Greetings, friends of Theology! Welcome to our October issue of the Ignatian Herald. This month we'll have a lecture by Fordham professor and ethicist Dr. Charles Camosy, entitled "From Medical Research to Our Dinner Plates: Rethinking Our Relationship with Non-Human Animals." The lecture will take place Oct. 15th, 7pm in the St. Louis room of the BSC. See the News & Events section for other great events.

Advising: October is also a great time to meet with your mentor(s) for your major(s). If you're a theology major, please make an appointment with your mentor (mid/late October for juniors/seniors, early November for frosh/soph). And for sophomores and juniors, be sure to ask about the ABM degree where you can earn a BA+MA in theology in 5 years! *Please also note that theology class listings in Banner are inaccurate but will be updated by mid-October. (Majors & Minors will also receive an email soon with spring course listings.)

Study Abroad opportunity: Calling all Sophomores! Would you like to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the world? Well, you can spend your junior year at Oxford University in Great Britain, studying theology, political science, philosophy, and more. For more details, visit the Study Abroad page: http://www.slu.edu/international-studies-program/international-opportunities/junior-year-at-oxford, or contact Dr. Borgmeyer, Director of the Center for International Studies, dborgmey@slu.edu

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Major Spotlight: Richard Joubert

Hometown: Dallas, TX
Majors: Theology, Political Science, possibly Education
Minors: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Manresa Program)
Favorite theology course(s): THEO 363 Sex, Gender, & Christian Ethics (Dr. Rubio) and THEO 331 Teachers: Medieval Christianity (Fr. Hellmann).

Both topics were very intriguing and enlightening, opening my eyes to the beauty of God's love and creation. The courses demonstrate the great joy and peace that can result from vulnerability and intimacy in God.

Why I chose Theology: I felt most at peace in my early Theology classes. Something pulled me closer

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Faculty Profile: Dr. Randy Rosenberg

Newly Hired Professor!

Education: Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, Boston College (2008)

Theological Area: Systematic Theology

Favorite Course to Teach: Religion and Literature. Literature affords the opportunity to reflect on theological themes as they are enfleshed in the messiness of human life. I often include works from Dante, fyodor Dostoevsky, Walker Percy, Flannery O’Connor, Shusaku Endo, and Marilynne Robinson, among others.

Current Research: I have a book coming out in the spring, aimed at a general audience, on the soon-to-be St. John XXIII (the pope who called Vatican II). I am also working on a project on theological anthropology that explores the complexities of human desire.

Pearl of Wisdom: Theology at its core is conversational. John XXIII often quoted this saying – an ancient pearl of wisdom that I think can create the conditions for the most fruitful conversations: “in essentials, unity; in doubtful matters, liberty; in all things, charity.”

Major Spotlight (continued)

and drew me to enroll in more classes. Perhaps it is a vocation or an interest in God and His Church, but I have not thought of turning back since. I know I can never fully understand God while on Earth, but I thirst for Him.

Something unique about myself: I love to dance, but I have no experience nor any good moves. This semester, I am taking my first dance class – Latin Dance – in Madrid!

Future plans: At the moment, I do not know my future plans. However, I am currently discerning God’s call for me. I am very interested in education.

Advice for others: Do not be afraid; try new things. In a world where more and more students are leaving the Liberal Arts, be open to learning and embracing your faith and those of others. For only by seeking to understand one’s beliefs and cultures can we seek to understand and fully share in our humanity. Be open to your future, for you do not know where you will end up. We come to college to learn, grow, and expand our horizons, not just find a job.

Theology Course Preview:

THEO 459 Roman Mass vs. Orthodox Liturgy

The Roman Mass and the Byzantine Liturgy of Sts. Basil and John Chrysostom are the most widespread Christian structures for the Eucharist. Both emerged from the early centuries of the Christian Church. The Latin prayers of the Mass, which are dense and compact, stand in stark contrast with the florid and poetic texts of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy. This course will begin with an examination of the structure and components of the Roman Mass and of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy. We will then consider the liturgical theology of the Eucharist in the Latin West and in the Byzantine East. Finally, we will examine the development of the two traditions, which have created two distinct rituals with two contrasting theologies.

Offered Spring 2014. Contact Fr. Hawkes-Teeples for more information.

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News & Events

Oct. 3 Boston College visit
Representatives from Boston College will be on hand to talk about theology graduate programs. Lunch will also be provided. Come to ADJ 142 any time from 11:30 to 1:30.

Oct. 4 First Friday Mass & Speaker Series
This new Catholic Studies series starts with mass at 8am in the College Church lower chapel followed by a free breakfast and talk on the “Archaeology of St. Louis” by Dr. Tom Finan.

Oct. 11 University Commons
Come to Campus Ministry for an informal gathering centered around food and fellowship, 7-10pm.

Oct. 15 Ethics Lecture
Fordham Prof. Charles Camosy will speak on our relationship with animals, 7pm, in the St. Louis Room of the BSC. All are welcome.

Oct. 28-Nov. 1 Interfaith Week
During the last week of October, the Interfaith Alliance will host a series of events, including a talent show, interfaith dialogue, interfaith prayer and meditation, and other activities. Contact ifa@slu.edu for more information. There will also be a dialogue among various religious groups on the afterlife, BSC (Wool Ballroom) Oct. 30, 7-9pm.

Puleo Reflection: Erin Twiehaus
Mev Puleo was an inspiring, passion-filled woman convicted by the necessity for social justice. Her path is what led me to Nicaragua this summer, and her book, The Struggle is One, gave me the ability to understand uncomfortability as a shock of reality different from my own. As we continued to study the preferential option for the poor amongst the people it was written for, I became convinced with a similar passion that in poverty there is no voice, and we must humanize our brothers and sisters by giving the voice they were born without.

In all of this, transitioning back has been extremely difficult but one with memories of praying with the elderly women of Teustepe, the community that I accompanied, and the joy and laughter with my host family while wrestling with my own reality as my SLU classmates accompanied me.

Erin is currently a senior majoring in Social Work.

Corny Religious Humor

Jesus, take the wheel!
Jesuit Trivia

Did you know... Ignatius was thrown in jail twice in his life?

For next month... How many Jesuits are honored with statues in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC?

Interested in a Theology Major or Minor?

Please visit our webpage for more information:

You can also check out this brief presentation:
https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/geoff-miller/theology-major-minor

For additional information, please contact Dr. Miller at gmille16@slu.edu

Where Are They Now? Anna Mazur ’13

Anna Mazur graduated from SLU this past May. She chose a theology major because, in her words, “I didn't think I was done learning about faith after I graduated from high school. After a few classes, I knew I wanted to make it my major. I enjoyed learning, writing, and reading in my theology classes because it was all challenging inside and outside the classroom.”

Since graduating from SLU, Anna has been working as a Campus Ministry Intern at the Washington University Catholic Student Center. Afterwards, she plans to go to graduate school at Boston College for a Master of Divinity degree. Beyond that, she's not sure what God has in store for her. “It might mean working in holistic counseling services, pursuing doctoral work, or something completely different that only God has in mind.”

Anna is grateful for the education she received at SLU and finds that theology still informs her life and ministry. “Life isn't always about doing something that can be ‘used,'” she says, “but rather seeking truth and God in all things.”

See what other recent alumni are doing at
https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/theology-alumni