



## **\_\_LFP Update\_\_ 8.3**

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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 2013 Twenty-Second 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-Third Annual LFP National Conference, "[Faith and Academic Freedom in Civic Virtue](#)," will take place October 18 through 20, 2013, at [The University of Scranton](#), in Scranton, Pennsylvania. You will be invited to think about how we as individuals and faith-based institutions bring the values of faith and academic freedom to the service of civic virtue. As universities with faith missions, our collective

commitment to civic engagement arises directly from our devotion to open conversation, ecumenism, and the search for truth, amongst our institutions and in the world beyond our campus borders. Three speakers will spark this dialogue, representing three distinct narratives: Rev. Mark Ravizza, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy and Senior Fellow at the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education at Santa Clara University; Patricia McGuire, Esq., President of Trinity Washington University; and, Rob Kapilow, internationally renowned composer, commentator, author, and conductor. In addition, you will be invited to share in an Evening of Jazz, including a pre-concert presentation by Grammy Award-winning writer, acclaimed musician, and jazz historian Loren Schoenberg and a special performance featuring The University of Scranton's Jazz Ensemble and guest soloist and legendary jazz trombonist Wycliffe Gordon. The Second Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows, which completed its three-year fellowship last year, will also attend this year's National Conference. For more information and to register for the National Conference, see the University of Scranton's conference [website](#). **The deadline for registration is September 16.**

### **The Fourteenth Annual LFP Workshop for Senior Administrators**

#### **AW Registration Closed Early**

***Due to the overwhelming response to our 2013 Workshop for Senior Administrators, we have closed registration, as registrations have exceeded capacity. We are very sorry if this causes any inconvenience. If you are currently wait-listed our office will contact you regarding the status of your registration as soon after September 16 as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the LFP National Office at [lillyfellows.program@valpo.edu](mailto:lillyfellows.program@valpo.edu) or 219-464-5317.***

Immediately preceding the National Conference will be the [Fourteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) on Mission and the Economic Challenges Facing Higher Education. The Workshop will be held October 17 and 18, 2013. The speakers will be Christine M. Wiseman, President of [Saint Xavier University](#) in Chicago, IL and R. Richard Ray, Provost of [Hope College](#) in Holland, MI. The workshop will examine how mission provides resources for church-related institutions of higher learning to address pressures to increase revenue and enrollment in unique and dynamic ways that are true to those schools' intrinsic values. Stated differently, the workshop will examine how mission-based ideas and practices enable church-related institutions to increase revenue, resources, and enrollment while staying true to their historic mission. For more information on the workshop, please see the [conference website](#).

### **Introducing the Sixth Cohort of the Lilly Graduate Fellows**

We are excited to report the successful selection of sixteen Graduate Students for the [Sixth 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 seventy-one students from thirty-six network schools from whom the selection committee had the difficult task of selecting only sixteen, but for providing the intellectual and personal formation evident in this impressive group of graduate students.

A nine-member selection committee selected the sixteen Fellows from the twenty-four finalists who interviewed on April 19-20, 2013. The new Fellows met together for three days at an Inaugural Conference on July 30-August 1, 2013, in Indianapolis, Indiana, with their mentors, Dr. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer, the Fletcher Jones Chair in Great Books in the Humanities at [Pepperdine University](#) in Malibu, California, and Arlin Migliazzo, professor of history at [Whitworth University](#) in Spokane, Washington, the LFP staff, and guest speaker, Richard T. Hughes, Distinguished Professor of Religion at [Messiah College](#), Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The theme for the conference was *Hospitality*. Hughes spoke on "The Kingdom of God and Church Related Higher Education in the United States." Throughout the three-and-half-day conference, the Fellows participated in discussions on hospitality from the Gospel of Luke, *The Odyssey* and the film, *Babette's Feast*.

As have the first five cohorts of Fellows, the Sixth Cohort will embark on a long-distance colloquium drawing on classical theological and other texts to continue to explore the theme of hospitality. The Fellows will also engage in one-on-one mentoring relationships and participate in the second of four conferences next summer, 2014.

### **Sixth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows:**

**Elizabeth Baker** received her B.A. in History from [Gordon College](#) in 2012. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in European History at the University of Notre Dame where she studies nineteenth century British cultural history.

**Nathan Cartagena** received his B.A. degrees in philosophy and Christian Thought from Grove City College, and his M.A. in philosophy from Texas A&M University. He is currently studying moral philosophy and moral psychology at Baylor University.

**Joshua Cohen** received his B.A. in English and Biblical/Theological Studies from [Wheaton College](#) in 2010. In the fall of 2013 he will enter the M.A./PhD program in English at Emory University. His interests revolve around the relationship between religion and literature, American preachers, modernism, and the novel.

**Gerad Gentry** graduated from [Houghton College](#) where he majored in art, English literature, and philosophy. He received an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Chicago. Currently, Gerad is a University of South Carolina Presidential Fellow pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy studying German Idealism and the philosophy of G.W.F. Hegel.

**Gianna L. Gugliotti** received her B.A. in English Literature from [Assumption College](#) in 2013. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in English literature with a concentration in Medieval Studies at the University of Connecticut. She is interested early medieval texts, specifically examining them for the evolution of narrative and the development of interiority.

**Nicole Iverson** received her B.A. in English from [Wheaton College](#) (IL) in 2013. Currently, she is in the M.A./Ph.D. program in English at the University of Texas at Austin, where she studies modern and contemporary British literature. Her research interests include the intersection of contemporary British fiction and urban planning and composition pedagogy.

**Kolby Knight** received a BA from [Mercer University](#) in 2010 and a M.Div. from Wake Forest University in 2013. Knight is pursuing a Ph.D. in American Religious History at the University of California Santa Barbara. His interests revolve around the indigenization of the Catholic Church in America and specifically the role of conversion in the proliferation of an American Catholic presence.

**Stephanie L. Kucsera** received her B.A. in theatre and English literature from the [University of Indianapolis](#) in 2011 and her M.A. in the Humanities from the University of Chicago in 2012. She is in the Ph.D. program in English at Loyola University Chicago where she will focus in Renaissance literatures with an emphasis in early modern English drama.

**Sarah Messer** received her B.A. in History from [Boston College](#) in 2013 and studies the social history of France in the first half of the twentieth century, and particularly focuses on the experiences of ordinary people during the world wars in the M.A./Ph.D. program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall.

**Jonathan D. Riddle** received his B.A. from [Grove City College](#) in 2010 and his M.A. from Baylor University in 2013, and he is currently in the Ph.D. program in history at the University of Notre Dame. He studies nineteenth-century American intellectual and cultural history.

**Marian Rogers** received her B.S. in Physics and Theology from [Fordham University](#) in 2013. She is beginning her Ph.D. in Logic and Philosophy of Science at UC Irvine.

**Amy Schroeder** received her Bachelor's Degree from [Whitworth University](#) in 2009. She then taught in Chiang Mai, Thailand and completed a Master's Degree in English Literature at Baylor University. Schroeder continues at Baylor to complete her Doctorate, focusing on twentieth century poetry.

**Jeffrey Skaff** graduated from [Hope College](#) in 2010 with a B.A. in Religion and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2013 with a M.Div. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, also at Princeton Theological Seminary.

**R. Brian Tracz** received his B.S. in Biology and Philosophy at [Boston College](#) in 2012 and is currently pursuing a PhD in Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego. His research interests include philosophy of mind, phenomenology, and philosophy of neuroscience, with additional focus in philosophy of technology and German philosophy from Kant through Husserl.

**Emily Wells** graduated from [Mount St. Mary's University](#) with a B.A. in International Studies this past May and has entered the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a Ph.D. in Political Science. She will study issues pertaining to development and democratization in Latin America.

**Katrina Wheeler** earned her B.A. at [Whitworth University](#) in French and Theology and an M.A. at Wheaton College in the History of Christianity. She continues her historical studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She is primarily interested in the history of Christianity in France during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, especially during the French Revolution.

### **The 2013 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 May with the [Fourth Cohort](#) at [Baylor University](#) in Waco, TX. Mentor Thomas S. Hibbs welcomed the sixteen Fellows, his co-mentor Carol Simon, formerly of Hope College and now Provost of Whitworth University, and representatives from the LFP staff to his home campus from May 18 to 21, 2013. The conference extended the previous semesters' study of vocation and teaching. They heard from guest speaker Candace Vogler of the University of Chicago who gave the fellows some insights into her own experience at Chicago in her talk "Keeping Track of What Matters." Ralph Wood of Baylor expanded upon the Fellows year-long reading of Fyodor Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*.

The [Fifth Cohort](#) met in June at [Saint John's University](#) in Collegeville, MN, the home of their mentor, Michael Patella, OSB. Father Michael welcomed the sixteen fellows and his co-mentor, Lisa DeBoer of [Westmont College](#) for this group's first summer conference. Focusing on "Curiosity and Compassion," the Fellows heard from Marilyn McEntyre who discussed with them selections from Paul Griffiths' *The Vice of Curiosity*, Susan Sontag's *Regarding the Pain of Others*, and Oliver Sack's *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*. The group also did a dramatic reading of Tom Stoppard's play *Arcadia*.

The [Third Cohort](#) met in August this year for the final conference at [Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse](#) in Collegeville, MN. Mentors Patrick Byrne of Boston College and Susan VanZanten of [Seattle Pacific University](#) led their Fellows in a discussion of Flannery O'Connor's *The Violent Bear It Away*. They also heard from a former Postdoctoral Fellow Mary Henold of [Roanoke College](#) and Jeffrey Brower of Purdue University who spoke on navigating the professional world of academia. The majority of the Cohort's time was spent discussing their own academic vocations in papers written for this conference. The Third Cohort will come together next year at a Reunion Conference in the days before the 2014 National Conference at [Xavier University-Louisiana](#) in New Orleans.

### **Selection Information for the Seventh Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows**

It is time to begin the process of selecting the Seventh Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows who will be entering graduate school in the fall, 2014. 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, 2014, and received a bachelor's degree from your institution after April, 2009. For additional eligibility requirements, [click here](#). **The deadline for nominations is November 19, 2013.**

This year there are **three changes** to the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program. **First**, while this latest grant enables the National Network to continue to build on the success of the first six cohorts, in order to transition the program towards self-sustainability, we will be selecting up to ten rather than sixteen fellows for these cohorts. **Second**, regarding applicants to M.F.A. programs in creative writing, increasingly, the Ph.D. in creative writing is required to teach at a college or university in creative writing, but because the M.F.A. is typically required for the Ph.D. in creative writing, we will continue to accept applicants to M.F.A. programs in creative writing, but preference will be giving to applicants who, in their application essay, explain their intention to pursue a Ph.D. in creative writing following the MFA. In addition, we would advise M.F.A. applicants to report GRE scores on the application. Applicants who already have the M.F.A. and are applying to Ph.D. programs in creative writing are also welcome to apply for this fellowship. At present, applicants for M.F.A. programs in theater are still accepted as before, though this policy might change in the future. **Third**, we now require three letters of recommendation. In addition, if the nominee has already attended graduate school, one of those letters must come from the graduate school. The other fundamental parts of the program will remain the same.

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](#).

### **Summer Seminar for College Teachers, Xavier University-Cincinnati, July 7-25, 2014**

[Summer Seminars for College Teachers](#) are designed for faculty at Network institutions with preference for early-career faculty. These seminars address a major interdisciplinary issue of special concern for teachers in the church-related academy. From July 7-25, 2014, [Xavier University-Cincinnati](#) will host a three-week LFP Summer Seminar for College Teachers entitled "What Does it Mean to be Human in Consumer Culture? Implications for the Church and Christian Scholars." The seminar will explore consumer culture and how it affects the lives of individuals. Explicit attention will be placed on how identity is constructed and conveyed. Discussion will focus on the relational aspects of consumer culture--relationships between individuals and between individuals and God. Discussion will also examine the ramifications that the relational aspects of consumer culture have for different disciplines with the goal of facilitating research into this timely area and to explore ways that the realities of consumer culture can be included into the classroom. **The deadline for applications is November 11, 2013.** For more information, see Xavier University's [Summer Seminar website](#).

### **Opportunities for Mentoring Programs, Network Exchanges, Small Grants, and Regional Conferences**

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, network exchanges, small grants, and regional conferences. At its upcoming meeting in October 2013, the [LFP National Network Board](#) will award grants for mentoring programs, network exchanges, small grants, and regional conferences. The grant to sponsor a faculty mentoring program or a small grant is an especially great way to get started in the LFP granting process. Please visit the [LFP website](#) for more information on these programs and note that applications for these programs are due **September 15, 2013**. Please also note that there will be a workshop on applying for LFP grants during registration at the [LFP National Conference at the University of Scranton](#), from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Friday, October 18, 2013.

### **Dates and Deadlines for Your Calendar**

The registration deadline for the [National Conference](#) is **September 16, 2013**.

The [next series of programs](#) that will receive funding are: Mentoring Programs, Network Exchanges, Small Grants, and Regional Conferences. Proposals for the programs are due **September 15, 2013**.

The deadline for applications for the **2014-2016** [Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowships](#) in Humanities and the Arts is **Tuesday, November 5, 2013**.

The deadline for submitting up to three nominees for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) is **November 19, 2013**.

### **From the Colloquium Moved to Our Blog, *Exiles from Eden***

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