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Office of Faculty Development  
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# Spotlight On Scholarship

## A Sabbatical Report

Throughout the year we will host a series of presentations to recognize professional achievement in scholarship and to celebrate the rich diversity and talents of our colleagues.

***This Spotlight on Scholarship features***

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***Howard Ebert***

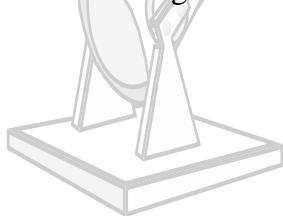
***Associate Professor of Theology & Religious Studies***

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“God as Cause: Does it Matter?”

The belief that God is actively involved in history lies at the heart of the three great western monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The significance of this belief is so central to each tradition that they become meaningless and inconsequential without it. Yet what does it mean to say God “acts” in the world? How can God’s ever abiding presence and influence be presented in a credible way that both honors God’s radical transcendence and intimate immanence while taking into account scientific advancements.

Responding to these questions requires an examination of the meaning of causality and the (in) appropriateness of utilizing this term to understand divine agency. Howard will be sharing the results of his sabbatical research that focused on assessing different approaches of understanding divine causality (i.e., Thomistic, Transcendental Thomistic and Process Perspectives.) This assessment centers on how a notion of God’s activity in the world can be understood that fosters an active dialogue with the sciences and contemporary experiences of freedom and suffering.



**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**  
**1:00 – 1:50**  
**Bemis Room 114CD**



The Office of Faculty Development will provide light refreshments.