

Visiting Students



February to May 2008

- TAN Aiqun** Master degree student of Sun Yat-sen University
 Research Topic: Lin Yutang: A Heretical Believer
 Courses Taken: Christian Family Education, English (II)
- WEI Hongliang** Master degree student of Central University for Nationalities
 Research Topic: Karl Barth Studies
 Courses Taken: Between two Testaments, Deuteronomy, Religious Dialogue
- XUE Wei** Master degree student of Sichuan University
 Research Topic: Augustine's Early Philosophical Thought
 Courses Taken: Introduction to Christian Ethics, Christian Family Education
- Liu Jianshan** Doctoral degree student of Peking University
 Research Topic: Hume's Philosophy of Religion
 Courses Taken: Between two Testaments, Religious Dialogue

Tao Fong Doctoral Students (Overseas)

- JIANG Manke**
 Graduation: Master, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou
 Present Program: Doctor of Theology, Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
 Research Areas: Philosophy of Religion, F. D. E. Schleiermacher
- LIU Yinya**
 Graduation: Master, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou

- Present Program:** Doctor of Philosophy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland
Research Areas: Emanuel Levinas & Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- LIU Zizhen**
 Graduation: Master, Renmin University of China, Beijing
 Present Program: Doctor of Philosophy, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main
 Research Areas: Philosophy of Religion

- QU Xutong**
 Graduation: Master, Peking University, Beijing
 Present Program: Doctor of Theology, University of Heidelberg, Germany
 Research Areas: Death of Jesus in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Creation in Genesis, Karl Barth on Election, Augustine on Trinity

Guest Professors

• Our guest professor, Prof. CHOONG Chee Pang, was invited to give a lecture on "John's Logos in dialogue with the Dao of Lao-zi" in Nanjing University in March 2008. The lecture attempts to show that besides understanding the Johannine Logos in its Hebrew and Greek backgrounds, it may also be meaningful to make comparisons between the Johannine Logos and the Dao of Lao-zi. The lecture is largely based on Choong's Chinese commentary on John's Gospel. Reference is also made to two ancient hymns from the Rig-vedas of the Hindu scriptures. Prof. Choong was also invited to present two lectures at Henan University in June 2008. One is "John's Logos in dialogue with Greek and Asian Religions" and the other is "Recent scholarship in New Testament Studies".

• Our research fellows, Prof. Pertti & Kaisa Nikkila, were invited to teach intensive courses on "History of Christian Thought" in Southern China Normal University in Shanghai in April 2008. Over twenty students attended the class and took the examination. In the mean time, they also presented a public lecture on "Augustine on Evil". This



lecture trip provides a good opportunity for the university to develop Christian studies.

- Our guest professor, Prof. Ermis Segatti, was invited to teach an intensive course in Shanghai Normal University in April. The course is a reading class on Augustine's Confessions. In the course, Augustine's different themes were taught and the students could understand not only the literary value of this western classic but also its theological implications. Prof. Segatti was teaching History of Christianity in the Faculty of Theology in Turin and in other Italian Theological and Historical Institutions.

- Our guest professor, Prof. Allan Foster, was invited to teach a course in Sun Yat-sen University in the spring semester 2008. Dr. Foster is professor at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong and an expert in educational studies and environmental studies. The course is on "World Environmental Issues from a Christian Perspective" and used a lot of advanced teaching methods to stimulate students' interest in Christian ecology.

- Our distinguished professor, Prof. Milton Wan, was invited to teach a course in Zhejiang University from March to April 2008. The course is on "Protestant Theological Development in 19th & 20th century" in which liberal theology, dialectical theology, theological landscape in America, constructive theology and current theological development are discussed.

- Our research fellow, Prof. Paulos Huang, was invited to teach an intensive course on "Christianity and Chinese Religions: A Comparison" at the Central University for Nationalities in March 2008. He was also invited to present a lecture at Nankai University on "Sino-Christian Academic Theology" in April 2008. In June 2008, Paulos was invited to teach another intensive course on "Sino-Christian Academic Theology" at Xiaman University.

- Our guest professor, Prof. Ursula King, was invited to give a lecture on "Gender and Interreligious Dialogue"



at Peking University in June 2008. Prof. King is Professor Emerita of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol, where she held the Chair of Theology and Religious Studies from 1989-2002 after teaching many years at the University of Leeds, in London, and in India. Prof. King is a famous scholar in the study of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, gender and spirituality and interreligious dialogue.

Academic Staff

Dr. Paulos HUANG (Professor & Research Fellow)

Academic Activities:

- During 6-7 April 2008, Paulos visited Nankai University at Tianjin and presented a paper on "Sino-Christian Academic Theology".

- In June 2008 Paulos visited Nanjing University and Nanjing Theological Seminary.



Lecture & Teaching:

- From March to April 2008 Paulos offered a course on "Contrast between Christianity and Chinese Religions" at the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Central University for Nationalities.

Academic Publication:

- "A Systematic Analysis of Xu Guangqi's Theological Thought", forthcoming in the symposium of Xu Guangqi memorial conference.

- "Winds of change in China: Future prospects for Christian mission" (in English and Finnish), in *The Jubilee of 150 years of Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission*.

- *Sino-Christian Academic Theology* forthcoming by Religious Culture Press in Beijing.

Dr. Nikkila Pertti Sulevi & Nikkila Aune Kaisa Maria (Professor & Research Fellow)

Academic Activities:

- In April 2008 Nikkilas visited Southern China Normal University and delivered a lecture on "Augustine, Evil Good".

Lecture & Teaching:

- In April 2008 Nikkilas taught a course on "History of Christian Doctrine" in Southern China Normal University.

