



VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

Villanova University's Inaugural Graduate Theology Conference:

“Faith and Culture: Theologians of the Future in Dialogue”

The 2012 Theme:

The Role of the Theologian in the Public Square

Date: April 20th, 2012, 3:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Location: Villanova University
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Leonard Swidler, Professor of Catholic Thought and Interreligious Dialogue, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Call for Papers: The Graduate Theology Student Committee of Villanova University, in collaboration with the Theology Institute and the Graduate Program in Theology at Villanova University, invites submission of paper proposals for its inaugural graduate theology student conference. Proposals that address the theological, biblical, philosophical, religious, ethical, spiritual, ministerial, or historical dimensions of the theme are especially welcome.

Possible topics may include:

1. The boundaries of religious and public spheres
2. Faith and politics/economics/arts
3. Cultural pluralism/globalization and ecclesial inculturation
4. The relationship between authority and culture
5. The role of the theologian in shaping ethical/spiritual/ministerial discourse
6. Diagnosing “public”/contemporary culture
7. The responsibility of lay ministers
8. Pluralism and ecumenical/interfaith dialogue, etc.

Abstracts of 300 words should be sent to gradthl.conference@villanova.edu by Monday, Feb. 20th, 2012. Include name and institutional and departmental affiliation. All proposals will receive a response by March 1.

