

Carl Braaten, professor of systematic theology, emeritus, presented "A Perspective from Systematic Theology" at the Festival of the Resurrection held April 21 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke, Chicago. The theme of the day-long festival was "What Is the Tie that Binds?"

Frederick W. Danker, Christ Seminary-Seminex Professor of New Testament, emeritus, was awarded the degree Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, on May 12 by the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Mo.

Philip Hefner, professor of systematic theology, emeritus; senior fellow, Zygon Center for Religion and Science taught a six-session course on "Creation, Evolution, and Intelligent Design" in January and February at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, Ill. He delivered three lectures on the theme, "Science-and-Religion as Spiritual Quest for Meaning" at the Goshen College Science and Religion Conference in March. In April, Hefner was the lead speaker and a session moderator at the Metanexus Science and Spiritual Transformation Conference held at the University of California at Berkeley.

Spiritual Transformation and Healing: Anthropological, Theological, Neuroscientific, and Clinical Perspectives, by Hefner and Joan Koss-Chioino was published by Altamira Press in May.

Kurt Hendel, Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Professor of Reformation History, taught "Martin Luther and the Lutheran Reformation" at the Wisconsin Lay School sponsored by the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin in March. He has been on sabbatical during the spring semester.

Antje Jackelén, associate professor of systematic theology/religion and science, in March, delivered the lecture "What Theology Can Do for Science" at the Yale Divinity School.

In April, Jackelén participated in the European Conference on Science and Theology in eastern Romania where she presented a paper, provided a response to a plenary lecture and introduced the 2005 ESSSAT research prize winner. Later in April, Jackelén lectured at the University of Tennessee on "Speaking of Last Things in Light of Modern Physics" and delivered the 3rd annual Jackson B. Davidson Memorial Lecture on Science and Religion at First Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, Tenn., on "Cognitive Sciences Considered: Going Beyond the Popular Debates of Religion and Science."

Her chapter, "Food Safety and Food Justice: Impacts of Scientific and Religious Cultures" was published in *Wisdom or Knowledge: Science, Theology and Cultural Dynamics*, Willem B. Drees and Zbigniew Liana, editors, published by T & T Clark in March. Jackelén's article, "Why is Søren so



Antje Jackelén with the Metropolitan of Bucovina and Moldavia, Daniel Ciobotea, at the European Conference on Science and Theology

popular?" appeared in *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*.

Connie Kleingartner, Logos Chair of Evangelism and Church Ministries, received a Thrivent grant to set up a weekend intensive for M.A. and M.Div. students graduating in 2006 to re-emphasize stewardship practices. Speakers included LSTC faculty and Metropolitan Chicago Synod pastors.

Edgar Krentz, professor of New Testament, emeritus, preached and presented an adult forum at Shepherd of the Plains Lutheran Church in Huntley, Ill., and presented an adult forum at Grace Lutheran Church in Northbrook, Ill., in March. He made a presentation at the Festival of the Resurrection at the Lutheran Church of St. Luke (Belmont) in Chicago in April. His article, "The Mithras Liturgy and Mithraism: A Good Marriage?" was published in *Biblical Research: Journal of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research* and his review of the *Concordance to the Greek New Testament* appeared in the April 2006 issue of *Currents in Theology and Mission*.

Wilhelm Linss, professor of New Testament, emeritus, with Hans Dieter Betz, published "The 'Mithras Liturgy': Description and Content" in *Biblical Research: Journal of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research*.

David Miller, dean of the chapel, Cornelsen Director of Spiritual Formation, was the featured speaker at the Southwestern California Synod Bishop's Convocation in January. His article, "Honest to God: The Sago Mine Tragedy Cries for Grittier Forms of Christian Formation" appeared in the February issue of the online *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*.

In February and March, Miller led retreats for St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Naperville, Ill., and Salem Lutheran Church, Sandwich, Ill.

In March and April Miller led adult forums on spiritual formation at Bethany Lutheran Church, Batavia, Ill. He spoke to the Near-West Conference of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and led a retreat for the Northwest Ohio Synod clergy in April.

Donald Myrom, adjunct faculty for stewardship, and his congregation, Prince of Peace Lutheran

In Memoriam:

Joan Sherman, wife of former LSTC academic dean and faculty member, **Frank Sherman**, died on April 19 in Bethlehem, Penn.

Church, Schaumburg, Ill., received the 2005 Ministry of Hope Award from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Prince of Peace has a variety of social outreach ministries, including a homeless shelter, support groups for those living with chronic illnesses or grief, and the hungry.

Barbara Rossing, professor of New Testament, received a Lilly Theological Scholar's Grant for her new book project, *For the Healing of the World: A Biblical Theology of Ecology and Empire*. She will work on this project during a sabbatical next year.

In February, Rossing delivered the Coram Deo lectures and preached at Central Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore., led a professional leaders' event in Northern Great Lakes Synod and preached at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba, Mich.

In March, Rossing appeared on a CBS-Chicago news feature on "The End Times," and lectured on "Apocalyptic Violence and Politics: End-Times Fiction for Christians and Jews" at Purdue University.

Rossing served as a keynote Bible study leader at the Lutheran World Federation's Women in Church and Society Asian Regional Consultation in Phnom Pehn, Cambodia in April.

Craig A. Satterlee, Axel Jacob and Gerda Maria (Swanson) Carlson Chair of Homiletics, in February presented "Preaching in Lent" at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. for pastors of the Illowa Lutheran Coalition and preached at Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Ill., in celebration of an LSTC scholarship established by the congregation.

In March, Satterlee presented a forum for the LSTC community on "Living with disabilities. . . as person, minister, community as Church" and preached at Bond Chapel at the University of Chicago Divinity School. He was homilist for the LSTC Chapel Music Series Lenten Hymn Festival.

Satterlee served as interim pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Chicago Heights, Ill. during April and May.

He participated in the Senior Ministry Project discussion at the University of Chicago Divinity School: "Enabling Our Faith: A Conversation Between Disability Studies and Theology"

In May, Satterlee presented "Preaching in Times of Congregational Transition" to the Central Iowa Continuing Education Forum, at the annual meeting of the Interim Ministry Network in St. Louis, Mo., and to Metropolitan Chicago Synod interim pastors. He preached at Ashburn Lutheran Church, Chicago; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Evanston, Ill., and Bethany Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, Ill.

He will serve as sabbatical preacher at Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, Ill. from June – September.

Satterlee's articles, "Living by the Word: Groping in Darkness" and "Living by the Word: Eating at Easter" appeared in the April 15 issue of *The Christian Century*.

Linda Johnson Seyenkulo, dean of the community, taught "Family Systems and the Bible" at the South Conference Diaconal Training for the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in May.

The Rev. Dr. Monica A. Coleman to join LSTC faculty July 1

LSTC's board of directors appointed the Rev. Dr. Monica A. Coleman as assistant professor of systematic theology, effective July 1, 2006. Her appointment concludes a year-long search.

Dr. Coleman holds degrees from Harvard University, Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Claremont Graduate University. She most recently held the position of assistant professor of religion and director of womanist religious studies at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C. *The African-American Pulpit*, a nondenominational preaching and ministry journal recently named Dr. Coleman one of the "Top 20 to Watch" in "The New Generation of Leading Clergy: Preachers Under 40."

Her areas of teaching competency include but are not limited to systematic theology, 19th Century philosophical theology, process theology, feminist and womanist theologies, and African American religions.

Look for a complete profile of Dr. Monica A. Coleman in the next issue of the *Epistle*.

Christine Wenderoth, director, JKM Library, published her "President's Message" in the *ATLA Newsletter* in February.

Vitor Westhelle, professor of systematic theology, published "Luther on the Authority of the Scripture" in *Lutheran Quarterly* (Winter 2005). His article, "This Gracefully Witty World" was published in *The Grace of the World Transforms God* by Porto Alegre, Brazil: Editora Universitária Metodista.

Actions of the Board of Directors

Esther Menn was promoted to the rank of full professor, effective July 1, 2005 (sic).

Audrey West was granted tenure.

Also Noted

Julie Ryan, director of lifelong learning, led a retreat, "Seasoned with Spirit: Health

and Well-Being for Body and Soul" for Women of the ELCA of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Downers Grove, Ill., on April 29.

Daniel Schwandt, staff musician, planned and led a Lenten Hymn Festival on March 5. It was part of the LSTC Chapel Music Series.

Faculty Make Study Tour to Turkey

Harold Vogelaar, Esther Menn, Connie Kleingartner, Audrey West, and Barbara Rossing, together with spouses and representatives from the University of Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary took part in a study tour to Turkey May 21 – 23. Erkan Kurt and Mehmet Mertcan, two Turkish Muslim students who have been studying at LSTC the last two years, accompanied them. The trip was designed to promote dialogue between Christians and Muslims. It highlighted a number of sites important to each religion.