Thibodeau’s Thoughts

“All airlines have airplanes. What customers and employees are looking for is something more intangible, for a psychic experience you might even call it spiritual. Spirit is hard to define but its impact on a business and organization is palpable.”

Herb Kelleher, Southwest Airlines

Servant leaders nurture the Spirit in all they do and who they are. Thomas Aquinas, paraphrased, says “we are not the highest form of animal; we are the lowest form of Spirit.” As embodied Spirits we do the work of spirit to know, love, and serve one another. In the midst of economic uncertainty, constant social change, and increasing human need, how is your Spirit? What are you doing to nurture and encourage the Spirit of friends, co-workers, and family members? In which ways is Spirit growing, expanding, and recreating you? In research on leadership Kouzes and Posner identify Inspiration as a foundational characteristic. Inspiration comes from two Latin words in-spiritus, to live in the Spirit. The gift of our expanding servant leadership community is that the Spirit is alive, growing, and expanding.

“Some day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then for the second time in the history of the world we shall discover fire.”

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Peace and all good,
Tom

Tom Thibodeau
Director, MA in Servant Leadership Program, Distinguished Professor of Servant Leadership, Associate Professor, Religious Studies and Philosophy

Thibodeau’s Thoughts

Dates to Remember

- **January 20**, Registration begins for 2014 Summer on VitNet
- **April 7**, Registration begins for 2014 Fall on VitNet
- **April 24**, WI Conversation on Servant Leadership, 7:30-9:30 A.M., Reinhart Center Boardroom. Registration: mcooney@viterbo.edu
- **April 25**, Colloquium
- **May 10**, Commencement
- **June 9**, Summer Institute begins
- **June 11**, Colloquium

Ireland, MASL Servant Leadership course and conference

The charm of Ireland awaits you. Viterbo University’s sister school, All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland, will host an International Conference on Servant Leadership to publicly launch the partnership between the two universities. A three-credit course on Leadership and Management, which includes the International Conference on Servant Leadership, will be offered to students from Viterbo, and other U.S. institutions (DePaul, Felician, Carroll) as well as Irish students from All Hallows. The course begins Sunday, June 22 at 7 p.m. and ends Friday, June 27 at 5 p.m. The conference begins Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. and ends Friday, June 27 at 5 p.m.

Viterbo participants are invited to stay on the picturesque AHC campus for this international educational experience. Enjoy a variety of speakers including Viterbo President Rick Artman and Servant Leader Tom Thibodeau who are part of the program. Mix with students and faculty from Ireland who share similar interests. Participate in group projects and posters sessions as part of the conference.

Contact Taylor Lewis, Viterbo Global Education Specialist, for more information at tilewis@viterbo.edu or 608-796-3170.
Summer Semester 2014

All SVLD Summer Institute courses have an official start date of 6/1, with the end date of 8/15. Dates and times listed below are required class meeting days.

SVLD 610 Social Scientific Inquiry in Servant Leadership, Barbara Gayle, Raymond Preiss, Lecture dates are 6/9–10, 6/12–13, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Prerequisite: 601 or 602 (3 cr. core course)

SVLD 604 Ethical Decision Making for the Common Good, Rick Kyte, lecture dates are 6/13, 5:30–10 p.m., 6/14, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., 6/20, 5:30–10 p.m., 6/21, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., with additional online work (3 cr. core course)

SVLD 653 Ritual and Celebration, Tom Thibodeau, lecture dates are 6/16–19, noon–8 p.m. (3 cr. elective course)

SVLD 690 Colloquium, Matthew Bersagel Braley, colloquium presentation date is 6/11, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m., Prerequisite: 601, 602, 604, 610.

SVLD TBA Leadership and Management, All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland, Tom Thibodeau, Course and Conference, 6/22-27, (3 cr. core course), Contact Taylor Lewis, Viterbo Global Education Specialist, for more information at tilewis@viterbo.edu or 608-796-3170.

The following Ethical Leadership courses are not part of the MASL Summer Institute. These are MASL electives offered in July; start date is 7/1, end date is 8/15.

ETHL 531 Interpersonal and Organizational Excellence I, Tom Thibodeau, lecture dates are 7/7–10, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

ETHL 532 Interpersonal and Organizational Excellence II, Tom Thibodeau, lecture dates are 7/21–24, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Register for courses on VitNet. See My VU. Room numbers and book lists on VitNet.

Course descriptions: http://www3.viterbo.edu/cat.aspx?c=SVLD

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Course listing tentative and subject to change.

Alumni Audit Option

As alumni you have the privilege of auditing any MASL course for $100 per credit hour

Contact Maureen Cooney for information. mjcooney@viterbo.edu

University housing for summer semester is available. Contact Vickie Unferth, Director of Viterbo University Residence Life, at vlunferth@viterbo.edu

Graduate Writing Assistance

This service is offered through the Academic Resource Center for all Viterbo graduate students (both on-campus and off). Writing assistance will be provided primarily online, but in-person appointments can be arranged. For assistance, students should contact Lindsay Cummings at gradwriting@viterbo.edu. Assistance is available for any paper (literature review, sections of a graduate thesis/dissertation, capstone paper, seminar paper. If the volume of requests is extremely high, the turnaround time for the paper may exceed 48 hours. Students should allow for plenty of time when submitting papers due to the potential for high demand.

“Vacare” Viterbo Alumni

The Latin root of vacation is vacatio, meaning freedom, exemption, from the Latin vacare, meaning I am free to attend, have time, am not under other obligation. Several of our MASL graduates have achieved the elite distinction of “Vacare” Viterbo Alumnus. Utilizing the Viterbo University MASL graduate perk of auditing a course for $100 per credit hour, our graduates have returned to campus the past few summer institutes. “I just need to get my Servant Leader fix” is the refrain heard again and again. We welcome you, on your vacation time or as a retiree, to slip back into the chairs of motivation and inspiration and with the added bonus of the mid-day communal breaking of bread. Interested? Contact Maureen Cooney at mjcooney@viterbo.edu. for assistance in special registra-
Coordinator’s Corner

“\textit{The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice,}” Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us. This year we bore collective witness to this claim as the world mourned the death of Nelson Mandela. Emerging after twenty-seven years imprisoned for acts of terrorism against the state, he became the head of state in post-Apartheid South Africa. A long arc, indeed.

Both King and Mandela could imagine a better way of being the human community. But equally important, they could show how that vision acts back upon our lives today, calling us to practice justice and love — to become arc benders. From that imagined future — King’s beloved community, Mandela’s reconciled and reconciling rainbow nation — they gained critical leverage on how we fail to serve the legitimate needs of our brothers and sisters, here and now.

Servant leaders become arc benders when they reclaim without qualification the last line of Greenleaf’s best test — “and what is the effect on the least privileged in society?” In this way, the future vision of a servant-led society manifests itself in the work today of what Faith Ngunjiri calls “critical servant leaders” — arc benders who, like King and Mandela, have the imagination and courage to “creatively engage with an imperfect world” in the search for social justice.

Matthew

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Matthew atop Table Mountain, South Africa, with Robben Island in the distance. Fall 2013

Taking a break for a semester?

Register on VitNet as Not Enrolled /LOA to maintain your student status. NENR-000 will appear on your Degree Audit

Fall Semester 2014

La Crosse campus, Fridays 5:30 - 10:00 P.M., Saturdays 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.

SVLD 601 Servant Leadership Theory and Practice, Tom Thibodeau, Start date is 10/13, End date is 12/6 Meeting dates are 10/24—25, 11/7—8, and 11/21–22, (3 cr. core course)

SVLD 555 Servant Leadership and Global Change, Matthew Bersagel Braley, online, Start date 10/13, End date is 12/6 (3 cr. elective course)

SVLD 690 Colloquium, Jennifer Anderson-Meger, Seminar/Research, Start date is 8/26, End date is 12/6, Meeting Dates: 9/6; 10/11; 11/22; Prerequisite: 601, 602, 604, 610. (1-3 variable cr., core course),

SVLD 546 Readings in Servant Leadership, Rick Kyte, Start date is 8/26, End date is 10/10, Meeting dates: 9/5-6, 9/19-20, 10/3-4. (3 cr. elective course)

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Servant Leaders in Action

Brandi Cleveland, MASL ’13, Questioned upon completion of colloquium research “What was the point of my research? With whom could I share my important research on the Servant Leadership characteristics found in childcare job descriptions? I came across a call for papers from Hawaii University International Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Conference scheduled for Honolulu, Hawaii on January 4 – 6, 2014. I submitted my paper for a double-blind, peer-reviewed, international audience. I received an email stating that my paper had been accepted and I would be placed on the schedule for presentation once my registration for the conference was received. On Saturday, January 4th I presented my research in a break-out session with 2 other presenters, my paper was published in the conference program, and will be part of their online program publication as well. The title of my paper is “A Content Analysis of Servant Leadership Attributes in Job Descriptions of Child Care Providers within Wisconsin’s Coulee Region”. While we were in Hawaii we were able to see some of the Oahu island, primarily Honolulu, including Pearl Harbor, whale watching, walking down Waikiki Beach, and walking down the man-made canal towards the sunrise. We also had the opportunity to spend some time with fellow MASL, Jervie Windom, MASL student, and his lovely wife. It was an amazing experience!

Melissa Darelius, MASL student, writes Tony and I welcomed our son, Adam Richard Darelius, into the world on January 10, 2013!

Michael Krueger, MASL student, was awarded Viterbo University’s 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding Young Alumni. Read more: http://www.viterbo.edu/alumni.aspx?id=69877

Brian Nichols, MASL student, was featured in the La Crosse Tribune for his years of service with the Green berets. Read complete article http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/ex-green-beret-now-pursues-a-different-type-of-service/article_eff44cca-18f2-11e3-9823-001a4bcf887a.html

Wayne Oliver, MASL ’08, was awarded Viterbo University’s 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding Community Service. Read more: http://www.viterbo.edu/alumni.aspx?id=69877

Molly Simones, MASL student, in Sacramento, California was “appalled at what she had seen, picked up the phone and knocked over a domino. Six months later, the dominos keep falling. Simones is certain that there is homelessness in La Crosse, the college town of 51,000 people where she grew up. But it’s nothing like what she has come to know at Loaves & Fishes, the homeless shelter at the far north end of downtown Sacramento. Read more at http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/viterbo-grad-makes-mark-good-deed-uncorks-a-scandal/article_f9ddf07a-0d43-11e3-af46-0019bb2963f4.html. Molly is the keynote speaker February 26 for ALL ARE WELCOME: Living the Life of Radical Hospitality the 2014 Humanities Symposium at Viterbo University. For registration contact William Reese at 608-796-3708 or wjreese@viterbo.edu

Julie Wiedmeyer, MASL ’10, coordinates the WI Conversations on Servant Leadership in the Madison area.

Graduate Student Lounge

The graduate lounge is ready for student use! Located in Murphy Center, Room 300, this is a quiet and comfortable place just for you. There are two computers with SPSS and qualitative analysis software loaded on them. The room also has a microwave and a fridge. Wait till you see the mural on the wall!

Contact Maureen Cooney at mjcooney@viterbo.edu for access code.