



PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE, 1 NOVEMBER 2005

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

NEW POSITIONS

- **Guy L. Beck, Syracuse Ph.D., hired for 1 semester**, (Spring 2006), Asian Religions. Guy is a scholar of the religions and music of India. He is author of *Sonic Theology: Hinduism and Sacred Sound* (USC Press, 1993) and editor of *Sacred Sound: Experiencing Music in World Religions* (Laurier, forthcoming in 2006), and gave the Michaelmas Lecture on Hinduism and Music at the Oxford Center for Hindu Studies in 2001.
- **Lecturer (possible)**, 1 semester (Spring 2006), Contemporary Philosophy

REASSIGNMENT IN SPRING 2006

- **Dr. Murrell**, UNCW research reassignment
- **Dr. Berry**, external grant reassignment, DAAD (possible)

RPT/PTR PROCESS IN 2005-2006

- **Theodore Burgh** reappointment process, assistant professor F2007-2010
- **Ferenc Altrichter, Samuel Murrell** Post Tenure Review process, S 2007

DISABILITY LEAVE

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

STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **Matt Sayball**, PAR 491 Honors thesis on "Conditionals: the syntax, semantics, and pragmatics of conditional statements in classical logic, modal logic, and ordinary English." Addresses classification, interpretation, and meaning of conditional connectives like 'if', as well as ways in which conditionals are and can be used to draw valid inferences. To be featured as a "Research Story" on UNCW/CSURF. Advisor: **Dr. Altrichter**.
- **Chancellor's Achievement Award** winners for Spring 2005:
 - **Karl Amelchenko**
 - **Lauren Goodman**
 - **Andrew Howe**
 - **Megan Phelps**
 - **David Poisson**
 - **John Ponton**
 - **Andrea Smaxwell**

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Dr. Burgh** Wabash Grant (2005-2006)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ PUBLICATIONS -- Fall 2005

- **Dr. Berg**
 - panelist, "Philadelphia to Baghdad: Constitutional Conventions Then & Now," Sep 19, UNCW
 - "Islamic World at Crossroads," Pathways UNCW, Oct 20, 27, Nov 3
 - "Early African American Muslim Movements and the Qu'ran" at 2005 Qu'ran Conference, London UK, Nov 8-13
- **Dr. Berry**
 - "Nietzsche's Heraclitus" at International Nietzsche Society conference, Sep 15-17, Cambridge University, UK
 - review of John Richardson, *Nietzsche's New Darwinism* (OUP, 2004) for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
- **Dr. Burgh,**
 - chair, panel, AAR, Philadelphia, Nov 16-21
- **Dr Conser**
 - "Missionization in the Southeast," in Suzanne J. Crawford & Dennis F. Kelley, eds., *American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia*
 - "Henry Boynton Smith," in John R. Shook, ed. *The Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*
- **Dr. Gauthier**
 - UNCW representative, Institutional Review Board conference, Boston, December
- **Dr. Murrell**
 - "The Women and Religion of Hitler's Nazi Party" at NCRSA, Wingate University, Oct 21-22 (with Michelle Clark)
 - "A Leviathan Kingdom of God in Hobbes' Christian Commonwealth" AAR, Philadelphia, Nov 16-21
- **Dr. Pasuka**
 - "Cowboys and Christians," NCRSA, Wingate University, NC, Oct 21-22.
 - As VP of NCRSA, Dr. Pasulka will also be master of ceremonies.
- **Dr. Schmid**
 - panelist, "Understanding Hurricanes," CTE, Sep 21, UNCW
 - moderator, "What is the difference between religion and spirituality?" Kenan Chapel, Landfall, Oct 17
 - panelist, "Affirmative Action," UNCW, Oct 26
- **Dr. Turrisi**
 - "Living the American Revolution, 1789-1820" , August 15, Onslow County h.s. teachers, by National Humanities Center:
 - "Peirce and Logical Decision Methodologies," Sandia National Laboratories, by US Dept of Energy, Sep 7-8
 - "Tricksters and Shapeshifters: Traditional and Contemporary" Pathways UNCW Nov 9, 16
- **Dr. Zervos**
 - "Christmas with Salome," NCRSA, Wingate University, NC, Oct 21-22
 - "Modern perspectives on the Bible," Pathways UNCW, Oct 20, 27, Nov 3
 - "Intro to the New Testament: Contemporary Scholarship" College Day UNCW, Nov 12

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

- Weekly meetings throughout the fall, including student presentations on "Religion in Politics: Separation of Church & State?" and "Appearance and Reality", as well as a showing and discussion of the film, *Pi*. Advisor: **Dr. Berry**.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- **PAR Cultural Affairs in 2005-2006** (submitted): we have not yet received word from Academic Affairs about Cultural Affairs funding
 - B. Frank Hall lecture "Destructive Emotions: Buddhist and Western views" by **Dr. Owen Flanagan** of Duke University
 - PAR and Biology co-sponsors "A Primer on Ethics and Biotechnology" by **Dr. Gary Comstock** of NCSU Bioethics Institute