

Reading Groups: 2008-2009

Fall 2008

The Ethics of Islam:

Led by Jeff Kenney, professor of Religious Studies, the group discussed selected passages from the Qur'an, accompanied by selections from the Life of Muhammad and works by 12th century writer Al-Ghazzali and some Sufi texts.

Participants:

1. Andrea Sununu, English
2. Wendy Wippich, Housing and Community Standards Coordinator
3. Linda Elman, Modern Languages (Spanish)
4. Rich Cameron, Philosophy
5. David Alvarez, English
6. Ghassan Nasr, Modern Languages (Arabic)
7. Sherry Mou, Modern Languages (Chinese) and Asian Studies
8. Carl Huffman, Classical Studies
9. Kerry Pannell, Economics
10. Tom Hall, Anthropology
11. Meryl Altman, English
12. Ellen Muelberger, Religious Studies
13. Dave Guinee, Classical Studies
14. Russ Arnold, Religious Studies
15. Michele Villinski, Economics
16. Kellin Stanfield, Economics
17. P.T. Wilson, University Chaplain
18. Jeremy Anderson, Philosophy
19. Marthe Chandler, Philosophy
20. Nahyan Fancy, History
21. Brian Casey, President
22. Jeff Kenney, Religious Studies
23. Martha Rainbolt, English

Criminal Law Reading Group:

Frederick Visiting Scholar in Ethics Rick Lippke led discussion of Larry Laudan's Truth, Error and Criminal Law (Cambridge University Press, 2006). Rick described this book as a "provocative look at whether criminal trials in the United States are structured so that they will enable us to discover the truth about whether or not the individuals charged with crimes committed them."

Participants:

1. Andrea Sununu, English
2. Bruce Serlin, Biology
3. Bruce Stinebrickner, Political Science
4. Joerg Meindl, German
5. Karin Ahlm, Psychology
6. Temeca White, Residence Life Coordinator

7. Keith Nightenhelser, Classical Studies
8. Marcia McKelligan, Philosophy
9. Martha Rainbolt, English

Spring 2009

The Ethics of Islam:

This was a continuation of the fall reading group, facilitated by Jeff Kenney and assisted by Nahyan Fancy, with a focus on the contemporary ethics of Islam, beginning with a discussion of Kecia Ali's *Sexual Ethics and Islam: Feminist Reflections on Qur'an, Hadith and Jurisprudence*.

Participants:

1. P.T. Wilson, University Chaplain
2. Nahyan Fancy, History
3. Yusuf Gurtas, Mathematics
4. Andrea Sununu, English
5. Russ Arnold, Religious Studies
6. Hillary Kelleher, English
7. Ellen Muehlberger, Religious Studies
8. Marian Abowitz
9. Jeff Kenney, Religious Studies
10. Kerry Pannell, Economics
11. Faisal Shabbir, Network Administrator
12. Michele Villinski, Economics
13. Nafhat Nasr, Political Science
14. Charles Lee, Fifth-Year Intern, Peeler Art Center

Methodology, Research, Pedagogy:

Facilitated by Julie Hollowell, Schaenen Scholar, and Tom Hall, professor of Sociology, this group dealt with the role of imperialism, ethnicity, and gender in the construction of knowledge and examine some refreshing models of ethical practice for educators and researchers.

Participants:

1. Maria Forcadell, Spanish
2. Marthe Chandler, Philosophy
3. Gordon Vurusic, Political Science
4. Sandro Barros, Spanish
5. Metta Sama (Lydia Melvin), English
6. Alain Ekorong, French
7. Kellie Dawson, English
8. Leslie James, Religious Studies
9. DiAnna Washington, Director of Student Academic Support Services
10. Andrea Sununu, English
11. Greg Carr, student
12. Tom Hall, Sociology
13. Julie Hollowell, Anthropology

Overcriminalization:

Facilitated by Richard Lippke, Frederick Scholar, this group focused its discussion on Douglas Husak's *Overcriminalization: The Limits of Criminal Law*.

Participants:

1. Jeremy Anderson, Philosophy
2. Humberto Barretto, Economics and Management
3. Theresa Batto (Bernard Batto), Religious Studies
4. Rich Cameron, Philosophy
5. Amanda Henk, Library
6. Kelsey Kauffman, University Studies
7. Joerg Meindl, Modern Languages
8. Laura Paul
9. Bruce Sanders, Library

Common Values:

Facilitated by Bob Steele, Pulliam Professor of Journalism, this group read and discussed Sissela Bok's *Common Values*, which explores moral values on geographic, cultural, religious, ethnic and other criteria.

Participants:

1. Julie Hallowell, Schaenen Scholar
2. DiAnna Washington, Academic Affairs
3. Sheryl Tremblay, Communication and Theatre
4. Billie Richert, Finance
5. Richard Lynch, Philosophy
6. Kerry Pannell, Economics and Management
7. Myrna Hernandez, Student Services
8. Tim Good, Communication and Theatre
9. Nafhat Nasr, Political Science
10. Mark Kannowski, Mathematics
11. Carol Steele, Academic Affairs
12. Dave Bohmer, Director, Pulliam Center