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Colloquium Series

January 29, 2004

François Bovon

Frothingham Professor of
the History of Religion
[Harvard Divinity School](#)
Cambridge, MA

**Beyond the Book of
Acts: Stephen, the first
Martyr, in Traditions
Outside the Canon**

Miller Chapel
3:30 – 4:30 pm

February 6, 2004

Richard Matzner

Professor of Physics
[University of Texas](#),
Austin, TX

Mars McLean 202
3:00 – 4:00 pm

March 26, 2004

**Debra Haarsma and
Loren Haarsma**

Professors of Physics and
Astronomy
[Calvin College](#)
Grand Rapids, MI

Mars McLean 202
3:00 – 4:00 pm

April 23, 2004

Ian Hutchison

Professor of Nuclear
Engineering; Dept Head
[MIT](#)
Cambridge, MA

Mars McLean 202
3:00 – 4:00 pm

2004 Research Magazine Online

The inaugural issue of the [2004 Research Magazine](#) is now available online through the [Research website](#). The magazine provides an intriguing glimpse at compelling research and scholarship accomplishments across many diverse disciplines on the Baylor campus. Please feel free to share this information among your friends, office staff, and colleagues!

Faculty Research Investment Program Request for Proposals

Proposals are now being accepted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research for the Faculty Research Investment Program (FRIP). FRIP is designed to stimulate research/creative activities and enhance the ability of faculty to compete for external research funds. As such, these funds, from \$10,000 - \$25,000, are primarily used to purchase equipment or update existing research equipment, aid faculty members in establishing research/creative activity programs that will be competitive for significant external grants, promote multidisciplinary research/creative activities, and provide "seed" support for productive faculty members wanting to redirect their scholarly activity within their current area or initiate investigations into new and emerging areas.

The deadline for submission of proposals for the 2004/2005 funding period is **April 2 at 5:00 pm**. Proposals must be submitted, complete with all necessary signatures and other necessary documentation, to the Office of Sponsored Programs (Pat Neff Rm. 424) before the deadline. Please note that new application procedures have been implemented for proposal submission. Proposals will be evaluated in April/May for funding during the next fiscal year beginning June 1. Limited funds are available and early submission is strongly encouraged. General information, including detailed proposal guidelines and new application procedures, may be found on the [FRIP information page](#) of the Research website or by calling the Office of the Vice Provost for Research at 710-3763.

2004 Spring Colloquium Series

The 2004 Spring Colloquium Series, sponsored by the Vice Provost for Research, begins this Thursday, January 29. Harvard Divinity School's [François Bovon](#), the Frothingham Professor of the History of Religion, will be speaking on, "Beyond the Book of Acts: Stephen, the first Martyr, in Traditions Outside the Canon." This colloquium, also sponsored by the Department of Religion, Baylor University Press, and the University Scholars Program, will convene in Miller Chapel at 3:30 with refreshments served at 3:15.

A [full announcement](#) of this colloquium and information on [upcoming colloquia](#) can be found on the Research website.

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University Research Committee Requests for Proposals

The University Research Committee (URC) is charged with the responsibility of distributing funds for the support of scholarly research projects and includes a cross section of faculty members from various disciplines. All full-time faculty members of Baylor University, regardless of academic rank, may apply to the Committee for financial assistance in conducting research projects. There are two levels of funding: a small grant program (up to \$3,000.00) and the mid-range grant program (\$3,001.00 - \$6,000.00).

Significant changes have been made to the operation of the URC research grant program. Specifically, the URC will meet early in the Spring in order to consider proposals for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. It is anticipated that all funds may be expended during the Spring meeting, so early submission is strongly encouraged. In order for an application to be considered, it must be submitted with all necessary signatures to the Office of Sponsored Programs (Pat Neff Rm. 424) **no later than 5:00 pm, February 13, 2004**.

Because of increasing competition for URC funds, the date of receipt (in final form at the Office of Sponsored Programs) may be used in ranking proposals with similar merit. General information, detailed proposal guidelines, and application form may be found on the [URC information webpage](#). Questions regarding the URC may be directed to the Chair of the URC, [Bob Kane](#), or other [members of the URC](#).

Community of Science Tip of the Month: Searching Funding Opportunities by Activity Location

The following information pertains to the use of the [Community of Science](#) (COS), the largest source of grant and fellowship information on the web and the leading database for research and scholarship funding opportunities. To learn more, please view the [About COS webpage](#) or contact [Charles Patterson](#) at ext. 3757.

Including an Activity Location in your Funding Opportunities search is an ideal way to locate funding for faculty who need to do research in a particular country or state, or for graduate students who need to travel to another institution, laboratory, or archives. When you specify a location in the [COS Funding Opportunities search form](#), the results will include all awards which must be performed in that area, or which may be performed in that area. The citizenship or legal residence of the researcher does not factor into Activity Location.

To select a location, use the Browse button in the Activity Location section of the search form. Use the browser to move through the choices of locations, and make your selections. When you have made your selection(s), close the browser window. You will return to the search form, where you may select sub-entities or super-entities of your location, as well as the inclusion of funding opportunities for which the activity location is unrestricted or unspecified.

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