scientists* came out in July 2014 from Pickering and Chatto. She also published an article: "[His Footstep Trace': the Natural Theology of Paradise Lost](#)" *Milton Studies* 55 (2014): 53-85.

**Michael Cover**, currently in his first year at Marquette University, has let us know that he developed an undergraduate theology course on "Paul's Prison Letters," in which students enter into dialogue with

Paul's texts and also current inmates in Milwaukee's prison system. He published two peer-reviewed articles in Fall of 2014. The first, "[The Sun and the Chariot: The Republic and the Phaedrus as Sources for Rival Platonic Paradigms of Psychic Vision in Philo's Biblical Commentaries](#)," appears in the *Studia Philonica Annual* Vol. 26. The second, "['Now and Above; Then and Now' \(Gal 4:21-31\): Platonizing and Apocalyptic Polarities in Paul's Eschatology](#)," appears in *Galatians and Christian Theology: Justification, the Gospel, and Ethics in Paul's Letter*, edited by Mark W. Elliott, Scott Hafemann, N. T. Wright, and John Frederick (Baker Academic, 2014). Michael's first book, [Lifting the Veil: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 in Light of Jewish Homiletic and Commentary Traditions](#), is slated to appear with De Gruyter (BZBW 210) in 2015. He will spend the summer working on his second major project, a book-length commentary on Philo of Alexandria's allegorical commentary on Genesis 17, *De mutatio nominum (On the Change of Names)*, to be published with Brill's [Philo of Alexandria Commentary Series](#). Michael will also be developing a new undergraduate course entitled "Miracles," anchored in the Jesus tradition.

**Sarah Danger** reports that her edition of Frances Trollope's travel narrative, [Domestic Manners of the Americans](#), came out with Broadview Press this February. The book contains extensive appendices, a new critical introduction, as well as the original twenty-four illustrations designed by her illustrator and travel companion, Auguste Hervieu. As a bonus, the back cover contains Pam Parker's endorsement.

**Lisa Deam** reports that her book, [A World Transformed: Exploring the Spirituality of Medieval Maps](#), was published by Cascade Books. She also published an article, "[A Packing List for Jerusalem](#)," for the Lent 2015 issue of the *Cresset*. Deam also continues to lead [spiritual formation workshops](#) based on the Christ-centered worldview of medieval maps and recently led two spiritual formation retreats this year and will speak at the [Ancient-Future Faith Network](#) in Pittsburgh in June.

**Franklin T. Harkins**, currently a Reader of Medieval Theology at Durham University, England, and Angela Kim Harkins (National Network Board, 2013-2016 and recipient of a two year Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship at the University of Birmingham, England) will move back to the States this summer to begin their appointments as Associate Professors at [Boston College](#) School of Theology and Ministry, Brighton, Mass.

We learned from **Matt Hedstrom** that he earned tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor of Religious Studies and American studies at the University of Virginia.

**Mary Henold** reports that she was awarded the John R. Turbyfill Endowed Chair in History at [Roanoke College](#). Mary will hold this chair for the academic years 2016-2017 to 2020-2021.

**Thomas (Tal) Howard** announces that he will become the Phyllis and Richard Dusenbergs Chair of Christian Ethics and Professor of History at [Valparaiso University](#). He and Agnes Howard will make the move to Valparaiso University starting the fall of 2016.

**Jennifer L. Miller** continues to teach at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota, where she recently was promoted to tenure-track position.

**Pam Parker** let us know about some interesting up-coming events, starting in June. She will present a paper at the [British Women Writers Association conference](#), held June 25-28, 2015 at Columbia College. Her paper is "From Wimpole Street to Casa Guidi: Elizabeth Barrett Browning and the Italian Imaginary." Then later on November 6, 2015, she will be part of a China Missions Symposium at [Whitworth University](#) and assisting the host, Dr. Anthony Clark, in preparing an exhibit for the occasion. The title of Pam's presentation is "Writing Home: China Missionary Letters as Legacy and Literature."

**Caryn Riswold** continues blogging at [Patheos](#), and has published several op-eds in her local newspaper, the Jacksonville Journal-Courier, on topics related to [religion](#) and [feminism](#). She had an article published in the April 2015 issue of the journal *Teaching Theology and Religion*, titled "[Teaching the College 'Nones': Christian Privilege and the Religion Professor](#)." She has been part of the NetVUE Scholarly Resources Project since 2013, and has a chapter on "Vocational Discernment: A Pedagogy of Humanization" in the forthcoming book from Oxford University Press titled [At This Time and In This Place: Vocation in Higher Education](#) (Available September 2015). In the past year, she has presented and spoken to audiences at the National Women's Studies Association, the Morgan County Democratic Central Committee fundraiser, the Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Ally College Conference, and the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

**Bryan Stewart** reports that his book, [Priests of My People: Levitical Paradigms for Early Christian Ministers](#) was published recently. He also was ordained in the Episcopal Church on May 9, 2015 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Breckenridge, TX.

### **The LFP National Board Welcomes Sterling College to the LFP National Network**

The [National Network Board](#) met for its semi-annual meeting April 18-19, 2015 in Chicago, and along with other tasks approved [Sterling College](#) in Sterling, KS for membership in the LFP National Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities. Welcome Sterling College!

### **Update on the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program**

This year the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) received fifty-two nominations from twenty-seven network schools. In April, a selection committee interviewed nineteen candidates for the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program in Indianapolis, Indiana. Over the course of the two-day interview process, we came to know the remarkable individuals who made it to this final stage of evaluation. We will be announcing shortly the composition of Eighth Cohort, who will be mentored by Patrick Byrne of [Boston College](#) and Susan VanZanten of [Seattle Pacific University](#) (former mentors of the [Third Cohort](#)). The Eighth Cohort will gather for its Inaugural Conference again in Indianapolis in August of 2015.

A very special thanks to all of you who nominated your students for this highly competitive fellowship. Your hard work keeps this program vital, as does the education and formation that our Fellows receive at your institutions. Again, thank you.

Summer conference season is upon us for the LGFP and the other active cohorts continued to maintain connections throughout the year by way of their online colloquia. They all are looking forward to their summer gatherings. The [Fifth Cohort](#) and mentors Lisa DeBoer of [Westmont College](#) and Michael Patella, OSB, of [Saint John's University and Saint John's Seminary](#) (Collegeville, MN) will have their final summer conference at [Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse](#) in Collegeville, MN, this June. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer of [Pepperdine University](#) will welcome the [Sixth Cohort](#) and his co-mentor, Arlin Migliazzo of [Whitworth University](#) to Malibu, CA this August for its second summer conference there. Susan Felch of [Calvin College](#) will host the [Seventh Cohort](#) and co-mentor Paul Contino of Pepperdine University at her institution in August as well.

The [Fourth Cohort](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in summer 2014, and mentors Thomas Hibbs and Caroline Simon, will come together this fall at their Reunion Conference on October 8-9, 2015,

two days prior to the Annual National Conference at Belmont University in Nashville, TN (October 9-11). At the end of their reunion, members of the cohort will join the other participants of the National Conference.

### **Save the Date: Georgetown College's Regional Conference**

[Georgetown College](#) in Georgetown, KY, will host a Regional Conference with the theme, *Discerning Academic Vocation in a Contested Religious Tradition*, January 28 to 29, 2016. See Georgetown College's [conference website](#) for more information.

### **Save the Date: Gordon College's Summer Seminar for College Teachers**

[Gordon College](#) in Wenham, Massachusetts, will host a Summer Seminar for College Teachers in Summer, 2016, titled "Restoring Art to a Place in the Community: New Lessons," in Orvieto, Italy. The provisional dates are June 12-July 2, 2016, but be looking for a formal "Save the Date"

### **Other dates and Deadlines for Your Calendar**

#### **Grants:**

The National Network Board invites applications [Mentoring Programs](#), [Small Grants](#), [Network Exchanges](#), and [Regional Conferences](#) for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please visit the [LFP website](#) for more information on these grant opportunities. **The deadline for submission for all three of these grants is September 15, 2015.**

#### **Programs:**

The deadline for nominations for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) is **November 17, 2015.**

#### **Conferences:**

**Gordon College** will host a one-day LFP-sponsored Regional Conference: **"Islam in the Classroom: The Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Islam in a Post 9/11 World."** Speakers will be Amir Hussain, ([Loyola Marymount University](#)); Jennifer Hevelone-Harper (Gordon College); Judith Rood (Biola University), and Gabriel Reynolds (University of Notre Dame). For more information, see the [LFP Regional Conference website](#). **The deadline for submissions has passed, but your attendance is welcome.**

The deadline for registration for the [National Conference](#) and the [Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) is **August 31, 2015.**

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

### **From the Colloquium and *Exiles from Eden***

To learn about the readings of the Postdoctoral Fellows, please see Mary Beth Fraser Connolly's "[From the Colloquium](#)" post on the LFP-sponsored blog, [Exiles from Eden](#).

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