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.

Donald Duclow and Ian Levy
Program co-chairs

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
7:00 p.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. 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
TRANSPORTATION

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.

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MEALS

(October 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 $________

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

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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For additional local accommodations and information please visit: www.gettysburg.travel/visitor/stay.asp