2012 GDR Orientation Schedule

Thursday, August 23, 2012 - Optional

Please note: when entering campus, college freshmen will be moving into dormitories, severely limiting parking availability. All vehicle traffic must enter campus at the main Lancaster Road entrance. When stopped by Public Safety at this entrance, please inform the officer that you are a GDR student; you will be directed to the appropriate parking area in the Main Lot.

It is suggested that new GDR students use this day to complete the following on campus tasks:

- Obtain student ID card from Business Office (Tilghman House)
- Obtain Parking decal (if needed) from Public Safety (must pay in Business Office in Tilghman House first)
- Check with Financial Aid office (Tilghman House) if any further paperwork is needed.

6:00 p.m. Dinner with Graduate Division of Religion Student Association (GDRSA)

Friday, August 24, 2012

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Welcome Dean Morris Davis

9:15 a.m. Introduction to the GDR Dr. Virginia Burrus

11:00 a.m. Faculty Introductions

12:15 p.m. Lunch with Faculty

1:15 p.m. Area and Advisor Meetings

Seminary Hall, Atrium

Mead Hall, Wendel Room

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Mead Hall Rooms

Biblical Studies & Early Mead 102
Christianity
Historical Studies                 Mead 103
Religion & Society                Mead 104
Theological & Philosophical
Studies                            Mead 110

2:30 p.m. Library Tour
Dr. Ernest Rubinstein,
Theological Librarian *with
MA/STM students*              Rose Memorial
Library, LC 16

4:00 p.m. Registrar
Horace Tate, University
Registrar                      Mead Hall,
Founders Room

4:30 p.m. Academic Life
Workshop
Dr. Virginia Burrus             Mead Hall,
Founders Room

6:00 p.m. Picnic Dinner – Families are
invited *with GDR, MDiv, MA, and
STM Students*                Seminary Hall,
Lawn

Saturday, August 25, 2012 - Optional

2 – 4:30 p.m. Philosophical Iconography Tour in Morningside Heights, New York City

GDR students, faculty and staff are invited to a tour of images of or relating to philosophers in some of the buildings of Morningside Heights, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the campus of Columbia University, and Riverside Church. Enjoy images of Plato, Marcus Aurelius, Erasmus, Averroes, Dante, Kant, Simone Weil, and also theologians Origen, Augustine, Luther, among many others. One of the buildings holds the memory of a philosophical ghost. Tour guide is theological librarian, Ernie Rubinstein. Meet on steps of Cathedral of St. John the Divine, at the south entrance, Amsterdam Ave and 112th St., at 2 pm. The tour should go till about 4:30. Refreshments planned afterwards for those who would like to linger longer together.