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“Teresa of Avila”

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Teresa was born in 1515, in the city of Avila. She learned to read Spanish with her brothers at home from her mother, but lacked formal education. She entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation in Avila at twenty, and two years later

took vows, adopting the name Teresa of Jesus. Teresa suffered from a paralyzing illness for three years and then experienced tormenting spiritual trials that ended years later (1554) when she experienced what she identified as two conversions in which God identified himself and the angels as her spiritual guides. Motivated to live a more disciplined spiritual life, she founded a Carmelite convent in Avila based on the much more stringent rule of the original twelfth-century Carmelites. Teresa’s convent developed into a national movement known as the Discalced, or Barefoot, Carmelites, since they wore sandals without socks. Seventeen Barefoot Carmelite convents and monasteries were consecrated before Teresa died in 1582.

Teresa’s writings include hundreds of letters, some poetry, manuals related to Discalced Carmelite establishments, and a number of books: *The Book of Her Life* (1562–65), *The Road to Perfection* (1566), *The Interior Castle* (1577), and *The Book of Her Foundations* (1582). Her most controversial work *Meditations on the*

Songs of Songs (1566–71) was deemed heretical by an inquisitor who argued that this work flouted Paul’s teaching about women’s involvement in the church. Teresa defended her right to produce a spiritual work which she compared to beautiful fabric: “I hold it as certain that we do not offend Him when we find delight and consolation in His words [Scripture] and works. A king would be happy and pleased if he saw a little shepherd he loved looking spellbound at the royal brocade and wondering what it is and how it was made. Just so, we women need not entirely refrain from enjoyment of the Lord’s riches. . . . I am just like this little shepherd-boy” (1.8; trans. Peers). Teresa is reputed to have burned the original work in the presence of her accuser though copies of her work on Song of Songs survived.

Teresa’s writings show that she knew Paul’s writings well. She not only identified with his spiritual experience of being caught up into the third heaven (*Interior Castle* 6.5.8; cf. 2 Cor. 12:2-4), but also with his role as an evangelist and founder of Christian communities. Teresa and Catherine of Sienna were named the first female doctors of the church by Pope Paul VI in 1970, and the order that Teresa established continues today in over 100 countries. Her life, work and character, including the courage she showed in daring to interpret Scripture as a woman, continue to inspire many Christians today.

From the Registrar's Office:

- SSHRC application deadline is 4:30 PM (EST), October 12, 2018. Click [here](#) for application and eligibility information, and check out the [TST Scholarship and Bursaries page](#) for more information. An application guide is also available [here](#).
- For students looking to stretch those dollars there are a couple of programs offered by the UTSU that can help. These are available to any student in a conjoint program (awarded by both Wycliffe and U of T), and range from discounted tickets for AGO, Ripley's Aquarium, Absolute Comedy, Cineplex to Printing and Photocopying. See <https://www.utsu.ca/services/> for a full list of what's on offer. For students with families you can sign up to newsletter from the Family Care Office by sending an email to family.care@utoronto.ca and include your full name and U of T affiliation.
- There is also a Food Bank at the U of T located at the U of T Multi-Faith Centre, 569 Spadina. The site is wheelchair accessible and operates on Fridays from 12-3pm, although you need to collect a ticket as early as 9:00 am to secure the time you can collect the food. Please take your own bags. For more information contact UTSU.



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Wed, Oct 17

1:10-2:00pm

East Lecture Room

SCRIPTURE & THEOLOGY COLLOQUIUM Martyrdom and Its Scriptural Shape

Fri, Oct 19, 2018

Leonard Hall—9:00am-4:00pm

Presentations by:

Dr. Catherine Sider-Hamilton (Wycliffe)

Dr. Brian Butcher (TST/Sheptytsky Inst.)

Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee (Pace Univ)

Dr. Charles Pinches (Univ of Scranton).

CATA Interdisciplinary
Conference 2018

Peace and Violence in Scripture and Theology

Oct 20, Leonard Hall

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gordon K. Oeste

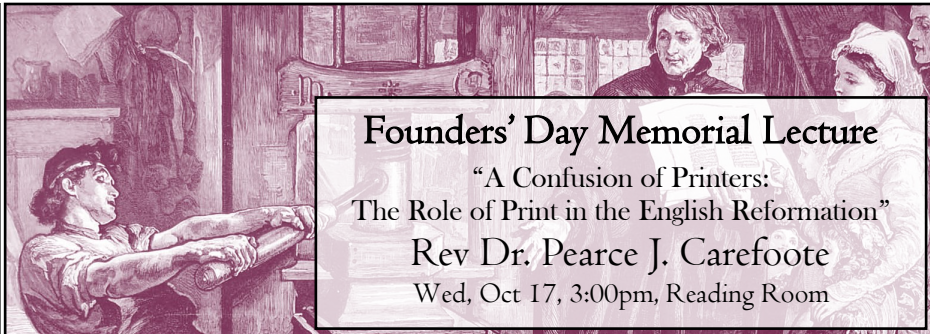
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THEOLOGY PUB NIGHT

Oct 26th Guest:
Barth Netterfield



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Founders' Day Memorial Lecture

"A Confusion of Printers:
The Role of Print in the English Reformation"

Rev Dr. Pearce J. Carefoote

Wed, Oct 17, 3:00pm, Reading Room

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Oct 18: Joseph Mangina
"Patience"

Nov 22: Judy Paulsen
"Gentleness"

Nov 1: Andy Witt
"Kindness"

Nov 29: Peter Robinson
"Self-Control"

THE VISIBLE SHAPE OF
CHRIST'S LIFE IN US

Nov 8: Thomas Power
"Generosity"

Dec 6: David Kupp
"Good and Evil"
(Mt 7:17-19)

Nov 15: Ephraim Radner
"Faithfulness"



This Wednesday

3:00 Founder's Day Memorial Lecture

4:45 EUCHARIST (homilist: Joanna la Fleur)

Joanna is a Wycliffe alum (MTS), the Creative Communications Director at C4 Church in Ajax, and co-host for the Christian talk show, "See Hear Love"

6:00 COMMUNITY DINNER



Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14	15	16 Morning Prayer: Alex Fung	17 3:00 Wed. Event: Founders' Day Lecture 4:45 Eucharist: Joanna la Fleur 6:00 Community Dinner	18 Morning Prayer: Joseph Mangina Evening Prayer: Craig Love	19 <i>Scripture & Theology Colloquium</i>	20 <i>CATA Conference</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
READING WEEK—College Open, Refectory Open—No Chapel Services, No Classes						
				<i>Principal's Dinner</i>	<i>Theology in the Pub</i>	
28	29	30 Morning Prayer: James Sholl	31 3:00 Wed. Event: Sadleir Lecture: +Mwita Akiri 4:45 Eucharist: +Mwita Akiri 6:00 Community Dinner	NOV 1 Morning Prayer: Andrew Witt Evening Prayer: Glen Taylor	2 <i>Student Council Movie Night</i>	3 <i>Children's Ministry Conference</i>
4	5	6 Morning Prayer: Robb Sykes	7 3:00 Wed. Event: Aaron Smith & Allison DeFoor 4:45 Eucharist: Allison DeFoor 6:00 Community Dinner	8 Morning Prayer: Tom Power Evening Prayer: Glen Taylor	9	10 <i>St. Mike's Convocation</i>

Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	S. Lawley	E. Radner	K. Baker; L. Hurst	M. Ytsma; M. Lyons
	Taize	Z. Bartkus	A. Brownlee		M. Ytsma
Tue	MP	L. Hurst	P. Robinson; A. Fung		C. Youn; M. McPhee
	Evensong	S. Lawley	E.-R. Teel	D. Chambers; J. Mangina	D. Chambers
Wed	MP	B. Poole		L. Hurst; R. Henderson	A. McComb; M. Lyons
	Eucharist	B. Poole	Officiant: E. Radner Homilist: J. la Fleur	D. Chambers; L. Hurst	M. McPhee D. Chambers
Thu	MP	J. Loew.-Samuels	J. Paulsen; J. Mangina	L. Hurst	C. Youn; M. McPhee
	P&P	Z. Bartkus	R. Bartlett; C. Love		S. Kim
Fri	MP	J. Loew.-Samuels	A. Brownlee	M. Taylor	A. McComb
	Inform. EP	L. Hurst	Z. Bartkus	D. Chambers	S. Kim; M. Lyons

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

- Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri, 8:30a
- Wine Before Breakfast
Tue, 7:22a
- Taize Evening Prayer
Mon, 5:30p
- Sung Evensong
Tue, 5:30p
- Community Eucharist
Wed, 4:45p
- Prayer & Praise
Thu, 5:00p
- Informal Evening Prayer
Fri, 5:30

