



# Intersections

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## Welcome from the Associate Director

Welcome to the fifth issue of *Intersections!* In this issue, we welcome a new board member; gather a group of distinguished writers and pastors; and convene Biblical Scholarship Panels. This issue also features an interview with 2001 General Grant recipient, Vincent Miller. We finish with a complete list of the 2003-2004 General Grant recipients, publications and Dissertation Fellowships. We hope you enjoy this issue of *Intersections*.

## INSTITUTE HOSTS WRITING CONSULTATION FEATURING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

In mid-September a truly distinguished group of writers, editors, and pastoral leaders joined Louisville Institute and Lilly Endowment, Inc. staff for a conversation about writing. Focus was on identifying the kind of writing that strengthens and encourages people of faith and their communities.

Lilly Endowment Vice President for Religion, Craig Dykstra, opened the consultation by sharing Endowment and Institute priorities around writing and the history of the work done to date. He encouraged participants to focus on questions such as the following:

- How can we get the literature we need from whomever can write it?
- How can we fund literature that fosters imagination, creativity, and faith?
- How can we fund writing and reading toward the end that Christian faith for the life of the world will be strengthened?

Presentations and lively discussion followed centering on the need for good writing on truly important topics, the

genres and qualities of writing needed, the obstacles to the creation of the writing we seek, and how the Endowment and the Institute might assist those producing the literature needed through existing grant programs, convening, and new initiatives. A few highlights, selected at random:

Barbara Taylor, who identified herself as “a pastor to those who do not have a church,” remarked that, “reading and writing inject more wonder to our faith. There is a spectrum from ‘conviction’ to ‘wonder,’ and the church seems captivated by conviction, with a resulting loss of wonder.” She also noted that, “Good writing enlarges our view of God ... puts more poetry into our speech... and reminds us of the transforming power of the word.”

Heidi Neumark argued, “It is not surprising that there is a dearth of writing by pastoral practitioners, because there is no expectation or preparation for doing it.

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### AN INTERVIEW WITH VINCENT MILLER

In 2001, theologian Vincent Miller of Georgetown University received a Louisville Institute General Grant to support his project on “the effects of consumer culture on religious practice”. His book, *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture*, was published by Continuum in 2003. After completing the book, he met with an ecumenical group of pastors to discuss its pastoral implications. Since the Louisville Institute seeks to bring pastors and academics together, *Intersections* interviewed him about his experience of doing just that. Our conversation took place at the American Academy of Religion meeting in San Antonio in November 2004.

LI: What is the major argument of your book, *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture*?

VM: The book is not so much a critique of consumerism as it is a study of the interaction between consumer culture and religion. The fundamental problem with consumer culture is that it commodifies religion—religious traditions are presented and engaged as a collection of doctrines, symbols and practices shorn of the all-important interconnections that weave them into a worldview and a form of life. We tend to bring to our religious lives the pick-and-choose habits of a consumer,

reducing the ability of our traditions to transform us and our world.

LI: What have been the major responses to your book so far?

VM: The feedback has been good. There have been a number of positive reviews in popular journals; academic reviews are just beginning to appear. The initial press run is almost gone, and Continuum is reprinting it. My students have been very enthusiastic. They respond well to critical and theological engagements with their own culture. They know well about treating culture and religions as commodities and want to understand the problem and find tactics for challenging it.

LI: Can you tell us how you constructed your group of pastors and how you organized the conversation?

VM: With the help of the Louisville Institute, I sent a mailing to seventy pastors, describing the book and seeking their participation in a conversation about it. I offered to send them a copy of the book. Approximately twenty responded initially, and, in the end, 10 were able to participate. This number turned out to be just right. In addition to a copy of the book, I used the grant to provide each of them a modest honorarium. In



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## PARISH/SYNAGOGUE-BASED BIBLICAL SCHOLARSHIP PANELS IN SAN ANTONIO

In cooperation with the Society of Biblical Literature the Louisville Institute sponsored two panels and a reception on the topic “Parish/Synagogue-based Biblical Scholarship” as part of the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The panels modeled for the guild the convening of pastoral and academic leaders at the heart of our mission, and attracted over 225 participants. It helps to have folk like Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, David Bartlett, Barbara Rossing, Margaret Mitchell, and Brad Braxton on the panels!

The Institute’s goals for the panels were multiple, and by all accounts were richly met. First, we wanted to encourage members of the scholarly guild whose vocational calling is to parish or synagogue to continue to think of themselves as scholars and writers, and to look to the Institute for support. Second, we wanted to remind all biblical scholars that people of faith are a, if not the, primary audience for their scholarship, and to research and write accordingly. Third, we sought to initiate a conversation in the guild about the broader nature and purpose of its work, how it is organized to do that work, and the place of ecclesial commitments. The energy on the panel, and from the audience, indicates that we struck a resounding chord.

At the reception following the second panel, “Publish and Parish,” more than a dozen publishers were available to answer questions about publishing priorities, procedures for submitting proposals, and other issues. To date all of the panelists, and 45 others, have indicated

a desire to participate in two sessions planned for the 2005 AAR/SBL meeting in Philadelphia. [If you are interested in being informed of future plans, contact Institute Associate Director Bill Brosend at \[info@louisville-institute.org\]\(mailto:info@louisville-institute.org\).](#)

Unfortunately two panelists, John Donahue S.J. and Fred Craddock were not able to participate for health reasons. The full list of panelists is below:

### **Panel One**

#### **Brad Braxton,**

Vanderbilt Divinity School

#### **Sharyn Dowd,**

Baylor University

#### **Greg Glover,**

Southminster Presbyterian Church,  
Indianapolis, IN



#### **Walter Harrelson,**

Vanderbilt Divinity School  
emeritus

#### **Margaret Mitchell,**

University of Chicago

#### **Wesley Wachob,**

Glenn United Methodist Church,  
Atlanta, GA

### **Panel Two**

#### **Marcus Borg,**

Oregon State University,  
presiding

#### **David Bartlett,**

Yale Divinity School and  
Columbia Theological Seminary

#### **Walter Brueggemann,**

Columbia Theological Seminary

#### **Timothy Cargal,**

Northwood Presbyterian Church,  
Silver Spring, MD

#### **Earl Johnson,**

First Presbyterian Church,  
Johnstown, NY

#### **Rabbi Jonathan Rosenbaum,**

Gratz College

#### **Barbara Rossing,**

Lutheran School of Theology in  
Chicago

NEW BOARD  
MEMBER:  
JIM NIEMAN

At its meeting in November, the Louisville Seminary Board approved the addition of James Nieman to the Board of the Louisville Institute. Newly appointed



as Professor of Practical Theology at Hartford Seminary, Jim was formerly Associate Professor of Homiletics at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He was educated at Pacific Lutheran University (BA), Wartburg Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University (PhD).

An ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, he has served parishes in Iowa and Alaska. He and his wife, JoAnn Post (also an ordained pastor in the ELCA and a former SGPL grantee), have two children. We are pleased to welcome James Nieman to the Board and to introduce him to the readers of *Intersections*.

GRANT-RELATED  
PUBLICATIONS

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

*Restless Churches: How Canada's Churches Can Contribute to the Emerging Religious Renaissance*

**Reginald Bibby**

Novalis (2004).

*Restless Gods: The Renaissance of Religion in Canada*

**Reginald Bibby**

Novalis (2004)

*Against All Odds: The Struggle for Racial Integration in Religious Organizations*

**Brad Christerson**

**Korie L. Edwards**

**Michael O. Emerson**

New York University Press (2005)

*Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church*

**Kenda Creasy Dean**

William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. (2004)

*Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry*

**Tom East**

Saint Mary's Press (2004)

*Lament, Death, and Destiny*

**Richard A. Hughes**

Peter Lang (2004)

*Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives, Research, and Applications*

**Kevin Lawson (Associate Editor)**

**Donald Ratcliff (Senior Editor)**

Wipf & Stock (2004)

*The Bonds of Freedom: Feminist Theology and Christian Realism*

**Rebekah L. Miles**

Oxford University Press (2001)

*Women with a Mission: Religion, Gender, and the Politics of Women Clergy*

**Laura R. Olson**

University of

Alabama Press (2005)

*King, Priest, and Prophet:*

*A Trinitarian Theology of Atonement*

**Robert Sherman**

T & T Clark International (2004)

*Crucible for Change: Engaging Impasse Through Communal Contemplation and Dialogue*

**Nancy Sylvester IHM (ed)**

**Mary Jo Click (ed)**

Sor Juana Press (2004)

*Christ, Baptism and the Lord's Supper: Recovering the Sacraments for Evangelical Worship*

**Leonard J. Vander Zee**

InterVarsity Press (2004)

## DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS FELLOWSHIPS

In our Winter 2003 issue, we listed the names, graduate institutions, and dissertation titles of some 76 persons who had received Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowships. We are pleased to report below on the six completed dissertations we have received since that time. Since 1991, the Louisville Institute has awarded a total of 133 Dissertation Fellowships. We would love to hear from other Dissertation Fellowship grantees who have completed their dissertations, and we will be happy to note that fact in a future issue of *Intersections*. In the meantime, congratulations to the following!

### **Kathleen Garces-Foley**

Crossing the Ethnic Divide  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
(2004)

### **Sheba George**

*When Women Come First: Gender and Class in Transnational Migration*  
University of California, Berkeley  
(2003)

### **Margarita Mooney**

*Upward Climb or Downward Slide? Religion and Mediating Social Capital in the Haitian Immigrant Communities of Miami, Montreal and Paris*  
Princeton University  
(2005)

### **Marianne Rhebergen**

*A Lover's Quarrel: The American Jeremiad in Twentieth Century Mainline Protestant Preaching at the Riverside Church in the City of New York, 1930-1987*  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
(2002)

### **Gregory Stanczak**

*Restructuring Religion and the New Los Angeles Mosaic: An Ethnography of the Los Angeles Church of Christ*  
University of Southern California  
(2001)

### **Randall Stephens**

*"The Fire Spreads": The Origins of the Southern Holiness and Pentecostal Movements*  
University of Florida  
(2003)

## Alum Updates

### **David Hein**

(Summer Stipend Program 1997) is coeditor (with Edward Hugh Henderson of LSU) of a new book, *Captured by the Crucified: The Practical Theology of Austin Farrer* (T & T Clark International 2004). Hein also contributed two essays to the collection: "Farrer on Friendship, Sainthood, and the Will of God" and "Farrer's Preaching" (with O. C. Edwards)

**Michael McClymond** (General Grant 1999, 2000) received tenure in 2002, and was appointed to a three-year term as the Clarence Louis and Helen Irene Steber Endowed Chair in Theological Studies at Saint Louis University. In 2004, he published *Familiar Stranger: An Introduction to Jesus of Nazareth* (Eerdmans). He also has edited *Embodying the Spirit: New Perspectives on North American Revivalism* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004) and is editing the *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America* (Greenwood Press, 2005-6). In addition to his scholarly work, he is a guitarist, songwriter, and singer in The Pneumatics, a blues-and-rock trio in St. Louis.

## 2003-2004 GENERAL GRANTS

In our winter issue each year, it is our custom to report on the awards made in our General Grant Program during the previous year. The Board hopes that these grants will encourage those who receive them, both pastors and educators, to renew their vocational commitments and to pursue the distinctive kinds of research, writing, and convening that promise to be most helpful to the church.

Following are the General Grants made by the Louisville Institute between December 2003 and August 2004. A brief abstract describing each project is available on our web site. Further information about the projects may be requested from the grantee in question.

**Dr. Yaakov Ariel**

University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC  
*Passionate Ambivalence: American Evangelicals, the Jews, and Israel*  
\$20,900.00

**Ms. Kimberley Bobo**

National Interfaith Committee for  
Worker Justice  
Chicago, IL  
*Religious Perspectives on Worker Justice: Faculty and Pastors Discussing Ways to Teach Worker Issues in Seminaries*  
\$18,000.00

**Dr. Daniel L. Brunner**

Community of Christ Church(ELCA)  
Beaverton, OR  
*Translating Spiritual Formation From the Seminary to a Local Congregation*  
\$14,735.00

**Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Carter**

Providence United Methodist Church  
Charlotte, NC  
*Imagination, Spiritual Resistance and the Practice of Preaching*  
\$12,505.00

**Dr. Carmen Maria Cervantes**

Instituto Fe y Vida  
Stockton, CA  
*National Study of Youth and Religion: Hispanic Theological Reflection Project*  
\$35,255.00

**Dr. Mark Alan Chaves**

University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ  
*The Size Distribution of American Congregations*  
\$45,000.00

**Dr. Carol A. Doran**

Association of Anglican Musicians  
Alexandria, VA  
*Equipping Pastors to Use Music to Revitalize Congregations*  
\$29,400.00

**Mr. Jonathan F. Englert**

New York, NY  
*The Collar; From Vocation to Priesthood*  
\$6,000.00

**Dr. Arthur E. Farnsley**

Columbus, IN  
*Rugged Orthodoxy: Conservative Christian Beliefs Among the Institutionally Unaffiliated*  
\$47,500.00

**Dr. James F. Findlay**

University of Rhode Island  
Peace Dale, RI  
*An Exploratory Essay: A History of the National Council of Churches of Christ, 1970-2000*  
\$7,549.00

**Dr. David J. Heim**

Christian Century Foundation  
Chicago, IL  
*Christian Century Study Guide: To Enhance Theological Reflection in the Parish*  
\$2,660.00

**Dr. Dean R. Hoge**

Catholic University of America  
Washington, DC  
*Continuation of Trend Study of Catholic Attitudes on Institutional Issues*  
\$27,000.00

**Dr. Dwight N. Hopkins**

University of Chicago Divinity School  
Chicago, IL  
*Black Theology and Womanist Theology in Dialogue: Which Way Forward for the Academy and the Church?*  
\$34,957.00

**Dr. Kendra G. Hotz**

Calvin College  
Grand Rapids, MI  
*Worship and The Religious Affections*  
\$47,000.00

**Dr. Henry H. Knight III**

Saint Paul School of Theology  
Roeland Park, KS

*A Consultation on Theology, Church and Culture  
in Wesleyan and Pentecostal Traditions*

\$24,834.00

**The Rt. Rev'd F. Clayton Matthews**

Episcopal Church  
Richmond, VA

*A Formational Coaching Program for Bishops in  
the First Three Years of Exercising Episcopate*

\$60,000.00

**Sr. Sue Mosteller**

Henri Nouwen Society  
Richmond Hill, ON

*Oral History of Henri Nouwen*

\$38,000.00

**Dr. Nancy N. Nason-Clark**

University of New Brunswick  
Fredericton, NB

*Exploring Issues of Justice, Accountability and Change  
Amongst Religious Men Who Batter Their Wives*

\$49,891.00

**Dr. Margaret M. Poloma**

University of Akron  
Silver Lake, OH

*Revitalizing American Pentecostalism:  
The Assemblies of God at the Crossroads*

\$38,586.00

**Rev. Anthony B. Robinson**

Plymouth Congregational Church  
Seattle, WA

*Healthy Congregations: What's Theology  
Got To Do With It?*

\$28,000.00

**Dr. Michael B. Ross**

The Pastors Institute  
Anderson, IN

*Murmurs From the Outside: What Former  
Pastors are Saying to the Church*

\$19,920.00

**The Rev. Fleming Rutledge**

Episcopal Diocese of New York  
Rye Brook, NY

*Condemned Into Redemption: the Crucifixion of Christ*

\$29,000.00

**Dr. Kelly Dean Schwartz**

Nazarene University College  
Calgary, AB

*Urban Youth Ministry in America: An Applied  
Research and Development Initiative*

\$18,320.00

**Dr. Susan M. Shaw**

Oregon State University  
Corvallis, OR

*Competent Before God: Southern Baptist Women,  
Agency, and Autonomy*

\$19,523.00

**Rev. Robert J. Silva**

National Federation of Priests' Councils  
Chicago, IL

*Experiences of International Catholic Priests  
Ministering in the United States*

\$39,870.00

**Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Small**

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Louisville, KY

*Making Sense of the Church*

\$20,128.00

**Dr. Yolanda Y. Smith**

Yale University Divinity School  
Branford, CT

*Been in the Storm So Long: Yale  
Divinity School and the Black  
Ministry—One Hundred and Fifty Years  
of Black Theological Education*

\$50,000.00

**Dr. Andrea Sterk**

University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL

*Negotiating the Labyrinth of Graduate  
School: A Discussion Group for Future  
Christian Academics*

\$5,000.00

**Dr. Kathleen M. Tangenberg**

University of Iowa  
Iowa City, IA

*Youth Mentoring in Midwestern  
Religious Congregations*

\$3,500.00

**Dr. Mary Todd**

Ohio Dominican University  
Columbus, OH

*The Memory Haunts Us Still:  
The 1970s Schism in The Lutheran  
Church-Missouri Synod*

\$21,000.00

**Mr. Gregory Wolfe**

Center for Religious Humanism  
Seattle, WA

*Renewing the Christian Literary  
Tradition by Nurturing Writers of Faith*

\$25,000.00

**Rev. William Wylie-Kellermann**

SCUPE

Detroit, MI

*Word and World: The Next Two Schools*

\$5,000.00

## AN INTERVIEW WITH VINCENT MILLER

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preparation for our meeting, they prepared a two-page summary of the three or four main points they took from the book.

The group met twice, once focusing on the book and the other focusing on the national election. We met from 10:00-2:00, including lunch. I simply primed the conversational pump, asking them if the book helped within their communities, and the group took it from there. Unlike an undergraduate class, there was no danger of “dead air.”

The pastors found the concept of “commodification” to be particularly useful. It provides a criterion for analyzing the ever-present threat of commercial encroachments into ministry. Church use of popular culture, church marketing strategies, etc. become problems when they encourage a pick and choose engagement with religious traditions by eroding the interconnections among doctrines and between beliefs and communal practices. This helped them focus their

anxieties about the encroachments of consumer culture upon Christianity by naming the problem and suggesting solutions.

Our conversation on the campaign focused on the tension they sensed between the competing roles of pastor and prophet. One pastor noted, for example, that he could pack the house with a meeting on wellness, but not a meeting on the election or the war. We discussed how they could effectively relate the “elite discourse” of theologians and pastors to the congregations and considered the various other sources parishioners turn to for information and formation.

**LI: What were your main learnings from that conversation? What did the pastors gain?**

VM: First of all, I learned a lot about them and their work in congregational leadership that I simply had not known either as a scholar or parishioner. The conversation spurred theological reflection on issues otherwise inaccessible to me. Not surprisingly, I found them extremely “story oriented,” and I certainly intend to incorporate stories in the popular book on this subject I’m currently writing. The challenge to write a popular book, by the way, is a welcome new development in my career. Instead of writing for theologians or specialists, I will be attempting to talk directly to lay people. My experience with this group of pastors should help me do that.

The pastors ask more practical questions (“how does this apply?”) than do academics (“how do you respond to this critique?”). I also found them a gracious audience, eager to help me and to help out the Louisville Institute. Finally, I should acknowledge that both of us brought anxieties and uncertainties to this somewhat unusual encounter for both of us.

**LI: What would you do differently if you were to do this again? Do you have any advice for other academics who would like to engage pastors in conversation about their scholarly projects?**

VM: I would certainly involve pastors earlier in the process and would meet with them more times. For example, instead of having them read the whole text, I would probably present orally a chapter at a time, and then rewrite the chapter with their feedback in mind. I would also try to help them relax about my expectations for their participation.

I would certainly want to meet in a parish hall—their turf instead of mine. Finally, I would insist that the group of pastors be ecumenical. The ecumenical makeup of this group was absolutely essential. Not only was it exhilarating to see how the different Christian traditions think and speak, but also the ecumenical makeup helped us get past our various denominational gripes in order to engage issues confronting Christianity across denominations.

## WRITING CONSULTATION

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Not only is there no support, it is almost viewed as an illicit activity. We need to raise the expectation, so that writing is seen as part of the vocation of the pastor. For me, writing is that, it is part of my pastoral practice. Not everyone is going to produce publishable writing, but will still write in their ministry.... That you have to live 'the writer's life' is a myth. What you need is a passion for writing."

Walter Wangerin, Jr. felt that one of the issues is loneliness, or isolation. "Community is what we need. And it is something we have to build." He recommended four ways of overcoming loneliness: 1) He wrote letters to writers he appreciated such as Wendell Berry and Annie Dillard. 2) Create a group of readers whose literary merit and judgment you trust. Keep covenant with them. 3) Find a person who honors your work as a writer. A mentor who knows what you are going through who honors what you are doing. (90+ year old Clara Schreiber was one for him, a woman who translated the difficulty she went through into kindness, not anger.) 4) Find a group of writing peers. Don Ottenhoff mentioned four elements necessary for good writing to take place: 1) time: the absolute essential; 2) encouragement: the assumption on the part of the other that

one is indeed a writer and is accountable for one's writing; 3) instruction: teaching, teaching, teaching, everyone can use an editor; 4) place conducive to the task.

The Louisville Institute plans a number of responses to the consultation, both through its existing programs, which have supported and will continue to support the kinds of writing discussed, and through new initiatives to be announced later in 2005.

We thank the following for their participation in the consultation:

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**Ken Carter**, Providence UMC Charlotte, NC

**Martin Copenhaver**, Wellesley Congregational Church (UCC) Wellesley, MA

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**Nora Gallagher**, Santa Barbara, CA

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**Don Ottenhoff**, Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Collegeville, MN

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## *Alum News...*

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