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Edwards Lecture: Monotheism at the Millennium

What are the origins of belief in one God? What is the place of monotheism in our culture 2,000 years since the birth of Christianity and 3,000 years since the rise of the Israelite state? Professor and Hebrew scholar Samuel A. Meier will discuss these questions, using texts and artifacts not readily available to the public, as part of the Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion.

"Monotheism at the Millennium: Recent Developments in the History of God" will be the topic of Meier's lecture. He is a professor in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at The Ohio State University. Meier will address the public Wednesday, Oct. 18. His public speech will begin at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall. There is no admission fee.

An expert in Semitic languages and literatures, with primary emphasis on biblical Hebrew, Meier is the author of The Messenger in the Ancient Semitic World (1988) and Speaking of Speaking: Marking Direct Discourse in Biblical Hebrew (1992). He also serves as adjunct professor of history, where he teaches the history of ancient Israel.

Meier has been a guest at the Rockefeller Study and Conference Center in Bellagio (Italy) and has received The Ohio State University Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award. He presently is engaged in research on the Dead Sea Scrolls and prophecy in Ancient Israel. Meier also is coordinator of the Hebrew Program at The Ohio State University.

Meier has a Ph.D. from Harvard University and performed graduate work at Hebrew University (Jerusalem).

Meier's appearance is supported by a generous grant from the William and Julia Edwards family. For additional information on Meier or the Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion, contact Jeffrey Koperski, assistant professor of philosophy, at 791-7751.
Kent Kirby Retrospective on display in University Art Gallery

An exhibit that traces the development of works of art by printmaker and photographer Kent Kirby will be on display Oct. 5 through 26 in the University Art Gallery.

Kirby will lecture on the development of his art at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4 in A112.

Gallery hours are 1 to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information on the exhibition, call 790-4391.

Retention focus of workshop series

Select Student Support Services (4S) is sponsoring a series of workshops aimed at improving retention for at-risk students.

Woody Pelton and Jim Hamrick will discuss International Student Services and English as a Second Language at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 in Curtiss Hall Seminar Room E.

Cynthia Woiderski will address services for disabled students at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 in Seminar Room E.

Minority Student Services will be the topic for John Flores at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Seminar Room F.

Refreshments will be served. Faculty interested in attending the workshops should RSVP to Dawn Hinton at 790-7034. 4S is a King/Chavez/Parks initiative.

Axe Bowl highlights Homecoming Week activities

"Choppin' the Wood" is the theme for this year's Homecoming celebration, Oct. 8 through 14. Among the scheduled events are:

- Powderpuff football and cheerleading competition at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 at the I.M. Football Fields.
- Cardinal Variety Showcase at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.
- Midnight Madness at 11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 in Ryder Center. In this first-ever event, the Cardinal basketball squads will participate in a co-ed scrimmage to kick off their seasons. Door prizes will be awarded.

Events scheduled for Homecoming Day, Saturday, Oct. 14, include:

- Homecoming Parade at 11 a.m. through campus.
- Homecoming football game against Northwood University at noon in Wickes Memorial Stadium.
- King and Queen Coronation Ceremony at halftime, along with a daytime fireworks display, in Wickes Stadium.
- The Axe Bowl presentation, immediately following the game in Wickes Stadium.
- Homecoming Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in Curtiss Hall seminar rooms.

For further information, call 790-4170.

Have You Heard?

- The Office of Career Planning and Placement is hosting a Graduate School Information Fair from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 in Alumni Lounge. For more information, contact Michael Simon at 790-4948.
- The SVSU Faculty Association Fall Banquet takes place at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Student recipients of the Faculty Association Endowed Scholarship and the faculty recipients of the Faculty Association Awards for Scholarship and University Service will be announced. Entertainment for the evening is The Lost Land – The Poems of Eavan Boland: A Reading with Commentary, presented by Dow Visiting Scholar and Irish Poet Eavan Boland. Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased from faculty secretaries on third floor Curtiss Hall, third floor Brown Hall, or first floor Science Building. For more information, call 790-4235.
- Influenza Virus Vaccines are available in Health Services for $6. No appointment is necessary. Special clinics will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 and 21 in C116. For more information call 790-4271.
- The United Way Campaign is under way at SVSU. Pledge forms are available by contacting Kathy Nowaczyk in W314.

The 2000-01 Faculty/Staff Directory is being distributed around campus today. Call 790-4039 for a limited number of additional copies.

The Cardinal Football Fan Bus is headed to Mercyhurst!

Plans are being made and seats are filling a fan bus to Mercyhurst College on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Only 20 seats remaining! Advanced registration required. Call 790-4423 to reserve your seat now!

7 a.m., depart from Ryder Center parking lot
1:30 p.m., game begins
4:45 p.m., return to SVSU immediately after game
11 p.m., estimated arrival time at SVSU

Cost: $40 per person includes:

- Comfortable bus ride with refreshments
- Ticket to the game
- Contests and prizes
- Great fun with the most enthusiastic supporters of Cardinal Athletics

Join Cardinal Club members, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the University to cheer the SVSU football team to another exciting victory!
SVSU gets 989 area code

The Michigan Public Service Commission announced that SVSU will fall under a new 989 area code next year, along with other Saginaw area residents and businesses.

The new area code will be available for use beginning Jan. 1. It becomes mandatory July 1. The commission ruled that the change was necessary because the 517 area code covers too large a geographic area.

The Office of University Communications and the Graphics Center will handle requests on an individual basis for printed items with the new area code.

Dow Visiting Scientist to lecture

Internationally-acclaimed Irish poet Eavan Boland will be at SVSU as part of the Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Program during October. Boland will present a lecture from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The campus community is invited to a Brown Bag Lunch with Boland from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

Later Friday, at 7:30 p.m., the poet will present “The Lost Land – the Poems of Eavan Boland: a Reading With Commentary,” in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. A reception and book signing will follow the lecture.

Parking, police services handled by Department of Public Safety

Parking rules on campus have been established by the Board of Control through enactment of the SVSU Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Ordinance. There are several free parking lots located throughout the campus, although a permit always is required to park overnight. All parking at SVSU is controlled by signage.

Those who wish to appeal parking tickets may do so by completing an appeal form available from Parking Services. The form then is sent to the 70th District Court for adjudication.

Parking citations that are not paid, or are appealed through Parking Services, within 14 days of issuance, are sent directly to the 70th District Court for adjudication.

Questions regarding unique parking needs should be directed to Joyce Payne at 790-4140 during normal business hours, or 790-4141 in the evening until midnight. Parking Services will try to accommodate all special requests for parking if made in a timely manner.

Parking Services also offers the Motorist Assist Program, which provides assistance to those needing battery jumps, vehicles unlocked and gasoline. There is no charge for this service. Call 790-4141 for assistance.

Emergency calls for service should be directed to Saginaw Central Dispatch at 9-911 (from on campus), 911 (from off-campus). Central Dispatch coordinates emergency calls for police, fire and medical services throughout Saginaw County.

The Department of Public Safety can be contacted directly at 790-4141. The campus community is encouraged to use Public Safety’s direct number for any communication not involving an immediate emergency. Public Safety’s phone generally is answered from 8 a.m. until midnight Monday through Friday, and 6 p.m. until midnight Saturday and Sunday, with some exceptions during holidays and other times the University is closed.

One of Public Safety’s responsibilities is to help provide for the safety of all those who travel to and through the campus. Police officers focus their traffic enforcement efforts on violations involving speeding, failure to stop for stop signs, and failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Officers have issued many citations for these violations. Everyone is encouraged to drive safely, buckle-up and pay particular attention to pedestrian safety.

SVSU, Delta authorize agreements

Delta College and SVSU recently celebrated the signing of two articulation agreements for students who complete two-year degree requirements at Delta, to transfer into baccalaureate programs at SVSU.

Clifford Dorne, associate professor of criminal justice, said the department was “honored” to be renewing the criminal justice articulation agreement.

“Our two programs have a long history of cooperation and collaboration,” Dorne said.

Robin McKinney, assistant professor of social work, represented his department in the signing of a new agreement.

For additional information on these and all articulation agreements between SVSU and other institutions, call the Admissions Office at 790-4200.
The campus community extends condolences to the family of Martha G. Arnold, who died Sept. 21 at her home in Midland. Arnold, who received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from SVSU, served on the SVSU Foundation Board. She retired after 35 years as director of music at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland.

**Professional Profile**

- **Barron Hirsch**, professor of art, has been appointed exhibit project consultant by the Shiawassee Arts Council. Hirsch will supervise the installation of the exhibit “Frederick Frieske, American Impressionist” and provide expertise on the French Impressionist movement. The exhibit is supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Humanities.
- **John V. Jeziorski**, professor of history, received a Historical Society of Michigan “Award of Merit” for his book, *Enterprising Images*, at its 126th Annual Meeting, Sept. 30 in Sault Ste. Marie. The awards are presented to “individuals and organizations who have made an outstanding contribution to the appreciation and understanding of Michigan history and are part of a proud tradition that goes back to the founding of the Historical Society in 1828.”
- **Tai-Chi Lee**, professor and chair of the Computer Science Department, presented a paper titled “A Prototype Model for Traffic Networks” at the 2000 Summer Computer Simulation Conference, this July in Vancouver. The conference was sponsored by the Society for Computer Simulation International.
- **Kathleen Pelkki**, Biology Department laboratory technician, and **Sally Shepardson**, lecturer of biology, received a $1,500 grant from Pearson Publishing for purchase of electronic balances used in BIOL 220 Principles of Biology Lab courses.
- **Steve Yanca**, associate professor of social work, published a textbook with Louise C. Johnson, professor emeritus, University of South Dakota. *Social Work Practice: A Generalist Approach, 7th Ed.* (Allyn & Bacon, 2001) is a major social work text that is considered a classic for BSW students. It has been modernized by blending an ecosystems strengths approach with the problem solving process in social work practice. Yanca also co-authored a revised instructor’s manual that accompanies the text. He has authored a new website that is in development and will offer students an opportunity to take practice exams online to prepare for exams from the instructor’s manual.

**Across Campus**

- The campus community extends condolences to the family of **Larry Fitzpatrick**, retired director of Personnel, who died Sept. 30; to **James Hernandez**, assistant director of admissions, on the loss of his mother, Lola Hernandez, who died Sept. 19; and to **Janet Robinson**, professor of psychology, on the loss of her brother, Ron Robinson, who died Sept. 18.

**Transitions**

Please note the following Human Resource changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

**SVSU Welcomes**

- **Tim Clark**, Director, Center for Manufacturing Improvement, C142, 790-4047
- **Ruth Garske**, Administrative Secretary, College of Education (St.Clair), (810) 982-5530
- **Kathy Marenich**, Custodian, 790-4279
- **Thomas McCann**, Director, Math Resource Center, W333, 249-4648, tmccann@svsu.edu
- **Janet Miller**, Macomb Graduate Representative, (810) 749-0067
- **Jackie Osborn**, ESL Specialist, Z132A, 497-4928, jlosborn@svsu.edu
- **Cynthia Sager**, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership & Services, E156, 497-4978, csager@svsu.edu
- **Kristina Schmidtfrazn**, Instructional Technology Resource Trainer, W372, 497-4892, kaschmid@svsu.edu
- **Melissa Seitz**, Instructor of English, B222, 497-4981
- **Karen Stearns**, Assistant Professor of TE, Middle & Secondary, E105A, 497-4930, kstearns@svsu.edu
- **Ann-Catherine Sullivan**, Assistant Professor of TE, Elementary & Special, E186, 497-4979
- **Daniel Tyger**, Web Instructional Technology Specialist, W370, 497-4976, dtyger@svsu.edu

**Retiring**

- **Laurene Powell**

**Moving On**

- **Nancy Samolewski**
- **Kristina Schultz**

**High Five**

- **Football** (4-1) — defeated Ashland University 42-35 in overtime. This weekend, SVSU travels to Mercyhurst College. The game will be broadcast on WSGW Radio.
- **Tennis** (5-4, 4-4) — rolled to a 7-2 win over Mercyhurst College. The Cards swept all three doubles flights.
- **Volleyball** (6-3, 2-7) — earned a win over Ferris State University Saturday.

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Michael D. Andrzejewski

Energy Management Specialist/HVAC Working Foreman

Physical Plant

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Anyone who needs something torn apart and put back together again should call Mike Andrzejewski.

“When I was a little kid, I was always tearing things apart,” said Andrzejewski, laughing. “My dad would always say, ‘You’ll never be able to put that back together.’”

Following high school graduation, Andrzejewski was faced with the decision to find a job or go to college.

“In 1974, it was tough finding work,” Andrzejewski recalled. “I should have gone to college, but instead decided to enlist in the Navy.”

Andrzejewski’s four years in the Navy provided an opportunity to learn boiler maintenance. A position with Consumers Energy in Phoenix, Ariz. gave him additional training in air conditioning and refrigeration systems.

In 1984, Andrzejewski joined SVSU’s maintenance department, which consisted of only five full-time employees.

“We didn’t specialize until after IF2 was built,” he noted. Today, Physical Plant includes a number of skilled trades specialists – plumbers, electricians, grounds, maintenance and HVAC.

As HVAC working foreman, Andrzejewski oversees all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems on campus.

This summer, Andrzejewski filled in for Dave Mroziński, who was on a medical leave of absence. During that period, Andrzejewski coordinated work requests and time sheets for all Physical Plant departments.

Mechanical systems operate smoothly at SVSU, Andrzejewski said, due to a high level of organization.

“The entire campus is monitored by a computerized building automation system that is located in the Service Building,” he said. “We can monitor pretty much everything with this technology – the status of equipment, space temperatures, air handling. And, I can dial in from home to check the equipment, which has been a super tool for trouble shooting.”

Andrzejewski emphasized that the addition last summer of the energy loop on campus has resulted in dramatic savings in time, energy and money.

“Before the energy loop, we used to run every air conditioning water chiller in each building. Now, even on our hottest summer days, we run only three of the seven chillers.

“It also helps us avoid any interruptions in service,” Andrzejewski continued. “If we lose a chiller in one building, we just switch the load over to another machine. Even if there is a malfunction, nobody would know except the mechanics.”

Andrzejewski said he spends most of his time following a schedule of routine preventative maintenance that helps ensure all mechanical equipment on campus will operate without breakdowns.

When not wearing his tool belt, Andrzejewski enjoys year-round camping, hunting and fishing in the West Branch area with his wife, Rosalie, and two sons, Mark, 15, and Michael, 11.
A quick glance at George Puia’s curriculum vitae and one gets the impression he likes things fast paced and enjoys change. Since 1982, Puia’s lived in New Jersey, Florida, Kansas, Saudi Arabia, and many points in between. His educational and career experiences mirror this passion for change and new perspectives. Let Puia tell you in his own words:

“My research has been in how companies respond to large scale changes in their environments,” he said. “I’m interested in how they respond, how they make sense of their environment and what changes do they make.

“Organizations make sense of things as they are happening: ‘What does it mean to us?’”

Puia is hoping to infuse his appreciation of organizational change to his students at all levels.

In his current undergrad class, “International Management,” he said his role is to help students understand how the management function changes when companies cross borders.

“We discuss cross-cultural management skills and diversity in the workforce,” Puia said. And he speaks from several years of experience. Before coming to SVSU in August as The Dow Chemical Co. Centennial Chair in Global Business, Puia spent 15 years in industry, five years in international marketing, including two of those years in Saudi Arabia, where he saw “incredible juxtapositions of old and new technology, old and new culture.” Puia also was chief operating officer for a television station.

In the winter, Puia will teach “International Entrepreneurship” and introduce a new course to SVSU students: “Global E-commerce.” The course will be offered to both graduate and undergraduate students. The class is right up his alley.

Of the latter course, Puia said the new technologies have forced companies to reconsider how they are structured to compete. The first course is about more than just starting a business, he said. “It’s about starting a business internationally.”

“More and more small companies are starting out globally. The Internet helps people become global. To get information to 190 countries for a small company used to be impossible. Now, they can put up a web page.”

The class also will address how one can spot global opportunities before they happen and how to develop a business plan that’s ready to take to a bank for capital.

Puia hopes his students will learn there are extraordinary opportunities to success globally, either in the Saginaw Valley or beyond.

“Because the United State has been so successful, we forget how many opportunities exist outside our borders.”

In addition, Puia will work with the business community to develop partnerships with the College of Business & Management, as well as help his colleagues in other colleges consider global research.

Puia graduated from Finney High in Detroit, received bachelor’s degrees from MSU and Edison State College (New Jersey), received his master’s from National-Louis University (Illinois) and Ph.Ds from Northwestern and the University of Kansas. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children: Michael, 10, and Natalie, 9.