Theologian to deliver annual Barbara Sabol Lecture

Theologian Dr. Kathryn Getek Soltis will deliver the Peace and Justice Center’s Annual Barbara Sabol Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, in the Burke Auditorium.

Titled “Visiting the Prisoner: Theological-Ethical Reflections on a Forgotten Place,” the lecture is free and open to the King’s community. The program is co-sponsored by the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility and the Peace and Justice Center of Wilkes-Barre.

Drawing on varying conceptions of justice and her personal experience of teaching and ministering in prisons, Getek Soltis will identify a need for conversion in how society perceives and relates to the incarcerated and former prisoners.

Engaging the parable of the Good Samaritan, she will call for a shift in how a person defines goodness and will offer a new vision of how the prison serves justice, while questioning when the public uses incarceration, why, and upon whom.

Getek Soltis is assistant professor of Christian ethics and Director of the Center for Peace and Justice Education at Villanova University. She earned her doctorate at Boston College in theological ethics and served as Catholic Chaplain at Suffolk County House of Correction in Boston from 2006-2008.

Getek’s research interests involve various issues within the fields of theological ethics, Catholic social teaching, and Catholic moral theology. In particular, her work pursues questions of virtue ethics as it applies to justice, punishment, and prisons.

The Barbara Sabol Memorial Lecture is named for a founding member of the Peace and Justice Center who died in 1997. The Peace and Justice Center is Northeastern Pennsylvania’s interfaith resource center for issues of peace and justice.

Additional information is available at the websites www.peaceandjusticecenter.com and http://departments.kings.edu/mcgowanethicscenter/. For more information, please contact Dr. Bernard Prusak, director, McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, at ext. 5689.

King’s recognized for academic excellence

King’s College continues to be highly regarded in rankings published by respected national magazines and reviews for the quality of its academic programs and overall college experience.

Below is a brief summary of some recent notable distinctions:

• King’s was placed on an exclusive list of American academic institutions compiled for Forbes magazine by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity based on multiple factors related to affordability and student and faculty achievement. The College’s ranking improved, from 447 to 431 of 650 institutions. Less than 15 percent of the nearly 4,400 colleges and universities nationwide are included in Forbes fourth annual ranking of America’s Best Colleges.

• For the fourth consecutive year, King’s has been recognized as among the best master’s degree granting institutions in the country in a national ranking which recognizes higher learning institutions for service to the community and social mobility of the student body. The rankings appear in the September/October issue of Washington Monthly. King’s ranked 121st of almost 700 “master’s universities” in the United States and ranked 16th nationally from among 682 institutions in the master’s degree category for community service participation and hours served. The College also ranked in the top 100 of master’s universities nationwide in the “Best Bang for the Buck” category.

• AffordableCollegesOnline.org identified King’s among the Pennsylvania colleges and universities with the greatest lifetime return on investment, the earnings gap between graduates and non-degree holders over 30 years. King’s ranked 33rd.

• U.S. News & World Report listed King’s among America’s best colleges for the 19th consecutive year. King’s improved from 44th to 37th in the 2013 rankings in the northern region.
Theatre opens season with comedy ‘Almost, Maine’

The Theatre Department will begin the season with John Cariani’s comedy Almost, Maine on Oct. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 5 and 6 at 2 p.m. in the George P. Maffei II Theatre.

In the territory of Almost, Maine, residents find themselves falling in and out of love in various ways all in one night. There are broken hearts, lost hope, misspelled tattoos, bags of love, and more as this romantic tale unfolds with the beauty of the Northern Lights setting the scene. This starry-eyed production is sure to leave audiences pleased and feeling the purest human interaction, love.

The production of Almost, Maine features actors Nick Klem (Pete), Amanda Kotch (Ginette), Kyle McCormack (Chad), Iris Oullette (Sandrine), and Jessica Mulligan (Gayle). Scenic design was created by student designer Amy Brown.

Tickets are free for members of the King’s community, $12 for general admission, $7 for senior citizens, and $5 for non-King’s students. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the box office at ext. 5825 or e-mail boxoff@kings.edu.

People at King’s

Physician Assistant (PA) Studies faculty members Kyle Fetterolf, MPAS, PA-C; Jocelyn Hook, MPAS, PA-C; and Lorraine Novinger, MS, PA-C, recently passed the Physician Assistant National Recertification Exam (PANRE).

PAs practicing in the state of Pennsylvania must pass the PANRE exam and maintain 100 hours of continuing medical education credits every two years in order to maintain a license to practice medicine.

In addition, Hook and Justine Samanas, MPAS, PA-C, recently participated in a panel discussion, titled “Extending the Scope of the Primary Care Physician” at the Hospice of Sacred Heart in Moosic. The panel discussion was part of the Hospice’s monthly Lunch and Learn Series, a free public educational forum.

Dr. Michelle Schmude, chair of mass communications, recently published an article titled, “Growth and Sustainability Through Test Optional Admission Policies,” in the International Journal of Sustainable Strategic Management.

In addition, Schmude and Dr. Scott Weiland, assistant professor of mass communications, will present a session, titled “Non-Profits vs. For-Profits in the Game of Social Media, Blogs and Online Media Tools,” at the NEPA BlogCon in October held at Luzerne County Community College.

Emerging high school artists showcase works in Widmann

Local high school students will showcase a variety of original works in the Widmann Gallery during The Eleventh Invitational Emerging Artists Exhibition now through Oct. 25.

The exhibit features the works of more than 35 students, each invited to participate based on their artistic talent and past record of exhibitions and awards.

A Meet-the-Artists reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Sep. 20, at the Widmann Gallery; gallery talk at 7 p.m.

The exhibit is coordinated by local artist Sue Hand, who holds an honorary doctorate of humanities from King’s.

Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., as arranged. The Gallery is closed on national holidays and during scheduled breaks throughout the academic year.

For more information, contact Michelle Leonard, Widmann Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5328.

Pictured at right: Basketful of Puppies, watercolor by Kayla Wanek, a twelfth grade student at Dallas High School.
Homecoming 2013

From Beer Tents to Bouncy Houses - Homecoming is Going to be Bigger and Better than Ever!

Join us for the FOOD!
Barbecue chicken, burgers, hot dogs, sausage, veggie burgers and more!
Beverages include beer, wine, cider and soft drinks!

Join us for the FUN!
From lawn games for all ages and a photo booth, to a bouncy house and face painting – just to name a few!

Join us for the GAME!
Watch the Monarchs take on the Albright College Lions!

Date: September 28, 2013
Location: Betzler Athletic Complex
Cost: Employees of King’s (faculty, staff, administrators) and one guest each are invited to participate at a reduced rate of $10/person (for the 21 and older category).
Students 14 to 20 - $10
Children under 14 – free.
Includes food, drink, fun, parking & admission to the game!

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Kick-off is at 1 p.m.
Contact: Rose Gryskevicz at (570) 208-5879 or visit: kingsalumni.info/homecoming2013

UPDATE! Based on popular demand, the homecoming revelry will continue following the football game. Please join us for an after party at Senunas’. Appetizers will be provided and drink specials are available from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (No cover charge!)

You are also welcome to join us for a special Homecoming Mass on Sunday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m.
Mass will be held at the Chapel of Christ the King on the King’s College campus.