

INSTITUTE FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN 2011

The Foundation's Residential Institutes may serve to fulfill the Non-Project Option (NPO) for most professional degree programs at the Foundation. In lieu of preparing an Exit Project for their degree, students may opt for the NPO in order to fulfill the requirements for academic credit in order to graduate. Students planning to graduate in 2011, but who may not be able to complete an Exit Project, are encouraged to attend a Residential Institute to fulfill their degree requirements. Each Institute is five days in length, consisting of a morning seminar and an afternoon seminar.

The next Institute offered is "Providing Peace in the Age of Fear," taught by The Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas, Paul Tillich Professor of Theology and Culture at the Graduate Theological Foundation.

Morning seminar:

"The Anatomy of Fear in Modern Society"

Afternoon seminar:

"Exploring Dimensions of Love and Compassion as Pathways to Peace"

Description: This Institute is designed to explore the growing dynamics of fear and its effects on persons, religious communities, and whole societies. Drawing from an inter-disciplinary approach that brings together the latest research in science and sociology, along with important resources of pastoral ministry and counseling, this Institute will seek to understand the way in which fear operates, the societal causes for the epidemic of fear that permeates society, and possible strategies for ministry professionals as they seek to help people come to terms with fear and find a new sense of peace.

Dates: June 21-25, 2010

Location: Downtown Chicago, Illinois

Registration deadline: May 10, 2010

Information, including a registration form, is available on the Foundation's website at www.gtfeducation.org. Click on *Institutes* at the bottom of the page.

CONNECT WITH THE FOUNDATION ONLINE

In January of this year, the Foundation created a Facebook® page which now numbers over 150 fans. Current students of the Foundation are particularly encouraged to join

Facebook® for weekly updates concerning relevant educational opportunities, developments at the Foundation, and other news of interest. Facebook® serves as a supplement to both *In Focus* (for current students) and *Foundation Footnotes* (for alumni, faculty, affiliated programs), in addition to the website. It is updated twice weekly, thus allowing students to stay in touch more readily with new and ongoing developments at the Foundation. All that is needed to sign up for a Facebook® account is an email address.

The Foundation's page on Facebook® may be accessed by clicking on the logo found on the Foundation's homepage at www.gtfeducation.org, then signing in and choosing to become a "fan" of the Graduate Theological Foundation.

E-TUTORIALS UPDATED ON FACEBOOK®

For those students who have connected with the Foundation via Facebook®, one feature of interest may be the *E-Tutorials* tab found at the top of the Foundation's page. This list is routinely updated to include the most recently introduced new E-Tutorials offered by Foundation faculty. Each E-Tutorial title links to that course's description on the Foundation's website. E-Tutorials are one-on-one courses conducted via email between the faculty instructor and the student. Each course lasts six weeks, and students are required to read particular texts during the course and write weekly papers.

More information about the E-Tutorials being offered is available on the Foundation's page on Facebook® or by visiting the website at www.gtfeducation.org and clicking on *E-Tutorials* at the bottom of the homepage.

PSYCHOTHERAPY CURRICULUM INTRODUCED AS E-TUTORIALS

A number of E-Tutorials in psychotherapy have recently been added to our online offerings. These may also serve as a full curriculum in this field. The titles of the courses are found below, and descriptions may be accessed through the Foundation's homepage at www.gtfeducation.org by clicking on *E-Tutorials* at the bottom of the page.

Classical Schools of Psychotherapy

Abraham Maslow and Humanistic Psychology

Alfred Adler and Individual Psychology

Carl Jung and Analytical Psychology

Carl Rogers and Person-Centered Psychotherapy

Erik Erikson and Developmental Psychology
Harry Stack Sullivan and Interpersonal Psychoanalysis
Sigmund Freud and Psychoanalysis
Viktor Frankl and Logotherapy

NEWLY APPOINTED VISITING PROFESSORS

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recent appointments of the following Visiting Faculty at the Foundation:

The Rev. Dr. Tim Allen has been appointed Visiting Professor of Biblical Studies. He currently holds standing in the United Church of Christ and served in Baptist and United Church of Christ congregations in the capacity of minister of music/youth and pastor for twenty years before taking up teaching full-time. He holds a Master of Arts in Religious Studies (ancient Mediterranean Religions) from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and the Doctor of Philosophy (focus on early American Religion) from the Graduate Theological Foundation where he was honored as a Macquarrie Fellow (2005). In 2004, Dr. Allen received the Excellence in Teaching Award from Randolph Community College, and in 2007, he was invited to attend the Oxford Round Table conference on "The Separation of Church and State."

Dr. Allen is currently offering two E-Tutorials at the Foundation: "Biblical Myth and Pastoral Theology" and "Myth, Theology and Pastoral Ministry." More information on Dr. Allen, including his areas of service at the Foundation, may be found on his faculty profile by visiting the website and clicking on *Administration*, then *Faculty*.

The Rev. Dr. Ore Lee Spragin, Jr., has been appointed Visiting Professor of Church History. A native of Clarksdale, Mississippi, he is a life-long member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He holds a B.S. (biology, pre-med) from Jackson State University in Mississippi, and a M.Div. (pastoral studies) from Wesley Biblical Seminary. He completed requirements for the Doctor of Theology in Methodist Studies at the Graduate Theological Foundation in 2010, with coursework done at the Oxford Summer Theology Programme. Dr. Spragin was ordained Elder in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1987 and was admitted to Full Connection the following year. He has conducted seminars both in the United States and abroad in the areas of church history and doctrine, spiritual formation and Christian discipleship, biblical studies, worship, and church leadership. He has also written articles for publication in *The Christian Index*, the official organ of the CME Church.

Dr. Spragin has a special interest in Methodist Development and History. More information about Dr. Spragin, including his areas of service at the Foundation,

may be found on his faculty profile by visiting the website and clicking on *Administration*, then *Faculty*.

NEW RECOGNIZED & ENDORSED PROGRAMS

American Psychological Association (APA)

This R&E affiliate is of particular relevance to those students in the Psy.D. program at the Foundation. Continuing education courses offered by the APA range from addictive behavior to law and psychology, to women's studies, with the bulk being in clinical psychology.

International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC)

Students in the M.P.C. for Nurses program may find this R&E affiliate helpful in their studies. Courses offered through IPNRC include basic preparation, coordinator preparation, faculty preparation, and supplemental modules for continuing education.

New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies (NYU-SCPS)

The Online Certificate Program for Achieving Institutional Quality, Accountability, and Accreditation in Higher Education is the focus of this recognized and endorsed program, and may be of special interest to students in the Foundation's Ed.D. program. The online certificate is designed for those professionals who oversee the implementation of higher education standards and the processes which address quality assurance.

Links to the above R & E affiliates may be found on the website at www.gtfeducation.org by clicking on the *About GTF* tab, then on the *Affiliations* link on the menu on the left.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The following Recognized & Endorsed program is offering courses this spring and summer in the field of conflict resolution. Students may earn credits toward their degree by completing courses through this program.

LOMBARD MENNONITE PEACE CENTER

"Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders" May 3-7 in Hartford, CT

"Here I Stand" August 17-19 in Hinsdale, IL

More information is available through the Center's website at www.LMPeaceCenter.org.