

Franciscan Institute sponsors SBU theology grad in joint venture with Boston College

(May 13, 2018) The Franciscan Institute has announced that it has awarded a scholarship for study in Rome this summer to 2015 graduate in theology, Andrew Belfield. Drew is presently doing doctoral work in theology at Boston College, after having received his Master's in Theology at Loyola College in Maryland.

The Franciscan Institute of St. Bonaventure University joins with the Department of Theology of Boston College to sponsor a seminar on the theology and philosophy of Alexander of Hales and an introduction to critical archives of the work of Alexander of Hales found at St. Isidore's Friary in Rome. The session is entitled "Alexander of Hales: Revealing the Sources of Early Mendicant Theology" and will be held June 9-10, 2018.

This important event will provide established and emerging scholars the chance to investigate the archives of St. Isidore's in Rome for critical holdings by and about Alexander of Hales. The event will also gather these scholars to share this early founder of the Franciscan School of Theology's critical thoughts on grace and Trinity. Among the papers to be delivered are:

- Stephen F. Brown, "Praepositinus and his Role in the Summa Halensis"
- Katie Wrisley Shelby, "Sanctifying Grace and the Threefold Way in the Summa Halensis"
- Justin Shaun Coyle, "Beauty's Grace in the Summa Halensis"
- Andrew Belfield, "Trinitarian Vestiges and Appropriations in Alexander's Glossa"

These papers will become a part of a special volume of Franciscan Connections. The organizing committee of this event include: Fr. David B. Couturier, OFM, Cap., Executive Director of the Franciscan Institute (St. Bonaventure University); Dr. Boyd Taylor Coolman, Boston College and Br. William Short, OFM, Research Director, St. Isidore, Rome.