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"Here I Stand" Exhibition Opening

The Meeter Center kicked off its commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Chicago's German Consul-General Herbert Quelle at its "Here I Stand" Exhibition opening reception.

The Presidents of Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary joined the festivities, as community members, German students, seminary students, staff and faculty gathered in the Meeter Center to view the exhibition and hear Consul-General Quelle's opening remarks.


Quelle gave a sobering presentation on Luther's legacy, both the good and the bad. He highlighted the role of the printing press in Luther's fame and the ensuing religious-political conflicts. In many ways, he mused, Luther might be thought of as an early-modern Edward Snowden.

Luther's legacy has played a role in modern times as well. Quelle remarked that some people claim the Holocaust might not have happened without the influence of Luther's anti-Semitic writings. On the other hand, Angela Merkel's invitation to a million immigrants to settle in Germany in 2015-2016 seemed to stem from her family's deeply-rooted Lutheran beliefs in Christian kindness. Conclusions about Luther's legacy were left for the audience to contemplate.

Upon invitation following these sobering remarks, Quelle (a Jazz aficionado and musicologist) pulled out his harmonica and played a rousing traditional Germanic folk song, to hearty applause.





President Le Roy and Consul-General Quelle

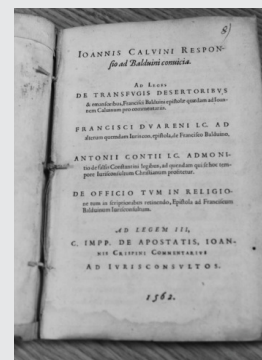


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Recent Rare Book Acquisition



Calvin, John. Responsio ad Balduini convicia [with accompanying texts by F. Baudouin, F. Le Douraren, Antoine Le Conte, F. Hotman, and the printer J. Crespin]. [Geneva: J. Crespin], 1562.

This work is the only edition of Calvin's response to the criticism of his former friend and secretary François Baudouin, a jurist and historian who had embraced Calvinism before returning to Catholicism. Calvin's response is to Baudouin's polemic against him, published in Paris. This work, which is only 117 pages long, contains Calvin's strong response to Baudouin, the texts of fourteen letters Baudouin had sent to Calvin between 1545 and 1555, and the works of others who supported Calvin and were critical of Baudouin. The Meeter Center acquired this work in January 2017. Like all our rare books, it is available to Meeter Center visitors upon request.

From the Director

2017 is a landmark year for those interested in the Reformation, as it marks five hundred years since Martin Luther issued his Ninety-Five Theses against indulgences. Although the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth in 2009 kept us very busy at the Meeter Center, this year brings together Christians from a broader array of churches and denominations, all interested in finding out more about the Reformation and how to commemorate it. So far this year, the Meeter Center has sponsored or co-sponsored two public lectures on campus, one national conference, a Bach choral performance featuring the composer's cantata based on Luther's hymn, "Ein fester Burg", and has hosted a special exhibition on Luther's life and times. We invite all newsletter recipients to go to our website, <https://calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/> to find out more.

One of the recurring questions of this anniversary year is whether the Reformation still holds any significance in the twenty-first century. Why should people living in our modern multi-faith world with growing percentages of

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Upcoming Events

April 30 & May 1, 7:30 pm:
Bach Chorale of Grand Rapids'
Reformation-Themed Concerts
Central RC, 10 College Ave. NE,
Grand Rapids MI, 49503.

Sept. 5-Oct. 14: Calvin College
Center Art Gallery Reformation Art
Exhibition

October 5: Calvin Theological
Seminary Reformed-Catholic
Dialogue: "What Can Protestants and
Catholics learn from one another?"

Oct/Nov: CALL Course with
Karin Maag: "Come Explore the
Reformation"

Oct 30-Nov. 3: Reformation Week
events

Oct 31: Meeter Center Reformation
Day Teach-In

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those with "no religion" have any interest in the religious upheavals of sixteenth-century Europe? I have been addressing this important issue in a number of ways, both in a major public lecture now available on Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef9MBUImMKU&t=1835s>) and in a short book intended for a general audience, published by the Calvin College Press, *Does the Reformation Still Matter?* (<https://calvin.edu/directory/publications/does-the-reformation-still-matter->)

The Meeter Center is continuing to build its collection and welcome scholars, fellowship recipients, and visitors. We want to highlight a new fellowship, offered for the first time in 2018-19 (apply by January 1, 2018). The Meeter Family Fellowship offers \$3,500 towards travel, accommodations, and research-related expenses for a four to six week period. Those whose projects on Calvin, Calvinism, or the Reformation also connect to continuing issues of concern in the church and society today are particularly encouraged to apply. See <https://calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/meeter-family-fellowship/> for more information and an application form.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, to our donors (the Friends of the Meeter Center), the Meeter Center Governing Board, and Meeter Center staff (Paul Fields and Laura Beer) and student assistant, Matt Wright. As the Meeter Center marks its 35th anniversary, and I mark the 20th anniversary of my service as director of the Center, it is truly a delight to testify yet again that the work of the Center could not carry on without the support and hard work of so many. Thank you!

Highlights from "Here I Stand" Martin Luther Exhibition

Since March 9 and ongoing through April, the Meeter Center has operated as a local hub for Reformation-themed events with its "Here I Stand" Exhibition. Over 200 people, including local church and school groups from various religious denominations, have come to see the exhibition in commemoration of 500 years since Martin Luther wrote his 95 theses. Thirty German-government commissioned posters, free at here-i-stand.com and placed throughout the Center, provide a visually engaging summary of the Reformation and its impact. The posters are split into seven



categories, describing key moments in Luther's life; his disagreement with Catholic practices; and the Reformation's ideas, spread and impact. The final two sections highlight women in the Reformation and the legacy of the Reformation today. Uniquely shaped charts spotlight political hierarchies, Reformation event timelines, and networks of Reformers. Colorful maps visualize key Reformation sites, political empires, and city structures.

The Meeter Center staff has tailored learning enrichment experiences to the demographics of each visiting group. Adult groups received a short introduction, whereas high school students had an introductory lecture and interactive worksheets. Elementary students engaged with eight staff-created interactive stations, including dramatic reenactments, media presentations, and "print-making" stamping.

The exhibition will be up through the end of April. Some of the posters will be displayed again at the Center Art Gallery from September 5 to October 14 and at the Seminary in the fall.



Spring Lecture with Professor Nicholas Terpstra



In University of Toronto History Professor Nicholas Terpstra's Meeter Center Spring Lecture, he asked, "What would it look like to tell the story of the Reformation through the lens of the massive forced refugee experience of that time?" And, pedagogically speaking, what does the 16th century Reformation say to a 21st century global generation?

When Dr. Terpstra studied the Reformation, he found that there was plenty of forced migration going on.

As early as the 13th century, European Christians persecuted marginalized groups such as lepers, religious heretics, Jews and Muslims.

The Reformation period expanded areas of persecution, with implications for scope, periodization, intellectual/cultural forms, as well as political interactions. The scope broadened to include more non-Christians: among those, Jews, Muslims and Hindus were drawn in, and even aboriginals in the Americas. Many of these others were given the choice to convert to Christianity or be exiled. Periodization refers to a convenient device that can define the story. For instance, the 1500s mark the beginning of the Reformation. At the same time, Jews faced expulsion from the Iberian Peninsula, and from the cities to the suburbs. The 1600s witnessed early ethno-cleansings and massive expulsions of many religious groups: Muslims, Puritans, Huguenots, and Acadians, to name a few. During the Reformation, intellectual and cultural forms expanded through changing theologies, such as doctrines of purity and contagion. These divergent doctrines precipitated migrations and conflict through forced baptisms, language of election and separate chosen communities. Forced removal of corrupt doctrines, violent iconoclasm and martyrologies became common. The Reformation also had political implications, including the growing power of political leaders in religious affairs and the use of state pressure to expel religious minorities.

Dr. Terpstra concluded his lecture by asking what this narrative of the refugee experience during the Reformation can teach today's generation. The Reformation was the birth of the modern age, and as such, religious dislocation is a part of our own narrative. People today want to understand this recurring theme as it applies to refugee crises in our time.

Lisa Gierlach-Walker
MTS student, Calvin Theological Seminary

Apply for a Fellowship or Scholarship!

Every year, the Meeter Center offers fellowships for graduate students, faculty, and pastors, with awards ranging \$2,000-4,000. We also offer scholarships for high school seniors, with awards of \$3,500 and \$2,000 to be applied to college tuition at one of six specific colleges. For more information on fellowships and scholarships, see <http://www.calvin.edu/meeter/new/fellowships-and-scholarships.htm>

Awards and Fellowships

Hugh and Eve Meeter High School Award:

1st Prize, \$3,500:

-Benjamin Anema, Caledonia MI

2nd Prize, \$2000:

-Austin R. Prins, Sioux Falls SD

-Hannah Blom, Mundelein IL

-Kate Lodewyk, Fargo ND

Faculty Fellowships:

Dr. Kirk Summers, Professor of Modern Languages and Classics at University of Alabama, will study Theodore Beza's emblems as a way of picturing the Christian life in the late Reformation.

Dr. Jill Fehleison, Professor of History at Quinnipiac University, will analyze images and realities of the Reformed faith in Scotland and Geneva in light of a pamphlet by the Scottish Jesuit John Hay.

Friends Fellowships:

Kyle Drake, Ph. D. student at Saint Louis University, will study Antoine de la Roche Chandieu's *De Veritate Humanae Naturae Christi* (1585) and Calvin's doctrine of the *extra Calvinisticum*.

John Simons, Ph.D. student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will research the reflection of Puritan theology in the laws of the colonies of Connecticut and New Haven, 1638-1665.

Student Fellowships:

Kristen Coan, Ph.D. student at the University of Arizona, will study women and children at *L'Hôpital Général* in sixteenth-century Geneva

Holly Kizewski, Ph.D. student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, will investigate domestic disputes before the Genevan Consistory, 1542-1564.

Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship:

Leonard Vander Zee, Interim Pastor at Church of the Servant CRC, will prepare a reappraisal of the Canons of Dordt.