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enrich the religious life of American Christians.



Welcome from the Associate Director

Welcome to the 15th issue of *Intersections!* This issue focuses on our Pastoral Leadership program and the 2008 Winter Seminar. We've also included a list of the 2007 General Grant recipients, updates from past and current grantees and grant related publications. Enjoy this issue and look for a completely redesigned *Intersections* this summer!

Sheldon Sorge

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Sheldon W. Sorge, Associate Director

In 2007 the Louisville Institute launched its newest competitive grant program, focusing on pastoral leadership issues. Pastoral leadership concerns had long been important for the Institute, so creation of this program was a natural extension of its mission; however, not until this program did it constitute a core research focus for the Institute.

Because this program picks up themes that have long been part of our work, we expected to find considerable interest in this program from grant applicants. But we were hardly prepared for the level of interest we discovered – imagining we might have some twenty applicants for our first round of grants,

we were astonished to receive forty-seven strong proposals in the program's inaugural year. Clearly we had tapped into areas of deep interest for research-minded pastors and professors.

The Pastoral Leadership Grant Program does not seek to address all questions related to pastoral leadership. The Lilly Endowment, which funds the Louisville Institute, has identified a number of pressing questions related to pastoral leadership, some of which are addressed by other agencies it supports. For instance, it has established a program administered by the Fund for Theological Education that focuses on transition into ministry. In our pastoral leadership

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Seventeenth Annual Winter Seminar

James W. Lewis, Executive Director

The Louisville Institute's 17th annual Winter Seminar convened in the Gardencourt mansion on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary on January 24-25, 2008. (The tradition actually began in 1992 with the first of three annual Dissertation Seminars When Summer Stipend grantees began participating in 1995, the Winter Seminar was born. But throughout these years, the purposes of the Winter Seminar have remained constant:

- 1) to provide a hospitable, intergenerational, and interdisciplinary intellectual forum in which grantees can discuss their research;
- 2) to encourage scholars to consider their scholarship in light of the needs of believers and their churches;
- 3) to enable grantees and Louisville Institute Board members to become acquainted.

The Seminar has consistently fulfilled these purposes. Junior and more senior scholars who meet at the Seminar often remain in contact long after. Moreover, several scholars whose work began

largely in isolation from the concerns of believing communities have come to consider the implications of their work for churches and their leaders and the importance of dissemination efforts to them. Given the mission of the Louisville Institute to encourage a richer conversation between the academy and the church, this is a particularly welcome development.

This year's participants represented a wide variety of topics, home institutions, academic disciplines, and faith perspectives as well as a diversity of age, race, and gender. This diversity contributed to a rich, interdisciplinary conversation about a fascinating array of projects. In addition, participants appreciated an informative session on academic publishing by veteran editor, Jack Keller. The participants in this year's Winter Seminar and their topics were:

Laura Marie Bennett
(Princeton University)
Equal Privilege of Service: Women, Missions, and Suffrage in America, 1870-1930



Top: 2008 Winter Seminar Participants

Middle (L to R): Kevin McElmurry talks with Curtis Evans. Jason King and Christopher McMahon appear in the background.



Bottom (L toR): Tom Schattauer talks with Barbara Rossing.

Wallace Best
(Harvard Divinity School)
Elder Lucy: Documents from the Life of a Pentecostal Woman Preacher

Kathryn D. Blanchard
(Alma College)
The Protestant Ethic or the Spirit of Capitalism?

Elesha J. Coffman
(Duke University)
Constituting the Protestant Mainline: The Christian Century, 1908-1947

Curtis Junius Evans
(University of Chicago)
The Burden of Black Religion

Matthew J. Zacharias Harper
(University of North Carolina)
A Public Faith: African-American Protestantism and Politics During the Onset of White Supremacy

Jason E. King
(Saint Vincent College)
Christopher McMahon
(Saint Vincent College)
The Renewal of Theology and the Redemptive Mission of the Church

Kevin Lowell McElmurry
(University of Missouri-Columbia)
Feeling Jesus in the Backbeat: Gender, Emotion, and Experience in a Post-Modern Church

Paul J. Olson
(Briar Cliff University)
Keeping the Faith, Changing the Church: A Qualitative Study of Congregation Switching

Michael Leo Owens
(Emory University)
Congregations and Ex-Prisoner Reentry: The Case of Atlanta

Nancy Pineda-Madrid
(Boston College)
Suffering and Redemption Reconsidered: A Latina Feminist Theological Reading

Barbara R. Rossing
(Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago)
For the Healing of the World: A Biblical Theology of Ecology and Empire

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Alum Updates

David Hein

(Summer Stipend 1997) recently published Geoffrey Fisher: Archbishop of Canterbury, 1945-1961 (Pickwick, 2008). David is Professor and Chair of Religion and Philosophy at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

Ben Houston

(Dissertation Fellowship 2005) has published an oral history of Southern Baptist preacher Will D. Campbell, the famous civil rights figure, which was published in the Journal of Southern Religion (JSR). It is available here: <http://jsr.fsu.edu/Volume10/Houston.htm>. Ben is Visiting Assistant Professor and Director, Black Pittsburgh Oral History Project Center for African American Urban Studies and the Economy [CAUSE] Department of History at Carnegie Mellon University.

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2007 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 during 2007.

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. Reginald W. Bibby

University of Lethbridge
Lethbridge, AB
Canada

Monitoring the Millennials

\$20,048

The Rev. Martin B. Copenhaver

Wellesley Congregational Church
Wellesley, MA

An Odd and Wondrous Calling

\$36,580

Dr. Diana Louise Eck

The Pluralism Project
Cambridge, MA

Christian Ministry in Multi-Religious America:

Boston Workshop

\$30,879

The Rev. Susan K. Olson

Yale University
New Haven, CT

The Young Clergy Women Project

\$29,250

Dr. Nancy J. Ramsay

Texas Christian University,
Brite Divinity School
Fort Worth, TX

Saving Souls Without Losing Minds: Scholars and Pastors Working Together to Redeem the Social Teachings of the Black Church

\$30,000

Rev. Dr. Arlene Michelle

Sánchez Walsh

Azusa Pacific University,
Haggard School of Theology
South Pasadena, CA

American Pentecostalism's Engagement with Race and Ethnicity: Historical Realities and Theological Perspectives

\$24,500

Dr. Grant Wacker

Duke University Divinity School
Chapel Hill, NC

Billy Graham and Modern America

\$5,974

GRANT-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

Books

Glenn L. Borreson

(Sabbatical Grant for
Pastoral Leaders 1999)

Water for Your Soul:

Living in Baptism Every Day

(Infinity Publishing.Com, 2008)

Jonathan Englert

(General Grant 2004)

The Collar: A Year of Striving and Faith

Inside a Catholic Seminary

(Houghton Mifflin, 2006)

Eduardo Fernández

James Empereur

(General Grant 1998)

La Vida Sacra: Contemporary Hispanic

Sacramental Theology

(Rowman & Littlefield, 2006)

John M. Giggie

(Summer Stipend 2003)

After Redemption: Jim Crow and the

*Transformation of African American Religion
in the Delta 1875-1915*

(Oxford University Press, 2008)

Ken Johnson-Mondragón (ed)

(General Grant 2003)

Pathways of Hope and Faith Among

Hispanic Teens: Pastoral Reflections and

Strategies Inspired by the National

Study of Youth and Religion

(Instituto Fe Y Vida, 2007)

Frieder Ludwig (contributor)

Dana K. Nelson

(General Grant 2005)

Mission and Migration: Fifty-Two African and

Asian Congregations in Minnesota (Lutheran

University Press, 2007)

Mary Clark Moschella

(Dissertation Fellowship 2007)

Living Devotions: Reflections on Immigration,

Identity, and Religious Imagination

(Pickwick Publications, 2008)

J. Deotis Roberts

(General Grant 2004)

The Seasons of Life: By Grace with Gratitude

(Charp Communications, 2007)

David K. Yoo (ed.)

Ruth H. Chung (ed.)

(General Grant 1999)

Religion and Spirituality in Korean America

(University of Illinois Press, 2008)

Articles

James Lamkin

(Sabbatical Grant for

Pastoral Leaders 2004)

“Sabbatical as Fitting Room: A Pastoral
Paradigm”

Leadership in Ministry Newsletter

(Winter 2008)

<http://www.leadershipinministry.com/>

[LIMNewsletttervol8no1.pdf](http://www.leadershipinministry.com/LIMNewsletttervol8no1.pdf)

Alum Updates

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Incidentally, JSR is edited by

another Louisville Institute

Alum, **Randall Stephens**

(Dissertation Fellowship 2002).

Mark Hulsether

(Dissertation Fellowship 1991,

Summer Stipend 1994,

Christian Faith & Life Teaching

Team 1996) has published

Religion, Culture, and Politics in the

Twentieth Century United States

(Columbia University Press,

2007). Mark is Associate

Professor, Religious Studies and

American Studies, University of

Tennessee.

Sarah K. Pinnock

(Summer Stipend 2004)

published an article entitled

“Atrocity and Ambiguity:

Recent Developments in

Christian Holocaust

Responses” in the *Journal of the*

American Academy of Religion

(*JAAR* 75/3 2007: 499-523).

Early research for this article

was funded by her Louisville

grant. In addition, Sarah was a

Fulbright scholar for one year

at the theology faculty of

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

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program, the Louisville Institute particularly seeks proposals that investigate four pastoral leadership questions that Lilly has identified as research priorities:

- the pastoral work of shaping communities
- the economics of pastoral leadership
- nurturing well-lived pastoral lives
- institutional leadership for the 21st century

Normally our program grant selection committees include two Board members alongside staff and external readers. But since this is a new program, the Board determined as a whole to read all applications and make grant selections in 2007 and 2008. Thus, grant awards in this program offer strong

indicators of the Board's current priorities.

The pastoral work of shaping communities is creatively addressed by grantee Louis Weeks, recently retired President of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. His project "You Can Redeem the Scutwork: Administration as Pastoral Care," based on his lengthy church experience and informed by broad-ranging case studies and interviews, shows how the oft-neglected and much-maligned work of "administrivia" is a critical component of effective pastoral ministry.

David Keck, a pastor and adjunct seminary professor in Durham NC, puts an interesting twist on the question of the pastoral work of shaping communities, while investigating the well-lived pastoral life, by asking how the community shapes the pastor, even as the pastor shapes the community. Informed both by his own pastoral experience and extensive research with clergy and lay leaders, "How Congregations Can Nurture the Well-Lived Pastoral Life" will be a brief

manual for churches and their leaders, describing the nature of the well-lived pastoral life and how it can be intentionally strengthened and sustained by particular congregational practices.

Institutional leadership issues are imaginatively addressed by Jim Kitchens, a pastor in Nashville TN, and Alexei Krindatch, a sociologist at the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute in Berkeley CA. Kitchens investigates how regional church bodies (often called judicatories) in various Protestant denominations support or inhibit the development of missional identity in particular congregations as well as among groups of congregations. Krindatch examines the complex evolution of the pastoral role in Orthodox congregations in America, asking whether a pastoral identity shaped by Eurasian cultures has sufficiently adapted to American contexts.

We were pleased also to make awards to Christopher Beeley at Yale Divinity School for a project that harvests early church wisdom on pastoral leadership, and to Jackson Carroll of Duke Divinity School for revising and updating his classic pastoral leadership text *As One With Authority*. Finally, the Board chose to

fund the work of a research team from Saint Paul School of Theology and Eden Theological Seminary – Jeanne Hoeft, Shannon Jung, and Joretta Marshall – investigating the particular challenges and opportunities of pastoral care in rural communities.

The Pastoral Leadership Grant Program is not merely an addition to our program lineup; it helps inform and define our overall mission. We look forward eagerly to the ways in which it will further shape and strengthen the mission of the Louisville Institute.

Alum Updates

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Latvia University in 2006-2007, and received tenure at Trinity University the semester before relocating to Riga.

Michele Rosenthal

(Dissertation Fellowship 1996) has produced *American Protestants and TV in the 1950s: Responses to a New Medium* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2007). Michele is Lecturer of Communication at University of Haifa in Israel.

Seventeenth Annual Winter Seminar

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Thomas H. Schattauer

(Wartburg Theological Seminary)
Liturgy and Life: Worship and Preaching at Passages in Life

Amy Slagle

(University of Pittsburgh)
Nostalgia Without Memory: Choice-making and Tradition Among American Converts to Eastern Orthodoxy

Christopher Adam Stephenson

(Marquette University)
How the Spirit Has Blown: Pentecostal Forays in Systematic Theology

Frederick Lloyd Ware

(Howard University School of Divinity)
Black Religion and American Culture: Racial Consciousness and the Quest for Human Fulfillment

Michael Wassenaar

(Yale University)
Four Types of Calling: The Ethics of Vocation in Kierkegaard, Brunner, Scheler and Barth

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Alum Updates...

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