Tipple-Vosburgh ‘06 Explores Diverse Christologies

Christology, a subject that has stirred intense interest throughout church history and popular media, was the focus of this year’s Tipple-Vosburgh Lectures. Held October 17-19, it explored diverse perspectives on the meaning of Christ as it carried the theme, “Christology: Christ Across Confessions and Cultures.”

Four plenary speakers offered varied and insightful understandings of the implications of the life and work of Jesus based from their own social locations. Dwight Hopkins, professor of theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, spoke on “Christologies from the Margins”; Catherine Keller, professor of constructive theology at Drew discussed “Jesus, Christ and the Politics of Love”; Schubert Ogden, distinguished professor of theology emeritus at Southern Methodist University, talked about “Christology and the Emergence of Plurality”; and Anantanand Rambachan, professor of religion, philosophy and Asian studies at St.

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Theological School Admissions Summary

From the Dean

At a recent faculty meeting several of our Master of Divinity students reflected with us on their experience in their supervised ministry settings. Each was in a very interesting situation where they work 10-12 hours weekly and then spend additional time at Drew reflecting on the learning that comes from the setting. Two were in New York City, one at the National Council of Churches, and another at a local church. Another was in a growing suburban congregation that was about to add projector and screen to the sanctuary, while another was part of a new church start.

Many of our students work with youth in their settings. As the students were asked about the questions that are coming out of their settings, youth and culture was a common theme. A Korean student was leading a group of youth that included new immigrants, children of immigrant parents, and youth born of Korean American parents. The complexity of world view, language, and youth culture is very real whenever the group gathers.

Another student spoke of the challenge of understanding leadership in his setting where some are hoping for change and others are working for things to remain the same. As their dean I was awed by the responsibility that they already have for the spiritual development of individuals in these ministry settings.

I remember a conversation with a student a few years ago that revealed that he was leading his congregation in a building project. My response was “did we teach you how to do that?” He seemed confident, and indeed has had a successful ministry while at Drew and since.

As a faculty we are working on a list of outcomes that we feel are essential for all of our M.Div. students to have as they graduate. These ongoing discussions continue to reveal the complexity of the expectations on clergy in the church of today. Every church seems a cross-cultural appointment with multiple skills necessary to flourish and bring the risen Christ.

Maxine Clarke Beach

Fall 2006 Theological School Admissions Summary

By Kevin D. Miller
Director, Theological Admissions

The Theological School, as well as the Office of Theological Admissions, is a place where miracles and ministry continue to take place. God is in the midst of everything that we do, and it is important to remember that there is nothing we can or cannot do without God’s grace.

We received over 200 master’s degree applications for the Fall 2006 semester from persons responding to the call to ministry. Out of this application pool, 83 accepted our offer to become a part of the Theological School community. The Doctor of Ministry program received over 50 applications and formed two groups, Global Online and Congregational Growth and Development.

What does this mean for our community? We see God in the faces of a diverse class. The incoming class consists of representatives from 15 different denominations and 18 international students from three countries, as well as students from fifteen different states representing the North, South, East and West. Our diversity remains evident in our cultures, life experiences, ages, perspectives and genders.

As this office moves forward, we are actively recruiting students for all our programs. We are willing to travel to speak with potential students regarding their growth in ministry and the benefits that a Drew degree provides. Please contact us if you feel there are events that a Theological School representative should attend. In addition, the Doctor of Ministry office is recruiting for five (5) concentrations: Pastoral Care and Counseling; Global Online; Worship, Preaching and Spirituality; Ecological Ministries; and an Oklahoma Regional group.

Finally, I extend an invitation to each of you to give back to the ministry of the Theological School. Give back that others may give back. You can do this in a number of ways. First, a contribution to the Theological School Annual Fund would be helpful. This annual contribution is designated scholarships, grants and programs that benefit our current students. Your annual contribution could be a little as $10 or much, much more! Secondly, refer persons to our office who are considering a vocation in ministry. We will be sure to care for each person that is sent to us. Finally, pray for continued blessings upon the Theological School community.

Be encouraged in all that you do. Be encouraged in your mission and ministry. God is blessing us each day, for truly miracles and ministry happen in this place.
Drew Theological School hosted its sixth annual Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium September 30—October 2, 2006. Inaugurated in 2000, the TTC series seeks to foster “a fresh style of theological discourse that is at once self-deconstructive in its pluralism and constructive in its affirmations. Committed to the long-range transformation of religiocultural symbolism, this series continues Drew’s deep history of engaging historical, biblical and cultural hermeneutics, current philosophy, practices of social justice and experiments in theopoetics.” Past colloquia have explored themes of creation, postcolonialism, globalization and empire, eros, and ecological justice.

This year’s theme was “Apophatic Bodies: Infinity, Ethics and Incarnation, an exploration of the limits of language within religious discourse.” The colloquium drew together scholars from the U.S. and abroad who work across a range of theological, philosophical, historical, biblical, and theoretical perspectives. Accordingly, the colloquium discussion moved within, yet also beyond, traditional questions of mysticism and negative theology (that paradoxical articulation of what cannot be said about God). Participants explored the broader implications of apophasis—that is, the gesture of “unsaying”—for human bodies and the body politic, for the violence of war and the multiplicity of the cosmos, for theological confession and emancipatory orthopraxy.

Why “apophatic bodies”? Within the classic discourse of mysticism, apophasis has been associated with the ineffable, the invisible, the immaterial—all characteristics decidedly not of bodies. In bringing together the symbols of apophasis and embodiment, the colloquium organizers sought to highlight the instability of certain traditional binaries (transcendence and materiality, the ineffable and the speakable), while simultaneously posing the question of ethics.

The apparent paradox of the guiding theme yielded a particularly diverse gathering of papers, as participants offered varied interpretations of what exactly “apophatic bodies” are. While some focused on how bodies (in their uniqueness and complexity) elicit “unsaying,” others sought to show how bodies (especially those on the margins) might need to resist a gesture of apophasis that could render them mute, while yet others explored the myriad manifestations of bodies—not just human bodies, but the body politic, the body of the cosmos, the ecclesial body, the planetary body, and the body of the (invisible, infinite, incarnate, transfigured, resurrected, multiple) God.

In connection with the colloquium, the Seminary Atrium became a gallery for a dozen paintings by Elliot R. Wolfson, who, according to Professor Virginia Burrus, “has long been preoccupied with the insights of Jewish mystical traditions that approach an imageless God through the mediation of an intensely visual symbolic imaginary.” Especially central was his work “Luminal Darkness,” whose “palette seems to hint at the darkly shining depths of mysticism’s apophatic vision, even as those depths give rise to forms that are almost, but not quite, recognizable figures.”

Since 2004, the TTC series has been working in conjunction with Fordham University Press to publish each colloquium’s collection of papers. The essays, in their final published form, bear clear marks of the colloquium discussion and offer a window into the distinctive transdisciplinary collaboration the series seeks to cultivate. Toward a Theology of Eros: Transfiguring Passions at the Limits of Discipline, edited by Virginia Burrus and Catherine Keller was released last fall, and forthcoming are (this spring) Ecospirit: Religions and Philosophies of the Earth, edited by Laurel Kearns and Catherine Keller, and a volume growing out of Apophatic Bodies, edited by Christopher Boesel and Catherine Keller.

The working title for the next transdisciplinary colloquium is “Planetareity, Postcoloniality, and the Future of Feminist Theology,” and its provisional dates are November 1-4, 2007. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University, whose name is synonymous with the field of postcolonial studies, has accepted an invitation to participate in this colloquium.

For more information on the colloquia series, please visit http://depts.drew.edu/tsfac/colloquium.
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Olaf College in Minnesota, shared “A Hindu Perception of Jesus.”

The plenary sessions, however, were not merely limited to lectures, but also included a fascinating dance performance by the Ellis Wood Dance Company entitled, “Hurricane Flora: Inferno.” Traci West, associate professor of ethics and African American religion, led a discussion and reflection after the dance.

In addition, workshop sessions were led by a number of Theological School faculty, namely Wesley Ariarajah, professor of ecumenical theology; Tanya Linn Bennett, director of chapel and special programs; Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, professor of theology and ethics; Mark Miller, director of music; Stephen Moore, professor of New Testament; and Traci West. They taught topics which related Christology to their respective disciplines.

Alumni gathered at the banquet to honor Distinguished Alumni/ae Award recipient Maxwell Tow T’61 as well as the anniversary classes. The Class of 1956 celebrated their 50 year anniversary in style with terrific attendance.

At the initiation of the faculty lecture committee, there will be a change in the Tipple Vosburgh lecture schedule in 2007. The event will instead begin on a Monday, October 15 and conclude Wednesday, October 17. The committee recommended this change so that faculty and students would be able to attend the plenary sessions without all of the current conflicts with class schedules. The topic for the lecture series will be “God and Mammon.” We are in the process of inviting plenary speakers.

- ANNE YARDLEY & LUTHER OCONER

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**Global Christianities Center**  
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when the Theological School and the newly established Graduate Division of Religion (GDR) launched the Drew Center for Christianities in Global Contexts on December 5.

The launching began with a dinner and reception in Mead Hall, where Dean Beach and President Robert Weisbuch welcomed faculty and guests, including representatives from neighboring seminaries, the United Methodist Church and the Henry R. Luce Foundation. The Luce Foundation was particularly thanked for the generous $315,000 grant it provided to sustain the center for three years.

After the reception, an inaugural lecture at Craig Chapel followed. Kim Yong-Bock, renowned Minjung theologian and chancellor of the Advanced Institute for the Integral Study of Life based in South Korea, delivered a lecture entitled “A Fresh Attempt to Do Theological Reflection in the Global Context: An Asian Approach.” In addition, Stephen Moore, professor of New Testament and GDR chair, introduced Elizabeth Tapia who will soon head the center as director-elect. An ordained United Methodist minister from the Philippines, Tapia holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Claremont Graduate University. She has taught at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Bossey, Switzerland and Union Theological Seminary in Cavite, Philippines.

The center’s core mission is that of “exploring and ‘modeling’ Christianity’s place in today’s global village,” as maintained in the proposal approved by the Luce foundation. In addition to the director-elect, the center will be overseen by an advisory board of four senior Theological School faculty, namely Wesley Ariarajah, Catherine Keller, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, and Otto Maduro. Davies House will serve as home to the new center.

- LUTHER OCONER
When, in 1977, I decided to return to college after a thee year break in my education, Dr. James H. Pain was recommended to me by a close family friend, Dr. Abby Salney, best known for her Mensa puzzle books, who said that he would be the best person in this New York metropolitan area with whom to study Christian Psychology. Well, Dr. Pain did not teach that discipline, but under the aegis of historical theology from an Orthodox perspective, I learned a whole lot more than just that narrow approach to spiritual wholeness.

I remember my first impressions of the man who has become more than a teacher and a mentor. He is a priest who is also my friend. But in the beginning, I was intimidated by a professor who had more graduate students in his class than undergraduates, who had a Ph.D. from Oxford University and who was an acquaintance of C.S. Lewis. His deep British voice and sharp wit communicated a confidence and assurance in what for me seemed to be the most intricate and arcane knowledge: theology—not just the Protestant or Catholic or Eastern Orthodox traditions, but the full spectrum of the history and evolution of Christian thought as intertwined with the world and its philosophies and its actors upon the world’s stage.

Gradually, as I got to know the man behind the moustache, I realized that humility, not arrogance and pride was behind all that learning. Dr. Pain compared himself not against the intellect of the men and women of whom he taught amongst and about, but against the mind of Christ who deeply desires to richly dwell within the hearts of those whomsoever wills.

One night I found myself at an evening Eucharist service up in Craig Chapel. It was a curious little service that had been continuously celebrated at Drew for about twenty-five years—the oldest tradition currently practiced at Drew, now in its fifty-fifth year—and it was not sanctioned by any religious body. It used a quaint old (1928) Book of Common Prayer that had been around for over four hundred years, yet was discontinued and replaced in 1979. It was not like the services that I was used to, yet I immediately discerned the presence of the Holy Spirit and felt that I was listening to a spiritual version of the “Golden Oldies”. And I began to listen to a different kind of sermon and a special kind of preaching. To me, it seemed that Dr. Pain was not preaching about the politically expedient kind of truth but a clearer, purer truth that was an honest exposition of the Word of God. It is a truth that is as much at home today as it was over three thousand years ago and all the years in between, and will be for years to come. He preached what he believed Jesus wanted us to know about Him and His ministry to reveal His Father’s will for all His children. Then it occurred to me that as interesting, illuminating, and informative as Dr. Pain’s classes were, his heart was in the Eucharist and this little service on Tuesday evenings.

Then Dr. Pain opened a door to me that I will never forget. I was able through the good graces of his office to spend my senior year studying at Oxford and was able to study with Dr. Pain’s mentor and friend, Nicholas Zernov, a man who was more responsible for making the Russian Orthodox Church and her tradition, history and spirituality intelligible to the English speaking world than any other man in the twentieth century. I believe the most important thing I learned at Oxford was how little I actually knew and how much more there was to be studied, and hopefully, mastered. I therefore returned to Drew and spent the next few years continuing my study at Drew’s Theological School, where I was able to take even more “Pain”.

Then as I ‘fast-forward’, after several years of pursuing my way in this world, my dear old friend, Dr. Pain, became the temporary Dean of the Graduate School. I took that occasion to renew my friendship with the dear old doctor. One day I said to myself, “I wish I had recorded his sermons while I was a student with him.” And then that still small voice that is so much smarter than I said, “Start recording his sermons now, and in five years you can say, ‘I have been recording him for five years’.” That was about fifteen years ago. I now have an archive of cassette tapes, digital recordings and now about five years of digital videos of his services and sermons, which, some day I will make available to all of Dr. Pain’s fans, past and future.

As a postscript to my thoughts about Dr. Pain, I remember thinking that his name is somewhat of a misnomer, my years of “Pain” were memories of joy and acts of kindness. Then it occurred to me—that still small voice again—that Dr. Pain has the most correct name, but in French not English. Pain means bread, as in “This is my Body...” So for about the last ten years, Dr. Pain has been Dr. “Bread” to me. And I know, whether or not they realize it, that he has been Dr. “Bread” to many others as well. In retrospect, I believe that the community at Drew will never know the full effect the faithfulness of this servant of God has had in preserving and, by prayer and action, ensuring that the promises of God would be sealed in the heart and soul of this institution of higher learning and, through Dr. Pain’s contribution by the grace of God, in higher wisdom. Thank You Jesus.
On January 6, 1865, Dr. James Strong wrote a letter to Reverend James Frances Chalfont, a member of the Centenary Fund committee, stating his concern in regard to the education of ministers and suggested that half a million dollars be raised to start a school in central New Jersey. This was arguably the real beginning of Drew Theological Seminary. The next fall, according to the minutes of the Central Committee on the Centenary of Methodism, a committee was set up to speak with Daniel Drew, the first Methodist millionaire. The rest, as they say, is history.

On October 16, 1867, Dr. John McClintock, president and faculty, personally registered the very first students, all required to have a bachelor’s degree, who then signed the matriculation book. The subject areas for the three-year program were exegetical theology, historical theology, systematic theology, and practical theology. The specific topics within those courses included Hebrew Grammar, Hebrew Bible, Greek Gospels, Life of Jesus, mental philosophy, writing and speaking, Christian archaeology, moral science, Christian ethics, Sunday Schools, missions, comparison of heathen and Christian religions, and many others. The primary goal through this rigorous study was to prepare the students to preach.

The students attended these classes and lived on the campus. The land upon which Drew was built was a plantation built by William Gibbons, the son of the steamship tycoon Thomas Gibbons. Although the campus has changed much over the years, there are still some original buildings. The first buildings on campus included Mead Hall, Asbury, Embury, and Sycamore Cottage. Both Asbury and Embury were completely renovated before used, because Asbury was the stable and Embury was the granary. Sycamore first served as a dormitory, then students moved to Asbury when it was finished. Embury was where they ate and also served as a “clubhouse,” while Mead housed the faculty, the classes, and the library.

The 1867 Constitution showed the object of Drew Theological Seminary: “It is the design of this Seminary to furnish instruction in Theology, in the widest sense of the word, and in the sciences subsidiary thereto, and especially in the Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with a view to the training of the students to be Preachers of the Gospel and Pastors in the Church.” If you read today’s Constitution, although the wording is slightly different, the purpose remains the same. The year 2007 marks the 140th anniversary of Drew Theological Seminary. At the Tipple-Vosburgh Lectures this fall we will honor the anniversary. This is the year that we celebrate 140 years of ministry education and look forward to at least 140 years more.
10 Years of Commitment to an Educated Clergy
(Part One)

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Mildred Moody Eakin is appointed as the first woman full-time faculty member.

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Erhard Appenzeller, a Swiss, arrived in Korea—an event that is recorded in the history of Christianity.

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Drew alumnae from all three schools of the University joined to break bread together and share in a time of fellowship during the International United Methodist Clergywomen’s Consultation held in Chicago, August 13-17. They gathered to celebrate fifty years of full clergy rights for women in the Methodist tradition with the theme of “The Spirit of God Is Upon Us: Celebrating Our Courageous Past, Claiming Our Bold Future.” More than fifty alumnae were able to join in a luncheon to share their Drew experiences and get an update on the latest news in and around Seminary Hall. A 2006 graduate and several current Drew Theological School students were among us to give first-hand accounts of community and academic life.

Clergy alumnae representing five decades of Drew graduates donned trees on their name tags, indicating their enthusiasm for Drew, as they shared their passion for ministry with the Consultation’s more than 1,500 participants. A number of our alumnae were quite instrumental in the Consultation, which is a quadrennial event made even more special on this fiftieth anniversary. Drew Theological School connections to the Consultation’s design team included Professor Heather Murray Elkins and Miyoung Paik T’90. Current students and recent graduates Sheila Beckford T’06, Lillie Ferrell, Anita Phillips, Paulette Thompson-Clinton T’06, and Laurie Zelman T’00 all participated in or contributed to liturgy used in worship. The Hyatt Regency McCormick’s Grand Ballroom was filled to capacity for each spirit-filled worship service. In describing the worship celebrations at the conference, Elkins said, “Scripture and sacramental living were the primary structures in each of the services. One of the gifts that United Methodist clergywomen bring to the larger church is a sense of hospitality of Christ’s Table. Each of the services was linked to our understanding of holy dining in the household of Christ. We began with the Love Feast and ended with Holy Communion. The vision of Isaiah 61 is what we used to remember our ministry into the future. The hymn we commissioned [see below] expresses it best.”

In addition to the unforgettable worship, the Clergywomen’s Consultation was filled with workshops, book signings, receptions, exhibits, and even activities to fill the small amounts of free time that remained. Eighteen female bishops joined in the consultation by dancing down the aisles in vestments and later by lounging in their “play clothes” to talk about the ways they relax with friends and family. Worship services featured a variety of talents from our clergywomen, ranging from Native American-led liturgies to dramatic readings and liturgical dance. Participants enjoyed fellowship as they created mantles of praise that they exchanged and wore in closing worship.

Prior to the Consultation there was another gathering that included many Drewids: a conference entitled “Trailblazing Women: Transcending Boundaries, New Paradigms of Theological and Religious Education for the Church and the World.” At this United Methodist Women of Color Scholars gathering, the following Drew (Theological School and/or Caspersen School of Graduate Studies) alumnae or current community members were present: LaGretta J. Kennedy-Bjorn, Lillie Ferrell, Kyung Sun Hong, Annie Joh, Namsoon Kang, Ai Ra Kim, Beauty Roseberry Maenzanise, Lysette Perez, and Professor Traci West. The 2006 Conference was the eighteenth event of its kind for United Methodist Women of Color.

Though the Consultation and the Conference both ended months ago, re-energized and freshly inspired clergywomen continue their ministries, remembering the words we sang together:

Gathered by God to a table, a table of struggle and joy. Bring and proclaim the good news: liberty now for the captives. Christ the provider of justice, greeting and welcoming all. It’s only a table, but only Christ’s table can gather and feed us, inspire us and send us, and make us a promise fulfilled.

Called by the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit that blows where it wills, wade in the river of life, washing away bitter ashes, standing refreshed at the table, wearing a mantle of praise. It’s only a table, but only Christ’s table can gather and feed us, inspire us and send us, and make us a promise fulfilled.

(“It’s Only a Table,” by Susan Heafield, commissioned for the Consultation.)

YOUNG ADULT CLERGY face unique challenges, and Drew is working to develop new opportunities to support them. In September, a group of young leaders worked with speaking coach CeCelia DeWolf to develop presence in the pulpit, meetings and more. Now Drew is planning a leadership retreat for young adult clergy to be held in the spring.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS from around the area gathered to learn the methods in Henri Nouwen’s “Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith.” Co-editors Michael Christensen of Drew and Rebecca Laird of Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, N.J. taught them how to use the books with groups and individuals.

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE gathered for “Thoroughly Modern Mary” in November. Catherine Keller, Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, and Anne Yardley discussed the many visions of women represented in Mary Magdalene, reflecting on Mary in light of historic and contemporary contexts. The event featured “The Pre-Penitent Magdalene,” a painting by Chris Gollon, a British artist. More information on the artist is available at www.chrisgollon.com.

STEWARSHIP as a response to God’s grace was the focus for “Whole Life Stewardship: Exploring Stewardship in the Wesleyan Tradition” with Tom Wilson and Tanya Barnett of the United Methodist Foundation of the Northwest. They have offered to share their enriching stewardship resources with all of the Drew community. Resources are available for download at http://www.umfnw.org.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI took a field trip to Marble Collegiate Church in New York City to experience an emerging worship service with Mark Miller. It was an inspirational trip – look for more worship field trips in the spring.

BIBLICAL SCHOLAR SCOTT ELLIOTT led a group of students from around the U.S. in an online study of the Advent lectionary texts. He’ll be teaching exegesis of the 2007 Lenten texts in Lent Online: Reconciliation and the Real World. More information at www.drew.edu/theology.

TRACI WEST used Mary’s Magnificat as a source for moral theory on welfare reform with a large group of clergy and lay people. You can learn more about how to use scripture as a source for ethical guidance in her book, Disruptive Ethics: When Racism and Women’s Lives Matter.

More exciting continuing education programs are ahead in 2007! Visit www.drew.edu/theology for more information.

- JENNY PHILLIPS
The Raymond Rhoads Scholarship

The Reverend Raymond Rhoads probably did not guess, growing up in Illinois, that a life-long love affair with the New Testament would inspire him to fund a scholarship at Drew.

Ray spent two years in Germany with the U.S. Army after graduating from the University of Illinois and studying for a year at the Lutheran School of Theology. He earned his B.D. degree from Drew in 1958, and promptly returned to Germany. Thanks to the G.I. Bill, Ray was able to pursue his love of the New Testament for over four years at the University of Goettingen. He still speaks enthusiastically of studying with Joachim Jeremias, who was working on the parables of Jesus and the theology of the New Testament, and with Hans Conzelmann and Carl Andresen.

Ray then devoted himself to pastoral ministry, serving United Methodist churches in northern Illinois while earning an S.T.M. degree from the University of Dubuque. He retired as Superintendent of the Rockford District of the Northern Illinois Conference. He has remained active in preaching and interim ministry, and enjoys working with younger people by directing the Conference’s probationary leadership development group. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Caledonia, Illinois.

As Ray stewards his resources, he wishes to provide others with opportunities similar to those he has enjoyed. He and Drew look forward to the coming academic year, when the Raymond Rhoads Scholarship will become available to second-year students who have shown interest and promise in New Testament studies. He is grateful for his many years of New Testament study, and Drew is grateful to him.

Planning Your Estate

Having a valid will in place is the first and most important step in any estate plan. Sadly, about half of all Americans die without a will. When that occurs, state laws determine how your assets are distributed, without regard to your family’s particular circumstances. It is important for you to plan ahead so that YOU decide how your final affairs are handled.

When you create a will, you will first want to provide for your loved ones. When this has been accomplished, there are a number of ways in which you can include the institutions that have been important to you, such as Drew University. If you wish, you can specify that your gift is used to support the Theological School or a particular program within the school. Here are some possibilities:

Specific Bequest. With a specific bequest you name a particular item to be used as a gift. For example, you might designate your holdings in a certain stock or mutual fund.

General Bequest. In this case you would designate a specific sum of money. As an example you might say, “I give $50,000 to the General Endowment Fund to be used for scholarship support.”

Residuary Bequest. This type of bequest directs that you leave the “rest, residue, and remainder” to Drew AFTER other beneficiaries receive their provision.

Contingent Bequest. In this instance, you state that Drew is a beneficiary if a certain event occurs. This option is often used when you must first plan to support a loved one and can leave a charitable gift only if that person predeceases you. For example, “In the event that my spouse predeceases me, I give XYZ stock to Drew University.”

As a rule, you should always consult with your professional advisor when making or revising your will. For information on ways you can include Drew in your will, or to let us know that you have already done so, please contact Kevin Boyle, Director of Planned Giving, 973/408-3842, kboyle@drew.edu.

The Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented each year during the annual banquet at the Tipple-Vosburgh Lectures. For more information on the criteria and nomination process, please visit our website: http://www.drew.edu/depts/alumni.aspx?id=1790.
QUIÑONES. The cycle of lectures and discussions finished on Professor Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, and doctoral student Rosario addressed by Dr. O…ogid134o Maduro, Dr. Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Sexual Addiction. “The Sexualities in the XXI Century,” “Integral sexologist from Puerto Rico, who offered the central lectures of speaker for the reunion was Dr. Gloria Mock, a renowned Spirituality, Family, Ethics, Community and Bible.” The guest 37 participants. The theme of the event was “Sexuality and… October 15–17. The “Encuentro” was well a/gid134ended, with a total of 37 participants, and work with graduate students, Laurel helped design and teaches in the UMC Certificate program for Camp and Conference Retreat Ministry, as well as the Doctor of Ministry program on ecological ministries, and has led two cross-cultural trips to Guatemala. She has just finished chairing the Religion and Ecology group of the American Academy of Religion, and is on the council of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. She was an assistant editor for the Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature. Her scholarly work has appeared in a variety of journals and edited volumes, including the Blackwell Companion to Modern Theology and a forthcoming one on religion, globalization and culture.

HISPANIC REUNION ADDRESSES SEXUALITY

The Hispanic Institute of Theology, in conjunction with the Hispanic Student Caucus, sponsored the Drew Theological and Caspersen Schools’ Fifth Latina/o Alumnae/i Reunion, held October 15–17. The “Encuentro” was well attended, with a total of 37 participants. The theme of the event was “Sexuality and… Spirituality, Family, Ethics, Community and Bible.” The guest speaker for the reunion was Dr. Gloria Mock, a renowned sexologist from Puerto Rico, who offered the central lectures of the event: “The Sexualities in the XXI Century,” “Integral Sexuality: A Winged Dragon?” and “Models of Intervention for Sexual Addiction.” The topics on family, ethics and Bible were addressed by Dr. Otto Maduro, Dr. Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Professor Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, and doctoral student Rosario Quiñones. The cycle of lectures and discussions finished on

LAUREL KEARNS: SCHOLAR/TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Here is how students describe Associate Professor of Sociology of Religion Laurel Kearns, 2006’s Teacher/Scholar of the Year: “She combines scholarship, professionalism, intrinsic knowledge and passion for the topics with a wonderful warmth, kindness and humility that creates the optimum learning environment!” “Dr. Kearns has encouraged us to think in diverse ways. It was helpful for me to overcome my prejudices about many people and religions and cultures.” “…an excellent teacher, very accessible in terms of her approach to interacting with students. Her action-orientation is faith-driven, which is a good model for students.” And finally, “an outstanding professor in every way – as a lecturer, as a human being, as a woman. Her passions are contagious!” Laurel Kearns has been at Drew since 1994, when she moved here from Atlanta (her Ph.D. is from Emory) with her husband and daughter (a son was born after her second year at Drew). Known by most Theological School students for teaching the required course, Religion and the Social Process (which she calls “Seeing the World Through Jesus’ Eyes”), she has divided her teaching between the sociology of religion, with a particular interest in the U.S. religious landscape, and religion and ecology. It is the latter that she feels is her real calling. Throughout her time at Drew, she has sought to make it a “greener” place, whether through reminding people to recycle, use compact fluoresent lightbulbs and bring their own mugs, or asking students to use both sides of the paper for assignments, or arranging numerous lectures at Drew that relate to religion and ecology. Having lectured on the topic of religion and ecology in Finland, Australia, and a variety of places in the U.S., she is also always willing to talk to churches about environmental issues, and recently has been giving follow-up talks at churches showing “An Inconvenient Truth.” Laurel was part of planning three different related conferences at Drew—the Tipple-Vosburgh lectures on “Greening the Church” in 1999, as well as a conference on Religion and Science that year, and the 2005 Ground for Hope conference. The conference was co-sponsored with GreenFaith, on whose board Laurel has served since 1995. The conference also produced a thirty-chapter volume, Eco-Spirit: Religions and...
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UNITED METHODIST
YOUNG ADULT CLERGY RETREAT
Ministry in the Post-Seminary
Wilderness: Seeking God in the Earthquake, Meeting God in the Silence
April 26–28, 2007

Young adult clergy from the Greater New Jersey and New York Annual Conferences will gather at Epworth Camp for a retreat of fellowship, reflection and skill-building.

DREW @ OCEAN GROVE
Imagining a New Old Church Through Intentional Spiritual Practices
July 8-13, 2007, Ocean Grove, N.J.

A one-week course on nurturing congregational spirituality and church renewal through intentional group spiritual practices in which students will study, evaluate and perform specific congregational spiritual practices. If so, what are the practices that nurture Christian identity, spiritual formation, vocational clarity, and congregational vitality?

SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE 2007
Caught Up in the Spirit: Conspiring for Inspired Worship
July 26–28, 2007

With John Bell of the Iona Community and Mark Miller and Tanya Bennett of Drew University.

TIPPLE-VOSBURGH LECTURES 2007
God and Mammon
October 15–17, 2007

For details and registration information on all the events, please visit our website: http://www.drew.edu/theo-content.aspx?id=6007