

SUMMER WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

* Thirteen pastors and professionals joined us in June for our first workshop, **Putting it on Paper: Effective Writing for Congregational Life**. Facilitated by Mary Nilsen, the workshop is designed to help participants transition from academic writing to writing for a congregation. "I was deeply grateful for this opportunity to improve my skills, to make new friends, and to learn about the importance of effective writing in ministry," said one participant. Another stated, "I want to come back."



* In July, twelve pastors participated in **Writing and the Pastoral Life: A Week with Eugene Peterson**. The workshop aims to help pastors integrate writing into their vocational lives. One participant wrote about the seminar, "The attention to the craft of writing was extremely helpful, especially when combined with a collegial re-imagining of the place of writing in the vocation of pastors. The seminar deeply enriched my sense of how writing is a part of my calling. I'm enriched by colleagues, new friends, and this exceptional place to which I'd love to return."

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INSTITUTE RECEIVES NEW GRANTS

The Collegeville Institute received a three-year, \$150,000 grant from the John Templeton Foundation as part of the Foundation's *Science for Ministry Initiative*. ***The Way the World Is: Cosmology and the Practice of Ministry*** helps pastors integrate the findings of science with faith's reasoning about "the way the world is." The Collegeville Institute intends that the integrative work advanced by the project will provide pastors, their communities, and others whom the community touches, with a useable cosmology—a reasoned and compelling understanding of the cosmos as interpreted by both scientists and theologians. Board Member and Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Petersburg, MN, **Darrell Jodock**, will serve as the Grant Director.



Darrell Jodock

The Collegeville Institute was recently awarded a four-year \$1.98 million grant to support a new initiative called the **Collegeville Institute Seminars**. The Seminars will gather small collaborative working groups to focus on two separate subjects. The first, the *Seminar on Vocation and Faith in the Professions*, will examine how Christians, employed in various professions understand their work as a Christian vocation, and the ways in which their faith influences their vocational practice and their vocational practice influences their faith. The second initiative, the *Seminar on Integration in Theological Education and Ministry*, will address the question of how the integration of knowledge can best be achieved in the education and formation of seminary students. The seminar will examine the issue across an ecumenical spectrum. **Kathleen Cahalan**, Associate Professor, St. John's School of Theology-Seminary (SOT), will serve as the Grant Director. **Laura Fanucci**, SOT graduate and summer 2009 workshop participant, will assist.



Kathleen Cahalan

ETHIOPIAN BISHOPS VISIT INSTITUTE

This past May, the Institute was pleased to host His Holiness Abune Merkorios, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, along with fifteen Bishops from the Ethiopian Orthodox tradition. The group met at the Institute with Institute representatives and Abbot John Klassen, head of Saint John's Abbey, then toured the Institute's facilities and grounds, St. John's University and Abbey, and the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library (HMML). This visit holds special significance given the residency this past year of Institute Resident



Andualem Dagmawi

Scholar, Andualem Dagmawi. Andualem, a native of Ethiopia and an ordained Deacon in the Ethiopian Orthodox tradition, is currently working on his Th.D. through the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Canada. While at the Institute, Andualem made heavy use of the resources of HMML, a key partner with the Orthodox in the preservation of Ethiopia's manuscript heritage.

Since the 1970s, HMML has joined with Ethiopian scholars and officials of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church to photographically preserve Ethiopia's manuscripts, as unknown numbers of manuscripts are lost or destroyed each year due to the effects of time and regional instability. In recognition of this cooperative venture, Ethiopian Bishops first visited campus in 1973 under the leadership of then-Patriarch, Abuna Theophilos.

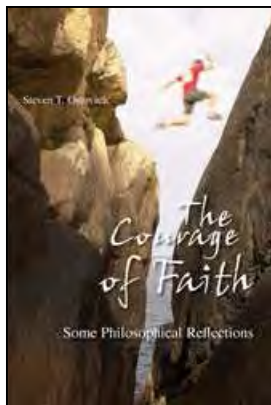


Ethiopia adopted Christianity as its official religion in the fourth century. Prior to the arrival of Christianity, Judaism was the most influential religion in Ethiopia. Because of its relative isolation, Ethiopia retains many ancient Jewish and Christian practices, rituals and traditions that are no longer practiced elsewhere. The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church plays a prominent role in the spiritual, social, educational, cultural, artistic, and literary life of Ethiopia.



THE BOOK NOOK

Recently released from the Liturgical Press, former Institute Scholar **Steven Ostovich's** (Fall 2000 and Fall 2007) newest publication, *The Courage of Faith: Some Philosophical Reflections*, encourages readers to wrestle with their questions of belief in order to find a way to choose faith. Belief, responsibility, hope, love, and thinking itself all demand courage, Steve argues.



After long days writing in the Alcuin Library, former Institute scholar **Ann Marie Stock's** (Fall 2005 and 2006/07) book *On Location in Cuba: Street Filmmaking during Times of Transition* has been published by the University of North Carolina Press (2009). Her book focuses on what she calls "street filmmaking" to examine the island's changing notions of Cuban identity during the pivotal decade of the 1990s with the collapse of the Soviet Union, Cuba's chief patron.

