

## Faculty Reading Groups: 2006-2007

### Global Social Justice Pedagogy: (Fall semester)

A group of faculty members (and interested staff members) explored opportunities for the inclusion of issues of global social justice in their courses. Through directed readings and ongoing dialogue, the group worked to increase their knowledge of the variety of social justice problems in the world today. They also focused on researching methods currently in use in education for increasing student knowledge of and response to these issues. They developed easily accessible modules for the teaching of global social justice.

Among readings the group considered:

*Famine Crimes* by Alex de Waal

*Cosmopolitan* by Kwame Anthony Appiah

“Famine, Affluence, and Morality” from *Philosophy and Public Affairs* by Peter Singer

“Share the Wealth” from *The Daily Princetonian* by Peter Singer

“Ten Ways to Make a Difference” from *Ethics into Action* by Peter Singer

“Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of Environmental Justice” by Julian Agyeman

“Teaching Classics to Sam Alito” by W. Robert Connor

“Transformative Pedagogy for Democracy and Social Justice” from *Race, Ethnicity & Education*; (2003) 6, No. 2:165-168 by Nagda, B. R. A., P. Gurin, et al.

“The Algebra of Infinite Justice” by Arundhati Roy, *Guardian*, September 29, 2001

“George Galloway: ‘The Violence Will Go On’” (news video)

“‘The Kitchen Never Stopped’: Women’s selfhelp groups in Chile’s shanty towns” by Jo Fisher, November 20, 2006 (discussion questions)

Participants:

1. Neal B. Abraham, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Physics and Astronomy
2. Meryl Altman, English, Women's Studies
3. Russell Arnold, Religious Studies
4. Srimati Basu, Sociology and Anthropology, Women's Studies
5. Lynn Bedard, Biology
6. Mona Bhan, Sociology and Anthropology
7. Raymonda Burgman, Economics and Management
8. Richard Cameron, Philosophy
9. Angela Castaneda, Sociology and Anthropology
10. Marthe Chandler, Philosophy
11. Douglas Cox, Director of Public Safety
12. Sharon Crary, Chemistry and Biochemistry
13. David "Kwame" Dixon, Black Studies
14. Andrew Ellett, Mathematics
15. Jennifer Everett, Philosophy
16. Nahyan Fancy, History
17. Melanie Finney, Communication and Theatre

18. Tom Hall, Sociology and Anthropology
19. Doug Harms, Computer Science
20. Myrna Hernandez, Student Academic Support
21. Robert Hershberger, Modern Languages
22. Kevin Howley, Communication and Theatre
23. Jeffrey Kenney, Religious Studies
24. Kate Knaul, Director of International Education and Off Campus Study
25. Darrell LaLone, Sociology and Anthropology
26. Carla Lane, Kinesiology
27. James Marshall, Biology
28. Marcia McKelligan, Philosophy
29. Elizabeth Moran, Art
30. Ann K. Newton
31. Brett O'Bannon, Political Science
32. Kerry Pannell, Economics and Management
33. Martha Rainbolt, English
34. Valerie Rudolph, Compton Center for Peace and Justice
35. Sarah Ryan, Hartman House
36. Steve Santo, Sodexo Dining Services
37. Henning Schneider, Biology
38. Bruce Serlin, Biology
39. Joanna "Gypsy" Swanger, History
40. Bradley Tharpe, University Chaplain
41. Mariangelina Tudares, Modern Languages
42. Michele Villinski, Economics and Management
43. Christine White, English
44. Yvonne Williams, Black Studies
45. David Worthington, Communication and Theatre

Summary Report Fall 2006, compiled by group coordinators, Rich Cameron, Sharon Crary and Brett O'Bannon.

### **Religion in Public Discourse: Does It Help or Hinder Justice? (spring semester)**

In the spring of 2007, Max L. Stackhouse conducted a faculty seminar on Religion in Public Discourse: Does It Help or Hinder Justice?

The readings for the seminar:

“Social Graces: Religion and Globalization” by Max Stackhouse

*God's Joust, God's Justice: Law and Religion in the Western Tradition* by John Witte, Jr., Emory Law School and Divinity School. He is a historian of jurisprudence and theology of law.

*God vs. the Gavel* by Marci Hamilton of Cordoza School of Law, New York. She is a specialist in church/state relationships and a national authority on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

*Religious Commitment and Secular Reason* by Robert Audi of the Mendoza School of

Business and the Department of Philosophy at Notre Dame.

The seminar sessions were followed by a symposium with the authors on Friday afternoon, April 27, and Saturday morning, April 28, at the Walden Inn.

Participants:

1. Rich Cameron, Philosophy
2. Mac DixonFyle, History
3. Nahyan Fancy, History
4. Marcia McKelligan, Philosophy
5. Robert Newton, Philosophy
6. Martha Rainbolt, English
7. Max Stackhouse, Philosophy and Religious Studies
8. Lars Toender, Political Science
9. Bradley Tharpe, Center for Spiritual Life
10. Carl Weinberg, History
11. P.T. Wilson, University Chaplain

### **Buddhist Ethics (spring semester)**

Led by Paul Watt, Asian Studies and Religious Studies, this group read and discussed the *Dhammapada* and *Buddhist Wisdom: The Diamond Sutra*.

Participants:

1. Meryl Altman, English
2. Marthe Chandler, Philosophy
3. Hiroko Chiba, Japanese
4. Istvan Csicsery-Ronay, English
5. Etelka De Laczay, Independent Scholar
6. Jason Fuller, Religious Studies and Asian Studies
7. Tom Hall, Sociology
8. Carl Huffman, Classical Studies
9. Jeff Kenney, Religious Studies
10. Darrell LaLone, Anthropology
11. Howard Pollack-Milgate, German
12. Martha Rainbolt, English
13. Paul Watt, Religious Studies and Asian Studies
14. Christine White, English