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. . . you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 2:5

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LIBERATING TRADITION: Women's Identity and Vocation in Christian Perspective

"What does Scripture actually say about women, about gender, and about how we conduct our lives together? And how do we go about discovering, or uncovering or recovering, what Scripture says? If we rely on Sunday school and sermons, we probably hear about five or six women in the biblical texts – Eve, Sarah, Ruth, Esther, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene – and we hear about how women are supposed to submit to their husbands and be quiet in church." (Kristina LaCelle-Peterson, 2008, p. 27, Liberating Tradition)

From the Back Cover

In this work, Kristina LaCelle-Peterson seeks to affirm the central place of Scripture in Christian life and highlight the liberating nature of the gospel for both men and women. She first considers the biblical ideal for human beings and then offers a biblical foundation for various topics, from identity and body image to language for God. She also examines the cultural nature of gender roles and the ways in which these roles have become entangled with ecclesial expectations.

Liberating Tradition offers a clear, Christian perspective on the issues that women face in the twenty-first century. The book does not provide a Christian gloss on the field of gender studies as it exists, but rather offers a gender-informed, scholarship-based, Christian platform from which to enter into dialogue with the scholars and scholarship that constitute that field.

Endorsements

"Powerfully written, powerfully argued. A real manifesto for those desiring a biblical understanding of the manifold issues associated with our concepts of gender." -**Catherine Kroeger**, founder and former president of Christians for Biblical Equality

"Compelling, informative, and comprehensive! This book does exactly as the title suggests--liberates. If one wants to read a single book to understand gender issues, this is it! Simultaneously, the reader is inspired to 'lean into all God created us to be.'" -**Jo Anne Lyon**, founder/chief executive officer, World Hope International

"LaCelle-Peterson has written a book that is at once biblical, engaging, comprehensive, forthright, balanced, and caring. It should be especially helpful for those on the 'women's side' of the debate to read something as irenic as this; and hopefully these same features will calm some of the rhetoric on the other side. I am glad to commend it to all." -**Gordon Fee**, professor emeritus, Regent College; coauthor, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*

Women in Ministry

Religion and Philosoph
Spring Colloquium
With Kristina LaCelle-Peterson

Thursday
March 26, 2009
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Student Center Banquet Rooms

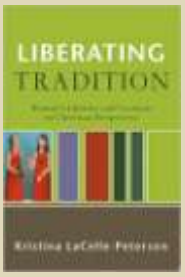
This event is REQUIRED

This is required for all majors and minors in our division. Attendance will be taken.

Kristina LaCelle-Peterson will be the honored guest speaker for the Division of Religion and Philosophy's Spring Colloquium. Dr. LaCelle-Peterson is an Associate Professor of Religion at Houghton College in Houghton, New York. She received her bachelor's degree from Houghton, her Master's in Divinity from Conwell Theological Seminary, and an MPhil and PhD from Drew University Graduate School.

Dr. LaCelle-Peterson joined the Religion and Philosophy Department in 2001 where she teaches courses in Bible, women's studies, theology, and educational ministry. Before working at Houghton College, she served as an Assistant Professor of Religion at Roberts Wesleyan University. Prior to that, she worked as an interim Senior Pastor at New Hope Free Methodist Church for two years.

Taking a look at her book, *Liberating Tradition: Women's Identity and Vocation from a Christian Perspective*, would be an excellent way to prepare for this lecture.



Remember to mark your calendars, because this is a required event for all majors and minors within the Division of Religion and Philosophy.

Upcoming Visits:

Mar 31: Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, 10:30, rm 134 (anyone) & again at 12 pm, President's Dining room (1st 20 female students)

Apr 1-2: Dan Bickel, summer internship (or other job opportunities) in WI, evening sign-up times

Theology Reading Group

The Theology Reading group led by Nathan Crawford **meets at noon on Tuesdays in Baldwin.** If you are interested or have questions, contact Nathan Crawford at nathan.crawford@indwes.edu

New Testament Trivia

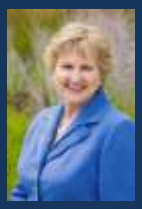
What prophetess was the sister of two great leaders and was once afflicted with leprosy for being rebellious?

Exodus ___: _____

Be the first to email the correct answer (*including the reference*) to melissa.fipps@indwes.edu

Past winners:

Michael Berens
Jody Heintz
Adam Buehler
Joel Higginbotham
Jewel Reed



Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, will speak on Tuesday, March 31 from 10:30 – Noon in the Noggle Christian Ministries building. Members of the Role of Women in Ministry class, taught by Dr. Cherry, will serve as hosts for this event.

In addition, Dr. Lyon will extend her stay to include lunch in the President's Dining Room from 12 - 1:00 p.m. Seating is limited to the first 20 female students who sign up by contacting Melissa Fipps. You will go through the lunch line and then come to this dining room off of Baldwin for an informal continuation of the discussion.

Dan Bickel, Wisconsin Dist. Sup, will be on campus April 1st and 2nd. He is especially interested in speaking with individuals about an intern position available at The River, a new Wesleyan church plant in Minong, WI,. The location is fabulous, Kingdom work is hot, and the pay stinks. Opportunities for ministry involvement will be determined based on gift-mix; experience, ministry direction, etc. The intern will have the opportunity to experience every area of ministry **or** may choose to focus by serving in selected ministry areas. Due to the rural nature of ministry, reliable transportation is required. Housing and fishing license will be provided by The River Church. If interested in signing up for a time slot, please come by the Religion office. (He is also available to speak with those interested in other Wisconsin district positions.

World Impact
Student Team Leader applications are now available at the World Impact desk in the Noggle Christian Ministries building.

Sports Ministry Majors/Minors

Advising Luncheon –
Tuesday, March 24, 5-6 pm, Baldwin

MINSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For more detailed information visit our site online or stop by the Religion office. *Indicates new entry this week.

Part Time Ministry & Practicum Opportunities

Practicums

- Practicum Students – First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – Marion, IN
- Youth Practicum/Intern—Covenant United Methodist Church – Fort Wayne
- Youth Practicum/Intern—Lakeview Wesleyan—Marion

Volunteers

- Church Plant Volunteers – Transformation City Church – Milwaukee, WI
- Worship Leader + any volunteers – Hills Chapel Community Church – Marion, IN
- Youth Practicum/Volunteers – Union Chapel Baptist – Marion, IN
- Summer Youth Pastor/Intern – Lisbon Wesleyan Church – Lisbon, NY
- Children's Ministry Volunteers – College Wesleyan Church – Marion, IN

Children's Ministry

- Children's Director—Harmony Christian Church—Elwood, IN

Worship

- Worship Leader – Liberty Grove Baptist –Anderson, IN
- Worship Volunteer – Hills Chapel Community Church – Marion, IN

Youth Ministry

- Youth Minister/Worker – Troy Gospel Tabernacle – Troy, OH

Full Time Ministry Opportunities

Worship Pastor

- Worship Leader – new church launching – Valparaiso, IN
- Worship Arts Director – Hanfield UMC – Marion, IN
- Associate Dir of Arts Ministries – Good Shepherd UMC – Fort Wayne, IN
- Worship Pastor – KingsWay Community Church – Mason, OH

Youth/Worship Ministry

- Youth Minister – St. Luke's UMC – Indianapolis, IN
- Youth/Music Pastor—First Wesleyan—Rapid City, SD
- Youth Director – Clear Lake Presbyterian Church – Houston, TX
- Youth Pastor—Keystone Community Church—Saline, MI
- Youth Pastor—Berlin Mennonite—Berlin, OH

Children's Ministry

- Children's Minister – Olive Branch Church of God – Roann, IN

Miscellaneous

- Summit Team Member (full-time staff) for LeaderTreks

Internships

- *Children's Ministry Internship – Marion 1st UMC, Marion, IN
- Youth Internship – Wesleyan Church of Fairfield – Fairfield, IL
- Internship – The River – Minong, WI
- Camp Internships - US
- Summer Intern of Children & Youth – Parma Heights Baptist – near Cleveland, OH
- Summer Youth Pastor/Intern – Lisbon Wesleyan Church – Lisbon, NY
- Student Ministry Intern—Monticello UMC—Monticello, IN
- Various brochures/informational CD's/etc. in Religion office
- Youth Intern—Grabill Missionary Church—Grabill, IN
- Children/Youth/Christian Ministries—NewPointe Community Church—Dover OH
- Children's Ministry Summer Intern – Ellsworth Wesleyan Church – Ellsworth, MI
- Student Worship Intern – River Christian Church – Noblesville, IN
- Intern Program—Community Wesleyan Church – Detroit, MI
- Intern Program—Central Wesleyan Church – Holland, MI
- Pittsburgh Project — Pittsburgh, PA
- Youth Practicum/Intern—Covenant United Methodist Church – Fort Wayne
- Youth Practicum/Intern—Lakeview Wesleyan—Marion
- Worship Leader Internship—River Oaks Community Church – Indianapolis, IN

Missions

- Church Plant Volunteers – Transformation City Church – Milwaukee, WI
- YouthWorks
- Global Partners - Empowering the Nations Offering

GPA Calculator

http://www.image-ination.com/test_maker/gpa.html

Investigating Seminaries?

Check out this website:
http://whichseminary.blogspot.com

Check out our webpage:
http://cas.indwes.edu/Academic-Divisions/Religion-philosophy/

Wesleyan Ministry Opportunities Website:

http://www.wesleyan.org/doc/employment_r1/

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