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Scholé House Student Wins CCSC Internship

Dear Scholé Friends,

We are delighted to announce that a VCU Philosophy Graduate has been awarded one of the few year-long full-time internships offered by the Consortium of Christian Study Centers and has been selected to serve at one of the most established Study Centers in the US, the one at UVA. Chloé Carter just graduated and has been an active attendee and participant in Scholé House events. We are so excited for her winning this opportunity to see how a well established study center works.

But let me let Chloé speak for herself!

Chloé Carter:

"I'm excited to share that I'll be joining the Consortium of Christian Study Centers as a full-time intern at the Center for Christian Study at UVA for the next year. I recently graduated from VCU with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Throughout my studies, I found it challenging to integrate my Christian faith with the often secular approach to academic philosophy. Similarly, the Christian circles I was part of didn't engage much in philosophical discussions, which left a part of me yearning for something more.

"That all changed when my professor, Dr. Donald Smith, introduced me to Scholé House, the study center on campus that he co-founded. From my first visit, I felt like I had finally found a place where my love for both philosophy and Christianity could thrive together. The lectures and events at Scholé House offered the perfect blend of intellectual rigor and spiritual depth, and the welcoming community made me feel right at home. As I attended more events, I got to know the board members better, finding their hospitality invaluable. Through these experiences, and with Dr. Smith's encouragement, I discovered the Consortium's internship program.

"Now, after two short years at VCU, I am excited to serve at The Center for Christian Study at UVA as a full-time intern. During my internship, I hope to deepen my understanding of how faith and reason intersect while supporting others on their journey of doing the same. I am very grateful to Dr. Smith for introducing me to Scholé House, and to Missy Deregis for her warm welcome and intentional hospitality."



You can see why we are so happy for Chloé and will be watching her next steps!

Spring Semester Ends Well

Dr. Catherine Sutton, Associate Professor of Philosophy at VCU, ended our lecture series for the year with a talk on various ideas about the soul, starting in Judaic scripture and theology, to Augustinian understandings and their influence on modern understandings and interpretations. Much of it was new to many of us and there was a great discussion afterwards.

Several of us gathered on Thursdays for Lectio Divina Readings and shared lunch together. We hope to continue to offer this practice in the fall.

Co-sponsored with CCO or *Coalition for Christian Outreach*, students met on Mondays for Lenten prayers and readings.

All meetings and lectures have been held at the BCM, 819 Cathedral Place, right in the heart of VCU.

Reading Group: *The Road*

For the first time Scholé House offered a fiction reading group. We read Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize winner, *The Road*, a dystopian novel that follows a father and his young son as they travel to warmer climes in a grey and barren post-apocalyptic world. They fight hunger, cold, loneliness and other people. This book opened up much discussion: what ethical structures do you use when the world as you know it is over? For the father, survival is the top value. The son wants something more. The staggeringly beautiful writing, the use of Christian imagery, the sometimes confusing scenarios and the moral challenges gave us a lot to talk about.



We are currently organizing a reading group for the fall. If you are interested and have suggestions, please contact Missy at missyd@scholehousestudycenter.org.

Finally, we have three lectures coming in the fall, with more information to follow:

- Dr. James Lynch, MD, UF. *Preserving the Soul of the Medical Profession*. Date: TBD
- Dr. Angel Parham-Adams, PhD, Sociology, UVA. *The Black Intellectual Tradition*. Sept 23.
- Dr. Stephen Day, PhD, Economics Education, VCU. *The Economics of the Kingdom of God*. Date: TBD

We hope to see you there!

The beauty of Christ compels us—Missy

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