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Many thanks for his efforts over the years.**

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR MOT DU REDACTEUR

I'd like to thank all those--Department administrators, administrative assistants, students, and faculty--who answered my requests for information for this issue of the Bulletin. As this newsletter continues to develop, I hope that CSSR members and other colleagues will see the Bulletin as a primary source of news of the activities in religious studies throughout Canada--and that it will be an opportunity for scholars in religious studies to know and to be known

Some items of particular interest in this issue of the Bulletin:

You will notice the Call for papers for the 2001 meeting in Québec, May 23-26.

Details on the Call are given on pages 6-8.

In addition to regular and special paper sessions, there will be a number of new fora for discussion of matters of academic and professional interest.

One proposal (from Brian Clarke [b.clarke@utoronto.ca]) is that at least one session be set aside to allow those in attendance to discuss a particular book, without there being formal presentations. (There would be moderators who would promote interest beforehand, but whose principal job would be to moderate discussion. Those who have suggestions or who would be interested in participating in this should contact Brian and the programme coordinator, Mavis Fenn.)

Book sessions with formal panel participants will be organised as well.

A few gentle reminders:

Failure to show without notice means that the Programme Committee will not consider a proposal for the following year.

The Society is opposed to the practice of having someone else read a paper for an absent scholar.

Members from the same institution may not make up more than half of any session or panel at the Annual Meeting, unless so authorized by the Programme Committee.

The themes for this year's Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences are: Intellectuals in Society; Plagues and Diseases; Language, Identity and Community.

Call for nominations for executive positions [Treasurer, 2 Members at Large] for the CSSR\SCÉR

Note: the agreement between La société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR) and the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR) / La société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion (SCÉR) has been renewed for an additional three years.

Now included only on the website: Procès-verbal des réunion du Conseil de la SCÉR / Minutes of CSSR Executive meetings. The draft (yet to be approved) Minutes of the CSSR Annual General meeting will also be published in the issue of the Bulletin immediately preceding the 2001 AGM. For important notices of motion, please consult the draft minutes

If you have any concerns, positive or negative, about this policy or about motions discussed, please contact the Editor, Will Sweet, and/or the President of the Society, Randi Warne.

Finally, you will have found along with this copy of the Bulletin, a few copies of the current membership brochure. Please pass one on colleagues, students, or friends who you think may be interested; if you need or could use more, just drop me a note. The representation of the views of those in religious studies is made all the more effective if the membership of the Society is healthy and growing.

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Introducing the 2000-2001 Executive

(Unless otherwise indicated, these introductions were supplied by the person concerned)

The President, Dr. Randi Warne

has a B.A. in Religion and Literature (U. of Winnipeg, 1975), an M.A. in Philosophy of Religion (Toronto, 1982), and a Ph.D. in Religion and Culture (Toronto, 1988). Since receiving her doctorate, she has been a Director of Continuing Studies (St. Stephen's College, Edmonton), rebuilt a Women's Studies program (University of Wisconsin Oshkosh), and returned to Canada to chair Religious Studies at Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, where she has been promoted to the rank of Professor. In addition to publishing and editing in the area of Method and Theory in Religious Studies, she also works in the area of women's/gender history, with a special interest in the social gospel and feminist social reform. Her latest book (co-edited with Catherine Cavanaugh) is entitled Telling Tales: Essays in Western Women's History (UBC Press, 2000). Her current research project focusses on "Race, Eugenics, and Social Reform in Alberta", looking at the religious elements involved in the eugenics debate of the 1920s and onward. With bell hooks, she believes learning should be "hard fun"!

The Secretary, Darlene Juschka,

has a B.A. from the University of Waterloo, M.A. from Wilfrid Laurier University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. Dr. Juschka is currently the Coordinator of Women's Studies at the University of Regina, Regina SK. Her academic focus consists of the study of myth, symbol and ritual in a cross-cultural perspective specifically in relation to gender studies. During her doctoral work she developed a thorough understanding of feminist theories and methods, and in conjunction with analytical skills engendered in the study of religion was able to extend current ideas in regard to both feminism and the study of religion. Dr. Juschka is a member of the Women's Issues Network Steering Committee, has produced a text charting the influence of feminism in the study of religion, acted as an editor for the journal Method and Theory in the Study of Religion, and is currently working on a project that analyzes and theorizes on the structural parameters of gender ideology. Her published articles include, "The Category of Gender in the Study of Religion: Review Essay." Method and Theory in the Study of Religion, 11 (1), 1999: 77+105 or "Medicine, Magic, and Gender in the Hippocratic Corpus" Journal of Religion and Culture, 11 (Spring), 1997:105+140 both of which mark her abiding interest in charting and analyzing systemic oppression.

The Membership Secretary, Will Sweet* [Resigned]

teaches at St Francis Xavier University, and has been a member of the CSSR since 1990. He is currently on leave at the Chaire UNESCO d'étude des fondements philosophiques de la justice et de la société démocratique, Université du Québec à Montréal. He has graduate degrees in theology, philosophy and political science, and has studied in Canada, France, Austria, and (East) Germany. He has done post-doctoral work in Australia and Belgium. His research interests include religion, human rights and globalization, and cross-cultural and comparative philosophy of religion. As a result, he frequently travels in Asia, Australia, Africa, and Central Europe, and this has, in turn, led to a number of joint research activities, particularly with scholars in India. He is Editor of the journal *Maritain Studies* and an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Dharma* and the *South Pacific Journal of Philosophy and Culture*. Some of his recent books are *Antifoundationalism, Faith, and Community* [with Hendrik Hart] (2001), *Philosophical Theory and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights* (2001), *The Bases of Ethics* (Marquette University Press, 2000), *Idealism, Metaphysics and Community* (Ashgate, 2000), and *God and Argument* (University of Ottawa Press, 1999). He has also edited collections on *Religion, Modernity and Post Modernity* (1998) and *The Changing Faces of Femininity* (1999). He is currently working on books on philosophy and culture in India and Southern Africa (supported by a SSHRC grant) and on religious and philosophical idealism.

The Vice-President [Past President], Paul Bowlby,

is chair of the religious studies department at Saint Mary's University. He teaches comparative religion courses at the introductory level and advanced courses on religious traditions of South Asia and Japan. He has recently completed the book: *Religious Studies in Atlantic Canada: A State-of-the-Art Review* which will be published by Wilfrid Laurier University Press early in 2001. His current research is on the new religious traditions in Atlantic Canada in the context of Canadian multiculturalism policies.

The Treasurer, Brian Clarke,

Is a native of Montreal. He attended the University of British Columbia, where he studied under the later and lamented N. Keith Clifford. After taking a B.A. in Religious Studies, Clarke went to The Divinity School at the University of Chicago and received his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in the History of Christianity. A Past President of the Canadian Society of Church History, he was for many years a board member of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities. Among his many publications, he is author of *Piety and Nationalism: Lay Voluntary Association and the Creation of an Irish Catholic Community in Toronto* (1993), the first books to receive the American Catholic Historical Association's John Gilmary Shea Prize, and a co-author of *A Concise History of Christianity in Canada* (1996). He is now conducting research on religion and public life in late Victorian and Edwardian Canada. He is presently a member of the History Department, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology.

Mavis L. Fenn, Member at Large and Chair of the Programme Committee (2000-2001),

received her Ph.D. from McMaster University. She is an assistant professor and undergraduate advisor in the Department of Religious Studies at St. Paul's United College, the University of Waterloo. Mavis is the General Editor for the book review section of the Journal of Buddhist Ethics and on the editorial board of the Journal of Global Buddhism. Her most recent publications: "Teaching Buddhism: Traditional and Web-based Approaches" in Teaching Buddhism in The West: From The Wheel To The Web, Edited by Victor Sogen Hori, Richard P. Hayes, and James Mark Shields (forthcoming), and "Teaching Buddhism in the West" in Paying Homage to the Buddha In the West: The Globalization of Buddhism In Its Twenty-Fifth Century edited by Martin Baumann and Charles S. Prebish (under review) focus on the placement of Buddhist Studies in Western universities and Buddhism as a teaching subject. She hopes to write a history of this subject in the near future. She is also engaged in a joint research project with Dr. Kay Koppedrayer of Wilfrid Laurier University compiling a history of the development of Sakyadhita, an Buddhist women's organisation. Mavis likes to spend her spare time with family and friends.

Paul Bramadat, Member at Large (pro tem)

finished his B.A. at the University of Winnipeg. Paul then went to McGill for a MA in Religion and Culture. While he was in Montreal, his primary interests revolved around the relationship between religion and North American popular culture. After McGill, Paul went to McMaster and completed a PhD in 1997. At McMaster, Paul was trained in the social scientific study of religion, with an emphasis on the anthropology of religion. In January 1998 he began his position as assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Winnipeg. He teaches courses in the area of religious life in contemporary North America. His current ethnographic research explores the place of religion in ethnic self-representation. An article on this topic entitled "For Ourselves, Our Neighbours, Our Homeland: Religion in Folklorama's Israel Pavilion" has just been accepted for publication in Ethnologies. His book, The Church on the World's Turf: An Evangelical Christian Group at a Secular University, was published this year by Oxford University Press.

Member at Large, Dawne McCance

Ph.D. (Manitoba), is Head of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Manitoba, and a Senior Fellow of St. John's College. Her major field is Religion and Culture; her special interests include Ethics, Hermeneutics, and Post-Modern Theory. She is the author of POSTS: Re Addressing the Ethical (State University of New York Press, 1996), and is also the volume editor of Life Ethics in World Religions, from Scholars Press. (This book is Volume 3 in the University of Manitoba Studies in

**Religion Series edited by David Creamer, also of The University of Manitoba, Department of Religion.)
[Ed.]**

Call for nominations for Executive positions

Appel aux nominations

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the following positions:

Treasurer,

2 Members-at-Large;

if there are other positions to be filled, notice will be given in the next Bulletin.

Please send nominations or suggestions to one of the members of the Nominations Committee, W. Sweet, R. Warne, and D. McCance.

CSSR Annual Meeting May 23-26 2001

Call for papers

The Programme Committee invites submissions for the 2001 Annual Meeting of the CSSR, to be held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and the Social Sciences on the campus of Laval University, Québec, from 23-26 May 2001.

Note: there are three principal themes of the Congress. They are: **Intellectuals in Society; Plagues and Diseases; Language, Identity and Community**

Submissions for the CSSR Annual Meeting may be of three types.

a. Special Papers

In order to effect a fuller discussion of complete studies by Society members, blocks of time may be set aside for the presentation of, responses to, and discussion of "special" or "major" papers. A special paper may be grounded in a special field, but it should address matters important to all students of religion. In order to be considered, a complete version of the paper together with an abstract is to be submitted by January 15, 2001.

b. Regular Papers

The Committee invites proposals for presentations of works in progress and shorter scholarly papers for presentation. Normally, the time for actual delivery is twenty minutes, with ten minutes for questions and discussion. A 150 (maximum) word abstract should be submitted by January 15, 2001. All audio-visual needs must be clearly noted with your initial submission. Submission on a three-and-one-half-inch disk (IBM format/Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) would be helpful.

c. Panels

The Committee encourages proposals for panels, workshops and seminars. The organizer is responsible for setting the topic and involving the participants in a maximum two-and-one-half hour block of time. An abstract(s) as above, together with the names and institutional affiliations of the participants, equipment needs, and the name of a chair (who should not be making a presentation) is to be submitted by January 15, 2001. Panel organizers will be expected to coordinate communication between members of the panel(s) and the Programme Chair.

Completed special papers, abstracts of regular papers and panels, are to be sent to:

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Please note: the Executive of the CSSR has asked the Programme Committee to remind members of the following regulations and to ask their cooperation in following them:

1. Persons presenting papers at the Annual Meeting should be members in good standing and must have paid the Congress conference fee for the year.
2. A person delivering a paper to the CSSR Annual Meeting may not present the same or a similar paper to another society.
3. Due to shrinking SSHRCC funds and expanding travel costs, travel subsidies will be limited.

Please include the following information with your submission:

**institutional affiliation,
mailing address,
phone number(s),
fax number,
and E-mail address (if available).**

Failure to show without notice means that the Programme Committee will not consider a proposal for the next year. The Society is opposed to the practice of having someone else read a paper for an absent scholar. Members from the same institution may not make up more than half of any session or panel at the Annual Meeting, unless so authorized by the Programme Committee.

Invitation à proposer une communication

Le comité du programme vous invite à lui faire des propositions de participation pour la prochaine réunion annuelle tenue dans le cadre du Congrès des sciences sociales et humaines (CSSH) sur le campus de l'Université Laval, à Québec, du 23 au 26 mai, 2001.

Trois types de propositions sont recevables.

a. Conférence

Afin de permettre un débat plus en profondeur des travaux d'envergure préparés par nos membres, un certain nombre des périodes seront réservées à la présentation, à la réponse préparée à l'avance et à la discussion des conférences. Solidement appuyé sur une expertise précise, ce type de communication doit cependant déborder la spécialisation étroite pour aborder des questions générales intéressant tous ceux et celles qui étudient la religion. On prendra en considération que le texte complet de ce type de communication doit être soumis avant le 15 janvier 2001, accompagné d'un résumé.

b. Communication régulière

Le comité vous invite à proposer des communications faisant état de travaux en voie de réalisation ou des communications érudites plus brèves. D'habitude, la durée de l'exposé sera de vingt minutes suivi de dix minutes de questions et de discussion. Un précis de 100-150 mots (maximum) doit être soumis avant le 15 janvier 2001. La demande pour des machines audio-visuelles doit être signalée dans votre soumission initiale. Veuillez faire votre soumission sur disquette 3 1/2", format IBM, Microsoft Word/WordPerfect si possible.

c. Tables rondes

Le comité encourage les propositions pour l'organisation des tables rondes, des ateliers, ou des séminaires. La personne responsable du choix du sujet (l'organisateur/ l'organisatrice) s'occupe également de l'engagement

des participant(e)s pour une période maximum de deux heures et demie. Un précis, comme ci-dessus, avec les noms et les institutions des participant(e)s, le matériel requis et le nom du président (de la présidente) de la séance [qui ne devrait pas faire de présentation] doit être soumis avant le 15 janvier 2001. L'organisateur/l'organisatrice assurera la coordination nécessaire entre le président du comité du programme et les autres participants.

Envoyez les textes complets des conférences, le précis des communications régulières ou des tables rondes à:

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Note: Le Conseil de la SCÉR a demandé au comité du programme de faire rappeler aux membres les points suivants:

1. Ceux et celles qui présentent des communications doivent être membres réguliers de la Société et doivent avoir acquitté les frais d'inscription au Congrès.
2. On ne peut présenter la même communication à une autre Société pendant le Congrès.
3. La subvention du CRSHC étant réduite et les frais de voyage augmentant, la subvention de voyage sera limitée.

Report on

The International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)

XVIII Quinquennial Congress: Durban, 5-12 August 2000

Theme: The History of Religions: Origins and Visions

Venue: Holiday Inn-Elimangi, Durban, South Africa

IAHR delegate Will Sweet

The meeting was held in Durban, one of the safer cities of South Africa. The location and physical environment were pleasant, and the diminishing value of the South African Rand made it a much more affordable conference (for foreigners) than it might otherwise have been.

The IAHR is actively trying to 'build' itself up. It has representation from about 30 countries / associations, and 5 more associations were approved as members at the AGM. It also plans to register itself officially in the Netherlands. (This was seen to be useful for legal purposes.) Membership is fairly widely spread (geographically), and the executive seems to have tried to make itself more diverse (taking more account of the gender and the geographical origin of its members).

The focus of the Association appears to be the organisation of its Congress (every 5 years) as well as co-sponsoring 'regional' or smaller conferences, once a year. It produces a Bulletin--3 or 4 have been produced in the past 5 years--and the executive meets, at least informally, at the co-sponsored meetings. The IAHR is also actively involved in producing selected proceedings from its meetings, and it publishes a journal (Numen--of which one of the editors is the Canadian scholar, Michel Despland). My estimation is that, in part, the IAHR is hamstrung in its activities by the minimal active participation of scholars from many countries. It tends to 'react,' likely because it does not have the resources to be active.

The focus of this year's Congress was the history of religion and comparative religion. There were some sessions on sociology, women's issues, religion and human rights, a few on method and philosophy, and some on Christianity. The Programme Chair, Rosalind Hackett of the US, made an effort to accommodate a wide range of paper proposals. Despite an attempt made to ensure more representativeness--sparked largely by the reasons given by the Australasian Association for its 'withdrawal' from the IAHR--some members of the IAHR executive appeared defensive when asked about 1) the breadth in paper topics; 2) the ongoing means of 'communication' of the IAHR executive with member societies.

As international conferences go, the Durban conference was average in calibre. It was 6 days long but the first day was short, and the Wednesday was reserved for 'tours.' Papers were, on the whole, of good quality, though the plenary talks were somewhat weak. (I did not leave the conference with the sense that I was hearing 'cutting edge' research.) There were also at least a dozen concurrent sessions to choose from. There was generally too little time for discussion--and, often, no time.

Concerning registration fees and financial support of delegates, some effort was made to provide a subsidy for some delegates from developing countries, but nothing systematic was done, and nothing appears to have yet been considered for the next conference (in Tokyo in 2005).

Concerning the administration of the organisation, the executive does not seem to be proactive. Part of this is, no doubt, the relative lack of participation by many countries in the 'governance' of the Association. Part of this is due to the lack of money at its disposal. At present, the dues of only a quarter of the member associations are paid 'to date'; some mention was made that there may be a dues increase or that a 'fundraiser' might be hired. This character of the executive can also be seen in

the selection of Tokyo as the next conference site. There was no debate or discussion of alternative sites, but this might well have been because there were no other offers. Still, because Tokyo is obviously going to be an expensive congress site, something needs to be done, and the IAHR executive should be seen to do something to ensure that delegates from developing countries can participate.

Perhaps another issue relevant to administration is that two or three members of the executive of the IAHR tend to dominate discussion--not just because of their constitutional power, but in the manner in which they dealt with delegates. The meetings took place almost exclusively in English. While it may seem to some that the executive is somewhat monolithic (e.g., the 'executive slate' was adopted with unanimity), this does not mean that this cannot change.

An open letter from the President, October 2000

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all society members into a conversation about the shape and future of our society. I personally believe that the CSSR has an important place in the academic study of religion in Canada; I also believe that it never hurts to take a closer look once in awhile to see assess what we are doing and see what we could be doing better. It is in that spirit that I write this now.

Like many academic societies, the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion has felt the negative impact of funding cuts to post-secondary education, both in reduced funding to the CSSR itself, and in the broader impact of fiscal constraint on the ability of universities to staff departments and maintain programs. The practical effect of reduced circumstances upon this society's ability to function have been significant, and require remedy. One obvious effect has been reduced support for attendance at the (now) Congress. Both students and faculty are having to make hard choices about which conferences they will attend, and again like many Canadian societies, the CSSR has felt the pinch. It is my hope in this regard that as we move into the future, we will be able to craft the CSSR in such a way that its unique appeal will invite attendance despite the competition. I think a distinctly Canadian society for the study of religion is worth our efforts.

The ability of the executive of the society to conduct its work has been negatively affected as well. In the past, the society was able to support a roster of 6 members-at-large, ensuring a broad representation of region, gender, and linguistic proficiency. In the early 90s that number was cut in half. The January meeting of the executive was also terminated, and an important venue for conducting society business, reinforcing cross-country links, and creating solidarity was lost thereby. Being in touch, within the executive and with the general membership, has just become more difficult, and e-mail has been an imperfect remedy at best.

During the 1990s we also lost some of our historic connection with our graduate student members. "Progress through the ranks," from grad student to junior faculty, to mid-level faculty and beyond just disappeared. Like the growing gulf between rich and poor in the US, polarization occurred between those with secure positions, and a large population of anxious graduate students and un(der) employed Ph.D.s.. The impact of these developments upon morale were serious and obvious - but now

it is time to make a change.

From all the evidence, the academic market is now poised to shift from a buyer's market to a sellers' market. This is all to the good! However, we need to do more than rely on market forces to revivify the CSSR. Funding to societies for travel and infrastructure costs is still limited; some real intentional change is required. To that end, a number of initiatives are being proposed. One is developing some new venues for the annual meetings. Co-sponsored sessions with other societies not only broaden the impact of our discipline in scholarly discussion, additional monies are provided by the Federation to those who mount them. Round table discussions, integrated sessions with graduate students and faculty, prominent in the past and largely missing of late, book sessions - these and other initiatives offer the possibility of renewed interest and investment in the CSSR. And now that there is finally a glimmer of hope on what has been a bleak academic horizon for far too long, let us rekindle in the CSSR a culture of mentorship, amongst scholars of all ages and stages of preparation. We can nurture in each other our commitment to making religious studies a visible and vibrant contributor to Canadian academic - and public - life.

We who are currently on the executive enthusiastically invite your participation, suggestions, and initiatives to help us meet these common goals. Let us work together to make it happen!

**With best wishes,
Dr. Randi R. Warne
President, CSSR**

From the Membership Secretary, October 2000

At the spring meeting, held in conjunction with 'the Congress,' I reported that the Society has 113 full members, 30 associate, 30 retired/part-time employed, 56 student, 12 student-associate, and 1 joint student. The ratio of men to women is roughly 2 to 1.

At the time, I made three proposals for increasing membership: 1) the Society should establish a strong presence at the University of Toronto and the Toronto School of Theology in anticipation of the Annual Meeting of the Society in Toronto in 2002; 2) the Society should establish a team of representatives, one at each institution in Canada, responsible for distributing information and promoting the Society; 3) the program committee should continue to be proactive in establishing links with other societies such as ACCUTE, the Canadian Society of Mediaevalists, the Canadian Historical Association, the Canadian Society for the Study of European Ideas, Canadian Philosophical Association, etc.

Membership is 274—roughly even with 1999. Though many new members have joined in the past year, there has, unfortunately, been some delay in renewals for 2001. Dues for 2001 will be payable soon

To those who have not yet paid their Year 2000 dues, I hope that this gentle reminder will spur you on. (A membership application / renewal form appears on the final page of this Bulletin.

Since the spring meeting, I have revised and reprinted the membership brochure, contacted all Departments / programmes (for which I have an e-mail address) for the News from the Departments section, contacted all members (for which I have an e-mail address) for their news and information on recent publications, constructed a list of Department e-mail contacts, and have produced another issue of the Bulletin.

I am particularly grateful for all those who responded to my requests for information. This has added immeasurably to the richness of content of the Bulletin.

--- Will Sweet

From the Treasurer

CSSR income is slightly higher than it was last year at this time. Expenses are more or less on target. For the time being, our finances are in good shape. As always, your treasurer would be most grateful if members with dues outstanding would remit their fees. And to all those members who have paid their dues: thank you.

--- Brian Clarke

Notes and News from members and departments / information des membres et des départements

St Francis Xavier University

Rev Dr Arthur Peacocke, Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre at St Cross College, Oxford, will be St Francis Xavier's Christian Culture Lecturer in the second semester of this academic year. Other visiting speakers during the current academic year will include Martin Rumscheidt (of the Atlantic School of Theology). Rumscheidt will participate in a panel discussion entitled "A Historical Breakthrough in Catholic-Protestant Relations: Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification."

Dr. John Berridge has taken early retirement after 31 years of service. In retirement he hopes to pursue his interest in photography. Dr. Berridge is an accomplished photographer and examples of his photos can be seen in his book "The One and The Many".

The Department of Religious Studies has made a new appointment in the tenure stream. Dr Lucien Turcescu (PhD Toronto) has been appointed in Religious Studies and Catholic Studies; he is responsible for teaching

two core courses in the new Catholic Studies Programme as well as a course in World Religions.

Dr Robert Kennedy has completed a translation, with notes, of Augustine's treatise *On Lying*. This has been accepted for publication by New City Press, New York. This is the first part of his continuing project, a new annotated translation of Augustine's moral work. He has also contributed the article on "Fasting" in *Augustine through the Ages*, edited by Allan Fitzgerald and John Cavadini, and published by Eerdmans in Sept. 1999.

Dr. Annette Ahern has recently published *Berger's Dual-Citizenship Approach to Religion* (Peter Lang, 2000).

Dr. Margaret MacDonald is the new President of the CCSR. She has recently completed a commentary on *Colossians and Ephesians* to be included in the series *New Testament Commentaries*, Sarca Pagina (ed. Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.). The volume will be published by the Liturgical Press.

In the past six months, Dr William Sweet has lectured at universities in Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Norway, the Netherlands, the USA, and Italy. He spent several weeks in archives in South Africa and England, in connexion with his SSHRCC sponsored research project on philosophical idealism in India and South Africa. His books on *The Bases of Ethics* (Marquette University Press) and *Idealism, Metaphysics, and Community* (Ashgate) appeared this fall; his edition of *Natural Law: reflections on theory and practice* by Jacques Maritain, will be published by St Augustine's Press [distributed by University of Chicago Press], in November 2000.

Dr Sweet has also been appointed to the Editorial Boards of *Science et esprit* and of *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*.

Saint Mary's University

The new President of Saint Mary's University, Dr. Colin Dodds and the Religious Studies Department hosted a two day meeting to plan a finance campaign to raise funds for a chair in Islamic Studies in the department. Dr. Jamal Badawi, currently teaching half-time in Religious Studies, is going to hold the Chair until his retirement once the funds have been raised.

Dr. Anne Marie Dalton, the department's specialist on religion and ecology, is on sabbatical during 2000-2001. Her book, *A Theology for the Earth: The Contributions of Thomas Berry and Bernard Lonergan*, was published this past year by the University of Ottawa Press in its *Religions and Beliefs* series. She will be doing research in Toronto during the Fall and will be continuing her work on the Saint Mary's based Tier 1 CIDA project entitled "Community Based Conservation Management." The project is based in China and Vietnam. Dr. Dalton is responsible for the gender analysis aspects of the project.

Dr. Paul Bowlby will be the Saint Mary's University representative at the SSHRC sponsored "Alternative Wor

(1)ds: The Humanities in 2010" conference in Toronto in October. He will also be giving a paper at the Fifth International Metropolis Conference in November as a member of the panel on religion and multiculturalism organized by Harold Coward and Paul Bramadat. The paper is entitled "Religious Institution Building and Immigrant Integration in Halifax Nova Scotia".

Dr. Magi-Abdul Masih received tenure in the Religious Studies Department in 2000. She is continuing her work with the International Development Research Council on the religion, science and development project. Her revised thesis Edward Schillebeeckx and Hans Frei: A Conversation on Method and Theology has been accepted for publication by the Corporation for Studies in Religion and should be released during 2001.

Dr. Stanley Armstrong is the principal technical advisor to and teacher in the "Liberated Learning Project" at Saint Mary's. This project is funded by the J. W. McConnell Family Foundation and supported by IBM. Its purpose is to develop stable voice recognition software for use in the classroom. The project will enhance the accessibility of the classroom lectures and discussion for students with disabilities.

Mount Saint Vincent University

Randi Warne reports that the Departments of Religious Studies and Philosophy are currently under negotiation to form an administrative merger. They will be retaining degree programs separately in Religious Studies and in Philosophy but will also be developing a "philosophy of religion" stream. Presuming the administration agrees, she writes, they should be up and running by next year. "Creative response to cutbacks, I guess."

Randi was promoted to full professor in July. She'll be heading to Ottawa for the unveiling of the Persons monument on Parliament Hill. The evening prior (Oct. 17) she will be performing as Nelli McClung at an interfaith service commemorating the Persons case.

Université du Québec à Rimouski / les universités du Réseau de l'Université du Québec

Depuis le Rapport de la CUP (Commission universitaire sur les programmes) au Québec concernant les programmes de théologie et de sciences des religions, paru en 1998, les quatre constituantes de l'Université du Québec: soit l'UQAM (Montréal), l'UQTR (Trois-Rivières), l'UQAC (Chicoutimi) et l'UQAR (Rimouski) ont constitué une "Table de concertation en théologie" qui inclut aussi les sciences religieuses. Les personnes à la direction des départements et des modules se rencontrent depuis deux ans au Siège social de l'UQ à Québec, dans le but d'établir des liens entre les personnes et les programmes, pour des cours communs, des projets communs de nature pédagogique. La parution du Rapport Proulx sur la place de l'enseignement de la religion à l'école en 1999 crée un autre incitatif à accélérer les efforts de concertation entre les constituantes de l'UQ.

Concordia University

Recent Appointments: Dr. Norman Ravvin was appointed as Chair of the Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies. He gave his inaugural address on January 18, 2000 entitled "Tragic Tourism and Canadian History: Investigating a Radzanow Street, a Mlawa Apple and the Graves at Praga".

Special Events: Last May 20, Concordia hosted a conference on "Hinduism and the New Millennium" under the auspices of the Chair in Hindu Studies. Guest speakers: included: Dr. K.L. Seshagri Rao, Dr. Ratna Ghosh, Dr. Katherine Young, Dr. Virendra Jha, Professor V. Subramanian

A Mahabarta Conference is being organized under the auspices of Dr. T.S. Rukmani, Chair of Hindu Studies, on June 7-9, 2001. For details, contact Dr. Rukmani by email at rukmani@alcor.concordia.ca

The Graduate Students of the Department held the Fifth Annual Interdisciplinary Studies in Religion and Culture Conference on May 1, 2000 with this year's theme being Disputed Boundaries. Thirty-four papers were presented and one panel discussion. The conference was a great success, with presenters from different departments, universities and disciplines. Concordia's graduate students in religious studies will also be hosting the Religion Graduate Students Conference sometime in May, 2001.

The Department welcomed a number of guest speakers under the auspices of the Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies: Chava Rosenfarb, Rüdiger Bender, and Irving Abella

Research Grants: Dr. Frederick Bird was awarded a research grant by SSHRC for his major research project "Global Responsibilities and the Practices of International Businesses in Developing Areas"; Dr. Lynda Clarke was awarded an FCAR research grant for her project "Introduction to Shiite Law: Text and Transmission in an Islamic Legal Tradition"; Dr. Norma Joseph was awarded an FCAR research grant for her project "As Tradition Meets Modernity" on contemporary Jewish law, and a SSHRC grant for "From Baghdad to Montreal" on women in the Iraqi Jewish Community. Dr. Joseph also received a Concordia General Research Fund grant which enabled her to carry out research in Israel on Iraqi Jewry; Dr. Leslie Orr was awarded a research grant for her project "Temple and Society in Place: The Making of Environment, Sacred Space, and Community in Medieval Tamilnadu". Dr. Orr also received an India Studies Fellowship from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute to support a research trip to India; Dr. Ira Robinson was awarded a Galilee Fellowship for Visiting Canadian Scholars at Safed Regional College in Israel to carry out research on North American Orthodox Judaism in early 20th century.

Other notable events: Dr. Ira Robinson has become editor of the journal *Canadian Jewish Studies/Etudes Juives Canadiennes*; Ira has recently published "Virtual Reality Comes to Canadian Jewry: the Case of the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary," in *Jewish Political Studies Review*, 11 (1999): 63-73; Dr. Michel Despland was made a co-editor of the publication NUMEN.

Visiting Professors: Dr. Michael Nehorai from Bar Ilan University in Israel was with the Department of Religion for one year.

McGill University Faculty of Religious Studies:

New Appointments: Dr. Leigh Turner has joined the Faculty through a cross appointment with the Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Turner has been named assistant professor (tenure track) with the Biomedical Ethics Unit. Professor Torrence Kirby has been appointed assistant professor (tenure track) of Church History.

Interfaith Studies: Eight McGill students and alumni/ae took part in a summer course in Israel jointly sponsored by McGill and the Elijah School in Jerusalem. The course combines academic study with religious engagement and interfaith dialogue. Dean Barry Levy and Prof. Richard Hayes were the McGill faculty participants.

Buddhist Studies continue to flourish. Through a grant from the Numata Foundation in Buddhist Studies, the University welcomes visiting Professor John Pettit. Professor Pettit will teach two courses in the winter term, Sacred Biography in Indo-Tibetan Buddhism and Seminar in the History of Indo-Tibetan Philosophy

Dr. Arvind Sharma continues his work on human rights. In September he appeared before the US Commission on International Religious Freedom in Washington D.C. speaking on religious freedom in India. As well he is active with the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) In August, he was co-convenor for the session on Religions and Human Rights and on the panel for Freedom of Religious as a Universal Right at a conference in Durban, South Africa.

Trinity College, University of Toronto

Abraham H. Khan was visiting professor in March, 2000, at the Dept. of Philosophy and Religion of Visvabharati University, India. He read a paper, "Golden Rule, Cognitive Internalization, and Brain Science," at the inauguration of the Tagore-Einstein Foundation, Sanitinketan. In April, he presented a paper at in the Indian Association for Canadian Studies Conference in Calcutta, on Indo-Canadian contribution to public discussion on bioethics, and participated in the JNU (Delhi) National Seminar on Writing Indian Diaspora. He gave lectures at Ranchi University, Indian Institute of Technology (Karagpur), Aligrah University, and Aligrah Muslim College. In June he participated in the Science and Religion workshop on genetics, bioethics, and religion, held at Haverford College. In August, he organized sessions on philosophy of religion, the study of Islam, religion and science, and human rights and religious freedom for the program of the International Association for the History of the Study of Religion Congress, Durban, South Africa. His paper at the Congress was on method as a philosophical idea in the history of the study of religion.

Queen's University - Department of Religious Studies

Has two new postdoctoral fellows this year. Dr. Forough Jahanbakhsh, whose field is Islam in the Modern period, and who wrote a dissertation on Islam and Democracy, has a SSHRCC post doc to work on a project entitled "Post-Fundamentalist Islam." When her post doctoral work is completed, Dr. Jahanbakhsh will take up a tenure-track appointment in the department. Dr. James Miller comes to us from Ph.D. work at Boston University. He is a postdoctoral fellow who is translating hagiographic texts of Shangqing (Highest Clarity) Daoism, and pursuing his research in comparative religious ethics, especially Daoism and Ecology.

Queen's also has a job search going on for a tenure track position in "religion in the contemporary multicultural Canadian context."

University of Waterloo:

As of July 1, 2000 the Department has a new chair, Lorne Dawson (who is cross appointed from Sociology to Religious Studies)

Appointments: Dr. James Diamond (Ph.D., University of Toronto) has been appointed to the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Chair of Jewish Studies and become a member of the Department of Religious Studies (bringing the full time faculty complement to 13 professors)

Publications: David Seljak (Asst. Prof. at St. Jerome's University / University of Waterloo) has two recent publications: "Le retour du sacré dans les débats publics sur l'environnement: les utilisations séculières et religieuses de la `transcendance'", (translated from the English by Dominique Boisvert) in *Mutations culturelles et transcendance à l'aube du XXIe siècle*. Québec: Laval Théologiques et Philosophique/Presses de l'université Laval, 2000, pp. 117-31, and "Resisting the `no man's land' of private religion: the Catholic Church and public politics in Quebec", *Rethinking Church, State and Modernity: Canada between Europe and the USA*, ed. David Lyon and Marguerite Van Die. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2000, pp. 131-148.; Darrol Bryant (Prof. at Renison College, University of Waterloo) has recently edited (with Christopher Lamb) *Religious Conversions: Contemporary Practices and Controversies*. London and New York: Cassell, 1999. Lorne Dawson (Assoc. Prof. at University of Waterloo) has recently published a number of articles, including: "Crises in Charismatic Legitimacy and Violent Behavior in New Religious Movements." In David G. Bromley and J. Gordon Melton, eds., *Dramatic Confrontations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2001); "Religious Cults and Sex." In Clifford D. Bryant, ed., *The Encyclopaedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior*. New York: Taylor and Francis (forthcoming in 2000); "Raising Lazarus? A Methodological Critique of Stephen Kent's Revival of the Brainwashing Model" In Thomas Robbins and

Benjamin Zablocki, eds., *Misunderstanding Cults* Toronto: University of Toronto Press (forthcoming in 2000); "Cult Conversions: Controversy and Clarification," in Christopher Lamb and M. Darroll Bryant, eds., *Religious Conversion: Contemporary Practices and Controversies*. London: Cassell Pub., 1999, pp. 287-314; "Researching Religion in Cyberspace: Issues and Strategies," in Jeffrey K. Hadden and Douglas Cowan, eds., *Religion on the Internet (Religion and the Social Order, Vol. 8)*, Greenwich, Conn.: Elsevier, 2000, pp. 25-53; "When Prophecy Fails and Faith Persists: A Theoretical Overview." *Nova Religio* Vol. 3, No.1, 1999: 60-82. Peter Frick (Asst. Prof. at St. Paul's College / University of Waterloo) has recently published *Divine Providence in Philo of Alexandria. (Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 77)*. Tuebingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 1999.

University of Manitoba

The Department of Religion has recently hired three new faculty members: Dr. Kathryn Blackstone (Buddhism/World Religions/Religion and Culture), Dr. Johannes Wolfart (Modern Christianity/Religion and Culture), and Dr. Ian Whicher (Hinduism/World Religions). The Department offers an undergraduate degree program along with an MA and a PhD.

The Department's publication series, the "U of M Studies in Religion" series, has recently moved to the CCSR and WLU Press. A fourth volume in this series is now in the planning process. For information, contact: Dr. Dawne McCance, Department Head.

University of Winnipeg

Paul Bramadat has published "For Ourselves, Our Neighbours, Our Homeland: Religion in Folklorama's Israel Pavilion" in *Ethnologies*, and *The Church on the World's Turf: An Evangelical Christian Group at a Secular University* (Oxford University Press).

John Badertscher reports that, though he is now retired, he remains active in the Network for the Study of Implicit Religion. He has a review article, "Northern Lights", in the current issue of the journal *Implicit Religion*, which discusses recent Canadian writing in the area, including works by Bill James, Barbara Whitmer and William Stahl. He is also editing, with Edward Bailey, an anthology on method in the study of implicit religion, scheduled to appear in 2001.

University of Calgary

With the departure of our Islamicist, Prof. Andrew Rippin (who is now Dean of Humanities at the University of Victoria), our department has hired Dr. Diana Steigerwald as a Visiting Scholar for 2000-1, offering courses in Islam and Western Religions. Dr. Steigerwald holds a Ph.D. from the Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University and has published extensively on Islamic theology (especially Shahrastani).

The holder of the Numata Chair in Buddhist Thought for Fall 2000 term is John Holt of Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine). Prof. Holt holds a PhD from the University of Chicago, and is an expert on Buddhist cultures and societies in Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia. He is the author of the award-winning *Buddha in the Crown* (Oxford 1991).

Calgary's newly revitalized Chair of Christian Thought, held by Prof. Douglas Shantz, has been active in organizing lectures and seminars for the local Christian communities. The most recent and ambitious event was a weekend seminar on the Life and Writings of Thomas Merton held on Sept. 21-24 2000 in the framework of the Chair's Swanson Lectures in Spirituality. The public symposium, held at Calgary's Lakeview Unitec Chair, was led by distinguished Merton scholars: Dr. Michael W. Higgins of the University of Waterloo; and Prof. Lynn Szabo of Trinity Western University (Langley BC).

Continuing their series of time-intensive graduate seminars delivered jointly with Liverpool Hope University College in the UK, Prof. Wayne McCready offered a seminar in Sept. 2000 on the topic "What Is Scripture?" that was delivered in Liverpool and broadcast through an interactive electronic hook-up to students at the University of Calgary.

Simon Fraser University - Humanities Department and Humanities Institute

Holy Islands Pilgrimage: The Celtic Journey - Dr Donald Grayston notes that he is organising a study tour to Iona, Heavenfield, Durham, Jarrow, Bamburgh, Lindisfarne, offered by the Pilgrimage Program of Simon Fraser University, in co-operation with the Humanities Department and the Centre for Scottish Studies: July 29 - August 9, 2001. Undergraduate academic credit is available. For further information, please contact donald_grayston@sfu.ca Tel 604/291-5516 (office); 604/709-0883 (home); fax 604/291-4504

A brochure can be obtained from rrogers@sfu.ca

Trinity Western University

Barbara Pell, Professor and Chair, Department of English, recently published *Faith and Fiction: a theological critique of the narrative strategies of Hugh MacLennan and Morley Callaghan* (Wilfrid Laurier University Press).

Every year she organises and chairs five to six sessions (15 to 18 papers) of the Christianity and Literature Study Group at the Congress. CSSR members are invited to submit proposals for the next congress. Please contact pell@twu.ca

Undergraduate Student Essay Contest

Concours d'essai pour Étudiant.e.s du 1er cycle

Subject/Sujet: Any topic in the general field of religious studies/Un thème relevant du domaine des sciences religieuses

Length/Longueur: 10-15 pages, typed and double-spaced/10 à 15 pages dactylographiées, double interligne

**Eligibility/Éligibilité: Any undergraduate currently registered in a Canadian university or college/
Toute personne inscrite dans un programme du premier cycle dans une université ou un collège canadien**

Prize/Prix: 1st prize: \$200/2nd prize: \$100; 1er prix: 200\$/2e prix: 100\$

Deadline/Echéance: One copy of the completed essay, with the accompanying letter, must be submitted no later than April 18, 2001 / La rédaction et l'attestation d'inscription doivent être reçues au plus tard le 18 avril, 2001

Essays do not need to be written specifically for this contest. They may be assignments from a religious studies course. Essays must be accompanied by a letter from a member of the sponsoring religious studies department, indicating that the student is an undergraduate in good standing in that university or college.

Les rédactions présentées dans le cadre du concours peuvent avoir été rédigées en vue de répondre aux exigences d'un cours de sciences religieuses. Une attestation d'inscription, rédigée par un professeur de département des sciences religieuses de l'institution, doit accompagner la rédaction.

Students entering the contest should send a copy of his/her essay, along with the letter of certification, to/ Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagné de la lettre d'attestation, à l'attention de:

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Graduate Student Essay Contest

Concours d'essai pour étudiant.e.s diplômé.e.s

Subject/Sujet: A theme in the general field of religious studies/Un thème relevant du dans le champ général des sciences religieuses.

Language/Langue: English or French/Anglais ou français

Length/Longueur: 3000-5000 words/mots

Eligibility/Éligibilité: Full-time M.A. or PhD student status in a Canadian university/Tout.e étudiant.e présentement inscrit(e) à temps plein dans un programme de maîtrise ou de doctorat appartenant à une université ou un collège au Canada.

Prize/Prix: \$300

Deadline/Echéance: 15 February 2001 / 15 février 2001

The winner will be invited to read her/his paper at the next annual meeting./ Le gagnant / La gagnante sera invité à présenter son texte lors de la prochaine réunion annuelle.

Submissions must include a letter from the chairperson of the department certifying the degree and programme status of the candidate. / Les essais doivent être accompagné d'une lettre rédigée par le directeur (la directrice) du programme de l'institution attestant que l'auteur.e est bien un.e étudiant.e présentement inscrit.e à temps plein dans un programme d'études supérieures.

Students entering the contest should send a copy of her/his essay, along with the letter of certification, to / Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagné de la lettre d'attestation, à l'attention de:

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1999-2000 Winners

Undergraduate Student Essay Contest

Concours d'essai pour Étudiant.e du 1er cycle / Gagnant 1999-2000

The first prize for the undergraduate contest was awarded to University of Calgary student Lincoln Blumell, for an essay entitled "The Zealots, Villains or Victims?"

Second prize went to another University of Calgary student, Nathan Gibbard, for his paper entitled "The Vatican's Response to Latin American Liberation Theology."

The Committee Chair reports that, because it is impossible to notify all entrants personally, readers of the Bulletin are asked to notify their students who submitted essays.

Graduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour étudiant.e.s diplômé.e.s

The winning essay was written by Michael McClary Ostling, from the University of Toronto for his paper, "Be Kind to the Antichrist: Millenarianism and Religious Tolerance in the Edict of Pskov".

Committee Chair D. McCance wrote that this work was "a conceptually and stylistically sophisticated study of two important areas of religious scholarship, undertaken through contextualized exegesis of a single line found in a somewhat obscure sixteenth century royal proclamation, the Edict of Pskov. This is a well-documented essay. The writer knows well, and works well, with relevant primary and secondary sources, and is also able to make his historical study relevant to the questions of millenarianism and religious tolerance today."

Please post the (enclosed) notice of the contest for 2000-2001, and encourage outstanding students to submit a paper for the contest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANNONCES

Queen's University Offers a New M.A. in Religious Studies

It's been a long time coming, but at last the Department of Religious Studies at Queen's University is pleased to announce a new M.A. program beginning in September 2001. This Master's degree program concentrates on one field, "Religion and Modernity." The program emphasizes a sound theoretical understanding of religious traditions and communities and the forces which shape their modern contexts. "Religion and Modernity" considers explicit continuities within historic traditions, discontinuities with historic traditions, and the formulation of alternate traditions.

This M.A. program allows students to pursue the study of religion as a cultural phenomenon in dialogue with work in specific religious traditions. Students will explore what happens to religious traditions after the advent of the forces of historical consciousness and secularization such as those that have influenced the western world since the Industrial Revolution. Such an emphasis is directly related to the religious and cultural diversity of contemporary Canada in which religions interact with secular culture (or cultures) and with one another as they attempt to maintain continuity with their pasts, while adapting their traditions in the face of the pressures for change. The focus of the program on religious traditions in their modern contexts includes, of course, various methodological approaches, including postmodern approaches to religious studies.

The M.A. in "Religion and Modernity" is designed to be completed within a twelve-month period. It requires five full credits, one of which is for a "Master's Essay." Further information about this new degree will be posted shortly on the Religious Studies website at <http://qsilver.queensu.ca/religion/>

William Closson James,

Coordinator, Graduate Studies

The Allied Associations

In 1998 the CSSR/SCÉR joined ten other societies forming the Allied Associations. The Allied Associations had begun a few years earlier as a smaller group of five "text-based" societies. This consortium originally came into being to produce a Shared Program for interdisciplinary research exchanges at annual meetings, for the collaborative sponsoring of plenary speakers, to enrich each association's program with more varied offerings, and to facilitate economies of scale in program production.

Members of the CSSR/SCÉR may remember how, drawing upon the Allied Associations model and its networks, a composite Health Colloquium was presented at the 1998 Congress at the University of Ottawa.

This Colloquium involved cross-disciplinary sessions sponsored by six associations, as well as participation of Health Canada officials, health professionals, and members of aboriginal communities and women's group. Copies of the Allied Associations' "Shared Program," which included the sessions of the CSSR/SCÉR, were distributed at the Congress held at the University of Ottawa. A similar Shared Program was available for distribution in 1999 at Sherbrooke/Bishop's and again in 2000 at the University of Alberta.

Participating societies have agreed that the Allied Associations venture will be very difficult to continue without a better administrative structure than the present informal arrangements co-ordinated by the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE). Many of the participating associations are fully bilingual, or are interdisciplinary in their membership, drawing on history, language disciplines, and philosophy (as well as English literature). Notwithstanding the support provided by the initial grant from SSHRC, co-ordination of the Shared Program together with work on such initiatives as the Health Colloquium placed severe strains on the ACCUTE office.

Perhaps it is not surprising in a country like Canada, with its cultural diversity, its distinct societies, and its balance between federal and provincial powers, that the societies participating in the Allied Associations have moved towards a similar kind of structure. It is a structure that has grown out of the distinct identities and needs of the participating associations, and one that no doubt reflects the natural tensions these differences create. The Allied Associations reflect a shared commitment to research and a role in shaping Canadian social values and fostering Canadian social cohesion. Beyond the obvious benefits for our Society to be part of a Shared Program, with the visibility that provides for our sessions to a larger audience, there may be future opportunities for lobbying on behalf of Learned Societies and participating in joint ventures with groups similar to our own but outside of Religious Studies.

Bill James,

Queen's University

Conferences and calls for papers

November 3, 4, & 5, 2000 - Strathfield NSW - Australia

Biennial conference in philosophy, religion and culture

Topic: The Body in our Philosophical Literary and Religious Traditions

Contact: Dr. Andrew Murray, Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

Phone: (02) 9752 9514; Fax: (02) 9746 6022; Email: apmurray@cis.catholic.edu.au

November 23-25, 2000 - Taipei, Taiwan

Workshops on the Theme: Philosophical Perspectives for the Third Millennium: The Dialogue between Christian Philosophy and Chinese Culture

Topic Areas: 1. Philosophy and Culture; 2. The Social, Cultural and Historical Dimensions of Rational Speculation; 3. The Historical Significance of Christian Philosophy for the Third Millennium; 4. The God in Christian Philosophy and The Heaven in Chinese Philosophy; 5. Metaphysics in Christian Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy; 6. Ethics in Christian Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy; 7. The Philosophy of Men in Christian Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy; 8. The World-view (Weltanschauung) in Christian Philosophy and Chinese Philosophy

Contact: Sr Paschal Ting, Department of Philosophy, Fu-Jen Catholic University, Taipei, Taiwan

November 3-4, 2000 - Oakland, CA

The Academy of American Franciscan History and the Franciscan School of Theology

Topic: "The Franciscan Family in the New World, 1524-2000."

Over 25 papers and 4 plenary sessions are scheduled.

For a Tentative Program see: <http://www.aafh.org/confere.htm>

For Registration Information see: <http://www.aafh.org/regform.htm>

Contact: John Frederick Schwaller, Associate Provost, The University of Montana

E-mail schwaller@selway.umt.edu; office 406-243-4722; FAX 406-243-5937

November 10 -11, 2000 - Leuven, Belgium

The European Centre for Ethics K.U.Leuven, in collaboration with the Erasmus Institute of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Topic: "Catholic Intellectual Traditions in the Humanities and Social Sciences."

For information and online registration, see:<http://www.kuleuven.ac.be/oce/november2000.htm>

Contact: Ms. Marie-Jeanne Bellen at: marie-jeanne.bellen@oce.kuleuven.ac.be

November 9-11, 2000, Albion College, Albion, MI

Topic: Morality and Its Other(s): A National Conference on Moral Norms and Public Discourse

Featured Keynotes/Workshop leaders: Eva Feder Kittay, SUNY Stony Brook; Kathy Rudy, Duke University;
Henry Shue, Cornell University

Contact: Dr. Kathy Purnell, Political Science Department, Albion College, Albion, MI 49224 or

Dr. Mimi Schippers, Anthropology/Sociology Department, Albion College, Albion, MI 49224

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December 26-January 2, 2001 - Hebrew University, Jerusalem

9th International Conference in Jerusalem

Theme: "Radical Evil" as Seen in the Holocaust in Movements of Modern Thought

Contact: Bernard Klein, History & Philosophy, Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Blvd.,
Brooklyn, NY 11235 USA

December 28-January 1 - New Delhi

Indian Philosophical Congress: Platinum Jubilee Session (IPC)

Theme: Spirituality, Science, & Technology

Contact: S. R. Bhatt, MP-23 Maurya Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, India csc@dell2.vsnl.net.in

December 28-January 1 - New Delhi

13th International Congress of Vedanta (with IPC)

Contact: S. S. Rama Rao Pappu, Philosophy, Miami Univ., Oxford, OH 45056 pappuss@muohio.edu

January 3-7 - Calcutta

International Philosophers for Peace

Theme: Paths to Peace in a Strife-Torn World

Contact: Nancy Potter, Philosophy, Univ. of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40208 NLPott01@Athena.Louisville.edu

February 1-4 - Sydney, Australia

Topic: Seeking the Centre (or other topics related to the interface of religion and spirituality)

Contact: Carole Cusack, Dept of Studies in Religion, A20

University of Sydney, NSW, Australia 2006

tel 61 2 9351 6837 ; ccusack@mail.usyd.edu.au

February 9-12 - Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

Time and Ethics Conference

Department of Philosophy, School of Liberal Arts, University of Otago

This conference will focus on connections between ethical issues and the metaphysical nature of time.

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February 13-14 - Jerusalem, Israel

International research project -- What kind of globalisation for peace?

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March 1-3 - St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY

The Society of Christian Philosophers - Eastern Regional Meeting,

Confirmed Speakers Jorge L. A. Gracia (Buffalo) on Revelation; Edward Wierenga (Rochester) on The Trinity and Polytheism; Nicholas Wolterstorff (Yale) on Divine Discourse; Linda Zagzebski (Oklahoma) on Religious Pluralism. Submissions may be on any topic relevant to Christian philosophy. Contributions by non-members of the society and by non-Christians are especially welcome.

Contact: Submissions may be faxed to 716-385-8129 or mailed to Dr. David E. White, Department of Philosophy, St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618, or e-mailed to white@sjfc.edu with the paper as an attachment in MSWord. For additional information call 716-385-8375. News of the conference will be posted to <http://home.sjfc.edu/~white/scp> after November 1, 2000.

May 24-25 - Université Laval, Québec, Canada, G1K 7P4

Symposium on: Philosophy, Culture, and Pluralism / Philosophie, culture, pluralisme

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Professor William Sweet, Department of Philosophy, St Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5, CANADA; fax 902-867-3243; tel 902-867-2341; Internet: wsweet@stfx.ca

May 2-5 - Tempe, Arizona

North American Society for Seventeenth-Century French Literature,

-- vous invite à soumettre vos propositions de communications en vue de la trente-sixième rencontre annuelle qui se tiendra à Tempe, près de Phoenix, sur le campus de l'Arizona State University. Veuillez envoyer un résumé de deux pages en français ou en anglais aux responsables des sessions désignés ci-dessous. Pour tout renseignement concernant le colloque, veuillez prendre contact avec David Wetsel (Président de la Société pour l'année 2001) à l'adresse suivante : 3508 N. Pueblo Way, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251-5235 ou par courriel à l'adresse : David.Wetsel@asu.edu (téléphone : 480-994-8942 ; télécopie : 480-965-0135). Le texte des communications, limitées à vingt minutes, devra parvenir aux responsables des sessions avant le 1er mars 2001. Une version révisée des communications (de 15 à 20 pages) paraîtra dans les Actes du colloque de Tempe.

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Send proposals to: Ziad Elmarsafy, French Dept., New York University, New York, NY 10003. Tel: 212-998-8700. E-mail: ziad.elmarsafy@nyu.edu (E-mail proposals preferred).

7-9 June 2001 - Montreal

International Conference on the Mahabharata

Contact: Dr. T.S. Rukmani, Dept of Religion Annex FA, Concordia University, 1455 deMaisonneuve W, Montreal, QC. H3G 1M8 Tel (514) 848-4085; Fax (514) 848-4541; email: rukmani@alcor.concordia.ca

27-29 June 2001 -- Brussels

Theme: Military Obedience: Ethical, Military and Legal Perspectives

Contact: Guy C. Van Damme, Royal Military Academy, Avenue de la Renaissance, 30, 1000, Brussels, Belgium E mail guy.van.damme@filo.rma.ac.be; www.rma.ac.be/RMA-FILO.Colloque/home.html

3-5 July 2001 -- Leeds UK

Theme: Imagination and the Arts Conference

For more information, including fuller programme details, visit the website at <http://www.bitwalla.com/art/>

Contacts: Matthew Kieran, School of Philosophy, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT

email: m.l.kieran@leeds.ac.uk // or Dominic McIver Lopes, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC Canada V6T 1Z1 email: dlopes@bitwalla.com

3-5 October 2001 -- Palazzo degli Affari, Florence, Italy

The Third Congress of the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics (EurSafe)

The aim of the congress is to improve communication among experts in ethics, scientists and professionals of the agricultural and food sector, and to foster inter-disciplinary research and education in agriculture and food ethics. The central theme of the congress is the ethics of food production and trade with reference to consumer safety, needs and preferences.

Contact: Professor Claudio Peri, Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture

University of Milan, Italy Tel: + 39 2 70602063 Fax + 39 2 70638625 e-mail: claudio.peri@unimi.it

Congress web site: www.studioscaramuzzi.com/eursafeflorence2001

3-4 octobre 2001 - Université de Nantes, France

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The University of Nantes is organizing a conference on the life and works of Peter Abelard, born in the

village of Le Pallet, near Nantes. Cultural and artistic activities are planned in conjunction with the conference. Official Languages: French and English

Contact: Conférence Abelard, H. Habrias I.U.T., 3 rue Maréchal Joffre, 44041 Nantes Cedex 1, France

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8-10 August 2003 - Istanbul.

World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies Symposium

Theme: Philosophy, Cultural Identity, and Solidarity

Contact: Prof. William Sweet, Secretary-General, World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies.

10-17 August 2003 - Istanbul.

21st World Congress of Philosophy

Lütfi Kırdar International Congress and Fair Center (Istanbul). The main theme of the Congress will be Philosophy Facing World Problems.

Contact: Ioanna Kuçuradi, President of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie

Livres et recensions / The Editor's Bookshelf

Periodically, the Editor will note books, primarily by Canadian scholars or published by Canadian presses, that may be of interest to members of the CSSR

Arvind Sharma (McGill)

Through Her Eyes: Women's Perspectives on World Religions, eds. Arvind Sharma, Katherine K. Young,

Westview Press, 2000.

Women saints in world religions, ed. Arvind Sharma. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2000.

Religion and secularism in India : after Ayodhya. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2000.

William Sweet (ed.) (St Francis Xavier)

Natural Law: reflections on theory and practice by Jacques Maritain, ed. with Introductions and notes, by William Sweet, South Bend, IN: St Augustine's Press [distributed by University of Chicago Press], 2000.

Can there be universal moral principles in a culturally and religiously diverse world? Are such principles provided by a theory of natural law? Jacques Maritain's response to both questions is 'yes.' These essays, selected from the writings of one of the most influential philosophers of the last 100 years, provide a clear statement of Maritain's theory of natural law and natural rights. Maritain's ethics and political philosophy occupies a middle ground between the extremes of individualism and collectivism. Written during a period when cultural diversity and pluralism were beginning to have an impact on ethics and politics, these essays provide a defense of natural law and natural right that continues to be timely.

Harold Coward (ed.) (Victoria)

Just Fish: Ethics and Canadian Marine Fisheries, edited by Harold Coward, Tony Pitcher, and Rosemary Ommer. ISER Books, 2000. ISBN 0-919666-97-3

Gérard Vallée (McMaster)

Soundings in G.E. Lessing's Philosophy of Religion. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America 2000.

Peter Frick (Waterloo)

Divine Providence in Philo of Alexandria. (Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 77). Tuebingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 1999.

Paul Bramadat (Winnipeg)

The Church on the World's Turf: An Evangelical Christian Group at a Secular University, Oxford University Press.

Pamela Dickey Young (Queen's)

Re-creating the Church: Communities of Eros (Harrisville, PA: Trinity Press International, 2000).

Leslie Orr (Concordia)

Donors, Devotees and Daughters of God: Temple Women in Medieval Tamilnadu, 2000.

T.S. Rukmani (Concordia)

ed., collected papers from the International Conference on the Hindu Diaspora.

Lynda Clarke (Concordia)

Shiite Heritage: Essays in Classical and Modern Traditions

Randi Warne (ed.) (Mt St Vincent, Halifax)

Telling Tales: Essays in Western Women's History, Catherine A. Cavanaugh and Randi R. Warne (editors).
Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000.

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Friesen, John W., Aboriginal spirituality and biblical theology : closer than you think. Calgary : Detselig,
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Hawker, Paul, Secret affairs of the soul : ordinary people's extraordinary experiences of the sacred, Kelowna,
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Pierre Livet. (Ed) L'argumentation : droit, philosophie et sciences sociales, Sainte-Foy, Québec : Presses de
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Patañjali, Kriya yoga sutras of Patanjali and the siddhas tr. and comm. M. Govindan, St. Etienne de Bolton,
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