

PERSPECTIVE

Institute for Christian Studies

Volume 36, Issue 2, March 2002

Equipping Christian leaders around the world

Campaign to fund global distribution of academic resources

The Institute for Christian Studies has launched a capital campaign that will help launch a vigorous program to distribute its academic resources globally, as well as funds for scholarships and endowments. For three years ICS has been investing in detailed evaluation and long-range planning to provide for a productive future. We see it as the regeneration of passion and vision, readying ICS for another 40 years of service.

In this issue:

Unprecedented opportunity	2
Christianity & learning	3
Zuidervaart joins	3
Vollenhoven	4
Prayers & tears	5

To make the most of our opportunities, ICS wants to invest in future students, and our goals include reaching out to a global audience through new media and forms of communication. The global distribution initiatives fall into two categories. One, the Faith and Learning Network will assist the development of Christian scholars by creating new Christian academic resources and improving access to a variety of additional resources. The goal is to remove barriers of access to academic resources – especially for scholars from developing nations. The focus will be on Web-based access and distribution through electronic means and media. The other major thrust is distributed learning, through which ICS offers certain courses on-line or in locations removed from its Toronto base. Proceeds from the campaign will help to develop and standardize these ways of delivering courses.

Leadership provides strong start for ICS capital campaign reGeneration! The Campaign for the Institute for Christian Studies is now underway and ICS is excited about the early response. One of the encouraging developments is the appointment of two respected individuals as co-chairs of the campaign. The co-chairs are **Dr. John B. Hulst** and **Mr. Fred J. Reinders**. Dr. Hulst, former President of Dordt College, lives in Iowa. He is Executive Secretary of the International Association for Promotion for Christian Higher Education (IAPCHE). Mr. Reinders is an engineer and Chairman of the construction firm the Maple-Reinders Group, headquartered in Brampton, Ontario. Both these individuals have been strong ICS supporters for many years. The co-chairs bring to the Campaign personal dedication, wide experience, and a willingness to lead. They have already formed a very effective collaboration between each other and with other ICS leaders.



*John Hulst,
Harry Fernhout and
Fred Reinders.*

THE FINANCIAL GOALS OF THE CAMPAIGN

The H. Evan Runner Chair in	
History of Philosophy	\$ 1,500,000
A second endowed chair	
(yet to be named)	\$ 1,500,000
Creation of a scholarship fund	\$ 1,000,000
Faith & Learning Network	\$ 400,000
Distributed Learning	\$ 600,000
Total	\$ 5,000,000

reGeneration!
The Campaign for ICS

from the
president



“
new
communication
technologies
make it
possible for us
to share our
experience and
resources so
that we can
contribute to
the movement
of the Spirit
around the
world.”

”

Unprecedented opportunity

As we launch the reGeneration campaign, I have a deep sense that ICS is entering a time of unprecedented opportunity. Wherever the seed of the gospel has been planted and borne fruit in areas such as Africa and Asia, people are now busy with what I call the second wave of missions: building institutions and developing a new generation of leaders to carry the faith forward.

Few places in the world offer these emerging leaders what ICS does: non-seminary graduate education with a profound grasp of the role of Christian faith in shaping an integral understanding of various fields of learning. By the grace of God, new communication technologies make it possible for us to share our experience and resources so that we can contribute to the movement of the Spirit around the world. We have an opportunity to be part of the second wave of missions. ICS has been asked by the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education to spearhead the development of an international certificate (equivalent to half of a master's program) that will serve as a benchmark for Christian scholars globally. Our vision is to offer core courses in this Certificate program at locations away from Toronto and on-line. It would be unconscionable for ICS to miss this opportunity for service.

What's true for Africa and Asia is also true for North America. The immense popularity of Charles Colson's *How Now Shall We Live?* points to a thirst among Christians, including Christian students, for solid Christian material. Colson's book relies heavily on resources from the reformed tradition, including ICS publications (his co-author, Nancy Pearcey, studied at ICS). ICS needs to make its experience and the resources of reformed thought more readily available in this context. In particular, ICS needs to connect with Christian graduate students in North America, including those who will never visit our building. In this way, ICS can help meet the critical

need for a new generation of professors at Christian colleges and universities, people with a solid grasp of their calling as Christian scholars. A key challenge for ICS in the next decade is to enhance the accessibility of key perspective-shaping courses for persons who live outside commuting distance from Toronto. We will consider whatever options make this possible. As these unprecedented opportunities emerge, it seems that God is moving mountains that might block our path. One such mountain is the province of Ontario's degree-granting policy. The opportunity now exists for ICS to secure, over the next few years, the right to grant standard graduate degrees (M.A. and Ph.D.) alongside our current degrees (Master of Philosophical Foundations and Master of Worldview Studies). This will enable our graduates to function more freely in the wider academic world.

This vision for the Institute's future needs a stable base from which we can operate. That's why we are launching reGeneration! The Campaign for ICS. The campaign is designed to provide funding for endowed chairs, to support a stronger student scholarship program, and to equip ICS for its commitment to global accessibility. In this way the campaign will provide a solid footing from which we can pursue the challenge of carrying the claims of Christ in higher learning to a new generation.

Henry Leubolt

reGeneration!

The Campaign for ICS

Seniors...
Are you worried
about low interest
rates?

Maybe you are concerned that low interest rates will limit your retirement income and prevent you from making the donations you'd like. If you are 65 or over, consider a charitable gift annuity. It will give you good income for life, tax savings and gives a gift to ICS. Most of the income is tax free. Consider these examples:

\$10,000 GIFT ANNUITY

DONOR	MONTHLY RETURN	INCOME TAX FREE
Male: Age 75	\$63	100%
Female: Age 80	\$72	100%
Couple: 80 and 78	\$62	100%

Contact

ICS toll-free at 1-888-326-5347 or 416-979-2331 and ask for John Meiboom (ext 224)



Or Contact Henry Eygenraam at
Christian Stewardship Services
1-800-267-8890 or 905-947-9262

CHRISTIANITY AND LEARNING LECTURES (FEB. 7 & 8)

Terror, Strangers and the Sublime: Richard Kearney Speaks at ICS

This year's lectures marked a highlight in the over twenty year tradition of the lecture series presented and hosted annually by the Institute for Christian Studies. The ICS event proudly featured Dr. Richard Kearney as its guest speaker, who flew out from Boston for the two day event in response to the personal invitation extended to him by Dr. Jim Olthuis.

by **Yorick Schulz-Wackerbarth**, M.Phil.F. student, History of Philosophy

Dr. Kearney's appearance was another feather in the cap of prominent speakers featured throughout the history of this lecture series, among them such thinkers as John D. Caputo, Timothy Noone, Merold Westphal, Jean Bethke Elstein, and Langdon Gilkey. Kearney, who is considered one of Ireland's brightest and most erudite intellectuals and whom Caputo regards as, "one of the most exciting thinkers in the English-speaking world of continental philosophy," is Professor of Philosophy at Boston College and University College in Dublin. Apart from being the author of numerous philosophical books that have been translated into many European languages, Richard Kearney is also a novelist, a poet, a well known Irish cultural critic, and, as **Jim Olthuis** introduced him, 'a lovely Christian gentleman.'

Kearney presented three lectures at ICS on the theme, 'Terror, Strangers and the Sublime.' Addressing a 'full house' (a pleasing turn-out facilitated in part also by the initiatives of two former ICS graduates, **Matt Bonzo** now professor of philosophy at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan and **Dr. Henry Venema**, now professor at Messiah College in Pennsylvania, both attending the two day symposium in the company of a number of their students), Dr. Kearney spoke on 'Strangers and Scapegoats' in his first lecture on Thursday afternoon. In tracing a history of scapegoating, Professor Kearney expounded on the problems and harms of 'black and white' categorizing leading to the expulsion of the 'unholy' in order to purify and engender a sense of solidarity amongst 'the people'. Warning, however, of the other extreme in which one merges opposites such as the demonic and the divine until both become indistinguishable from the other, Kearney concluded his first talk by expressing the need to look for a 'middle way.'

In his second lecture, Thursday evening, entitled 'Evil, Monstrosity and the Sublime,' Kearney discussed the postmodern tendency to remove evil from the realm of debate, leaving one speechless before the horror of evil and, and as a result, inactive. Such an apathetic stance, Kearney argued, is not only useless to ethical action, but an irresponsible and unacceptable attitude, not at all doing justice to the reality of suffering and evil real people in the real world are experiencing daily. Kearney proposed the an approach to the problem in a three-fold structure: a) practical understanding; b) working through; and c) pardon. In this construction, Kearney drew from such models as biblical 'wisdom', Aristotle's 'practical



wisdom', Kant's 'reflective judgment,' and Ricoeur's 'narrative understanding.' What these models share, Kearney emphasized, is an ability to transfer the problem of evil from the sphere of theory to a more practical understanding – a hermeneutics of action, enabling a genuine struggle against evil.

In his final talk on Friday afternoon, after having spent well over an hour in discussion with 'students only' that morning (an opportunity of 'question-and-answer-time,' about twenty students took advantage of), Kearney tackled the difficult venture of putting the 'theoretical' philosophy he had presented in the previous two lectures into a practical, real life, context, namely the events of September 11. Entitled 'On Terror,' Kearney's third lecture encompassed a critical survey of different philosophical approaches to Terror, concluding with a discussion of how these approaches might help us make sense of the reality of the terror surrounding 9/11. Philosophical 'diagnosis' not sufficing, Kearney closed with a 'prognosis' – a hermeneutic of affirmation. In Kearney's opinion, the ultimate goal is empathy with our fellow humans through practical understanding, working through and pardon – pardon being the most demanding. It can only be accomplished through 'imagining,' of trying to understand the others position. Quoting the words of Ian McEwan, Kearney argued that "Imagining what it is like to be someone other than oneself is at the core of our humanity. It is the essence of compassion, and it is the beginning of morality. Among the crimes of the hijackers was a failure of the imagination."

The two day ICS event ended with a short question time in which, among others, Henk Hart, told Kearney that he had "felt some of his 'Calvinist buttons' being pressed" in listening to the talks. Kearney felt compelled to confess that, "if that's Calvinism, then I'm a Calvinist!"

Lambert Zuidervaart to Join Faculty as Professor of Systematic Philosophy

After a long search for a Senior Member to replace the position of Systematic Philosophy held by Henk Hart for nearly 35 years, the Academic Council



recommended Dr. Lambert Zuidervaart in November of 2001, and the recommendation was approved by the ICS Senate and Board of Trustees. Lambert was one of four high quality candidates considered by ICS. He has a proven record as an academic, a teacher and an administrator in Canada and the United States. He is a highly published scholar, and has worked in the Philosophy Department at Calvin College in Grand Rapids for over 20 years. Lambert's appointment commences on July 1, 2002. We look forward to Lambert joining us, and will profile him in greater detail in a future issue of *Perspective*.

Vollenhoven



by **Bob Sweetman**,
Senior Member in the
History of Philosophy

On 15 February a small group of scholars both junior and senior gathered at ICS to discuss what of reformational philosopher Dirk Vollenhoven's work might profitably be brought out in English translation. This discussion was facilitated by the presence of **Dr. John Kok** of Dordt College who is finishing off a translation project that would put some of Vollenhoven's most important systematic pieces into English translation. Dr. Kok set up an animated discussion of how to use his work as translator and as interpreter of Vollenhoven to best advantage. The highly abbreviated character of Vollenhoven's writing means that his texts must be viewed as schematic notes that require glossing and meditation in order to come alive. Such meditative glossing was easy to come by in this consultation since several of Vollenhoven's past research assistants, as well as former students were present and volubly active in the room. Indeed, for the relatively less initiated (including the present reporter) the whole consultation offered up a treasure trove of anecdotes about Vollenhoven and his (usually remarkably idiosyncratic) ways. One concrete suggestion made was that after the appearance of the volume of Vollenhoven translations, John Kok might think of writing a sequel to his Ph.D. thesis (analyzing

Vollenhoven's thought before Vollenhoven's appointment to the Free University, Amsterdam in 1926). This sequel would hopefully take Kok's story forward to include the philosophical fruit of Vollenhoven's long years of service at the Free University.

The first session of the consultation led to a lovely dinner together at a nearby Chinese restaurant, followed by a second session organized around a draught of a paper by **Robert Sweetman** dedicated to exploring ways in which Vollenhoven's approach to the history of philosophy could be promoted. Once again, the conversation was very animated, as both the strengths and weaknesses of Vollenhoven's "problem-historical method" were brought to light and commented upon. In the background lay a controversy that has broken out in *Beweging*, the official newsletter of the Dutch "Society for Calvinistic Philosophy," about the relevance of Vollenhoven's method. The question that formed the backdrop to discussion was how the worth and value of the method could be demonstrated in and through concrete historical analysis. Even deeper in the background lay the question of how one lives within and in faith with a tradition in philosophy. What sorts of premises or principles may be questioned? When and how must one's questions be aired? How does one develop and transmit a living philosophical tradition as opposed to a frozen orthodoxy? These are questions deep enough to warrant future consultations.

On eagles wings:

Olthuis offers symposium on psychotherapy

by **Brad Wortz**, M.Phil.F. student, Aesthetics

On February 1, 2002. Senior Member Jim Olthuis gave a symposium dealing with the material from his recently released book, *The Beautiful Risk: a New Psychology of Loving and Being Loved*. Olthuis stated that in his thirty years of teaching at the Institute for Christian Studies, this was only the second time in which he had spoken publicly at ICS about his involvement in the field of psychotherapy.

The Beautiful Risk focuses on a new form of therapy – dealing with the themes of love, and self-knowing. Accordingly, Olthuis hospitably opened his discussion by listening to the voices of the symposium attendants. Going around the room, each person introduced themselves to Olthuis and the other attendants present – welcoming each other in love while encouraging familiarity, discussion, and interaction.

While the subject of *The Beautiful Risk* is relational therapy, Olthuis began his symposium discussion by referencing the history of philosophy in which he asserted his own philosophical presuppositions. While philosophers, such as Aristotle, have associated the need for love as an accidental part of human nature (with relationships with others being regarded as unnecessary outcomes of human existence), Olthuis argued that love is the central part of who we are.

"We are love's agents," he stated. His use of the word "agent" was intentional, implying that love is not something we have control over, but is bigger than us; and we are always, necessarily, responding to it. Accordingly, our identity, or "authentic self," is like an open house, and we must respond to our guests hospitably, offering forgiveness and mutuality.

A central problem in the flux of our contemporary society, Olthuis argued, is a loss of identity – the feeling of not knowing who we are. Appealing to the philosophical voice of Jacques Derrida, he showed how the problem is not a lack of identity, but an inability to decide what that identity is. In response, Olthuis encouraged us as humans to flow with love, instead of trying to fight against it – using the example of the eagle's flight in which wings find the wind within the storm. It is only in the process of risk-taking, of meeting one another in the empty spaces of love in which we share ourselves and live together as agents of love, that we will see life in its beauty. Like the wings of the eagle, Olthuis calls us to meet the storm head on, using the winds of life to further our flights together.

“

A central problem in the flux of our contemporary society is a loss of identity – the feeling of not knowing who we are.

”

Hart explores Dooyeweerd's *New Critique*

by **Michael deMoor**, M.Phil.F. student, History of Philosophy

For three weeks in January, eight students from both the ICS and TST followed the venerable Senior Member Emeritus Hendrik Hart into the wilds of Herman Dooyeweerd's magnum opus, *A New Critique of Theoretical Thought*. This 3 volume 2000+ page work can be an intimidating challenge for even the most intrepid reader, but it forms the basis of the intellectual tradition of the ICS. And so, Henk's desire in offering the course was to help students become familiar with the work and to equip them to confidently explore it on their own. And who better than Henk to lead us through the thickets of phenomenological and neo-Kantian jargon and laboured English translations of laboured Dutch; he a scholar who has spent over 30 years of his life engaging deeply with the text, viewing it as "good news for philosophy".

The first number of classes were spent working page by page through the "Prolegomena" (the first, introductory section of the work wherein Dooyeweerd lays out his thinking and introduces his two transcendental critiques of theoretical thought). Reading line by line, even word by word, Henk opened up the richness and complexity of Dooyeweerd's way of thinking- the modal aspects, the religious roots of theoretical thought, the supratemporal heart and so on. Both for those of us who have spent a substantial amount of time on Dooyeweerd and those of us for whom this was pretty much a first immersion into his oeuvre, this careful reading proved illuminating.

The second part of the class consisted of each student taking an hour and a half to lead the class through particular sections of the *New Critique* that particularly interested them. This process revealed both the great variety and richness of the text and the variety of students concerns- everything from the nature of faith and religion, to epistemology, to the nature of truth, to Dooyeweerd's notion of societal structures.

Not only was the class an initiation into Dooyeweerd's text, but also into the less philosophical aspects of the reformational tradition. Henk often clarified a point or just interrupted his thoughts by telling stories about Dooyeweerd, Vollenhoven, Mekkes and the "old days" of the ICS. Such anecdotes, while not always to the philosophical point, nevertheless helped students understand the personalities and the spiritual ethos of the tradition, thereby either welcoming them in or further enriching their experience of it. And so, even after his retirement, Henk has continued in his dual role of philosopher in residence and living memory of the ICS. Health permitting, Henk intends to teach the course on a recurring basis, which will provide a wonderful opportunity for future students here at the ICS.

book reviews

Religion With/out Religion:

The prayers and tears of John D. Caputo

Edited by **Jim Olthuis**

Philosopher Jacques Derrida and his method of doing philosophy (deconstruction) is often regarded by critics as nihilistic, relativistic, and anti-religious. John D. Caputo's *The Prayers and Tears of Jacques Derrida* changed all that. The Derrida that emerges in Caputo's interpretations of his recent and sometimes autobiographical writings, is a man of faith, bridging Jewish and Christian traditions. Deconstruction, in Caputo's reading, is astir with deep messianic, apocalyptic, and prophetic tones. Deconstruction, as it turns out, is a way of doing the truth, of keeping things authentic, of living in faith, impassioned by a desire for the undeconstructible.

Written in response to John Caputo's *The Prayers and Tears of Jacques Derrida*, ICS senior member James Olthuis gathers together the work of cutting-edge theologians and philosophers to examine the frictive relationship between Derridean deconstruction and religion in a book entitled *Religion With/Out Religion, The Prayers and Tears of John D. Caputo*.

These chapters, the majority of which are written by ICS students and alumni, were originally presented at a two-day conference held at ICS in 1998 with Caputo as guest. For this book, Caputo with spirit and wit, graciously responds to each essay, beginning with a "deconstruction" of the name "Institute for Christian Studies". An added treat is the inclusion of a wonderful, wide-ranging interview of Caputo by philosopher and Baptist minister, **Keith Putt**, one of the participants in the conference.

The chapters in this volume explore issues of the relations of justice to Messianism, the tensions between historical religions and the open-ended messianic structure of faith, between faith and reason, and between the gift of forgiveness and balancing the books. Venturing into the uncharted borderlands between deconstruction and religion, *Religion with/out Religion* dramatically extends the boundaries of debate in new and dynamic ways.



Jim Olthuis with John D. Caputo at an ICS Colloquium held in April,

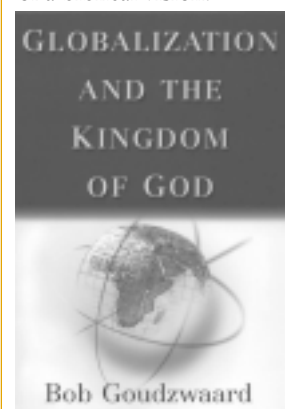
Globalization and the Kingdom of God

by **Bob Goudzwaard**

International commerce, conducted electronically with lightning-fast speed, is reshaping the very fibre of our countries as we grow interdependent on one another. Our village of humanity is marked by extremes: wealth and optimism for some, poverty and despair for others. And the forces driving these developments aren't superficial. Rather, they are rooted in our deepest beliefs – humanistic ideals of self-sufficiency that are starkly at odds with the Christian faith.

Originally delivered as the Fifth annual Kuyper Lecture for the Centre for Public Justice this resource examines the trend of globalization and challenges Christians to help guide its direction.

Following are critiques by Covenant College associate professor of economics **Dr. Brian Fikkert**; University of Veracruz (Mexico) professor of economic philosophy **Dr. Adolfo Garcia de la Sienra**; and Larry Reed, who works with issues of global poverty through Oppor-tunity International. Editor James Skillen concludes by charting a course for those who want to act globally on the basis of a biblical vision.



faculty focus



From the 13-15 of December **Jonathan Chaplan** participated in a Colloquium on "Jacques Maritain and the Intellectual Foundations of Democracy" in Indianapolis. On January 31, he gave the introduction to a multi-faith forum on "Spiritual Passions: Religion as Matrix of War and Peace", at the University of Guelph, organized by CRC Campus Chaplain and former Board Chair, **Ed den Haan**. The panel included speakers representing Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism. On February 5 he participated as a member of a panel discussing "Confessional Language and Public Action" held during a staff retreat of the Christian Labour Association of Canada in Hamilton. On February 14 he also served on a panel entitled "Jesus, Hope and the 'War on Terrorism'", held at the Toronto School of Theology, organized by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre. He presented reflections from a "just war" perspective on the US military response to September 11.

On October 26th, **Sylvia Keesmaat** gave a workshop at the Ontario Christian School Teacher's Convention entitled: "Daring Devotions". From February 22-24 she made a presentation at the annual Jubilee conference in Pittsburgh sponsored



by the Coalition for Christian Outreach entitled, "Subversive Living: The Biblical Jubilee in Daily Life." Sylvia has been appointed a Contributing Editor at *The Banner*, and will contribute regular articles for the next two years. In the February 25th issue of *The Banner* she had an article entitled "Gardening in the Empire".



On February 15, 2002, **Bob Sweetman** instituted the 1st H. Evan Runner Chair Consultation on the Runner/Vollenhoven Legacy in the History of Philosophy (see article). On March 2, 2002, he led a class on Semiotics and Religion for 400 level course in semiotics taught at U. of Toronto by Senior Lecturer Anne Urbancic.

From February 16-25, **George Vandervelde** was involved in a meeting of the Evangelical – Roman Catholic International Consultation, which he co-chairs. Meeting in Swanwick, England, the group of 12 theologians worked on a statement on the differences and similarities in their understanding of the nature and mission of

the church. This document explores the significance of our mutual bond to Christ and its significance for relations – especially in the area of evangelization – between Roman Catholic and Evangelical communities. The present document is the fruit of meetings that began in Venice in 1993 and continued in Tantar



(Jerusalem) in 1997, Wheaton in 1999, and Mundelein in 2001. That this dialogue is going on at all is in no small measure due to the indefatigable efforts of the previous co-chair, a person known to many in the ICS community, **Dr. Paul Schrotenboer**, who died in 1998. The next crucial step of the current process is the evaluation of this document by both sponsoring bodies, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the leadership of the World Evangelical Alliance. These offices will decide whether the statement agreed upon in Swanwick is to be released as a study document.

What is an (un)Symposium?"

by **Natasja VanderBerg**, M.Phil.F. student, Philosophical Theology

Posters scattered around ICS announcing Junior-Member "(un)Symposiums" have caused some quizzical looks and at least one question: "What is an (un)Symposium?"

The answer: the (un)Symposium is an informal event in which Junior Members gather in order to share and discuss ideas.

The first (un)Symposium paper was presented by Ph.D. student **Jonathan Weverink** on December 7, 2001. His paper, "Circumfession: On Dead Fathers and Living Mothers" dealt with confession, autobiography, and the work of philosophers Derrida and Nietzsche. **Michael DeMoor**, an M.Phil.F. student, presented the second paper on February 14, 2002. His paper, written for a course in Philosophical Foundations, hinted at what contributions the reformational tradition has to offer the philosophical conversation referred to as the "problem of evil." Discussions followed each paper presentation, with Junior Members engaging the ideas presented and relating the ideas to their own interests.

The (un)Symposium, aside from giving the Junior Members the opportunity to share and discuss ideas, offers students the opportunity to present a paper in an informal setting. This opportunity could be seen as a practice-run for presenting a paper in a more formal setting, such as a conference. Further, the (un)Symposium allows Junior Members to see the diversity of interests and paper-writing styles among their fellow students. Finally, the (un)Symposium allows Junior Members to extend discussions carried out in classes beyond the time line of the course. The (un)Symposium supplements the classes and lectures given at ICS, allowing the students to learn from one another in community.

"It's a good opportunity for Junior Members to test their wings, to get feedback and simply to practice presenting papers," says M.Phil.F. student **Luke Moord**. The papers presented can be from any class, from Worldview to Ph.D. Papers can range from chapters in a thesis and finished papers for previous classes, to works-in-progress.

In addition to the junior-member created (un)Symposiums, the Junior Members met in November in order to discuss issues at ICS which directly involve Junior Members. After eating a meal together, Junior Members discussed issues ranging from library hours and program lengths to the openings in Systematic Philosophy and Education. Issues raised were taken up by the Junior Member representatives on Academic Council and presented to Council and other bodies within ICS.

Junior Members are hoping to make both the (un)Symposiums and Junior Member meetings ongoing events. These events, it is hoped, will allow for a more active Junior-Member body and a community of learners. Three more (un)Symposiums will take place within this academic year.

reGeneration!

The Campaign for ICS

calendar of events

PATTERSON ART EXHIBITION

ICS will exhibit a series of new works by artist **James Patterson**. The show, entitled "Cross Over" uses the form of the cross/crucifix to convey messages and ideas about Christian living in the twenty-first century. As the cross has increasingly become a secular fashion accessory in a post-Christian society, Paterson has attempted to infuse it with new relevance but by using it as a ground upon which to build new images relating it back to a Christian context. The show opens on April 5, 2002 with a reception open to the public and runs to May 4, 2002.



This year's Art Talks! will feature **Dr. William Romanowski**, professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Calvin College. The theme will be "Shooting in the Light: Film Faith and Contemporary Culture", and will focus on the role of Christians as both makers and audience of film. On Friday May 3 at 7:30 pm, Romanowski will give a lecture entitled "Eyes Wide Open: a Christian Perspective on Popular Film" at St. George the Martyr Church in Toronto (197 John Street). The next day, from 9:30-12:30 pm he will lead a symposium with a panel of special guests on the topic "Faith Behind the Screens: the Role of Beliefs in the World of Film". This symposium will be held at ICS, and the

registration fee is \$15.00 advance, \$20.00 at the door. Space is limited for the symposium event so be sure to register early. For more info, see our website or contact Chris Cuthill (Communications Coordinator) 416-979-2331 ext. 225.

Religion, Liberalism, and Public Reason: A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PAUL WEITHMAN AND NICHOLAS WOLTERSTORFF

On June 15th from 10:30am - 5:30 pm, two distinguished Christian philosophers, **Paul Weithman**, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and **Nicholas Wolterstorff**, Professor Emeritus of the Philosophy of Religion at Yale University, will explore the meaning of "public reason," in which citizens subordinate their religious convictions to supposedly common political principles without denying their importance in other contexts. This free one-day event held at ICS is open to the public and will be of interest to philosophers, political theorists, theologians, and church activists.

ONTARIO SUMMER CONFERENCE 2002

Christ has given us the ministry of reconciliation... so we are ambassadors for Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

This year's ICS Conference, which will be presented in partnership with *The Banner* (the official publication of the Christian Reformed Church) will be held at a new location: Redeemer University College in Ancaster from August 16-18. The theme of this conference will be peace

and reconciliation and will feature keynote speakers John Suk, editor of the *Banner*, and George Vandervelde, Senior Member in Systematic Theology at ICS. We will be updating our website with more information on the conference regularly. Stay posted at www.icscanada.edu

ALBERTA FAMILY CONFERENCE 2002

Once again, the Alberta Family Conference will be held in Deer Valley Meadows - from August 2-5. Like the Ontario Summer Conference, the Alberta Family Conference will explore the theme of "reconciliation" with keynote speaker John Suk.

SUMMER COURSES

Jesus in Latin America and Africa

Taught by **Sylvia Keesmaat**, Senior Member in Biblical Studies

May 6-17, 2002

What does the Jesus of the gospels look like through Latin American and African eyes? Gain a fresh perspective on Jesus through the writings of scholars and communities from Latin America and Africa.

Religion and Other Crimes Against Civility: Dilemmas of Toleration in a Liberal Democracy

A Collaborative Seminar taught **Jonathan Chaplin**, Senior Member in Political Theory and **David Hoekema**, Professor of Philosophy at Calvin College

June 6-21, 2002

This collaborative advanced-level seminar for graduate students and younger faculty addresses the fiercely contested role of public religion in

contemporary liberal democracies. Against the background of current debates about toleration, pluralism and 'public reason' in social and political theory, it examines contending conceptions of the public role of religion in both secular liberal and Christian thinkers.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCES

God's Word for the Academy in Contemporary Culture(s) IAPCHE EUROPE REGIONAL CONFERENCE July 3-7, 2002 Budapest, Hungary

The Challenges of Knowing for Christian Educators in a Globalized World IAPCHE LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE July 11-13, 2002 Barranquilla, Colombia

Leadership Conference: Developing a Christian Academic Community in Asia/Oceania IAPCHE ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE October 23-26, 2002 Manila, Philippines

For more info, contact IAPCHE at 712-722-6346 or iapche@dordt.edu

alumni alert

If you are an ICS alumnae/us, or have taken a number of courses at ICS, we'd like to hear from you! In future issues of Perspective, we will be dedicating a column to Alumni achievements. Please let us know about your noteworthy accomplishments.

Send information to:
Lisa Chisolm-Smith,
Volunteer Alumni
Coordinator
(M.Phil.F., 1995)
alumni@icscanada.edu.

renewal
The Campaign for ICS

Non-profit org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Lewiston, N.Y.
Permit No. 49



PERSPECTIVE

Is your address correct? Address change requested / Return Postage guaranteed

BOOKS FOR SALE/ORDER FORM

	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
<i>Religion With/out Religion: The Prayers and Tears of John D. Caputo</i> ; edited by Jim Olthuis	\$47.95	_____	\$_____
<i>The Beautiful Risk: A New Psychology of Loving and Being Loved</i> by Jim Olthuis	\$29.95	_____	\$_____
Special "Othuis" Package Deal: <i>The Beautiful Risk</i> , <i>I Pledge You My Troth</i> , and <i>Keeping our Troth</i> for only (regular price \$53.00)	\$45.00	_____	\$_____
<i>Art and Soul: Signposts for Christians in the Arts</i> (2nd Edition) Adrienne Chaplin and Hilary Brand	\$ 32.95	_____	\$_____
<i>Bearing Fresh Olive Leaves: Alternative Steps in Understanding Art</i> Calvin Seerveld	\$ 35	_____	\$_____
<i>In the Fields of the Lord: A Calvin Seerveld reader</i> Edited by Craig Bartholomew	\$ 35	_____	\$_____
<i>He Shines in All That's Fair</i> by Richard Mouw	\$ 20.50	_____	\$_____
<i>Globalization and the Kingdom of God</i> by Bob Goudzwaard	\$ 17.99	_____	\$_____
<i>Objective Ambivalence: Feminist Negotiations in Epistemology</i> Janet Wesseliuss	\$ 35	_____	\$_____

VIDEO FOR SALE

<i>The Breath of God: Calvin Seerveld and the Art of Bible Translation</i>	\$19.00	_____	\$_____
--	---------	-------	---------

Total Order \$_____

*Shipping & Handling Charges

Canada: Add \$2.75 plus 75¢ per additional item \$_____

US: Add \$3.75 + \$1.00 per additional item \$_____

Other: Add \$5.75 +\$2.00 per additional item \$_____

Final Total \$_____

To have a full list of our available titles sent to you, contact ICS at (416) 979-2331 or visit our online bookshop at www.icscanada.edu/bookshop

ICS offers a wide variety of books: from scholarly and academic titles to popular and devotional. To receive a full listing of our available publications go to www.icscanada.edu. You may also call (1-888-326-5347 or 416-979-2331) and request a book list, or mail in this form.

☐ Please send me your complete list of books available through ICS

Name _____

Address _____ City/Prov/State _____

Postal Code/Zip _____ Phone/E-mail _____

Payment

☐ Cheque/Money Order

☐ VISA #

Signature _____ Expiry _____

Perspective Newsletter
(USPS 335-530)
is published by
Institute for
Christian Studies

Editorial Committee:

Harry Fernhout,
John Meiboom,
Yvonne Barber

Design: Willem Hart
Communications
Coordinator:
Chris Cuthill

**Send all address
changes to:**
Circulation Manager,
Perspective

ICS
229 College Street
Suite 200
Toronto Ontario,
Canada M5T 1R4

www.icscanada.edu

Authorized Second Class
postage paid to the USA
and Territories, mailed
from Box 110
Lewiston, NY 14092

Publications mail
agreement no. 105244
Reg. no. 2091

Address correction
requested

ISSN 0847-0324



PRINTED IN CANADA
ON RECYCLED PAPER