



## \_\_LFP Update\_\_ 10.4

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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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### **Deadline for Nominations for the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program**

The deadline for nominations for the Ninth Cohort of [Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) is **November 17, 2015**. Make sure you send your nominees to the LFP national office by that date. Each network school can nominate up to three students for the Lilly Graduate Fellowships. Students who plan to enter PhD, MFA, or comparable programs in fall 2016 and received a bachelor's degree from Network institutions after April 2011 are eligible for the Lilly Graduate Fellowship. For additional eligibility requirements, [click here](#). **The deadline for nominations is November 17, 2015.**

Please submit your nominations to the LFP office via the [LFP general email](#). If for some reason, the transmission fails to go through, please fax the nominations to 219-464-5496 or submit the nominations via the US Mail. If you must fax or mail the nominations, please give the office a quick phone call to alert us (219-464-5317). Please include the following information regarding the nominees:

**Name**

**E-mail address**

**Campus mail address**

**Permanent address**

**Telephone number (campus, cell, or permanent—at whichever we can reach the student)**

**Month and year of graduation**

## **The Twenty-fifth Annual LFP National Conference**

The twenty-fifth Annual [LFP National Conference](#), *Created for Creativity: Music, Culture, and Faith*, convened at [Belmont University](#) in Nashville, TN, October 9-11, 2015. The conference began with a plenary address by Dr. Steve Guthrie of Belmont University entitled, “From Possession to Gift: A Theology of Creative Generosity,” which will appear in the LFP issue of [The Cresset](#) in spring, 2016. Conferees also heard panelists William Powell of Auburn University, Rod Riley of Word Entertainment, and recording artist and professor of songwriting Ginny Owens, and heard musical performances by students, alums, and faculty of the Belmont University Department of Music. Participants also experienced the *Stations of the Cross* art exhibit by David Ribar, as well as a Friday evening vespers service. Some participants asked how to contact Ms. Owens for performances—she can be reached at [gabby@gabbyowens.com](mailto:gabby@gabbyowens.com), and her latest free download can be found [here](#). The LFP offers a big thanks to the wonderful folks at Belmont for such a terrific conference.

We look forward to the twenty-sixth annual National Conference to be held October 14-16, 2016, at [Augsburg College](#) in Minneapolis, MN. The conference will address the theme, *Semper Reformanda: Reformed and Always Reforming, Faith, Science, Art and Culture*.

## **The Sixteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators**

On Thursday and Friday, October 8-9, 2015, [Belmont University](#) in Nashville, TN, held the [sixteenth annual Workshop for Senior Administrators](#), and welcomed participants from Network Schools to discuss the theme, *Mentoring for Leadership in Mission*. The two plenary sessions were organized by J. Bradley Creed, President of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, and Denise Doyle, Provost Emerita at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX. Creed and Doyle facilitated discussion focused on

how church-related schools develop faculty leaders who shape, articulate, animate, and promote institutional mission. In addition, attendees engaged two panel discussions. The first focused on mid-career mentoring and featured Susan VanZanten, Professor of English at [Seattle Pacific University](#) and Jeffrey B. Kurtz, Associate Professor of Communication at Denison University in Granville, OH. The second focused on the Ignatian Colleagues Program and featured Edward J. Peck, Vice President for University Mission and Identity at John Carroll University in University Heights, OH, and Ellen Spake, Assistant to the President and Mission Integration Officer at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO. Margaret Franson, Associate Dean of Christ College of [Valparaiso University](#), facilitated the workshop.

The seventeenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators will be held at the [Augsburg College](#) in Minneapolis, MN, October 13-14, 2016. Check the website in spring, 2016, for more information on next year's workshop.

## Report from the LFP National Network Board October Meeting

The [National Network Board](#) of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts met for its semi-annual meeting October 8-9, 2015 at [Belmont University](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, site of the 2015 LFP annual National Conference. After considering proposals for [Small Grants](#) and [Regional Conferences](#), the Board award grants to the following institutions:

- **Small Grants:** [Gustavus Adolphus College](#), St. Peter, Minnesota, and [University of the Incarnate Word](#), San Antonio, Texas.
- **Regional Conference:** [College of Saint Benedict](#), St. Joseph, Minnesota, entitled "Creative Writers and Spirituality – A Cross-Campus Reading Series," directed by Mark Conway.

The Board also accepted the proposal for [membership in the National Network](#) of [Campbell University](#) in Buies Creek, North Carolina. Welcome to the Network!

The National Network Board voted the following LFP Representatives to the National Network Board:

- **Todd Lake**, Vice President for Spiritual Development, [Belmont University](#), Nashville, TN
- **Mark Ruff**, Associate Professor of History, [Saint Louis University](#), St Louis, MO
- **Carol Simon**, Provost and Executive Vice President, [Whitworth University](#), Spokane, WA

The four-year terms of these Board members will begin with the National Network Board meeting in April 2015. We welcome these colleagues to the Board and thank retiring Board members **Brad Creed**, formerly of [Samford University](#) in Birmingham, AL, and currently of [Campbell University](#) in Buies Creek, NC, **Caryn Riswold**, [Illinois College](#) in Jacksonville, IL, and **Gretchen J. Van Dyke**, at the [University of](#)

[Scranton](#) in Scranton, PA, for their years of faithful service to the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts.

## The Sixth Biennial Lilly Fellows Program Book Award

On October 9, 2015, the [sixth Biennial Lilly Fellows Program Book Award](#) was presented to Karen E. Eifler and Thomas M. Landy for their work, [Becoming Beholders: Cultivating Sacramental Imagination and Actions in College Classrooms](#). The LFP presented Dr. Eifler and Dr. Landy a prize of \$3000 at the Friday evening banquet of the National Conference.

*Becoming Beholders* explores how a vision of creation rooted in the Incarnation can impact scholarship and teaching for Catholic and non-Catholic scholars alike. *Becoming Beholders* demonstrates how this vision, or “sacramental imagination,” can work hand-in-hand with disciplinary training to move scholar-teachers to see deeply—that is, to help them understand how pedagogy and disciplinary modes of observation, questioning, theorizing, and experimentation connect to an understanding of creation as divine gift. *Becoming Beholders* will invigorate thoughtful scholarship and teaching and perhaps, most importantly, inspire new ways of seeing and being.

This year’s finalists for the LFP Book Award are [The Pietist Vision of Christian Higher Education](#), edited by Christopher Gehrz, and [Beginning with the Word: Modern Literature and the Question of Belief](#), by Roger Lundin.

The biennial Lilly Fellows Program Book Award honors an original and imaginative work from any academic discipline that best exemplifies the central ideas and principles animating the Lilly Fellows Program. These include faith and learning in the Christian intellectual tradition, the vocation of teaching and scholarship, and the history, theory or practice of the university as the site of religious inquiry and culture.

## Call for Nominations: The Eighth Biennial Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Nonfiction

The Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts announces that it is now accepting nominations for the [Eighth Biennial Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Nonfiction](#). **The Nomination deadline is March 1, 2016.** For more information, read below, click [here](#) or view the flyer (PDF) [here](#).

As this prize is in **nonfiction**, we urge you to forward this e-mail to the chair of your pertinent departments in humanities and the arts.

The Arlin G. Meyer Prize is awarded biennially to a fulltime faculty member from a college or university in the [Lilly Fellows Program National Network](#). Work that exemplifies the practice of the Christian artistic or scholarly vocation in relation to any pertinent subject matter or literary and artistic style will be considered. The prize will be awarded in different years for works of creative imagination and for works of scholarship. The 2016 Arlin G. Meyer Prize will reward the author of a work of academic nonfiction that emerges from his or her practice of the vocation of the Christian scholar, in accord with the principles and ideals of the Lilly Fellows Program.

The Prize of \$3000 will be awarded at the Lilly Fellows Program [National Conference](#) at [Augsburg College](#), October 14-16, 2016.

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## Upcoming Conference: Georgetown College (KY) Regional Conference

[Georgetown College](#) in Georgetown, KY, will host a [Regional Conference](#) with the theme, "[Discerning Academic Vocation in a Contested Religious Tradition](#)," [January 28-29, 2016](#). Plenary Speakers include Nadia Bolz-Weber, David Gushee, Caroline Simon, and Patricia O'Connell Killen. **Conference costs are discounted for Lilly Fellows Network members and Fellows.**

This conference addresses the challenges and highlight opportunities related to the complex and fluctuating relationships between institutions of higher learning and their sponsoring institutions, key constituencies, or historical institutional connections. Some questions include:

- How will academic vocation, grounded in the tradition of the academy and religious frameworks, continue creative and responsive teaching and research?
- What does it mean that American higher education continues to represent itself in terms of religious tradition, or denominational loyalty, as traditions continue to be challenged from within and without?
- How do we invite and challenge students to follow paths into various vocations related to the future and well-being of religious traditions?
- Should we engage students, educators, and communities in discovering religious fidelity as a path to principled pluralism, and if so, how?

For more information, please see the [Conference Website here](#).

## Deadlines for Grants and Other Opportunities

### Grants:

The next series of programs that will receive funding are: [Mentoring Programs](#), [Network](#)

Exchanges, Small Grants, and Regional Conferences. Proposals for the programs are due **September 15, 2016**.

*Network Programs:*

The deadline for applications for the Gordon College Summer Seminar for College Teachers in Orvieto, Italy, is **November 10, 2015**.

*Fellowship Programs:*

The deadline for submitting up to three nominees for the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program is **November 17, 2015**.

The deadline for applications for the **2016-2018** Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowships in Humanities and the Arts is **Wednesday, January 6, 2016**.

For more information, visit the LFP website.

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

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

## **Facebook and Twitter**

As always, the LFP can be followed on Facebook and Twitter at @LFPProgram and @Exilesfromeden.