News and Announcements

Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind: A University Wide Partnership for Spiritual Formation

On September 5, 2012, Center for Faith and Learning Director Gary Selby introduced the "Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind" proposal at the September President's Briefing. This proposal grows out of several years of careful examination of spiritual formation here at Pepperdine, and it is envisioned as a beginning point in an ongoing conversation about the next stage of our journey as an institution. A "Discussion Draft" of that proposal is now available for your reflection and comment. (Questions and comments may be sent to Gary Selby).

In addition to the continued work of the Center, several new initiatives from this proposal have been funded and will be rolled out in the Fall 2013, including:

- A “Spiritual Life at Pepperdine” brochure and webpage
- A Christian Spirituality Research Institute directed by Don Thompson and Cindy Miller-Perrin
- A “Sophomore Passages” Spiritual Formation Program
- Project Serve Scholarships
- A Mid-Career Faith and Learning Faculty Retreat

Eff and Patty Martin Gift

The Center received a gift of $1 million from Eff and Patty Martin in the fall of 2012 to support the goals of the new spiritual life initiative. We are grateful to the Martin’s for their continued support of the Center for Faith and Learning and the faith life of the Pepperdine community.

Wayne and Wendy Hughes Gift

The University received a generous gift from Wayne and Wendy Hughes. One portion will be used for programs of the Center for Faith and Learning to strengthen the Christian mission at Seaver College. Another significant amount is dedicated to the Veritas Forum, while the remaining portion will support Project Serve Scholarships. Our gratitude goes out to the Hughes’ for their support of these programs, which strengthen the faith lives of our students!

Unplugged Retreat

Eighty Pepperdine student campus spiritual leaders and staff gathered in Santa Barbara in January 2013 on the weekend prior to the start of the spring semester. Students voluntarily turned in their electronics and “plugged” into the message of soul care delivered by speaker, Mindy Caliguire. Students included SLA’s, Campus Ministry interns, Student-Led Ministry and Convocation leaders and graduate student leaders.
Danny Mathews Book Review
The Center and University Libraries co-hosted a book review of Religion Professor Danny Mathews’ new book, Royal Motifs in the Pentateuchal Portrayal of Moses (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2012). The book was reviewed by Seaver Dean Rick Marrs, Religion Division Chair Timothy Willis and Brandon Tsark, M.Div.

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Summer Seminars

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The Center for Faith and Learning will host two summer 2013 seminars for faculty and staff. Both seminars include a $250 stipend, books, continental breakfast and lunch each day. Space is limited.
Deadline to RSVP is May 31, 2013.

Faith, Learning, and Life: An Exploration of Theology, Vocation, and the Mission of Higher Education
July 8-11, 2013
This seminar, led by CFL Director Gary Selby, is designed to introduce participants to the rich conversation about the integration of faith and learning that is taking place in higher education.

Virtue and Vocation
August 12-16, 2013
CFL Associate Director Paul Contino will lead this seminar which will focus on the ways in which we might consider the four cardinal and three theological virtues in relation to our teaching, our scholarship, and to the wider patterns of our lives.

New Faculty Retreat
The 2013 New Faculty Retreat will be held at the Buenos Aires, Argentina campus from May 20-28. Sixteen new faculty from Seaver College and Graziadio School of Business and Management will attend the retreat this year for a week of sharing their vocational stories, discussing their role as Christian teachers and scholars, and exploring Pepperdine’s identity and calling as a Christian university.

Grant and Internship Announcements

The Center has three separate grant and internship programs to which students may apply for funding each academic year. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded funding for the 2012-13 academic year!

Service and Social Action Grant Program, co-sponsored by the Inter-Club Council (ICC):
• Dance Marathon for More Than Compassion, Guatemalan school, Jordynn Cheeney
• International Justice Mission Week of Hunger and Homelessness T-shirt Fundraiser, Kealy Jaynes, Ally Doyle and Kacie Scherler
• Project LEAD: Civil Rights Trip, Kari Enge
• Project Serve, Antigua Guatemala, Taylor Wurdeman and Jorge Bojorkez-Calderon
• Project Service, Domincan Republic, Kendra Fellows and Gustavo Tiffer
• Thailand Global Justice Program spring break trip, anti-human trafficking, Taylor Friedlander
• Korean Culture Night for Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), Jeffrey Suk
• African Impact and Lily of the Valley Endeavor, South Africa summer mission, Michelle DuBois and Christopher Molina, Acting on AIDS Club
• Building Buyamba Sandcastle Building Fundraiser, Courtney Germann
• RoyalKids Prayer Ministry and Orphanage, Anna Salai, Chennai, India, Bobby Yung, Audry Lin and Destiny Kimani, Adorn Student-Led Ministry
• White Rainbow Project, widow ministry, Vrindavan, India, Sarah Houston, Paige Johnson, and Shelby Smith
• Kentucky Primary and Junior High School, Jamaica, school supply project, Morgan Meyer, GSEP
Ministry Internships (Directed by Jack Williamson):

Click Here to view a slideshow of our 2013 Ministry Interns

- Alexander Fisher, Westside Church of Christ, Bakersfield, youth ministry
- Eric Kim, Trinity Grace Church and NY Faith and Justice NPO, New York City
- Shaina Kohli, Hilltop Community Church of Christ, youth
- Sara Leonard, University Church of Christ, Malibu, youth
- Daniel Mattox, Christ First Church of Covina and University Church of Christ, young adult and youth
- Demi McCoy, White Rainbow Project, India, widow ministry
- Callie Nibecker, University Church of Christ, Malibu, youth
- Kacie Scherler, Conejo Valley Church of Christ, youth
- Nathaniel Tinner, Malibu Gathering, IT, AV and worship
- Calvin Yang, Los Angeles Open Door Presbyterian Church, Koreatown, Korean-speaking young adult and youth

Professional School Student Service Internships:

- Stephanie Brown, SOL, International Justice Mission, Rwanda
- Shelley Choy, SOL, Rwandan Judiciary
- Katie Coy, SOL, Ugandan Judiciary
- Christiana Ekeke, GSEP, World Overcomers Ministries International
- Richard Liu, SOL, Counsel for Secure Justice, India
- Ope Peters, SOL, Ugandan Judiciary
- Rachel Robinson, SOL, Los Angeles County Public Defender
- Romney Ruder, GSEP, World Impact
- Joseph Spano, SOL, International Justice Mission, India

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