



PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWS UPDATE

November 2006

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FACULTY AND STUDENTS

GRADUATES (August 06)

- PHILOSOPHY Concentration: **Grigg Sheffield**
- RELIGION Concentration: **Josi Toothman**

ANTICIPATED GRADUATES (December 06)

- PHILOSOPHY Concentration: **Gregory Casaletto, Everett Fulmer, Erin Godley, Lisa Grkman, Shawn Lopez, Alexandra Osteyee Hoffman, John Ponton**
- RELIGION Concentration: **Leon Buchanan, Everett Caldwell, Whitney Fauntleroy, Rebecca Raab, Sarah Rollens, Nicole Rozzelle, David Woods**

CHANCELLOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (S06)

- **Josh Bolick and John Ponton**

JOHN J. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO GRANT BREUER

Mrs. Ellen Wilson awarded the first John J. Wilson scholarship to **Grant Breuer**, at a ceremony involving Vice Chancellor Mary Gornto of Advancement on August 25, 2006



PAR OUTSTANDING MINORITY STUDENT EVERETT CALDWELL

Dr. Burgh awards **Everett Caldwell** the **PAR Outstanding Minority Student Award**. Everett was one of just four students in the College of Arts and Sciences to receive the **2006-2007 UNCW Minority Student Achievement Award** for Scholarship and Leadership.



NEW FACULTY, RETURNING, LEAVES, RESIGNATION

- **Dr. Guy Beck** returned as Lecturer in Religion, specialization Hinduism with a particular interest in Hindu sacred music.
- **Ms. Janelle Derstine** joined us as a Lecturer in Philosophy, specialization ethics and metaphysics, with a particular interest in the ontological status of corporations. Janelle is ABD at Rutgers University.
- **Dr. Murrell** returned from Research Reassignment. He reports having completed the bulk of his manuscript, which he anticipates will be published in 2006-2007.
- **Dr. Pasulka** is on medical leave this fall; she gave birth to twins Gabriel and Justin.
- **Mr. Alan Van Wyk** is teaching 2 classes for us this fall. Alan is ABD at Claremont Graduate University, School of Religion.
- **Dr. Joe B. Wilson** resigned from the faculty at UNCW for medical reasons, after serving at UNCW for 20 years, including six years as chair. He is retiring to a new home in Colorado, and reports he is doing well. The department unanimously voted to approve Joe for Emeritus status.



Joe B. Wilson, PAR Chair 1998-2004

HIRING PROCESS

- PAR anticipates hiring 3 faculty in 2006-2007, two in Philosophy and one in Religion. Searches are under way, chaired by Drs. Gauthier, Turrisi and Zervos.

STUDENT SCHOLARS

- **Everett Fulmer** attended the University of Colorado Summer Institute for College Students in Philosophy
- **HON 499s** in Fall 2006:
 - **Everett Fulmer** "Heidegger on the Question of Technology" with Dr. Schmid
 - **Ian Sheffer** "Ethical and Legal Arguments re: Assisted Suicide" with Dr. Gauthier
 - **Zane Whitner** "Transhumanism" with Dr. Turrisi
- **DIS students** in Fall 2006:
 - **Pamela Bozeman** on "New Thought Movement in American Religious History" with Dr. Conser
 - **Everett Caldwell** on "Development of Docetism/Gnosticism" with Dr. Zervos
 - **Matt Sayball** on "Pseudo-Conditionals" with Dr. Altrichter

- **David Woods** on “Origins of Docetism/Gnosticism” with Dr. Zervos.
- **Josie Toothman** studied in Peking, China, in August, where, among other things, she did a DIS on Chinese archaeology and religious studies with Dr. Burgh.
- **Five PAR students** presented at North Carolina Religious Studies Association meeting at UNC-Charlotte, Oct 6, together with **Dr. Murrell**:



- **Greg Casaletto** “Dante’s Inferno and the Buddhist conception of hell”
- **Whitney Fautleroy** “Pop Culture in American Spirituality”
- **Sarah Rollens** “Jesus as an Apocalyptic Prophet”
- **Chris Moreland** “Emperor Constantine’s Conversion to Christianity”
- **Everett Fulmer** “How sexy is poverty? The wisdom of St. Francis”

ALUMNI NEWS

November’s alumnus is

- **Hilary Snow**, UNCW PAR 2002, is currently an writer for the *State Port Pilot* in Southport, NC. In 2005, she received the Duke Divinity School Award for excellence in Religion reporting from the North Carolina Press Association (congrats!). Hilary reports that she is happy in her work, and is getting married on Oct 20 2007! See her story on evolution and intelligent design at: <http://www.stateportpilot.com/stories/under-evolution-intel-design-22206.htm>, on the Brunswick school board Bible policy at: <http://www.stateportpilot.com/stories/school-board0510.htm>. We hope Hilary will be up to meet John Dominic Crossan this spring. You can contact Hilary at hsnow@stateportpilot.com.



Hilary and her fiancé, **Gordon Annand**
(on the Acropolis overlooking modern Athens)

- **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 910.352.9044
- **Leon Buchanan**, 2006, has begun the Masters of Divinity program at the Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, South Carolina. leonsbuchanan@hotmail.com.
- **Michelle Clark**, 2006, began the M.A. and Ph.D. program in Holocaust Studies at U. of Texas Dallas
- **Keith Deiner** just passed the NC bar exam last summer (congrats!), is now 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.
- **Catherine Inglesby** began the Psychology of Religion Master's Degree Program at Heythrop College, UK this fall
- **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.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Faculty from PAR published 5 books in 2006:

- Dr. Altrichter, ed. *BERKELEY'S PHILOSOPHICAL WRITINGS* (in Hungarian) by L'Harmattan Press
- Dr. Beck, ed. *SACRED SOUND: Experiencing Music in World Religions* by Wilfred Laurier University Press
- Dr. Burgh, *LISTENING TO THE ARTIFACTS: Music Culture in Ancient Israel/Palestine* by T&T International Press
- Dr. Conser, *A COAT OF MANY COLORS: Religion and Society along the Cape Fear River of North Carolina*, by University of Kentucky Press
- Dr. White, *POSTMODERNISM 101: A First Course for the Curious Christian* by Brazos Press



Drs. Altrichter, Conser, White, Burgh, Beck

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLICATIONS /ACTIVITIES–August- November 06

Ms. Derstine

- "The Ontological Status of Corporations," Society for Business Ethics, Atlanta, August

Dr. Habibi

- "Two Utilitarian Approaches to Human Rights," Coastal Carolina, Sep

Dr. Murrell

- "Sagyagrata and Ahimsa in Jesus and Christ," NCRSA, Oct

Dr. White

- Metaethics workshop, U. of Wisconsin, Sep

PUBLIC EVENTS



- B. Frank Hall lecturer **Dr. John Dominic Crossan**, “Jesus in Contemporary Scholarship,” Kenan Auditorium, 8 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).