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*The Department of Theology and Philosophy promotes the ongoing search for truth and the practice of justice by interpreting the historical and contemporary world, engaging human experience, and responding to God's revelation through the Catholic and Dominican traditions of reasoned analysis and faith.*

## “Father of Liberation Theology” to Mark 50th Anniversary of Vatican II at Barry



Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP

Rev. Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP, often called “the father of liberation theology,” is among the most important theologians of the post-Vatican II Catholic Church.

On November 9, Barry University students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to hear him speak at the Miami Shores campus, when he presents “The Utopia of the Council: Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of Vatican II.”

Be sure to mark your calendar – this is an event you will not want to miss.

Gutiérrez was a peritus, or theological advisor, during the fourth and final session of the Council, and he has been a driving force behind the Church's rediscovery of its call to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized of the entire world.

Born in 1928 in Lima, Peru, Gutiérrez studied medicine at San Marcos University before entering the diocesan seminary. Between 1950 and 1959, he studied psychology, philosophy, and theology in Belgium, France, and Italy with some of the most progressive thinkers of the day. He was ordained a priest in 1959 and began to teach theology to undergraduate lay students at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. He also served as advisor to the National Union of Catholic University Students. For more than two decades he was pastor of a small parish in a poor neighborhood of Lima. In 1985, in recognition of his contribution to contemporary theology, he was awarded the doctoral degree by the Theological Faculty of Lyon (France).

Following Vatican II, Gutiérrez took a fresh look at the theology he had learned in Europe in light of the massive reality of poverty and oppression found in Latin America. In a 1968 address he outlined what he called “a theology of liberation” and in 1971 published a book with the same title, now recognized as a classic restatement of Christian

faith. His first book soon became a stimulus to countless subsequent theological efforts around the world to link faith in God to the real-life context in which people are living.

Gutiérrez has also played a key role in formulating the principle of God's – and thus the Church's – “preferential option for the poor,” an idea officially sanctioned today by the Church's highest teaching authorities. It is an idea which has taken root in the lives of countless Christians around the globe. His writings have been translated into 15 languages.

In recognition of the permanent mark he has left on Christian thought, Gutiérrez has been awarded 20 honorary doctoral degrees from universities around the world. In 2004, Barry University's Department of Theology and Philosophy conferred on him the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence.

### Isaac Washington Earns Prestigious Fellowship

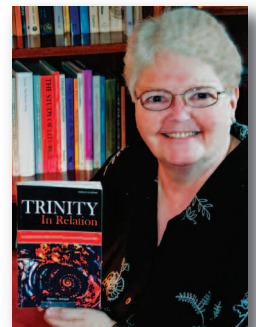


From left: Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD, Isaac Washington, and Mark E. Wedig, OP, PhD

This past academic year, Isaac Washington, a Barry University theology major, was awarded an undergraduate fellowship through The Fund for Theological Education (FTE).

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### Schaab Publishes New Book on Theology of God as Trinity



Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD (cont. on page 2)

Dr. Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, associate professor of theology, director of graduate programs in theology and ministry, and associate dean for general education in the College of Arts and Sciences, has published her new book *Trinity in Relation: Creation, Incarnation, and Grace in an Evolving Cosmos* (Anselm Academic Press, a division of St. Mary's Press, Winona, WI).

*Trinity in Relation* is geared toward the student of theology and toward the general public seeking an original and comprehensive approach to Trinitarian theology in dialogue with evolutionary science and quantum physics. *Trinity in Relation* offers an exploration of the

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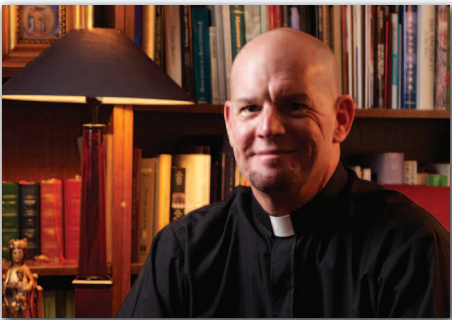
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Message from the Chair



Mark E. Wedig, OP, PhD

The graduate theology faculty of the Department gathered recently for a session concerned with “envisioning the future of graduate theological education at Barry.” The meeting focused on the radically changing landscape of graduate theological education in the United States and where the Department fits into that landscape. Highlighted in departmental conversation was the often illusory and problematic “center” that has determined norms and standards for theological and ministerial education and how and why it is best for us to shed ourselves of its falsehoods.

The people who have stepped forward to assume leadership in our churches are representative of the same global shifts and flows that are occurring in other social and cultural institutions of our world. Barry’s Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and

Ministry works to integrate questions raised by migrations of people from the Caribbean and Latin America. In addition, the Department hosts a new cadre of professional women and men representing the Haitian diaspora in Miami who are seeking formation for a new leadership in the Archdiocese of Miami.

How do we as a faculty respond to the challenges of these new populations of students? Faculty members suggested that constructing a syllabus without careful consideration of students only presupposes a static understanding of theology that disregards the complex reality of theology’s reception. One faculty member even suggested that construction of the syllabi needs to happen only after class membership was determined in order to gauge background and learning needs. Moreover, faculty commonly acknowledged that learning must happen on both sides of the teacher’s desk.

As the chief academic officer of the Department, I daily confront the need to provide more comprehensive resources to support these new populations of graduate students. Whereas at one time, religious orders provided the institutional “capital” to educate new populations of ministers, those reserves have become increasingly unavailable to current students who seek to

or already serve in lay ecclesial vocations and who often represent communities that are not adequately acknowledged.

Catholic colleges and universities with sufficient-sized faculties of theology have stepped up to the plate to provide education and formation for the coming generations. But the burden cannot simply be assumed solely by the educational institutions themselves, and dioceses strapped for funds are unlikely to provide resources for graduate degrees. Regional seminaries are no longer building strong programs for lay ministers.

Due to these challenges, we must find new partners to join with us in helping to shape the educational future of our students. Without the genuine support of friends, benefactors, alumni, and foundations we will not be able to meet the demands of the future. With this message, I reach out with my best mendicant spirit and appeal to the support of all who read joyfully about us and our opportunity to serve the future of the Church.

Washington Honored

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FTE supports young leaders from diverse racial and ethnic communities and a variety of Christian faith traditions who are exploring ministry as vocation. Washington received a stipend from FTE which he could choose to apply toward education-related expenses and/or a life experience that would help him further explore ministry. The fellowship also sponsored his attendance at the FTE Leaders in Ministry Conference at Dillard University in New Orleans.

Washington has a number of the qualities that suited him for this honor from FTE, including his leadership capabilities, his commitment to the church, and his ability to connect personal faith to larger concerns in church and society. His receipt of this fellowship, along with his placement on Barry’s Dean/President’s lists in both the fall and spring semesters, speaks to his scholastic dedication and his communication and critical thinking skills.

Washington was also elected for an Undergraduate Achievement Award by the Theta Alpha Kappa (TAK) National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology. The TAK Achievement Award is conferred in specific academic years to a student in a local chapter who has distinguished him/herself in the study of theology.

Schaab Publishes New Book

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ramifications of this dialogue for three key doctrines. Drawing upon the biblical, historical, and contemporary theological traditions of Christianity and the insights of the natural, physical, and behavioral sciences, *Trinity in Relation* sets forth a theology of the Triune God as a God of and in relation, who is intimately, unceasingly, and dynamically engaged in the full flourishing of the cosmos and its creatures. It grounds this theological perspective in an understanding that being itself is constituted by relation and focuses on three relations essential to all being: the relations of origin, effect, and emergence.

After examining these three constitutive relations within cosmic, human, and divine being, *Trinity in Relation* investigates the relation among cosmic, human, and divine being in terms of three Christian doctrines – creation, incarnation, and grace. Beginning with an overview of the Christian tradition of

these doctrines, *Trinity in Relation* then analyzes each in relation to one of the Persons of the Trinity from the perspective of contemporary science. In so doing, *Trinity in Relation* reinterprets these relations not solely as discrete or unique events, but also as enduring and essential relations between the Persons of the Trinity and the world, with critical ramifications for each.

*Trinity in Relation: Creation, Incarnation, and Grace in an Evolving Cosmos* is available at <http://www.anselmacademic.org/ItemDetail.cf m?ItemNum=7042>. This is Schaab’s second book rooted in the dialogue between theology and science. Her first *The Creative Suffering of the Triune God: An Evolutionary Theology* (Oxford University Press, New York, NY, 2007) dealt with the question of how to speak rightly of God in the midst of a suffering cosmos. It is available through Amazon and other internet outlets.

Help prepare our future religious leaders with a gift to Barry’s Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry!

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The mission of our Institute is to prepare leaders to serve the Church and the Hispanic/Latino community in South Florida and throughout the United States. Through the Department of Theology and Philosophy, we offer our students the joint benefit of theological education and ministerial formation that critically engages within the Hispanic/Latino community.

We are a welcoming and supportive community of learners. Barry has an outstanding faculty dedicated to providing one-to-one attention to students, fostering academic, personal and ministerial growth. South Florida provides an unparalleled cultural context for Hispanic/Latino studies. Our students are drawn from diverse cultural backgrounds, faith traditions and ministerial positions.

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Thank you for your generosity!





Winter Term 2012  
November 19, 2012 – March 1, 2013  
Two-week Residency: January 7-18, 2013

Course #		Course Title	Instructor	Time
THE 635	3	Ecclesiology	Austin	10:45 am-1:45 pm, Mon.-Fri.
THE 643	3	Rites of Christian Initiation	Wedig	2:00-5:00 pm, Mon.-Fri.
THE 800A	3	Fundamentals of Practical Theology	Fairbanks/TBA	6:30-9:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.
THE 800*	3	DMin Integrative Seminar	Marill/TBA	6:30-9:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.
*THE 800: DMin Integrative Seminar will not be scheduled again until the Summer Residency, June 2014.				
THE 802A**	1	Doctoral Ministerial Formation	Miranda	5:15-6:15 pm, Mon.-Fri.
THE 729	1	Continuous Registration		Ongoing
THE 801	8	DMin Thesis in Ministry		Ongoing
THE 802C**	2	Doctoral Ministerial Formation	Miranda	Ongoing
**THE 802 is required for all DMin students.				

Spring 2013  
January 21, 2013 – May 3, 2013

Course #		Course Title	Instructor	Time
THE 600	3	Torah	Grant	6:00-9:00 pm, Mon.
THE 620	3	Supervised Ministry I	Miranda	6:00-9:00 pm, Thurs.
THE 609	3	Introduction to Systematics	Fairbanks	6:00-9:00 pm, Tues.
THE 729	1	Continuous Registration		Ongoing
THE 801	8	DMin Thesis in Ministry		Ongoing
THE 802C**	2	Doctoral Ministerial Formation	Miranda	Ongoing
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Please note: Course offerings and schedule are subject to change.

2012-2013 Tuition

Cost Per Credit by Program	Cost for One Course by Program	Cost for Two Courses by Program	Tuition Cost with Ministerial Discount if Applicable (30%)
MA: \$935	Tuition for one 3-credit course, MA: \$2,805	Tuition for two 3-credit courses, MA: \$5,610	1 course, MA: \$1,963.50 2 courses, MA: \$3,927
DMin: \$1,060	Tuition for one 3-credit course, DMin: \$3,180	Tuition for two 3-credit courses, DMin: \$6,360	1 course, DMin: \$2,226 2 courses, DMin: \$4,452

Presmanes Talks to *In Trust* on  
Hispanic Theological Education

*In Trust's* recent article, "Educación teológica hispana" by Emilie Babcox (Summer 2012) began with a double-punch. The article opened by noting: "The United States is the second largest



Jorge Presmanes, OP, DMin.

Hispanic country in the world." It followed with a powerful statement from Dr. Jorge Presmanes, OP, director of Barry University's Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry: "The question is this: Are we going to minister to these people, or are we going to close our eyes?"

According to Presmanes, the nearly 50 million Hispanics in the U.S. and 300,000 in Canada pose "a unique ecclesial need," one that requires "attention to the importance of theological education and ministerial formation" for church leaders, ordained and lay, Protestant and Catholic.

To meet the ecclesial needs of the Hispanic community, Amaury Tañón-Santos of Princeton Theological Seminary remarked that one must begin by recognizing that the Hispanic community, "is itself multicultural and multireligious." Ricardo Norton, director of the Institute of Hispanic Ministry at Andrews University, noted that even when "united in fundamental theological beliefs, there are differences in behavioral norms [which] can affect the way a pastor relates to the community." Church leaders must, then, learn to respond to community members hailing from a number of different Latin American countries.

Presmanes perhaps best expressed the need to particularize ministerial response, asserting that church leaders "must minister in ... communities from the prism of their reality." Currently, there are just a handful of institutions in the U.S. preparing students to minister within this context.

"Educación teológica hispana" mentions the following seminaries and universities as offering programs in Hispanic/Latino

theology and ministry: Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI; Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL; Barry University, Miami Shores, FL; Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX; Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ; St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA; and Wesley Seminary, Marion, IN.

Also listed were organizations that support the goals of expanding access to higher education for Hispanics and increasing theological and ecclesial training for ministry to the Hispanic/Latino populations within Catholic and Protestant congregations. These included the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium (HTIC), La Asociación para la Educación/Teológica Hispana (AETH), and the Center for the Study of Latino Religion (CSLR).

The continued growth of academic programs for Hispanic/Latino theology and ministry, along with support from organizations such as those noted above, will help provide churches with capable leaders who can meet the unique needs of their Hispanic/Latino congregants. And, as Presmanes noted, those churches will in turn be gifted by the unique ways the communities they serve view ministry and spirituality — "ways that are much more communal, more celebratory [and, perhaps, more prophetic] than the traditional way."

Miranda Speaks on  
Global Christianity

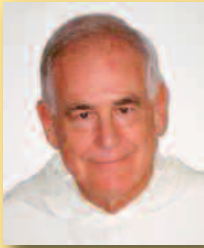


Drs. Elsie Miranda, Néstor Miguez Bonino, and Nico Adam Botha

In June 2012, Dr. Elsie Miranda was invited to participate in a global theological consultation in Oslo, Norway, sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the Norwegian School of Theology. The consultation, which generated significant insights about the state of global Christianity, brought together theologians and leaders of universities from the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical churches from all regions except Oceania.

Speaking on the "Future of Theological Education in North America and Beyond," Dr. Miranda noted the centrality of engaging a method of assessment, analysis, and action in theological education. There is no such thing as a "one-size-fits-all" model for theological education, she said; therefore, seminaries and universities have the responsibility to be bridge builders, discerning common ground and promoting respect and mutuality, despite seemingly irreconcilable differences.

C. Gerard (Jerry) Austin, OP, Joins Barry as a Dominican  
Scholar-in-Residence



C. Gerard Austin, OP, STD

30 years at the Catholic University of America in its noted liturgical studies program. He studied under the great liturgical scholar Pierre-Marie Gy, OP, at l'Institut Supérieur de Liturgie de l'Institut Catholique de Paris during and just after Vatican II.

The Department of Theology and Philosophy proudly welcomes another Dominican friar to its ranks. Eminent liturgical scholar and celebrated teacher Jerry Austin has taught for more than

For the past 13 years, Austin has taught in Barry's Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology program, which was offered through the Edmund Rice School in the Diocese of Venice, Florida. Now both Austin and his invaluable collection of medieval liturgical sources and complete collection of *La Maison Dieu* have found a home in O'Laughlin Hall. In the winter term, he will teach a graduate course in Ecclesiology. We are certain that our students will benefit from his mentorship and that the community will appreciate his wonderful homilies at campus liturgies.



## Roberto S. Goizueta Receives 2012 Yves Congar Award



Roberto S. Goizueta, PhD

On January 13, Barry University's Department of Theology and Philosophy conferred the 2012 Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence on Roberto S. Goizueta, the Margaret O'Brien Flatley Professor of Catholic Theology at Boston College.

Author of numerous articles and several books, Goizueta is perhaps best recognized for *Caminemos con Jesus: Toward a Hispanic/Latino Theology of Accompaniment* (1995), a text well-known to Barry theology students and recently translated into Spanish by Convivium Press. (*Caminemos* is part of the Hispania Series, a joint editorial project of Barry's Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry and Convivium Press.)

Following the award ceremony, Goizueta presented "Against the Pursuit of Happiness: The Preferential Option for the Poor and the Denial of Death." Goizueta discussed the universality of God's love and the seemingly contradictory preferential option for the poor. He

remarked that God's love for the powerful and for the powerless take very different forms, calling the former to conversion and working for the liberation of the latter. He reminded us that we are "called to our own preferential option for the poor," not because of who we are or hope to be, but "because of who God is."

Goizueta illustrated his concepts through life stories – his exile from Cuba as a 6-year-old and his return visit as an adult; the coins he gave a homeless person and the blessing he received in return; and the experiences of a friend who worked with victims of violence in the inner city and suicide in the suburbs. Goizueta looked at how we try to isolate ourselves from our own vulnerability and mortality by isolating and avoiding those who are vulnerable, weak, or sick.

Ultimately, this ruse will not work, he said. This "pathological fear of our own fragility as human beings" isolates us, not only from the powerless, but also from those we love and from ourselves. We must recognize that happiness is a gift and that "often those bearing that gift are strangers, are weak." To begin to find happiness, we must break barriers, care for others, and recognize that "we are not in control – someone else is. That knowledge is the source of true joy and happiness."

## Nuala Kenny Speaks on Neuroscience and Ethics



Nuala Kenny, OC, MD, FRCPC and Mary Jo Iozzio, PhD

In her presentation to the Barry community on January 24, Nuala Kenny, OC, MD, FRCPC, professor emerita in the Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University, opened up what, for many, would be an initial exploration of the promises and challenges posed by advances in neuroscience. Her lecture, "The Ethics of Neuroscience and the Neuroscience of Ethics and Morality," was co-sponsored by the Barry University Council on Bioethics and the Department of Theology and Philosophy.

Reflecting on her own background, Kenny noted that she approaches the topic of neuroscience from specific vantage points: her profession as a pediatrician gives her a natural interest in human development and her life as

a Sister of Charity gives her an understanding of "medicine as a calling, not a business."

Kenny commented on current interest in neuroscience as evidenced by television shows such as *Lie to Me*, *Criminal Minds*, and *Psych*. In these shows, profiling a criminal or suspected criminal often involves accessing impulses, intent, and motivation with an eye toward determining behavior and deducing the criminal's next step.

Television and movie story-lines sometimes explore specific psychological states, discussing how a particular mental illness might affect not only behavior, but capacity to act ethically. As such, they tap into the neuroscience of ethics, exploring a specific psychopathology, with its attendant and often violent/destructive behaviors.

Speaking both to the ethics of neuroscience (What interventions in neuroscience are ethically permissible?) and the neuroscience of ethics (Do ethical decisions flow from or independently of brain functioning?), Kenny discussed the expanded use and implications of neuro-imaging scans in modern medicine.

For example, sophisticated scans can be used to diagnose the psychosis seen in the manic state of a person with bipolar disorder. They can be used to determine borderline

consciousness, such as that seen in patients in a Persistent Vegetative State (PVS). Scans can also demonstrate a person's interest in a book, a work of art, or another person. Some of the ethical questions raised by this technology involve appropriate use, correct and appropriate interpretation of data collected, and determination of an ethical response to the information obtained.

Add neuro- and psycho-pharmacology, neurostimulation (which Kenny described as akin to a brain pacemaker), functional neurosurgery, brain-machine interface, brain-gene transfer/brain transplant, and neurocognitive enhancements to this discussion and the ethical questions expand exponentially.

Kenny noted that neuroscience's potential impact on notions of personhood, freewill, moral agency, and moral responsibility is substantial and extensive. In light of this potential, she cautioned the audience against confusing the brain with the self. Stating that "the self is the moral agent, not the brain," she closed her lecture by emphasizing the "importance of conscience and virtue formation within a community" and the importance of maintaining a dialogue between neuroscience and moral traditions.

## In Memoriam

**Cornelius van der Poel, CSSp**, died on July 22, 2012. A well-known author, teacher, and missionary, van der Poel, even at the age of 90, maintained an active correspondence with his friends and acquaintances all over the world.

His relationship with the Barry community included two years as Chair of the Department (1992-1994). He oversaw the hiring of Veronica Koperski, SFCC, PhD, STD, Mary Jo Iozzio, PhD, and Ms. Stella Carroll. He also introduced a pastoral care of the sick program into the MA in Theology, setting the foundation for the concentration in health care ethics that continues today in both the Doctor of Ministry and the MA in Practical Theology programs.

Author of several books and numerous articles, van der Poel's research interests included ethics and care of the sick; canon law and the application of that law in pastoral care settings; and the religious life.

Van der Poel served as a missionary in Nigeria as well as in many U.S. parishes and formation houses. He taught at the Spiritan International School of Theology in Nigeria, Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (where he established the MA in Pastoral Theology program), and Barry

University. After retiring from Barry, he continued to serve in the U.S. and Nigeria until 2002, when he returned to The Netherlands for permanent residence. While there, he continued to publish on a variety of topics, including an ongoing "day-in-the-life" of the Spiritan founder, Claude François Poullart des Places.

**Dr. Ralph Del Colle**, associate professor of theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died on July 29, 2012, after a brief illness. He was 57 years old. He is survived by his wife, Lee Coppemoll, and his adult son and daughter, Josh and Zoe.

Del Colle taught at Barry University in the early 1990s, moving to Marquette in 1995. Before coming to Barry, he taught at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. He earned his graduate degrees – MDiv, MPhil, and PhD – from Union Theological Seminary.

Del Colle specialized in Trinitarian theology and focused his scholarly work on the Holy Spirit. He was in close contact with the Pentecostal movement and served on a number of ecumenical committees.

## Library News

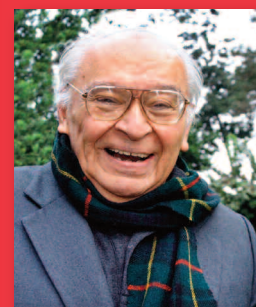
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success. Also in attendance was Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director of the American Theological Library Association, whose advice to the FTLA was invaluable.



Front row, from left: Joanna Hause, Southeastern University; Marilyn Burke, University of South Florida; Laura Armstrong, Reformed Theological Seminary. Back row, from left: John Muether, Reformed Theological Seminary; Glenn Pearl, Southeastern University; Philip M.O'Neill, Barry University; Michael Farrell, Reformed Theological Seminary (photo by Brenda Bailey-Hainer)

## Mark Your Calendar!



**Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP**

presents

**"The Utopia of the Council: Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of Vatican II"**

Friday, November 9, 2012

5:30 pm

Cor Jesu Chapel

This lecture is sponsored by the Department of Theology and Philosophy St. Thomas/St. Catherine Lecture Series.



**2012 Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence Recipient**

**Professor Robert Schreiter, CPPS**

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

7:00 pm

Barry University

Gato Gallery, Thompson Hall

This lecture is sponsored by the Department of Theology and Philosophy St. Thomas/St. Catherine Lecture Series.



Meeting in San Francisco CA, November 18-22, 2011; participated in the panel discussion on WPBT's *Viewpoint* about the "Personal Ordinariate for Anglicans & Episcopalians," January 22, 2012; presented his paper "Human Trafficking in Colonial Cuba" in the symposium "Justice at the Door: Ending Domestic Servitude" at St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, FL, January 27, 2012; participated in the panel discussion on WPBT's *Viewpoint* about "Pope Benedict XVI's Visit to Cuba," March 22, 2012; spoke on "Rash Judgment, Detraction, and Slander in Our Current Political Discourse" at St. Gabriel's Parish, Pompano Beach, FL, April 2, 2012; participated in the panel discussion on WPBT's *Viewpoint* about "The Bishops and the Nuns," May 29, 2012; and attended the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) Annual Convention in St. Louis MO, June 7-9, 2012.



**Ruth Tallman, PhD**, assistant professor of philosophy, published "The Heart's Desire: Sex in The Walking Dead," with Jason Southworth in Christopher Robichaud, ed., *The Walking Dead and Philosophy*, (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing, 2012); "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Family" with Jason Southworth in Mark White, ed., *The Avengers and Philosophy* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing, 2012); "Is The Examined Life a Huge Mistake?" with Jason Southworth, in J. Jeremy Wisniewski, ed., *Arrested Development and Philosophy* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing, 2011); "The Rolling Stones Can't Get No Satisfaction...But Epicurus Can," in Luke Dick and George Reisch, eds., *The Rolling Stones and Philosophy: It's Just A Thought Away* (Chicago: Open Court Publishing Company, 2011); "Was It All a Dream? Why Nolan's Answer Doesn't Matter," in David Kyle Johnson and William Irwin, eds., *Inception and Philosophy: Because It's Never Just a Dream* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing, 2011); "A Study in Friendship," in Joseph Steiff, ed., *Sherlock Holmes and Philosophy* (Chicago: Open Court Publishing Company, 2011); "The Oaths of Soranik Natu: Can a Doctor Be a Green Lantern?" with Jason Southworth in Jane Dryden and Mark White, eds., *Green Lantern and Philosophy: No Evil Shall Escape This Book* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing, 2011). Tallman presented her paper, "Keeping Up Appearances: Moral

Exemplarism and the Importance of Looking Good," at the 4th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, August 4-7, 2011. She attended the 2012 Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington, DC, December 27-30, 2012. Her paper, "Valuing Lives and Allocating Resources: A Defense of the Modified Youngest First Principle of Scarce Resource Distribution," is forthcoming in the journal *Bioethics*. She will present a paper, "An Epistemology of Santa Claus" with her co-author, David Kyle Johnson, at the Lighthearted Philosophers Conference, October 12-13, 2012.



**Raymond Ward, PhD**, assistant professor of theology (moral theology), reconvened the Undergraduate Theology Student Association; attended the *ATS Roundtable*

*Seminar* for newly appointed faculty, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2011; presented the paper "The Real is Local: Learning, Reflection and Service in Miami's Barry University" at the 12th Biennial Colloquium of Dominican Colleges and Universities, Riverforest, IL, June 2012; and had a paper accepted for the upcoming annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics.



**Mark E. Wedig, OP, PhD**, professor of theology (liturgical theology), associate dean for graduate studies, College of Arts and Sciences, and chair, Department of Theology and Philosophy, published the following in Edward Foley, gen. ed., *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011): "Eucharistic Prayer I: The Mystagogical Implications," 293-300; "Eucharistic Prayer IV: The Mystagogical Implications," 425-430; "Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs," 575-582. Wedig presented "Axis Mundi No More: Interpreting Liturgical Environment in a 'Postmodern Age' at the 'Transcending Architecture: Aesthetics and Ethics of the Numinous Symposium,'" October 6-8, 2011, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; served on a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Commission on Colleges (SAC-COC) substantive change visit to a South Carolina institution, February 21-23, 2012; served as an external reviewer for the undergraduate program in theological studies, Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, September 14-16, 2011.



**Joel Wilcox, PhD**, professor of philosophy, published "Religion and Morality" in Chandana Chakrabarti and Sandra Fairbanks, eds., *Morality and Spirituality in the Contemporary World* (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012). He is currently on sabbatical, working on papers on topics in environmental ethics and in aesthetics.

## Library News

### FTLA President Phil O'Neill Represents Barry at Annual Conference

Philip O'Neill, president of the Florida Theological Library Association (FTLA) and coordinator for theological resources at Barry University, led a roundtable discussion entitled "Theological Librarianship in Florida: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" at this year's FTLA Annual Conference, Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL, March 15, 2012.

Featured speaker, Rev. Dr. Richard C. Harris, assistant professor of general communications, Southeastern University, inspired those gathered with "One Nation under CURSE — A chilling journey into the highest ranks of America's oldest terrorist organization and back out to freedom." Harris' presentation described his journey from youthful membership in the Ku Klux Klan to a religious conversion which has called him to spend the rest of his life fighting racial injustice.

Nine theological librarians attended the conference, representing Barry University, the Reformed Theological Seminary, Southeastern University, and the University of South Florida. Grace Veach, dean of Library Services, and Joanna Hause, technical services librarian, Southeastern University, were generous hosts whose efforts were indispensable in making this event a great *(cont. on page 13)*

## Department Restructures THE 802: Ministerial Formation

In response to ongoing assessments, the Department of Theology and Philosophy has restructured the ministerial formation course (THE 802) for Doctor of Ministry (DMin) students. Through a collaborative process, a new format has been established that takes into account the goals of ministerial formation and the expressed needs of the students. Changes to THE 802 were designed to provide students with a community of learners and a variety of mentors, thereby enhancing the ministerial formation process. The Department anticipates that the restructuring of the ministerial formation course will increase optimal outcomes for DMin students.

The new format was instituted in January 2012 and includes both ongoing formation



and one-hour daily classes during the two-week Residency Program. The course has been divided into three units:

- Unit A addresses pastoral care skills and is ordinarily taught during the winter residency by Dr. Elsie Miranda. Each semester of Unit A earns the student 1 credit. Students must have 2 credits of Unit A to fulfill the requirement for graduation.
- Unit B addresses pastoral ethics and is ordinarily taught during the summer residency. Drs. Mary Jo Iozzio, Edward Sunshine, or Raymond Ward, the professors who teach moral theology in the department, will be responsible for these classes. Each semester of Unit B earns the student 1 credit. Students must have 2 credits of Unit B to fulfill the requirement for graduation.
- Unit C addresses ongoing supervised ministry throughout the student's course of study. It must be completed prior to the Thesis-Project Proposal Defense. Unit C is coordinated with the director of formation and each student's ministerial supervisor.

## Statements of Educational Effectiveness

In April 2012, Dr. Daniel O. Aleshire, executive director of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada, corresponded with member institutions concerning the ATS Board of Commissioner policy that requires an institution to publish an official Statement of Educational Effectiveness for each of its accredited programs. While the policy does not stipulate the criteria the institution should use in devising its statements, it does require institutions to demonstrate the extent to which students have achieved the various goals of the degree programs through measurable indicators of program effectiveness. These indicators could include "the percentage of students who complete the program and the percentage of graduates who find placement appropriate to their vocational intention and theological education" (ATS Educational Standards 6).

In response, the graduate division of the Department of Theology and Philosophy of Barry University published on its website the Statements of Education Effectiveness for its Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry (MAPTM) and its Doctor of

Ministry (DMin) programs. These statements indicate that the "Educational Effectiveness of the Graduate Programs in Theology and Ministry is demonstrated best by the intentional education and formation of lay ecclesial ministers prepared to contribute fruitfully to their communities of faith through theological reflection, praxis, and leadership," and that each graduate program "cultivates this preparation by fostering in our students the learning objectives/competencies delineated at each level of study which advance the mission of each program." In addition to the measures and data used to substantiate the effectiveness of these programs, the statements also include the Student Learning Objectives and Competencies, the Course Objective Assessment Map, and the Rubric for Assessment of Student Objectives for each program.

The Statements of Educational Effectiveness may be accessed through the Department's website. The MAPTM statement is located at [www.barry.edu/practicaltheology/edeffectiveness](http://www.barry.edu/practicaltheology/edeffectiveness) and the DMin statement is located at [www.barry.edu/dmin/edeffectiveness](http://www.barry.edu/dmin/edeffectiveness).

Completion of Unit C earns the student 2 credits.

Students may register for THE 802 after completing 6 hours of academic credit and obtaining the approval of their academic advisor and the department chair. A separate registration must also be completed for participation in each segment of Units A and B which are offered during the winter/summer terms. THE 802 is billed only once at a scholarship rate.

The director of ministerial formation serves as the lead instructor for the course and enrolls students in Blackboard. After an initial interview, students will be asked to keep a formation log and to track completed units, as well as other work specific to their formation plan. General course content, assignments, announcements and grades will be available on Blackboard, along with any appropriate discussion groups and external links.

## Barry Initiates "Teach-Out" of MA in Pastoral Theology

In September 2011, the Department of Theology and Philosophy began to "teach-out" the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology program in Venice, Florida. No more applications to the program will be processed or accepted, but students currently matriculated in the program at the Blessed Edmund Rice School in the Venice Diocese will be given the full opportunity to complete the degree within the already-established time limit for each student's program of study.

Last year, after careful discernment with the Barry University provost and the graduate faculty of the Department of Theology and Philosophy, Barry President Sr. Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, informed Bishop Frank Dewane of the Diocese of Venice, Florida, that the University would conduct the teach-out.

Mark Wedig, OP, PhD, and Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD, are working with Andrea Molinari, PhD, and Rice School faculty to accommodate the course needs of the current student body.

Both accrediting bodies, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), have been informed of this decision and presented with delineated plans for the teach-out.



### Sixteen New Students Join Main Campus Graduate Programs

The Department welcomed 16 new students to main campus, six matriculating in the Doctor of Ministry program and 10 in the MA in Practical Theology.

#### New Doctoral Students Winter Term 2012



Joining in Winter 2012, from left: Charlene Wise-Crisafulli, Vivian Gonzalez, and Sandra Wells (not pictured: Edmund Newborn)

#### Summer Term 2012



Joining in Summer 2012, from left: Rev. Joseph Driscoll with Veronica Koperski, SFCC, PhD, STD, and Marcelo Solórzano, OP, SThD, (not pictured: Chaplain Frank Muñoz)

#### New MA in Practical Theology Students Fall Term 2012



Joining in Fall 2011, from left Back Row: Mesmin Augustin, Glordia Fleurimond, Alin Lacroix, Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD  
Middle Row: Maria Elena Larrera, OSF, Natacha Beague, Sandra Wells, Mathieu Alexandre  
Front Row: Ana de Armas and John Finol

## Congratulations, Graduates!

#### Doctor of Ministry December 2011



Chaplain Martie Johnson Jr., DMin, and Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD

**Martie Johnson Jr., DMin**, Thesis-project: *Enriching the Sacrament of Assembly: Strengthening Ministry among the Royal Priesthood at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church*

#### Doctor of Ministry May 2012



From left: Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD, Dave Fletcher, DMin, Rev. Christopher Ciomek, DMin, and Veronica Koperski, SFCC, PhD, STD

**Christopher Clomek, DMin**, Thesis-project: *Spiritual Direction with Polish-Born Seminarians at Mundelein Seminary: Toward a Renewed Practice*

**Dave Fletcher, DMin**, Thesis-project: *All are Welcome in This Place: A Vision of Inclusive Community at Barry University*

#### Master of Arts in Practical Theology

##### December 2011



Karl McHale, MA, and Veronica Koperski, SFCC, PhD, STD

##### May 2012



Elsie Miranda, DMin, and Lourdes Cofresí, MA

### Theta Alpha Kappa Induction Ceremony

A national honor society in theology, which is open to persons of all faiths, Theta Alpha Kappa promotes excellence and scholarship in the fields of religious studies and religious education. New graduate and undergraduate inductees are pictured at right.



From left: Pius Gabriel, Nelson Araque, Hector Felipe Ramirez, and Isaac Washington, with Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD, Moderator

382-384; presented his paper, "Mill and the Limits of Free Expression," on the panel "John Stuart Mill: Approaches and Themes" at the Midwest Political Science Association 69th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, March 31, 2011; presented his paper, "Equality and Gender Roles in the Family," on the "Liberalism and the Family" panel at the Manchester Center for Political Theory Workshop 8th Annual Conference, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, August 31, 2011, and again at the conference, "Living Well in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses," Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, September 17, 2011.



**Elsie M. Miranda, DMin**, associate professor of theology, director of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry Program and director of Supervised Ministry, completed her collaborative work as a member of the ATS Committee on the Revision of Standards in December 2011. As the chair of the sub-committee on Globalization and a member of the Advanced Professional Degree Committee, she worked to emphasize the issue of ministerial ethics across the degree programs and promoted a broader understanding of cultural diversity that requires universities and seminaries to move beyond token inclusions of the "other" in their programs. Miranda presented "The Changing Landscape of Theological Education" at the Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry (AGPIM) Annual Conference, Tuscon, AZ, January 2012. She presented "The Future of Theological Education in Universities and Seminaries in the U.S.," the World Council of Churches Consultation, the Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway, June 2012. In September 2012, Miranda traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica, as a member of an ATS accrediting team that will review the graduate theology program at Nazarene Theological Seminary.



**Jorge Presmanes, OP, DMin**, associate professor of theology and director of the Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry, published "Inculturation as Evangelization: The Dialogue of Faith and Culture in the Work of Marcello Azevedo"

in *U.S. Catholic Historian* 30 (Winter 2012): 59-76; "He Interpreted for Them the Scripture: The Bible and Preaching" in *The Word of God & Latino Catholics* (New York: American Bible Society, 2012) and "Le explicó la Escritura: la Biblia y la predicación" (translated in Spanish in a separate volume) in *La Palabra de Dios y los católicos latinos* (New York: American Bible Society, 2012). Presmanes presented "Preaching as Inculturation: U. S. Hispanics and the Proclamation of the Word of God" at "We Preach Christ Crucified: A Conference on Catholic Preaching," The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, June 25-27, 2012. He spoke on "Inculturation and Hispanic Ministry" at The Southeast Pastoral Institute, Miami, FL, June 4, 2012.



**Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, PhD**, associate professor of theology (systematic theology), director of graduate programs in theology and ministry, and associate dean for general education, College of Arts and Sciences, published *Trinity in Relation: Creation, Incarnation, and Grace in an Evolving Cosmos* (Winona, WI: Anselm Academic Press, a division of St. Mary's Press, 2012); published "God/Trinity" in the *Proceedings of the Sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America* 66 (Summer 2011): 132-33; published "Beyond Dominion and Stewardship" in Peter Burdon, ed., *Exploring Wild Law: The Philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence* (Adelaide, Australia: Wakefield Press, 2011); published "Environment, Ecology, and Creation Theology: Visions and Revisions in the Christian Tradition," *Liturgical Ministry* 20 (Spring 2011): 57-67; published "Dwelling in the Word: Divine Revelation in the Cosmos" in Michael Dowd, ed. *The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity: Conversations at the Leading Edge of Faith*. Available: <http://thegreatstory.org/ec-leaders.html>; edited and published *Faith Seeking Expression: Religious Beliefs and Traditions* (Revised and expanded second edition of *Theology: Faith, Beliefs, Traditions*, Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt, 2012; co-edited (with Marc Pugliese, PhD, St. Leo University) and published *Seeking Common Ground: Evaluation and Critique of Joseph Bracken's Comprehensive Worldview* (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2012); published "The Theology of God as Trinity: Message and Meaning" in Gloria L. Schaab,

ed., *Faith Seeking Expression: Religious Beliefs and Traditions*, (Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt, 2012); published "Trinitarian Panentheism and the Problem of Suffering" in Gloria L. Schaab and Marc Pugliese, eds., *Seeking Common Ground: Evaluation and Critique of Joseph Bracken's Comprehensive Worldview* (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2012); and published "God/Trinity" in the *Proceedings of the Sixty-seventh Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America* 67 (Summer 2012): 97-98. Schaab presented the response to "When the Saints Come Marching Out: Same-Gender Relationships as an Embodiment of Christian Holiness" at the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) Convention "For All the Saints," in San Jose, CA, June 11, 2011; presented on the panel celebrating *Seeking Common Ground: Evaluation and Critique of Joseph Bracken's Comprehensive Worldview* at the Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, June 1, 2012; was appointed to the Advisory Panel of the *International Journal of Public Theology*; was appointed to the Resolutions Committee of the CTSA; chaired the Admissions for Membership Committee of the CTSA; convened and moderated the God/Trinity topic session at the CTSA Convention 2011, San Jose, CA, June 10, 2011; convened the God/Trinity topic session at the CTSA Convention 2012, St. Louis, MO, June 9, 2012; attended the 66th annual convention of the CTSA, San Jose, CA, June 9-12, 2011; attended the Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, May 31 – June 2, 2012; attended the 67th annual convention of the CTSA, St. Louis, MO, June 7-10, 2012.



**Edward R. Sunshine, PhD**, professor of theology (moral theology), spoke on "What Young People Can Tell Us about Justice and Love" at St. Gabriel's Parish, Pompano Beach, FL, March 14, 2011; participated in the panel discussion on WPBT's *Viewpoint* about "Sainthood," May 29, 2011; attended the Catholic Theological Society of American (CTSA) Annual Convention in San Jose, CA, June 9-11, 2011; participated in the panel discussions on WPBT's *Viewpoint* about "God and Government," June 26, 2011 and the "Future of Christianity," September 25, 2011; attended the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual



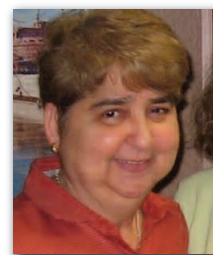


**Mary Jo Iozzio, PhD**, professor of theology (moral theology), published/edited the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 31.1, 31.2 (2011), and 32.1 (2012); “Needle Exchange: the moral framework,” *Health Progress* 92 (2011): 664-67; “The Authority of Experience and Study: Persons with Disabilities Adequately and Integrally Considered,” *Louvain Studies* 35 (2011, *Festschrift* Issue, honoree: Joseph Selling): 162-180; “Solidarity: Restoring Communion with Those Who are Disabled,” *Journal of Religion, Disability and Health* 15.2 (2011): 139-152; and “Pray-Study-Act: The MLK Memorial and Brothers and Sisters All,” *Pax Christi USA—PSA eBulletin* (August 26, 2011). Iozzio chaired part of the Pax Christi USA Anti-Racism Team gathering, St. Moses the Black Prioory, Jackson, MS, March 17-20, 2011; directed the session, “Recognizing the Prevalence of Racism in PCUSA,” at the Pax Christi USA National Council Meeting, Washington, DC, July 18, 2011; chaired part of the Pax Christi USA Anti-Racism Team gathering, DeKoven Center, Racine, WI, September 8-11, 2011, and the joint meeting of PCART with Pax Christi USA National Council, Washington, DC, March 15-18, 2012. She attended the Theologian-Ethicists Committee Meeting and the “Ethics and Theology Colloquium,” Catholic Health Association, St. Louis, MO, March 22-25, 2011, and March 21-23, 2012; attended the Program Committee Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL, April 1-3, 2011 and March 24-25, 2012; attended the bi-annual meeting of the Bon Secours Health Systems, Inc., Ethics Advisory Group, Marriottsville, MD, June 22-24, 2011, December 14-16, 2011, and May 22, 2012; attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA, June 9-12, 2011, and St. Louis, MO, June 7-10, 2012; attended the Joint Committee Meeting, Catholic Health Association, Dallas, TX, November 15-16, 2011; attended the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 19-23, 2011; attended the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, DC, January 5-8, 2012; and attended the regularly scheduled meetings of the Catholic Hospice Miami-Dade Ethics Committee and Mercy Hospital Ethics Board. Iozzio also attended the International Catholic AIDS Pre-Conference events surrounding “AIDS

2012,” the XIX International Conference, Washington, DC, July 20-22, 2012. She has been taking instruction in the new operating system for Apple computers and mobile devices since May 2012.



**Veronica Koperski, SFCC, PhD, STD**, professor of theology (New Testament), published “The Canaanite Woman” in Donald Senior, ed., *The Gospel of Matthew*, Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologiarum Lovaniensium CCXLIII (Leuven, Belgium: Peeters, 2011), 525-536. She attended the 74th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at Assumption College, Worcester, MA, August 6-9, 2011, in which she participated in the seminar on “The Question of Authorship of the Letter to the Colossians” and attended the presentation by Dr. Deena Grant. Koperski edited the publication of Jan Lambrecht, *Understanding What One Reads II: Essays on the Gospels and Paul*, Annua Nuncia Lovaniensia LXIV (Leuven, Belgium: Peeters, 2011). She helped organize the International Conference “Paul Between Hermeneutics and Exegesis,” held to launch *Understanding What One Reads II* at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Leuven, Belgium, October 14-15, 2011. During that Conference, she delivered the presentation remarks on the book. Koperski also attended the 67th General Meeting of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, the International Society for New Testament Studies, Leuven, Belgium, July 31- August 3, 2012, and participated in the Seminar Group “Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation,” following which she visited with relatives in Poland, met with the acting bishop of the Diocese of Peplin, and was able to view one of the few extant Gutenberg Bibles.



**Alicia C. Marill, DMin**, associate professor of theology and director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, received the United States Catholic Mission Association's Annual Recognition Award 2012. This award was given for her work with Amor en Acción, a mission organization which she founded and directed since 1976. She was appointed to

the Archdiocese of Miami's Justice for Immigrants Campaign Committee on February 24, 2012. She taught the course, “Teologia Pastoral,” at the Lay Ecclesial Program for the Diocese of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV. She directed a two-day retreat on “Mission, Immigration and Reconciliation” for lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Orlando, Orlando, FL, May 4-5, 2012. Marill presented a session on “The Doctor of Ministry Thesis Project” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Doctor of Ministry Education, “The Mission Church,” Holland, MI, March 23, 2012. She spoke at the Annual Meeting of the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry on “The Urgent Call for Justice for Immigrants,” Newark, NJ, October 20-23, 2011. She contributed to the “National Hispanic Leadership Initiative,” summoned by the Office for Hispanic Ministry, USCCB, San Antonio, TX, September 26-29, 2011. Marill directed the following workshops: “Hispanic Spirituality” and “Theology of Accompaniment” at the Diocese of Fresno's Hispanic Convention, Fresno, CA, May 26-28, 2011; “The Role of the Missionary” at the Center for Peace and Justice, St. Thomas University, Miami, FL, May 5, 2011; and “Reconciliation and Exile” at the Teresian Institute, Miami, FL, March 6, 2011. Marill attended the Archdiocese of Miami's meeting of the Justice for Immigrants Campaign, Miami, FL, February 24, 2012; attended the Justice for Immigrants Campaign, “A 50-State Issue: A Focus on State and Local Immigration Initiative,” United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, Salt Lake City, UT, January 11-13, 2012; and attended the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the U.S., San Jose, CA, June 5-8, 2011. She participated in the Board Meeting of the Association for Doctor of Ministry Education (ADME), New Orleans, LA, April 13-14, 2011, and in the Board Meeting of the ADME in Holland, MI, March 21-22, 2012. She attended the Annual Conference of the ADME, New Orleans, LA, April 14-16, 2011, and the Annual Meeting of the ADME, “The Mission Church,” Holland, MI, March 22-24, 2012.

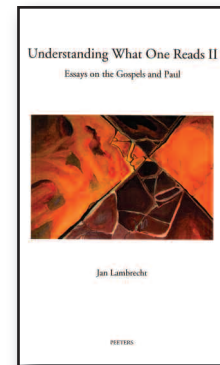


**Michael McKeon, PhD**, assistant professor of philosophy, published a review of Stuart C. Aitken's *The Awkward Spaces of Fathering in Men and Masculinities* 14 (August 2011):

## Alumni Updates

### Did you know...

**Melissa Behrle, BA, '06** (Theology), created the cover art for *Understanding What One Reads II: Essays on the Gospels and Paul* (Leuven, Belgium: Peeters, 2011). The cover art for this text was taken from Behrle's senior honors thesis in theology and art, which won the Ripley Award for best senior honors thesis. *Understanding What One Reads II* was authored by Jan Lambrecht, SJ, professor emeritus of New Testament and Biblical Greek, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and edited by Veronica Koperski, SFCC, PhD, STD, professor of theology, Barry University. While at Barry, Behrle was one of Koperski's advisees; her honors thesis was mentored by Mark Wedig, OP, PhD, department chair.



**Francisco Castillo, DMin '11**, published “Adoption and Liturgy” in *AMEN, una publicación del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia*, Año 22 (Fall 2011): 3-5; and “Worshiping a Homeless Man: The Liturgy as a Source for Community Christian Service” in the National Catholic Educators Association magazine, *Momentum* 43, no. 1 (February-March 2012): 42-45.

**Grace Collins, BA '12**, (Philosophy and History), earned a \$7,500 NCAA post-graduate scholarship. She was also a finalist for the NCAA's Woman of the Year award. As a top graduating senior, she was the first Buccaneer student-athlete to win Barry's President Award. In addition, she was a two-time recipient of the Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin Service Award. Collins plans to attend Levin College of Law at the University of Florida.

**Veneta Lorraine, DMin '10**, was appointed the executive director of Mount Saint Agnes Theological Center for Women in Baltimore. Mount Saint Agnes, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, was founded by feminist theologian Mary Aquin O'Neill, RSM, PhD. Its mission is to educate women in feminist theology through the creation of community.

Lorraine's work includes teaching courses, offering spiritual direction, and the administration of the Center. Her goal is to expand the programs offered at the Center and to widen its audience.

**Catherine Marro (née DeMeo), BA '94, '99**, (Theology and Music), continues to serve Barry University by playing the flute at the Sunday morning mass in Cor Jesu Chapel. Marro was instrumental in having Latin Grammy-winning jazz flautist Nestor Torres perform at Barry's 1994 commencement. Torres was awarded an honorary doctorate from Barry.

**Yaniece McPherson, BA '09**, (Philosophy), has completed her studies at the University of Illinois and is looking forward to sitting for the bar examination. She has taken the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE). McPherson will focus on criminal and family law as she searches for a position in private or government practice. She hopes to reside either in Illinois or Florida.

**Steffano Montano, MA '11**, (Practical Theology), began working as an organizer with BOLD Justice in Broward County in July. His duties include strengthening the Justice Ministry Networks within various ecumenical and interfaith organizations in the county. BOLD Justice is a member of the DART Network of congregation-based community organizations and has worked on such social justice issues as education, affordable housing, and job creation.

**Pam Phillips, MA '10**, (Practical Theology), was promoted to senior vice president of mission for Bon Secours Hampton Roads Health System. Phillips is responsible for all mission and spiritual care services in the Bon Secours Hampton Roads System, which includes three hospitals, two nursing care centers, two assisted living facilities, home health and hospice care, and hospital-affiliated physician practices located in Virginia's Greater Tidewater area.

**Sr. Veronica Rop, MA '09**, (Practical Theology), presented “The Dignity of the African Woman in the Light of the Apostolic Letter *Mulieris Dignitatem*,” a public lecture at the Catholic University of East Africa (CUEA), Oct. 18, 2011. Rop's Doctoral Dissertation Proposal was approved by CUEA on Nov. 23, 2011. Her dissertation will be

titled “Human Dignity: A Study on the Participation of Women in Integral Human Development among the Kalenjin in the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret.”

**Rev. Eric Wyckoff, DMin '04**, is teaching New Testament and Biblical Languages at the Studium Theologicum Salesianum, the Jerusalem campus of the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. He reports that “living and working in the Holy City has been great.” Most students in his classes are seminarians, hailing from all over the world. Referring to his time at Barry, Wyckoff noted, “The practical theology I learned at Barry has been invaluable for helping a very diverse student body reflect on how to apply what they learn to real pastoral situations.”

## Winter and Summer Terms

The unique two-week residency structure of Barry's winter and summer terms allows students to more easily continue in their ministries while obtaining an advanced degree in practical theology.



From left: Mariá José Mitsoulis, Jorge Presmanes, OP, DMin, Carlos Cueto, Joseph Driscoll, Natacha Beague, Nelson Araque,

This year, Winter Term students had the opportunity to attend the annual Yves Congar Award presentation and dinner, followed by an address from the award recipient, Roberto S. Goizueta, PhD. (For more information, see page 4)

In the Summer Term, the Department introduced the new format for THE 802: Ministerial Formation, offering the first formation class in pastoral ethics. (For more information, see page 5)

## Veritas Newsletter

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## Congratulations to our Graduates!

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy  
Bachelor of Arts in Theology  
December 2012



From left: John Finol, Mark E. Wedig, OP, PhD, and Janelle Petters

May 2012



From left: Michael McKeon, PhD, Alejandro González, Christopher Van Pelt, and Ruth Tallman, PhD (not pictured: Valery Charles and Grace Collins)

## Phi Sigma Tau Induction Ceremony

A national honor society in philosophy, Phi Sigma Tau encourages the highest ideals of academic excellence through presentation of papers and debates on philosophical issues. New inductees are pictured below.



From left: Megan Gallagher, Alexandra Store, Michael McKeon, PHD, Moderator, Justin Clayton, and Thomas DePalo

## Barry University's Ethics Bowl Team Competes at National Tournament

On March 1, Barry's Ethics Bowl team participated in the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati, Ohio.



From left: Justin Crayton, Valery Charles, Alejandro González, Michelle Gordon, Grace Collins, Emily Brunnschweiler, Sandra Fairbanks, PhD (Coach), Joel Wilcox (Coach), Alexandra Storr, and Ruth Tallman, PhD (Co-Coach)

## Service Learning Program Expands



Alex F. Schlich, DMin

Service learning has continued to expand and find success as an effective and transformational pedagogical component within several of the courses offered by the Department of Theology and Philosophy. In addition to its full integration into all the sections of Theology 201: Faith, Beliefs and Traditions, service learning has been incorporated as a substantial component in Dr. Mary Jo Iozzio's THE 312: Freedom and Virtue, Dr. Sara Fairbanks's THE 315: Christian Spirituality and Prayer, and two sections of Dr. James Nickoloff's THE 306: Dynamics of Faith.

Students involved in these courses register to complete their required 10 hours of service learning at local community organizations and programs. They are encouraged to register for service opportunities that will engage their individual talents, experiences, and academic majors. Placement sites utilized by the program include: Sinai Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Art Studio Miami, Camillus House, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Ronald McDonald House, Haitian Youth and Community Center, and Oleta River State Park, among others.

This academic year alone students from our Department have contributed more than 6,000 hours of service to the local community and have used their experiences to process and reflect upon the themes and principles of their theology coursework. As service learning continues to be incorporated within different courses offered by the Department, one general finding seems to ring true semester after semester – while many students are sometimes initially reluctant to participate in service learning, most, by the end of the semester, express gratitude for the experience and a deep understanding of why a theology course would require such an assignment.

## Faculty Profiles



**Sandra Jane Fairbanks, PhD**, professor of philosophy (ethics, philosophy of law and political theory), co-edited *Morality and Spirituality in the Contemporary World*

(Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012). She published two chapters in this volume: "Introduction" and "Environmental Protection and Human Rights." She is currently on sabbatical leave researching the effects of various facets of American culture on the formation of moral virtues. Fairbanks was promoted to rank of professor during the 2012 academic year.



**Sara Fairbanks, OP, PhD**, associate professor of theology (systematic theology), presented "Greening the Creed: Theological Foundations for Ethics and Action" at

St. Gabriel in Pompano Beach, FL, February 6, 2012. She also lectured on the "The Spirituality of Meister Eckhart" at St. Mark Episcopal Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 27, 2012. In the summer of 2012, she offered several workshops, including "The Art of Liturgical Preaching" at the Dominican College Preaching Conference, Dominican University, Chicago, IL, May 26, 2012, and "Proclaiming Christ: The How-tos of Preaching," at the Dominican High School Preaching Conference, Adrian, MI, June 30, 2012.



**Pedro Blas González, PhD**, professor of philosophy (continental philosophy, existentialism, Ortega y Gasset), published *Fantasia: A Novel* (e-book, Spring 2012); "A Cautionary Tale:

Our Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe," *Transhumanist Magazine* (May 14, 2012): 10-28; "Friedrich Hayek: The Creation of the Mont Pelerin Society and 'the Facts of the Social Sciences,'" *Philosophy for Business*, no. 73 (Spring 2012): 1-18; "Spirit, Essence and Form in William

Wordsworth's *The Prelude*," *Pathways in Philosophy*, no. 171 (Spring 2012): 40-62; "Borges: Filósofo de la Imaginación y el Tiempo," *Círculo: Revista de Cultura* 40 (Fall 2011): 63-67; "Ludwig von Mises: Economist and Philosophical Anthropologist," *Philosophy for Business*, no. 70 (December 2011): 1-16; "Perspectivism, Form and Objective Reality in Mies van der Rohe's Architecture and Ortega y Gasset's Thought," *Philosophy Pathways Journal*, no. 166 (October 2011): 3-23; "Czesław Miłosz: Old World Values Confront Late-Modern Nihilism," *Telos: A Quarterly Journal of Politics, Philosophy, Critical Theory, Culture, and the Arts*, no. 156 (Fall 2011): 153-166; "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, or Socrates in the Desert," *Senses of Cinema*, no. 59 (Summer 2011): 1-21; *The Uninvited and Dead of Night: The Transcendent Other*, *Senses of Cinema*, no. 58 (Spring 2011): 1-12; "Ortega y Gasset's Metaphysical Cure for Invertebrate Cultures," *The University Bookman* (Winter 2011): 1-6; "The Horticulturalist," *Aphelion: Science Fiction and Fantasy* 16, no. 164 (July 2012): 1-14; "In the Brevity of Life," *Orthodoxy Today*, (June 11, 2012): 1-4; "The Joy of Literature," *Orthodoxy Today*, (May 11, 2012): 4-10; "Primeval Day," *The Copperfield Review* 11, no. 2 (Spring 2012): 1-4; "The Seventh Messenger," *The Cross and the Cosmos* (January 1, 2012): 43-50; "Iron Maiden: From Fear to Eternity: The Best of 1990-2010," *Spike Magazine: Books, Music, Culture, Ideas* (October 21, 2011): 1-3; "Dean Koontz's Frankenstein, the New World Order, and Our Longing for Dystopia," *Orthodoxy Today* (October 12, 2011): 1-3; "Provincial Actors," *Cinémathèque: Annotations on Cinema*, no. 60 (Fall 2011): 1-5; "Rain," *Static Movement Journal* (August-September 2011): 1-2; "Intellectuals as True Believers," *Orthodoxy Today* (June 25, 2011): 1-6; "Transcendence, Myth, and the Future of Man," *Orthodoxy Today* (April 18, 2011): 1-4; and "Once Upon a Time in China," *Cinémathèque: Annotations on Cinema* (March 14, 2011): 1-3. Gonzalez also published the following essays in *The Americano*: "Literary Thanksgiving" (November 25, 2011): 1-2; "Steve Jobs and the Entrepreneurial Spirit" (October 17, 2011): 1-2; "Appearance, Reality, and the National Debt Ceiling" (August 10, 2011): 1-4; and "Taking the Pulse of Daily Life" (July 7, 2011): 1-2. He presented "Baltasar Gracian: La literatura y la maxima como expresion existencial,"

XXXII Congress of the Circulo de Cultura Panamericano, Miami, FL, July 28, 2012; "Friedrich Hayek: The Creation of the Mont Pelerin Society and the 'Facts of the Social Sciences,'" Great Books Lecture Series, Barry University, Miami, FL, April 11, 2012; "Spirit, Essence and Form in William Wordsworth's *The Prelude*," Great Books Lecture Series, Barry University, Miami, FL, March 21, 2012; "Ludwig von Mises: Economist and Philosophical Anthropologist," Economics and Social Justice Lecture Series, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, October 26, 2011; "La inmortalidad del alma en el cuento 'El fantasma' de Enrique Anderson Imbert," XXXI International Congress of the Circulo de Cultura Panamericano, Miami, FL, July 23, 2011. Gonzalez attended "Liberty and Authority in the Works of T.S. Eliot and Jose Ortega y Gasset," an invitation-only Liberty Fund colloquium held in Indianapolis, IN, January 26-29, 2012.



**Deena Grant, PhD**, assistant professor of theology (Hebrew Scriptures), published "Reinterpretation in Hymn to the Creator," *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 16 (2011): 1-10; "Human Anger in

Biblical Literature," *Revue Biblique* 118 (2011): 339-61. She contributed the chapter, "Ancient Near Eastern Deluge Myths" in Kevin McGeough, ed., *World History Encyclopedia: Classical Traditions, 1000 BCE-300 CE*, Vol. 5 (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011). Grant presented "Covenant Kinship and Anger in Deuteronomy," at the 75th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association at Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, July 29-31, 2011; presented "Divine Anger as a Weapon of War in Israel's Early Poetry" at the 74th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Assumption College, Worcester, MA, August 6-9, 2011; presented "Divine Anger as Fire in Israel's Early Poetry and in Judahite Prophetic Literature" at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion of the Society of Biblical Literature, Louisville, KY, March 4-6, 2011; and spoke on "Creation, Monotheism and the Ancient Near East" at Boca Raton Synagogue, February 1, 2012.