Quaerentes Veritatem (The Truth Seekers) is an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of the intersection of life and thought with faith. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Catholic Studies and the Department of Philosophy. This talk is also being sponsored by the Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture.

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This talk explores some of the philosophical foundations for an understanding of complementarity that builds on Sr. Prudence Allen’s notion of “integral” rather than “fractional” complementarity, setting the groundwork for a contemporary Catholic theory of complementarity that incorporates many of the insights of modern feminism.

Prof. Lisa Schiltz
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
OSF Library Leather Room (108) Noon – 1:00 pm
Does God ever intentionally kill human beings? Many Christians answer “yes” to this question, and such an answer apparently has widespread confirmation in sacred scripture, especially the Old Testament. Some then argue that since God has authority to kill and may delegate that authority, in some instances (for example, military campaigns or capital punishment) humans can intentionally kill other humans as well.

Dr. Tollefson argues, using insights from the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, that the answer to the question is, in fact, “no”.

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The Department of Philosophy invites UST undergraduate students to participate in a prize competition for the best essay in philosophy.

Essays — 3500 words or less on any philosophical topic — must be submitted by midnight, 19 December 2014.

The authors of the three best submissions will receive the Thomas D. Sullivan Medal in Philosophy and a “Tom and Ginny Sullivan Scholarship” — of $1000, $500, or $100 applied to Spring 2015 UST tuition bills.

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Colloquium Panel Discussion

The Value of a UST Philosophic Education

Graduates: Madeleine Coulter & Mitchel Milless
Faculty: Dr. Michael Winter

Two former UST philosophy majors, Madeleine Coulter and Mitchel Milless, will briefly present on the value of their philosophic education and the role it has played in the development of their careers.

Dr. Michael Winter of the Philosophy Department will join the panel. The major part of this Colloquium discussion will involve the audience in Q and A.

Bring your questions!

Madeleine, a 2012 graduate with a major in Philosophy and double minors in Catholic Studies and Mathematics, is in her third and final year of UST’s law school. She says: “I chose law school because I wanted to integrate my love of philosophy, reasoning, and argumentation with direct action to help those in need.”

Mitch, a 2008 graduate with a double major in Philosophy and Catholic Studies, worked for five years for Northwestern Mutual as a personal financial advisor before moving to his current position at RJF Financial Services as a financial consultant for mid-sized businesses on their qualified and non-qualified retirement plans.

Thursday, February 12, 2015
12:00pm-1:00pm     JRC 126
This talk is a guide for arguing with moral relativists. Different societies and different groups within a single society have different moral views. The moral relativist thinks this is a reason to believe there is no solid basis for morality in general. But the moral relativist is wrong, and we do have moral knowledge.
Colloquium

Does God Suffer?

Dr. Paul Gavrilyuk

UST Department of Theology—Aquinas Chair in Theology and Philosophy

Tues., March 3, 2015  12:00-1:00pm  JRC 126

Dr. Gavrilyuk’s talk explores the arguments for and against the claim that God suffers. He suggests that contemporary theologians who accept the claim often misinterpret the classical Christian view of divine impassibility and involvement in suffering. Dr. Gavrilyuk defends the classical Christian view, succinctly expressed in the formula that in the Incarnation “the Impassible suffered.”
DEBATE

Should Catholics be “Intelligent Design” Theorists?

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Wednesday,
April 15, 2015
7:30-9:00pm
JRC 126

For the Affirmative
MICHAEL BEHE
Department of Biology
Lehigh University

For the Negative
KENNETH KEMP
Department of Philosophy
University of St. Thomas

MODERATOR: Michael Winter (Department of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas)

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If you think you are content, then you probably are. This only shows, however, that contentment is not the same as happiness. This is because happiness is an objective state, and—although this may initially sound paradoxical—one about which you can be mistaken. That is, you might be happy and not realise it; and you might think you are happy, but be wrong about that. What, then, should one wish: to be happy or to be content?
PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

TUES., APRIL 28, 2015       12:00-1:15p.m.       MHC 205
(Murray-Herrick Center—Former student union)

FEATURING: STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
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PAUL HEDMAN
FIRST PRIZE
The Inability of Mind Uploading to Maintain Personhood or Identity

BRANDON GUENTHER
SECOND PRIZE
A Defense of Presentism by Way of Aquinas

ANTHONY GOCKOWSKI
THIRD PRIZE
How Does an Object Persist Through Time?

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