## **Faith Integration April Update**

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## "Faith Integration is understood as theologically informed reflection on integrating faith within the academic disciplines, professional programs and lived practice in order to advance the understanding of Christian higher education and to develop moral

—APU Definition of Faith Integration for WASC Accreditation

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pact the world."

"Faith Integration is informed reflection on and discovery of Christian faith within the academic disciplines, professional programs, and lived practice, resulting in the articulation of Christian perspectives on truth and life in order to advance the work of God in the world.

—Newest Senate approved definition

## Seminar in Faith Integration and Christian Ethics

The Office of Faith Integration will sponsor a "Seminar in Faith Integration and Christian Ethics" this summer, *May 31-June 3*.

For many disciplines, ethics offers a helpful "gateway" into the integration of faith and learning in the classroom and in research. This seminar offers the opportunity to investigate Christianity's rich legacy of ethical thought and stimulate ideas about its application to your discipline. Natural law, divine command, virtue, and narrative ethics, among others, will be discussed with an eye toward how they can be incorporated into your research and classroom.

The sessions will run from <u>8:30-12:00</u> on four consecutive mornings, and will be conducted seminar style, revolving around the assigned readings. Steve Wilkens and Paul Kaak will be the seminar facilitators. Each participant will receive free books and materials for the seminar and a \$350 stipend for participation.

Faculty accepted into the Summer Faith Integration Seminar must identify a research project that can be coordinated with the seminar topic or a course in which they plan to integrate seminar contents with classroom instruction. Participants will be expected to submit a report by Oct. 1, 2011 outlining progress on their research or syllabus development. Enrollment is limited to the first 10 full-time faculty members who submit the application materials.

To apply, provide a one-paragraph description of the research project or course-syllabus for which you intend to integrate this material to Erica Thompson (ejthompson@apu.edu) in the Office of Faith Integration by May 6.

## **Fall Faculty Faith Integration Courses**

The following courses will be offered on the graduate calendar for the Fall 2011 semester (15 weeks):

**GRAD 501**: Faith Integration and Curriculum Development—Mondays 1:00-4:00pm

**GRAD 512**: Theological Research in Academic Disciplines Tuesdays: 1:00-4:00pm

Sign up now to reserve your spot: Email David Colachico (dcolachico@apu.edu) and Steven Thomas (scthomas@apu.edu)