



Outward from the Centre

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Message from our Executive Director



Terry Hidichuk, Executive Director

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From the swirl of the bagpipes and the procession of the platform party to the singing O Canada and the recession of the same platform party, and all the pomp and circumstance in between, I look forward to convocation. Okay, some of the speeches might drag a tad. But even the speeches capture the moment of joy and accomplishment that is rolled into the events that make up these two days at the University of Winnipeg. Actually for Theology the festivities start the “Grad” banquet the night before the ceremony itself. For some of our students who do most of the program at a distance it is almost as if it is a time to say hello. For all of the students graduating it is a time to say good-bye, good luck and God bless.

The time between the hello and the good-bye is always a bittersweet time for me. It was when I was a student and it remains so as Executive Director. These are heady times for students, their families and their friends. The papers are done, the readings are complete, and much has been mastered, imaginations have shaped, the person that started the program is not the same one that graduates. This is a time for celebration.

This is for some also a time of high anxiety. As students walk across the platform to receive their parchments, it is as if you can hearing them saying: “now what”, “where does this take me.”

Those are questions are not just for graduates of Theology but for many University students everywhere. There was time not so long when Graduation from University almost guaranteed a job. Now, the is conventional wisdom out there, tells us that University education does not prepare one for the “real” world.

The statistics and antidotal evidence doesn’t bear that

out however. Graduates from post secondary education on the whole do better financially, and are healthier both physically and emotionally.

A few weeks ago Sandy and I were asked by the Dean of Graduate Studies to compile list of students graduating from Theology since 2008, along with a sort where are they now list. It was an interesting exercise. We found that many of students went on for further studies in related disciplines or are engaged in vocations such as chaplaincy, community ministry or congregation ministry in a variety of settings and traditions. Some of this is born out in this edition of “Outward from the Centre.” The education offered at the Centre for Theological not only has intrinsic value, it has value added.

That is what we know. We also know that Theology is not disengaged from the “real” but the study of Theology empowers Graduates to participate in “real” world in unique and meaningful ways.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students from the United Centre for Theological Studies who graduated this spring.

Blessings to you and to all of you.
Terry Hidichuk

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Congress 2014 of the Humanities and Social Sciences

More than 8,500 Humanities and Social Sciences academics (teachers, researchers and students) met at Brock University in St. Catherine’s, Ontario for the 83rd annual Congress of the largest academic gathering of its kind in Canada, May 24-30. The Canadian Theological Society holds its annual meetings at Congress along with 75 other Canadian associations. The Society’s meetings consist of academic presentations made by established and up-and-coming scholars from Canada in the wide field of Theology, followed by Q & A. Titles of these presentations included the following: “Friendship as a Philosophical Foundation of Theological Biography” – [focus on Bonhoeffer], “Taking Up the Past: Queer Temporality and Transformative Social Praxis,” “Being at Borders with Paul Tillich,” “A Sensuous Pursuit of Justice/Love: An Examination of the Erotically Pleasurable and Morally Formative Practice of Yoga,” “The Politics of Decline and Retrieval: Bernard Lonergan’s Foundations for Democratic Citizenship,” “Literature as Theology: Recovering the Christian Religious Ideal with the Help of Victor Hugo’s *Les Miserables*,” and, “How Many is Too Many? A Theological Propaedeutic for Polyamory.” As you can see by some of these titles the CTS meetings try to incorporate the wider Congress theme, which was “Borders Without Boundaries.” There are lectures in each academic discipline, and “Big Thinking” speakers, open to any at the Congress. Lawrence Hill (*The Book of Negroes*, and 2013 Massey Lectures and book, *Blood: The Stuff of Life*) was a Big Thinking speaker for the second time in a few years. I enjoyed speakers Tim Cook (“The borders between life and death: Stories of the supernatural and uncanny among Canada’s Great War soldiers.”) and David Poltz—Editor in Chief of *Slate* (“Fast, cheap, and out of control: How the Internet has made journalism better than it’s ever been.”) This is an annual event held at Canadian University campuses across the country that I try to attend every year as an encouraging place to listen, question, contribute, and learn. It is a rich opportunity to engage not only new ideas in Theology, but also other related fields found at a unique gathering of thinkers, researchers, and writers in Canada.

For more info see: Canadian Theological Society <http://cts-stc.ca/> Congress2014 <http://congress2014.ca/>

Chris Wells, Director of Studies.

Knowles-Woodsworth News

The 5th Annual Knowles-Woodsworth Lecture this fall will be given by Dr. Phyllis Airhart, Professor of Church History at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Professor Airhart is the author of the recently published book, *A Church with the Soul of a Nation - The Making and Remaking of the United Church of Canada*. The lecture will take place on October 30th, 2014 in Eckhart-Grammatte Hall at the University of Winnipeg.

Congratulations June 2014 Grads!



Bachelor of Theology:

Jamie Bradshaw
Justin Laki
Adam Smith
Lyn Workman

Master of Arts (Theology):

Gary Potter

Master of Arts in Spiritual Disciplines and Ministry Practices:

Stepan Bilynskyy
Tracy Fairfield
Gwen McAllister
Dana McWhirter

Master of Sacred Theology:

Beverley Marlo-Espinoza



Congratulations June 2014 Grads!



Gwen McAllister & Jamle Bradshaw tied for first and both received the Gawthrop Prize for highest overall GPA in Theology.

Adam Smith received the Nisbet Memorial & Winchester Prize for the second highest overall GPA in Theology.

Tracy Fairfield received the Tait & Anderson Prize for third highest overall GPA in Theology.



Left back row: Terry Hidichuk, James Christie, Arthur Walker-Jones, front row Sandy Peterson and **Bev Marlo-Espinoza** at the Graduation Banquet June 10, 2014.



Back row: Arthur Walker-Jones, Dana McWhirter, Stepan Bilynskyy, Tracy Fairfield, Justin Laki, Jamie Bradshaw, Chris Wells, James Christie, Terry Hidichuk and Adam Smith. Front row: Lloyd Axworthy, Jane Barter Moulaison, Lyn Workman, Gary Potter and Gwen McAllister and her son.
Missing: Bev Marlo Espinoza.



News and notes:

Congratulations to James Christie, his article for The Observer in 2013 was recognized with an award from the Associated Church Press, a North America-wide organization of Christian publications.

Awards of Excellence

- BEST IN CLASS: The United Church Observer, David Wilson, Editor.
- Feature Article, Long Format: “Losing the hooded grebe” by Alanna Mitchell
- News Story: “Did Canadian oil poison this town?” by May Warren (tie)
- News Story: “Standing up to big gold” by Roxana Olivera (tie)
- Letters to the Editor: Patricia Clarke, editor
- Seasonal Article: “The upper room” by Gary Paterson (tie)
- Seasonal Article: “Unexpected gifts” by John T. Harries (tie)
- Professional Resource: “Imagine your church in 2025” by Samantha Rideout and David Wilson, writers; David Turnbull, photographer
- [Theological Reflection, Short Format: “Why is the universe so big?” by James Christie](#)
- Column: “Observations” by David Wilson
- Photo Spread with Article or Outline: “Six days in Vancouver” by David Turnbull

*The United Centre for Theological Studies (UCTS) of The University of Winnipeg and the Community Partnership Council of The Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy of the Global College, University of Winnipeg, is pleased to announce the signal honour accorded to **Ms. Belle Jarniewski** by her appointment to the prestigious *International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)* and to offer her our most profound congratulations.*

Belle is enrolled in the Master of Arts programme of UCTS, with a particular emphasis in Whole World Ecumenism and Dialogue Theology. She is also a founding member of the Ridd Institute’s Community Partnership Council and a member of the *Group of 78*. She is the Chairperson of *The Freeman Family Foundation Holocaust Education Centre of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada*. Belle has previously served on the Canadian national iteration of the IHRA, and has recently been elected to the Board of *The Manitoba Multifaith Council*.

The **IHRA** is an intergovernmental body whose purpose is to place political and social leaders’ support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance and research both nationally and internationally. IHRA (formerly the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research, or ITF) was initiated in 1998 by former Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson. Persson decided to establish an international organization that would expand Holocaust education worldwide, and asked President Bill Clinton and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair to join him in this effort. Persson also developed the idea of an international forum of governments interested in discussing Holocaust education, which took place in Stockholm on 27-29 January 2000. The Forum was attended by 23 Heads of State or Prime Ministers and 14 Deputy Prime Ministers or Ministers from 46 governments. The Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust was the outcome of the Forum’s deliberations and is the foundation of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

IHRA currently has 31 member countries and five observer countries. Membership is open to all countries, and members must be committed to the Stockholm Declaration and to the implementation of national policies and programs in



support of Holocaust education, remembrance, and research. Member countries are encouraged to develop multilateral partnerships and to share best practices.

The national government of each member country appoints and sends a delegation to IHRA meetings that is composed of both government representatives and national experts. In addition to the Academic, Education, Memorials and Museums, and Communication Working Groups, specialized committees have been established to address antisemitism and Holocaust denial, the situation of the Roma and the Roma genocide, comparative genocide, and special challenges in Holocaust education. The IHRA is also in the process of implementing a multi-year work plan that focuses on killing sites, access to archives, educational research, and Holocaust Memorial Days.

The IHRA has an annually rotating Chairmanship, and the appointed Chair is responsible for the overall activities of the organization. The Chairmanship is supported by the Executive Secretary, who is the head of the Permanent Office located in Berlin. The IHRA also has an Honorary Chairman, Professor Yehuda Bauer, and an Advisor to the IHRA, Professor Steven Katz.

One of IHRA’s key roles is to contribute to the funding of relevant projects through its grant strategy. The purpose of the Grant Programme is to foster international dialogue and the exchange of expertise, increase government involvement in programme creation, and target projects with strong multilateral elements in order to create sustainable structures for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research.

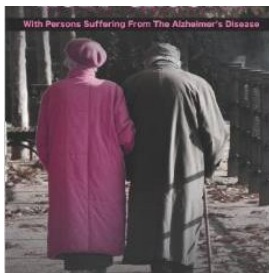
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Congratulations to **Stepan Bilynakyy** on his appointment as the Spiritual Health Services Coordinator for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

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Congratulations to **Adam Smith** who will be continuing his studies in the MA in Religious Studies program at McGill in Montreal.

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Congratulations to **Marion Magnusson** on being accepted into the DMin program in Spiritual Counselling and Psychology at Waterloo Seminary. Marion graduated from the Faculty of Theology with a BTh in 2009 and an STM in 2013.



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On behalf of the United Centre for Theological Studies we would like to congratulate **Linwood Delong** on his Admission to the Fellowship in United College at the June 11 Convocation. Linwood has been a friend of the Faculty of Theology for many years serving on the Theology Advisory Council. Linwood retired earlier this year from the University of Winnipeg after more than 30 years of service.



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Antoinette Sequeira graduated with a DMin from Phoenix University of Theology specializing in A & D in November 2011. She has published a book called “[Walking on Holy Ground: With Persons Suffering From The Alzheimer's Disease](#)”. Antoinette graduated from the Faculty of Theology with a BTh in 2006 and an STM in 2007.



Registration begins July 2, 2014
Fall 2014

Course #	Title	Instructor(s)	Day(s)	Dates	Hours	Location
BIBLICAL STUDIES						
GTHEO 7100 001	Introduction to Scripture I	Arthur Walker-Jones	T	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14 *no class Nov 11/14	2:00 - 5:00 pm	TBD
GTHEO 7100 002*	Introduction to Scripture I	Arthur Walker-Jones	T	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14 *no class Nov 11/14	2:00 - 5:00 pm	n/a
*This course is available by internet-based Cisco WebEx. Must be available online during the class time. Permission of the instructor required to register.						
GTHEO 7140 001	Biblical Theology	Arthur Walker-Jones	W	Sept 10 - Nov 26/14	2:00 -5:00 pm	1MS25
GTHEO 7181 001	Introductory Hebrew	Arthur Walker-Jones	T&TH	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14* *no class Nov 11/14	9:00 - 11:00 am	TBD
GTHEO 7181 002*	Introductory Hebrew	Arthur Walker-Jones	T&TH	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14* *no class Nov 11/14	9:00 - 11:00 am	n/a
*This course is available by internet-based Cisco WebEx. Must be available online during the class time. Permission of the instructor required to register.						
THEOLOGY/CHURCH HISTORY						
GTHEO 7201 001	Survey of Christian History	Chris Wells	TH	Sept 11 - Nov 27/14	1:00 - 4:00 pm	TBD
GTHEO 7201 002*	Survey of Christian History	Chris Wells	n/a	Sept 11 - Nov 27/14	n/a	Online
*Permission from the instructor is required to register for the online section.						
GTHEO 7220 050	History & Faith: Ecumenism	James Christie	W	Sept 17 - Dec 3/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25
GTHEO 7220 051*	History & Faith: Ecumenism	James Christie	W	Sept 17 - Dec 3/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	n/a
*This course is available by internet-based Cisco WebEx. Must be available online during the class time. Permission of the instructor required to register.						
GTHEO 7242 050	Topics in Dialogue Theology: Dialogue with Skeptics	James Christie	M	Sep 15 - Dec 8/14* *no class Oct 13/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25
GTHEO 7242 051*	Topics in Dialogue Theology: Dialogue with Skeptics	James Christie	M	Sep 15 - Dec 8/14* *no class Oct 13/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	n/a
*This course is available by internet-based Cisco WebEx. Must be available online during the class time. Permission of the instructor required to register.						
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AND MINISTRY PRACTICES						
GTHEO 7341 001	Introduction to Pastoral Care	Terry Hidichuk	M	Sept 8- Dec 1/14	1:00 - 4:00 pm	1MS25
**Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following course. Please contact Elizabeth Sawatsky 204-787-3884/787-1795						
GTHEO 7345 003**	Supervised Experience in Ministry: Hope & Healing	Kurt Schwarz	TH	Sept 11- Nov 27/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	NA543 HSC
GTHEO 7359 001	Topics: Experience In Congregation & Community Leadership	Terry Hidichuk	TH	Sept 11- Nov 27/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25
**Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following SPE units: Please contact Tim Frymire 204.478.6281						
GTHEO 7371 001 *	SPE: First Basic Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Sep 2 - Nov 14/14	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7372 001 *	SPE: Second Basic Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Sep 2 - Nov 14/14	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7374 001 *	SPE: First Advanced Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Sep 2 - Nov 14/14	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7375 001 *	SPE: Second Advanced Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Sep 2 - Nov 14/14	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7378 001	Professional Ethics	Patterson/Read	T	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14* * no class November 11/14	1:00 - 4:00 pm	TBD
GTHEO 7378 002*	Professional Ethics	Patterson/Read	T	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14* * no class November 11/14	1:00 - 4:00 pm	n/a
*This course is available by internet-based Cisco WebEx. Must be available online during the class time. Permission of the instructor required to register.						
THESIS AND WRITING						
GTHEO 7690 050	Thesis Seminar	Chris Wells	Tues	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14* * no class November 11/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25
GTHEO 7690 051*	Thesis Seminar	Chris Wells	Tues	Sep 9 - Dec 2/14* * no class November 11/14	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Online



Fall/Winter 2014

Course #	Title	Instructor(s)	Day(s)	Dates	Hours	Location
<i>SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AND MINISTRY PRACTICES</i>						
*Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following course. Please contact Mary Coswin 204.338.4601						
GTHEO 7345 001*	Supervised Experience in Ministry: Shekinah Formation Year Two	Coswin/Falk	various	Sep 4/14 - Apr 12/15		St. Benedict's
*Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following course. Please contact Cheryl Kinney Matheson (807)468.6923						
GTHEO 7345 002*	Supervised Experience in Ministry: Prairie Jubilee Program - Year One	Gotch	Various	Sept 11/14 - Jun 15/15		Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre
*Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following SPE units: Please contact Tim Frymire 204.478.6281						
GTHEO 7371 002*	SPE: First Basic Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Nov 24/14 - Feb 20/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7372 002*	SPE: Second Basic Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Nov 24/14 - Feb 20/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7374 002*	SPE: First Advanced Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Nov 24/14 - Feb 20/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7375 002*	SPE: Second Advanced Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Nov 24/14 - Feb 20/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC

Winter 2014

No classes reading week February 16 - 20 (excluding SPE units)

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<i>BIBLICAL STUDIES</i>						
GTHEO 7155 001	Topics in NT: Jesus in Film	Arthur Walker-Jones	W	Jan 7 - Apr 1/15	2:00 - 5:00 pm	1MS25
GTHEO 7182 001	Introductory Hebrew II	Arthur Walker-Jones	T&TH	Jan 6 - Apr 2/15	9:00 - 11:00 am	TBD
GTHEO 7182 002*	Introductory Hebrew II	Arthur Walker-Jones	T&TH	Jan 6 - Apr 2/15	9:00 - 11:00 am	n/a

***This course is available by internet-based Cisco WebEx. Must be available online during the class time. Permission of the instructor required to register.**

THEOLOGY/CHURCH HISTORY

GTHEO 7200 001	Introduction to Theology	Chris Wells	TH	Jan 8 - Apr 2/15	1:00 - 4:00 pm	TBD
GTHEO 7200 002*	Introduction to Theology	Chris Wells	n/a	Jan 8 - Apr 2/15	n/a	Online

***Permission from the instructor is required to register for the online section.**

GTHEO 7255 001	Major Theologians: Dialogue	James Christie	TBD	Jan 7 - Apr 1/15	6:00 - 9:00 pm	TBD
GTHEO 7260 050	Christianity & World Religions: Dialogue	James Christie	M	Jan 5 - Mar 30/15	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AND MINISTRY PRACTICES

***Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following course. Please contact Elizabeth Sawatsky 204-787-3884/787-1795**

GTHEO 7345 004*	Supervised Experience in Ministry: Supervised Practicum	Ross/Barclay	TH	Jan 8 - Mar 26/15	6:00 - 9:00 pm	NA543 HSC
GTHEO 7347 050	Leadership in the Church	Terry Hidichuk	W	Jan 7 - Apr 1/15	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25
GTHEO 7362 001*	Theological Reflections in Context: Religion, Rights & Relationships in Israel & the West Bank	Christie/Hidichuk	TH*	Jan 8 - Apr 2/15	6:00 - 9:00 pm	1MS25

***This is a fieldbased courses that will include two weeks in Israel & West Bank Feb 16 -27/15 (please note dates are approx at this time). In addition to tuition there will be a field course fee assessed for this course. Please contact the UCTS office for more information.**

****Proof of course acceptance from the instructor is required to register for the following SPE units: Please contact Tim Frymire 204.478.6281**

GTHEO 7371 003**	SPE: First Basic Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Mar 2 - May 22/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7372 003**	SPE: Second Basic Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Mar 2 - May 22/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7374 003**	SPE: First Advanced Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Mar 2 - May 22/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC
GTHEO 7375 003**	SPE: Second Advanced Unit	Tim Frymire	M-F	Mar 2 - May 22/15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Riverview HC

[Check the website for syllabi](#)

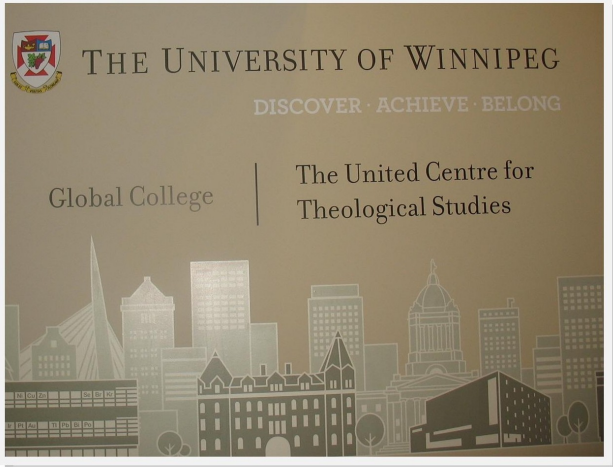


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Registration for the 2014/15 academic year starts July 2, 2014!

Did you know that you can register for classes now and not pay your fees until September?

Bursary Deadline August 15, 2014 Remember you must be registered to qualify for a bursary!

The United Centre for Theological Studies is committed to excellence in theological education within a liberal arts University. We welcome all those who wish to study theology and we seek to empower leaders for religious and social service by providing a safe and respectful environment for critical reflection that is contextual and global in scope and values social and ecological justice. We are shaped by the historic contributions of the United Church of Canada and its commitment to the social gospel movement, liberation theology, and whole world ecumenism.



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