

RELIGION FACULTY ACTIVITY 2007-08

MARY ANDERSON

Paper: "German Pope or Apostle of freedom? Luther's Role in the Zwickau Clergy Controversies, 1527-1531." Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Minneapolis, MN. October 28, 2007.

Attended: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, "Teaching the Reformation in a Pluralistic Age," Meeter Center, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Summer 2007.

L. DEANE LAGERQUIST

Led Global Semester and developed a new course: (BTS-T, Jesus in Cross-cultural Perspective).

Taught for the first time American Studies 301: a seminar on Religious Pluralism in the USA and a new version of Religion 121 focused on reading the Bible around the world.

DOUG SCHUURMAN

Publications/Research:

- Sabbatical, fall, 2007. Used about half of my sabbatical to work on publications, and half to engage in reading and research on the topic of Science and Religion with a view to the new program, "Science Conversations"
- "Vocation, Critique of Christendom," in Journal of Reformed Theology 1 (2007) 247-271
- Entries on "Vocation" and "Work" for the Encyclopedia of Christianity, Eerdmans-Brill Publishers (forthcoming)
- Entries on "Covenant," "Values," "Vocation" and "Work" for The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology, Westminster John Knox Press (forthcoming)
- Review of Karl Barth's Christological Ecclesiology, by Kimlyn J. Bender, in the Bulletin of the Institute for Reformed Theology (forthcoming)
- Three weeks travel in Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Netherlands studying locations central to Luther, Calvin, and the Protestant Reformation in relation to my teaching and research, 6/28/07-7/20/07

Talks/Presentations:

- "Theological Reflections on Work and the Challenges of Pluralism," for conference on Why Work? Business, Professions, and the Common Good, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, March 28, 2008.
- "Luther's Understanding of the Sacraments and Forgiveness of Sins," adult education class, St. John's Church, Northfield, MN, February 3, 2008.

Other Professional Activity:

- Refereed paper, “The Moral Core of the Idea of Vocation: Toward a deontological Theory of Vocation,” for the Journal of Religious Ethics, August 20, 2007.
- Attended annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Atlanta, GA, January 2-6, 2008.
- Coordinated the SCE Covenantal Ethics Interest Group Session on the topic, “Covenant Marriage in Comparative Perspective,” speaker: John Witte, Jr., the Jonas Robitscher Professor of Law and Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory Law School, January 4, 2008.
- Met as a member of the editorial board of The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, Atlanta, GA, January 6, 2008.
- Began a three-year term on the editorial board of The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 1, 2008.
- Refereed two conference papers as possible articles for The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 4, 2008, January 6, 2008.

Committees:

- Served on ad hoc planning committee for a new interdisciplinary, 3-course program called “Science Conversations,” June 1, 2007 – present.
- Served on the Religion Department Space Committee, January 1, 2008 – present.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Great Conversation, June 1, 2007 – present.
- Agreed to be a candidate for the position of Director of the Great Conversation (but lost to Karen Cherewatuk), October 2007.
- Member of Adult Education Committee, St. John’s Church, Northfield, MN, June 6, 2007 – present.

GREG WALTER

Publications:

- *Being Promised: Theological Reflection on God, gifts, and Creatures.* (Tentative title) (Wm. B. Eerdmans). Under contract.
- “Hans Joachim Iwand,” in *Twentieth Century Lutheran Theologians: Retrospect and Prospect* (Tentative title) (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans). Volume in preparation. Previously published as “Hans Joachim Iwand and the Captivity of the Will,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 21 (2008) 422-443.
- “Angels and the Word of the Cross,” in *Lutheran Forum* 41 (2007) 36-39.
- “Introduction to Hans Joachim Iwand’s *Glaubensgerechtigkeit nach Luthers Lehre*,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 21 (2007) 17-26.

JOHN BARBOUR

Created a new course for Term in Asia called “The Ethics of Travel: Pilgrims and Tourists,” and wrote a paper to be delivered this June at the International Auto/Biography Association

conference at the University of Hawaii, titled “Exile as Cultural Translation and Religious Orientation.”

PEDER JOTHEN

Mandy Lion

Coptic Christianity (both in The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization by Blackwell) Anti-Climacus’ Trio of Movement (in The Søren Kierkegaard Newsletter).

Presentations:

- What Does Piss Christ have to do with Christianity: Andres Serrano and Søren Kierkegaard and the Art of Theological Provocation.
- Religion, Theology and the Arts, University of Iowa Divinity School, March 28, 2008.

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Conference Participation:

- NAFSA International Educators Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 27-June 1.
- NITLE Enhancing Study Abroad: The Use of Technology, Dickinson, Carlisle, PA, March 28-30.
- Forum on Education Abroad Conference, Boston, MA, April 2-4.
- Grinnell Workshop on Global Understanding, CALL, April 11-12.
- Africa Network, April 18-20.

College Committee Work:

- Ex-officio member of the Curriculum Committee.
- CALL initiative: Global Understanding Team.

Other College Activities:

- Webmaster for Phi Beta Kappa chapter.
- Participant in CILA Learning Group: Global Understanding.
- Planning/Hosting for Delegation of six from ECNU, November 15-17.
- Facilitated ACM focus groups evaluating study abroad, April 15.

New Initiatives:

- Faculty development initiative – funding of a CIEE seminar participant.
- Joined Forum on Education Abroad.

Site Visits:

- Site visit to ECNU China and Chiang Mai University Thailand, June 10-22.
- Norway – University of Oslo and Business School in Bergen, Norway, September.
- India – ECC (Global) Karigiri (Bio India) MCC (Chennai) CCOORR, ICSA.

Professional Activities:

- Presentation on our international studies program to a group of international educational advisors visiting campus through Education USA, May 21.
- IIE Passport Study Abroad Directors Advisory Committee.
- Study Travel (LLL) Appreciation Event, moderator of break-out session, April 5.
- ACM Committee on Minority Concerns – presentation on Globalization, Study Abroad and Minority Concerns, April 5.
- ACM Program Review Group, February 29, meeting in Chicago.
- NAFSA Annual Conference Workshop on Short-Term Study Abroad Programming, presenter.
- June 2, 2007 presentation to NAFSA people – post conference visit to Northfield.
- Application for Forum BEVI project – no St. Olaf is one of a few institutions testing out the Beliefs, Events and Values Inventory – for assessment purposes.

Teaching and Research:

- Interim Abroad in South Africa, January, 2008.
- Book review for the Journal of Ecumenical Studies: Revelation: Catholic and Muslim Perspectives (forthcoming).
- Book review for Lutheran Quarterly: John Schofield. Melancthon and the English Reformation (forthcoming).
- Forum at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield: Africanizing Christianity, April 13.
- Forum at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield: he Role of Repentance and Confession in the Forgiveness of Sins, February 10.
- Forum at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield: Christianity in India, November 25.
- IVP Dictionary of Theology: submitted articles on Lutheranism and Formula of concord (submitted and forthcoming).
- New Westminster Dictionary of Church History (WJK Press) wrote 17 biographical articles – now going to print.

ANANT RAMBACHAN

Anant Rambachan, A. Rashied Omar and M. Thomas Thangaraj eds., *Hermeneutical Explorations in Dialogue* (Delhi, ISPCCK, 2008).

“Hinduism.” In Miguel de la Torre ed., *The Hope of Liberation in World Religions* (Baylor University Press).

“There are Many Branches on the Tree of Life”: The Irreconcilability of Hinduism and Homophobia,” in *Heterosexism in Contemporary World Religion* eds., Marvin Ellison and Judith Plaskow (The Pilgrim Press, 2007).

I delivered two papers at the AAR meeting in San Francisco, gave the Lambeth interfaith Lecture at Lambeth Palace in London, and participated in an interfaith gathering with Pope Benedict in Washington, D.C.