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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 2017 LFP National Conference: Discernment, Engagement, Reflection

October 27 through 29 at [Loyola Marymount University](#) in Los Angeles, California. Drawing on the work of writers from across the spectrum of Christian higher education, the 2017 [Lilly Fellows Program National Conference](#) will focus the symbiotic relationship between contemplation and action.

For several decades, educational theorists from both within and outside Christian higher education have stressed the importance of moving beyond the notion of education as a content delivery system.

Among the questions emerging from our talks are the following:

- How can discernment—within and beyond Ignatian spiritual practices—provide an invitation to deeper questioning, deeper searching? How can engagement (related to the Ignatian *magis*) enable students to experience this deepening—locally, globally, and from within?
- How might technology, which is sometimes blamed for what Adolfo Nicolás has termed “the globalization of superficiality,” become an instrument in making the process of engagement more authentic?
- How can reflection allow students to feel more connected to the educational missions of their own universities and more attentive to the spiritual directions of their own lives?

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

In addition, the [Sixth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in 2016, will attend this year’s National Conference. The Graduate Fellows will attend a Reunion Conference the two days prior to the National Conference.

The deadline to register is September 12, 2017. For more information and to register, see [Loyola Marymount University’s conference site](#), or visit the [LFP National Conference page](#).

The 2017 Workshop for Senior Administrators: Mentoring Faculty for Mission

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

Registration for the workshop is now closed, if you have registered, [click here](#) for schedule, travel information, etc.

Regional Conference at Central College, Pella, Iowa: Reason and Faith on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, October 13-14, 2017

Registration Is Now Open for the LFP Fall Regional Conference entitled “[Reason and Faith on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation](#),” which will take place **October 13-14, 2017** on the [Central College](#) campus in Pella, Iowa. This conference brings together [five keynote speakers](#) from a variety of Christian denominations, both Protestant and Catholic, in order to discuss the relation of reason and faith as it is understood in both the academy and Church over the past five hundred years.

Speakers include:

John Baxter (Dalhousie University — Halifax, Nova Scotia)
 Christina Bieber Lake ([Wheaton College](#) — Wheaton, IL)
 Jennifer Hockenberry Dragseth (Mt. Mary University — Milwaukee, WI)
 Douglas Kries (Gonzaga University — Spokane, WA)
 Albert Wolters (Redeemer University College — Ancaster, Ontario)

For more information and to register, visit the [Conference Website](#) or contact directors [Terry Kleven](#) or [Mark Thomas](#).

Matter and Spirit: A Seminar on Contemporary Chinese Art and Society, Summer, 2018

The [Nagel Institute](#), in partnership with the [Council for Christian Colleges and Universities](#) and the [Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities](#), is planning a [seminar and studio project in China](#) for June 15- July 1, 2018, followed by an international traveling exhibition of the resulting works of art.

This project will convene 10 North American and 10 Chinese artists in a two-week seminar and studio event to take place in Beijing, Nanjing, and Shanghai. Participants will engage the realities of contemporary urban China, the Chinese visual arts scene, and each other. They will see how some prominent Chinese contemporary artists have created art in response to these conditions, how Chinese Christians see both “matter and spirit” interacting, and how the struggle for integrity in China might inspire and reshape their own life work.

This seminar, “[Matter and Spirit](#),” is the third in a series of international art projects, preceded by a seminar in Indonesia in 2008 that resulted in the “Charis” traveling exhibit, and a seminar in South Africa in 2013 followed by a traveling exhibit, “Between the Shadow and the Light.”

For more information, [Click Here](#).

Be on the lookout in September for requests for applications.

Introducing the Tenth Cohort of the Lilly Graduate Fellows

We are excited to report the successful selection of ten Graduate Students for the [Tenth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#). We especially want to thank you, the representatives, faculty, and administrators in our [Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities](#), not only for your hard work in nominating 53 students from 30 Lilly 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 17 finalists who interviewed on April 1-2, 2017. The new Fellows met together for three days at an Inaugural Conference on July 31- August 3, 2017, at the Omni Severin Hotel in Indianapolis, IN, with their mentors, Dr. Lisa DeBoer of [Westmont College](#) and Dr. John Ware of [Xavier University of Louisiana](#), and the LFP staff. Throughout the three-and-half-day conference, the Fellows participated in discussions on the artwork of Giotto; William Walton’s *Belshazzar’s Feast*, Flannery O’Connor’s short story, “Revelation,” and the film, *Babette’s Feast*.

As have the first nine cohorts of Fellows, the [Tenth Cohort](#) will embark on a long-distance colloquium drawing on classical theological and other texts. This coming fall the Tenth Cohort will focus on 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, 2018.

[Tenth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows:](#)

Aaron Abma studies at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is pursuing a PhD in Philosophy. He completed a BS in Physics and a BA in Philosophy at [Calvin College](#) in 2016, and he spent the spring of 2017 studying the work of Augustine and the philosophy of Special Relativity at Oxford. His research interests include the philosophy of physics, virtue ethics, and medieval philosophy.

Richard Burke is a student at the University of Virginia working toward a PhD in American Politics. He received his BA in Politics from [Fairfield University](#) in 2017. His approach to understanding American politics is by examining historical developments over time. Richard’s primary scholarly interests center on

how philosophical and religious ideas, as well as religious groups and organizations, have shaped American political parties and public policy.

Michael Burton received his BA in Philosophy and Economics from [Pepperdine University](#) in 2017. In the fall of 2017, he will enter the PhD program in Philosophy at Yale University. He is interested in metaphysics, logic, and the philosophy of mathematics. He is especially interested in the natures of space and time.

Tommy D'Addario received a BA in English (with a Creative Writing emphasis) from [Hope College](#) in 2016. He will continue his creative writing studies by pursuing a MFA in Poetry at the University of Montana in Missoula. His interests lie in exploring poetry's functions in spirituality and social justice.

Stephen Ferguson is a PhD student in Philosophy at [Fordham University](#). He received his BA in philosophy, with a minor in Economics, from [Boston College](#) in 2015, where he also received a MA in Philosophy in 2017. Rooted in the hermeneutic retrieval of the history of philosophy, he primarily studies the political-theological dialectic of Athens and Jerusalem and its intersection with cognitional theory. He is also interested in the thought of Bernard Lonergan.

Daniel Gee is a DMA candidate at the University of Southern California, where he is studying Choral Conducting with minor fields in Orchestral Conducting and Composition, and serves as Associate Conductor of the Oriana Women's Choir. He graduated as First Senior at [Westmont College](#) in 2013 where he double majored in music composition and philosophy. After earning his MM at USC, Daniel taught theory and composition at Westmont for a year long sabbatical replacement, and as a composer has since fulfilled commissions for the Westmont Orchestra, the Quire of Voyces, and the Westridge Chamber Orchestra. Daniel's current professional work involves serving as Conducting Fellow for the Long Beach Symphony and as Artistic Director of Choirs at Evergreen Baptist Church of San Gabriel Valley. His research interests include settings of the Passion and Latin American choral music.

Bridget Safranek received a BA in philosophy from the [University of Dallas](#) in 2017. In the fall of 2017, she will begin the MA/PhD program in philosophy at the Catholic University of America as a fellow at the Institute for Human Ecology at CUA. She plans to focus on ethics and metaphysics as the fundamental foundations for bioethics, and is also interested in virtue ethics and natural law theory.

Shannon Sandridge is a PhD student in the Department of Philosophy at [Saint Louis University](#). She received her BA in 2017 from [Baylor University](#), where she studied Philosophy and German. Her primary interests are in metaphysics, especially philosophy of mind and free will. Additionally, she would like to study the metaphysics of the mind as understood by ancient philosophers in order to make use of their insights in contemporary accounts of mental causation, consciousness, and the mind-body problem.

Hannah Scupham is a PhD student in nineteenth-century British Literature at the University of Kansas. She graduated from [Valparaiso University](#) in 2013 with a BA in English and German, and a minor in Political Science. After spending a year teaching English in Germany with the Fulbright Program, Hannah completed an MA in English Literature at the University of Kansas in 2017. Hannah is interested in semiotics, embodiment, popular fiction, and gender studies, and her Master's thesis centered on the sensation fiction works of Wilkie Collins. Her research as a PhD candidate explores nineteenth century social novels with a particular focus on the intersections of marriage, gender, and sexuality.

Elisa Torres is an M.A. student in Philosophy at the [University of Dallas](#) where intends to earn her PhD through the University's Institute of Philosophic Studies. Graduating [Belmont Abbey College](#) in 2017 with a BA in English and Theology, she also completed minors in Christianity & Culture, Medieval Studies, and Political Philosophy. Torres was a member of the St. Thomas More Scholarship program, and in her senior year was given the "Outstanding St. Thomas More Scholar" award. Torres was also the English Department's "Student of the Year," and wrote her senior thesis on the concept of "pietas" in Virgil's *Aeneid*. Torres hopes to continue the interdisciplinary approach of her undergraduate work during her time at the University of Dallas. While focusing on such topics as anamnesis, piety, convention/nature, and the art of dialectic, Torres plans to maintain a deeply literary and political engagement with such philosophical ideas.

The 2016 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 typically at their home institutions. These conferences continue the conversations and friendships that develop over the course of the online 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.

The [Seventh Cohort](#) met for its final conference in Krakow, Poland, May 31 to June 7, 2017 with mentors Paul Contino of [Pepperdine University](#), and Susan Felch of [Calvin College](#). They were joined by Piotr Malysz, a former Lilly Postdoctoral Fellow who is currently on the faculty at [Beeson Divinity School](#) at [Samford University](#). As has become the practice with earlier cohorts, the members of Cohort 7 shared their own papers that reflected on the intersections of faith, teaching, and scholarship thus far through graduate school. One of the Fellows has been living in Krakow, and others have a special interest in eastern Europe, so the group, along with Dr. Malysz, engaged the religious life and history of Krakow and the surrounding areas. The Seventh Cohort will meet for a final reunion conference at the [2018 Lilly Fellows National Conference](#) at [Hope College](#).

Mentor Susan VanZanten welcomed the [Eighth Cohort](#) and fellow mentor Patrick Byrne of [Boston College](#) to [Seattle Pacific University](#) for their second summer conference. Meeting from August 11-15, 2017, the Cohort engaged Dante's *Paradiso* with the help of Dr. Paul Contino of [Pepperdine University](#). The group also attended a session on "Navigating Diversity in Higher Education," led by Dr. Yelena Bailey, a former Lilly Graduate Fellow from the third cohort now in her second year of teaching at SPU, and a session on "Graduate School and Change" with Dr. Bailey, Dr. Matt Benson in theology, and Dr. Britany Christian in psychology. The cohort also viewed and discussed the film, *Italian for Beginners*; the cohort also enjoyed the sights, sounds, and tastes of Seattle. The Eighth Cohort will meet for its third conference at [Saint John's Abbey](#) in Collegeville, MN.

From June 24-27, 2017, The [Ninth Cohort](#) of Graduate Fellows held its first campus conference at [Baylor University](#) in Waco, Texas. The cohort engaged with the conference theme: "Gathered in Paradise: Called to Shared Beatitude in Christ" with mentors Douglas Henry of Baylor and Gretchen J. Van Dyke of [The University of Scranton](#). They considered many meanings of "paradise" and "beatitude" by engaging the Gospel According to Matthew; the book of Revelation; Terrence Malick's film *The Tree of Life* (2011); Dante's *Paradiso*; C. S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*; Walker Percy's *Love In the Ruins*; and David Brooks' *Bobos in Paradise*. The group worshiped together, shared meals, hiked, explored the grounds of an intentional Christian community in Waco, and reflected on their own striving for beatitude in their academic vocations. Cohort 9 will gather again next summer at The University of Scranton.

Selection Information for the Eleventh Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows

It is time to begin the process of selecting the Tenth Cohort of [Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) who will be entering graduate school in the fall, 2018. 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 PhD or comparable programs in fall, 2018, and received a bachelor's degree from your institution after April, 2013. **For additional eligibility requirements, [click here](#). The deadline for nominations is November 14, 2017.**

There are important changes this year regarding the nomination and applications process. In order to make the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program financially sustainable, we will now inaugurate a new group of fellows every two years, rather than every year, while nevertheless continuing to select finalists every year. Thus, we will continue to ask for nominations each year, so that deserving students will not miss their chance to apply for this fellowship. New to this process is that finalists chosen this academic year (2017-18) will be interviewed in the next academic year, (2018-19) with an additional set of finalists chosen at that point, as well, and, if selected, will be appointed to the Lilly Graduate Fellowship in fall,

2019. Thus, anyone nominated for a fellowship this year will not enter the program until the end of next year. The next cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows (Cohort 11) will begin their fellowships in the summer of 2019, and may include Fellows who already have entered their doctoral programs.

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, Network Exchanges, and Summer Seminars

As a [member](#) of the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities, 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 Network 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 Conference and Collaboration grants](#) 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 Lilly Network is accepting applications for four of these grant programs: the Mentoring Programs, Regional Conferences, Network Exchanges, and Small Grants. The deadline for Mentoring Programs, Network Exchanges, Small Grants, and Regional Conferences is **September 15, 2017**. 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 Loyola Marymount University, from 2:15 to 3:00 pm on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Deadlines for Grants and Other Opportunities

Grants:

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

Fellowship Programs:

The deadline for submitting up to three nominees for the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) is **November 14, 2017**.

The deadline for applications for the **2018-2020** [Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowships in Humanities and the Arts](#) is **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**.

Conferences:

The registration for the LFP [National Conference at Loyola Marymount University](#) is September 12, 2017

The registration deadline for [Reason and Faith on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation](#), at [Central College](#) is September 20, 2017

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

From the Colloquium at Our Blog, Exiles from Eden

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

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