

THINGS DUE ON SEPTEMBER 30th

- Faculty reports (please submit electronically to amatos@uts.columbia.edu)
- Course syllabi (please submit electronically to amatos@uts.columbia.edu and tdelisio@uts.columbia.edu)
- Summer expenses

WORSHIP

Art Reception. Monday, 5-7:30 in James Chapel

Please join us at the end of the day Monday for wine, snacks, and conversation at the Opening Reception for “Only Don’t Know,” paintings by Alix Ankele. During the reception Prof. Chung and Ankele will bring remarks.

Daily Chapel, 9/30-10/3

September 30

Simple Song: the first of our Music Mondays featuring the Seminary Choir. This week also including Michael Orzechowski singing Bernstein’s “Simple Song.”

October 1

“Seguir Pa’lante” (Moving forward despite injustices) - the Latin@ Caucus

October 2

“Discerning the Voice of God,” Worship led by the Black Caucus with the Gospel Choir

October 3

Weekly communion led by Union’s Lutheran Students

MEETINGS for the week of September 30th

No standing committee or field meetings are scheduled for the week of September 30th. Because of schedule conflicts, the Inter-religious Engagement field meeting has been rescheduled for October 16 from 5-6 p.m. (following the Committee on Appointments).

Two faculty meetings will take place this month. The October 23rd meeting will be a regular business meeting, preceded by lunch; the October 30th meeting will be devoted to issues of diversity. (This reverses what is listed in the Governance Calendar.)

FROM THE REGISTRAR: FINAL EXAMS

Please contact Rafael Ortiz (rortiz@uts.columbia.edu) by October 4th with regard to your day, time, and room requirements and preferences for final exams for this Fall and coming Spring. The following dates are available for final exams:

Fall 2013: Friday, December 13th - Wednesday, December 18th.

Spring 2014: Friday, May 9th - Tuesday, May 13th

September 27, 2013

Please remember you can always update your list of publications posted on the website through Nina.

FROM RECRUITMENT/ADMISSIONS

Know any colleagues we should meet on the road? Let us know! Faculty are the best recruiters!

Upcoming Travels and School Meetings:

September 30 - October 1 Washington D.C. (Nichelle Jenkins)

- Joint Recruitment Information Session @ National Press Club 6 p.m. -8 p.m. 9/30
- Joint Recruitment Information Session @ Howard University 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. 10/1
- Idealist Grad Fair @ Washington Convention Center 5 - 8 p.m. 10/1

October 1 - 2nd Upstate New York (Tanya Williams)

- SUNY Binghamton Grad Fair @ Mandela Room / Old Union Hall, University Union 11:00 am - 2:30 pm 10/1
- Cornell University Graduate and Professional Days @ Barton Hall 11:00 a.m 10/2

October 2 - Fordham University - Rose Hill Campus (Nichelle Jenkins)

- Religion Department - Lunch 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

FACULTY SURVEY on FAITH AND HEALTH

A letter to you with a request from the New York State Department of Health Institutional Review Board (copy attached) in furtherance of our agreement with them. Please take a few minutes to participate in the survey.

Dear Faculty Member:

In 2012, the New York State Department of Health convened statewide forums with clinicians, practitioners, religious leaders, faculty members, and students from diverse academic backgrounds to discuss the intersection of faith and health in care settings. A key theme that emerged was the recognition of the value in preparing future clinicians and practitioners to better understand the relationship between faith beliefs and health outcomes. The forum also recognized the importance of learning more from students and faculty about their ideas on this topic.

You are invited to participate in a survey that examines faculty members' perspectives on the relationship between faith and health. We would also like to know about your interest in teaching courses that address this topic.

Your participation in this anonymous survey is completely voluntary. The survey should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Survey responses will be shared with your institution, but only in aggregate format along with answers from fellow faculty members participating in the survey. It is also important to note that participation in this survey does not mean that your school embraces the intersection of faith and health concept or is considering modifying the curriculum or study program.

We know you are busy with the fall semester, and we really appreciate your time and input. To take the survey, press Ctrl and click on the link below or paste it into your web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SeminaryFacultyFaithHealthSurvey>

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact: Ms. Kirsten Rowe, New York State Department of Health, Office of Program Evaluation and Research, at (518) 402-6814 or kas11@health.state.ny.us. If you have any questions about your rights as a study participant, please contact Mr. Tony Watson, Administrative Director of the NYSDOH Institutional Review Board, at (518) 474-8539.

Thank you in advance for your time!

FACULTY INPUT REQUESTED: UNION FORUM and CONTINUING EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Karenna Gore and Therese DeLisio are working together to develop co-curricular and continuing education opportunities for the coming year. They would like to think with you about the possibilities for these initiatives. Please contact Karenna (kgore@uts.columbia.edu) to schedule some time to meet with Karenna and Therese.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DATES TO REMEMBER

10/3 ~ list of your most recent publications to Kevin McGee for promotion at Union Days.

11/1 ~ RFP due for “New Perspectives on the Theology of Understanding”

11/12 ~ Flu shots at Teacher’s College, Columbia 2p - 6p