As the academic year comes to an end, we regret that we must say good-bye to Roger Ferlo, Associate Dean and Director of the Institute for Christian Formation and Leadership. Before he leaves to become president of the newly federated Seabury Western Theological Seminary and Bexley Hall, Dr. Ferlo, who is also Professor of Religion and Culture, shares what he has been reading lately -

Manning Marable, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* (Penguin, 2011) An evocative and sobering biography of one of the most complex figures in American life, whose embrace of mainstream Islam before his life was cut short by an assassin’s bullet in Harlem provides a telling contrast to current presuppositions and prejudices about Islam in America. Marable, who died just weeks before the publication of this ground-breaking book, brilliantly distinguishes Malcolm the man from Malcolm the myth, and in so doing offers not only a biography of a single figure, but a breakthrough political, social and religious history of African Americans in the second half of the twentieth century.

R.J.B. Bosworth, *Whispering City: Rome and Its Histories* (Yale, 2011) Bosworth is an Australian historian whose earlier work on Mussolini’s Italy lay the groundwork for this evocative and beautifully written historical meditation on Rome as a holy city, beginning with surprising insights about imperial Rome, and ending with a searing chapter on “the Catholic and imperial empire of Pius XII,” followed by a conclusion in which he describes the Vatican’s current embrace of “eternity globalized.” A masterwork by a master historian.

Daniel Kahneman, *Thinking Fast and Slow* (Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 2011) One of the world’s most influential psychologists, Kahneman’s analysis of the brain’s “two systems” of decision-making upends most of our most cherished beliefs about how we make our moral choices. Endlessly engaging and endlessly fascinating, this book will have the some future impact as Freud’s *Interpretation of Dreams*, and is a lot more fun to read.