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Hillsdale College Launches Lecture Series Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Keynote Speaker Ryan Reeves begins semester-long series

Hillsdale, Mich.—Hillsdale College will host the first installment of its fall lecture series, *This Far by Faith: The Reformation at 500*, beginning Sept. 18 and concluding Dec. 1.

The first session, “Faith and Salvation,” features lectures from Hillsdale faculty members and a keynote address from Ryan Reeves, dean and associate professor of historical theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. In his lecture, “Did Luther Understand Grace?” Reeves will draw upon his academic expertise in the works of Martin Luther and Reformation history to illumine the historical figure and his profound impact on the modern Protestant Church.

The lectures are all free and open to the public.

WHEN: Monday, September 18, 2017
4 p.m. EDT – Faculty Lecture: Jordan Wales, “Grace and the Spiritual Life Before Luther”
7 p.m. EDT – Keynote Lecture: Ryan Reeves, “Did Luther Understand Grace?”

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
4 p.m. EDT – Faculty Lecture: Korey Maas, “The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification: The Reformation’s End?”
7 p.m. EDT – Faculty Panel with Ryan Reeves

WHERE: Hillsdale College
Phillips Auditorium
315 North West Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

WHO: **Ryan Reeves** is assistant dean of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary’s Jacksonville campus where he is also an associate professor of historical theology. Reeves completed his doctorate in church history at the University of Cambridge after earning his Master of Arts and Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary. In addition to being a guest lecturer at both Cambridge University and Reformed Theological Seminary, Reeves has also worked as a research fellow and editor at Teleois Research Institute and served as graduate representative to Cambridge’s Church History Subject Committee. Reeves’s primary research interests are political theory and ecclesiology in the Reformation, resistance theory, political obedience, and the relationship between church and state.

Upcoming Reformation Series Events:

- October 17-18, 2017 – **Series Two: “Faith and Life”**
Keynote Speaker: W. Bradford Littlejohn, Director of The Davenant Institute
- November 30-December 1, 2017 – **Series Three: “Faith and Authority”**
Keynote Speaker: Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Research Professor of Systematic Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

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