

Meeter Center Newsletter

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Editorial

The Meeter Center has begun an ambitious new project to subject categorize our article holdings and make those holdings available to anyone who can reach the Calvin library via computer. To help us obtain that categorization, we requested the help of a number of scholars from around the world to read through and analyze ten articles a year. The response from the scholarly community was overwhelmingly positive to the idea and many have offered their valuable time in assisting us in the project. To those of you already helping us many thanks! We are still looking for further assistance and if you are willing to help, please give me a call, fax or e-mail at the above address.

The Calvin College and Seminary Library, including the Calvin Article Files, is accessible world-wide through TELNET. For access type:

1. augustine.calvin.edu
2. at the LOGIN prompt type: pub
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4. when the Library menu appears, choose SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Calvin Article Files are now searchable by AUTHOR, and TITLE KEYWORD.

It is also a pleasure to announce two recent acquisitions of the H. H. Meeter Center: a 1563 first French edition of Calvin's sermons on Job and Calvin's 1558 French Harmony of Matthew, Mark and Luke with his commentary on John.

Although none of the readers of this Newsletter qualify for this award, Hugh and Eve Meeter have endowed an essay award for high school seniors with a \$2,500 first prize and \$1,250 second prize. This year's topic is "John Calvin and the refugees: the sixteenth century and today". The prize money can be applied to the tuition of any college approved for offerings by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church. Further information is available.

Richard C. Gamble, editor

Conferences

BNC/British Academy International Conference in St. Andrews presents "The Reformation in Eastern and Central Europe" April 5-8, 1995

The St. Andrew's Reformation Studies Institute is hosting this major international conference. For more information contact the conference secretary, David Watson, at the St. Andrew's Reformation Studies Institute for further details.

Ninth Calvin Studies Colloquium at Calvin College

This colloquium is being held on May 18-20, 1995 at Calvin Theological Seminary.

École Pratique des Hautes Études-Section des Sciences Religieuses, Sorbonne presents *Journée D'Études*, organisée conjointement par l'Institut d'Histoire de la Réformation de l'Université de Genève et l'E.P.H.E (B.Roussel), in Geneva, May 19, 1995.

The Peter Martyr Vermigli Library Series

Now available: Vermigli's *Early Writings: Creed, Scripture, Church*. ed. Joseph C. McLelland & Mariano Di Gangi. Available soon: Vermigli's *A Dialogue on the Two Natures in Christ*. ed. & tr. John Patrick Donnelly, S.J. Individual works and the complete 12 volume series can be ordered from **Sixteenth Century Publishers, Inc.** Phone (816) 785-4665. FAX (816) 785-4181. E-Mail ss18%nemomus@academic.nemostate.edu

Call For Manuscripts

The Columbia Series in Reformed Theology would welcome submissions of book-length studies completed in 1995-1997 on major ideas, thinkers, and themes of the entire Reformed tradition, from the Sixteenth Century to today. Theological, systematic, and historical works with an application to current theological conversations and church life are sought. Submissions under 300 manuscript pages should be sent to CSRT editor, Westminster John Knox Press, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

Fellowships

NEH Summer Seminar "Religion, Politics, and the Origins of the French Revolution, 1560-1991"

Enjoy six weeks on Chicago's Near North Side using the Newberry Library's rich resources in French Old- Regime and revolutionary history. College teacher-scholars of Colonial or early-modern European history, literature, religion, or other related fields are encouraged to apply to participate in this seminar directed by Dale Van Kley at the Newberry Library from July 10- August 18, 1995. For further information, write Dale Van Kley, Dept. of History, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1995; the stipend for successful applicants is \$3,200.

H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies Fellowships

Faculty Research Fellowship: A six-week summer research fellowship for full-time college or seminary professors at the Meeter Center. The appointment carries a \$2000 stipend.

Student Research Fellowship: A four-week summer research fellowship for non-Calvin graduate students at the Meeter Center. The appointment carries a \$500 stipend.

Emo F.J. Van Halsema Fellowship: A four-week research fellowship for pastors from the reformed tradition. The appointment carries a \$500 stipend.

For further information, please write the H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Attn: Fellowships.

Conference Papers Presented

Heiko A. Oberman.

Seoul, Korea, October 10-14, 1994 and Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota. October 26-28, 1994

"John Calvin: Mystery of His Impact", "Luther: Man Between God and the Devil"

"The Riddle of Erasmus of Rotterdam" (Seoul), "Erasmus: the Pursuit of True Catholicism" (Mankato)

"Hidden Treasures in John Calvin" Meeter Center Lecture Series at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI October 29, 1994.

Jeanine Olson.

Response to Robert Kingdon, "A New View of Calvin in the Light of the Registers of the Geneva Consistory", International Congress on Calvin Research. September 14, 1994.

"John Calvin's Friends", Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis. December 10, 1993.

"Recent Research in Calvin's Geneva" Eighth International Congress for Luther Research, Minneapolis, MN. August 11, 1993.

Robert M. Kingdon.

"A New View of Calvin in the Light of the Registers of the Geneva Consistory" at the International Congress on Calvin Research, September 14, 1994.

New Publications

Books

David J. Bond. *Jacques Chessex: Calvinism and the Text.* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1994).

P.W. Butin. *Revelation, Redemption, and Response: Calvin's Trinitarian Understanding of the Divine-Human Relationship.* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1994).

W. Fred Graham. ed. *Later Calvinism: International Perspectives.* (Kirksville, Missouri: Sixteenth Century Journal Publishers, Inc. 1994.)

Dewey J. Houtenga Jr. *Happiness: Goal or Gift - Two Lectures on the Relationship Between Knowledge, Goodness, and Happiness in Plato and Calvin.* (Grand Rapids, MI: Calvin College, 1993-1994)

Robert M. Kingdon. "The First Calvinist Divorce" a chapter in *Sin and the Calvinists: Morals, Control, and the Consistory in the Reformed Tradition* by Raymond A. Mentzer. (Kirksville, MO: Sixteenth Century Journal Publishers. [December 1994])

Christian Kreiger & Marc Lienhard. editors. *Martin Bucer and Sixteenth Century Europe: Actes du colloque de Strasbourg.* (Leiden, The Netherlands: E.J. Brill, 1993.)

Richard A. Muller. *Post-Reformation Reformed Dogmatics and Holy Scripture: The Cognitive Foundation of Theology.* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1993.

Jeanine Olson. *Deacons and Deaconesses through the Centuries.* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1992). Award of Commendation, Concordia Historical Institute.

"Jean Crespin, Humanist Printer Among the Reformation Martyrologists" in *The Harvest of Humanism in Central Europe: Essays in Honor of Lewis W. Spitz.* Ed. by Manfred Fleischer, pp. 37-340. (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 1992.)

Randall C. Zachman. *The Assurance of Faith: Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and John Calvin.* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993).

Book Reviews

Calvin's Concept of the Law by John Hesselink. Reviewed by Jane E. Strohl in the *Journal of Religion*, Vol. 74 #3, July, 1994.

The Radical Reformation 3rd edition by George Williams. Reviewed by Jeanine Olson in *Moreana: Sixteenth Century Essays and Studies* 15 (forthcoming).

Die Kirchenratsprotokolle der Reformierten Gemeinde Emden, 1557-1620. 2 vols. ed. by Heinz Schilling & Klaus-Dieter Schreiber. Reviewed by Robert M. Kingdon in *Göttingische Gelehrte Anzeigen*, vol. 246 (1994), pp. 132-145.

The Bolsec Controversy on Predestination, From 1551 to 1555: The Statements of Jerome Bolsec, and the Responses of John Calvin, Theodore Beza, and Other Reformed Theologians, 2 vols. ed. by Philip Holtrop. Reviewed by Brian Armstrong in *16th Century Journal* Vol. XXV, #3, Fall 1994. Reviewed by Richard A. Muller in *Calvin Theological Journal* vol. 29 #2, November 1994.

Colloquium Papers

Papers edited by John Leith from the Seventh Davidson Colloquium on Calvin Studies are available from Davidson College Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 337 Davidson, NC 28036.

Articles

Calvin Theological Journal. Vol. 29, #2 November 1994. Featuring the 1994 Calvin Bibliography by Peter De Klerk and the following articles on John Calvin:

Eric Kayayan. tr. "Apology of John Calvin, to Messrs. the Nicodemites Upon the Complaint That They Make of His Too Great Rigor (1544)".

Cornelis van der Kooij. "Within Proper Limits: Basic Features of John Calvin's Theological Epistemology."

Paul Helm. "Calvin (and Zwingli) on Divine Providence"

Philip W. Butin. "John Calvin's Humanist Image of Popular Late-Medieval Piety and its Contribution to Reformed Worship".

Adrian A. Helleman. "The Nature of Calvin's Rejection of Papal Primacy".

Robert M. Kingdon. "Wie das Konsistorium des calvinistischen Genf zur Unterstützung von konfessioneller Konformität gebraucht wurde", in *Glaube und Eid, Schriften des Historischen Kollegs, Kolloquien* 28, Edited by Paolo Prodi. Oldenbourg, pp. 179-187.

"The Geneva Consistory in the Time of Calvin" in *Calvinism in Europe, 1540-1620*. Andrew Pettegree, Alastair Duke, and Gillian Lewis, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 1994), pp. 21-34.

Richard A. Muller. "The Priority of Intellect in the Soteriology of Jacob Arminius" in *The Westminster Theological Journal*, 55 (1993).

"God, Predestination, and the Integrity of the Created Order: A Note on Patterns in Arminius' Theology" in *Later Calvinism: International Perspectives*, ed. by W. Fred Graham, *Sixteenth Century Essays & Studies* (Kirkville, MO: Sixteenth Century Journal Publishers, 1994), pp. 431-446.

"The Covenant of Works and the Stability of Divine Law in Seventeenth Century Reformed Orthodoxy: A Study in the Theology of Herman Witsius and Wilhelmus à Brakel" in *Calvin Theological Journal*, 29/1 (1994), pp. 75-101.

Frank Roberts. "An Introduction to the Historical Calvinist Perspective on Christian Political Activism" *Christian Political Activism at the Crossroads*. William R. Stevenson, Jr. Editor. Lanham/New York/London: University Press of America, 1994. pp. 3-12.

Bernard Roussel. «Connaissance et interprétation du Judaïsme antique: des bibliistes chrétiens de la seconde moitié du XVI^e siècle» *La République des Lettres et l'Histoire du Judaïsme antique (XVI^e-XVIII^e siècles)*, Colloque tenu en Sorbonne en mai 1990. Textes réunis par Chantal Grell et François Laplanche, Paris, Presses de l'Université Paris-Sorbonne [coll. «Mythes, Critique et Histoire»], 1992, p. 21-50.

«Idées sans frontières: l'adaptation évangélique (ca 1530) du commentaire de Johannes Brenz sur le livre de Qohéleth», *De l'Histoire de la Brie à l'Histoire des Réformes. Mélanges offerts au chanoine Michel Vaissière. Etudes Réunies par M. Bardon, G.R. Delahaye, J. Jacquart, N. Lemaitre*, Paris, Fédération des Sociétés historique et archéologiques de Paris et de l'Ile-de-France [coll. «Paris et Ile-de-France-Etudes et Documents» 2], p. 49-61.

«Bucer exégète», *Martin Bucer and Sixteenth Century Europe. Actes du colloque de Strasbourg (28-31 août 1991)*, edited by C. Krieger and M. Lienhard, Leiden/New York/Köln, E.J. Brill [Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought], 1993, p. 39-54.

«Comment faire la Cène? Rite et retour aux Ecritures dans les Eglises Réformées du Royaume de France au XVI^e siècle», *Les retours aux Ecritures. Fondamentalismes présents et passés*. Edité par E. Patlagean et A. Le Boulluec, Louvain/Paris, Peeters, [Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Section des Sciences religieuses, Vol. XCIX], 1993, p. 195-216.

«"Faire la Cène" dans les Eglises réformées du Royaume de France au seizième siècle», *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions* 85 (1994), p. 99-119.

Peter Wilcox. "The Restoration of the Church" in Calvin's "Commentaries on Isaiah the Prophet" in *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*. Jahrgang 85, 1994. pp. 68-96.

"L'envoi de pasteurs aux Églises de France: Trois listes établies par Colladon (1561-1562)" in *Bulletin de la Société de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français*. Tome 139, 1993. pp. 347-374.

"'Églises plantées' and 'églises dressées' in the Historiography of Early French Protestantism" in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*. Vol.44, No.4, October 1993.

Forthcoming Works

Isabella Watt & Thomas Lambert, editors [Supervised by Dr. Robert Kingdon, assisted by Jeffrey Watt]. A critical edition of the first volume of the Registers of the Consistory from 1542-1544. To be published by Librairie Droz of Geneva in Spring, 1995.

Robert M. Kingdon. *Adultery and Divorce in Calvin's Geneva*. To be published by Harvard Press in February, 1995.

Calvin and the State: Papers and Responses Presented at the Seventh and Eighth Colloquia on Calvin & Calvin Studies. Edited by Peter De Klerk. The following papers will be included:

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