

Dear Colleague,

We invite you to celebrate the **Twenty-Fifth Anniversary** of the **Gettysburg Conference** sponsored by the **American Cusanus Society** and the **International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology** of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. Plenaries, papers, and working sessions will explore the complex relations between Christians and Muslims at the dawn of the modern age. Our focus will be on works by Nicholas of Cusa (*De pace fidei*, 1453, a dialogue on world religions, and *Cribratio Alkorani*, 1460-61, a critical reading of the Qur'an) and his contemporary John of Segovia. We shall also consider the Koran's portrayal of Jesus and other Muslim responses to Christianity. In the end, we hope that our discussions will contribute to today's urgent need for improved understanding between Muslims and Christians.

Our conference committee (Jesse Mann, Ann Marie Wolf, and Rita George-Tvrtkovic) has included time to remember departed colleagues and dedicate the Cusanus collection of the late H. Lawrence Bond now in the seminary library. And as usual we'll allow plenty of time for social hours, relaxation, battlefield tours, inter-faith and ecumenical services and our convivial banquet—all in the midst of colorful, historic Gettysburg.

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Program co-chairs

Gerald Christianson
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00p.m. Appalachian Brewing Company (Optional) Dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

3:00 p.m.

Public Lecture I

Introduction to the Conference Theme

Donald Duclow, Gwynedd-Mercy College

The Richard John Neuhaus Lecture:

"Dominican Intellectuals and the Qur'an, 1200-1320"

Thomas Burman, University of Tennessee Knoxville

4:15 p.m.

Public Lecture II

The F. Edward Cranz Lecture:

"The Messiah 'Isa, Son of Mary:

Jesus in the Islamic Tradition"

Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University

5:00 p.m.

Social Hour and Dedication of the Bond Collection

7:45 p.m.

Public Session III

Roundtable on Christian-Muslim Dialogue Today

Rita George-Tvrtkovic, St. Benedict University

Athar Rafiq & Dr. Rukhsana Rahman, Gettysburg

Zeyneb & Salih Sayilgan, Georgetown University

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 a.m. Inter-Religious Service of Prayer with Commemorations

9:00 a.m.

Session I

Cusanus and Islam

"A Critical Survey of Cusanus' Writings on Islam"

Walter Andreas Euler, Cusanus Institute, Trier

"Reading *De pace fidei* Christologically: Nicholas of Cusa's *Verbum*
Dialectic of Religious Concordance"

Joshua Hollman, McGill University

"Divine Difference and Religious Unity: On the Relation between
De docta ignorantia, *De pace fidei* and *Cribratio Alkorani*"

Knut Alfsvåg, Stavanger

"One Faith—Different Rites:

Religious Pluralism, the Qu'ran, and Nicholas of Cusa"

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

11:15 a.m.

Session II

Working Session on Islamic texts

1:30 p.m.

Session III

Muslim Responses to Christianity

"Nicholas of Cusa and the Problem of *Tarif*:

Textual Falsification and Interreligious Harmony"

Sandra Keating, Providence College

"Ibn Tamiyya"

Thomas Michel, Georgetown University

"Appropriation, Rejection, or Critical Examination?

Muslim Responses to Christianity in the Classical Period"

Tamara Albertini, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

3:00 p.m.

Free time/Battlefield tour

5:15 p.m.

Mass

6:00 p.m.

Social Hour

Business meeting of the American Cusanus Society

7:15 p.m.

Candlelight Banquet

Schedule continued inside

Gettysburg Conference

The Thirteenth Biennial
Conference of the
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and the American Cusanus
Society**

**CHRISTIAN-
MUSLIM
DIALOGUE IN THE
LATE MIDDLE
AGES**

25th Anniversary Year

**October 12 -
October 14, 2012**

Gettysburg Lutheran
Seminary
Gettysburg, PA

Please return this form by August 24

For easiest accessibility, a rental car is recommended.

We will provide free transportation to and from Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI) and Washington Dulles Airport (IAD) according to the following schedule:

Thursday, October 11

Leave Washington Dulles Time to Gettysburg
Early evening approximately 2 hours

Friday, October 12

Leave BWI Airport Time to Gettysburg
Morning approx. 1.5 hours
Afternoon
Early Evening

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Sunday, October 14

Leave Gettysburg Time To BWI Airport
12:30 p.m. approx. 1.5 hours
3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 14

Leave Gettysburg Time to Washington Dulles
3:30 p.m. approx. 2 hours

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Arriving _____ (Date)

Airport _____ (BWI or Dulles)

On _____ (Airline)

Flight # _____ At _____ (Flight Time)

Departing Sunday, Oct. 14

Airport _____ (BWI or Dulles)

On _____ (Airline)

Flight # _____ At _____ (Flight Time)

_____ I plan to drive.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Word and Sacrament
9:15 a.m. **Session IV**

Historical Perspectives

“Perspectives on Islam in Late Medieval Italy
and Byzantium”

Marica Costigliolo, University of Genoa

“How to Deal with Muslims? Raymond Lull and Ignatius of
Loyola”

Paul Richard Blum, Loyola University of Maryland

11:00 a.m. **Session V**
Working Session on texts by Cusanus and John of Segovia

Departures begin at 12:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Appalachian Brewing Company (Optional) Lunch

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NAME _____

SPOUSE OR

GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ home

_____ office

_____ U.S. cell*

*cell number needed for the shuttle driver

REGISTRATION (\$80.00) \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 24 to:
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

AT GETTYSBURG

Attn: EVENTS COORDINATOR

61 SEMINARY RIDGE

GETTYSBURG, PA 17325 USA

Email: wmizenko@ltsge.edu

Checks payable to Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

MEALSOctober 12

Breakfast* (\$6.50) \$ _____

Lunch (\$7.00) \$ _____

Dinner (\$15.00) \$ _____

October 13

Breakfast* (\$6.50) \$ _____

Lunch (\$10.00) \$ _____

Banquet (\$20.00) \$ _____

October 14

Breakfast *(\$6.50) \$ _____

*Continental Breakfast

TOTAL MEALS \$ _____

LODGING

On campus (17 singles; mostly shared baths)

October 12 (\$35.00) \$ _____

October 13 (\$35.00) \$ _____

TOTAL LODGING \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

If you prefer off-campus lodging, here are some suggestions for making your reservations. (Prices are subject to change; sales tax not included).

Adjacent to the Campus

Larson's Quality Inn **\$97.00/night**

**You must mention that you are attending the
Seminary Event.**

401 Buford Ave
(located on Rt. 30 at Seminary Ridge)
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone: 717-334-3141

Reservations Deadline—**Sept 21**

Historic Gettysburg (automobile needed)

Historic Gettysburg Hotel (Best Western) **\$206/night**

One Lincoln Square
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone: 1-717-337-2000
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-780-7234

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