Senior Common Room (Room 100)
Birks Building, 3520 University Street
Wednesday, 17 April 2013, 12 Noon—1:30 pm

Agenda

1. Regrets
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of 23 April 2012
4. Membership of Governing Board
   Ellen Aitken (Dean of FRS and Chair), Torrance Kirby (Director of CREOR), Sarah Stroud (Associate V-P Research and International Relations), Juliet Johnston (Associate Dean of Arts), Hélène Perrault (Dean of Education), Daniel Jutras (Dean of Law), Davesh Soneji (Associate Director), Richard Cumming (graduate student rep), Faculty of Medicine: Biomedical Ethics Unit (still no representation)
5. Chair’s Remarks
   5.1 Appointment of Professor Davesh Soneji as Associate Director of the Centre for three-year term, 15 November 2012 through 15 November 2015, and as Acting Director 1 September through 31 December 2013.
6. Report from the Academic Director
   6.1 NEW PUBLICATIONS
   6.2 LECTURES AND CONFERENCES
      6.2.1 Fall Term Lecture Series co-sponsored by CREOR in collaboration with SSHRC Partnership collaboration led by Paul Yachnin, PI (Oct/Nov 2012): ‘Conversion and Modernity’ with lectures by Paul Yachnin (McGill), Iain Fenlon (King’s College, Cambridge), Mark Vessey (Green College, UBC), Douglas Hedley (Clare College, Cambridge), Bronwen Wilson (U. of East Anglia), Sarah Beckwith (Duke), Emidio Campi (U. of Zurich), Allan Greer (McGill).
      6.2.2 CREOR-sponsored conference organised by Professor Daniel Cere (October 2012): ‘Catholicism and Modernity: Identity and Engagement’
      6.2.3 CREOR-sponsored colloquium (January 2013) funded by SSHRC and organised by CREOR members Dr Jason Zuidema (Concordia) and Prof Victor Hori (McGill) with Prof Elizabeth Smyth (U of Toronto) and Rick van Lien (Collège universitaire dominicaine): ‘The state of the consecrated life in Canada today’
      6.2.4 CREOR-sponsored Colloquium with Dr Hal Roth, Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, organised by Prof Kenneth Dean (East Asian Studies, member of CREOR) ‘The Contemplative Studies Initiative at Brown University’, co-sponsored by Chiang Ching-ku Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange
      6.2.4 Fortnightly Philosophy and Theology Colloquium, sponsored by CREOR and chaired by CREOR
member Prof Douglas Farrow. Papers presented in 2012-2013 by CREOR members include:

Douglas Farrow (FRS), Robert Wisnovsky (Islamic Institute), Garth Green (FRS), Gaëlle Fiasse (Dept of Philosophy and FRS), Storrs McCall (Dept of Philosophy)

6.2.5 Fortnightly Guest Lecture (March 2013): Dr Nicholas Adams (New College, U of Edinburgh): ‘How Hegel derives logic from Christian doctrine (and why we should take it seriously’

6.2.6 Fortnightly Guest Lecture (March 2013): Prof. Georges Leroux (UQàM): ‘Religion and Culture from Ernst Cassirer to Raymond Klibansky’

6.2.7 CREOR-sponsored Graduate Student Conference (October 2012): ‘Personhood, practice, and transformation: classical and contemporary perspectives’ with plenary lecturer Professor Ravi Ravindra (Departments of Physics, Philosophy, and Religion at Dalhousie University; IAS Princeton) and fifteen panels with 60 papers presented by students from universities including Concordia, Toronto, Queen’s, Western, U de Montréal, Princeton, Universidad de Salamanca (Spain), U of Sophia (Bulgaria), Sorbonne (Paris), U of Silesia (Germany), Fordham, Union (New York), Francisan (Steubenville, Ill.), Claremont Graduate Union (California), Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley), Villanova, U of Virginia, U of W Michigan, Garhwah University, Srinagar (India), and McGill.

6.2.8 CREOR-sponsored Symposium organised by CREOR member Dr Jim Kanaris (April 2013): ‘Has Philosophy of Religion a Future?’

6.2.9 Dr Lucille Marr (Member of CREOR)


6.2.10 Professor Beate Ego (CREOR Visiting Fellow, Fall Term 2012)

Lecture: ‘Interreligious polemics in Ancient Judaism’ (October 2012)

6.2.11 Dr James Bryson (CREOR Postdoctoral Visiting Fellow, 2012-2013)

Lecture: ‘Good because it is beautiful, or beautiful because it is good? Roger Scruton’s philosophy of beauty and its Platonic Roots’ (October 2012)

6.2.12 Dr Simon Burton (Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellow and CREOR Visiting Fellow, 2012-2013)

Lecture: ‘Peter Martyr Vermigli on grace and free choice: Thomist and Augustinian perspectives’ (March 2013)

6.2.13 Claude Ryan Lecture in Catholic Social Thought co-sponsored by CREOR and the Newman Centre: Prof William Cavanaugh, de Paul University, ‘The Myth of Religious Violence’ (March 2013)

6.3 CULTURAL EVENTS

6.3 Historical choral performances in Birks Chapel by ‘One Equall Musick’ organised by Dr Matthew Milner (McGill Postdoc in Digital Humanities, member of CREOR); Restoration Evensong commemorating the 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer, 1662 (Dec. 2012); Elizabethan Evensong with 1559 BCP (Feb. 2013), Early Victorian Evensong (March 2013).

6.4 PUBLIC RELATIONS

6.4.1 Updated CREOR Website: www.mcgill.ca/creor/ Video podcasts of lecture series ‘Conversion and Modernity’ (Oct/Nov 2012 Series)

6.4.2 CREOR Newsletter, Spring 2013

7. CREOR Visiting Fellows in 2012-2013

7.1 Dr Simon Burton, Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellow (2012-2013)


7.2 Dr James Bryson, Postdoctoral Visiting Fellow (2012-2013)

PhD in Philosophy of Religion, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University (supervised by CREOR member Dr Douglas Hedley, Reader in Hermeneutics and Metaphysics in the Faculty of Divinity and Tutor at Clare College, Cambridge)

7.3 Prof Dr Beate Ego, Visiting Fellow (Fall Term 2012)

Chair for Exegesis and Theology of the Old Testament, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany

8. Upcoming CREOR events

8.1 Graduate Students’ Conference (March 2014): Steering Committee—Thomas Troughton (PhD
8.2 Fall Lecture Series (Oct/Nov 2013): TBA
8.3 Conference: ‘Christian Faith and the University’, organised by CREOR members Dr Jason Zuidema and Dr John Vissers (26-28 Sept 2013)
8.4 Pluralism, Religion and Public Policy (PRPP) Conference on ‘The Law and Religious Freedom in Education,’ organised by CREOR member Prof Douglas Farrow (3-5 October 2013), application for SSHRC Insight Development with CREOR sponsorship
8.5 Theology and Philosophy Fortnightly Seminars will continue in 2013-14, CREOR member Prof Douglas Farrow, convenor
8.6 Conference on ‘Roger Scruton’s Philosophy of Religion, with Roger Scruton’ in March 2014, organised by CREOR SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow James Bryson; SSHRC Connection Grant application under way
8.7 Invited Lecture: Capt Dr Harold Ristau, PhD (McGill) Chaplain serving in the Canadian Army in Afghanistan, and author of At Peace with War (2012)
8.8 Dr Jim Kanaris, conference on ‘The future of Philosophy of Religion’ funded by SSHRC, in April 2013

9. Membership of the Centre
9.1 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellows 2013-2015
9.1.1 Dr James Bryson, two-year SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2013-15)
9.1.2 Dr Fred Tappenden, two-year QFRSC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2012-2014)
9.2 New full members approved by Governing Board
9.2.1 Prof Jessica Main, Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Chair, Buddhism and Contemporary Society Programme, UBC (co-applicant in CERC)
9.2.2 Prof Robin Yates, Dept of East Asian Studies, Chinese culture, McGill (co-applicant in CERC)
9.2.3 Prof Thomas Shultz, Professor of Psychology and Associate Member of the School of Computer Science, McGill (co-applicant in CERC)
9.2.4 Prof Dr Beate Ego, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany (CREOR Visiting Fellow, 2012)
9.2.5 Dr James Bryson, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (CREOR Visiting Fellow, 2012-13)
9.2.6 Dr Simon Burton, New College, University of Edinburgh (Commonwealth Postdoc, 2012-13)
9.2.7 Dr David Goodin, recent McGill PhD in Philosophy of Religion
9.2.8 Dr David Butorac, Assistant Professor, Philosophy of Religion, Fatih University, Istanbul (host of International Society of Neoplatonic Studies Symposium, Istanbul)
9.2.9 Dr Daniel Timmer, Professor of Old Testament, Acadia University
9.3 New student members approved by Governing Board
9.3.1 Mr Shaun Ross, Dept of English, participant in CREOR Graduate Student Conference
9.3.2 Ms Anna Lewton-Brain, Dept of English, participant in CREOR Graduate Student Conference

10. Members’ Publications
Bryson, James. ‘Renaissance Platonism and interreligious dialogue: Nicholas Cusanus, Thomas Jackson,
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11. Budget and accounts
11.1 Projected budget for 2013-14 and 2014-15

12. Partnerships, grants and funding of CREOR events
12.1 SSHRC Partnership Grant: ‘Forms of Conversion: Religion, Culture and Cognitive Ecologies in Early
Modern Europe and its Worlds’, Paul Yachnin (PI, English, McGill) with 16 co-applicants: Sarah Beckwith (English, Duke), Julie Cumming (Music, McGill), Iain Fenlon (Historical Musicology, Cambridge), Carlos Fraenkel (Philosophy and Jewish Studies, McGill), Torrance Kirby (McGill), Peter Marshall (History, Warwick) Steven Mullaney (English, Michigan), Alberto Pérez-Gómez (History of Architecture, McGill), Benjamin Schmidt (History, Washington), Stéfan Sinclair (Digital Humanities, McGill), John Sutton (Cognitive Science, Macquarie, Australia), Angela Van Haelen (Art History, McGill), Mark Vessey (English, UBC) and Bronwen Wilson (Art History, East Anglia) co-applicants and 12 collaborators ($3.5m)

12.2 SSHRC Partnership Grant: ‘Cultural Evolution of Religion’ (CERC), Centre for Human Evolution Cognition and Culture, University of British Columbia, Prof Ted Slingerland (PI), CRC in Chinese Thought and Embodied Cognition, UBC ($3m)

CREOR will apply for a SSHRC Connection Grant ($50k) in order to sponsor a meeting of the full membership of CERC at McGill in 2014; CREOR collaborators in the CERC project: Katherine Young, Kenneth Dean, Robin Yates, Jessica Main, Thomas Shultz, Torrance Kirby (ex officio)

12.3 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dr James Bryson ($43,000 per annum for two years)

12.4 Funds awarded for CREOR-sponsored conference ‘Christian Faith and the University’ (September 2013) by Notre Dame University ($5000) and by the Stanford Reid Trust ($10,000)

12.5 Dr Simon Burton, Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellowship ($36,500)

12.6 ‘Trauma & Transformation: The Catholic Church and the Sexual Abuse Crisis’ ($25,000); CREOR funding ($1000), Prof Daniel Cere

12.7 SSHRC-funded colloquium: ‘The state of the consecrated life in Canada today’, Jason Zuidema (Concordia) and Victor Hori (FRS), members of CREOR; SSHRC Standard Research Grant ($53,528)

12.8 SSHRC Workshop Grant: ‘Paul’s Cross and the Culture of Persuasion in England, 1520-1640’ ($24,490); CREOR funding ($2500), Prof Torrance Kirby (PI), August 2012

12. Other Business