

# April-May 2006

This publication announces events on our campus that are open to the public, both clergy and laypersons. These include lectures, concerts, seminars, art exhibits, and other educational events. *Most are free of charge.* For others, including seminars at the Center of Continuing Education, there is a fee. These events are marked with an asterisk.

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## **Church Drama Production—“Saint Joan” by George Bernard Shaw**

Saturday, April 1 (7:30 p.m.), and Sunday, April 2 (2:30 p.m.)  
*Gambrell Room, Scheide Hall*

Princeton Theological Seminary's Department of Speech Communication in Ministry presents *Saint Joan* by George Bernard Shaw.

The play pits an individual visionary against time-honored institutions. In a country decimated by the Black Death and the Hundred Years' War, a young peasant woman, Joan of Arc, arose to lead her countrymen to drive out the invaders. Three years later, she was captured, bought and sold, and burned at the stake, but her spirit lived on to inspire the troops, to challenge the church, and to tear down the feudal system. Five hundred years after she lived, she was officially declared a saint. George Bernard Shaw limns her life and legacy with wit and wisdom, and tragic intensity.

The play, staged by Robert Lanchester, Princeton Theological Seminary's assistant in speech, is open to the public free of charge, but seating is limited. Tickets are available through the Seminary's Speech Communication in Ministry Office located at 103 Templeton Hall or by calling Lois Haydu at 609.497.7963.

## **Annual Stewardship Book Sale**

Monday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 5 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily)  
*Whiteley Gymnasium, Hibben Road and Route 206 (Stockton Street)*

Princeton Theological Seminary will hold its annual stewardship book sale starting Monday, April 4 and continuing through Wednesday, April 5. Donations of used books will be accepted through Friday, March 31 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., and may be delivered to Whiteley Gymnasium, located at the corner of Hibben Road and Route 206 (Stockton Street) in Princeton. Please follow the signs posted at the gym to the drop-off location. All proceeds from this event will benefit four theological seminaries around the world.

For more information and/or assistance with unloading book donations, please contact Garrett Bugg at 609.240.2204 or email [garrett.bugg@ptsem.edu](mailto:garrett.bugg@ptsem.edu). You can also get directions by visiting <http://www.ptsem.edu/About/directions.php>.

**Presentation—“Look toward the Heavens—The Art World of He Qi”**

Wednesday, April 5 (6:15 p.m., reception at 5:30 p.m.)

*Erdman Art Gallery, Erdman Hall, Center of Continuing Education, 20 Library Place*

He Qi, arguably China’s most internationally sought after contemporary Christian artist, will discuss his art and his spiritual journey during and after the Cultural Revolution in China during a visit to Princeton Theological Seminary on Wednesday, April 5. His presentation, titled “Look toward the Heavens—The Art World of He Qi,” will include slides of his work, and will take place in the Erdman Art Gallery at the Center of Continuing Education. A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. prior to his presentation.

He Qi is a professor at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary in China and a tutor for master students at Nanjing University, as well as a member of the China Art Association and the Asian Christian Art Association. He has been creating modern Chinese Christian art since 1983. His brilliant, colorful, and highly contemporary paintings emerge from Chinese contexts and blend Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting techniques with the western art of the Middle and Modern Ages. He hopes to help change what he calls the “foreign image” of Christianity in China by using artistic language, and, at the same time, to supplement Chinese art the way that Buddhist art did in ancient times.

Qi was the first among mainland Chinese to earn a Ph.D. in religious art after the Cultural Revolution, studying at the Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. He has exhibited in Japan, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, as well as in mainland China. He is presently artist-in-residence at the Overseas Ministry Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

The reception and presentation are open to the public and free of charge. For more information about the presentation, please contact the Center of Continuing Education at 609.497.7990.

**Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life and the Abraham Kuyper Lecture**

“The Gospel Blimp Revisited: Reflections on Christian Witness and Persecution”

Thursday, April 6 (7:30 p.m.), followed by a reception in the Private Dining Room of the

Mackay Campus Center

*Main Lounge, Mackay Campus Center*

Lecturer: Founder and chairman of the board of the Institute of Global Engagement and former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Robert A. Seiple is the recipient of Princeton Theological Seminary’s 2006 Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life. He will receive the award when he delivers the Seminary’s Kuyper Lecture on Thursday, April 6.

Ambassador Seiple’s lecture is titled “The Gospel Blimp Revisited: Reflections on Christian Witness and Persecution.” By looking at both positive and negative examples of mission activity and the responses it has received in various nations, he seeks to convey that the message, motivation, and methodology of sharing the gospel are important in an effective Christian witness. Christians should have an incarnational ministry, he believes, focused on spreading the reality that the kingdom of God is at hand, rather than focused on themselves.

President Clinton appointed Seiple to the position of U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom in 1999, a post created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. In this capacity he was charged with promoting religious freedom worldwide, promoting

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reconciliation in those areas where conflict had been implemented along religious lines, and addressing U.S. foreign policy to reflect these goals.

Seiple left his ambassadorial post in 2001 to found the Institute for Global Engagement, of which he continues to serve as chair. The institute, according to its web site, was "created to develop sustainable environment for religious freedom worldwide, and to inspire and equip emerging leaders with faith-based methodologies of engagement." It seeks to work with governments and at grassroots levels to achieve the goals of religious freedom for all faiths, even those who choose no faith.

The Abraham Kuyper Prize is awarded each year through the generous gift of Dr. Rimmer and Mrs. Ruth de Vries to a scholar or community leader who has contributed to the further development of Reformed theology, particularly as it bears on matters of public life, historical or contemporary, in one or several of the spheres of society. The de Vries' gift also established an endowed faculty chair and a grant fund for graduate students at Princeton Theological Seminary.

For more information, contact the Communications/Publications Office at 609.497.7760.

In connection with the Kuyper Prize and Lecture event, the Abraham Kuyper Center for Public Theology will hold a consultation on Ambassador Seiple's Kuyper Lecture on Friday, April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Responses to the lecture will be offered by Ms. Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter of Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. D.J. Smit of the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and Dr. C.J. Klop of the Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Please contact Clifford Anderson at 609.497.3642 for more information.

### **Spring Choral Concert performed by Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel Choir**

"Palms and Passion"

Saturday, April 8 (7:30 p.m.)

*Miller Chapel*

Anthems and readings in preparation for Holy Week, featuring the Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel Choir.

The concert is free and open to the public. Please call the Chapel Office at 609.497.7890 for more information.

### **Erdman Gallery Art Exhibit**

#### **Sergio Bonotto "World War II Sketches and Other Works"**

April 10 through June 2

*Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place*

Sergio Bonotto was born in Turin, Italy, and came to the United States as a war refugee in 1940. As an infantry rifleman in World War II, he sketched the very limited world around him. He studied drawing at Princeton University and received an M.A. in engineering from Columbia University in New York City. He spent his working life in industry. After retirement he returned to his love of drawing, prints, and watercolors, learned how to operate an offset press, and started his own business selling notecards. His war sketches won an award from General George C. Marshal in 1950, and were exhibited in the United States and in his hometown of Turin. Gallery hours are:

Monday–Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Please call the Center of Continuing Education at 609.497.7990 for more information.

**Alexander Thompson Lecture** (rescheduled from March 2)

“Postcolonial Biblical Criticism and the Gospel of John”

Monday, April 17 (7:00 p.m.), followed by a reception in the Private Dining Room of the Mackay Campus Center  
*Main Lounge, Mackay Campus Center*

Lecturer: Fernando F. Segovia, the Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, will give the annual Alexander Thompson Lecture. Segovia is active in biblical and theological studies. As a critic, his primary areas of interest and research are method and theory in interpretation, ideological criticism, non-Western and minority traditions of interpretation, and Johannine studies. His most recent major work in this area is a volume coedited with Stephen Moore, *Postcolonial Biblical Criticism: Interdisciplinary Intersections*, published by T&T Clark International. As a theologian, his primary areas of expertise and publication are non-Western theologies, minority theologies, and Latino religion and theology. His most recent major work in this field is a volume coedited with Eleazar Fernandez, *The Unfinished Dream: Theological Reflections on America from the Margins*, published by Orbis Books. He is presently engaged in a variety of ongoing projects, among which is a volume on postcolonial criticism, *A Postcolonial Commentary of the New Testament*, two volumes for Semeia Studies, one on minority criticism and the other on the future shape and direction of biblical studies, and a volume on Latino hermeneutics. Beyond his scholarly work, Segovia remains committed to the task of raising the voices of those who have no voice throughout society and culture, including in theological education.

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**\*Annual Alumni/ae Reunion**

Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19

Princeton Theological Seminary alumni/ae from across the decades—from the '40s through the 2000s—will return to the campus for the 2006 Alumni/ae Reunion events on Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19.

The Rian Lectures at this year's reunion gathering will be given by Albert J. Raboteau, who joined the Princeton University faculty in 1982 as a specialist in American religious history. His research and teaching have focused on American Catholic history and African American religious movements. He has written *Slave Religion, The 'Invisible Institution' in the Antebellum South, A Fire in the Bones, Reflections on African American Religious History, African American Religion, A Sorrowful Joy*, and, most recently, an updated 25th-anniversary edition of *Slave Religion*.

Robert C. Dykstra, associate professor of pastoral theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, will preach at a Service of Remembrance. His wide-ranging interests include pastoral care and counseling, human sexuality in theological perspective, confession and forgiveness, and pastoral preaching. His newest book, forthcoming in 2006, is coauthored with Donald Capps and titled *The Spirituality of Boys: Losers, Loners, and Rebels*. Very interested in the intersection between pastoral theology and preaching, he has written *Discovering a Sermon: Personal Pastoral Preaching*. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

Dr. Iain R. Torrance, the Seminary's sixth president and installed professor of patristics, will give the alumni/ae convocation address on Friday, May 19. Torrance came to the position from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, where he was dean of the Faculty of Arts and Divinity and professor of patristics and Christian ethics.

For specific information on events during the two-day reunion celebration, contact the Alumni/ae Relations/Giving Office at 800.622.6767, extension 7756.

**\*Continuing Education Events in April and May**

*Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place*

For more information on any of the events listed below, call 609-497-7990.

**“The Three Rs of Vital Congregations: Retraditioning, Reframing, and Reimagining”**

Monday, April 3 (10:45 a.m.) to Tuesday, April 4 (3:00 p.m.)

Leader: Diana Butler Bass is a senior research fellow in church history at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia.

**“Faithful Lives/Faithful Ministries”**

Friday, April 7 (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Leaders: Janet L. Weathers leads retreats and educational programs for congregations and women’s groups throughout the country. Mark H. Edl is a certified spiritual director.

**Conference – “Mental Illness as a Spiritual Journey”**

Tuesday, April 18 (10:45 a.m.) to Wednesday, April 19 (3:00 p.m.)

Keynote Speaker: Susan Gregg-Schroeder, coordinator of Mental Health Ministries, based in southern California.

Presenter: David Nathan, director of professional education for Princeton House Behavioral Health in Princeton.

Workshop Leaders: Mary Ellen Blackwell, director of Parish Social Ministry, Catholic Charities; Stephen Fishbein, rehabilitation professional and support group facilitator; Jerry Lindauer, executive director of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Mercer, New Jersey, an organization of families and individuals devoted to improving the lives of those affected by mental illness; Charles Stephens, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing in Titusville, New Jersey; Joanne Wilson, pastor of Bethel Outreach Deliverance Ministry and program director of Partners in Recovery at Catholic Charities in Trenton, New Jersey; and Richard White, a retired commercial banker and Army officer serving as chaplain at the University Medical Center in Princeton, and at Princeton House Behavioral Health.

**Administrative Personnel Association (APA) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Annual Northeast Region Event**

Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21

The fourteenth annual spring event sponsored by the Northeast Region of the Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in cooperation with the Center of Continuing Education provides certification workshops for administrative and support staff.

**“Peer Group Retreat for Sabbath Renewal”**

Wednesday, May 3 (1:00 p.m.) to Friday, May 5 (12:00 p.m.)

Leaders: Janet L. Weathers is a member of the Spiritual Formation Leadership Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Dennis Olson is the Charles T. Haley Professor of Old Testament Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary.

**“Older Christians: From Baby Boomers to the Matri/Patriarchs”**

Monday, May 8 (10:45 a.m.) to Tuesday, May 9 (3:00 p.m.)

Leader: Freda Gardner is professor emerita of Christian education at Princeton Theological Seminary and moderator of the 211th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)