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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) Lilly Network institutions, 2) present and former Lilly Fellows and, 3) the LFP office at Valparaiso University.

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The 2017 LFP National Conference: Discernment, Engagement, Reflection

The 27th Annual LFP National Conference, *Discernment, Engagement, Reflection*, will take place October 27 through 29 at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. Drawing on the work of writers from across the spectrum of Christian higher education, the 2017 Lilly Fellows Program National Conference will focus on the ways in which the education of the whole person can be addressed through a focus on the head, the heart, and the hands. The conference will engage the topics in provocative ways:

Discernment

For several decades, educational theorists from both within and outside Christian higher education have stressed the importance of moving beyond the notion of education as a content delivery system. How can discernment — within and beyond Ignatian spiritual practices — provide an invitation to deeper questioning, deeper searching?

Engagement

"The opposite of contemplation is not action — it is reaction" (Richard Rohr). Indeed, the relationship between contemplation and action is symbiotic and especially relevant to twenty-first century education. How can engagement (related to the Ignatian magis) enable students to experience this deepening — locally, globally, and from within? How might technology, which is sometimes blamed for what Adolfo Nicolás has termed "the globalization of superficiality," become an instrument in making the process of engagement more authentic?

Reflection

If contemplation and action are truly complementary, the final step would involve the return to the quiet. How can reflection allow students to feel more connected to the educational missions of their own universities and more attentive to the spiritual directions of their own lives?

Speakers include : Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard Divinity School; Rubén Martínez and Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University.

In addition, the [Sixth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in 2016, will 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 11, 2017. For more information and to register, see [Loyola Marymount University's conference site](#), or visit the [LFP National Conference page](#).

The deadline for registration is September 12, 2017.

The 2017 Workshop for Senior Administrators: Mentoring Faculty for Mission

Immediately preceding the [National Conference](#) will be the [Eighteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) on the topic, *Mentoring Faculty for Mission*. The Workshop will be held at [Loyola Marymount University](#) in Los Angeles, California, October 26-27, 2017, and aims to help senior administrators at church-related colleges and universities consider ideas and best practices for helping new, mid-career, and senior faculty embrace and forward the church-related mission of their institutions. Addressing the workshop will be Dr. Paul Benson, Provost of the [University of Dayton](#), and Dr. Susan VanZanten, Professor of English at [Seattle Pacific University](#).

The Workshop is offered at no cost to senior administrators at [Lilly 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 Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities. Additional participants from member schools will be on a waiting list until September 12, 2017 and will be enrolled as slots become available. Registration for this conference opened on May 11, 2017, and the [deadline for registration is September 12, 2017](#). **For more information and to register, [click here](#).**

Regional Conference at Central College, Pella, Iowa: Save the Date and Call for Papers

Please save the date for the Lilly Network fall [Regional Conference](#) entitled "[Reason and Faith on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation](#)," which will take place October 13-14, 2017 on the [Central](#)

[College](#) campus in Pella, Iowa. This conference brings together [five keynote speakers](#) from a variety of Christian denominations, both Protestant and Catholic, in order to discuss the relation of reason and faith as it has been understood in both the academy and Church over the past five hundred years.

Speakers include:

John Baxter (Dalhousie University — Halifax, Nova Scotia)

Christina Bieber Lake ([Wheaton College](#) — Wheaton, IL)

Jennifer Hockenberry Dragseth (Mt. Mary University — Milwaukee, WI)

Douglas Kries (Gonzaga University — Spokane, WA)

Albert Wolters (Redeemer University College — Ancaster, Ontario)

For Call for Papers or more information, visit the [Conference Website](#) or contact directors [Terry Kleven](#) or [Mark Thomas](#).

The Deadline for the Call for Papers is July 1, 2017.

New Lilly Postdoctoral Fellows Selected

This year, the Program received 127 complete applications from prospective candidates in humanities and arts disciplines vying for one of two [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) the Program awarded. A selection committee of seven [Valparaiso University](#) faculty, with Program Director Joe Creech, winnowed the number of candidates to six finalists who visited the Valparaiso University campus. We are extremely pleased to announce that the committee's two choices have each accepted the offer of the [Lilly Postdoctoral Fellowship](#).

Ashleigh Elser earned her BA in Philosophy and Intercultural Studies at Prairie College, and her MA in Religion and Literature from Yale Divinity School. She recently completed a PhD in Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. Her dissertation, "Beyond Unity: Reading Hermeneutic Frictions in Biblical Literature," takes up the conflicts between biblical narrators, examining how these conflicts came to be viewed as matters of historical rather than literary or theological inquiry, and proposing that these conflicts be revisited, not as threats to the Bible's literary unity or integrity, but as promising sites for hermeneutic reflection.

Daniel Silliman is a U.S. historian, his research focusing on religion in American culture. He earned a BA from Hillsdale College and then, after a few years as a newspaper reporter, moved to Germany, where he studied American Studies. He earned an MA from the University of Tübingen and a doctorate from Heidelberg University, where he also taught American religious history for five years at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies. Silliman's dissertation, "Fictions of Belief," tells the story of how bestselling evangelical fiction shaped evangelicals' imagination and identity. He has also written on how evangelicals imagine the Bible, the economic history of the Left Behind novels, the Heidelberg Catechism in America, and Reformed interpretations of World War I. His popular writing appears regularly in the Washington Post.

News from Former Lilly Postdoctoral Fellows

The LFP's former (and current!) [Postdoctoral Fellows](#) continue to do great work! Here are some of their accomplishments from the past year.

Jason Crawford's (2009-2011) book, *Allegory and Enchantment: An Early Modern Poetics*, was published by Oxford University Press in March, 2017.

Paul Harvey (1993-1995) published two books in late 2016: *Bounds of Their Habitation: Race and Religion in American History* (Rowman & Littlefield); and *Christianity and Race in the American South: A History* (University of Chicago Press).

Thomas Albert (“Tal”) Howard’s (1997-1999) book, *The Pope and the Professor: Pius IX, Ignaz von Dollinger, and the Quandary of the Modern Age* (Oxford University Press), will be released in May, 2017.

Anthony Minnema (2015-2016) published the following articles in 2017: “Cave hic: Marginal Warnings in Latin Translations of Arab Philosophy: A Case Study from Algazel” *Manuscripta* 61.1 (Spring 2017); and “A Hadith Condemned at Paris: Reactions to the Power of Impression in the Latin Translation of al-Ghazali’s *Maqāṣid al-falāsifa*” *Mediterranea* 2 (2017).

Kenneth Pearce’s (2014-2016) book, *Language and the Structure of Berkeley’s World*, was published by Oxford University Press in March, 2017. Also, his paper “Foundational Grounding and the Argument from Contingency” was awarded the Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Religion, and will appear in the upcoming issue of *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*.

In the past year, **Caryn D. Riswold** (2000-2002) has had several op-eds published in local and regional newspapers like the *Springfield State Journal-Register* on topics like religious freedom, higher education, reproductive justice, and the intersection of race with the Muslim ban. She spoke at a faculty development workshop on vocation at Hope College, a regional conference on vocation in San Antonio, and the Presbyterian and Pluralist Conference on interfaith initiatives in the classroom. That dovetailed with her most recent work establishing a minor in Interfaith Studies at Illinois College, where she continues to be a Professor of Religion and Gender & Women’s Studies.

Current Lilly Fellow **Chelsea Wagenaar’s** poetry has appeared in several places recently. The *Southern Review* published her poem “The Spinning Place” in spring 2017; *Juxtapose Magazine* published three of her poems in their fall 2016 issue; and *32 Poems* magazine published two of her poems in their fall/winter 2016 issue. Additionally, her upcoming publications include three poems in *Hawk and Handsaw*; two poems in *Poetry Northwest*; and two poems in *The Normal School*. Her second manuscript of poems, *The Spinning Place*, placed as a finalist for both the Green Rose Prize and the Perugia Press Prize, and her poem “The Spinning Place” has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Her poem “Night Shift” won the 2017 Utmost Christian Writers Poetry Contest, and “Batrachomancy” was selected by Eavan Boland as a runner-up for the 2017 Robinson Jeffers Tor House Prize for Poetry.

Maria LaMonaca Wisdom (1999-2001) accepted a new position as Director of Graduate Student Advising and Engagement (Humanities) at Duke University, in which she also oversees implementation of Duke’s NEH-funded Versatile Humanists initiative (<https://sites.duke.edu/versatilehumanists/>).

The German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. has named **Jeff Zalar** (2002-2004) lead American scholar for its primary source publishing and digital humanities project in the *History of Knowledge, 1500 to the present*.

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The LFP National Board Welcomes John Brown University and North Park University to the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities

The National Network Board met for its semi-annual meeting March 25-26, 2017 in Chicago and, along with other tasks, approved John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and North Park University in Chicago, Illinois, for membership in the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities. Welcome JBU and North Park!

Update on the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program

This year the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) received 53 nominations from 30 Lilly Network schools. In April, a selection committee interviewed 17 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 the Tenth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows, who will be mentored by Lisa DeBoer of [Westmont College](#) and John Ware of [Xavier University of Louisiana](#). The Tenth Cohort will gather for its Inaugural Conference again in Indianapolis in August of 2017.

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.

The three active cohorts will attend conferences throughout the summer. The [Seventh Cohort](#), mentored by Susan Felch of [Calvin College](#) and Paul Contino of [Pepperdine University](#) will meet in Krakow, Poland, in June, 2017. Susan VanZanten of [Seattle Pacific University](#), along with Patrick Byrne of [Boston College](#), will host the second campus conference for the [Eighth Cohort](#) of Lilly Graduate Fellows at Seattle Pacific University in August, 2017. Mentor Doug Henry of [Baylor University](#), along with mentor Gretchen J. Van Dyke of [The University of Scranton](#), will host the [Ninth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) at Baylor University in June, 2017.

The [Sixth Cohort](#), mentored by Jane Kelley Rodeheffer of [Pepperdine University](#) and Arlin Migliazzo of [Whitworth University](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in summer 2016, will come together this fall for a Reunion Conference on October 26-27, 2017, two days prior to the [Annual National Conference](#) at [Loyola Marymount University](#) (October 27-29, 2017). At the end of their reunion, members of the cohort will join the other participants of the National Conference.

Deadlines for Grants and Other Opportunities

Grants:

The next series of programs that will receive funding are: [Mentoring Programs](#), [Network Exchanges](#), [Small Grants](#), and [Regional Collaboration and Conferences](#). Proposals for the programs are due **September 15, 2017**.

Call for Papers:

The Deadline for the Call for Papers for the [2017 Regional Conference at Central College](#) is **July 1, 2017**.

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

From the Colloquium at Our Blog, Exiles from Eden

To learn about the readings of the Graduate Fellows and Postdoctoral Fellows, please see Joseph Goss's "[From the Colloquium](#)" post on the LFP-sponsored blog, [Exiles from Eden](#).

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