Farewell (For Now) to Our Argentinian Friends and Welcome Back to Our Friends from Brazil

Graduate students Roberto Bustamante (in the PhD) and Antonio Schimpf (in the STM) have completed their first two quarters of study in the Graduate School and have returned to their teaching responsibilities and families in Argentina. Roberto and Antonio are professors from CSL’s sister seminary, Seminario Concordia, in Buenos Aires. They will return to St. Louis to continue their studies in the 2012–2013 academic year.

As some depart, others return. Friends Alexandre Vieira and his wife Celiane have just arrived from Brazil, so that Alexandre might begin work on an STM. A graduate of CSL’s MA program, Alexandre has now also completed the MDiv degree at CSL’s sister seminary, Seminário Concórdia, in São Leopoldo. As an STM student, Alexandre hopes to continue on in pursuit of the PhD.

Publications, Papers, and Presentations

Graduate Bob Caldwell (PhD 2009) reports that he has recently published an article in “Today’s Pentecostal Evangel.” Bob’s work, entitled “It’s Not the Name, It’s the Person,” examines the reason that the kings of Israel and Judah named their sons as they did and makes application to modern practices that may lull parents into a false sense of security as regards their children’s spirituality. The full text of Bob’s article can be found at this link.

In February, PhD candidate in Doctrinal Theology Beth Hoeltke was a presenter at the Women’s Day of Renewal at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Collinsville. Beth’s presentation was entitled, “The Joy of Being a Woman of God.” In her presentation, she shared the following: “God built Eve from Adam’s rib and presented her to him as a gift uniquely created and integral to God’s plan. God calls men and women to serve him in unique roles. Being a woman is a gift from God. When a woman faithfully honors God’s call as a woman, she is blessed in amazing ways and in return she blesses those around her.”
Greetings:

I hope that you are planning to attend the Annual Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, to be held at the St. Louis Marriott West, Mar 18-19. If you are planning to attend, on-line registration is available (see the link below). **On-line registration will end on Wednesday, MAR 14, at 4:00 PM EST.** Pre-registration helps us to get a good count for the various catering events that take place during the meeting. Also, the on-line registration form will take you to the hotel website where you can register for a room. We filled our block of rooms, but the hotel, just this day, has added a few more, so if you’re planning to attend, I encourage you both to register and to make your room reservation very soon.

Please use this link to reach the Central States webpage where you will find meeting information and registration:  [http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_central.aspx](http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_central.aspx)

Thank you,

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Director of Academic Advising
William Jewell College

*Note from the Graduate School:* A modest financial incentive is available to those who present papers. Please send an email to gradschool@csl.edu if you are presenting.

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**From the Institute for Biblical Research**

Two news sessions are scheduled for Friday afternoon, Nov 16, 2012, at the upcoming annual meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research to be held in conjunction with the annual gathering of Evangelical Theological Society, the American Academy of Religion, and the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago. One session will be devoted to the study of the Old Testament and one to the New Testament. Fellows of the IBR are being invited to nominate completed papers from emerging scholars known to them for consideration in one of these groups. Four papers will be chosen for each session. Those who nominate students will be encouraged to attend the session with the student that the fellow has nominated. Papers will be distributed beforehand and will only be summarized at the session to allow for significant discussion and feedback on the papers. From the faculty of Concordia Seminary, Drs. Lessing and Schuchard are both fellows of the IBR. Nominations are due **March 30th.**
**Student Accounts**

Please remember that under the SemNet system, **no paper bills are mailed out**. Students are responsible to check their accounts on SemNet to make sure that they are fulfilling their obligations. Each quarter students will receive an email from the Registrar’s Office regarding registration. This is a good time for all students to check their SemNet accounts for bills, “stops,” anything that might require an action on the part of a student. A student’s account may be checked by logging in to the CSL portal from the Seminary’s home page and then by logging in to SemNet. If there is a stop, the student’s account information will indicate which department has placed the “stop” on the account. In the case of a stop, the student is expected to contact the appropriate department to determine what must be done in order to have the stop removed. Then the student may proceed with registration.

Once students enter into the exam or writing phase of their work, their registration is processed automatically. However, if there is a stop on a student’s account, the registration process is halted until the stop is removed. Therefore, it is imperative that students continue to check their accounts every quarter for possible stops at the time of registration even in the exam or writing phase of their work. Failure to do so puts the student at risk of dismissal from the Graduate School for failing to reckon with the reason for the stop. If a stop is removed after the time of registration, the student must contact the Registrar’s Office ([mennekeb@csl.edu](mailto:mennekeb@csl.edu)) to be properly registered.

**Summer Language Courses**

PhD student Jean Baptiste Mberebe is from French-speaking Cameroon. This summer, Jean Baptiste will teach the theological French course for those graduate students who need to demonstrate a proficiency in French as a modern foreign research language. In addition, Concordia Seminary’s Public Services Librarian Eric Stancliff will again teach the summer theological German course. The availability of each of these courses will be subject to enrollment.

**Graduate Advising**

For academic advising, MA students should make appointments with Deaconess Ruth McDonnell ([mcdonnellr@csl.edu](mailto:mcdonnellr@csl.edu)). STM students should make appointments with Dr. Lessing ([lessingr@csl.edu](mailto:lessingr@csl.edu)). PhD students should consult first with their Doktorvater.

**400 Level Course Upgrades**

STM students and MDiv dual-credit students must “upgrade” their 400 level courses. Forms for this are available on the Graduate School Portal at: [http://portalold.csl.edu/Gradschool/Pubs/Forms/gradschool-STM.htm](http://portalold.csl.edu/Gradschool/Pubs/Forms/gradschool-STM.htm). NB: The forms are almost identical except for their headings. Be sure to use the appropriate form.
Email Addresses

To comply with FERPA regulations, Concordia Seminary may only use Seminary assigned email addresses. However, it is very simple to have that email forwarded to any other address that you prefer to use. Just log in to your CSL email. Click “options” in the upper right by your name. Then click “organize email” on the left side. Click “inbox rules.” Then click “new” under “inbox rules.” A new window will pop up with two drop down menus. In the first select “apply to all messages,” and in the second select “redirect message to.” A window will come up with the Seminary directory. Simply go all the way to the bottom and type the desired email address into the box next to “To:.” Click OK in the lower right and save the new rule. All correspondence sent to your CSL account will go directly to your preferred email address.

18 Hour Reviews for PhD Students

After a PhD student has completed 18 credit hours of coursework, one teaching assistantship, two audits, remedial writing (if necessary), and has demonstrated at least one modern foreign research language proficiency, it is time for an 18 hour review. If you are at this stage in your studies, contact the Graduate School to initiate your 18 hour review.

The Spring Graduation Banquet

The annual Spring Graduation Banquet will take place on Thursday, May 17. As always, this will be the “social event of the season.” Reserve the date!

Guidelines, Deadlines, and Dates to Remember

Penultimate Drafts of Theses and Dissertations

The deadline has passed for submitting penultimate drafts of MA and STM theses and PhD dissertations for spring commencement. For those who have submitted the penultimate draft, remaining deadlines are as follows.

MA Thesis

• The student must submit corrected semi-final draft to the Graduate School no later than April 1.
• The student must submit the final form of the thesis, incorporating corrections indicated by the thesis secretary no later than May 1.

STM Thesis

• The student must submit the corrected semi-final draft to the Graduate School no later than March 15.
• The student must submit the final form of the thesis, incorporating corrections indicated by the thesis secretary no later than April 15.

PhD Dissertation

The student must submit the final form of the dissertation, incorporating corrections indicated by the Dissertation Secretary, no later than April 1.

Comprehensive Exams for MA and STM

Comprehensive exams for MA and STM students who intend to participate in commencement must be scheduled no later than March 5 and taken no later than March 15.