OSI Launches New Page: “Related Institutes and Projects”

The Orthodox Church in the United States has a growing presence in the world of academia. Through four-year colleges as well as institutes that are housed at universities, Orthodoxy is intersecting with the world of higher education. The Orthodox Scholars Initiative now has a new page that lists these Orthodox colleges, organizations, and institutes. Some of these focus on undergraduate education in general, others are housed at specific universities, and still others are dedicated to certain academic and professional fields. Please visit the new “Related Institutes and Projects” page at www.osi.hchc.edu to discover the creative work that is being done in Orthodox higher education. If you would like to add other organizations to the “Related Institutes and Projects” page, please let us know!
OSI FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou is a scholar-practitioner who describes her faith as the touchpoint for her academic and public policy work. A retired senior US diplomat who served as Vice Chair of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (2004-2012), she is currently an Affiliate Scholar at the Center for European Studies (CES) at Harvard University, where she co-chairs the Study Group on Southeastern Europe. Whether teaching at Boston University, guest-lecturing at the US Foreign Service Institute or the CrossRoad Institute at Hellenic College Holy Cross, Prodromou encourages her students to think critically about the role of religion and the specific strengths of Orthodoxy for building sustainable, peaceful societies.

Greetings from Hellenic College

By Dr. Demetrios Katos, Dean of Hellenic College

This year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of Hellenic College Holy Cross. As a tree adds another layer of growth to its trunk with every passing year, so HCHC has grown, layer by layer, over the past seven decades. The latest ring of growth has seen Hellenic College reach out to Orthodox Christians throughout the United States through programs that strive for both intellectual and spiritual formation. Its summer academic program CrossRoad has attracted students who have gone on to more than 100 colleges and universities, shaping the Church’s lay leadership of tomorrow. Hellenic College’s recent partnership with the Spiritual Odyssey program of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has offered Orthodox college students from any school in the country an opportunity to enrich their summer pilgrimage experience with academic study.

Hellenic College itself is undergoing a rigorous process in which it is articulating learning outcomes that focus on the distinct Orthodox Christian ethos which we believe gives meaning and cohesion to all our endeavors. Our students are encouraged to find their vocation, their calling in Christ, in both their studies and their work. This vocational perspective inspires students to exercise their professions in distinctive ways that reflect the knowledge and values they acquired here, and which aim to improve the lives of their future colleagues, employees, and neighbors. It is an exciting place to be, and we hope you will visit us in your travels to Boston and witness for yourself the next ring of growth.

OSI Hires New Administrator

This year Jesse Brandow has joined OSI as the initiative’s administrator. Jesse first began his work in the Office of Vocation & Ministry (OVM) in 2009 as an intern in the CrossRoad Institute. Since then, he has continued his work in the OVM by serving as an editor and now as the OSI Administrator. He will be completing a Master of Divinity in 2013 and looks forward to future ministry in the Church, either in a parish in the United States or as a missionary in Spanish-speaking countries.
Recent Publications by OSI Scholars


As we prepare the next OSI newsletter, scholars registered in the OSI Database will receive an email requesting information about recent new publications. Note that we specifically seek scholars from every academic discipline and field—English to Engineering, International Relations to Information Systems.
The OSI database includes Orthodox faculty from a wide range of disciplines. If you haven't registered yet, take five minutes to do so.

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