

Recent News from some of our Alumni!



Adriana Bara

Adriana Bara received her MA degree in Theological Studies from Concordia University in the Fall 2006.

Title of Thesis: *The Gospels in Icons according to the Eastern Orthodox Tradition*

Supervisor: Dr. Lucian Turcescu

Adriana is presently a PhD Student at the Université de Montréal. Her research brings together both iconographical and manuscript studies and focuses on the transposition of thirteenth century Romanian manuscript of the *Protogospel of James* (She has deciphered and translated the manuscript from the original ancient Greek to English) on the walls of a Romanian monastic church declared UNESCO patrimony in 1993. Her dissertation supervisors are: Professor Lucian Turcescu from Concordia University and Professor Pierre Létourneau from l'Université. de Montreal.



K. Gandhar Chakravarty

K. Gandhar Chakravarty received his MA degree in 2007.

Title of Thesis: *Where Have All the Nazirites Gone? The Pacification of Judeo-Christian Holiness as Illuminated by Naziritic Motifs in the Bible*

Thesis supervisor: Dr. Marie-France Dion

Gandhar is now a Ph.D. student in the Religious Studies programme at l'Université de Montréal. Amongst other scholarships, he has been awarded the SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship in the amount of \$105,000 for three years.



Marc-André Delalay

Marc-André Delalay received his MA degree in 2009.

Title of Thesis: *The Covenant Ritual in Genesis 15: Examining the Nature of the Covenant in Light of its Cultural and Literary Context*

Thesis supervisor: Dr. Marie-France Dion

Marc-André teaches in his church congregation and is working on preparing a curriculum for young Christians. He is presently writing a book on spirituality and faith. His hope is to someday write and teach full-time.



Janet Lamarche

Janet Lamarche received her M.A. in Theological Studies from Concordia University in June, 2009. The title of her thesis, an original work, is “*The Meaning of Genesis 14:11-24: A Syntactical and Redactional Analysis*”, under the supervision of Dr. Marie-France Dion. Janet is working with the Canadian Bible Society of Montreal as a Hebrew translator. She is currently involved in a project with the Mohawk people to have a Bible printed in the Mohawk language.



Dennis Lawrence

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Title of Thesis: *A Theological Model for Holiness Ethics: Bonhoeffer, Webster, and Levinas*

Supervisor: Dr. Paul Allen

Graduation: June 2008

Dennis pastors congregations in Cornwall, ON- for Grace Communion International (formerly Worldwide Church of God). His studies have expanded his understanding and interests in theology and people have commented on an increase depth to his messages. He also teaches English as a full-time long-term teacher replacement in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. His hope is to teach in CEGEP in the Montreal area.



Orit Shimoni

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Title of Thesis: *Symbolic Structure in Ethics, Language and Revelation*

Supervisor: Dr. Paul Allen

Graduation Year: 2008

Orit is a singer / songwriter with two award-nominated albums out, a third recorded and a fourth and fifth already written. She is presently travelling in Canada and Europe, writing, recording, and playing shows. Her thesis dealt primarily with language and ethics from a theological perspective. The work helped her understand her own creative process. Her thesis has been published as a book, entitled "The Ethical Symbol." She sees her years spent at Concordia's theological department "as a precious period of time, where the universe literally sparkled with all its beautiful connections". For those who wish to more about Orit's music, you can visit her website at:

<http://www.myspace.com/weelittlebirdie>



Barbara Whyte

Title of Thesis: *Abortion: What is the Good? Developing a deeper understanding of abortion: An analysis with Bernard Lonergan's Transcendental Method as a Creative Framework.*

Date of degree: 2008

Thesis supervisor: Dr. Christine Jamieson

Barbara is a high school nurse and counsels young pregnant girls. Working with the Lonergan method was useful for dealing with these situations. She is also a guest speaker on ethics for grades 10 or 11.



Title of research paper: *"The Burning Bush Episode in Exodus 3 as a Call to Covenant"*

Title of applied project: *Leadership for Christians: Concepts and Principles for the Christian Leader*

Supervisor: Dr. Marie-France Dion

Year of graduation: 2009

Neil is now serving in CFC-Singles for Christ which is a global ministry for young professionals.

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