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Dr. Noda, Professor of Philosophy at HJI, recently published two books in Japan: *The Philosophers I Met in My Dreams: From Plato to Dogen* (Art Village, 2025, 522 pages, in Japanese), and *The Limits of Religion and the Meaning of Life: V. Frankl's Perspective* (Art Village, 2024, 279 pages, in Japanese).

At this Faculty Roundtable, Dr. Noda shares the conceptual design behind *The Philosophers I Met in My Dreams: From Plato to Dogen*. This book creatively approaches the history of philosophy through a playful, narrative-driven journey. Dr. Noda outlines the plot and structure, illustrating how philosophical ideas are seamlessly integrated into an engaging story. Additionally, he discusses fundamental questions in hermeneutics (the theory of meaning), examining how meaning arises in dialogue with the perspectives of Wittgenstein, Heidegger, Frankl, and with a reflection on artificial intelligence (AI).

[You may watch the recording here.](#)

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Carl Jung’s perspective on conflict and violence is deeply rooted in his concept of the Shadow, which represents the unconscious, repressed aspects of the human psyche. According to Jung, individuals and societies often project their own denied and unacknowledged weaknesses, fears, and aggressions onto others, creating an “enemy” outside of themselves. This projection is a fundamental source of conflict, whether on a personal level or in large-scale wars. His theory, deeply connected to depth psychology and spirituality, suggests that true peace comes not from external control but from internal transformation.

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On March 12, HJI co-hosted a special program with the Higher Purpose Forum (HPF) entitled “Our Future with AI: Bright Horizon or Date Fate?”

Self-driving cars, facial recognition, and ChatGPT – these are just a few examples of the rapidly advancing tide of artificial intelligence. Will AI unlock unprecedented levels of human productivity and creativity, or will it reshape the world in a way that leaves many of us on the sidelines? Hear from an AI maximalist, an AI existentialist, and a religious scholar, then join the conversation. Our speakers include Mr. Zach Goodwin, Founder and CEO of This January, Mr. Chris Wright, Founder of Artificial Intelligence Trust Council, and Dr. Thomas Walsh, HJI President. Mr. James Edgerly, Director of Higher Purpose Forum, was the host of the event.

You can watch the recording [here](#).

On May 7, a second program was held on the topic of AI: “Our Future With AI – Part II: Theological Anthropology, Alignment and Eschatology.”

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HJI was pleased to co-host with the Higher Purpose Forum (HPF) “Our Future With AI – Part II: Theological Anthropology, Alignment and Eschatology,” held on Wednesday, May 7.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is already integrated into almost every area of human activity. The exponential advance in the performance of machine learning has repeatedly exceeded expectations. Will the advent of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) or Artificial Super Intelligence (ASI) usher in a radically new and disruptive epoch in human, or post human history?

- What impact will AGI/ASI have on the traditional understanding of the human being as a unique creation, created in the image and likeness of God, *imago dei*?
- Is it too late to align AI with human values and goals, and with divine providence?
- Can AI be harnessed in such a way as to serve providential objectives of human history, the Kingdom of God?

This program is the second in a series on the topic of Artificial Intelligence. We invite you to watch “Our Future with AI – Part I”. The stimulating and informative presentations and discussion provide an excellent basis upon which to join Part II.

You will have the opportunity to hear from our speakers Dr. Thomas Walsh, HJI President. and Ms. Bruna Allen, HJI Class of 2024. Mr. James Edgerly, Director of Higher Purpose Forum, will be the host of the event.

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STUDENT *Spotlight*



Susan Bouachri
Master of Divinity

Susan Bouachri, Master of Div, New York USA

What inspired you to apply to HJI and your program? What do you most appreciate about being a student at HJI?

I started by taking a few courses in search of educational and spiritual stimulation and inspiration. I decided to matriculate as I got interested in working in Chaplaincy and realized a degree would be required.

Share about the benefits of your online learning experience.

Easy to participate with a program that is entirely online. Stimulating to join with students from other locations, including other countries who may be able to add different points of view to the learning and the student experience.

Share about your internship or chaplaincy experience.

I'm currently participating in ACPE training as a Chaplain Intern at Westchester Medical Ctr. I've been happy to discover, one of the Staff Chaplains here is an instructor at HJI. Another is working on his doctoral thesis from HJI. I've found that HJI students have participated previously in the intern program.

What do you enjoy in your free time?

Reading, time with family and friends.



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