

## Religion major selected to attend Erasmus Institute seminar

MAY 30, 2006 — St. Olaf student Benjamin Heidgerken '07, a religion and mathematics major, has been selected to participate in the "Catholic Intellectual Traditions" seminar hosted this summer by the Erasmus Institute at the University of Notre Dame.



Gregory Walter, assistant professor of religion at St. Olaf, says the Erasmus Institute has a strong history of supporting scholarship that brings interdisciplinary work in conversation with Catholic thought. "This seminar will afford Benjamin the opportunity to explore not only a rich set of questions about religious commitment and scholarship but also will prepare him well for graduate work," says Walter. "It's an honor that he was selected for this seminar. It confirms his own accomplishments and it celebrates the work of the Department of Religion to have one of our students accepted."