Greetings, friends of Theology. Welcome to the month of October, where we will be having our first Theology Awareness Week at the end of the month. Events include a Theology on Tap at Humphrey’s, a Theology Sweatshirt sale, and a Haunted House! Times and locations are still being finalized. Please see the News & Events section for more information.

Puleo Presentations

Our 7 Puleo scholars just returned from a summer immersion program in Nicaragua. Come listen to their experiences living, studying, and working with the poor, 7-9pm in DuBourg Hall (Pere Marquette Gallery) on Monday Oct. 2nd.

Advising

October is 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 faculty 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! (Don’t know who your mentor is? Contact Dr. Miller to find out.)

Oxford: Study abroad at Oxford University with a generous scholarship included. For more information, please visit www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/hall/dominican_jubilee_scholarship/ or contact Dr. David Borgmeyer in The Center for International Studies at dborgmey@slu.edu.

Please also be sure to follow us on Twitter (SLU_Theology) and like us on Facebook (TheologySLU). Check your inbox on the 1st Monday of each month for future issues.

Major Spotlight: Corey James

Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Majors: Theology, Philosophy

Minors: Catholic Studies, Social Entrepreneurship

Favorite theology course(s): “Church in the World,” which I took during my semester abroad in Rome. The course is an introduction to Joseph Ratzinger’s theological vision of the Roman Catholic Church in interaction with contemporary thought.

Why I chose Theology: Theology the unique opportunity to engage with and observe the variety of ways one is able to grow more intimate with the Creator of the cosmos. I also study theology simply for its beauty, or for the opportunity to bear

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Faculty Profile: Dr. David Oughton

Education: I have an interdisciplinary doctorate in "Philosophies and Theologies of Peace and Justice" from SLU (1998), which combined my interests in philosophy, theology, political science, Holocaust/genocide studies, and peace studies.


Favorite Course to Teach: Religions of the World.

Current Research: The teachings of the world’s major religions about peace, justice, war, and genocide as well as a democratic world federation. I am also active on the boards of Interfaith Partnership, Citizens for Global Solutions, Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, and the Living Insights Center.

Pearl of Wisdom: Do theology from a global perspective. Travel around the world as much as you can. Try to meet people from many different religions and become committed to providing the necessary conditions for the process of creative interchange because “there will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions.”

Major Spotlight (continued)

“Studying theology positively affects who I am as a person, for it constantly forms my conscience into a better moral compass.”

Something unique about me: I’ve taken up a new hobby called “slacklining.” It’s a lot like tightrope walking except harder since the rope is not taut.

Future plans: I intend to love and to serve God with tenacity and magnanimity. Beyond that, I plan to teach for a few years with my theology degree, then go on to pursue an MBA with a concentration in Social Entrepreneurship.

Advice for others: Drink in this incredible opportunity we are privileged to have – to read and learn so much about who we are and who we are made to be. Also remember this vocation to study theology is such a grace, so strive to maintain intellectual charity, that is, learn with humility and always recognize when we do not know enough.

Theology Course Preview: THEO 3375 Women in the Bible

This course examines the characters and stories of selected women in the Hebrew Bible, the Apocrypha, and the New Testament. In an effort to expose students to multiple ways of reading and thinking about scripture, this course engages with a variety of methodological approaches while seeking to draw attention to the theological, historical, and cultural significance of selected biblical women and their stories. It encourages students to think critically about women’s place within the biblical tradition: Does the Bible oppress women? Does it empower women? What do the ways in which these biblical stories talk about women tell us about women in the ancient Near East? What do these stories tell us about women in our own society, informed as it is by the biblical tradition? What significance – theological and otherwise – might the stories of these women have for our own lives?

Offered Spring 2016. Contact Dr. Dunn for more information.
News & Events

Oct. 2\textsuperscript{nd} Catholic Studies
1\textsuperscript{st} Friday Mass & Speaker
Join us for mass and lunch at Jesuit Hall and a talk on Queen Elizabeth & the Bible by Dr. Don Stump at 12noon.

Oct. 2 Matteo Ricci Speakers Series
Dr. Ronnie Hsia will speak on Confucian Christianity at Pere Marq. Gallery in Dubourg Hall, 4-6pm: http://matteoricci.slu.edu

Oct. 5\textsuperscript{th} Puleo Presentations
Hear our 7 Puleo scholars speak about Nicaragua, Oct. 5\textsuperscript{th}, 7-9pm, Pere Marq. Gallery in Dubourg Hall (2\textsuperscript{nd} floor).

Oct. 15 Theological Thurs.
Sport your Theology sweatshirt on the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Thursday of each month.

THEOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK
Oct 27 Theology on Tap, 7pm
Enjoy food and fellowship while learning about a current issue in theology. Meet at Humphrey’s starting at 6:30pm. Details to follow.

Midweek Sweatshirt Sale
Theology ambassadors will be selling the coveted THEOLOGY sweatshirts on campus. Details to follow.

Oct 30 Haunted House!
Get ready for Halloween weekend with our first annual Haunted House. Location and time tbd. Stay tuned...

Puleo Reflection: A poem by Theresa Schafer

“Earnest Request”
Teach me your questions, oh people.
The steeple under which I have planted my roots is sometimes slanted toward power and privilege.
I have not learned what questions to ask.
The task of teaching—beyond preaching—living alongside you shall I find truth.

Teach me your questions: How to cry out for justice in thirst, to break the curse of othering, smothering: brother, sister, father, mother, together, building the Reign of God.

Odd, isn’t it, that I never learned what queries to press, to guess there might be more than finding which box fits my God – odd.

So here I come, among you, as the outsider that I am, knowing you can teach me the questions of growing.

Teach me your questions, oh people.

Please.

Corny Religious Humor

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

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

“Questions were the constant starting point of all the summer’s best conversations, and more often than not, these conversations yielded the fruit of deeper, tougher questions…questions that would challenge my views, dig at Truth, and uncover the reality of being human.” (Theresa Schafer)
Interested in a Theology Major or Minor?

Please visit our webpage for more information: [http://www.slu.edu/department-of-theology-home/degree-programs/ba-theology](http://www.slu.edu/department-of-theology-home/degree-programs/ba-theology).

You can also check out this brief presentation: [https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/geoff-miller/theology-major-minor](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? Anusia Dickow ’12

Anusia graduated from SLU in 2012. She chose theology as a major because, in her words, “I found that the questions that were being asked of me in my Theology classes – questions of who is God, how does He manifest himself, what does it mean to follow Him – were the ones that most interested me.”

After graduating from SLU, Anusia moved to Washington, DC to work in the development office of the Pontifical North American College, an American Seminary in Rome. Two years later she still resides in our nation’s capital but now works for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the office of National Collections, Promotions Department. This important ministry focuses on procuring funds from Catholic parishes across the United States to support programs and projects across the world for the marginalized and suffering.

Theology obviously remains a key part of her life. As she puts it, “My degree in theology fundamentally changes my worldview and informs the way in which I approach my work. My foundation in Theology gives me a mission and purpose for the work I do.”

Anusia’s long term goals have her working in the same type of ministry. She says she’d like to “continue to work in a field in the area of communications, promoting the mission of the Church so that the message of the Gospel is accessible to all.”

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