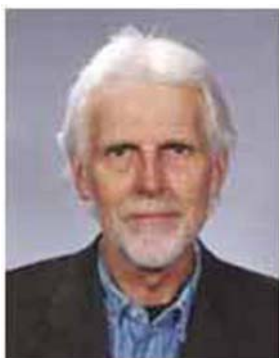




Religious Studies at UNO

September 2005

Dale Stover Scholarship established for Religion Majors



Friends, family and colleagues of Dr. Dale Stover have established the Dale Stover Scholarship in his honour.

The endowed scholarship will provide financial assistance for religious studies majors of at least sophomore

standing. Students in both the College of Arts and Sciences and Division of Continuing Studies will be eligible for the scholarship.

Stover has been at the University of Nebraska at Omaha since the fall of 1968. During his tenure

here, he has served not only on the religious studies faculty, but also on the Women's Studies and Native American Studies faculties. His teaching has influenced thousands of students over the years.

In addition to teaching, he has also provided service to his department and the university. He has served as chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, on the faculty senate and on various other committees as well.

Those wishing to donate to the scholarship may do so by writing their check out to the University of Nebraska Foundation and putting Stover SS in the memo line. Checks may be sent to the University of Nebraska Foundation, 8712 West Dodge Road, Suite 101, Omaha, NE 68114.

Goldstein Lecture features Committee on Conscience director

Jerry Fowler will give the lecture at the 2005 Goldstein Lecture October 27 at 7:00 p.m. the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room on the UNO campus. His lecture is titled, "Genocide Emergency Sudan: Who Will Survive Today?"



Fowler is Staff Director of the Committee on Conscience at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He previously was legislative counsel for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, where he worked on a broad array of

human rights issues, including international justice and refugee and asylum policy. His publications include the essay, "Out of that Darkness: Preventing Genocide in the 21st Century," in the 2nd edition of *Century of Genocide: Eyewitness Accounts and Critical Views* (Routledge, 2004).

He also directed the short film *A Good Man in Hell: General Romeo Dallaire and the Rwanda Genocide*, taught at George Mason University Law School and George Washington University Law School, and has been a Scholar-in-Residence at American University's summer Human Rights Institute. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Princeton University. From 1983 to 1987, he was stationed in Germany as an officer in the United States Army. From 1993 to 1995, he served as Special Litigation Counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Six graduate after summer session

The Religious Studies program had four majors and two minors graduate at commencement ceremonies in August. Molly Elizabeth Helgesen, Rae A. Licari, Christian Jean O'Connor, and Christine Mountain all graduated with a major in religion. Shannon L. Gourley and Mayam Amini graduated with religion minors.

Part-time faculty provide important service for program

Part-time faculty members provide an extremely important service for the religious studies program at UNO. As the program works to provide well rounded educational services for their students, and do their required research, often it is impossible to provide all the courses necessary for a student to graduate within four years without the services of part-time faculty.

This semester the religious studies program includes three part-time faculty members, Julien Fielding, Dr. Marty McDaniel and Dr. Sarah Voss. Fielding and Voss each teach Introduction to World Religions, one of the foundations of the religious studies program. McDaniel teaches New Testament.



Fielding is a fine arts graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a minor in religious studies and English. She has a master's degree in religious studies from the University of Kansas at Lawrence. She has written for both the *Daily NonPareil* and for the *Journal of Religion and Film*. She also lectures at Metropolitan Community College in several subject areas.



Voss has a B.S. in Education, with a mathematics major and English minor; a master of arts for teachers with a mathematics emphasis. She has also done post-graduate work at both UNO and Creighton University and has a doctor of ministry from Meadville/Lombard Theological School. Among her areas of interest are the study of math/science and religion.



McDaniel has his masters and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University with a major in New Testament and minors in Theology and Hermeneutics. His BA in religion (political science minor) is from Earlham College and he also holds an M.Div. with a major in New Testament from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has taught at Western Kentucky University,

Vanderbilt and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and serves as pastor of the Murray Presbyterian Church in Murray, NE. He has also taught Introduction to World Religions for the UNO program.

Ben Gurion professor here



Dr. Daniel Lasker spoke during a luncheon lecture 16 September to a group of students, faculty and community leaders about Religion, the State and Israel.

Lasker is Norbert Blechner Professor of Jewish Values in the Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought at Ben-Gurion University of the Negeve at Beer Sheva, Israel. He has a Ph.D. from Brandeis University and has taught at Princeton, Yale, Ohio State, Texas, Toronto, Washington, Yeshiva University, Jewish Theological Seminary, Kirkland College and Gratz College. He is author of four books and over 100 other publications in the fields of Jewish philosophy and theology, the Jewish-Christian debate, Karaism, the Jewish calendar and Judaism and modern medicine.

Guy Matalon teaching teachers

Guy Matalon will be extending the reach of the religious studies program this semester with a graduate level class on the Holocaust designed specifically for teachers.

Matalon is working with the Anti-Defamation League, Omaha Public Schools, and Millard Public Schools in offering a series of graduate credit workshops for Omaha area teachers.

The workshops, collectively entitled, "A Cooperative Approach to teaching the Holocaust," involve teams of teachers working together to study various aspects of the Holocaust with teachers generating curriculum materials for use in the classroom. These workshops are funded through two United States Department of Education grants, coordinated at UNO by Dr. Steve Bullock, assistant professor of Political Science."

Western Galilee College faculty visit

Dr. Ofra Greenberg and Dr. Bruria Schaedel from Western Galilee College will visit the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus 17 -24 October as part of an exchange program created by Dr. William L. Blizek and Guy Matalon.

Greenberg is from the college's sociology department. Schaedel is from their education department. They will visit classes, talk with faculty, students and community members during their visit here.

Alumni News

Franklin and Jessica (Nutz) Annis welcome their first born child, John Donovan Annis, who was born July 12, 2005 at the Woman's Army Medical Hospital (WOMACK), Fort Bragg, North Carolina. At 8lb 10oz and 20.25," he was a healthy and happy baby boy. With a little luck, he may become the fourth generation in his family to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

After arriving at Fort Bragg, Franklin Annis received a full-ride scholarship through the Workforce Development Program of the Department of Labor to attend graduate school. The Workforce Development Program aids relocated military dependents by providing educational scholarships and job training as compensation for their loss of seniority in their previous occupation.

Currently, both Franklin and Jessica Annis are enrolled in the Master of Education program offered by Central Michigan University, at Fort Bragg, NC. Specializing in the area of Adult Education, Franklin and Jessica expect to finish their degrees in August of 2006.

Jessica is deciding whether to attend the US Army's Officer Candidate School (OCS) or leave the Army to become a full-time college instructor. She plans to complete a Ph.D. in History with a specialty of Classical Cultures. Franklin plans to continue his studies to complete an Ed.D. (Educational Doctorate Degree) in Education specializing in Curriculum Development.

Nikki Strayer (December 2004) is completing her requirements for a bachelor of education degree and is student teaching at North High School. She and Bob Gass will be married in October 2005.

Michael Homan, a former UNO student, and his family had experiences with Hurricane Katrina first hand. His story was first reported in the *Omaha World Herald* by Rainbow Rowell. His blog at <http://michaelhoman.blogspot.com/> includes a journal about his experiences.

He and his family are staying in Omaha at the present time. His wife, Therese is taking classes at UNO this semester. His children are enrolled in an area school this semester, but he expects to be back at Xavier University for the spring semester.

Homan graduated from UNO. He received his Ph.D. in religion from the University of San Diego. He teaches Hebrew Bible in the Department of Theology at the Xavier University at Louisiana.

Religious Studies offers four scholarships

The Religious Studies Program in the Department of Philosophy and Religion will offer four scholarships to students wanting to major in religion once the Dale Stover Scholarship is available.

Juniors or seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences may apply for the \$2,500 Ron Burke Scholarship and two smaller Ron Burke Memorial Scholarships. The Dale Stover Scholarship will be available to sophomores or higher in both the College of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Continuing Studies.

Donations to any of these scholarships can be made by sending your check to the University of Nebraska Foundation, 8712 West Dodge Road, Suite 101, Omaha, NE 68114 with the name of the scholarship written in the memo line.

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