APU to Host Multiple Conferences

On March 4-6, APU will host the annual meetings of the Wesleyan Theological Society, the Wesleyan Philosophical Society, and the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology. These annual meetings address a variety of social, theological, cultural, philosophical, ethical, and biblical concerns from the Wesleyan theological perspective. Many sessions address issues at the center of faith integration and should provide ample faculty development opportunities for APU faculty as well as students.

The conference theme for the Wesleyan Theological Society is “The Future of Scripture.” Invited and keynote speakers for the conference include Billy Abraham (Southern Methodist University), Richard Hays (Duke Divinity School), John Cobb (Claremont School of Theology), and Thomas Noble (Nazarene Theological Seminary).

BOOK REVIEW: Craig Steven Titus, The Psychology of Character and Virtue - Reviewed by Craig A. Boyd

This edited text addresses the nature of Christian ethics and character while engaging a variety of disciplines including political science, theology, philosophy, and psychology. Contributors include Charles Taliaferro, Robert Audi, John Rist, & Richard Swinburne.

The theme that weaves itself through all of the essays is that the Christian virtues are not the sole possession of merely one discipline. Rather, psychology, philosophy, theology, and literature all have important threads in the fabric of the virtues. To focus on any one of these disciplines at the expense of any of the others is to fail to appreciate that which is truly Christian.

A specifically Christian theme that runs throughout the essays is the problems of moral frailty and failures. Traditional moral theories such as consequentialism and deontology often have difficulty explaining these problems. In contrast, virtue theories give an account of why people struggle with temptation and why even good people sometimes do the wrong thing. This text is well worth the effort.
2 Faith Integration CFEP Training Sessions Left for 2009-2010

Faculty needing assistance in completing their Faith Integration portion of CFEP may want to enroll in one of the monthly Faith Integration Workshops offered throughout the remainder of the year. These workshops address in detail: (1) what is required for rank promotion and extended contract, (2) how to respond to the role questions, (3) how faculty materials will be evaluated, and (4) things faculty need to do to prepare for the review. Note the following dates:

Monday, March 8; 10:30 - 12:30-East Campus; TBD
Tuesday, April 13; 11:30 - 1:30-West Campus; Duke 616

Space is limited for these workshops so if you plan on attending you must respond to facultyevaluation@apu.edu.

The APU Faith Integration website is currently being updated and revised. New features on the website will include links to CFEP helps (e.g. sample role question papers, the rubric for evaluation, and tips for completing the Faith Integration portion of CFEP), bibliographical materials, Faith integration related news items and articles, as well as a new calendar of events.

FAITH INTEGRATION-RELATED EVENTS AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COMMON DAY OF LEARNING: Cling to That Which is Good.
March 3. Azusa Pacific University. Keynote Speaker: Dallas Willard
11:00 a.m. Felix Event Center

NURTURING THE PROPHETIC IMAGINATION.
March 24-26. Point Loma Nazarene University
www.pointloma.edu/Events

2010 WASC ARC Conference on Sustainability: The Vision for Higher Education.
April 21-23. Long Beach, CA
www.wascsenior.org

LILLY FELLOWS SUMMER SEMINAR: GENDER AND CHRISTIANITY
June 21-July 16. Seattle Pacific University
www.spu.edu/depts/theology/lilly/


CCCU NEW FACULTY WORKSHOP. June 1-4
Palm Beach Atlantic University
www.cccu.org

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