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Welcome from the Director

Welcome to the fifth issue of *Intersections*! This summer brought change to the Louisville Institute with several new board members, new telephone numbers, new grant deadlines and new information on the website. This issue features information on all of the changes, as well as an enlightening interview with Arturo J. Bañuelas, a member of the second Pastors Working Group, and a list of the 2004-05 grantees from our competitive grant programs. We hope you enjoy this issue of *Intersections*.

Jim Lewis



A TIME OF TRANSITION AT THE LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE

This summer has been a time of considerable Board transition for the Louisville Institute. Like many such transitions, it involves both sadness and joy. Taking the bad news first, four “veteran” Board members rotated off the Board at the end of May:

Nancy Ammerman (Boston University), Kathryn Johnson (Louisville Seminary), Michael Mooty (Central Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky) and Paul Philibert (Aquinas School of Theology). For many years, they have made invaluable contributions to Louisville Institute grant deliberations and to such Institute gatherings as our Winter Seminar. They have modeled for us the kind of collegial conversation between church and academy that the Louisville Institute hopes to foster more broadly. For their creativity, dedication, hard work, and friendship, we will always be in their debt.

At its meeting in April, the Louisville Seminary Board approved the addition of four new members to the Board of the Louisville

Institute, representing both church and academy. We are pleased to welcome them to the Board and to introduce them to the readers of *Intersections*.

William Cahoy has been since 1999 Dean of the School of Theology and Seminary of St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Prior to this appointment, he served on the faculty at St. John's University and St. Mary's College. Bill was educated at St. John's, Duke, and Yale universities. A theologian, he is known as a gifted leader in the world of theological education. He and his wife, Jennifer Johnson, have three children.

Shawnthea Monroe-Mueller is the pastor of the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Moorhead, Minnesota, a position she has held since 2000. Prior to that time, she served in pastoral ministry in North Dakota, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH MSGR. ARTURO J. BAÑUELAS

Arturo J. Bañuelas is a priest and educator in the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Texas. Born in nearby Pecos, he was raised as one of eight children in what he calls a “very Catholic” family. After attending a Jesuit high school in El Paso, Bañuelas attended the Josephinum in Ohio, and Notre Dame Seminary and Loyola University in New Orleans. After ordination in 1976 and ministry at Santa Lucia parish in El Paso and as assistant to then Bishop Raymundo Peña, in 1988 Bañuelas obtained a doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

On his return to El Paso Bañuelas became pastor of St. Pius X parish and the founding director of Tepeyac Institute, a diocesan ministry formation center. Since its inception, the Institute has prepared over 12,000 persons for ministry. In 1988 he became the co-founder of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS) and serves on the editorial board of its *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*. The parish has grown to over 3200 families and was featured in Paul Wilkes’ book *Excellent Catholic Parishes* for the community’s 43 parish ministries and trained laity.

The Louisville Institute is fortunate to count Bañuelas among the members of the second Pastors’ Working Group, and privileged to



have awarded him a sabbatical grant which he will use to study Pauline literature and tour Pauline archeological sites in Greece and Turkey. *Intersections* spoke with Msgr. Bañuelas during the annual Tepeyac Summer Institute in June.

Question: 1988 was a busy year for you. You finished doctoral studies, came to St. Pius X, started Tepeyac in El Paso, and helped start ACHTUS. Tell us about the “Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the U.S.” and then about the parish, a perfect combination for the Louisville Institute.

Bañuelas: Since the late 1970’s Latin America had an emerging liberation theology, and the Blacks had Black liberation theology because they were reflecting theologically from within their own context. Latinos did not yet have a similar systematic reflection of the Latino experience in the United States. In 1988 there were only a handful of Latino/as in the United States with doctorates in theology, so we got together to reflect on our reality as U.S. Latinos; and ACHTUS was born. The Academy takes seriously the experience of Latinos, especially in solidarity with the struggling poorest and wants to give voice to the faith stories of those often neglected in Western European theology.

ACHTUS has grown to 116 members, 52 Latino theologians plus the associate and honorary members. The *Journal of Hispanic Latino Theology* keeps expanding and will now be published by Notre Dame University Press. Because of ACHTUS, I was fortunate enough to teach the first ever course on US Latino Theology at the Pacific School of Religion and the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and edited *Mestizo Christianity*, a first volume of leading Latino theological voices.

Question: And what about the parish? St. Pius X was chosen one of eight Excellent Catholic Parishes by Paul Wilkes and his team, who said that St. Pius is “a community with a mission.” That is quite an honor.

Bañuelas: St. Pius is a vibrant bilingual multicultural community which also reaches out to the greater community, especially the poor in the *colonias*. The parish embraces the Vatican II vision of church and its call to serve. We are a great mixture of English and Spanish communities united by varied and rich liturgical life. Our parish life incorporates the enriching Hispanic faith traditions, promotes collegial ownership of the parish administration, has over 1100 trained laity for ministry, and outstanding ministries. Parish health care ministry, bereavement ministry, AIDS Ministry, Elderly care ministry, Sacred Earth ministry, Life Teen ministry, are a few of our 43 distinctive parish ministries. Because of our strong evangelization efforts, we have 24 small communities.

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PARISH-BASED BIBLICAL SCHOLARSHIP PANELS SCHEDULED FOR SAN ANTONIO

In partnership with the Society of Biblical Literature the Louisville Institute will sponsor two panels on “Parish-based Biblical Scholarship” during the San Antonio Annual Meetings of the Society and the American Academy of Religion. Associate Director Bill Brosend, long time member of the Society, will co-convene the panels with Fred Craddock and Marcus Borg. Other panelists include scholars and pastors whose work has long been identified with the Church: David Bartlett, Brad Braxton, Walter Brueggemann, Timothy Cargal, John Donahue S.J., Sharyn Dowd, Greg Glover, Walter Harrelson, Earl Johnson, Barbara Rossing, and Wesley Wachob.

The panels will encourage biblical scholars whose institutional home is in the parish or other non-academic setting to continue to research and publish, foster discussion among biblical scholars with commitment to the Church regardless of vocational setting, and inform SBL members of Louisville Institute grant programs. The first panel, Saturday, November 20, 4-6:30 PM, will focus on research. The second panel, Monday, November 22, 4-6:30 PM, will focus on writing, and will be followed by a reception. For more information check your AAR/SBL program book, or contact Bill Brosend at wbrosend@louisville-institute.org.

New Telephone Numbers

You may have noticed a recent change in Louisville Institute’s phone system. You may continue to reach us through the Louisville Seminary switchboard at (502) 895-3411 or you can reach us directly at the numbers below.

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Jim Lewis: (502) 992-9341
Bill Brosend: (502) 992-5430
Suzanne Case: (502) 992-5432
Keri Liechty: (502) 992-5431

Changing Application Deadlines

**Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders
September 15**

**Summer Stipend
October 15**

**Christian Faith and Life
November 15**

**Religious Institutions
December 1**

**Dissertation Fellowship
January 15**

**First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars
February 15**

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2004-05 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM GRANTEES

The grantmaking work of the Louisville Institute includes a General Grant program and six competitive grant programs that are more specific in terms of project topics. The last issue of *Intersections* listed the grantees in our Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders Program. In this issue, we highlight the 2004-05 grantees in our other five competitive grant programs. These programs, and their basic purposes, are as follows:

The Christian Faith and Life Grants Program supports research projects designed to make more accessible to religious believers the themes of Christian faith in relation to the realities of their contemporary lives.

The Religious Institutions Grants Program supports research projects designed to encourage reflection on the nature of and challenges to religious organizations and institutions in the contemporary world.

The Dissertation Fellowship Program supports the final year of Ph.D. or Th.D. dissertation writing for students engaged in research related to American Christianity.

The First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars assists junior, non-tenured religion scholars of color to complete a major research project on an issue in American Christianity related to the priorities of the Louisville Institute.

The Summer Stipend Program supports ten weeks of research and writing on projects that address the current program priorities of the Louisville Institute: Christian faith and life, religious institutions, and pastoral leadership.

Additional information about all of these grant programs is available by mail and on our website. (Please note that we have made several changes in the eligibility and application deadlines for several of these programs.) A brief abstract describing each of the following projects is also available on our website.

CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE SABBATICAL GRANTS

John R. Bowlin
University of Tulsa
*Counting Forbearance as
Salvation: Recovering
Toleration and Forbearance
for Church Practice*



Jaime A. Clark-Soles
Southern Methodist University, Perkins
School of Theology
Death and Afterlife: New Testament Options?

Jon P. Gunnemann
Emory University, Candler School of
Theology
Capital, Spirit, and Common Weal

David G. Kamitsuka
Oberlin College
*Solidarity and Irony: Theology in an Age of
Ambiguity, Plurality and Suffering*

Kristen Elaine Kvam
Saint Paul School of Theology
*Being Human—Equality and Mutuality Between
Male and Female: Reading the Story of Adam and
Eve with Luther*

DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

**Anne Louise
Borden**
Emory University
*Making Money,
Saving Souls: The
Emergence and
Evolution of the
Christian Bookstore Field in the United States*



Laura Rebecca Clawson
Princeton University
*I Belong to this Band, Hallelujah: Faith, Community
and Tradition Among Sacred Harp Singers*

Stephen M. Hageman
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
*Confronting Backlash, White Flight, and Urban
Decline: The Catholic Neighborhood Movement and
Community Organizing in White Ethnic Chicago,
1966-1990*

Christopher David Hinkle
Harvard Divinity School
*Secularization Troubles: The Sociology of Liberal
Protestantism*

Matthew T. Loveland

University of Notre Dame

Civic Congregations: Congregational Dynamics and Individual Civic Choices

Pamela Ruth McCarroll

Knox College-University of Toronto

Waiting for the Thief in the Night: The Character of Hope in a North American Theology of the Cross

Marsha M. Michie

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

What God Has for Me, It is for Me: Living Religion in an Independent Pentecostal Church

Bethany Ellen Moreton

Yale University

Wal-Mart World: The Christian Free Enterprise Ethos from the Sunbelt to the Panama Canal

Justin David Poché

University of Notre Dame

Religion, Race, and Rights in Catholic Louisiana, 1938-1975

Peter Gordon Slade

University of Virginia

Open Friendship in a Closed Society: Mission Mississippi and a Theology of Friendship

FIRST BOOK GRANT FOR MINORITY SCHOLARS



J. Kameron Carter

Duke University Divinity School

Singing in a Strange Land: Religion and the Black Intellectual Imagination, 1896-1940

Michelle A. Gonzalez

Loyola Marymount University

Theology in a Cuban-American Key: A Collaboration Between Latinola and Black Theologies

Fenggang Yang

Purdue University

Independence and Integration: Chinese Christian Churches in America

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

James C. Cavendish

University of South Florida

Parish Life Among Black Catholics in the U.S.: The Challenge of Diversity



Penny A. Edgell

University of Minnesota

Religion, Work, and Family in Diverse Communities in the United States

Richard Darrel Grannis

University of California

Denominations or Clergy Networks: Analysis of the Macro-Level Structures Emerging From Micro-Level Clergy Interactions

Sandra M. Schneiders

Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

Religious Life in a New Millennium, Volume Three, Buying the Field: Religious Life and Responsibility for the World

SUMMER STIPEND PROGRAM



Wendy A. Cadge

Bowdoin College

Lessons Learned: Congregations Talking About Homosexuality

Carol K. Coburn

Avila University

The Needy Shall Not Always Be Forgotten: Catholic Sisters and New Ministries in the Deep South

Edward P. Hahnenberg

Xavier University

At the Service of Self-Gift: Trinity, Sacrifice, and Priesthood in the Theology of Edward J. Kilmartin

James P. McCartin

Seton Hall University

Historicizing the Sexual Abuse Crises: Roman Catholic Sexual Ethics in the United States, 1930-80

Sarah K. Pinnock

Trinity University

Never Again? Generational Shifts in Post-Holocaust Theology

Thomas E. Reynolds

St. Norbert College

The Strange Power of God in Christ: Toward a Christology of Disability

Marion A. Taylor

Wycliffe College

Her Exegesis: An Anthology of Nineteenth-Century American Women's Biblical Interpretation

Daniel Everett Walker

San Bernardino Valley College

Sanctified Singing for an Unsaved World: The Church of God in Christ and the Early Gospel Sound

Hillary Ann Warren

Otterbein College

There's Never Been a Show Like Veggie Tales: The Market, Media and Evangelical Message of Big Idea Productions

Alum Updates

W. Bradford Wilcox

(Dissertation Fellowship 1998) recently published *Soft Patriarchs, New Men: How Christianity Shapes Fathers and Husbands* (University of Chicago Press, Spring 2004).

Julie Ingersoll

(Dissertation Fellowship 1995) published *Evangelical Christian Women: War Stories in the Gender Battles* (New York: New York University Press, 2003). Ingersoll is associate professor of religious studies at the University of North Florida.

Professor Bill Placher

(Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical 2001) of Wabash College received an award of merit from Christianity Today's 2004 book awards for *Essentials of Christian Theology* (editor). The book was also included in the list of outstanding books in theology in Christian Century's spring books issue (May 18).

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR PUBLISHES BIBLICAL COMMENTARY

His three colleagues at the Louisville Institute are pleased to announce that Associate Director, Bill Brosend, has recently published *James and Jude* in the New Cambridge Bible Commentary series. As Bill notes in his introduction, his "reading of the letter of James and Jude is very much indebted to the readings, formal and informal, emerging from the Church in the years past and is submitted not as a corrective but in the hope of furthering the conversation and encouraging others to attend more seriously to what James and Jude say to us today" (pp. 1-2).
Congratulations Bill!

MORE GRANT INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE AT

WWW.LOUISVILLE-INSTITUTE.ORG

Readers can now access on our web site (under "Previous Awards") brief abstracts for Louisville Institute grants in the following grant programs: Christian Faith and Life, Dissertation Fellowship, First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars, Religious Institutions, and Summer Stipend. Recent General Grant abstracts are also available online.

GRANT-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

The following publications related to Louisville Institute grants have been received since our last newsletter:

Beyond the Scandals: A Guide to Healthy Sexuality for Clergy

G. Lloyd Rediger
Augsburg Fortress (2003)

Congregations in America

Mark Chaves
Harvard University Press (2004)

Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church

Barbara Holmes
Fortress Press (2004)

Stewards of God's Mysteries: Priestly Spirituality in a Changing Church

Paul J. Philibert
Liturgical Press (2004)

The Bible in History: How the Texts Have Shaped the Times

David Kling
Oxford University Press (2004)

The Lion and the Lamb: Evangelicals and Catholics in America

William M. Shea
Oxford University Press (2004)

William Sloane Coffin Jr.: A Holy Impatience

Warren Goldstein
Yale University Press (2004)

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Shawnthea was educated at the University of Minnesota and Yale Divinity School. She and her husband, Neill Mueller, have three children.

New Louisville Institute Board

**Members: (L to R) -
Dean Thompson,
Dianne Reistroffer,
William Cahoy and
Shawnthea Monroe-
Mueller.**



Dianne Reistroffer is the Dean of Louisville Seminary and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Prior to coming to LPTS in 1998, she served a number of pastoral positions in Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. She was educated at the College of St. Teresa, Villanova University, Boston University, and the University of Wisconsin. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, she is active at both the local and denominational levels.

We are also pleased to announce that our home institution, Louisville Seminary, welcomed this summer a new president, the **Reverend Dr. Dean Thompson**. An ordained Presbyterian pastor, Dean Thompson served the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, West Virginia since 1995. Prior to that, he served congregations in California, Texas, and West Virginia. He was

educated at Marshall University and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. In addition to being a pastor, he is an American religious historian. As president of Louisville Seminary,

Dean Thompson also serves on the Board of the Louisville Institute.

We hope to be able to announce one other addition to the Board in a future issue of *Intersections*.

Welcome, one and all!

LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR AAR/SBL MEETING

The Louisville Institute's reception at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature has been scheduled for Saturday, November 20, from 7:00-8:30 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. All friends of the Louisville Institute are invited to attend.

Alum Updates

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Randall Stephens (Dissertation Fellowship 2002) has been named this year's recipient of the M. E. Bradford Dissertation Prize given by the St. George Tucker Society, an interdisciplinary southern studies group aimed at promoting discussion across disciplinary, ideological, and topical lines among Southernists. The Prize is awarded annually by the society for the best dissertation in Southern studies. The prize carries a stipend and expenses for attending the society's annual meeting.

James Calvin Davis (Dissertation Fellowship 2000-2001) of Middlebury College reports that Westminster John Knox Press will release this fall his first book, *The Moral Theology of Roger Williams: Christian Conviction and Public Ethics*, as part of the Columbia Series on Reformed Theology. He is beginning to work on a new project on the possibilities for the role of religion (in particular Christianity) in the American public's debate over biotechnology.

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God has also blessed our parish with 9 incredibly good choirs that range from an 80 voice choir, to mariachi, and teen rock band. I am very proud of our parochial school,

K-8, because it emphasizes bilingual education and instills a commitment to social justice in our students. It has a two-year waiting list, and this year, at many high school graduations here in El Paso, the valedictorians came from St. Pius X School.

People in our parish are very welcoming and very committed to their faith. We have a strong sense of fiesta to thank God for abundant blessings. Basically, our parish gives witness that the vision of Vatican II works. The Spirit is taking our church in new directions.

The emerging lay leadership and ministry are outstanding signs of this movement. We do not know where this direction will take our parish, but I feel filled with hope as we move toward deeper growth and new life.

Question: Tell us about the Tepeyac Institute. Why and how was it started?

Bañuelas: A renewed gift to the church is the formation of lay people and not because of the priest shortage, but because Vatican II has inspired the laity to claim their rightful role in the life of the church and its mission in the world. If the church is going to be prepared for the future we need to prepare and train the laity.

Tepeyac is the name of the mountain in Mexico where Juan Diego encounters Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Institute took the name "Tepeyac" to link its work with the evangelization mission began at Tepeyac for the Americas. Living on the US - Mexican border we have strong ties to our cultural and religious heritage. Our border also provides a unique context for ministry and therefore for ministerial formation.

To our great surprise, our first class had 1200 people! We were prepared for the 30 who registered. Part of our success is the support of the pastors. To date we have had 100 percent participation of all the parishes in the diocese. Furthermore, our people are hungry to learn about their faith and how to connect their faith to a daily life spirituality in service to others.

Today we average between 600 to 800 per year in our formation programs and about the same number for our Summer Institute. Our programs focus on theological formation and practical training for leadership and ministry in

the parish. Also we offer formation programs for parish ministries as well as for jails, hospitals, *colonias*, youth, social justice, to mention a few. We have 14 programs for advanced studies such as our Hispanic Liturgical Studies certificate, Catholic school teachers religious accreditation certificate, and Rite of Christian Initiation certificate.

Next year we will begin our Masters level formation program to prepare at least five persons in every parish with a masters level preparation. We are proud and grateful for the incredible support from our outstanding visiting faculty of which over 90 have doctorates in theology or related fields. Some of our stellar faculty include Orlando Espin, María Pilar Aquino, Mark Francis, Arturo Perez, Jeanette Rodriguez, Lorenzo Albacete, Tim Matovina, Katherine McMorrow, Paul Turner, Rabbi Larry Back, Sixto Garcia, Allan Figueroa Deck, Juan Alfaro, Margarita Armendariz, Zoila Diaz.

This year, thanks to the Louisville Institute and Bill Brosend, Tepeyac had its first Protestant scholar teach at our Summer Institute. Bill got rave reviews for his classes and participants in his classes have been calling requesting that Bill return to teach at Tepeyac.

Question: Tell us about your experience with the second Pastors Working Group.

Bañuelas: It was an incredible experience for me. Since I come from the border which is

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predominantly Catholic, Protestantism is seen with suspicion because of aggressive fundamentalist movements among Hispanics. Being with intelligent, creative, dedicated, caring, faith-filled Protestant pastors opened up a new world for me. They gave me an exciting new vision of what the Church of Christ could be like. This was the first time I was in a working group at a more serious faith level with Protestant clergy who share a passion for God and ministry. I got a glimpse of the coming new millennium for the Church of Christ.

Reading lots of Protestant theology made me feel more Calvinist than ever before. Our theological discussions were challenging and thought provoking, yet very open and affirming of our own faith traditions. I learned a lot from pastors who are struggling with the same issues I have in the parish. Issues such as dealing with the conservative/liberal divide, the empowerment of our people for church life, sexual orientation issues, gender issues, the gospel call to justice, credible preaching to a society that at times seems uninterested to listen.

In some ways, it hurt me to see the traditional distances between our churches. Perhaps if local clergy met in a respectful and open setting, such as we did with the Pastors Working Group, the Church of Jesus Christ would be more united. I am very grateful to my friends in the group who brought me to a

new moment in my priestly ministry. Because of them, I feel committed to a deeply ecumenical perspective in my life and pastoral ministry; especially in my parish.

Question: Your ministry at St. Pius X, at Tepeyac, and with ACHTUS places you at the same intersection central to the work of the Louisville Institute. How does it hold together for you?

Bañuelas: I feel I live in the best of both worlds, pastoral ministry and academia. I have seen how serious commitment to pastoral care and critical theological reflection are essential to effective pastoring. In fact, I have learned how the community acts as a theologian discerning the movement of the Spirit. Pastoral practice helps me set up the agendas for Tepeyac. The critical reflection processes of ACHTUS and Tepeyac help me clarify the vision of pastoral life. Pastoring is an extremely creative venture, an art form of sorts. Without this dimension, theological reflection would be empty of the rich mystical perspectives in people's daily journey with God, especially of those who daily struggle to survive.

I have been richly blessed to be part of a parish moving in new directions which continues to challenge my theological assumptions, and blessed to belong to a world of academia in which friends challenge me to clarify my faith practices in light of the Living God among us.

Give Us Your Feedback...

The Louisville Institute's *Intersections* Newsletter is published three times per year. Your comments or suggestions are greatly appreciated as we continue to improve this publication. Also, if you would like to update your mailing information or be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.

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Alum News...

If you are a current or former Louisville Institute grantee and have had a significant milestone or achievement in your career or personal life, we want to hear about it. Please email us at info@louisville-institute.org, subject: "Alum News" to include your achievement in upcoming editions of *Intersections*.

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by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who
study them, so that the work of each might inform and strengthen the work
of the other.



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