

## Friday @ the Center: January 4, 2008

### Simple Truths

Welcome to the start of a new year and new quarter! In the flurry of start-up activities, you may wish to keep these simple truths about teaching in mind: students respond positively to our feeble attempts to learn their names; successful teachers maintain a precarious balance between demanding expectations and genuine support; and it's more important that your students learn a little something than that you cover a lot of material.

### SPU Faculty Grants

Seattle Pacific offers a variety of internally administered faculty grants to support research, scholarship, creative activity, and teaching. Most of these grants have a rapidly approaching application date of **Feb. 1**, for funds available from July 1 to June 30. Check out the programs listed below, and don't pass up these opportunities for support! Unless otherwise noted, information and application forms are available at <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/scholarshipops.asp>.

- **Instructional Technology Grant:** supports exploring a new way of integrating technology into instruction. Contact: David Wick. Complete guidelines at <http://www.spu.edu/depts/its/grant/2007>. Application deadline: **Jan. 10**
- **Faculty Research Grant (FRG):** supports research and scholarship and is open to applicants, but priority in awards is given to pre-tenured faculty. Funds can be used for research expenses, travel, equipment, a course release, or a summer stipend.
- **Senior Faculty Grant (SFG):** supports research and scholarship, but is limited to tenured applicants.
- **Lilly SERVE Faculty Grant in Vocation:** supports either a scholarly or pedagogical project related to the concept of vocation. Contact: Mike Hamilton.
- **Reconciliation Studies Course Development Grant:** grants between \$500 and \$1500 for a course revision or for a new course, in order to increase the course offerings for emphasis on reconciliation and diversity and to enable greater intercultural competency at SPU.
- **Academic Renewal Grants (ARG):** supports work on course content, curriculum, and course revision. Contact your school dean for guidelines and deadlines.

### Faculty Book Circle: *The Orthodox Way*

It's not too late to join this quarter's Faculty Book Circle, which will be reading and discussing Kallistos Ware's *The Orthodox Way*, on Jan. 15, 22, and 29, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Alexander Hall 206. The former Spalding Lecturer of Eastern Orthodox Studies at Oxford University, Metropolitan Kallistos will deliver the 2008 Palmer Lectures at SPU on March 4-5. To enroll and receive a free copy of the book, please contact Anna Dufault ([adufault@spu.edu](mailto:adufault@spu.edu)) as soon as possible.

### CFP: Lilly Fellows Program National Conference

This year's LFP National Research Conference will be held at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles on the theme "*Convivencia: Religious Identities in the New World*," March 27-29. Keynote speakers include Ahmet Karamustafa, Linda Komaroff, Timothy Matovina, Maria Rosa Menocal, Ebrahim Moosa, Robert Orsi, Peter Phan, Thomas Tweed, Diane Winston, and Rabbi David Wolpe. Proposals for papers from scholars from a variety of disciplines are invited in areas such as Identity and Religious Practice; Church

and State; Immigration, Diaspora and Exile; Nationality, Ethnicity and Religion; and Globalized Religion. As members of a Lilly National Network school, SPU faculty presenting a paper will receive travel funds from the LNN. Proposals of 500 words are due by **Jan. 25, 2008**. For a complete description of the program and registration see <http://www.lmu.edu/pagefactory.aspx?PageID=41106>.

Blessed Epiphany!



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