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Honoring the Past

Faithful Traditions in Dialogue: Preparing Peacemakers for 175 Years

Celebrating the Present

A Hartford Seminary Celebration • October 19 – October 26, 2008

Envisioning the Future

President Heidi Hadsell, center, with former Presidents (left to right), James N. Gettemy, Michael R. Rion, Jackson W. Carroll and Barbara Brown Zikmund



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On Monday, October 20, the work of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations was featured as the center introduced and welcomed its two new faculty members, Mahmoud Ayoub and Yahya Michot. Dr. Ayoub presented a lecture entitled *Towards a Framework for Interfaith Dialogue: Globalism or Pluralism*, followed by Dr. Michot on the topic *An Islamic "theology"? Why?* The evening ended with a reception honoring the contributions of outgoing Center Director and alumna Dr. Jane Smith and former trustee Ali Antar.

On Wednesday, October 22, the Seminary unveiled refurbished portraits of prominent leaders from its past at a Jazz in the Stacks program in the library.

On Thursday, October 23, the Seminary honored its major donors at a reception, followed by a panel discussion on *The Nature of Theological Education: Past, Present and Future*. Speaking were former Presidents James Gettemy, Michael Rion, Jackson Carroll and Barbara Brown Zikmund.

On Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, faculty and other speakers presented the Hartford Seminary Sampler, an opportunity to engage with the Seminary's faculty in one-hour workshops or experience a drumming circle, a doll-making workshop or a labyrinth walk.

A special Global Village Gala was held on **Saturday evening**, to honor the life and work of retiring Professor and former Dean Worth Loomis, a mainstay in the Hartford business community, and raise money for student scholarships. The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company sponsored the dinner.

At the 175th Anniversary Week Celebration

Leaders of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions offered reflections daily throughout the celebration. Excerpts from those reflections, along with images of the week's events, are presented on the following pages.

Voices of Faithful Living



The Rev. Dr. Ralph Ahlberg

It seems to me that the wisdom of Isaiah and Jesus should mandate, as a continuing priority for us at Hartford Seminary, the building of bridges to understanding between our faith communities and especially our Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities. As the signs stuck in the lawn in the front of my East Hampton home testify, we are called to be peacemakers. It's our pathway both to integrity and to our own survival. God, as the architect of the world has promised that peace through justice is the absolutely necessary foundation for a world where all people and nations have a secure part to play. And our contribution to that mission is to build and to strengthen the connective tissue that's been so damaged by our fear of difference or our fear of change. – **The Rev. Dr. Ralph Ahlberg, '59, '96, Tuesday, October 21**



Seminary faculty, staff, students and trustees listen to the reflection offered by Ralph Ahlberg.

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At the 175th Anniversary • Voices of Faithful Living



The audience at the reflection by Stephen Fuchs



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs



The Rev. Dr. James Deotis Roberts

The Meaning of One's Life:
A Progression

- How do I Understand Life?
- Open Doors
- Love of Learning and the Desire from God
- Quest for Liberation
- Quest for Religious Pluralism and Cultural Diversity
- African Roots and American Finish
- Providence, Grace, Gratitude

– The Rev. Dr. James Deotis Roberts, '51, '52 Friday, October 24

Today, of course, three great religious traditions see Abraham as our spiritual father. We share many common ideals and goals, and we also have real religious differences. Our task as twenty-first century seekers of harmony is not to simply tolerate but to understand, accept, respect, and affirm those areas of difference. Hopefully, though, whether we practice Judaism, Christianity or Islam, we find inspiration in the ancient hope that God not only cares about the choices we make but is moved when we act righteously to partner actively with us in the sacred task of repairing our troubled world. – Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, Monday, October 20



Nurah Jeter Amat'Ullah, after her reflection, talks with Mumina Kowalski, a Seminary student and coordinator of the Islamic Chaplaincy Program



President Heidi Hadsell talks with Bill Zito, a retired pastor and Seminary alumnus



The Rev. William L. Inderstrod

In my over fifty-six years in the ministry I remember hearing often the voices of the faithful and the almost faithful. Without exception those voices came out of the community. They came out of a community that provided both the freedom and the encouragement for those voices to speak either in word or deed.

I invite you this morning to revisit with me a few of those communities that I have been a part of and to hear some of those voices from the past of the faithful and the almost faithful.
– The Rev. William L. Inderstrod, '52 Thursday, October 23

At the 175th Anniversary

Focus on Islam: An Evening with the Macdonald Center

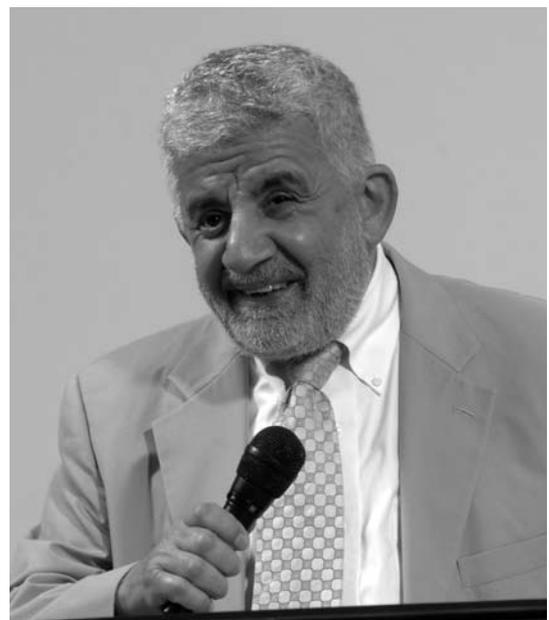
Receiving special awards for distinguished service on Monday, October 20 were Jane Smith, former co-director of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations and Professor at the Center, and Ali Antar, former Trustee. Standing with them are Ingrid Mattson, the current Center Director, at left, and President Heidi Hadsell, at right.



Wim Bijlefeld, the founding director of the Macdonald Center talks with Board of Trustee Chair Bill Cronin.



Prof. Yahya Michot



Prof. Mahmoud Ayoub

At the 175th Anniversary

Jazz in the Stacks

At a reception in the Library, attendees mixed and mingled to music while they discovered and discussed the intriguing and unusual in an exhibit of artifacts from Seminary archives. Refurbished portraits of prominent leaders from the Seminary's past were on exhibit.

Veerle Rooze, a visiting scholar from the Netherlands, talks with Fidie Lane, a Hartford Seminary alumna.



Professor Miriam Therese Winter stands with Betsy Marshall and Alice Yokabaskas, under a portrait of former President William Douglas Mackenzie. Marshall and Yokabaskas are granddaughters of Mackenzie.



Worth Loomis, who is retiring as Seminary professor and former dean, talks with Mally and Jim Cox-Chapman, who live in the West End neighborhood where the Seminary is located. Mally is a Corporator of the Seminary.

Standing before a portrait of former President William Douglas Mackenzie are his granddaughters Betsy Marshall and Alice Yokabaskas and their sons Stuart E. English III and Vincent Yokabaskas, with President Heidi Hadsell. Mackenzie was president from 1903 to 1930. The portrait was restored recently and rehung in the library.



At the 175th Anniversary

Presidents' Panel Discussion : The Nature of Theological Education



Mike Rion (president from 1983 to 1989)



Barbara Brown Zikmund (president from 1990 to 2000)



President Heidi Hadsell talks with Marston Speight, recipient of a special award for distinguished service, and his wife Elizabeth Speight.



Jack Carroll (interim president from 1989 to 1990)



Jim Gettemy (president from 1958 to 1976)



Receiving a special award for distinguished service was former president Jim Gettemy, pictured here with his wife Helen Gettemy and daughter Jessica.

At the 175th Anniversary Alumni/ae Lunch and Dinner

One event during the week was a lunch for alumni/ae at the former home of the Seminary across the street, which now houses the University of Connecticut School of Law. In top photo, guests sit at lunch. In bottom photo, Rabiha Ozdemir, a new student, talks with Betty Avery, an alumna. Rabiha knows Betty from when she was a little girl in Turkey, where Betty lived at the time. Betty, who received a Distinguished Alumna Award in 2000, drove down from New Hampshire to visit with Rabiha.



In the evening on Friday, October 24, the Seminary presented a Distinguished Alumnus Award to the Rev. Dr. James Deotis Roberts, '51, '52, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to theology. Dr. Roberts is a pioneer in black liberation theology and author of the book *Bonhoeffer and King: Speaking Truth to Power*, and his recent biography, *Seasons of Change*. Shown here are Dean Efrain Agosto; Bishop Benjamin K. Watts, Faculty Associate and Director of the Black Ministries Program; Dr. Roberts; and President Heidi Hadsell. The award was presented during a dinner at which the alumni/ae viewed a 1960s television interview with then President James Gettemy about the Seminary and a video that captures the spirit of the Seminary today, titled "A Place for Peace."



At the 175th Anniversary Hartford Seminary Sampler

A two-day interaction with faculty

FRIDAY, October 24:

Miriam Therese Winter

The Relevance of Biblical Women

Yehezkel Landau

Building Abrahamic Partnerships: The Challenges and Rewards of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations

Kelton Cobb

Tourism and the Sacred in the American Landscape

Uriah Kim

Job: Wrestling with God

Efrain Agosto

Leadership for Peacemaking: Samplings from the New Testament

James Deotis Roberts

From Bonhoeffer to King and Beyond

SATURDAY, October 25:

Karen Miller

A Spirit-Led Doll Making Workshop

Ingrid Mattson

The Qur'an: Rumor and Reality

Scott Thumma

Lessons from Megachurches

Jan Gregory

A Beginner's Drumming Circle

Hans Ucko

Thou Shalt Not Convert

David Roozen

Four Mega-Trends Changing America's Religious Landscape

Labyrinth Walk



Prof. Yehezkel Landau



Prof. Miriam Therese Winter



Prof. Kelton Cobb



Dean Efrain Agosto

At the 175th Anniversary Interfaith Service of Celebration

On Sunday, October 26, at Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford, the Seminary celebrated its past and welcomed its future in word, music and prayer.



Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez welcomes Seminary President Heidi Hadsell. Perez read a proclamation declaring Sunday, October 26, 2008 Hartford Seminary Day in the City of Hartford.



Scott Thumma, a professor at the Seminary, participates in a narrative story telling.



The audience in prayer at the Interfaith Service of Celebration



The Rev. Dr. Edward G. Horstmann, pastor of Immanuel Congregational Church, listens to Yehezkel Landau, faculty associate at the Seminary.



Bill Cronin, Chair of the Board of Trustees, talks with David Roozen, director of the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, at a reception after the service.

At the 175th Anniversary Gala

At the Global Village Gala on Saturday, October 25, at left, Trustee Marty Budd talks with Prof. Yehezkel Landau. Seated are Trustee Wendy Grammas, center, and Macdonald Center faculty Yahya Michot and Davide Tacchini, at right. The gala raised money for student scholarships and honored retiring Professor and Hartford business leader Worth Loomis.



Memories of Hartford Seminary as a Student

By Bruce M. Williams

THE AWAKENING STORM PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS:

PRIOR TO THE year I arrived on campus in 1965 to begin my study the campus had undergone a clash of personalities that saw the dramatic departure of key staff. What I was to know as the “Scholarly Ministry Curriculum” was born out of that development. I believe I was told that there was an unspoken agreement among the faculty that remained that issues regarding the curriculum and changes could only be raised by new faculty members who were not part of the developments that preceded my arrival on campus. So, there was a cloud that seemed to hover over the campus.

EVENTS REMEMBERED:

We celebrated our arrival on campus in 1965 with a picnic on the grounds. In the midst of this event, I met and talked to another new person on campus and discussed the new Christian Education Instructor, The Rev. Mr. Ralph Sundquist, Jr., who had come to campus from the Presbyterians in Pennsylvania. I told him I wondered what he would be like as a professor and what his expectations of his new students might be. The following morning I reported to my first class at Knight Hall and discovered that I was facing Mr. Sundquist! He alluded to the fact that he had had the opportunity to come to know some of his new students the previous

day and smiled as his eyes met mine and said nothing more. I did not know then--but Ralph was to have a lasting influence on my life and career as a student.

Several students and I had a sense of humor and it came to the fore from time to time. One day, Dr. Gettemy and Ralph Sundquist were having a meeting in Ralph’s offices in Knight Hall. They were facing away from the glass door and windows that faced the hall and unaware of our presence. Armed with sheets of newspaper and tape, we covered the windows and doors of the room. It was an event to remember!

KNIGHT HALL NURSERY SCHOOL MEMORIES:

In my second year on campus, I did work study in Knight Hall Nursery School. One day I and another student were leaning out one of the windows that overlooked the playground area. Miss Dueberg, who served as secretary to Dr. Helen Edick, came by and stopped and uttered the following commentary on what she was seeing as she stood behind us: “I’ve never seen Knight Hall assistants from this perspective before!” My response was, “Miss Dueberg, you do have a sense of humor!”

Bob Goodwill and Doris Sharp shared their able gifts as teachers with folks like me who had the opportunity to experience their skill and teaching abilities. Staffing the Knight Hall Nursery School they made a lasting effect on students such as me. I

remember with great fondness their help and support.

TYLER HALL MEMORIES:

During the academic year of 1966-67, I resided on campus in what was then known as “Tyler Hall” (the site of which now stands under the new campus buildings of Hartford Seminary). Several memories rise to the fore as I deal with happenings in that encounter:

I was married at this time and shared a first floor apartment with my wife and our cat, known as “Tober” since we got him in October. One of the rules that applied to campus housing was “There are no pets in Foundation Halls!” So, we and several other families in residence took special care to keep them in our apartments and kept them out of the hallway! Tober’s way of getting out was through a torn screen in the bedroom which we never had fixed by campus maintenance.

Tyler Hall was heated by large steam radiators at the time and we soon discovered that one never had to turn them on to keep the apartment at a warm temperature. In fact, we often had to open the casement windows in the living room to cause a delightful temperature in our rooms.

One thing I will never forget is the black tile in the kitchen area. It was never clean--dots of white always found their way to that floor even when one had just mopped it.

PROFESSORS AND THEIR GIFTS:

Helen Edick: Prof. Edick was another one of the true gifts in the educational process at HSF. I learned very soon that

many of my fellow students in Christian Education were terrified of her. In our first formal encounter, I acknowledged the following, “I respect you--but I am not afraid of you!” In my first year, I was invited by a Methodist Pastor in New Britain named Vincent Watson to experience some practical experience along with the theoretical by serving as his Director of Christian Education at Trinity Methodist Church. When Dr. Edick heard of my acceptance of his offer, she reminded me that this kind of field work was usually part of the experience of a second year student. She was a close friend of Vin Watson and respected his abilities and added, “We’ll just have to have you teach a class in addition to your other responsibilities--which is what we expect of first year students.” Helen became one of my life long friends after I departed the campus to return to Mississippi.

Professor Harvey McArthur:

His abilities as a teacher still ring true as I reflect on my classes with him. I still return to my copy of “Gospel Parallels” and study the red and blue pencil work we did that year and am truly amazed. His letter to alumni in response to reactions to the new building -- which was shared with me by Christine Palm -- caused me to rethink my own concerns about it and gain a powerful way to understand the development.

George Riggan:

Reading the theology of Paul Tillich was a powerful experience for me. I once remarked to him that I would often go 100 pages until the text came to life

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for me. His comment to read the writers themselves and not the commentary written by others in summary of their thinking was most helpful.

Chester Wetzel:

In one of the classes with him he played a record of the Broadway musical. "Land of Milk and Honey" which proved to be a contemporary look at things biblical.

Dr. Richard Weingart:

This man was one of the most gifted teachers that I have ever experienced and it is in retrospect that I know this to be true. There are many things to remember about this powerful individual but here are the ones that come to the fore in my memory:

One day in class, Dr. Weingart handed out directions for the class paper due later in the term. I took them home and studied them for several days getting more and more puzzled. They did not seem to make any sense. I finally scheduled an appointment with Dr. Weingart and raised the issue. He smiled, reached behind him on the shelf in his office, and handed me a new set of directions for the proposed paper. "These will make more sense, Mr. Williams." I looked puzzled, and he continued, "The first set of directions is for those

students who have just finished undergraduate degrees and think they know everything." These directions are for those who are honest enough to admit that the former directions make no sense. Some of your fellow students will write papers using the first set of directions-- you will not be one of them. Congratulations for your honesty."

On the last day of the last class we had with Dr. Weingart, he stood at the podium and offered us an apology for the nature of his teaching. "I wish you could have had me several years from now when I had more experience and expertise to offer you." With that the whole class stood and applauded him. What a masterful teacher he had proved to be. As I reflect on that event now it reminds me of the students that Robin Williams taught in "The Dead Poet's Society" when as he departed the school room they stood on their desks and uttered the words, My Captain--my Captain."

As I left campus in 1967 to return to Mississippi, there was a new sense of purpose and hope once more on campus. A new direction had been put in place with Dr. Weingart offering to lead the faculty into exciting and new directions. His tragic death brought an end

to any plans being considered and the seminary community was dealt a tragic blow.

Robert Paul:

My most vibrant memory of this excellent teacher was the experience of him teaching church history using the hymnal. He held up for us the words of a hymn and used them to demonstrate what was going on in the church in those times. I have never sung a hymn again the same as a result of this experience,

Further Rememberings:

Seeing the Seminary (the new building) in 2000 and thinking of it as a white marshmallow with dental enamel on the outside a far cry from the 1920s style of the former campus which now housed the University of Connecticut Law School, I talked with Christine Palm. She took the time to explain the reason for the departure in style from the old campus to the new building. When the new direction in the seminary took shape a whole new building was called upon to embody that new direction.

Another memory came to mind this week and I wish to send it along before a "senior moment" comes upon me and I lose it as a result.

During my sojourn on campus from 1965-1967, one of the Bachelor of Divinity students related the following learning experience to me:

He was taking a class from Professor Ford Battles and was required to prepare a paper for Professor Battles. He was having a problem reading a source that was written in Latin and he had no previous experience with the language. He scheduled a conference with Dr. Battles to present the problem and solve it by being excused from the responsibility because of his language problem.

Dr. Battles listened to his relating of the problem and took pen and paper in hand and proceeded to give him a tutorial on "Latin" right then and there. "I will expect to see you again tomorrow night for your second tutorial in the language," concluded Dr. Battles. Not quite what the student expected to come out of the encounter!

Mayhap, others will enjoy these memories and from their own reflections correct the errors that the years have brought to the fore.

Bruce M. Williams received a Master of Arts from Hartford Seminary in 1967. He lives in Biloxi, MS.



Hans Ucko presents a talk during the 175th Anniversary Celebration's Seminary Sampler in October.

Hans Ucko Elected President Of Religions for Peace-Europe

The Rev. Dr. Hans Ucko, a member of the Board of Trustees, recently was elected president of Religions for Peace – Europe, effective Jan. 1.

Ucko is an ordained minister of the Church of Sweden and has for the last 18 years worked at the World Council of Churches in interreligious dialogue and cooperation.

Religions for Peace – Europe is a coalition of Religions for Peace national and local groups in 10 European countries and works closely with the European Council of Religious Leaders.

Watts Elevated to Bishop



The Rev. Dr. Benjamin K. Watts, Faculty Associate at Hartford Seminary, was elevated to Bishop at ceremonies in October.

Bishop Watts is Senior Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of New

London, CT, where he has served for almost 20 years. He is a 1995 graduate of Hartford Seminary where he received the Doctor of Ministry degree with a dissertation entitled, "Understanding & Using Africentrism in Strengthening & Revitalizing the Mission of the Black Church: Analysis & Models."

At Hartford Seminary, he is director of the Black Ministries Program and teaches courses in Arts of Ministry.

He is currently the President of the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention and a member of both the Shiloh Development Corporation and United Way Board of Directors. Bishop Watts is a member of the New London Rotary Club and has been awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award for community service.

Seminary Hosts Fulbright Scholar



Father Serge Traore, originally of Burkina Faso in West Africa, spent the fall semester at Hartford Seminary, thanks to a Fulbright Scholarship in the Interfaith Community Action Program.

Traore is a Catholic missionary priest of the Society of the Missionaries of Africa. The son of a Muslim mother and Catholic father, he has dedicated

his life and ministry to promoting interreligious appreciation as a means to peace and reconciliation.

Traore has studied, lived and worshiped in different faith communities around the world. Although his geographical focus of concern is Central Africa, the depth of understanding and passion for his work derives from time spent in Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Kenya, Egypt, Italy and India.

With this global perspective, Traore believes that the world is best served by exploring 'other' religions from a spiritual perspective, with an eye toward what is true and holy in each.

In his personal statement to the Fulbright Council, Traore wrote, "Instead of an exclusivist approach that rejects all the religions as false, instead of an inclusivity approach that sees some partial and imperfect truths in other religions, instead of a pluralist approach that sees all the religions as all true and relativizes [my own] Christian truth, I explore an interioristic approach in which Christianity would recognize the truths of other religions and share those truths without negating the Christian truth."

Traore will complete his Master of Arts Degree at the Institute for the Study of Religions and Cultures/Pontifical

Gregorian University in Rome with a specialization in Islam. He will return to Africa as a promoter of interreligious dialogue in Central Africa/Rwanda.

In Rwanda he is essentially involved in an interfaith program and in the ministry of spiritual counseling. After the tragic event of the genocide there, an interfaith program has been initiated as a contribution to the process of healing, reconciliation and peace.

Traore says, "Interfaith dialogue is a precious moment to deepen the respective faiths. Through such dialogues Rwandans learn how to go beyond any divisive elements of religions in order to center oneself on the essential: love."

Congregational Relations Program Welcomes Three New Students



Left to right are Helena Magdalena Rijoly-Matakupan, Radko Popov, and Sharah Esfandiari

By Kim W. DeMichele

The events of Hartford Seminary's 175th anniversary celebration crystallized for many the debt of gratitude owed to its courageous leadership over the decades. Time and again, the Seminary's leaders chose relatively controversial innovation in an effort to honor the institution's founding principles. The small expression of such innovation can be seen in the recent re-visioning of the Congregational Relations Program.

The program's broad objective is to prepare peacemakers. It does so as a result of its two goals, strengthening ties between the Seminary and local congregations, and using our educational resources to enhance the work of religious leaders and social activists from places around the world where religious groups are in conflict.

It is a pleasure to introduce the three fine peacemakers who joined the

Seminary community this fall under the Congregational Relations Program scholarship.

Helena Magdalena Rijoly-Matakupan is a Pentecostal Christian from Ambon, Indonesia where Christian/Muslim conflict is endemic. A newlywed of five months, Helena is at Hartford Seminary with the blessing of her husband to build on her grassroots peacemaking experiences at home. Helena's home-congregation is Immanuel Congregational Church on Farmington Avenue in Hartford.

Helena earned a Bachelor's Degree in English education and began her career as an English tutor for youth. Helena recognized that the students she was teaching, who represented different faith traditions, were in need of interfaith understanding and dialogue to address their acculturated mistrust and prejudice.

Her consciousness led

her to learn more about Islam and to engage her students in informal guided discussions about Christianity and Islam. Her initiative developed into Young Ambassadors for Peace Maluku (YAP-Maluku), which runs interfaith/peace building programming from the grassroots to government levels.

She is also involved as staff at the Maluku Interfaith Institution in Ambon which also deals with interfaith-peace building-and sustainable peace. Helena will return to her work with Maluku Interfaith Institution and as County Co-Coordinator at YAP-Maluku in 2009.

Helena's hometown, Ambon-Maluku, experienced a "religious war" between Muslims and Christians in 1999. Her family was forced to abandon their home and village and took shelter in refugee camps.

A profound remnant in the aftermath of the violence was Helena's realization that everyone suffers when anger and misunderstanding

drives behavior toward a feared 'other.' Her first experience of inter-group violence serves to strengthen her commitment to understanding the perspective of the 'other' and to justify her departure from her new groom to study and promote Christian-Muslim understanding at the Seminary.

Radko Popov is an Eastern Orthodox Christian from Bulgaria. Radko holds a Master's degree in theology and has worked in the area of Christian-Muslim understanding for more than twenty years. The publication of his book, *Jesus Christ in the Qur'an*, is forthcoming. Radko is on leave from his positions as Project Coordinator for the Centre of Interreligious and Intercultural Studies in Veliko Tarnovo, and as Interreligious Relations Adviser to his bishop. Radko had a prolific career as a BBC producer of ecumenical programming and has written several articles on Islam and Christian-Muslim relations for Bulgarian and international publications.

Concerned about religiously undergirded unrest in the Balkans, Radko comes to Hartford Seminary to study interreligious scholarship. While his priority this year is to take part in the academic and extracurricular Congregational Relations Program at Hartford Seminary, he is focused on his ministry back home--- contributing to better Christian-Muslim relations in Bulgaria, where prejudice and mistrust characterize the current climate of interreligious relations.

Shortly after arriving in Hartford, Radko was welcomed into
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the Roman Catholic community of the Church of Saint Timothy in West Hartford, a new CRP participating congregation.

Sharareh Esfandiari is a Shiite Muslim from Shiraz, Iran. She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History from the University of Tehran, and most recently served as Executive Secretary for International Relations

at the Institute for Interreligious Dialogue in Tehran. Her work has brought her into contact with people of diverse nationalities and cultures and has helped her recognize her call to interfaith ministry.

Sharareh's study of world history and the relevance of religions in socio-politics, gives Sharareh a deep appreciation of the fact that most conflicts around the world are confounded by fear, mistrust and misunderstanding

about the 'other'. She recognizes the value of interfaith dialogue and comes to Hartford Seminary to learn its philosophy and practice while studying Christian-Muslim relations.

Sharareh is grateful to be part of the Congregational Relations Program, and to study in Hartford Seminary's interreligious and international environment.

She also recognizes her responsibility to

de-stigmatize the name of Iran and Iranians by sharing with the Seminary's broader community, the experiences of being a young person in today's Iran. Among other communities of faith, Sharareh will participate with the Islamic Institute of Ah'lobait in East Hartford.

Kim DeMichele is Congregational Relations Program Coordinator in the Institutional Advancement Department.

Mattson Participates In Vatican Conference



Professor Ingrid Mattson talks with Pope Benedict XVI at the end of the historic Catholic-Muslim conference at the Vatican.

Ingrid Mattson, Professor of Islamic Studies and Director of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, recently participated in an historic meeting of Catholic and Muslim leaders at the Vatican.

The meeting, held in November, worked to reduce suspicion between the two faiths and enhance cooperation. It ended with a joint declaration calling for an end to violence in the name of religion, respect for both faiths and a

commitment to help solve international crises together.

The 15-point final declaration also called for the establishment of an ethical international financial system, equal rights for men and women and the need for each religion to disseminate accurate information about the other.

It called on Catholics and Muslims to renounce "oppression, aggressive violence and terrorism, especially that committed in the name of religion."

And it said religious minorities should be "entitled to their own places of worship, and their founding figures and symbols they consider sacred should not be subjected to any form of mockery or ridicule."

The Vatican meeting was organized in response to a Muslim call for dialogue – known as the Common Word – issued in October 2006, a month after Pope Benedict XVI delivered a controversial speech in Regensburg, Germany, which was widely perceived to have linked Islam with violence.

The meeting "exceeded our expectations," said Mattson, who is president of the Islamic Society of North America.

The religious leaders agreed to meet again in two years in a Muslim country and to consider creating a permanent Catholic-Muslim committee.

In September, Mattson participated in a major U.S.-Muslim initiative. In Washington, D.C., the Leadership Group on U.S. Muslim Engagement issued a major new report on

United States relations with the Muslim World.

The report is the culmination of 18 months of work by a group of 34 American leaders, including Mattson. She said of the initiative:

"It is a sign of great hope that the Leadership Group, despite having substantial differences over policies and politics, was able to come together to develop this report. This was made possible by a shared belief that the vital interests of the American people need not, and must not, conflict with core American values affirming the dignity of all people and their right to freedom and self-determination. This is a message that the mainstream majority in the Muslim world will surely welcome, and it will help them in their desire to improve relations between their people and the United States."

The Leadership Group's report is the centerpiece of the U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project, an initiative of Search for Common Ground and the Consensus Building Institute. It is available at www.usmuslimengagement.org.

New Staff



Sally Benfield



Mumina Kowalski



Alexa J.P. Lindauer



Robin Roth



Mary Zeman

Sally Benfield of Wethersfield is the new Campaign and Major Gifts Officer working with the Department of Institutional Advancement. Sally came to Hartford Seminary this past spring to coordinate the 175th Anniversary Events, and accepted her current position in July of this year. Sally is a graduate of the Women's Leadership Institute and plans to complete her Graduate Certificate in Religious Studies in May 2009. She comes to Hartford Seminary from Watkinson School where she served as Assistant Director of the Annual Fund and headed up Parent Relations. She has served on and chaired Fund Raising Committees for a number of not-for-profit boards in a volunteer capacity. An active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield, Sally served as Church School Director prior to her work at Watkinson School. The mother of two teenagers, Elizabeth (19) and David (17), she is a certified master gardener and garden designer with a passion for travel and books.

Mumina Kowalski has moved to Hartford from central Pennsylvania to complete her combined Masters Degree in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations and Graduate Certificate in Islamic Chaplaincy. She also began work as the Coordinator of the Islamic Chaplaincy Program at the Macdonald Center, under Dr. Ingrid Mattson, in August 2008. From 1999 to 2007 Mumina worked at the State Correctional Institution at Muncy, Pennsylvania's largest women's prison, as the state's first contracted Muslim female chaplain. She is a past vice president of the Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania and served as secretary for the Pennsylvania Prison Chaplains' Association in 2003. She currently serves on the Chaplaincy Board of the Islamic Leadership Development Council for the Islamic Society of North America. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Mumina has been invited to speak and teach about Islam by numerous institutions and organizations such as Penn State University, Manhattenville College, Union College, the American Association of University Women, the Council on American Islamic Relations, the State College Community Forum, the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and the Interfaith Community Coalition Against Prejudice and Violence in State College, PA. She writes for the Centre Daily Times as a part of a regular clergy column rotation. Mumina trained at Penn State University as a Master Gardener and enjoys tending the woody-ornamental and perennial garden she and her husband have created around their home as well as taking on any decorating project. She and her husband, Taha, are the parents of five children.

Alexa J. P. Lindauer is the Institutional Affairs Administrative Assistant. She earned a B.A. in 2007 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where she majored in government and minored in philosophy. She is currently in her second year at the University of Connecticut School Of Law. Alexa is a West Hartford native and currently lives in the West End of Hartford. In the little spare time she has, she enjoys playing soccer with the West Hartford Women's Soccer League.

Robin Roth is our new Student Services Manager. She is formerly the Director of Admissions and Graduate Services at the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy. Robin has her degree in Social Work from the University of New Hampshire. She is a Certified Life and Career Coach and a Connecticut Licensed Massage Therapist, maintaining a private practice in Hartford, CT. Robin is also on the faculty at CCMT where she teaches Business. Robin is a member of the Universalist Church in West Hartford and is a member of the choir. Robin is currently studying to be a certified celebrant, designing and officiating at ceremonies marking important transitions in life. An avid animal lover and animal advocate, Robin lives in West Hartford with her family of cats and a newly adopted rescue poodle, Gracie.

Mary Zeman is the new Executive Assistant to the President. She was the Special Assistant to the President of Trinity College from 1995-2004 before taking some time off to stay at home with her children. She received her BA in Political Science from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Mary and her family live in West Hartford and attend the Church of St. Timothy. She is an avid runner and now has a new addiction – triathlons. In her spare time, Mary and her family enjoy taking walks and showing her boys all the great state parks in Connecticut.

Efrain Agosto began his term as Academic Dean of the seminary this past summer. On September 30, he gave a lecture on his book, *Corintios*, just published this past spring. It is a Spanish language lay commentary on Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Agosto also published an essay, "Who is it for? The Publics of Theological Research?", in the journal of the Association of Theological Schools, *Theological Education* (November 2008). He is a member of the editorial board for this journal and traveled to Pittsburgh for the board meeting on September 26. In late November, he traveled to Boston for the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, where he gave two talks, one for a Latino Biblical Hermeneutics Group on the topic of "What It Means to Be A Latino Biblical Critic" and the other for a panel discussion of a recent book on "Minority Biblical Criticism." On October 31, Agosto led a workshop for the Capitol Region Theological Center in Albany, NY, on "Leadership in Paul: Theology, People and Practices." He also led a workshop on the giving practices of Paul's Corinthian community for a stewardship conference of the Episcopal Church, held in West Hartford, CT, on September 20. Agosto was the keynote speaker for this conference as well. During the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Hartford Seminary, Agosto offered one of the Samplers, entitled, "Leadership for Peace Making: Samples from the New Testament."

Mahmoud Ayoub spent July and August helping the International Institute for Islamic Thought (IIIT) in their Summer Institute for

Scholars. He evaluated papers and presentations and presented three lectures, two of which will be included in a volume on the Qur'an and Sunnah. Ayoub is working on two essays, "Religious Pluralism and the Challenge of the Qur'an" and "The Imami Shi'i View of Hadith and Sunnah" for that volume. Ayoub also finished an article entitled "Christians and Muslims in the Qur'an and Islamic Tradition" for a two-volume Festschrift for the late David Kerr. In October he attended an international conference on Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations in Tripoli, Libya, where he delivered a lecture on "Interfaith Dialogue: Its Authority, Aims and Desired Results." Ayoub is helping IIIT organize a small North American conference on Shi'i-Sunni relations and the need for Muslim unity. It is hoped that this conference will take place in the second half of January, 2009. Besides his national and international activities, he has given talks in several local churches and mosques. He also volunteered to lead the Friday prayers for the Iranian Islamic Center in West Hartford.

Steven Blackburn delivered Second Hour lectures on Abrahamic Religions and on Modern Islam at Southport Congregational Church on successive Sundays in September. He returned during November to St. Francis Episcopal Church in Stamford (where he had spoken in 2007) to address the church's middle school group on Islam as well as to speak during a Second Hour session on Radical Islam.

In August, **Heidi Hadsell** taught a course at the Presbyterian conference center Ghost Ranch in New Mexico with Alice and Bob Evans of Plowshares. The title of the course was "Understanding Christian/Muslim Dialogue for Congregations and Communities." In September Hadsell participated in the second round of dialogue between Muslim and Christian women in Goteburg, Sweden. This meeting was cosponsored by the World Council of Churches and the Interfaith Council of Tehran. She also co-lead a meeting of the Interfaith Pedagogies Project at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, with David Roozen and spoke at a church in Hartford on the theme of religion and economics in Brazil. In October, Hadsell spoke on the elements of interfaith relations and pedagogy in Christian theological education at the 50th Anniversary of Advanced Pastoral Studies at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. Locally, she spoke at a retirement community about public religion and politics. In November, Hadsell was a facilitator of an interfaith conversation about the Israel-Palestine conflict titled, "Pedagogy of the Perplexed." She was also a speaker at the conference, "Building Bridges to the Future," at a junior year abroad reunion of Presbyterians at Ghost Ranch.

In August, **Uriah Kim** presented "David of Theology, History and Postcolonial Imagination" at the Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative's annual conference in Berkeley, CA. Kim also wrote a review of Karen Armstrong's *The Bible:*

A Biography" for *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* and two reviews for *Reviews in Religion and Theology*. He presented a talk on "Job" Wrestling for God" for the Hartford Seminary Sampler on Oct. 24. In November, at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in Boston, Kim presented "Reading the David Story with Asian Americans" and was a respondent to a panel on a postcolonial reading of Prophetic Literature. His second book, *Identity and Loyalty in the David Story: A Postcolonial Reading*, was published in December.

In September, **Yehezkel Landau** co-facilitated a Jewish-Christian-Muslim workshop, part of the *Toward an Abrahamic Family Reunion* project, at the Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, MI, and, together with a Catholic from El Salvador and a Pakistani-American Muslim, conducted an evening panel discussion and a morning training workshop on "Religious Peacemaking," co-sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding in New York City. In October, Landau joined Deacon Art Miller and Prof. Mahmoud Ayoub for a Jewish-Christian-Muslim panel on "Hospitality to Strangers" at St. Patrick and St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hartford; took part in the "Hartford Seminary Sampler" program as part of the 175th Anniversary celebrations, conducting a session on the *Building Abrahamic Partnerships* program; co-facilitated a Jewish-Christian-Muslim workshop at the Brookfield Institute in Brookfield, MA; moderated an evening program at the Seminary featuring *Continued on next page*

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Yossi Klein Halevi speaking on his “Journey of Reconciliation” in Israel/Palestine, and contributed a Jewish-Israeli perspective at an event entitled “Pedagogy for the Perplexed” devoted to teaching about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, held in Chicago in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. In November, Landau preached on “The Call and Journey of Abraham” at the Unitarian Meeting House in West Hartford; was a guest lecturer in the “Dialogue in a World of Difference” course, and joined Imam Yahya Hendi for a video conference with Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Israel/Palestine, organized with the help of the U.S. State Department.

At the August Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting in Boston, **Adair Lummis** served as a discussant for a session on “Godly Love in Theory and Praxis.” For the Religious Research Association, she completed her term as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Associate Program Chair for the Annual Meetings in October in Louisville. As a researcher working with program officers of the Episcopal Church, she is completing research on congregational youth/young adult ministers, deacons, diocesan Commissions on Ministry, and the distribution of racial-ethnic congregations across the Episcopal Church.

In September, **Yahya Michot** started at the Seminary’s Macdonald Center as Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, editor of *The Muslim World*

journal and director of the International PhD Program. This fall semester, he is teaching a course on “Introduction to Islamic Theology.” On October 14, he presented a lecture on “Islam and Modernity” at the United Kingdom Defense Academy, to senior British officers and officials attending the annual Pinnacle course. The next week, as part of the Seminary’s 175th Anniversary celebration, he spoke on the topic “An Islamic ‘Theology’? Why?” On October 30, he participated in an inter-faith theological meeting in Lancaster, PA, providing a formal answer to a lecture on “Islamic monotheism and the Trinity” by Dr. Jon Hoover, an ordained Mennonite minister teaching in Beirut. He spent the following days at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Chicago.

James Nieman welcomed a large incoming class of fifteen new Doctor of Ministry students who began their program this fall. From September through November, he hosted a visiting scholar from the Netherlands, Veerle Rooze, a Ph.D. student in practical theology at the Protestant Theological University in Leuven. On 10-12 November, he convened an “Engaged Scholars” conference at Laws Lodge, on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. The event brought together twenty scholars and religious leaders to discuss ways in which religious groups could influence academic research and scholars could attune their work toward the needs of religious groups.

Wayne G. Rollins, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, contributed to *Reviews*

in *Religion and Theology* on a book edited by Fraser Watts, Director of the Psychology and Religion Research Group at Cambridge University. Entitled *Jesus and Psychology*, the book opens with an acknowledgement of the initiating work done by Rollins and colleagues on this side of the Atlantic, and presents ten essays from a Cambridge perspective on the contribution psychology can make to our understanding of the Gospel. Rollins also contributed an article on “Jesus and Miracles in Historical, Biblical, and Psychological Perspective” to a three volume work entitled *Miracles: God, Science, and Psychology in the Paranormal*. Rollins’ essay on “An Overview of the Work of Walter Wink: 1968 to the Present,” initially presented at Wink’s retirement from Auburn Theological Seminary, was recently published in a commemorative volume entitled *Enigmas and Powers: Engaging the Work of Walter Wink for Classroom, Church, and World*. At the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Boston in November, four biblical scholars joined in a review session of the book that Rollins co-authored and co-edited, *Psychological Insight Into the Bible: Texts and Readings*. In October, Rollins participated in the joyful 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Flagg Road United Church of Christ.

David Roozen was in Chicago August 4-6 chairing the annual meeting of the Cooperative Congregational Studies Partnership. In early September he was in Berkeley, CA, chairing a meeting of the Pedagogies for Interfaith Dialogue working group and hosting a related

conference for San Francisco area seminary and university faculty. In October, Roozen was in Louisville for the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, at which he presented two papers, presided in his role as Treasurer and Chair of the Investment Committee for the RRA, and recruited for the seminary search, which he chairs, to fill the current faculty opening in the Hartford Institute for Religion Research.

This quarter of 2008 has been packed with activity for **Scott Thumma**. A primary concern occupying much of his time over the past months was guiding the installation of and training on the new student management software, which went live mid-November. On a more research vein, on September 12, he publicly released his third national survey of megachurches which garnered a good bit of media attention, including several newspaper articles in secular and religious press as well as two radio and two television interviews. This release included a web-based press conference for a dozen religion writers as well as participating in the Religion Newswriters Association conference in Washington, D.C. Additionally, he wrote editorials that were published in USA Today and the Washington Post. Thumma participated in the 175th anniversary celebration by presenting a mini-lecture on his megachurch research. In terms of scholarly activity, he participated in and presented papers at the Association for the Sociology of Religion conference (August in Boston)

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Continued from previous page and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meeting in Louisville in October. In August, he participated in and presented a paper at the Faith Communities Today conference in Chicago. Thumma received notice that Louisville Institute had funded his research grant for \$13,000 to bring together eight scholars to produce a scholarly edited volume on megachurches. He also organized and led a Lilly funded gathering

of web leaders from 25 religion organizations in October in Grand Rapids, MI, a project which has just received funding for another three years and will include the development of a major new Lilly web presence.

Miriam Therese Winter was the keynote speaker at three plenary sessions of the Network of Biblical Storytellers National Conference in Atlanta in August. In November she led a daylong preconference

session and gave an additional presentation at the National Call to Action Conference in Milwaukee. She also welcomed publication of the following books since Praxis last went to press: new editions of *WomanPrayer*, *WomanSong: Resources for Ritual* and *The Chronicles of Noah and Her Sisters: Genesis and Exodus According to Women*, both from Wipf & Stock Books; and a new edition of *The Gospel According to Mary: A New*

Testament for Women from Orbis Books. She also published two book chapters: "Doing Effective Dialogue – and Loving It" in *Interfaith Dialogue at the Grass Roots* (Ecumenical Press) and "Spirit and Spirituality: Linking the Lives of Two Twentieth-Century Pioneers" in *Spiritual Dimensions of Said Nursi's Risale-i Nur* (SUNY Press). She was also actively engaged in the seminary's 175th anniversary celebrations.

Annual Fund

As we approach the end of the first half of the 2008-2009 fiscal year, we have a long way to go in reaching our Annual Fund goals.

As you know, the Annual Fund is an important part of our fundraising efforts at Hartford Seminary. Gifts to the Annual Fund are unrestricted gifts that help us with our every day operating expenses. They are critical to the life of the Seminary.

We realize that the economy is placing a tremendous burden on our donors and that many are holding back on their philanthropic giving, because of the uncertainty of their financial futures. But we still need your support.

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And if you have already given, thank you!

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Alumni/ae Reflections:

Send in Your Memories

By Victoria Rogers

On Friday, October 24, 2008, more than 50 alumni/ae and current students gathered at the University of Connecticut School of Law, the site of the Seminary's previous campus, for lunch and conversation.

The theme of this year's Alumni/ae reunion was "Reflections." Led by The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Diehl, D.Min. '87, guests shared what they were most grateful for about their Hartford Seminary experience.

Stories included tales of romance, of months spent studying Sanskrit, and of admiration for the courage of Seminary leadership in charting a new direction for the institution in the 1970s.

If the list below sparks a memory you would like to share, please write to the Seminary's Institutional Advancement Office or send email to alum@hartsem.edu.

- Wim Bijlefeld
- Global View of Spirituality
- Friendly Disagreements/One in Spirit
- Beers from Around the World (in Israel!)
- True Love
- Chicken Engagement Dinners (Steak upon request)
- Dressing for Dinner
- Ecumenical Focus
- Moses Bailey
- Paul Ross Lynn
- Jim Gettemy
- Edna Baxter's Wall of Books
- Book Store Ministry
- International Flavor
- Andy Young
- Kaju Sail/Missions for Today
- Friends from All Walks of Life
- Bold Change/Institutional Risk Taking
- Bishop Desmond Tutu
- Recognition of the Diversity of Ministries
- Thompson Hall
- "White Castle"
- School of Religious Education
- Lake Retreat
- Missionaries' Children
- Fran and Al Gleason
- Children Hiding in Bushes
- Elizabeth Park Rose Garden
- 9 Single Men/65 Single Women
- Sister M.T. Winter/Women's Leadership Institute

Victoria Rogers is a member of the Institutional Advancement staff.

Mr. Zalman Putra Ahmad Ali, M.A. '08, recently sent greetings from Singapore to his friends at the Seminary's Duncan Black Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations. "It has been only about 4 months since we left and I can see that there are a lot of things happening at the Seminary. We certainly miss you and the rest of the Hartford Seminary family. Currently, we are busy celebrating Eid and we are also in the midst of preparing for a major conference in early November. It's good that my family has quite settled down and sometimes, it seems that we never left."

Earlier this year, postcards were mailed to the last known address of alumni/ae we had lost track of. In response to a card sent to **Margaret Eosefow '46**, we received this beautiful note from her friend Gail Bering-Porter: "Your postcard requesting information regarding Margaret Eosefow came to me. Her mail came to me after her death, as I was executor of her estate, and I did so enjoy receiving your newsletter since she always so fondly remembered her days at Hartford Seminary. She was my dearest friend for 23 years and I still find it hard to believe she's been gone so long as so often she seems to be with me still. Peg and I traveled a common road of spiritual discovery and exploration, seeking to meet the divine face to face, looking into many philosophies,

traditions, and religions and following the "golden thread" that unites them all. She called us soul mates and I do believe she was right. She "shuffled off this mortal coil" on March 25, 1999, one day after her 85th birthday. I actively miss her still." Thank you for sharing these beautiful sentiments, Ms. Bering-Porter.

The Rev. Dr. V. Donald Emmel, D.Min. '81, recently wrote to President Heidi Hadsell, "Thank you for the invitation to the 175th Anniversary of the Seminary. Living in Napa, CA, and we will not be able to attend. However, I do appreciate what you are doing and the success of the Seminary."

Dr. Annabelle (Anne) Hardt, SRE '49-'50, along with her late husband, Anthony (Tony) Nickachos, have created a named faculty chair at Arizona State University's Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. Dr. Hardt, Professor Emeritus, retired from ASU's College of Education in 1990. During her years there, she taught multicultural education, peace and conflict studies, cooperative learning, elementary education, and school and society. She also directed conferences at ASU on "Alternatives to Violence" and "The Meaning and Control of Conflict." The holder of the Hardt-Nickachos Chair in Peace Studies will lead research and teaching on the ideas, resources, and practices that contribute to sustainable peace; will regularly teach courses in peace studies, provide ongoing leadership and

direction in advancing peace studies; and collaborate with other concerned faculty.

The Rev. Dr. Bela B. Kalumbete, D.Min. '03, recently wrote to us after receiving his Save-the-Date card for the 175th Anniversary Celebration week, "This year proves difficult for me to attend for the fact that I now reside in Tanzania." He asked that we convey his warm greetings to the entire Hartford Seminary community and to, "Tell Ingrid Mattson that a few weeks ago I saw her on TV as she spoke about her responsibilities. She made this talk in NY. Just imagine, here I was in one of the remotest villages in Tanzania (but which is extremely advanced in terms of technology) and there she was in the Big Apple. I was impressed as I shouted, "Gosh! I know that woman!!" The man next to me remarked, "Really?" Thank you Ingrid. That day, you made my evening!" Dr. Kalumbete is President of Nassa Theological College in Magu, Mwanza, Tanzania.

Dr. Elmer S. Miller, M.A./KSM '64, and **Mrs. Anna L. Miller**, KSM '57, recently wrote, "It has been interesting to be in touch with Hartford again after so many years. Nevertheless, we are slowing down in our wider interests and travels. Due to health issues I need to exercise regularly, so we spend the winter in Florida where I can play tennis outdoors as I do in Philadelphia the remainder of the year. We are both pleased to know that Hartford

continues to be active in its mission and we wish you Godspeed."

Lois Ann Pike, a friend of the Seminary, recently wrote, "My thanks to you for sharing plans for celebrating 175 years of being a fine seminary. I have appreciated the friendships of graduates and faculty through the years as well as appreciating the changing emphasis of study. My congratulations! I'm sure you'll have a fine reunion time. As a continuing Immanuel Church person in WV, I am still close to Hartford!"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray, Jr., BMCP '86, recently wrote to tell us that he has joined the faculty of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary as the Neal F. and Ila A. Fisher Professor of Systematic Theology. He previously served as the Associate Professor of African-American Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Mrs. Irma L. (Felchlia) Wilson-deRoze, KSM '53, recently wrote, "I was happy to hear from you and take this opportunity to say that I have fond memories of Hartford Seminary and the preparation it gave me for 50 years spent in India, first as a missionary then as a housewife and school administrator. I am grateful for the training received there. I returned to take up residence in the USA in 2003."

In Memoriam

Dr. Elmer Howard Brown, '45 B.D. and '47 S.T.M., passed away on June 28, 2008, at the age of 95. He was a resident of Friends Homes in Greensboro, NC.

Ms. Maureen Joy Curtis, WLI '97, BMP '00, and M.A. '00, passed away on September 23, 2008, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. A former resident of Trumbull, Cheshire, and Waterbury, she spent her last months at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford, surrounded by loving care and support. She was raised in Trumbull and graduated from the former Teikyo Post University. Her professional life included running her family business, Advertising Printers Inc., working as a dental assistant for Dr. Leronimo in Waterbury, and working at Waterbury Hospital. Her great faith sustained her through her numerous health and personal issues. She was committed to the First Congregational Church in Southington, where she was an active member serving on numerous committees, Bible study groups, and where she served as a Stephen's Minister. Quilting was her favorite hobby, and she was a contributing member of quilting groups in Prospect and at her church.

Raymond H. Deck, a Hartford Seminary Corporator, passed away on October 23, 2008 at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife Ronnie, his children Barbara, Ray,

Michael, Mark, Kevin and Mimi, and 17 grandchildren. He was also a great-grandfather. Ray was an admired leader in Hartford's insurance industry and in the greater Hartford community. Recognized in 2006 as a Local Hero by Bank of America, Ray's business career was highlighted by terms as President of Chase Insurance Enterprises, and as Executive Vice-President and Director of the Hartford Insurance Group. His contributions to community service include 11 years as Chairman and Trustee of St. Joseph's College as well as Chairman and Trustee of the Metropolitan YMCA and recipient of its R. C. Knox Award. Ray was also President and Trustee of the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools. In addition to serving as a Corporator of Hartford Seminary for the past decade, he was also a Corporator at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford Hospital, and The Institute of Living. Ray was Chairman of the Board of the United Way of the Capitol Area, and the 1975 Annual Fund Drive Campaign Chairman. In 1981 Ray was named Knight of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by St. Joseph College in 1982.

The Rev. Dr. Eleanor Seaton Ebersole, M.A. '51 and B.D. '53, passed away on April 29, 2008, of complications from Parkinson's Disease. She was 83. Eleanor was the wife of The Rev. Dr. Jay F. Ebersole, B.D. '53. She earned her degree in Elementary Education from Boston University before coming to Hartford Seminary. In 1954 she was the third woman to be ordained

by the Evangelical and Reformed Church, now the United Church of Christ, and served with her husband in ministries at the American Church in Paris, France; Attica, NY; Hamden, CT; and Harrisburg, PA. She also taught public school, grades K-4, in New Britain, CT; Attica; and Harrisburg. In 1968, Eleanor earned her Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University with studies also at Union Seminary. For 13 years she taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Creative Arts for Children with students in elementary education at Pennsylvania State University. Prior to retirement she was pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, UCC, in Marysville, PA. Eleanor was an author of religious education materials for children, short stories, poetic verse, and biblical narratives. She developed her own photography from travels, nature, and creative experiences and she was a composer/lyricist of art songs, biblical cantatas, chancel dramas, anthems, and music for children. In 2004, Second Reformed Church, UCC, in Lexington, NC, commissioned her to write the anthem for its 100th Anniversary, "The Lord will Provide." In retirement, Eleanor studied composition in the Music Department of the University of NC at Wilmington. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Fogal, D.Min. '79, passed away on July 5, 2008, at his home in East Lyme, CT. Sam was ordained into the Christian ministry by the United Church of Christ in 1963, at Bausman Memorial Church on the campus

of Bethany Children's Home, Womelsdorf, PA. His first parish was in the inner city of Baltimore. He was then called to the First Congregational Church, Darien, where he served for 17 years as Associate and then Senior Minister. In 1984, he was called to the staff of the Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ, as the lead staff person for the Department of Church Life and Leadership. In that position, Sam had responsibility for developing training and support programs for the leadership and organizational development of local churches throughout Connecticut. In the early 1990's, he became an Associate Conference Minister, having the pastoral care and oversight of approximately 90 local churches and 150 clergy, including those in the New London Association. In 1996, Sam resigned from the Connecticut Conference and spent the remainder of his career in intentional interim ministry. He is survived by his wife, the Rev. Dr. Laurie W. Etter, D.Min. '03, lead chaplain at York Correctional Institution; a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and two stepsons.

Dr. Samuel L. Goldberger, a friend of the Seminary, passed away on June 9, 2008 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Maria (Stipsits) Goldberger of West Hartford, CT and his daughter Judy of Boston, MA. After teaching briefly at Brooklyn College and conducting graduate research in Hungary, he taught history at Capital Community College in Hartford for 33 years, retiring in 1993. In his retirement he fulfilled a lifelong dream to travel

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 widely in the Middle East and Asia and research his family roots in Hungary. Sam was a member of the West Hartford Democratic Town Committee, a Justice of the Peace, and active in We Refuse to Be Enemies, Greater Hartford PFLAG, and many other interfaith and peace organizations and movements. Hartford Seminary has been the recipient of several gifts given in his memory at the family's request, designated to the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.

The Rev. A. Murray Goodwin, a friend of Hartford Seminary and a participant in Seminary sponsored Study Tours, passed away on August 21, 2008 at Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of Nancy (Myler) Goodwin. Murray began ministry as a part-time assistant at All Saints Episcopal Church in Belmont, MA, and through the course of his career, served in ministerial and executive director positions with St. Andrew's in Belmont, MA from 1958-63, with Trinity Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Metropolitan Mission, and the Institute of Living in Hartford from 1963-82, and with Wilmington Hospice in Wilmington, DE from 1982-84. Later in his career, Murray served as interim rector for several parishes. He was blessed to also be able to participate in church sponsored missions to both East Africa and China. The Seminary has gratefully accepted several gifts given in Murray's memory toward the Seminary's Study Tour program.

Father James F. Hynes, OFM, a Hartford Seminary corporator, passed away on November 1, 2008 as the result of a heart attack. Fr. Hynes attended Villa Maria College in Buffalo for one year and then Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Snyder, NY. He entered the pre-novitiate program of Holy Name Province of the Franciscan Friars in 1974, completing his undergraduate education at St. John's University in New York. He was received into the Franciscan Order at St. Bonaventure University, Saint Bonaventure, NY on June 25, 1975. From August 1, 1999 until July 31, 2008, he was Guardian and Pastor of St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parish in Hartford. Father Hynes then began a sabbatical leave, working on a Master's Degree in Church Administration at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Dr. R. Craig MacCreary, D.Min. '94, of Manchester, NH, passed away on July 21, 2008. Dr. MacCreary, also a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary where he received his M.Div., served as Pastor of five UCC congregations in the Northeast, leading church committees to address problems of their towns, such as school drug use issues and help for the homeless. He chaired Church and Ministry Committees in the UCC Associations and was on the National UCC Stewardship Council, 1976-1986. He was Interim Pastor at First Congregational Church, UCC, Hancock, NH, and was helping develop Interim Ministry with

colleagues in the NH Conference. His ministry of friendship and his variety of shared gifts, his humor in adversity and courage in his long medical journey are consistently recalled as inspiring by all who knew him. Dr. MacCreary leaves his wife Barbara of Manchester, NH, and his son Andrew of Boston, MA.

The Rev. Jose Miralles, the newly appointed coordinator of the Seminary's Hispanic ministries program, Programa de Ministerios Hispanos, passed away at St. Francis Hospital on October 13, 2008 due to complications from leukemia. Jose, originally from Puerto Rico, came to the states to train at Andover Newton Theological School, where he received his M.Div. He had been in Connecticut for more than a decade, most recently serving as pastor of Nuevo Comienzo in Hartford. Jose leaves his wife Amarilis and three children.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Aldridge Olds-Lewis, SRE '33, passed away on July 9, 2008, at the age of 95. She was predeceased by her first husband, The Rev. John Bryant Olds, B.D. and M.Div. '34, who had passed away in 1988. Gwen's daughter, The Rev. Carolyn Olds Mikels, Ph.D. writes, "Before entering Hartford Seminary she had just graduated from the New Britain State Normal School two-year program with her Teaching Certificate in Elementary Education. However, she was too young to get a teaching position. Her father suggested holding out a year at the Seminary

awaiting coming of age and work toward her Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education." Carolyn tells us that while enrolled at the Seminary, Gwen "... lived in with the Wolfe family in Hartford near campus, as homemaker helper of large proportion in exchange for room and board, and small remuneration. In October 1932, Gwen met a young man also enrolled at Hartford Seminary, named John Bryant Olds. They fell in love and were engaged after he graduated in May 1934. They married in June 1935 and Gwen moved into the parsonage of the First Methodist Church of Byfield, MA, John's second church as an ordained pastor. Having graduated from Clark University in 1931, my father chose to attend the Hartford Theological Seminary, following in the footsteps of his brother-in-law, The Rev. Dr. Harold Bancroft White, who had married his older half-sister, Doris Caroline Olds. Subsequently he went on to earn his STM at Boston University, and mother earned her B.S. and M.A. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH with a specialization in diagnostic remedial reading. Mother served in every volunteer position in the churches they had served, aside from Treasurer. By the time she retired from public school teaching, she had served 24 years and went on to teach reading to adults at the Junior College level for four more years in retirement."

Hartford Seminary's January Intersession will run from Sunday, January 11 through Sunday January 18. The Winter/Spring Semester will begin January 26 and continue through Monday, May 4. The Seminary's courses are open to members of the public and carry three graduate level credits. Individuals who do not wish to take courses for credit may apply to take courses as an auditor. Many classes fill up quickly, so participants are urged to register early to ensure a place in their courses of choice. For those enrolled in a three-credit course, the cost is \$1,630. The non-credit audit fee is \$575. A special audit fee of \$385 is available for those who are age 62 and older, graduates of Hartford Seminary degree programs or the Certificate of Professional Ministry (cooperative M.Div.), donors of \$250 a year or more, Hartford Seminary Adjunct Faculty, and up to three specially designated members of churches that participate in the Congregational Relations Program of the Seminary. There is a limit of one course per academic year to receive the special rate except persons 62 and older, for whom there is no limit.

To register, please contact the Registrar's Office at (860) 509-9511. Her e-mail is registrar@hartsem.edu. To see specific course syllabi prior to the semester or learn more about Hartford Seminary and its faculty, visit our website: www.hartsem.edu.

JANUARY INTERSESSION

Preparing Islamic Legal Documents

Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Focused on skills needed for success in Islamic Chaplaincy and other programs where practical matters of service to Islamic communities, congregations and individuals are important, this course introduces students to a contemporary American condensed version of Ibn al-Attar's *Kitab al-Watha'iq wa'l-sijilat*. The topics under consideration include but are not limited to Islamic legal documents, writing contracts, and completing other legal obligations in the U.S. context. *Imam Talal Eid, Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry and Imam and Executive Director of the Islamic Institute of Boston*

Building Abrahamic Partnerships

Sunday, Jan. 11 through Sunday, Jan. 18 (Intensive schedule, includes all days and some evenings)

This eight-day intensive training program offers a practical foundation for mutual understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Due to the interfaith nature of this course, we aim for equal representation among each of the three Abrahamic traditions in admitting students to this course. *Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations*

Traditions of Change: American Literature of Reform

Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"In the history of the world, Reform never had such scope as at the present hour." This course explores the social, religious and cultural contexts in which Ralph Waldo Emerson makes this statement in "Man the Reformer" (1841). We will examine the literature that ignited and spurred on the most significant and historic reform efforts in 19th-century America: abolition of slavery, temperance, household reform, suffrage and criminal justice, including prison reform

and capital punishment debates. *Erin Forbes, Adjunct Instructor of History and Ph.D. candidate in English and Religion at Princeton University*

WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

ARTS OF MINISTRY

Genesis Stories for Practical Preaching

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 28
The marvelous stories of Genesis are a source for spiritual enrichment and inspiration for practitioners of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In this seminar we shall discuss in depth essential religious ideas that these stories yield. Then we shall explore – with respect for religious diversity – how we might use them as the basis for messages that are both intellectually honest and spiritually uplifting. *Stephen Fuchs, Adjunct Professor of Scripture and Arts of Ministry and Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, CT*

Congregational Conflict Resolution

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., on Jan. 27, Feb. 10, March 3, March 31, and April 28

How we respond to differences and to conflict in congregations and other organizations can help to sustain health and vitality within the congregation even in turbulent times. In this course, we will explore practical theories for understanding congregational conflict as well as looking at various practices of conflict transformation. *Lawrence Peers, Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry and consultant and seminar leader with the Alban Institute, Herndon, VA*

Essential Skills in Pastoral Counseling and Ministry

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. – 6:50 p.m., beginning Jan. 27
This course will offer pastors, lay ministers and caregivers an opportunity to learn basic counseling skills for use in pastoral settings. Students will develop skills in assessment, honoring ethical concerns and addressing the most common diagnoses such as depression and anxiety. *Benjamin K. Watts, Faculty Associate in the Arts of Ministry and Senior Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, New London*

DIALOGUE

Understanding Islam: Rumor and Reality

ONLINE, beginning Jan. 26

This course is an introduction to the Islamic faith, intended for those from other traditions. It is designed to meet the growing need for basic information about Islam. It will cover Islamic beliefs and practices, issues faced by Muslims living in the West, the role of women in Islam, and current efforts at Muslim-Christian dialogue. *Kemal Argon, Adjunct Instructor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations and Ph.D. Candidate in Islamic Studies at Hartford Seminary*

ETHICS

Theological Ethics and Public Life

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. – 9:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 27
Ethics involves examining life in an attempt to interpret what is going on. Theological ethics undertakes this examination with the conviction that all things exist in relation to God. In this course we will survey models of our common life that have prevailed in western Christianity in the modern period, reflect on the religious symbols, stories, practices and habits by which we make sense of what is going on in public life, and consider what possibilities exist for fostering a civil society. Issues to

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Life Together: Ethics in a Religiously Plural World

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., on Jan. 27, Feb. 10, March 3, March 31 and April 28

This course focuses on ethical issues provoked by the life we lead together. It will examine such questions as how one goes about building bridges from one set of ethical assumptions to another; what must be agreed upon between religious communities in order to live in the same ethical universe, and what they can agree to disagree on; the different conceptions of what the moral responsibility is of one religious community for those within it who are physically distant, and how it views its responsibility for those outside its boundaries. The course will also look at the ethical resources in several religious communities related to central moral issues of our day such as global warming. *Heidi Hadsell, Professor of Social Ethics and President, Hartford Seminary*

HISTORY

Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought

Tuesdays from 7 to 9:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 27
This course deals with Islamic thought in the modern and contemporary Muslim world (since the beginning of the 19th century). The most important movements and tendencies of Modern Islamic Thought (Revivalism, Reformism and Radicalism, but also Nationalism and the so called Islamic Left or Islamic Socialism) will be analyzed, and examined through the works of their main exponents. **Daivde Tacchini, Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies**

RELIGION & SOCIETY

Contemporary Religious Trends

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. – 6:50 p.m., beginning Feb. 5
The contemporary religious world is in a rapid state of flux. With increasing urbanization/suburbanization, emigrating populations and technological advances all adding to continual mission activities, the spiritual contours of the globe are undergoing significant shifts. This course will focus mostly on the pluralistic situation in North America but will also intentionally trace the major socio-spiritual transitions taking place in world religions throughout the globe. The course will reflect on how these changes are making a profound difference in how all faith communities practice their religions. *Scott Thumma, Professor of Sociology of Religion*

Pagans, Witches and/or Christians

ONLINE, beginning Jan. 26 NEW
The course centers on a sociological study of contemporary paganism, witchcraft and other earth-based faiths and practices, examining how these intertwine with one another and with Christian churches in their beliefs and rituals. Can modern-day, Druid religion, Goddess Worship, Paganism, Shamanism, and Wicca be considered real religions or are these more fluid movements swirling through related religious networks? To what extent do adherents of one of these earth-based sects who worship in groups or covens have distinctive beliefs and rituals that differentiate them from one another and most Christian congregations? What portends in the next decades for pagan theology and practices? *Adair Lummis, Faculty Associate in Research*

SCRIPTURE

New Testament Survey I

Thursdays, 7 p.m. - 9:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 29
This course introduces students to the study of the origins of Christianity by means of its canonical literature, the New Testament. We will undertake a historical study of the New Testament documents, seeking to understand their plan, origin, purpose and content within their broader historical and cultural context. *Efrain Agosto, Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean*

Tafsir Survey: Reading the Qur'an across the Ages

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m., beginning Feb. 3
In this class we will survey the range of tafsir literature, from the early days, to the classical period and then modernity. Students will study the history of Qur'an commentary, the sub-genres of tafsir literature, biographies of the great scholars of Qur'an commentary and their methodologies. *Ingrid Mattson, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*

THEOLOGY

The History of Christian Theology: From the Rise of Christianity to the Middle Ages

Thursdays, 7 p.m. – 9:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 29
This course examines the development of western Christian reflection from the early church through the Middle Ages. Attention will be given to the Council of Nicaea, Augustine, Celtic monasticism, Pope Gregory, the secrets of the “Dark Ages,” Anselm, the Crusades, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, the Scholastics, late medieval mysticism and the early Renaissance. Key texts will be read and considered in light of their surrounding social and intellectual milieus. *Kelton Cobb, Professor of Theology and Ethics*

Major Theological Figures: Ibn Taymiyya

Mondays, 7 p.m. – 9:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 26
This course explores the life, ideas, influence and image of one of the most fascinating—and controversial—thinkers of classical Islam: the Mamlūk mufti and theologian Taqī al-Dīn Ibn Taymiyya. Ibn Taymiyya left his mark on later Islamic reformist spirituality, puritanism or extremism, from Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya to the Ottoman Mehmed Birgivi or, even, modern Islamism and Osama Ben Laden. The texts read in this course will hopefully contribute to a correct understanding of his ideas and actions, as this is not just a medieval affair but is of direct relevance for our time. No knowledge of Arabic is required for this course. Some background information about the history of the Middle East since the Crusades would be useful. Bibliographical references will be provided. *Yahya Michot, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Practical Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism, Meditation, and Morality

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. – 9:20 p.m., beginning Jan. 28
This course will explore various aspects of Jewish spirituality and their interconnection: how mystical interpretations of the Hebrew Bible (in the *Zohar*) influence our understanding of Scripture; how the observance of commandments relates to the interior life of the heart and soul; theoretical and practical aspects of *Kabbalah*, including meditative exercises; and the implications of Jewish mysticism for *tikkun olam*, the mending of our broken world. *Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations*

Spring Events

Hartford Seminary will present lectures, seminars and special events for people of all faiths, starting in January. For more information or to register for any of the programs listed below, please call the Public and Institutional Affairs Office at 860.509.9555 or write to events@hartsem.edu.

GOD'S WORD IN GREEK: READING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

With The Rev. Edward F. Duffy, adjunct professor of New Testament Greek at Hartford Seminary and minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield, CT
Tuesdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

REFLECTIONS, BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION

PARADOXOLOGY: SPIRITUALITY IN A QUANTUM UNIVERSE

With Miriam Therese Winter, Professor of Liturgy, Worship and Spirituality at Hartford Seminary and Director of the Women's Leadership Institute. Winter will sign copies of her new book at this event.

Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m.

BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION

FUNDAMENTALISM, FEMINISM AND THE AMERICAN GIRL

With Susan Campbell, award-winning columnist at *The Hartford Courant* and author of "Dating Jesus: A Story of Fundamentalism, Feminism and the American Girl." Campbell will sign copies of her new book at this event.

Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m.

PREACHING AND TEACHING ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TODAY

A workshop with The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, Ellsworth Morton Tracy Lecturer and Professor of Religion at Trinity College, Hartford, CT and author of "The Episcopal Church in Crisis: How Sex, the Bible, and Authority Are Dividing the Faith"
Thursday, February 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

JUSTICE AND THE SHARI'A IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: CONFLICT OR CO-EXISTENCE

With Yahya Michot, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary
Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.

A DRUMMING CIRCLE

With Jan Gregory, owner of the Renaissance Center: A Conservatory of Music in Southbury, and Director of Music Ministry, Congregational Church of Easton, UCC
Mondays, March 16 and 30, April 13 and 27, and May 11 and 18, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

DISABILITY, RESPECT AND INCLUSIVE FAITH COMMUNITIES

A conference co-sponsored with the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities
Monday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION

THREEFOLD BLESSINGS: PRAYER SHAWL COMPANION

With Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Gallo, Women's Leadership Institute alumnae and co-founders of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m.

THE JUBILEE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

In celebration of the Jubilee of the Apostle Paul, Hartford Seminary will present a film, *The Mystery of Paul*, followed by a talk by Wayne A. Meeks, Woolsey Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Yale University, New Haven, CT
Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

THE NEW ATHEISM: DENYING GOD AND HISTORY

With Borden Painter, Professor of History, Emeritus, at Trinity College, Hartford, CT
Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.

THE MEGACHURCH PHENOMENON

Scott Thumma, Professor of Sociology of Religion at Hartford Seminary, offers a continuing education course for religious and lay leaders of faith communities
Monday-Tuesday, June 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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