



PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE, Feb 2006

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

DEC 2005 GRADUATES

- Cynthia Bell (R)
- Jonathan Chismar (R)
- Jeffrey Wunsch (P)

CHANCELLOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (F05)

- Grant Douglas Breuer
- Ian Matthew Brockett
- John Ponton

NEW FACULTY FOR SPRING 2006

- **Dr. Guy L. Beck, Syracuse Ph.D.**, Asian Religions. Guy is a performer as well as scholar of the religious music of India. He is author of *Sonic Theology: Hinduism and Sacred Sound* (1993) editor of *Sacred Sound: Experiencing Music in World Religions* and *Alternative Krishnas: Variations on a Hindu Deity*, and gave the Michaelmas Lecture on Hinduism and Music at the Oxford Center for Hindu Studies in 2001.

RPT/PTR PROCESS IN 2005-2006

- **Dr. Theodore Burgh** reappointment process, assistant professor F2007-2010 (approved by PAR; forwarded to CAS)
- **Drs. Ferenc Altrichter, Samuel Murrell** Post Tenure Review process, S 2007 (approved by PAR; forwarded to CAS)

FACULTY AWARDS

- **Dr. Berry**, Cahill Award, Sum 06
- **Dr. Burgh** Wabash Grant (2005-2006)
- **Dr. Murrell** International Programs Travel grant (\$500); Research reassignment (S06)
- **Dr. White**, CAS Summer Initiative

DISABILITY LEAVE

- **Dr. Habibi** returned full time on Feb 1.
- **Dr. Wilson**, continuing. We anticipate that Dr. Wilson will return to full time teaching in the fall.

STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **Matt Sayball**, PAR 499 Honors thesis on "Conditionals: the syntax, semantics, and pragmatics of conditional statements in classical logic, modal logic, and ordinary English." Featured as a "Research Story" on UNCW/CSURF. Advisor: **Dr. Altrichter**.

- **Christopher Moreland**, "The Emperor Constantine's Conversion to Christianity: An Analysis of His Motives," accepted for the annual meeting of the Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Atlanta, Mar 10-12, 2006. Advisor: **Dr. Pasulka**. (Unfortunately, Chris will be in Greece during the convention and can't attend.)

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLICATIONS – Nov 05- Feb 06

Dr. Berg

- Presentation "Islamic World at Crossroads," Pathways UNCW, Nov 3
- Presentation "Early African American Muslim Movements and the Qu'ran" at 2005 Qu'ran Conference, London UK, Nov 8-13
- Panel participant, "Belief" on the Learning Network, first shown in December 2005

Dr. Berry

- Review published of John Richardson, *Nietzsche's New Darwinism* (OUP, 2004) for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Dr. Burgh

- Invited presentation, "Song Conference," Emory University, Mar 3-5
- Book accepted: *Listening to the Artifacts: A Study of Musical Culture in Ancient Israel* (Continuum/T&T Clark International, in April 2006).
- Hosting workshop "Music Archaeology" involving music archaeologists national and international scholars, Mar 17-18, \$3000 grant from CAS

Dr. Gauthier

- UNCW representative, Institutional Review Board conference, Boston, Dec 2005

Dr. Habibi

- " Hamas Election Victory: Middle East at a Crossroads" Public Service, King Hall 7 pm Feb 22
- Chair, "Philosophy and Film" session, American Society for Aesthetics, Mar 28-30

Dr. Murrell

- Presentation "A Leviathan Kingdom of God in Hobbes' Christian Commonwealth" AAR, Philadelphia, Nov 16-21

Dr. Pasulka

- Article accepted "Passion Tickets Bear Mark of Beast!: Otherworld Realism, Popular Film, and Religious Authority" *The Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Vol. XI, Fall 2005

Dr. Schmid

- Review accepted of Nancy Sherman, *Stoic Warriors: Ancient Philosophy and the Military Mind* (OSU, 2005) in *Ancient Philosophy*

Dr. Stanley

- Article accepted, "Community and Terror," for *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, vol. 11 (2)

Dr. Sutton (CFCC and UNCW/PT)

- Panel participant "Belief" on the Learning Network, first shown in Dec 2005

Dr. Turrisi

- Presentation "Tricksters and Shapeshifters: Traditional and Contemporary" Pathways UNCW Nov 9, 16
- Presentation "Science in Our Future: Nice Work If You Can Get It" CAS/UNCW College Day, Nov 12
- Article published "Peirce's *Vera Causa* of Guessing" (*Cognitio*, V. 6, N. 2 jul./dez., 2005) pp. 255-264.

Dr. Zervos

- Presentation "Modern perspectives on the Bible," Pathways UNCW, Nov 3
- Presentation "Intro to the New Testament: Contemporary Scholarship" CAS/UNCW College Day, Nov 12

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION CLUB, Officers: Pres **Greg Casaletto**, VP **Andrea Smaxwell** , Secretary **Eric Reaves**, Treasurer **Michael Runkle**

- Weekly meetings, including student presentations. Advisor: **Dr. Berry**.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- **PAR Cultural Affairs in 2005-2006:**
 - **PAR** sponsor of ***“Hindu Sacred Music: Performed and Discussed”*** by **Dr. Guy Beck**, Church of the Servant 4 pm, February 12
 - **PAR and Bio/Marine Bio** co-sponsors of ***“Altering Nature: the Ethics of Biotechnology”*** by **Dr. Gary Comstock** of NCSU, Dobo 134, 7 pm, February 23.
 - **B. Frank Hall Lecture *“Destructive Emotions: Buddhist and Western Views”*** by **Dr. Owen Flanagan** of Duke, Cameron Auditorium, 8 pm, March 23