

**SPRING
BOARD
MEETING
REMINDER**

Thursday, May 1st

Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans

(625 Fourth Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN)

Committee Mtgs

10:00 — 12:00n

Full Board Meeting

1:00 — 4:00pm

**Reception and
Program**

4:30 — 5:30pm

**NEWS TO
NOTE**

We recently received word of the establishment of the Leonard and Arlene Swidler Chair in Interreligious Dialogue at Temple University in Philadelphia. Leonard and Arlene were among the first scholars to arrive at the Institute after its founding. Over forty years ago, they co-founded the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, which Leonard still edits today.

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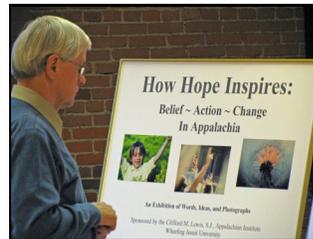
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SPRING LECTURE SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

Carol Neel kicked-off our spring lecture series with presentation *"To Listen in Brotherly Love: Anselm of Havelberg and Medieval Ecumenism."* She proposed that Anselm's work challenges us to acknowledge that the roots of ecumenism reach back to the twelfth-century's vibrant spirituality. Her lecture was co-sponsored by HMML and the St. John's School of Theology-Seminary and held in Alcuin Library.

In a lecture that combined Appalachian beauty and wisdom, **Mary Ann Hinsdale** presented *"It Comes from the People: Local Theology."*

Mary Ann's presentation was held in connection with the *"How Hope Inspires"* photo essay from the Appalachian Institute at Wheeling Jesuit University.



Dr. Jill Kriesky, Director of the Appalachian Institute, joined us for this lively afternoon of word, image, and music.

As part of the *5th Annual Conference on the College Male*, **Valerian Odermann** discussed *"Developmental Spirituality of College Men"* based on his classroom experiences at the

University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. Around 300 representatives from twelve colleges and universities attended the conference.

The CSB/SJU Latino-Latin American Studies Department co-sponsored **Jeff Gros'** lecture—*"Church Relations in Chile in Comparative Perspective."* Jeff's lecture brought out undergraduate students who had either just returned from, or were planning to go to, Chile as part of their studies. In his talk, Jeff discussed how the teachings of Vatican II have taken hold in Chile throughout the last forty years, and in the context of disruptive political events.



Tuesday afternoon Scholar Seminar

SHORT-TERM RESIDENCY UPDATE

Peter W. Marty ~ Peter came to the Institute in January to work on his forthcoming book from Augsburg Fortress Press, *The Anatomy of Grace* (Autumn 2008). He is the host of "Grace Matters," the radio ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a 3000-member congregation in Davenport, Iowa. Check out Peter's topnotch radio program at www.gracematters.org.

Duane Larson, President of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, joined us for most of March. Duane is working on a project concerning the practices by which various religious communities interpret their sacred texts. He'll be continuing this work during an upcoming trip to China where he will be visiting thriving Chinese religious institutions.

Coming all the way from Belgium, **Annemie Dillen**, was with us for two months. Annemie is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium and the chair of the Academic Center for Practical Theology. While here, she pursued issues related to practical theology, pastoral care and children, and worked on two books: *When 'Love Strikes'* and *Children's Voices* (Peeters Publishers).

IS SCIENCE A THREAT TO FAITH IN GOD? and other contentious questions about the relationship between SCIENCE and RELIGION

Panelists

John Horner

Prof. of Psychology
and spouse of
Resident Scholar,
Carol Neel

John Klassen, OSB

Abbot,
St. John's Abbey
PhD in Chemistry

Charles Rodell

Biology

Vincent Smiles

Theology

On Thursday, April 17, the Institute hosted a panel presentation designed to consider *tough questions* relating to science and religion. A large crowd gathered for this spirited conversation. Panelist Vincent Smiles



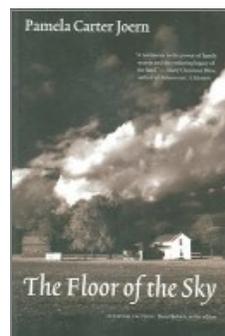
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said, "Neither science nor theology has all of the answers, but taken together they offer a far richer understanding of existence than either one can provide alone."

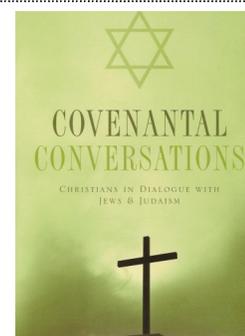
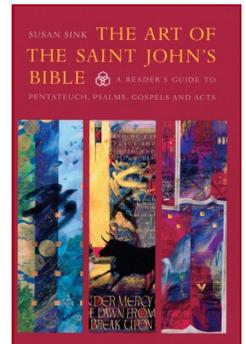


THE BOOK NOOK

Congratulations to **Pamela Carter Joern**, a participant in last summer's *Believing in Writing* workshop. Pam won a 2007 Alex Award, as well as the 2007 Nebraska Book Award for fiction. Pam received both awards for her 2006 novel *The Floor of the Sky*, published by University of Nebraska Press.



This summer, watch for former Institute Scholar **Susan Sink's** (2005/06) work entitled *The Saint John's Bible: An Introduction*. Published by Liturgical Press, 2008.



Edited by our own Board Member and former Resident Scholar (1982/83) **Darrell Jodock**, "*Covenantal Conversations* offers an insightful synthesis of key issues in the relationship between Jews and Christians." Mary C. Boys, Union Theological Seminary, New York (Fortress Press, 2008)