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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) Lilly Network institutions, 2) present and former Lilly Fellows and, 3) the LFP office at Valparaiso University.

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The 2018 LFP National Conference: Robust and Receptive Ecumenism

The 28th Annual LFP National Conference, *Robust and Receptive Ecumenism*, will take place October 12 through 14, 2018, at [Hope College](#) in Holland, Michigan.

The faculty, staff, and students at institutions in church-related higher education are increasingly more ecumenically diverse than the historical or present-day denominational affiliations of colleges and universities might suggest. The intent of robust and receptive ecumenism is to encourage people to speak willingly and openly from their particular Christian perspectives, ask for clarification when others' ways of speaking need translation, and work at genuine understanding, which might include informed

disagreement. Indeed, robust and receptive ecumenism does not assume that everyone must adopt a lowest common denominator stance with respect to differences. Rather, it proposes that, in order for authentic conversation to take place, people must honestly express deeply held views they hold as true.

Speakers include

- Lisa DeBoer, Professor of Art, [Westmont College](#), Santa Barbara, California
- Steven Harmon, Associate Professor of Historical Theology, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina
- Daniel Keating, Professor of Theology, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan

In addition, the [Seventh Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in 2017, will attend this year's National Conference. The Graduate Fellows will attend a Reunion Conference the two days prior to the National Conference.

Registration for the National Conference opens on May 22, 2018. For more information and to register, see the [Hope College National Conference Site](#), or visit the [LFP National Conference page](#).

The deadline for registration is August 29, 2018.

Download a Conference Flyer [here](#).

The 2018 Workshop for Senior Administrators: Hiring Faculty for Mission

Immediately preceding the [National Conference](#) will be the [Nineteenth Annual Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) on the topic, *Hiring Faculty for Mission*. The Workshop will be held at [Hope College](#) in Holland, Michigan, October 11-12, 2018, and aims to help senior administrators at church-related colleges and universities consider ideas and best practices for hiring faculty who embrace and forward the church-related mission of their institutions. Addressing the workshop will be Dr. Margaret Freije, Provost and Dean of the College at the [College of the Holy Cross](#) in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Dr. Mark Sargent, Provost at [Westmont College](#) in Santa Barbara, California.

The Workshop is offered at no cost to senior administrators at [Lilly Network member institutions](#). Each Institution is eligible to register one senior administrator (president, vice president, academic dean, provost, or equivalent). One participant from each school will be reimbursed for travel costs up to \$600. Meals and hotel accommodations will also be paid for by the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities. Additional participants from member schools will be on a waiting list until August 29, 2018, and will be enrolled as slots become available. [Registration for this conference opens on May 22, 2018, and the deadline for registration is August 29, 2018. For more information and to register, click here](#)

Lilly Network Receives \$2.5 Million Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to Support Network Initiatives

We are very happy to announce that the Lilly Network has received a five-year grant of \$2.5 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support activities on Network campuses that connect Christianity and church-related mission to the academic vocation. We invite Lilly Network member schools to submit grant proposals in order to take advantage of these newly available funds (proposals are due September 15 of each year). Proposals can be submitted for the following:

- [Grants for faculty development and mentoring ranging from \\$3,000 to \\$12,000.](#)
- [Grants for Regional Collaborations and Conferences for \\$12,500.](#)
- [Grants for Network Exchanges for sharing best practices at \\$25,000.](#)

In addition, the grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will fund a wide array of other new programs, many of which focus on programs for mid-career faculty and many that are designed for faculty in STEM, social scientific, and professional fields. Be looking for more information on these initiatives in the upcoming months.

Call for Applications: Lilly Network Exchange at Azusa Pacific University, March 27-30, 2019

The [High Sierra Humanities Program](#) of [Azusa Pacific University](#) will host a [Lilly Network Exchange](#) on March 27-30, 2019, for ten faculty members and administrators at [Lilly Network Schools](#) interested in learning about the program's "para-university" model for humanities education.

The Network Exchange is now accepting applications from LFP Network Schools. **The application deadline is October 1, 2018.** Notification will be made to successful applicants by October 15, 2018.

Located approximately fifty miles south of California's famed Yosemite Valley, the program offers a rigorous core-texts curriculum coupled with experiential leadership training to a cohort of 30-50 undergraduates per semester. Since 2001, the High Sierra Humanities Program has nurtured innovative, experimental learning communities which are "off-campus" and yet still closely aligned with its parent institution's mission.

At a time when the value of general education in the humanities is being questioned nationally, and when it sometimes seems that undergraduates are trained in multi-tasking rather than critical engagement, this Network Exchange offers participants the opportunity to explore an educational model that promises both immersive depth and fiscal viability.

This LFP Network Exchange opportunity provides participants with all meals, hotel accommodations, ground transportation (including a 1-day excursion to Yosemite Valley), and up to \$600 in airfare reimbursement to Fresno Yosemite International Airport. During the course of their visit, participants will be invited to attend humanities seminars and plenary sessions, participate in outdoor leadership exercises, interact with all program faculty, staff, and students, and contribute to breakout conversations on critical topics related to experiential humanities education. Participants will also be encouraged to share perspectives from their home institutions and then to disseminate what they learn once they return.

The Deadline for Applications is October 1, 2018. [For information and to apply, Click Here.](#)

Save the Date and Call for Papers: Regional Conference at Dordt College on "The Prodigal Love of God," April 4-6, 2019

On April 4-6, 2019, [Dordt College](#) and the [Andreas Center for Reformed Scholarship and Service](#), in partnership with the Lilly Fellows Program, will host a conference titled "[The Prodigal Love of God: Reencountering Dordt at 400 and Beyond.](#)" Confirmed speakers include Marilynne Robinson, Richard Mouw, James K.A. Smith, Jemar Tisby, Paul Lim, Tish Harrison Warren, and Suzanne McDonald.

This year and next marks the 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dort, the namesake of Dordt College. Many churches and communities have celebrated the quincentenary of the Reformation, but the Synod of Dort does not loom so large in the popular imagination. For some, even members of the Protestant tradition, Dort seems to leave us with a complicated historical legacy of arid doctrinalism.

However, the story of the Synod of Dort—its legacy and its place in the Christian tradition—is much broader and more generous than this. Dort should be remembered for its rigorous doctrinal disputes, but within those debates there are also profound theological truths that continue to inspire many ecumenical conversations across Christian traditions. In the Canons of Dort, we encounter the prodigal love of God, who offers the blessing of the gospel “to all persons promiscuously and without distinction.” This theological message is something that has shaped and reformed Protestant communities for four hundred years. Through invited plenaries and panel discussions, our conference will feature conversations about the historical legacy and the future of Protestantism as well as the opportunities facing the global church in the decades ahead.

Look for the call for papers in Summer, 2018. [For Information, Click Here.](#)

News from Former Lilly Postdoctoral Fellows

Here are some of the recent accomplishments and new positions of our [current](#) and [former Postdoctoral Fellows](#):

Michael Cover this year became president of Marquette University’s Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, revived its literary exercises (including poet and orator), and welcomed 23 undergraduate scholars into the society. He continues to mentor undergraduate students, including a theology student doing a pastoral internship at the local Episcopal cathedral as well as a Freshman honors program student in the new MU4Gold undergraduate research program. He also received an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship and will spend the 2018-2019 academic year in Muenster, Germany, completing a commentary on Philo of Alexandria’s *De mutatione nominum*.

Bob Elder has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of History at [Baylor University](#), beginning in fall 2018.

Andrew Finstuen co-edited (with Anne Blue Wills and Grant Wacker) the volume *Billy Graham: American Pilgrim*, published by Oxford in 2017. He also co-produced the public television documentary *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story* (2017), supported by a major grant from the Lilly Endowment. Andrew is the Dean of the Honors College at Boise State, as well as in his third year as Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

Elizabeth Fredericks, current Fellow, will begin as Assistant Professor of English at Hillsdale College in fall 2018.

Patrick Gardner, current Fellow, will begin as Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion (Catholic Studies) at Christopher Newport University in fall 2018.

Kenneth Pearce has co-edited (with Tyron Goldschmidt) the volume *Idealism: New Essays in Metaphysics*, published by Oxford University Press. *History of Philosophy Quarterly* recently published his article “Berkeley on Unperceived Objects and the Publicity of Language,” and another essay, “How Berkeley’s Gardener Knows His Cherry Tree,” has appeared in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*.

Caryn D. Riswold at [Illinois College](#) had three articles published in the *Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, which coincided with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. She participated in several 500th anniversary events, including as presenter at the ELCA’s *Embodied Freedom* conference in Minneapolis in June, keynote speaker at the annual Leadership Conference at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in October, and participant in a faculty seminar on “Martin Luther’s Theology and the Jews” at the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Beyond Reformation 500 events, she led a faculty workshop on vocation and advising at the University of Mount Union in August, participated in statewide civic engagement training with *Equality Illinois* in November, published an op-ed on “The Witness of Our Transgender Neighbors” in the *Jacksonville Journal-Courier*, and wrote an essay titled “Holy Recognition and the #MeToo Movement” for the Lent 2018 issue of *The Cresset*.

Katherine Steiner has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Musicology at Conrad Grebel University College in the University of Waterloo, beginning fall 2018. Kate's article "Composing St. Columba, Hope of the Scots" will appear in the spring 2018 journal of *Plainsong and Medieval Music*. Her edited volume of meditations on the Songs of Scripture was published in December, 2017, by Wipf and Stock: *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord: Songs of Scripture*.

Katie Calloway Sueda will begin as Assistant Professor of English at [Baylor University](#) in fall 2018.

Bryan Stewart an [McMurry University](#) has recently published the following items: *The Gospel of John: Interpreted by Early Christian and Medieval Commentators*, translated and edited by Bryan A. Stewart and Michael A. Thomas (The Church's Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Pub., 2018); and "The Garland of Immortality: A Theology of Martyrdom in the Early Church," in the March/April 2018 volume of *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity*.

Chelsea Wagenaar, current Fellow, has accepted the position of Visiting Assistant Professor of Humanities, at Christ College, the Honors College of [Valparaiso University](#), beginning in fall 2018.

LFP National Network Board Welcomes Anderson University (Indiana) and Asbury University to the Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities

The [National Network Board](#) met for its semi-annual meeting April 7-8, 2018 in Chicago and, along with other tasks, approved [Anderson University](#) in Anderson, Indiana, and [Asbury University](#) in Wilmore, Kentucky, for membership in the [Lilly Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities](#). Welcome Anderson and Asbury!

Update on the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program

This year is the first year the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) will select biennial cohorts. Even though the LFP will select a cohort every other year, it will select finalist each year. This year, the [Lilly Graduate Fellows Program](#) received 45 nominations from 21 Lilly Network schools. From these 45, 31 applied, and a selection committee of 8 is in the process of selecting finalists who will be interviewed in Indianapolis in April, 2019. They will be interviewed along with finalists selected next year. This upcoming cohort, the eleventh, will be mentored by Angela Christman of [Loyola University Maryland](#) and Mark Ruff of [Saint Louis University](#).

A very special thanks to all of you who nominated your students for this highly competitive fellowship. Your hard work keeps this program vital, as does the education and formation that our Fellows receive at your institutions. Again, thank you.

The three active cohorts will attend conferences throughout the summer. In August, 2018, the [Eighth Cohort](#) mentored by Susan VanZanten of [Seattle Pacific University](#) and Patrick Byrne of [Boston College](#), will host their concluding campus conference at the [Saint John's Guesthouse](#) at [Saint John's University](#). Mentor Gretchen J. Van Dyke of [The University of Scranton](#), along with Doug Henry of [Baylor University](#), will host the [Ninth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) at The University of Scranton in July, 2018. Lisa DeBoer of [Westmont College](#) in Santa Barbara, California, along with mentor John Ware of [Xavier University of Louisiana](#), will host the [Tenth Cohort of Lilly Graduate Fellows](#) for their first campus conference at Westmont College in August, 2018.

The [Seventh Cohort of Graduate Fellows](#), mentored by Paul Contino of [Pepperdine University](#) and Susan Felch of [Calvin College](#), which completed its three-year fellowship in summer 2017, will come together this fall for a Reunion Conference on October 11-12, 2018, two days prior to the [Annual National Conference](#) at [Hope College](#) (October 12-14, 2018). At the end of their reunion, members of the cohort will join the other participants of the National Conference.

Associate Dean of Christ College Margaret Franson Retires

We want to share the bittersweet news that [Associate Dean Franson](#) has announced her intention to retire this summer. Margaret Franson has been an essential member of the [Christ College](#) Dean's office for 28 years, though many of you know her in her roles as frequent convener of the annual [Workshop for Senior Administrators](#) and as the Assistant Director of the Lilly Fellows Program from its inception through 2006. Thank you, Margaret, for your heart, influence, and care in bringing about every phase of the Lilly Fellows Program, and for your impact on the lives of Christ College Students. We offer you our very best wishes.

National Search for Lilly Fellows Program Associate Director

The Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts is currently searching for an Associate Director. This is a five-year position with the opportunity for renewal. The primary purpose of the position is to administer a series of new programs that will, over the next several years, expand the activities of the Lilly Fellows Program into STEM, social scientific, and professional fields. For the position description and application procedures, [click here](#).

Deadlines for Grants and Other Opportunities

Grants:

The next series of programs that will receive funding are: [Mentoring Programs](#), [Small Grants](#), [Network Exchanges](#), and [Regional Collaboration and Conferences](#). Proposals for the programs are due **September 15, 2018**.

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

Our Blog, Exiles from Eden

To learn about the readings of the Graduate Fellows and Postdoctoral Fellows, please see 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](#).