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From The Chaplain

Our year-long Goddard Chapel Forum on Religion and Law is a huge success. Many students, faculty, staff and Friends of Goddard Chapel have come out for these events and to hear our distinguished speakers. We have already hosted Reverend William Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, Professor Joseph Walser from the Comparative Religion Department, The Right Reverend Thomas Shaw of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz of Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre and Reverend Robert Drinan, S.J., of Georgetown University Law Center. Fr. Drinan’s talk is excerpted in this newsletter.

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IRSHAD MANJI— CELEBRITY SERIES

Irshad Manji

Irshad Manji is the best-selling author of The Trouble with Islam: A Muslim’s Call for Reform in Her Faith.

In January 2004, The Trouble With Islam, which was a bestseller in Canada, went on sale in the United States. In blunt, provocative, and deeply personal terms, Irshad Manji unearths the troubling cornerstones of mainstream Islam today: tribal insularity, deep-seated anti-Semitism, and an uncritical acceptance of the Koran as the final, and therefore superior, manifesto of God. In this open letter to Muslims and non-Muslims alike, Manji asks arresting questions. “Who is the real colonizer of Muslims, America or Arabia? Why are we all being held hostage by what’s happening between the Palestinians and the Israelis? Why are we squandering the talents of women, fully half of God’s creation? What’s our excuse for reading the Koran literally when it’s so contradictory and

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Upcoming Chapel Events

GODDARD CHAPEL FORUM ON RELIGION AND LAW
All lectures take place at 6:00 p.m.

January 25 —
The Right Reverend Thomas E. Shaw, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, "Palestine & Israel: A Bishop's Journey for Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation"

February 8 —
Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz, Associate Rabbi Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre, "Where Does the Torah Come From, and Why Does It Matter?: How Different Conceptions of Revelation Impact How You Live Your Daily Life"

March 15 —
Professor Ingrid Mattson, Islamic Studies and Director of Muslim Chaplaincy Hartford Seminary, 2005 Russell Lecturer, "Representing Orthodoxy: Muslim Chaplains and Expert Witnesses at the Intersection of Political and Religious Authority"

CHAPLAIN'S TABLE—RELIGIOUS ACTIVISM AND DISSENT
5 — 7 P.M., MacPhie Conference Room
February 3, The Reverend David M. O'Leary, S.T.L., D.Phil., University Chaplain "Overview of the Series"
February 10, Jane Etish-Andrews, Director, International Center, and Ana Martinez, A'05 "A Baha'i Perspective"
February 24, Ms. Suzanne Morse Communications Manager, Voice of the Faithful Topic To Be Announced
March 3, To Be Announced
March 10, Professor Ayesha Jalal, Department of History Topic To Be Announced
March 31, Professor David Arond Faculty Advisor to Buddhist Students "The Role of Engaged Buddhism in Issues of Social Justice"
April 7—28 To Be Announced

NOON HOUR CONCERT SERIES this semester will continue at Goddard Chapel under the auspices of the Music Department Thursdays at 12:30 beginning January 27. For information call the Music Department (617) 627-3564.

INGRID MATTSON
Dr. Ingrid Mattson is Director of Islamic Chaplaincy and Professor at the MacDonald Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT.

Dr. Mattson earned her Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from the University of Chicago in 1999. Her research is focused on Islamic law and society; among her articles are studies on slavery, poverty, and Islamic legal theory.

Professor Ingrid Mattson,
Islamic Studies and Director of Muslim Chaplaincy
Hartford Seminary — 2005 Russell Lecturer
Tuesday, March 15

Dr. Mattson was born in Canada, where she studied Philosophy at the University of Waterloo, Ontario (B.A. '87). From 1987-1988 she lived in Pakistan where she worked with Afghan refugee women. In 2001 Dr. Mattson was elected Vice-President of the Islamic Society of North America.

Special Selected Events
Archdiocesan Black Catholic Choir Sunday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony and Hall of Diversity Awards Ceremony Monday, January 31, 12:00 p.m.
Celebrity Series—Irshad Manji Wednesday, March 30, 6 p.m.
Worship Services at Goddard Chapel
General Protestant Service Sunday 7 PM
Roman Catholic Mass Sunday 10 PM
Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
12 Noon February 9th
Ash Wednesday Mass
5:30 PM February 9th
Lenten Weekday Mass 12:30 PM
2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8 & 3/15
Orthodox Christian Gatherings
Call Chapel for days and times
Undergrad & Graduate Buddhist Gatherings
Call Chapel for days and times

FRIENDS OF GODDARD
CHAPEL SOCIETY

The Friends of Goddard Chapel Society was established to support the work of the Office of University Chaplain, its programming, and to continue the beautification of Goddard Chapel proper.

There are many opportunities for giving. Below are some current needs.

Non traditional religious/spiritual groups are in need of programming support; the Hindu, Buddhist, Baha’i & Unitarian Universalists.

The pews are in need of new cushions. The old cushions have lost their stuffing. There is a naming opportunity for a Fall Lectureship, thus becoming the "Name"

Lectureship.

The entire Chapel area is in need of air conditioning. This is true for Spring, Summer & Fall weddings, concerts, and other events. It is also a growing necessity for climate control to protect our Hook & Hastings organ and the restored stained glass. A special "Name Plaque" would be placed in the quad foyer of Goddard Chapel.

Finally, there is an opportunity to endow the Office of University Chaplain with a Chair, thus becoming the "Name" Professor of Religion & Society.

All donations are tax deductible and count towards giving to Tufts University.

If you would like more information on any of the above giving or naming opportunities, please call the University Chaplain, at (617) 627-3427.

Drinan Speaks on Human Rights
Reprinted from Tufts Daily
November 11, 2004
By Jillian Harrison

Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J. spoke to a crowd of about 40 in Goddard Chapel on Tuesday about taking personal and national responsibility for human rights at the international level. Drinan’s talk, entitled “How Can America Advance Democracy and Human Rights?” was the second part of the University Chaplaincy’s Religion and Law Forum.

A Catholic priest and former U.S. congressman, Drinan addressed three main points in his lecture: the evolution of human rights, the revolution in Congress for human rights, and what individuals can do to promote human rights. "If there is one concept of an international morality, it is the importance of human rights," Drinan said, adding that there are still obstacles to the recognition of human rights in America." You just can’t change humanity so that we are suddenly so much better than we were," he said.

"[The United States] pretends that we are a superpower," Drinan said. "But we are not living up to our duties." Drinan traced the evolution of the U.S. stance on human rights, first lauding President Jimmy Carter, who made "human rights the soul of our foreign policy," he said. Under Carter, "the world saw that the U.S. was serious about human rights," Drinan said. President Ronald Reagan kept human rights in the national spotlight, but focused exclusively on "anti-communism," and President George H. W. Bush brought "four years of ambiguity," Drinan said. As for President Bill Clinton, Drinan labeled him "devoted to human rights," but his evaluation of the current president was much more damning—George W. Bush "seems militantly against human rights," he said.

Drinan urged students to "keep up with this" issue of human rights, because it is "a movement of global consequence." He urged the audience to "learn about it, pray about it, and act on it." He cautioned that "we in the United States, isolated by two great oceans, don't want" to get involved in human rights on an international scale.

Islamic nations can pose unique difficulties in this domain. "It is an entirely new problem in the history of our country, where suddenly one fifth of the world’s population doesn’t like us," he said. Drinan came down in opposition to the Iraq war, asking "Why are we bombing these poor people? Why do we want Fallujah?" You may say

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ambiguous? Is that a heart attack you’re having? Make it fast. Because if more of us don’t speak out against the imperialists within Islam, these guys will walk away with the show.”

Manji offers a practical vision of how the United States and its allies can help Muslims undertake a reformation that empowers women, promotes respect for religious minorities, and fosters a competition of ideas. Her vision revives Islam’s lost tradition of independent thinking. This book will inspire struggling Muslims worldwide to revisit the foundations of their faith. It will also compel non-Muslims worldwide to start posing important questions without fear of being deemed “racists.” In more ways than one, The Trouble With Islam is a clarion call for a fatwa-free future.

She recently served as Writer-in-Residence at the University of Toronto, and she currently hosts Big Ideas, a television program that features the thinkers who are changing how we view the world — and ourselves.

Recognizing her passion for human rights, Ms. Magazine has named Irshad a “Feminist for the 21st Century.” This spring, Irshad received the Saints Alive Award from the Metropolitan Church of San Francisco. She has also been chosen a recipient of this year’s Simon Wiesenthal Award of Valor.

Requiem Aeternam
Eternal Rest
Professor Virginia Brereton
Professor Miriam Balmuth
Trustee John O’Neil
Kimberly Barry, Fletcher ’95
Jeanne Fowler-Sussman

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“Well, those are political issues,” he said. “Well, they’re human rights issues.” Drinan provided examples of specific cases in which the United States has broken international law, including the possession of 19 submarines with 2,000 nuclear weapons in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, he said.

“Why are we doing this? It’s not to protect democracy and it’s not to protect human rights,” Drinan said.

Drinan emphasized the importance of individual action. “You may say ‘I just want to lead a simple life.’ Well, you can’t...we are all called to democracy,” he said. “We have to be well-informed, we have to be articulate, and we have to defend human rights.” He gave the example of a Catholic lawyer in London who was just “one man,” but took on the case of five unlawfully detained Portuguese students. That “one man” founded what became Amnesty International. “You count,” Drinan said to his audience. Drinan called attention to specific issues that students could work on, including the “plague of AIDS,” the plight of refugees, and issues of children’s rights. The world is begging for the U.S. to give, and we give, but not enough,” he said. “When I read the foreign press, it is very painful.” Drinan said the United States ranks only 21st among the list of 26 “donor nations” that give money to the poor, relative to size.

He made a special call to the Catholics in the audience. “The whole world

is looking at American Catholicism,” he said. According to Drinan, the 62 million Catholics in the United States make up 26 percent of the country’s population, leading other countries to wonder, “Can’t [Catholics] have more impact?” “They see the scandals...but they also see the promise,” he said, adding that Catholics are the “best-paid ethnic group in the country.” Drinan also said that he was “disappointed in the Catholic vote” in this year’s presidential election. “We have to face the fact that it is a conservative country, it’s a selfish country,” he said. Drinan said religion and politics are intertwined. “You can say that the churches should be completely removed from politics, but that’s a myth. You need the churches,” he said.

Currently a law professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, Drinan has acted as a visiting law professor at a number of U.S. law schools and is the former dean of the Boston College Law School.

Drinan served in the U.S. Congress as the Massachusetts representative from the Fourth District from 1971 to 1981. He resigned when the newly-elected Pope John Paul II changed Church policy so that a priest could no longer serve as a politician.

TSUNAMI DISASTER & HOPE

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the many families of the world who suffered the effects of the devastating tsunami on December 26, 2004. As we are going to press, many are planning the Tufts University response. There will be a service of remembrance on January 27 at 6 p.m. led by the University Chaplain and the Associate Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Protestant Chaplains. University Chaplain Reverend David O’Leary was a guest on Neil Conlan’s N. P. R. “Talk of the Nation” program on January 6, 2005. The topic was the religious response to the tsunami. Below is a brief excerpt of the interview. “Natural disasters like the tsunami should not be seen as punishment from God. The monotheistic traditions would say God has an active and passive will. God’s passive will allows nature and the natural order to have its own free will. Our task as believers is to use our free will to help those in need. The Christian Scriptures have the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:33). The story is an answer to the question who is my neighbor? The story shows that my neighbor is anyone in need.”

Below are some of the many agencies helping with emergency response, food, and medicine.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

American Jewish Services, Inc.
45 W. 36th Street, 10 Fl.
New York, NY 10018
http://www.AJWS.org

American Red Cross
2025 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
http://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.form.asp

Americares
88 Hamilton Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
http://www.americares.org

Catholic Relief Services, Inc.
209 West Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
http://www.catholicrelief.org

FOOD & MEDICINE

Dharma Vijaya Buddhist Vihara
1847 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
http://www.dharmavijaya.org

Doctors of the World–USA, Inc.
375 W. Broadway, 4 Fl.
New York, NY 10012
http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org

Oxfam America, Inc.
26 West Street
Boston, MA 02111
http://www.oxfamamerica.org

United Nations World Food Program
Friends of WFP
P. O. Box 11856
Washington, DC 20008

HISTORY OF VALENTINE’S DAY

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday?

The history of Valentine’s Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine’s Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine’s actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

New Book Proceeds to Friends of Goddard Chapel Society

Reverend David O’Leary, University Chaplain will have a new book published this coming April by the University Press of America. The original title is “A Study of Josef Fuchs’ Writings on Human Nature & Morality.” The publisher indicated there may be a title change. All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Friends of Goddard Chapel Society.

This is Fr. O’Leary’s fifth book. Previous titles that are still available are:

“Seeking the Path of God’s Justice, An Analysis of the U. S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Economic Justice”

“Roman Catholic Beliefs & Prayers, a Handbook for Those on a Spiritual Journey”

All of the above books can be purchased through the Tufts University Bookstore or directly from the Office of University Chaplain.

The one out-of-print book was “A Vision of Catechesis for Today and Pointers on Catechetical Instruction.”
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