

**KRISTIN OHLSON, AUTHOR OF
“STALKING THE DEVINE:
CONTEMPLATING FAITH WITH THE
POOR CLARES” TO SPEAK AT
AQUINAS COLLEGE**

Kristin Ohlson was raised a Catholic but long ago left the religion and no longer believed in God. One Christmas morning, after significant changes in her personal life, a newspaper notice about an inner-city Cleveland church attracted her attention and she decided to attend Mass. While there, a group of nuns cloistered in the back of the church caught her interest. The life-changing experience was the impetus for her memoir “Stalking the Devine: Contemplating Faith with the Poor Clares.”

As part of the celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas Week, **Ohlson will speak about her experience at Aquinas on Tuesday, January 24 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Loutit Room of Wege Student Center.** The event is free and open to the public.

“Stalking the Devine: Contemplating Faith with the Poor Clares” is an exploration of what it is to devote one’s life to God and the author’s quest to find out if reconnecting with her faith will help fill the void she feels in her life. During her three years of dialogue with the Poor Clares, she learned some essential lessons about commitment, love and what really constitutes faith.

Ohlson is a freelance journalist, essayist and fiction writer and lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Her writings span many subjects from zebrafish bioengineered to glow in the presence of pollutants to feminist philanthropy. Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous publications including the New York Times, Salon.com, Ms., the Oprah Magazine, Poets & **January 23, 2006**

Writers and Discover, to name a few. She produces materials and manages communication projects for a small number of businesses and nonprofit organizations. Occasionally Olson teaches freshman

composition and creative nonfiction at Cleveland State University.

**“THE COMMONALITY OF ST.
THOMAS AQUINAS AND MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR.”**

A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, January 25 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Panel members: Ron Landfair, Director of Black Catholic Ministry, Lansing, Jason Duncan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, Roger J. Durham, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Dennis Marshall, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology and as moderator Gary Eberle, Professor of English. **Wege Student Center Ballroom.** Sponsored by Aquinas Multicultural Affairs. Free.

**15TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
WEEK LECTURE - “ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS: HOW DID A UNIVERSITY
PROFESSOR EVER BECOME A
SAINT?”**

Sr. Marlene Halpin, O.P., Thomistic scholar, prolific national speaker and author, will deliver the 15th Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Week Lecture at Aquinas College. Sister Halpin’s talk, ***St. Thomas Aquinas: How did a University Professor Ever Become a Saint?***, is on **Thursday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Wege Student Center Ballroom.** From 11:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., a lunch will be served. **Reservations must be made by calling (616) 632-2171 no later than January 24.** The light lunch and lecture are free and the public is welcome.

Halpin is the author of several books on prayer including “Leading Prayer: Plain and Simple,” “189 Ways to Contact God: Find the Prayer Starters That Work for You!,” “Ball of Red String: A Guided Meditation for Children?,” “At Home with God: A Book of Prayer for Young People,” and “Child’s Book of Prayer” to name a few. Halpin is currently employed at Loyola Press to teach prayer formation programs.

ART NEWS

Sunday, January 15-Friday, February 17
Aquinas College Gallery Exhibit. **Sabbatical Exhibition. Steve Schousen**, Aquinas Professor of Art. Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Aquinas Art and Music Center Gallery. Free.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contemporary Science Seminar Series

Friday, January 27

1:40 p.m.: Professor Mark Mason of the University of Toledo Department of Chemistry will be presenting "**Green Chemistry: What Is It?**" on Friday, January 27, at 1:40 p.m. in Albertus 119. Everyone is welcome to attend this free seminar. Contact your favorite member of the AQ chemistry department for additional information.

Saturday, January 28

8:15 a.m.: Aquinas College **Athlete AQ DAY** for high school juniors, seniors and their families. Web site: aquinas.edu/admissions.

Monday, January 30-Monday February 6

Aquinas College Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center presents **The Clothesline Project: Bearing Witness to Domestic Violence**. On display in Wege Student Center, Lower Lounge. Free.

SAMPLEX XVIII

SAMPLER XVIII, the annual student literary and art publication is now ready for your submissions of poetry, short fiction and personal essays. Submission guidelines and submission forms can be found in the mail room (AB 53), at the library circulation desk, and on the English Dept. web page:

www.aquinas.edu/english/lamda/sampler.html

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Friday, February 10, 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Call SAMPLER Coordinators: Miriam Pederson, ext. 2831 or Pamela Waterbury ext. 2827.

Bleached Out! Dioxins and You

Thursday, February 23

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Wege Center Loutit Room

Presented by The Gender Studies Club

Nurse Kim will be presenting on the harmful effects that bleached tampons have on the female body. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Free samples of organic tampons and information will be handed out to the public. Organic tampons will be on sale in the health center located in lower Wege starting February 20th, 2006.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

In celebration, The Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center announces a **Creative Writing Contest**.

Submit your poetry, creative non-fiction, or fiction celebrating women or issues particular to women **by March 1, 2006**.

Winners read their work at a special Aquinas Faculty Tandem Poetry Reading on March 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in The Moose Café.

The reading will also feature Aquinas' own published poets Michelle DeRose, Associate Professor of English; Vicki McMillan, Assistant Professor of English; Miriam Pederson, Associate Professor of English; and Pamela Waterbury, Assistant Professor of English.

Pick up an entry form at any of these locations:

Online at: www.aquinas.edu/womenscenter/
The Woodhouse Library, AB 217
The JHI Women's Studies Center, Lower Wege 107
The Mailroom, AB 53
Holmdene, Room 214

For further information, contact Pamela Waterbury at 632-2827.

Due Dates for Approved Discipline-Specific / Department-Specific Software Request

A reminder to faculty:

If you would like to install discipline-specific/department-specific software on the Aquinas College network for the upcoming **summer session**, all requests must be submitted to ITS by **Friday, March 10, 2006**.

All software requests for the **2005/2006 fall semester (including first and second quads)** must be submitted to ITS by **Friday, April 7, 2006**.

Please use the http://campus.aquinas.edu/its/forms/software_request.html Software Request Form to submit a software request.

If you have any questions, please contact the Help Desk at extension 2050.

Notice from Student Accounts – Changes to Loan Verification Notification

Effective 06/SP semester, the Loan Verification Notification will be communicated via Aquinas College e-mail only. The green Loan Verification Notification will no longer be mailed to an on-campus, local or home address.

If you have not retrieved your ELM password, you may do so by going to the Information Technology Services Department in AB350, the library, or the Campus Safety Office (during Christmas break). You must appear in person with your Aquinas ID number (which can be found on the enclosed billing) and a form of photo identification. You will be issued a one-time access key, which will allow you to obtain your ELM password online.

Any questions can be directed to the Student Accounts office at 616.632.2864.

MY BIG FAT GREEK PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE

Dr. Michaelen Kelly's NEH project begun at Stanford this summer and has been accepted to an international philosophy conference. The conference is to be held at the University of Athens from **June 1-3**. The paper is entitled: "The Right To Asylum: A Response to Arendt and Derrida." The paper is primarily a philosophical essay on the centrality and weight of the interests comprising the right to asylum but also includes a response to Arendt's historical analysis of this right in The Origins of Totalitarianism, a discussion of the current perspective of international law, and finally a response to Derrida's notion of the cosmopolitan city of refuge. Kelly is anxious to get a more international response to the paper and looks forward to posing these issues in an international forum.

CAREER & COUNSELING SERVICES **Upcoming Events**

West Michigan Career Connections Job Fair
TIME CHANGE!
Tuesday, February 7
2:00-6:00 p.m.

GVSU Eberhard Ctr, Downtown campus
Employers will be recruiting to fill internship and full time positions. No fee or pre-registration. Dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes. See the website for a full list of employers:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/forms/careers/WMCF2005.doc>

Detroit Pistons Job Fair

The Detroit Pistons will be hosting its 6th Annual Sports Career Fair at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Michigan on **February 8, 2006 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** There will be a \$30 registration fee which includes admittance to the Pistons vs. Clippers basketball game that night. You can register at www.palacenet.com.

Job Pursuit

Thursday, February 16
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Lansing Center, Lansing MI (Pre registration required!)
Recruiters from a variety of Businesses and Industries will attend. Meet and Greet employers in the morning with the opportunity for scheduled interviews in the afternoon. Visit www.jobpursuit.org for participating employers; pre-register in Career Services.

Environmental/Natural Resources Career Fair

Wednesday, February 1
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Michigan State University will be hosting a career fair at the MSU student union. There is no charge for attendance and no pre-registration! It is an informational fair featuring government agencies, non-profits, and policy interest conservation groups. For more information contact Tina Goschka at 517-355-9510 or goschka@csp.msu.edu.

Music Majors

Want to spend a summer in the New York Catskills living and working with some of America's most talented children? French Woods summer camp is looking for musicians who can instruct and mentor young students. If you have any questions or want to know more email admin@frenchwoods.com and they will send you information and application materials. Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to showcase your talent and change a young musician's life.

Financial Management Opportunity

If you are looking to gain priceless work experience and serve your country at the same time this is the job for you. The U.S. Department of the Navy is looking for graduates to enter into the Navy Financial Management Training Program. **This is a civilian job** with opportunity for promotion. Anyone with liberal arts, social science, business or accounting degree can apply. Visit www.navyfmltp.com for more information and application materials. **Deadline for all application materials is February 1, 2006.**

On Campus Interview

Auto Owners Insurance will be interviewing on campus Wednesday, February 15, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Career and Counseling Services for the following positions: *Underwriting, Claim Representatives, Programmers, Actuarial, Accounting.* Be sure to bring your resume when you schedule your interview in Career and Counseling Services. **Deadline to schedule your interview is Friday, February 10th.** *Want to just chat with the Auto Owners recruiter?* Stop by their table at West Michigan Career Connections on **Tuesday, February 7th from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** at the GVSU-Eberhard Ctr.

Lunch with Ann

Graduating this May? Is your resume up to date? Do you wonder where to begin looking for a job? Have lunch with Ann and get answers to those burning questions. Stop by the Corner Café on the following **Mondays from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** and have lunch with Ann. The Mondays Ann will be available to chat are: **1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20.**

NAIA Career Center

A website specifically designed for NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) students and alumni. This site provides opportunities for NAIA students and alumni to build successful careers while promoting character building tenets throughout the workplace, as well as in sports. NAIA membership includes nearly 300 colleges and universities, 600,000 full-time students, over 1 million part-time students, and millions of alumni. Post your resume or view job postings free on this website www.naiacareercenter.org.

On Campus Recruiter

Partners in Technology
Thursday, February 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

Location - To Be Announced
Students interested in Sales and Marketing should stay tuned for details!

Lowe's

Thursday, February 2nd from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location - To Be Announced
Check "The Moose" for details.

Many employers have been busy posting jobs and internships for you on eRecruiting! There are 1300 listings including 43 in Finance/Banking, 79 in Education, and 59 in Healthcare. Here are some of the most recent employers requesting applications.

Camp Tall Turf- A faith-based low income summer camp. www.tallturf.org

Edmark Development Company- Looking for those interested in real estate.

AXA Equitable- Searching for finance specialists for their global company.

Westminster Presbyterian Church- Childcare worker.

Judson Collins Center- United Methodist retreat center searching for counselors.

Litehouse Inc- Searching for a person with a 4 year science degree. www.lighthousefoods.com

Act One- A Christian based non-profit that supplies training for media and entertainment. They are in search of an associate director for the writing program.

Many job and internship opportunities have also been sent to us via fax and email. Stop in to Career and Counseling Services and take a look through our Job and Internship binders.

INTERNSHIP

Attention all Spring Interns and Intern Wannabes, Internship Class is required!

The Initial class for Spring 2006 Internships will be held **Saturday, January 28th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** Mark your calendar or PDA to make sure you are able to attend. Call Laretta at x2901 with any questions or concerns.

It's never too late to start an internship. You can still add one for fall. To find out more, call

ext. 2905 to schedule an Internship Information Session today.

Be sure to check **eRecruiting** for all internship postings. If you don't remember your password, the site will send you a reminder. Go to **Aquinas.erecruiting.com** today!

Internship Info Session

Want to gain experience and get a competitive edge on the job market? Attend an Internship Info Session to find out about internships. Call ext. 2905 to schedule an Info. Session.

SPREADING THE GOOD WORD FOR AQUINAS!

Are you looking for an exciting and challenging **INTERNSHIP** that will provide you with marketable skills?

The Admissions Office is looking for juniors and seniors (of any major) who would like to spend their fall semester traveling Michigan and the great lakes states informing high school students about Aquinas! **This internship is paid and earns you 12 credits.**

Applications are available in the admissions office. **Deadline for applications is Friday, March 24th.** Contact Angie Schlosser-Bacon at ext. 2860 or the Admissions Office with any questions.

COUNSELING

Relaxation Techniques 101

This 1 hour interactive workshop is designed to help students cope with stress by helping them experience the basics of meditation, visualization, progressive relaxation, deep breathing and aromatherapy. Come have lunch with us in the private dining room on **Tuesday January 31, 2006 from Noon to 1:00 p.m.**

FINANCIAL AID OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS 2005-2006

The Financial Aid office has information on the scholarships listed below that are available from a source other than Aquinas College. Stop in the office for an application.

DATATEL FOUNDATION

Several scholarships are being offered based on academic merit, personal motivation, and achievements to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at least half time.

Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarship: general scholarship

Angelfire Scholarship: for a soldier who served in Operation Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, or Iraqi Freedom or a soldier, spouse, or child of a soldier who served in the Vietnam War

Returning Student Scholarship: for a student returning to school after a 5-year absence

Nancy Goodhue-Lynch Scholarship: for a student enrolled in an information technology program
Applications are available online at www.datatel.com/dsf. **Deadline is January 31, 2006.**

DAIMLER CHRYSLER MINORITY

Scholarships are available for full time minority students majoring in business, computer science, or communications. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is February 1, 2006.**

AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT- EAST MI CHAPTER

\$1500 scholarships are available for students who are or will be at senior level and are pursuing a career in air pollution control, toxic and/or hazardous waste management, or another environmental area. Minimum GPA is 3.0. Award is based on merit, financial need, and extracurricular activities. Application instructions are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is February 28, 2006.**

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Scholarships are available for women accounting students. Applicants must have completed 60 credit hours and be majoring in accounting or finance. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is February 28, 2006.**

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Scholarships are available for African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American students who are majoring in chemistry or environmental science. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available online at www.chemistry.org/scholars and in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is March 1, 2006.**

NAZARETH

\$1000 scholarships are available for junior and senior level students enrolled at least 3/4 time at a Catholic college. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and be able to demonstrate involvement in collegiate and/or community volunteer activities. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is March 15, 2006.**

POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY

A \$500 scholarship is available for a full-time student of Polish descent. Applicants must have a 2.75 GPA and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is March 15, 2006.**

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Many scholarships are based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, a statement of personal goals, and financial need. Applications are available online at <http://grcf.egrant.org>. Additional information and a list of individual scholarships is available at www.grfoundation.org. Part of the application is a form that must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is March 31, 2006.** (Applications must reach the Foundation by April 15, 2006, but the Financial Information Form must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at Aquinas by March 31, 2006.)

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

\$3000-\$12000 scholarships are available for legally blind students. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is March 31, 2006.**

AICPA-JOHN L CAREY

Scholarships are available for liberal arts degree holders who are pursuing graduate studies in accounting and a CPA certificate. Awards are based on academic achievement, leadership, and future career interests. Applications are available online at www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm and in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is April 1, 2006.**

MECOSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A \$1000 scholarship is available for a student from Mecosta County to attend Aquinas College. Preference is given to home-schooled students with financial need. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is April 1, 2006.**

MI COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

A \$1500 scholarship is available to a senior (in fall 2006) currently enrolled in a teacher education program with a mathematics specialty and a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applications are available online at mictm.org/schols_awards.html and in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is April 1, 2006.**

MARINE CORPS

Scholarships are available for sons and daughters of current and former Marines. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA and a maximum family adjusted gross income of \$63,000 or less. Applications are available online at www.mcsf.org and in the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is April 15, 2006.**

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Scholarships are available for students who have been diagnosed with cancer. Applicants must be Michigan or Indiana residents age 20 or under. Applications are available online at www.cancer.org/scholarships or by calling 1-800-723-0360. **Deadline is April 18, 2006.**

THIS WEEK AT AQUINAS

Monday 23

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Tuesday 24

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Wednesday 25

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
6:00 p.m.-WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs INDIANA TECH
7:30 p.m.-MEN'S BASKETBALL vs INDIANA TECH UNIV.
9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Thursday 26

Noon-1:00 p.m.-Eucharistic Adoration, Bukowski Chapel
Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
4:30 p.m.-Weekday Mass, Bukowski Chapel
6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Friday 27

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
11:00 a.m.-Indoor Track & Field – Alltel Invitational
@ Findlay, OH

Saturday 28

11:00 a.m.-Indoor Track & Field – Alltel Invitational
@ Findlay, OH
1:00 p.m.-Women's Basketball @ Siena Heights Univ.

3:00 p.m.-MEN'S BASKETBALL vs SIENA HEIGHTS UNIV.

Sunday 29

10:30 a.m.-Thomas Aquinas Mass, Ballroom
7:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
7:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Monday 30

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

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DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOON