

The Lumen Christi Institute for Catholic Thought 2015 Summer Seminars in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition

The Lumen Christi Institute for Catholic Thought is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2015 [Summer Seminars in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition](#). These seminars are open to doctoral students in the appropriate areas of study. Room, board, and a travel stipend will be included for accepted applicants.

Each seminar will include five days of intensive discussion based on close reading of the assigned texts as well as daily presentations given by the professor and student participants. A deep knowledge of the material is not required to apply. The goal of each seminar is twofold: first, to enable participants to gain mastery over the material under discussion, both for teaching and research purposes; and second, to deepen the participants' understanding and awareness of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

June 19-24, 2015

"Metaphysics and the Soul in Thomas Aquinas"

The School of Philosophy, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome

Prof. Stephen L. Brock

This seminar will be a five-day, intensive discussion of St Thomas Aquinas's account of the nature of the soul, with particular attention paid to the metaphysical principles on which it rests. The sessions will center on *Summa Theologiae*, I, qq. 75-77, concerning the soul in itself, its essential relation to the body, and its role as the primary principle of vital activity. Participants will also discuss relevant passages from other works of St. Thomas, as well as his historical influences (such as Plato, Aristotle, and Augustine) and some contemporary literature on the topic. Finally, the seminar will take up related issues, such as Aquinas's understanding of the relation between metaphysics and theology, his handling of the Augustinian tradition, his reaction to the Averroists, and how his account of the soul relates to later philosophical developments such as Cartesianism and personalism.

Fr. Stephen L. Brock is Professor of Medieval Philosophy at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome. He is a member of the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas Aquinas and is the author of *Action & Conduct: Thomas Aquinas and the Theory of Action*. He has written numerous articles on various aspects of the thought of Thomas Aquinas, and he has edited several collections including *Thomas Aquinas and the Subject of Metaphysics*.

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15

July 12-17, 2015
"The Thought of John Henry Newman"
Merton College, University of Oxford
Prof. Ian Ker

This seminar is an intensive five-day course for graduate students on the thought of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman. Participants will examine Newman's achievement as theologian, philosopher, educator, preacher, and writer. Remarkably, in each of these areas Newman produced works that have come to be recognized as classics, including: *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *The Grammar of Assent*, *The Idea of a University*, *The Parochial and Plain Sermons*, and the *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*. This seminar will approach Newman's thought through a critical engagement with these texts.

Ian Ker is the leading authority on the thought and writings of John Henry Newman, and is the author and editor of more than 20 books on Newman, including *John Henry Newman: A Biography*, *Newman and Faith*, *Newman and Truth*, and *The Achievement of John Henry Newman*. He is currently a senior research fellow at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford.

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August 2-7, 2015
"Catholic Social Thought: A Critical Investigation"
University of California, Berkeley
Prof. Russell Hittinger

In this seminar, students will read, analyze, and discern continuities and discontinuities in Catholic Social Thought from the late 19th century to the present. Lectures, seminar reports, and discussion will focus on original sources (encyclicals and other magisterial documents), beginning with *Rerum novarum* (1892) and concluding with *Caritas in veritate* (2009). This intensive course is multi-disciplinary, since this tradition of social thought overlaps several disciplines in the contemporary university including political science, political philosophy, law, economics, theology, and history.

Russell Hittinger is the William K. Warren Professor of Catholic Studies and Research Professor of Law at the University of Tulsa, a member of the Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. He is the author of *A Critique of the New Natural Law Theory*, *The First Grace: Rediscovering Natural Law in a Post-Christian Age*, and *Thomas Aquinas the Rule of Law*.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

These seminars are open to Ph.D. students in the humanities, social sciences and other relevant fields. Participants will be provided with a travel stipend, accommodations, and meals for the duration of the seminars. For more information and to apply online visit:

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