



## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE February 2007

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### FACULTY AND STUDENTS

#### GRADUATES (Summer/December 06)

- PHILOSOPHY Concentration: **Josh Bradford, Gregory Casaletto, Everett Fulmer, Erin Godley, Lisa Grkman, Shawn Lopez, Alexandra Osteyee Hoffman, John Ponton, Grigg Sheffield**
- RELIGION Concentration: **Leon Buchanan, Everett Caldwell, Whitney Fauntleroy, Everett Fulmer, Rebecca Raab, Sarah Rollens, Danielle Strickland, Curtis Snyder, Josi Toothman, David Woods**

For pictures from graduation ceremonies, see PAR website and the glass case in the main hallway.

#### FACULTY RECOGNIZED (by graduating seniors, December 06)

- **Drs. Altrichter, Berg, Burgh, Gauthier, Habibi, Murrell, Pasulka, Schmid, Zervos**

#### RETURNING, RESIGNATION

- **Jeanne Harmon** resigned her position in the Department on Jan 2, to begin work in the Chancellor's office as the administrative secretary for Eileen Goldgeier, the UNCW attorney. Jeanne worked as the PAR department secretary for 12 ½ years.



**Ellen Webster**

**Jeanne Harmon**

**Gloria Willis**

- **Ellen Webster** was hired to replace Jeanne as lead administrative secretary on January 23. Welcome, Ellen!
- **Gloria Willis** joined PAR as administrative secretary on December 11. Welcome, Gloria!
- **Ms. Derstine** is no longer teaching for the department.
- Two new part-time instructors, **Drs. David Fourqurean** and **George Isham**, both members of the Humanities and Fine Arts department at CFCC, are teaching this spring. At CFCC, they teach both philosophy and religion courses. David earned his Ph.D. in Religion and Philosophy from Duke University and reports he is an avid surfer. George earned his Ph.D. in religious studies from Columbia and Union Theological jointly, and an M.A. in philosophy from Michigan State. I don't have a picture from David yet, but here is George:



**George Isham**

- **Dr. Pasulka** returned after medical leave this fall; she gave birth to twins Gabriel and Justin.

## HIRING PROCESS

- PAR anticipates hiring 3 tenure track faculty in 2006-2007, two in Philosophy and one in Religion. Searches are under way, chaired by Drs. Gauthier, Turrisi and Zervos. During January and February, PAR will be interviewing 9 candidates on campus, including presentations by the candidates on Friday afternoons in 261.
- In January, there will be presentations by **Jeffrey Durham**, Asian Religions candidate, and by **Michael Eshleman** and **Ashley Vaught**, History of Philosophy candidates.
- In February, there will be presentations Feb 2 by **Cameron Warner** Asian Religions candidate at 1 pm and by **Ben Sachs** Ethics candidate at 3 pm, on Feb 9 by **Gina Cogan** AR candidate at 1 pm and by **Jane Dryden** History of Philosophy candidate at 3 pm, on Feb 16 by **Nicole Hassoun** Ethics candidate and on Feb 23 by **Scott James** Ethics candidate, both at 2 pm.

## GREG CASALETTO CHOSEN FOR CAS MAGAZINE COVER

- **Greg Casaletto**, PAR grad Dec 2006, was selected for the next College of Arts and Sciences magazine cover. The issue will focus on the Humanities. Greg was a Philosophy concentration PAR major, and earned his teaching certificate at UNCW. He is currently teaching elementary school in New Hanover County. Congratulations, Greg!



**Greg Casalletto**

## STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **Sarah Rollens** presented with Dr. Berg at a national conference (see PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS below)
- **HON 499s** in Spring 2007:
  - **Ian Sheffer** with Dr. Gauthier
  - **Zane Whitner** with Dr. Turrisi
  - **Mary Von Aue** with Dr. Berg
- **DIS students** in Spring 2007:
  - **Mary Aue, Ann Conner, Morgan Gerszewski, Allison Tuszynski, Zane Whitner** with Dr. Berg
  - **Samona Taylor** with Dr. Habibi
  - **Keith Barnhardt, Allison Casey, William Coppage, Lauren Frank, James Stalvey, Mark Xanthos** with Dr. Zervos

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Dr. Berg** and **Sarah Rollens**, "The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinvention and Reinterpretation" at Scripture & Skepticism: The Uses of Doubt in Biblical and Qur'anic Studies (The 2007 Conference of the

Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion), University of California at Davis, Jan 25-28, 2007

- **Dr. Conser,**
  - events relating to *A Coat of Many Colors: Religion and Society Along the Cape Fear River of North Carolina* (U. of Kentucky, 2006): book signing NHC Public Library, Dec 17; news articles: *Wilmington Morning Star* Dec 16, *Luminia News* Jan 07; interview WAAY TV 10 Dec 17.
  - "William G. McLoughlin," in *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America v. I* (Greenwood, 2007)
  - "Religious Diversity in Wilmington," 2007 Leadership Wilmington, Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Foundation.
- **Dr. Murrell,** "The Rastafari as a Case Study in the Caribbean Indigenization of the Bible," in R. S. Sugirtharajah, ed., *Voices From the Margin, Interpreting the Bible in the Third World* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2006): 169-188
- **Dr. Schmid,** Review, *Stoic Warriors: the Ancient Philosophy behind the Military Mind*, Nancy Sherman, *Ancient Philosophy* 26 (2006)

## ALUMNI NEWS

November's alumnus is

- **Josi Toothman, 2006.** After graduation, Josi joined AmeriCorps. Most recently she finished a seven week stay in Beaumont TX, working on Rita Recovery with Habitat for Humanity, and now is off to New Orleans, where she will be working at Camp Hope, a facility that offers meals to destitute people in the NO community. Next fall, after completing her service with AmeriCorps, she hopes to attend seminary, either at Columbia International University or Erskine Theological Seminary, both in South Carolina. Her email address: [stage\\_destined825@yahoo.com](mailto:stage_destined825@yahoo.com).



**Josi Toothman**

- **ALUMNI updates\***
  - **Karl Amelchenko**, 2006, has begun at Wake Forest Law School this fall, where he hopes to also take some logic classes in the spring. Karl is at [amelkj6@law.wfu.edu](mailto:amelkj6@law.wfu.edu) 910.352.9044
  - **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, began the Masters of Divinity program at Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, SC. [leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com](mailto:leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com).
  - **Michelle Clark**, 2006, began the M.A. and Ph.D. program in Holocaust Studies at U. of Texas Dallas
  - **Keith Deiner** passed the NC bar exam last summer (congrats!), is in a master's program in international law at GW in the DC area. You can visit him at 6216 Rose Hill Dr., Apt. #2B, Alexandria VA 22310, cell phone 404-664-4271. Email: [kdiener1@law.gwu.edu](mailto:kdiener1@law.gwu.edu).
  - **Catherine Inglesby** began the Psychology of Religion Master's Degree Program at Heythrop College, UK this fall. **New** email: [dolmadakia@googlemail.com](mailto:dolmadakia@googlemail.com).

- **Will Klinger**, 2005, double major with Anthropology, is in the MA program in Public Archaeology at the University of South Florida, [willklinger@gmail.com](mailto:willklinger@gmail.com)
- **Mark Jeffords**, 1976-77 double major PAR/Biology, a pilot with US Air, reports birth of his and Cindy's first grandchild (congrats!), Joshua, born 12.20.05.
- **David Massey**, 2006, has taken a full time position in the UNCW admissions office (congrats!). His new email is [masseyd@uncw.edu](mailto:masseyd@uncw.edu).
- **Michael Runkle**, 2006, reports that both he and **Andrea Smaxwell**, 2006 are doing well in law school at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA and the Golden Gate School of Law in San Francisco respectively (congrats!). Email: [runklemichael@yahoo.com](mailto:runklemichael@yahoo.com).

\*Please remember to update your email address, as well as send in any info you want posted on this quarterly. The PAR Alumni connection will only work if the Alumni connect!

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### PUBLIC EVENTS



- B. Frank Hall lecturer **Dr. John Dominic Crossan**, "*St. Paul and the Roman Empire*," Kenan Auditorium, 7 pm, Thursday, March 29, 2007. Dr. Crossan (<http://www.westarinstitute.org/Fellows/Crossan/crossan.html>) is one of the most famous New Testament scholars in the world, and a founding member of the Jesus Seminar ([http://www.westarinstitute.org/Jesus\\_Seminar/jesus\\_seminar.html](http://www.westarinstitute.org/Jesus_Seminar/jesus_seminar.html)).