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Editorial

During the past seven months, the Meeter Center launched several new projects and has seen existing projects continue to expand. In October, 1994 we began the Meeter Center Lecture series. In March, 1995, The "Sixteenth Century Calvinism Colloquium Series" held its first lecture event. Earlier this spring, the second annual essay contest for the **Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Awards for High School Seniors** was held.

The Meeter Center's article collection continues to grow at a terrific pace. This is due in no small measure to the excellent scholarship being done by many of you. If you are publishing an article, essay, or book

chapter that should be included in the Meeter Center's collection, we would most gratefully welcome a copy of the publication. We want to continue to be able to provide the best and most current scholarship available to the students, faculty, and guest scholars who use the Meeter Center.

Since our last Newsletter we have been able to obtain *In omnes Pauli apostoli Epistolas, atque etiam in Epistolam ad Hebraeos, item in Canonicis Petri, Iohannis, Iacobi, & Iudae, quae etiam Catholicae vocantur, Ioh. Calvini Commentarii...* (Geneva: Crispin, 1572) for the Meeter Center collection.

Richard C. Gamble,
editor

Fellowships

H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies Fellowships.

The Meeter Center is offering the following fellowships to be used during the 1996 calendar year. The application deadline for each fellowship is **January 1, 1996**. *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 E.J. Van Halsema Fellowship*: A four-week research fellowship for pastors from the Reformed tradition. The appointment carries a \$500 stipend.

Over the past few months we have had two fellowship winners in residence. The first was *Dr. Jeannine Olson*, Professor of History at Rhode Island College. She was the 1994 Faculty Fellowship winner. Her area of study is the "Friends of John Calvin." *Drs. Andreas Beck* from the University of Utrecht, Netherlands was here in March and April. He was a 1995

Student Research Fellowship winner. He did research on "Voetius, Calvinism, and the Scholastic Method."

Additional information on these fellowships and how to apply for them is available through the Meeter Center.

Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Awards for High School Seniors

Each year high school seniors are invited to submit an essay about a preselected topic for the Hugh & Eve Meeter Calvinism Award. This year's topic was on John Calvin and Refugees. The Meeter Center received papers from high school seniors living across the U.S. and Canada. The winner, Kristi Walhout from New Era, Michigan and the runner-up, Rebecca Stehouwer of Grand Rapids, Michigan, won \$2500 and \$1250 respectively, to apply towards their college tuition this fall. Both students are planning to attend Calvin College.

New Publications

Books

I. John Hesselink. *On Being Reformed*. Translation into Japanese by Hisa Hirose. (Tokyo: Kyobunkwan, 1995).

Robert M. Kingdon. *Adultery and Divorce in Calvin's Geneva*. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard Press, 1995.)

Raymond A. Mentzer (ed.). *Sin and the Calvinists: Morals Control and the Consistory in the Reformed Tradition*. Sixteenth Century Essays and Studies 32 (Kirkville: MO, 1994). Contributors: Robert Kingdon (U. Wisc.-Madison), Heinz Schilling (Humbolt Univ., Berlin), Philippe Chareyre (Univ. of Pau), Michael Graham (Coker College), Geoffrey Parker (Yale), and Raymond Mentzer (Montana State University).

William G. Naphy. *Calvin and the Consolidation of the Genevan Reformation*. (New York: Manchester University Press, 1994).

Andrew Pettegree, Alastair Duke, and Gillian Lewis, (ed.s). *Calvinism in Europe, 1540-1620*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994).

David L. Puckett. *John Calvin's Exegesis of the Old Testament*. (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1995).

Susan E. Schreiner. *Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?*. (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1994).

Dennis E. Tamburello. *Union With Christ*. (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994).

Book Reviews

Calvin's Sermons on Job. (Facsimile of 1574 edition). Reviewed by I. John Hesselink in *Sixteenth Century Journal*. vol. XXVI, no. 1, (Spring, 1995).

Richard A. Muller. *Post-Reformation Dogmatics*, Vol. 2, *Holy Scripture: The Cognitive Foundation of Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993). Reviewed by W.J. Van Asselt. *Calvin Theological Journal*. vol. 30, no.1 (Spring, 1995): pp. 260-265.

Randall C. Zachman. *The Assurance of Faith: Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and John Calvin*. Reviewed by Joel R. Beeke. *Calvin Theological Journal*. vol. 29, no.2 (Fall, 1994): pp.617-618.

Bibliographies

A. Gordon Kinder. *Spanish Protestants and Reformers - A Bibliography*. (London: Grant & Cutler, 1994)

Articles

Thomas J. Davis. "Not 'Hidden and Far Off': The Bodily Aspect of Salvation and Its Implications for Understanding the Body in Calvin's Theology". *Calvin Theological Journal*, vol. 29, no.2, (Fall, 1994). pp. 406-418.

Robert M. Kingdon. A review article of *Kirchenratsprotokolle Der Reformierten Gemeinde Emden, 1557-1620* (Heinz Schilling and Klaus-Dieter Schreiber, authors). *Göttingische Gelehrte Anzeigen*, vol. 246, (1994), pp. 132-145.

Richard A. Muller. "The Myth of Decretal Theology". *Calvin Theological Journal*, vol. 30, no. 1 (Spring, 1995): pp. 159-167.

Heiko A. Oberman. "Via Calvini. Zur Enträtselung der Wirkung Calvins" *Zwingliana*, 21 (1994) pp. 29-57. "The New Quest for the Historical Calvin". A review of Calvin's Old Testament Commentaries & Calvin's New Testament Commentaries (edited by T.H.L. Parker). *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*. v.24, no.2 (1995): pp. 25-26.

Theses and Dissertations

James Mark Beach. *The Doctrine of Predestination in Augustine, Calvin, and Berkouwer, with an Analysis of Key Questions*. Th.M thesis, Calvin Theological Seminary (1994).

David J. Engelsma. *Trinity and Covenant*. Th.M thesis, Calvin Theological Seminary (1994).

Timothy Fehler. *The Administration of Charity in Emden During the Reformation*. Ph.D Dissertation, University of Wisconsin - Madison. (forthcoming)

Thomas Lambert. *Survivals of Catholicism in Calvin's Geneva*. Ph.D Dissertation, University of Wisconsin - Madison (forthcoming).

Forthcoming Works

Robert Benedetto, Donald K. McKim, and Darrell L. Guder. *Historical Dictionary of Reformed Churches*. Scarecrow Press.

I. John Hesselink. *Introduction to Calvin's Theology*. Westminster/John Knox, 1996.
Sovereign Grace and Human Freedom. How They Coalesce. Eerdmans.

The Meeter Center Starts Two New Lecture Series

Meeter Center Lecture Series

On October 29, 1994, the first biannual Meeter Center Lecture Series event was held. This lecture series was proposed as a vehicle by which the Meeter Center could bring exceptional John Calvin scholars onto the campus. Professor Dr. Heiko A. Oberman, Regents Professor of History and Director of the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies at the University of Arizona, gave the series a wonderful beginning by delivering two lectures entitled "Hidden Treasures in John Calvin".

The Meeter Center Lecture Series is also a celebration of Reformation Day. The scheduling of this lecture series on or near the October 31 anniversary of Martin Luther's famous protest serves as a reminder of the profound impact that the early reformers made upon their world and ours. The next event will be held in late October, 1996. Further details will be forthcoming.



Prof. Dr. Heiko A. Oberman

16th Century Calvinism Colloquium Series

In order to maintain the momentum and enthusiasm generated by the Meeter Center Lecture Series, the H. Henry Meeter Center has begun an ongoing series of lecture events featuring prominent local and guest scholars discussing the 16th Century, John Calvin, and early Calvinism. This series includes an annual Student Colloquium, featuring student papers from Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary.

Two events have taken place already. Dr. Richard A. Muller opened the colloquium series for the Meeter Center on March 1 and the First Annual Student Colloquium was held on April 19. The student colloquium featured Calvin College Senior and 1995 Pew Younger Graduate Fellow, Donald Uitvlugt, Calvin Theological Seminary Junior, Robert Byker, and Randy A. Blacketer, a Ph.D student also at Calvin Theological Seminary.

The complete 1995-96 colloquium schedule:

March 1: Dr. Richard A. Muller, Calvin Theological Seminary presented, "To Digress into Commonplaces: The Method and Context of Calvin's *Institutes*".

April 19: The first annual student colloquium featuring student papers from Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary.

September 20: Dr. Dewey Hoitenga, professor of philosophy at Grand Valley State University and non-stipendiary fellow at the Meeter Center.

October 31: A Reformation Day Celebration. Calvin Theological Seminary student, Stanley Sturing, is Dr. Martin Luther in the dramatic reenactment of Luther's trial at the Diet of Worms.

February, 1996 (exact date to be determined): Dr. Philip Holtrop, Professor of Religion, at Calvin College.

April, 1996 (exact date to be determined): The second annual student colloquium.



Dr. Richard A. Muller



Winners of the 1st Student Colloquium contest (from left to right); Randy Blacketer, Robert Byker, and Don Uitvlugt,

Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

The 1995 conference is being held on October 26-28 in San Francisco, California at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. For more information and presentation proposal forms contact:

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Conferences, Congresses, & Colloquia

Ninth Calvin Studies Colloquium at Calvin.

May 18-20, 1995 at Calvin Theological Seminary. The theme for this year was "Calvin and Spirituality".

Papers Presented:

Joel R. Beeke. "Making Sense of Calvin's Paradoxes on Assurance of Faith". Respondent: John Bolt.

Richard C. Gamble. "Calvin and Sixteenth Century Spirituality: Comparison and Contrasts". Respondent: Edward J. Furcha.

Brian A. Gerrish. "John Calvin's Eucharistic Piety". Respondent: Jill Raitt.

Thomas Lambert. "Popular Piety in Calvin's Geneva as revealed in the Consistory Registers". Respondent: Raymond A. Mentzer.

Elsie Anne McKee. "Calvin and Prayer: The Role and Development of I Timothy 2:1 and 8". Respondent: Tom Schwanda.

John D. Witvliet. "Spirituality of the Psalter: Early Calvinist Metrical Psalmody in Liturgy and Life". Respondent: Bertus F. Polman.

30th International Congress on Medieval Studies.

May 4-7 at Western Michigan University. Papers on Calvin and Calvinism presented included:

Lyle Bierma. "The Doctrine of the Sacraments in the Heidelberg Catechism: Melancthonian, Calvinist, or Zwinglian?"

Andrew Pettegree. "Providence and Martyrdom in the Culture of European Calvinism."

Other Conference Papers Given

Thomas J. Davis.

"Images of Intolerance: John Calvin in Nineteenth Century History Textbooks". Spring Meeting 1994 of American Society of Church History, Oberlin College.

"Where the Christian is Loved Best of All: Luther and Calvin on Christ's Body and the Eucharist" 1994 Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto.

Heiko A. Oberman. "Calvin: The Preacher and His Audience" in the Netherlands, September 24, 1994 at the occasion of the presentation of the first volume of *Supplementa Calviniana*, Sermons inédits, vol. VIII, Sermones in Acta Apostolorum, cap. 1-7, ed. Willem Balke et Wilhelmus H.Th. Moehn (Neukirchen, 1994).

Jeannine E. Olson. "John Calvin's Circle of Friends" and "The Political Framework of Sixteenth Century Geneva," University of Aberdeen, 1994.

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