Greetings, friends of Theology! Welcome to our November issue of the Ignatian Herald. This month we’re hosting an array of lectures and events. Next week, Dayton professor and former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican Miguel Diaz will give the annual Bellarmine lecture: “On Being Human: God, Diplomacy, and the Common Good.” The lecture will take place Nov. 7th, 7pm, in the Business School auditorium.

The following week, we will have a showing of the film “Restless Heart” about the life of St. Augustine with commentary by Frs. Meconi and Collins to follow. The film will be shown in the Young Hall auditorium (adjacent to the Moolah) Nov. 12th, 7-9pm.

Later that week, the Catholic Studies program will host two speakers, Fr. Matt Malone, SJ (editor of America magazine) and Rusty Reno (editor of First Things), discussing the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. The discussion will take place Nov. 16th, 6pm, at the Center for Global Citizenship. See the News & Events section for other great events.

Youth Ministry Internship
The Archdiocese is accepting applications for an internship in the Office of Youth Ministry for next semester, due Nov. 15. If you haven’t received an email and would like to apply, contact Dr. Miller (gmillet6@slu.edu) for more info.

Also, if you’re a theology major, don’t forget to meet with your faculty mentor soon about spring courses.

You can also follow us on Twitter (SLU_Theology) and like us on Facebook (TheologySLU).

This is the last issue of 2013. Have a great Christmas break, and look for our next issue in mid-January!

Major Spotlight: Andrew Struttmann

Hometown: St. Charles, MO

Majors: Theology

Minors: Biology

Favorite theology course(s): THEO 351 Marriage and the Christian Vocation.

Why I chose Theology: I enjoy the theology classes I’m taking (and have taken) more than any other classes I’ve been in. I enjoy learning about my faith, and through various experiences in life, God has shown me that this is what I want to do in life.

Something unique about myself: I’ve had six plastic surgeries from a car accident when I was 5.

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**FACULTY PROFILE: Dr. Pauline Lee**

**Newly Hired Professor!**

**Education:** Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Stanford (2002)

**Theological Area:** East Asian Religions

**Favorite Course to Teach:** Chinese Religion & Cultures

**Current Research:** My recent work includes a monograph: *Li Zhi, Confucianism, and the Virtue of Desire*, which examines the 16th-century thinker Li Zhi 李贄 and his views on the role of desire in a good life. I am currently collaborating on the first book-length English translation of Li’s writings, *A Book to Burn: Banned Writings of a Ming Iconoclast*.

Recently I have begun exploring the topic of play. In my forthcoming book, *Play in China: The Trifling, the Wicked, and the Sacred*, I examine changing views of play through a study of Chinese religious and philosophical classics, commentaries on these works, as well as paintings and playthings. My current work also includes children’s studies, and women and feminisms in East Asia.

**Pearl of Wisdom:** Go for it! Whatever you imagine, you can do it if you want it for the right reasons and stick with it. Also, friendships and family are everything. Risk it! Make and sustain them, give them all you’ve got.

**Major Spotlight (continued)**

**Future plans:** I’m planning on going to graduate school for a MA in Theology. I’m applying to Notre Dame and SLU, and maybe Boston College. I’m also considering doing a year of service with either ASC or JVC. Long-term, I hope to teach theology in a Catholic high school.

**Advice for others:** Do what your heart desires. If theology is what you are drawn too, then have no qualms about it. There’s a reason that desire is there. God will take care of the rest.

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**Theology Course Preview:**

**THEO 359-01 Jesus in the Western Christian Tradition**

The course will begin by examining selections from Gnostic and canonical Gospels that offer contrasting theologies of Jesus’ identity and salvific action. From there we’ll explore the various controversies, stretching from the 3rd to the 8th centuries, that led to the formation of the Christological grammar of the church. Then we’ll look at 2 medieval theologians, Anselm of Canterbury and Julian of Norwich, to see how they employed the official grammar in creative ways. After this we’ll delve into two modern writers, Harnack and Nietzsche, who each rejected the official teaching: Harnack in order to rescue Christianity for modern people, Nietzsche in order to destroy it. We’ll conclude by reading two contemporary thinkers, Girard and Cone, who present theologies of Jesus concerned with racial and political liberation.

*Offered Spring 2014*. Contact Dr. Sholl for more information.
News & Events

Nov. 1 Catholic Studies 1st Friday Mass & Speaker
Join us for mass at College Church (lower level), a free breakfast, and a talk on the Human Person by Dr. Elenore Stump, 8am.

Nov. 5 Dei Verbum panel
The 4th annual Newman Convocation will feature area theologians and Archbishop Carlson discussing Vatican II’s key document on Scripture, at Aquinas Institute, 4-5:30pm.

Nov. 7 Bellarmine Lecture
Dr. Miguel Diaz, former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, will speak on “God, Diplomacy, and the Common Good,” 7pm, Business School auditorium.

Nov. 8 University Commons
Come to Campus Ministry 7-10pm for an informal gathering centered around food, fellowship, and conversation on Pope Francis.

Nov. 12 Augustine Film
Fathers Meconi and Collins will show “The Restless Heart,” 7-9pm, at Young Hall auditorium (near the Moolah).

Nov. 15 Two Saintly Popes
The Catholic Studies Program will feature two guest speakers commenting on the canonizing of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II, Center for Global Citizenship, 6pm.

Puleo Reflection: Adam Dirnberger

The Mev Puleo Program gave me the opportunity to witness firsthand the realities of poverty in Latin America and to understand the preferential option for the poor.

For the first few weeks of the experience, my greatest struggle was the language barrier, calling me to focus more on bonding and accompaniment without words. As communication improved, I began to find my strength and joy in my host family, a family of 17 that took me in as one of their own. I found the greatest joy in becoming a big brother/uncle to the three youngest members of my family. These three little ones showed me a new dimension of love of neighbor. This family defined my experience in Nicaragua as “the poor” ceased to be a distant statistics of the unknown; poverty became the faces of those whom I love.

Corny Religious Humor

Seriously though... we need the Twitter password.

The Puleo Scholarship enables SLU Theology Majors & Minors to live and study in Nicaragua for 6-10 weeks in the summer.

To learn more, visit: http://www.slu.edu/x14947.xml
Jesuit Trivia

Did you know...
The U.S. Capitol has 2 statutes honoring Jesuits: Jacques Marquette, SJ and Eusebio Kino, SJ.

For next month...
In their 473-year history, how many Jesuits have been women?

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https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/geoff-miller/theology-major-minor

For an insightful article on the study of theology, see:
https://docs.google.com/a/slu.edu/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=c2x1LmVkdXx0aGVvMTAwfGd4OjZkMWMwYmY4NzdCMWhhYzE

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Laurel Marshall ’13

Laurel graduated from SLU in 2011. She chose a theology major because, in her words, “I liked my first-year intro class. I came to SLU with dreams of teaching math, but I cried my eyes out on the phone to my mom after the first day of Calc II and didn’t want to do that for the next four years. What I ended up wanting to do was to think, talk, and write more about the ‘big questions,’ and I was lucky enough to have gotten the message somewhere along the way that that’s okay.”

Some of those big questions include, “Will we be faithful enough to follow the Jesus of the Gospels? Will we have hope through doubt and fear? Will we love each other?”

Laurel has been searching for those answers in El Salvador, walking the long road of accompaniment with poor campesino communities of faith and completing a Master’s degree in Latin American Theology at the University of Central America in San Salvador. She’s not quite sure what the future has in store for her – “Solo Dios sabe,” she admits. But she has some ideas: maybe agricultural reform or taking part in the Catholic Worker Movement. For the time being, though, “Today’s work is enough for today.”

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