

Global Gratitude!



Global Ministries University is indeed blessed by its students, faculty, family, and friends and is so very thankful for your continued solidarity and support!

Certificate of Accreditation

Be it known that

GLOBAL MINISTRIES UNIVERSITY

has satisfactorily met all the educational standards set by

European Agency for Higher Education & Accreditation regarding administrative responsibility, institutional integrity, and academic quality. The above named institution has attained

Full Accreditation

and is entitled to all of the privileges and obligations thereunto appertaining. In witness thereof the Accreditation Commission has authorized the issuance of this certificate duly signed and sealed by the EAHEA.

This document is valid between 19 October 2023 and 18 October 2024.



Emily Brunner

Signatory
Commission Member, Europe



Lene Kjersdam

Signatory
General Secretary, EAHEA

GMU Receives Accreditation from the European Agency for Higher Education



The European Agency for Higher Education Accreditation has granted Global Ministries University a grade of "A - Full Accreditation." EAHEA evaluated GMU's Administrative Responsibility, Institutional Integrity, and Academic Quality.

EAHEA accreditation focuses primarily on educational quality from a global and international perspective, not national interests.

[Read the complete audit report.](#)

Famed Theologian Matthew Fox Joins GMU Faculty

The renowned visionary theologian offered a FREE lecture on "Creation Spirituality and Religion and Science" in November and may teach courses in the future.

Matthew Fox is a spiritual theologian, an Episcopal priest, and an activist for gender



justice and eco-justice. He has written 41 books that have been translated into other languages over 79 times. Among them are *Original Blessing*, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, *A Spirituality Named Compassion*, *The Reinvention of Work*, *The Hidden Spirituality of Men*, *Christian Mystics*, *The Pope's War*, *Natural Grace*, *The Physics of Angels: Exploring the Realm Where Science and Spirit Meet* (with scientist Rupert Sheldrake), *The Tao of*

Thomas Aquinas, *Meister Eckhart: A Mystic-Warrior for Our Times*, and *Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic...and Beyond*

Learn more about
Matthew.



International Council on Distance and Open Education

President Grudzen gave a presentation on GMU's role on "open and distance" global education at the ICDE President's Forum on November 6 in Costa Rica. He highlighted GMU's biennial free international interfaith

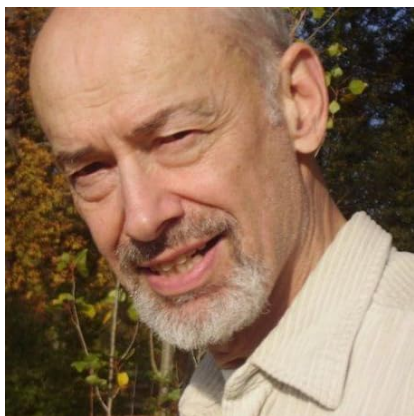


Gerald and Marita Grudzen are photographed with Oscar Arias, former President of Costa Rica and winner of the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize.

conferences on *Fratelli Tutti* and *Laudato Si'*. In addition, President Grudzen addressed the [ICDE World Conference](#) speaking on GMU's [Religion and Science program](#) which brings students from Asia, Africa and North America together.



Faculty Focus



Dr. John Raymaker earned an STL master's degree in theology at Catholic University, Washington, D.C (1965), an MS degree in business management from American Technological University (1971), and a Ph.D. degree in Interdisciplinary Social Ethics from Marquette Univ. (1977). He was a member of the Tokyo Oriens Institute for Religious Research (1982-1996), Visiting Professor of Cultural Anthropology, at Hosei Univ. Tokyo (1984-1993), Professor of Biblical Studies, Junshin Univ., Tokyo (1989-1993), and a Fellow at Boston College (1996-1997). He also served as an Army military chaplain from 1977 to 1981 and 1993 to 1996.

As part of his work as a Tokyo Institute for Religious Research member, he was active in interreligious projects in Mindanao, Philippines, and a delegate to the [Globethics 2009 conference in Lukenya, Kenya](#) His involvement in Kenya was subsequently reinforced by his participation in Global Ministries University projects in Kenya.

His publications include many articles in the *Japan Mission Journal* (1978-1995) and the following books:
Empowering Philosophy and Science with the Art of Love: Lonergan and Deleuze in the Light of Buddhist-Christian Ethics

Will Pope Francis or a Successor Call a Vatican III Council?: Some Global and Historical Perspectives on Ongoing Crises (with Gerald Grudzen)
Steps Toward Vatican III: Catholics Pathfinding a Global Spirituality with Islam and Buddhism (with Gerald Grudzen)
Empowering Climate-Change Strategies with Bernard Lonergan's Method (with Ijaz Durrani)
Bernard Lonergan's Third Way of the Heart and Mind: Bridging Some Buddhist-Christian-Muslim-Secularist Misunderstandings with a Global Secularity Ethics
Attentive, Intelligent, Rational, and Responsible: Transforming Economics to Save the Planet (with Bishop Pierre Whalon)

Dr. Raymaker teaches courses, and mentors doctoral candidates in Comparative Religion and Interfaith Studies at GMU.

Librarian's Corner



A Local Treasure: Your Public Library

One of the most amazing services available to nearly everyone in the world is the public library. These libraries are institutions which offer to anyone not only books, but magazines, newspapers,

videos, games, CDs, eBooks, internet access, story hours for kids, a safe, quiet, warm place to hang out, meet with friends, gather as an organized group for meetings, take kids to story hour, and more. Some libraries in the United States offer tools for checkout: leaf blowers, hammers, ladders, lawn mowers. The Berkeley Public Library in California even allows users to borrow kitchen equipment such as slow cookers, cookie cutters, frying pans, blenders, electric mixers, among many other items.

You can walk into any public library and ask questions—a friendly, happy librarian or library assistant will help you with whatever you need. (As a librarian colleague of mine frequently said to patrons who apologized for asking a question, “The only silly question is the one you don’t ask!”) Reference librarians, available in every public library, will give advice and guidance about beginning or continuing your research. Contrary to the stereotype, librarians won’t say “Shshh!” these days. Lively conversation and interaction are encouraged, though there are usually quiet parts of the library where readers can sit peacefully.

All public libraries provide internet access. Anyone can walk in and, usually, just sit down and start using one of the available computers. Need help? A librarian or library worker will be nearby and happy to assist.

And, of course, you can look up titles of books you’re looking for in the online catalog, then find the items on the shelf, using the call numbers given

to locate them. The librarian can help with that. If you have a library card, you can check the books out and take them home. No library card? You can apply for one—it's easy. All you usually need is a piece or two of ID showing your address (policies vary from library to library).

Or maybe the book is available online, as an eBook. The librarian can help you find that, too, and will advise you how to “check it out” and read it online at home.

Not sure what exact book you're looking for? Ask the librarian for help. For example: “Can you show me where the books on Hinduism are located? I just want to browse.” Or type “Hinduism” into the online catalog, jot down a few call numbers, then go look on the shelves.

The reference librarian in any public library can assist in finding any book, from anywhere, even if your library doesn't own the book. Some other libraries, somewhere, will almost always have the items you need, and will ship them to your library via Interlibrary Loan.

Many of our GMU students live in other countries, primarily India and in the African continent. Both of these areas have a network of libraries that are open to the public. These libraries typically house a collection of books, newspapers, magazines, and sometimes multimedia resources. They, too, are there to provide access to information.

It's always a good idea to check with the specific public library you are interested in to understand their policies and procedures for access and use. Public libraries play a crucial role in fostering education, literacy, and community engagement, and they are valuable resources for people from all walks of life.

How to find a local public library? Try searching for “public library [name of city or town]” in Google, Bing or your favorite search engine

Questions? Comments? Reflections? [I'm here...](#) just click on the link!

~Judy Clarence, M.L.I.S., GMU Librarian

Reminder: Faculty Meeting December 4



GMU Registrar, Lee McCoy, has sent an email inviting you to attend the faculty meeting on Zoom on **Monday, December 4 at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)**. If you haven't rsvp'd to Lee yet, please do so soon.

RSVP to Lee for Zoom instructions.

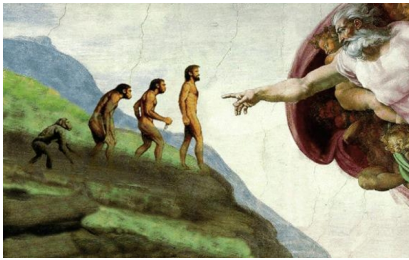
GMU Courses and Programs



Religion and Politics within Orthodox Christianity

Dr. Nazar Sloboda will give a seminar on Religion and Politics within Orthodox Christianity in January 2024. Dr. Sloboda received a Doctorate in Sacred Theology

Ecumenism and Dialogue from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum), Rome, Italy. He will direct GMU graduate studies programs in Orthodox theology and history. Stay tuned for more information.



Religion and Science

A new cohort in the GMU's Religion and Science Program will begin in the spring of 2024. Engage in the compatibility of scholarship and faith.



Community Chaplaincy

Negotiations are underway for collaboration with [All Faiths Seminary](#) on a Community Chaplaincy Program. The curriculum and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) structure are being developed. Stay Tuned for updates. Individual chaplaincy courses are available now.

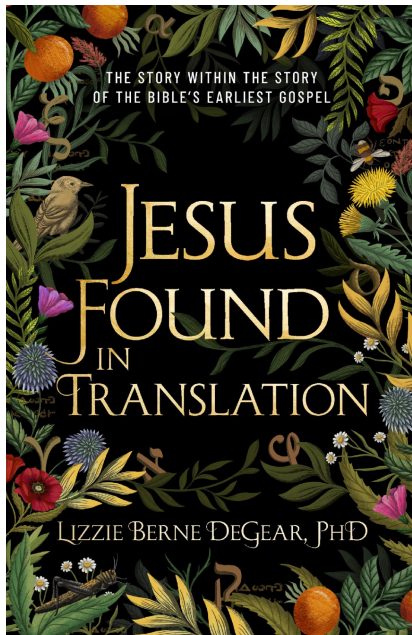
Learn more about GMU's Chaplaincy Programs.

GMU Partners



People today are looking for a more personal approach to rites of passage, such as weddings and funerals. Our focus is to provide formal training that shows you how to design and conduct personal, meaningful wedding ceremonies and funeral services.

Visit the Center for Celebrant Training.



NEW Peoples Catholic Seminary Course *Jesus Found in Translation:*

Connecting your community with some genuinely good news

Beginning in Advent, we will be using Lectionary B -- Mark's Gospel. PCS invites all Presiders in Inclusive Catholic Communities to join a cohort in unpacking the Gospel of Mark, with [Lizzie Berne DeGear](#).

The course begins Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:30 PM Eastern Time. For six Wednesdays (skipping Ash Wednesday) Cost: \$100.

In this seven-week course we will make our way through this powerful little book, discovering a very human Jesus and the transformative movement that came alive in Galilee all those centuries ago. Each week we will explore ways of sharing the themes of expanded consciousness, mutual care and spiritual renewal with your religious communities as well as with your “unaffiliated” or nonreligious friends.

We all could use some authentically good news right now – together let's find it and spread it.

[Learn more.](#)

Alumni Relations



We are happy to announce that GMU graduate, Esther Nditi, is now our Alumni Relations Coordinator. You will be hearing from her soon.

Please continue to keep Frank Pisciotta in your prayers and send him all good energy.

The alumni survey is still active and we appreciate hearing from you!

[Take the survey.](#)

Global Generosity

We express our sincere gratitude to GMU board member, Joseph Ruane, for his very generous monetary contribution to GMU's "Paying It Forward or Backward Campaign," his continued service on the GMU Board of Directors, and his ongoing commitment to the success of Global Ministries University. We invite you to join him on "Giving Tuesday" or any day!

If you have benefited from the excellent education at Global Ministries University and would like to help others succeed as well, you can "Pay it Forward" by contributing to scholarships for those needing financial assistance to pursue their educational goals.

OR...

If you would like to ensure GMU's growth in the 21st Century and contribute to its stature as a valued and recognized educational institution, you can "Pay it Back" by helping to defray some of the financial burdens of maintaining accreditation.

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