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Welcome to the **LFP Update**, an e-publication from the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts to keep LFP representatives and others informed about the activities of 1) LFP National Network institutions, 2) present and former Lilly Fellows and, 3) the LFP office at Valparaiso University.

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The 2014 Twenty-Fourth LFP National Conference

The Lilly Fellows Program [National Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities](#) holds its annual [National Conference](#) each fall on one of the Network campuses. Official representatives from the Network colleges and universities meet to consider a significant issue of faith and learning, exchange ideas and practices regarding their mission, and foster the whole range of Network programs and activities. The Twenty-Fourth Annual LFP National Conference, *A Future City, A New Creation: Equal on All Sides*, will take place September 26-28, 2014 at [Xavier University of Louisiana](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Xavier and New Orleans look forward to welcoming you. The theme centers on the powerful

meaning of the *apocalyptic* in Christian tradition, serving to communicate a vision of hope in the midst of urban crisis. The apocalyptic refers to the beyond, the already but not yet, the experience of the earth being transformed. The focus of this theme seeks insight into the significance of the city relative to church related traditions; the coming of a future city. That city, unequal in its present form, implores deeper understanding, broadening dimensions, and creative visions that portray a hope at the center of "creation groaning to be released from corruption and to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God." (Romans 8, 21). The speakers are **Dr. Elijah Anderson Ph.D.**, William K. Lanman, Jr. Professor of Sociology, Yale University and **Dr. Monya Stubbs, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of New Testament, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. **Dr. John Ware, D.M.A.**, Professor of Music and Director of Choirs, Xavier University of Louisiana, will conduct the nationally acclaimed *Freedom Rides, an Opera* composed by Dr. Daniel Shore, Ph.D. (Music) also at Xavier University of Louisiana. This opera conveys the spirit, suffering, and emotion accompanying the struggle for justice in Urban America during the late 1960s. **The deadline for registration is September 10.**

Featured at the 2014 National Conference at Xavier University of Louisiana will be the national premiere of ***R5 South Africa Art Exhibit***, presented in collaboration with Rachel Smith of Taylor University and Joel Carpenter of Calvin College. Rachel and Joel have worked with these artists and will bring these unbelievable art pieces for our appreciation.

The Fifteenth Annual LFP Workshop for Senior Administrators

Immediately preceding the National Conference will be the [Fifteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators: **From Mission to Meaningful Lives: Student Success in Church-Related Higher Education**](#). The Workshop will be held September 25-26, 2014. The speakers **Patricia O'Connell Killen**, Academic Vice President of Gonzaga University,

Spokane, Washington and **Bobby Fong**, President of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania. The workshop will examine how mission provides resources for church-related institutions of higher learning to define and to promote post baccalaureate success. For more information on the workshop, please see the [conference website](#). **The registration Deadline is September 10.**

Introducing the Seventh Cohort of the Lilly Graduate Fellows

We are excited to report the successful selection of ten Graduate Students for the [Seventh Cohort](#) of Lilly Graduate Fellows. We especially want to thank you, the representatives, faculty, and administrators in our network of church-related schools, not only for your hard work in nominating fifty-six students from thirty network schools from whom the selection committee had the difficult task of selecting only ten, but for providing the intellectual and personal formation evident in this impressive group of graduate students.

An eight-member selection committee selected the ten Fellows from the nineteen finalists who interviewed on April 4-5, 2014. The new Fellows met together for three days at an Inaugural Conference on July 28-31, in Worcester, Massachusetts at the [College of the Holy Cross](#), with their mentors, Dr. Paul Contino, the Blanche E. Seaver Professor of Humanities at [Pepperdine University](#) in Malibu, California, and Susan Felch, professor of English and Director of the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship at [Calvin College](#), in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the LFP staff. The theme for the conference was *Hospitality*. Throughout the three-and-half-day conference, the Fellows participated in discussions on hospitality from the Gospel of Luke, Augustine's *Confessions*, and toured the near-by Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA.

As have the first six cohorts of Fellows, the Seventh Cohort will embark on a long-distance colloquium drawing on classical theological and other texts. The Fellows will also engage in one-on-one mentoring relationships and participate in the second of four conferences next summer, 2015.

Seventh Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows:

Sonya Bilocerkowycz received a B.A. in English from the [University of Dayton](#) in 2011. After spending three years teaching and working in the post-Soviet space, she is continuing her education at The Ohio State University where she will pursue an M.F.A. in Creative Writing with a focus on Nonfiction.

Brad Boswell received a B.A. in Christian Ethics and Economics from [Union University](#) in 2011 and a Master of Theological Studies at [Boston College](#) in 2014. He is continuing his studies in the theology of the early church at Duke University where he will be pursuing a Ph.D. in Religion.

Griffin Klemick received his B.A. from [Wheaton College](#) in 2012 and will enter the University of Toronto's Ph.D. program in Philosophy in the fall of 2014. He is interested in pragmatist theories of language and in the importance of community for agency.

John Dixon Mirisola received his B.A. in English from [Gordon College](#) in 2011. He will begin work this fall on an M.F.A. in Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside, with a concentration in fiction.

Alex Mouw received his B.A. in English literature, history, and classical studies from [Hope College](#) in 2014. Beginning in the fall of 2014, he will pursue an M.F.A. in creative writing at Purdue University, where he plans to focus on formalist and ecclesiastical poetry.

Katherine G. Plants graduated from [Loyola University Maryland](#) in 2013 with a B.A. in English and Classical Civilizations. She will continue her studies this fall in the M.A./Ph.D. English program at The Pennsylvania State University.

Jordan F. Slavik graduated from [Saint Louis University](#) in the spring of 2014 with degrees in history and theology. He is pursuing a PhD in ancient Roman history at the University of Maryland College Park, where he hopes to focus on military or religious history.

Andrew Soria received a B.A. in English Literature and a B.A. in Spanish - with a minor in French - from [Azusa Pacific University](#) in 2014. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Southern California (USC), where he will focus on Early Modern Sephardic Jewish literature written in the diaspora.

Jared Warren holds a B.A. in History and French from [Calvin College](#), an M.A. in Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies from the University of Kansas, and is beginning PhD. studies in Modern European History at New York University. He is interested in how Eastern Europe and Western Europe (particularly France and Poland) "fit" together in pan-European cultural discussions.

Hilary Yancey received a B.A. from [Gordon College](#) and is pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy at [Baylor University](#). There she will be focusing on issues and questions of ethics and biotechnology.

The 2014 Lilly Graduate Fellows Program Summer Conferences

A key component of the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) is its summer conferences. Following an inaugural conference at the start of the three-year program, the Fellows meet with their mentors and other scholars on three occasions; the mentors host the first two conferences at their home institutions. These conferences continue the conversations and friendships that develop over the course of the on-line colloquium and provide a setting for a more focused conversation about a particular issue or text. These are also times of intellectual and spiritual renewal and refreshment.

This year, the summer conference season began in June with the [Fourth Cohort](#) which met for its final conference at [Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse](#) in Collegeville, MN. Mentors Thomas S. Hibbs of Baylor University and Caroline Simon of [Whitworth University](#) hosted the sixteen Fellows and representatives from the LFP staff from June 14 – 18, 2014. The majority of the conference was spent on discussing papers presented by each of the Fellows as they explored best practices of Christian scholars and teachers. The Fourth Cohort will meet one more time in the fall of 2015 at a Reunion

Conference prior to the Twenty-fifth annual National Conference at [Belmont University](#).

The [Fifth Cohort](#) met in August at [Westmont College](#) in Santa Barbara, California, the home of its mentor, Lisa DeBoer. Dr. DeBoer welcomed the sixteen fellows, her co-mentor, Michael Patella, OSB of [St. John's University](#), Collegeville, MN, and the members of the LFP Staff for this group's second summer conference from August 2 – 5, 2014. The focus of the conference was the book, *Middlemarch*, by George Eliot. Guided by Cheri Larsen Hoeckley, Professor of English at Westmont College, the Fellows explored *Learning in and Learning from Middlemarch*. They also heard from members of the Westmont College faculty who sat on a panel, "Lessons Learned During My First Years as a Teacher." Finally, the Fellows had the opportunity to visit the Old Mission at Santa Barbara and received a guided tour of the archives. The Fifth Cohort is about to embark on its final year of the Graduate Fellows Program and will explore the intersection of the American democratic culture and Christian higher education by reading such text as Willa Cather's *My Antonia*, Richard T. Hughes and William B. Adrian's *Models for Christian Higher Education: Strategies for Survival and Success in the Twenty-First Century*, and Tracy Fessenden's "Secularism, Feminism, Imperialism: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Progress Narrative of U.S. Feminism" from *Culture and Redemption: Religion, the Secular, and American Literature*.

Arlin Migliazzo, co-mentor of the [Sixth Cohort](#) welcomed the sixteen Fellows, co-mentor, Jane Kelley Rodeheffer of Pepperdine University, and members of the LFP Staff at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA for the cohort's first summer conference. Meeting from August 9 – 12, 2014, the Sixth Cohort's primary focus for this conference was "Bearing Witness." With guest speakers from Whitworth University's faculty, the Fellows discussed bearing witness as teachers and scholars. They heard from panels of faculty who discussed transitions from graduate students to teachers and who commented on the job market and life as new faculty members. The Fellows had the opportunity throughout the conference to engage with keynote speaker, poet, and Professor of Creative Writing, Laurie J. Lamon. The Fellows will begin their second year of the Graduate Fellows Program this fall and will, among other texts, focus on Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*. Dr. Rodeheffer prepared her Fellows for this year of study with her presentation at the conference at Whitworth, "Bearing Witness: Christian Vocation as Active Love – An Introduction to *The Brothers Karamazov*."

Selection Information for the Eighth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows

It is time to begin the process of selecting the [Eighth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) who will be entering graduate school in the fall, 2015. Each network school can nominate up to three students for the Lilly Graduate Fellowships. Students are eligible for the Lilly Graduate Fellowship who plan to enter Ph.D. or comparable programs in fall, 2015, and received a bachelor's degree from your institution after April, 2010. For additional eligibility requirements, [click here](#). **The deadline for nominations is November 18, 2014.**

LFP Representatives are responsible for nominating applicants, and we are in the process of mailing promotional materials to you. The time is now to begin preparation for nominating students from your school. For more information, please [click here](#) or contact us [here](#).

Opportunities for Mentoring Programs, Small Grants, Regional Conferences, and Summer Seminars

As a member of the LFP National Network, you are part of an ecumenical program that sustains an ongoing conversation and set of initiatives that enrich and sustain church-related higher education. In addition, you enjoy a number of privileges including support for attending the [LFP National Conference](#) and [Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) and the chance to nominate up to three of your students for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#). The Lilly Fellow Program also sponsors five grant programs which you are eligible to apply. They are (1) programs for [mentoring faculty](#) on your campus, (2) [network exchanges](#) that showcase programs or projects that have been especially successful on your campuses, (3) smaller [regional conferences](#) that enable you to engage in close collaboration with schools in your area or

with scholars who want to focus on a particular questions or subject, (4) [summer seminars for college teachers](#) that bring together scholars from network schools for several weeks to address teaching concerns, and (5) [small grants](#) to stimulate conversation about church-related higher education and church-related mission on National Network campuses or among National Network schools in close proximity to each another.

Currently, the LFP is accepting applications for four of these grant programs: the mentoring programs, regional conferences, summer seminars, and small grants. The deadline for mentoring programs, small grants, and regional conferences is **September 15, 2014**. The deadline for summer seminars is **March 15, 2015**. At its upcoming meeting in September 2014, the [LFP National Network Board](#) will award grants for mentoring programs, small grants, and regional conferences. Please visit the [LFP website](#) for more information on these programs. Please also note that there will be a workshop on applying for LFP grants during registration at the [LFP National Conference at Xavier University of Louisiana](#), from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Friday, September 26, 2014.

Save the Date: Gordon College's Regional Conference

On September 21, 2015, [Gordon College](#) will host a one-day LFP-sponsored Regional Conference: **"Islam in the Classroom: The Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Islam in a Post 9/11 World."** Speakers will be Amir Hussain, (Loyola Marymount University); Jennifer Hevelone-Harper (Gordon College); Judith Rood (Biola University), and Gabriel Reynolds (University of Notre Dame). For more information, see the [LFP Regional Conference website](#).

Call for Applications: Boston College's Network Exchange

Boston College will host a Network Exchange March 22-25, 2015 entitled "Service, Faith, and Higher Learning" on the PULSE Program at Boston College, Sunday, March 22, 2015, to Wednesday, March 25, 2015. The deadline for applications is **October 15, 2014**. To apply of for further information, see our [Network Exchange Website here](#).

• • • Upcoming Deadlines for Awards and Grant Opportunities

The registration deadline for the [National Conference](#) and [Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) is **September 10, 2014**.

The [next series of programs](#) that will receive funding are: Mentoring Programs, Small Grants, and Regional Conferences. Proposals for the programs are due **September 15, 2014**. The deadline for Summer Seminars is **March 15, 2015** and the National Network Board will make its decision about these proposals at its Spring 2015 meeting.

The deadline for applications for the **2015-2017 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowships** in Humanities and the Arts is **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**.

The deadline for submitting up to three nominees for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) is **November 18, 2014**.

The deadline for applications for the [2015 Network Exchange at Boston College](#) is **October 15, 2014**.

From the Colloquium at Our Blog, *Exiles from Eden*

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