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# Dr. Robert G. Duffett Named Our 9th President

The Board of Trustees of Eastern University is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Robert G. Duffett** as the University's next president. President-elect Duffett will assume full responsibilities of the position on July 1, 2013, as **President David Black** retires after 15 years of dedicated service.

"Bob Duffett brings a deep sense of purpose combined with decades of impactful leadership in Christian higher education," said **Dr. Ardell Thomas '63**, chair of the presidential search committee.

Dr. Duffett said, "Connie and I sense a call to both Eastern University and this position. I look forward to leading a university that I have admired from my earliest days as a Christian. Eastern University's commitment to integrating Faith, Reason and Justice aligns with my passion for promoting education that blends spiritual formation, intellectual substance and social action. My life has focused on fostering faith and resourcing creativity that strengthens institutions of the church. In the face of demographic and economic challenges, I am committed to encouraging Eastern's culture of entrepreneurship so its talented people may continue to develop solutions assuring middle income families and first generation

learners access to an excellent education.

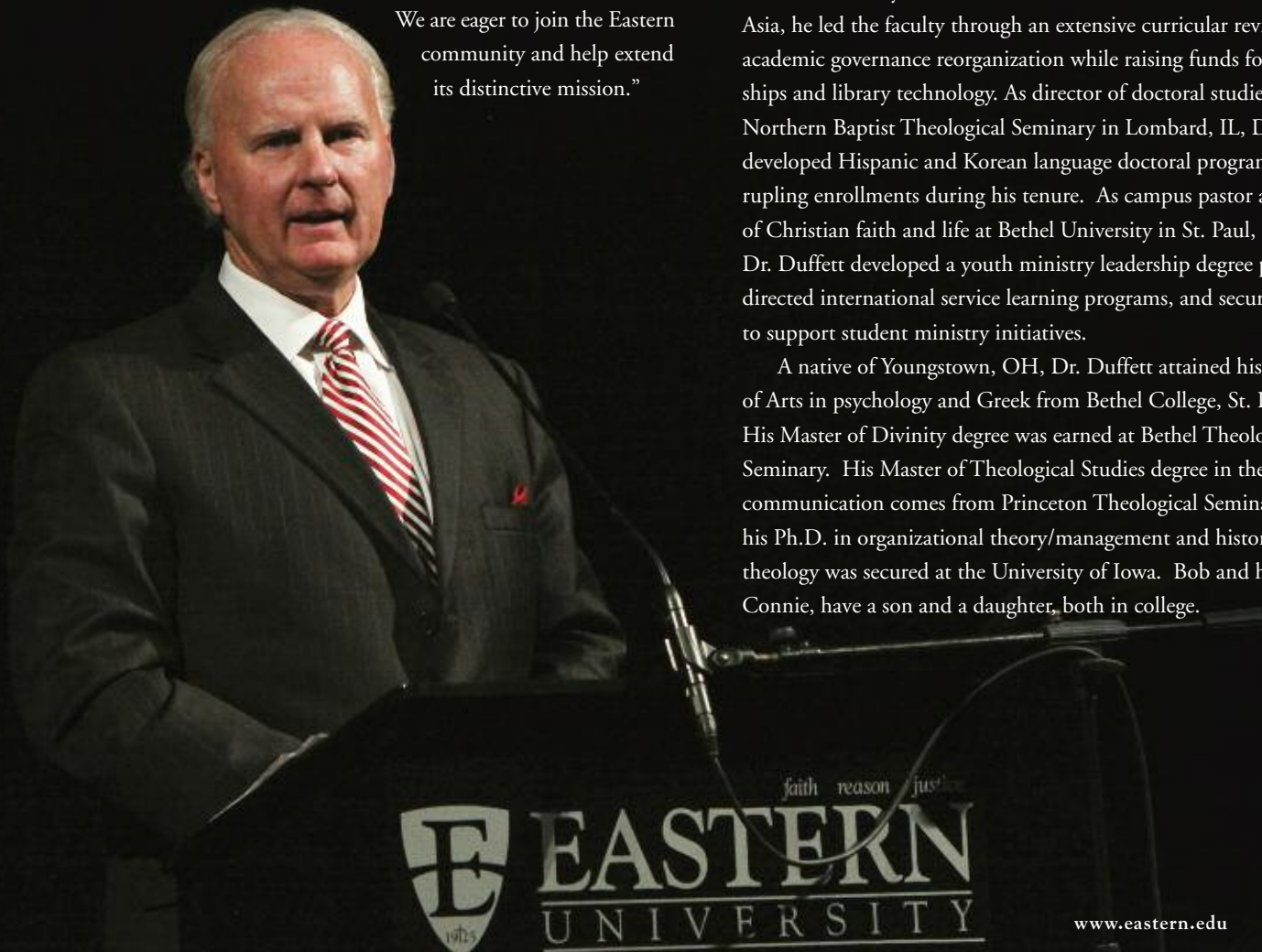
We are eager to join the Eastern community and help extend its distinctive mission."

As president of Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) for the last 12 years, Dr. Duffett has achieved national prominence for establishing the George McGovern Library, Museum and Center for Leadership and Public Service. Other key initiatives of his tenure include the Kelley Center for Entrepreneurship and the DWU Center for Talent Development. Dr. Duffett developed DWU's strategic plan and completed the largest comprehensive campaign in its history, exceeding \$40 million.

Dr. Duffett took a leadership role in advocating for greater government support of students at South Dakota's private colleges. In opposition to the governor's position that state funding be limited to students at public universities, Dr. Duffett successfully argued for funding that attached to students rather than institutions. Additional efforts at the state legislature contributed to the passage of the LEAP legislation, which provides scholarships benefitting lower-income South Dakotans.

For most of the two decades prior to DWU, Dr. Duffett served in leadership roles at other Christian institutions. As provost and academic dean at Ottawa University, an American Baptist comprehensive university of 7,000 students with locations in four states and Asia, he led the faculty through an extensive curricular revision and academic governance reorganization while raising funds for scholarships and library technology. As director of doctoral studies at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, IL, Dr. Duffett developed Hispanic and Korean language doctoral programs, quadrupling enrollments during his tenure. As campus pastor and dean of Christian faith and life at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN, Dr. Duffett developed a youth ministry leadership degree program, directed international service learning programs, and secured grants to support student ministry initiatives.

A native of Youngstown, OH, Dr. Duffett attained his Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Greek from Bethel College, St. Paul, MN. His Master of Divinity degree was earned at Bethel Theological Seminary. His Master of Theological Studies degree in theology and communication comes from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in organizational theory/management and historical theology was secured at the University of Iowa. Bob and his wife, Connie, have a son and a daughter, both in college.





# EASTERN UNIVERSITY

## *Milestones and Memories*

The 42-acre Walton Estate is developed by Charles S. Walton Sr., a Philadelphia manufacturer of leather products.



A gift of stock worth \$500,000 enables the Seminary to purchase buildings on Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square and to hire faculty.

1911-16

1925 MAY

1919

The silent film *Oh, Johnny!* is filmed on the Walton Estate.

1925 MARCH 19

1925 SEPT. 22



Six ministers meet at the Philadelphia headquarters of the American Baptist Publication Society for the founding of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Eastern Seminary opens its doors to students. Before the year ends, over 100 will enroll.

Charles T. Ball is selected as the Seminary's first president.



Charles Walton Sr.'s granddaughter, Suzanne, dies at the age of six from lupus. This later becomes the source of the Suzie Walton "ghost stories" shared by college students to this day.



Gordon Palmer becomes the Seminary's third president.

The Seminary purchases the Green Hill Farms Hotel in Overbrook, where it will remain for the next 73 years.



1929

1936

1939

1926 MAY

1932

1950

The Collegiate Division within the Seminary is established.



The Seminary graduates its first class of 11 members.

Austen K. de Blois becomes the Seminary's second president.



Gilbert L. Guffin '35 BD, THM, THD begins duties as the Seminary's fourth president ('50) and the first president of Eastern Baptist College ('52).

There are 90 undergraduate students.



# Milestones



Eastern Baptist College is founded as a separate institution and is located on the Walton estate, Walmarthon, in St. Davids, former home to the Chairman of the Seminary Trustees, Charles S. Walton, Jr.

1952

The first edition of the college yearbook, *The Log*, is published. It is named after the huge log mantle over the fireplace in the log cabin where many students carved their initials.

Eastern has a 13-member football team and plays its first year in interscholastic competition.



1953

1956

1952-53

1954

1955



Mrs. Taggart sells her 8-acre estate to Eastern Baptist College. The home becomes Eagle Dormitory (now Guffin Residence Hall, named after Gilbert Guffin '35 BD, THM, THD).

Thomas Walton sells his 3-acre estate to Eastern Baptist College. The home becomes Fairview Dormitory (now Doane Residence Hall).

The first issue of the student newspaper, *The Spotlight*, is published.

The Science Building (Walton's Carriage House) is remodeled.

Mr. J.C. Penney gives the College commencement address to a graduating class of 17 students.

Hainer Hall is built and is occupied by men only until 1976. It was named in honor of John A. Hainer, the first honorary degree recipient of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the person responsible for the first monetary gift to the Seminary in the amount of \$26 back in 1926.





# and Memories



Willow Lake is named through a student naming contest.

First four-year College class graduates 26 students (including Tony Campolo).

1957

The Fairview Dormitory is expanded and renamed Doane Hall in honor of Marguerite Treat Doane. The residence hall is occupied by women only.



Thomas Bruce McDormand becomes the fifth president of the Seminary and the second president of the College.

Baseball is introduced.

The Dining Hall is built in Walton Hall.



1961

1962

1958

1959

1963-64



The Alumni Association is formed with Frank Rossi '54 as the first president.



The gymnasium is completed and the first soccer team is introduced.



An addition is built onto Guffin Hall.

The Warner Library is built and named in honor of Frank Warner.



The Rock is painted for the first time by the class of 1959 students: David Bartine, George Daniels, and Milton Ryder.

Dr. Tony Campolo '56 joins the faculty.





# Milestones



J. Lester Harnish '38 BD, THM becomes the sixth president of the Seminary and third president of the College.

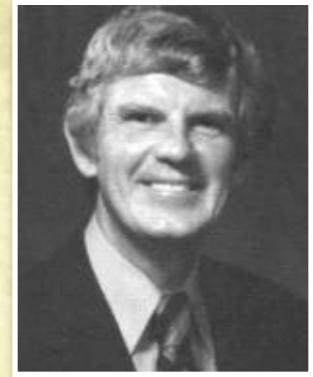
1968

Eastern Baptist College is renamed Eastern College on December 7.

C. Everett Koop becomes a Seminary board member (and later becomes U.S. Surgeon General).



1971



The Seminary launches its first Doctor of Ministry program.

Daniel E. Weiss becomes the Seminary's seventh president and the College's fourth president.

1973

1968-69

A new residence hall is built and named Kea Hall in honor of Paul H. and Grace F. Kea.



1972

McInnis Hall is built as the first dedicated academic building on the St. Davids campus.

The Planetarium opens. It is later named the Julia Fowler Planetarium in memory of the wife of Trustee Conrad Fowler.

1981

1982



Manfred T. Brauch becomes acting president of Eastern Seminary and Eastern College.

Chapel services at the College, held Wednesday mornings, are now officially voluntary.





# and Memories

Robert Seiple becomes the Seminary's eighth president and the College's sixth president.



1983

For the first time in Seminary history, part-time students outnumber full-time students.



1985

1986

A new residence hall complex, Gallup, opens and is named in honor of Trustee C. Stanton and Ellen Gallup.

The Eastern campus radio station, WGWW, begins broadcasting.

The Degree Completion Program (a bachelor's degree for working adults) launches its first cohort.

1989

1984

The first class is admitted for an MBA in Economic Development.



Eastern's first graduate program, the Master of Business Administration, is launched.

The Science Building is renamed Andrews Hall in memory of Charles E. and Marjorie E. Andrews.

The process of dividing the Seminary and College into two administratively distinct schools begins. Robert Campbell '47 becomes the Seminary's ninth president.

Roberta Hestenes becomes the College's seventh president (the first president to serve only Eastern College).

*The Spotlight* (student newspaper) is renamed *The Waltonian*.

1987

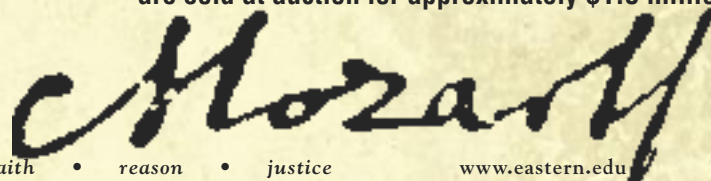


1990

Ward Gasque becomes the first Provost for Eastern College.

Manfred T. Brauch becomes the Seminary's tenth president.

An original Mozart manuscript is among a handful of long forgotten classical music manuscripts discovered in a Seminary safe. They are sold at auction for approximately \$1.5 million.





# Milestones

The Seminary launches an extension program in the state of West Virginia.



The Hecht Company, which bought out the Wanamaker stores, presents Eastern College with the John Wanamaker bronze eagle, which is placed in front of Walton Hall.



The New Residence Hall opens. It is later named in honor of Trustee Donald Gough and his wife Susan (Mugridge) Gough, both from the class of 1967.

An office and classroom facility is opened near Harrisburg, PA and is known as the Central PA office.

The governing boards of Eastern College and Eastern Baptist Seminary are separated.

1991

1993

1995

1997

1992

The Fast-Track MBA® is launched and its name is trademarked in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



The 7 acres adjacent to campus are purchased, including Heritage House, which is later named Fowler Hall, in honor of Trustee Conrad Fowler.

1994



The Bradstreet Observatory in McInnis Hall is completed and named after David Bradstreet '76.

Its control room is named in honor of its architect, Trustee Earl Russell, Sr.

Faculty and students have access to the Internet and e-mail.

Eastern's main entrance to campus is changed from Fairview Drive to Eagle Road. The main entrance road is named Thomas Drive after longtime board member and alum, Dr. F. Ardell Thomas '63

1996





# and Memories

Nueva Esperanza and Eastern College enter into a partnership to form a junior college called Nueva Esperanza Center for Higher Education (NECHE).



The Campolo School for Social Change is named in honor of Tony Campolo '56, '60 BD, '61 THM.

The School of International Leadership and Development is created.

2000



North Campus Hall opens. It is later named Sparrowk Hall in memory of John Sparrowk and in honor of Trustee Cora Sparrowk.

Eastern is granted university status and Eastern College becomes Eastern University on December 1.

2001

1998



R. Scott Rodin becomes Eastern Seminary's eleventh president.

1999



David R. Black becomes the eighth president of Eastern College.

The Templeton Honors College opens with gifts from Drs. John and Josephine Templeton.

*Soaring* newsletter is replaced by *Spirit* magazine.

Eagle House, the home of the music department (since 1998), is renamed Workman Hall in honor of Trustee Maurice C. and his wife, Helen Workman.



2002



Eastern launches its first MS in Nonprofit Management class in Washington, D.C.

An addition to the University gymnasium is completed, housing a Recreational Gym, staff offices and a Fitness Room.



# Milestones

## Esperanza College OF EASTERN UNIVERSITY



The Harold Howard Center, named after the second Provost of Eastern College, is added to Warner Library.

The Seminary is renamed Palmer Theological Seminary in honor of Gordon Palmer '60 DD, the Seminary's third and longest-serving president.

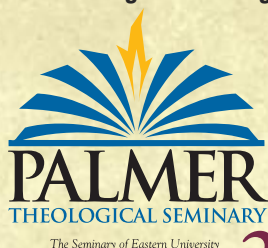
NECHE is renamed Esperanza College of Eastern University.

Wallace Charles Smith '74 MDiv, '79 DMin is named the Seminary's twelfth president.

A Beethoven manuscript is discovered at Palmer Seminary and is sold for \$1.72 million to an anonymous buyer at Sotheby's in London



Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Eastern University reunite. EBTS becomes The Seminary of Eastern University.



2003

2005

2004

The Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CCGPS) is formed by combining all the nontraditional and graduate programs as well as the School for Social Change.

President David Black coins "Faith, Reason and Justice" to capture Eastern's mission. It resonates with the community and becomes the core of our branding.

*faith • reason • justice*

The first soccer game on the new artificial turf field is played. It is named Olson Field in honor of Trustee Charles (Chip) Olson '90.



2006

2007



The Eagle Residence Hall opens. CCGPS occupies the new Eagle Learning Center.



# and Memories



Christopher Hall is installed as the University's first Chancellor.

Eastern University Athletics becomes a member of the Middle Atlantic Conferences, competing in the Freedom Conference of the MAC.



New branding for the University launches with focus on a new logo.



The University purchases 19 acres of the Valley Forge Military Academy to create the West Campus.

The Waterwheel is completely renovated.

2008

2010

2011

2009

2012



Eastern University Academy Charter School opens and the University opens the Falls Center in the East Falls section of Philadelphia.



The Smith School of Christian Ministry launches and is named in honor of Wallace Charles Smith '74 MDiv, '79 DMin.

Eastern's first doctoral class in Organizational Leadership begins.

The historic log cabin and original student center is beyond repair and is taken down.

The Palmer Theological Seminary campus is sold and the Seminary moves to The American Baptist Churches Mission Center in King of Prussia.

McInnis Hall is renovated.

Eastern University celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the College of Arts and Sciences and the 100th birthday of the Walton Estate Waterwheel.

Dr. David Black announces plans to retire as president. Dr. Robert G. Duffett named his successor.





Who has taught the longest at Eastern?

How many times has Walton been renovated?

What Eastern professor has penned the most books?

What's the Academic Council?

What was Senior Sneak?

Who developed the first MBA program?

What was the Enormous Peach?

Which Eastern president received a letter from Richard Nixon?

# 'JUST ASK DR. BOEHLKE'



Is there something you'd like to know about the history of Eastern University or Palmer Seminary? Just ask **Dr. Frederick J. Boehlke, Jr. '52** who has served Eastern since 1967 in many important teaching and leadership capacities, including official archivist. In fact, Dr. Boehlke has lived much of our history.

After earning his BA in history at the University of Pennsylvania, he entered Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer) in 1948 and graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Divinity. Through prayer and the advice of Christian friends, Fred Boehlke came to the conviction that his call from the Lord was to teaching rather than the pastoral ministry. He returned to the University of Pennsylvania to earn his Ph.D. in 1958 and then went to Judson College where he taught for 12 years.

In 1967, Dr. Boehlke came back to what was then Eastern Baptist College, as professor and chair of the history department. In his second year, he became chair of the curriculum committee, a position he held for more than 20 years. In this period, he led in several administrative tasks at the request of **Dean Harold Howard**. In 1972 he began serving as faculty secretary, taking the minutes of the faculty meetings, a service that has extended to 41 years.

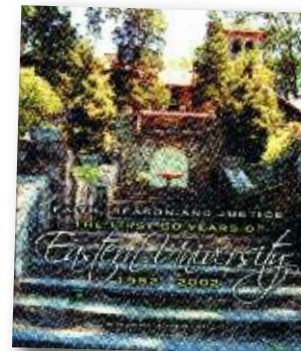
In 1975, Dr. Boehlke was appointed registrar, an office which he held for four years. He was also dean of academic programs. In 1979, Dr. Boehlke resumed full-time teaching. In 1981, Eastern College began teaching graduate courses, and Dr. Boehlke became chairman of the MBA committee. During a sabbatical in 1994-95, he conducted research on the history of local Southern Baptist work, which resulted in his book, *From Generation to Generation: a History of Baptists in Pennsylvania/South Jersey*.

In the spring of 2001, he began work on a history of Eastern, which was published by the communications office in 2003 as *Faith, Reason, and Justice. The First 50 Years of Eastern University, 1952-2002*. This book is available in the bookstore at St. Davids or from the communications office.

At the age of 71, Dr. Boehlke retired for the first time from the full-time faculty, but continued to teach two courses per semester. In 2010, at the age of 84, he retired from teaching after 55 years of service.

In addition to teaching several generations of students, Dr. Boehlke has made an enormous contribution as Eastern's archivist. When Warner Library was expanded in 2005 and the archives received a much larger room, Dr. Boehlke was able to better organize written records and begin to collect items of importance to the history of the school. Through his diligent efforts, the archives in Warner Library now include the most important items about the history of both the Seminary and the University. The story of Eastern's growth and mission could not be told without the perseverance and commitment of Dr. Fred Boehlke.

*Dr. Boehlke's history of Eastern University is available from the Communications Office for \$25. Order yours today by sending an e-mail to [lolson@eastern.edu](mailto:lolson@eastern.edu)*





## Blessed with Pianos

By Dr. Ron Matthews, Chair, Fine and Performing Arts Division

God graciously surprised the music department this year. In anticipation of one of its largest entering music major classes, the music department received a conservatory grand piano from a family in Bryn Mawr last December. This past summer, Palmer Seminary gave the department two lovely, well maintained conservatory grands to accommodate the Seminary's move to King of Prussia. Its highly valued pipe organ was placed in storage pending the building of the proposed music recital hall.

This was followed by a private donation of an exquisite conservatory grand 2001 Crown Jewel Collection edition Steinway piano this fall. Lastly, we have the Edith Finton Rieber Steinway Concert Grand Piano signed by Mr. John Steinway himself. Ms. Rieber was artist in residence at Eastern about 30 years ago and offered to sell us this instrument to ensure it a good home. Through our annual Gala Music Benefit Concerts and a generous private donation, the music department purchased the piano and has moved it to the newly refurbished McInnis Auditorium. The retail value of these quality used pianos exceeds \$100,000. Eastern presently has six Steinway grands, including two concert grands and an historic square grand piano yet to be restored.

### **The Edith Finton Rieber Piano**

Steinway selects its finest concert grand pianos to be played solely by Steinway artists appearing in concert. These instruments have no serial numbers but instead are assigned concert department numbers. In the artist community certain instruments gain notoriety as particularly superb pianos by these numbers. One of the most famous of these instruments and certainly the most revered piano in Philadelphia history is CD-396 which was retired from concert use and purchased by Edith Finton Rieber.

This piano has been selected and performed upon by notable artists such as Andre Watts, Van Cliburn, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Victor Borge, Claudio Arrau, Emmanuel Ax, Sir Clifford Curzon, Peter Nero, Susan Starr, Chick Corea, Rudolph Serkin, Peter Serkin, Rosalyn Turek, Natalie Hinderas and Horacio Gutierrez.

The morning after his most recent Philadelphia appearance, world-renowned concert artist John Browning called Henry Steinway in New York and said, "396 is the ultimate Steinway. It should be taken back to the factory immediately and used as the model for what every Steinway should feel and sound like."



## Women with a Mission

By Andrew Bush

Associate Professor of Missions and Anthropology

Seniors **Megan Garrity** (left) and **Tali Constantz** are from opposite coasts but they share a vision for their lives after graduation. Megan, from the picturesque village of Blue Hill, Maine, and Tali, from the bustling city of Dana Point, California, have an intense call to serve marginalized communities. Megan is committed to serving the deaf, and Tali has already formed her own nonprofit organization, Chosen Instruments, to help rehabilitate women who have been entangled in terrorist organizations in the Middle East and South Asia. Both are majoring in missions and anthropology.

Megan says, "I have a bilateral sensor neural hearing loss. All my life I have functioned alongside deaf individuals while also living in, as they say, the 'hearing world.' The important need that deaf individuals have to experience community was driven home to me while staying in Eburru, Kenya where I met Sarah. We spent several hours speaking with each other through sign language. Sarah had a significant hearing loss, and had to cope with the inability to communicate with her

neighbors. As a result, Sarah was an outcast in her village. As we spent time silently talking with each other, it honestly felt like the world had stopped. God certainly had given us a place and time to meet. The next semester, as I reflected on this experience in a class presentation, I realized that I had a unique opportunity for ministry to the international deaf community. Following graduation, I intend to study at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., the nation's first and leading deaf university. There I will pursue a graduate degree in international development. My hope is that with my education at Eastern and this training I will be fully prepared to help women like Sarah."

Tali says, "I was raised as a missionary kid, so I have been surrounded by missions my whole life. I have had an interest in those entangled in terrorism since 8th grade. Two years ago I was able to return to Sri Lanka to work with girls coming out of terrorism. I transferred to Eastern University because of its major in missions and anthropology. For my Missions 100 class I wrote about the women I knew in Sri Lanka, and of the desperation of women caught in violence in other countries.

As I wrote that paper, it was as if God was unfolding my future. This was my call: to rehabilitate women and children coming out of terrorism, and help them re-integrate into society. In addition to helping me discover my calling, Eastern has also prepared me to take the next step academically. I plan to pursue a graduate degree in counseling to be better equipped for my work with women."

The clarity of purpose Tali and Megan demonstrate illustrates the truth stated by Christ Jesus that if one is willing to lose one's life for His sake and the Gospel, one will find it.

Their passion for mission is an expression of the love of God for the world, and is a passion shared by many students in the missions and anthropology major at Eastern University.





# Faith & Practice



## CHESTER CLEAN-UP DAY

Eastern University first-year students and staff volunteers joined Chester, PA Mayor John Linder, council members, the city's highway department, and several local businesses for the annual Clean-Up Day in September.

Mayor Linder said, "It's great to have good partners come out to help raise our community up."

"Today, our freshman class is out here to perform service for others," said Andy Horvath, Eastern University director of Christian Formation. "This is really a good mutual partnership between the University and the city."

"The Gospel teaches us to be people of faith and justice and that is why we are here today," said Jensen Okimoto, who traveled from Japan to attend Eastern University. "I'm new to this general area and am here today to give glory to God," he said. "Part of that glory is giving back to the community."





Faith & Practice

# Pini's Journey to Justice

By Rebecca Lauren Gidjunis '01  
Lecturer of English



wamama wafrika  
**Jitokeze**  
Kenyan Women Building Sustainable Communities



# Faith & Practice

In 2010, when Philipine (Pini) Chepkoech Kidulah (MA in International Development) began her organization, Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika, she thought of it not as a foundation, but as a movement.

As one of five girls, Pini quickly learned that the voice of women mattered. “The only man in the family was my dad. I had a very strong-willed mom who had fought different challenges that affected women.” These challenges included limited access to education, the pressure to marry young, and the cultural practice of female genital mutilation (FGM).

Pini’s mother, Lilian, is a person of vision and action who grew up in a poor family. When Lilian was twelve years old, she returned home to report to her parents that she would not go through the practice of FGM. Her brothers and father protested. But Pini’s mother stood up to them. Her father told Lilian to leave. And Lilian never returned, choosing instead to live with the nuns during her final years of schooling.

Pini holds tight to this legacy of speaking up against oppressive cultural practices and values her education. Other girls in Pini’s village of Makutano were not so lucky. Her dear friend, Salome, did not finish school because her family could not afford the fees, so Salome began work as a domestic servant. After a high school education that included hands-on studies in agriculture, Pini pursued environmental studies at Kenyan University.

She then sought out organizations such as World Vision to model sustainable development practices motivated by Christian theology.



One of the organizations that impacted her most was the African Evangelistic Enterprise, which promoted economic empowerment for women involved in the Hutu-Tutsi conflict in Rwanda. Here she was exposed to a method of motivating women to help themselves. These experiences brought her to Eastern University, where she pursued her master’s degree in International Development. “I wanted a program that was holistic and could help me see my dream come to pass.”

And so, Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika, which is Swahili for “Unveil yourselves, women of Africa,” was formed in 2010. In March 2012, Pini returned home to West Pokot to begin implementing her dream. Seventy-nine women, along with 15 girls from Pini’s former high school, engage in planting fruit trees and drought-resistant crops. Fifteen of these women have been displaced from their communities, many widowed, due to conflict over the scarce resource of clean water.

More than anything, Pini seeks to be holistic. “If you care about peace, climate change needs to concern you because it is breaking communities when they fight over resources like water. When young girls are growing crops and trees for their community, they are also learning how to be free from oppression.”

For more information visit [jitokeze.org](http://jitokeze.org).





## Making Ministry Connections to Serve the Disabled

By Fran Decker, Computer Services Librarian

In 2007, **Lori McClure** (an Eastern alum and ministry leader at Hope Community Church) proposed a short-term missions trip to Ghana on behalf of Handi\*Vangelism, a ministry in Akron, PA that serves the disabled. When I heard the announcement, I knew I was meant to go. I have an adult son who is disabled and there was a need for some PC repair and network cabling; I had spent the previous 13 years working in tech support. Most significantly, God had put a desire in my heart to go to Africa. So that is how I wound up celebrating my 55th birthday at Echoing Hills Camp in Accra, Ghana.

Fast forward to June, 2011 when an e-mail was sent to the Eastern community seeking a host for two visiting faculty members from the Christian Service University College (CSUC) in Ghana. That fall, Margaret Aboagye, the University Chaplain, and Christine Adjere, the head of the Theology department arrived at my home for what would be a wonderful two weeks.

We promised that on our next trip to Ghana, we would visit them at the university. In April 2012, a few members from our ministry team at Echoing Hills took a 6-hour bus trip from Accra to Kumasi. The day after a tour of the magnificent campus, we were introduced to the CSUC President, Professor Emmanuel Frempong. We talked about ministry to the disabled and the president responded with a story. He said that three years ago, someone had asked him what the CSUC was doing for the special needs population

of Ghana. At that time, the president replied that he would give it some consideration. Professor Frempong was certain God had sent us from Echoing Hills as a reminder that he had not yet acted on this promise. He assured us personally that he would follow through.

We came away from that meeting incredibly blessed by an awareness that God had been working. The students at CSUC will be blessed by opportunities to serve at the deaf and blind camps over the Christmas and Easter breaks. It's likely that most have never before had any interaction with the disabled. And the camps will be abundantly blessed to have students strong in their faith working alongside the full-time staff. I praise God for the opportunity He gave me to introduce these two ministries and I am looking to the great work He has planned for them both.





## Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove Writes Book On Christian Faith



Eastern University graduate **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove '03** has published *The Awakening of Hope: Why We Practice A Common Faith* (Zondervan, August 2012). His newest book questions and explains the fundamental practices of Christianity.

“If how is the question of our age, the concern at the forefront of our minds,” Wilson-Hartgrove says, “then God’s interruption of our status quo also presents a new question – a question that’s equally practical and maybe even more radical. The question is, why?” Wilson-Hartgrove seeks to answer this question in the seven areas of Christianity that he addresses, using biblical reasoning and Scripture references.

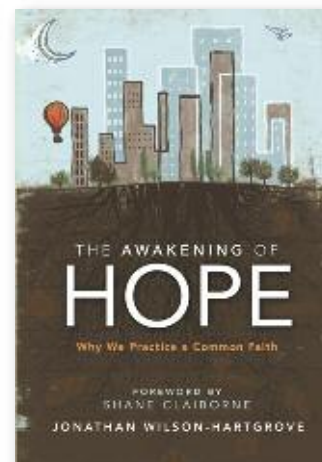
In addition to being an author, Wilson-Hartgrove is a speaker, associate minister at St. John's Baptist Church, and directs the School for Conversion, a nonprofit organization that works to foster community and form people in the way of Jesus. Wilson-Hartgrove has worked with Eastern University graduate **Shane Claiborne '97** and is part of the New Monastic community.

Wilson-Hartgrove is the author of eight other books, including *The Wisdom of Stability*. He graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2006 and is a co-founder of Rutba House, a community in Durham, North Carolina centered on “hospitality, prayer, fasting, simplicity, peacemaking, celebration and song.”

If you are unsure as to whether *The Awakening of Hope* is for you, Wilson-Hartgrove writes on page eight, “This book is for people who have a hunch, whether you like the language of revival or not, that God is stirring a new movement in our world today...if God’s vision of peace and justice burns in your bones...if you’ve longed to see the love we were made for lived out in community – this book is for you.”

For more information about *The Awakening of Hope*, visit [zondervan.com](http://zondervan.com).

[www.newmonasticism.org](http://www.newmonasticism.org)



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## Palmer Student First Mission Apprentice

**Jennifer (Jeni) Pedzinski** has been named as American Baptist International Ministries (IM) first mission apprentice. Jeni, a candidate for future long-term service as an IM missionary, is enrolled in a dual Masters of Divinity/Masters in International Development program at Palmer Theological Seminary and Eastern University.

Jeni’s initial consideration of God’s call to international service came at age 11 through IM missionaries she met at her church, First Baptist Church of Niles, Michigan. Her sense of call was nurtured as she sought out educational opportunities and short-term mission experiences. A graduate of Bethany College of Missions, Jeni has served short-term in the Philippines, Guatemala, Cambodia, and Thailand.

“Jeni brings great enthusiasm for mission service and has demonstrated a delightful eagerness to learn in her work at Palmer Theological Seminary,” commented **Dr. Ben Hartley**, associate professor of Christian mission. “It is wonderful to see the decades-long tradition of the Seminary’s connection to IM be strengthened in this new apprenticeship program.” As a mission apprentice, Jeni is working with IM’s Volunteers in Global Mission (VIGM) Coordinator Angela Sudermann and Global Consultant Dan Buttry with the preparation and ministry of IM’s IGNITE Team, which will serve in the Republic of Georgia in June of 2013. IGNITE is a short-term mission opportunity for young adults ages 19-29.

For more information, go to [www.ignitemissiononline.org](http://www.ignitemissiononline.org)







## Athletic News

During the 2012-13 Season of Impact, Eastern students, student-athletes and parents are partnering to collect food, toys, coats and money to assist local charities. These include City Team Ministries, the non-partisan Wounded Warriors Projects, and cancer research at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association of America released its Division III All-Region lists, naming three Eastern University student-athletes to the South-Atlantic Region Team. **Brittany Moyer** (right) and **Kelby Bolton** were named to the First Team, and **Jess Jajndl** was named to the Second Team.

Women's Volleyball held off the DeSales University Bulldogs to win their fifth consecutive Freedom Conference Championship.

The Middle Atlantic Conferences released this season's Freedom Conference All-Conference teams for men's soccer and two Eagles earned a spot on the First-Team while three more earned Honorable Mention. Sophomore defender **Jair Saenz** and junior midfielder **Sean Bonner** received first-team honors. Junior defenders **Brandon Reichart** and **James Le** earned Honorable Mention, along with freshman forward **Ben Hriscu**.

For more on Eastern Athletics, visit [www.goeasterneagles.com](http://www.goeasterneagles.com).



### Saturday, March 9 • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. McInnis Auditorium, Eastern University, St. Davids

Social entrepreneurship is a movement that helps corporations focus not just on profit, but also on the needs of the people in the communities they serve. In the past decade, such ventures have started using sports as the doorway into these communities. Join us on March 9 to learn how the power of sports is used to redeem communities and launch micro-enterprises, education programs, and other development initiatives in impoverished communities in American cities and around the world.

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## Esperanza Expansion



Esperanza College of Eastern University opened a new wing this fall dedicated to science, math, accounting and student development. This expansion was made possible through the award of a highly competitive Title V grant from the federal Department of Education. Esperanza's goal is to begin shifting the culture of North Philadelphia towards greater achievement in the math and science fields. The new facilities are equipped with six classrooms, math and science laboratories, and a student center. The dedication ceremony featured presentations by **Rev. Luis Cortés Jr.**, president of Esperanza; **Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier**, dean of Esperanza College of Eastern University; and a display of the work of artist Alberto Becerra.

Learn more about Esperanza at [esperanza.eastern.edu](http://esperanza.eastern.edu)



**February 22-23**  
**Philadelphia Convention Center**  
*[thejusticeconference.com](http://thejusticeconference.com)*

Eastern University is a major sponsor of this gathering of about 5,000 people who will focus on issues of justice for the vulnerable and oppressed. This is the third year of the conference and the first year that it will be on the East Coast, at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

The Justice Conference has grown into the largest international conference of its kind with attendees from 44 states and over two dozen countries. Many Eastern alumni and faculty will speak, including **Shane Claiborne '97**.



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**ENDURING QUESTIONS GRANT FOR DR. MCGUIRE**



**Dr. Steven McGuire**, assistant professor of political science, received the National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions grant, which he is using

to develop a course based on the question, What is a Person? This course is designed "to investigate the definition of person by examining historically contested cases of personhood falling under five categories: non-human animals; artificial intelligence; prenatal and cognitively impaired human beings; women; and slaves."

**DR. BOYD PROMOTES SOCIAL JUSTICE**



**Dr. Darrell (Drick) Boyd**, associate professor of urban and interdisciplinary studies, participated in a conference on social justice at Holy Family University.

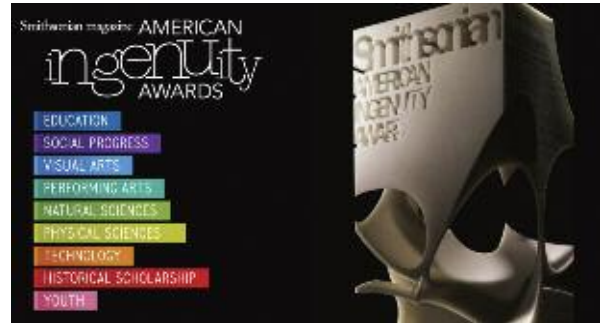
He presented a paper, "Anti-Racist White Allies: A Need for Role Models." He told the story of John Woolman, a Quaker in the 1700's who convinced Quaker slaveowners to release their slaves, and J. Waties Waring, a judge in Charleston, SC, who late in his life issued several decisions assuring equal treatment for blacks in the segregated South.

**Bryan Stevenson Wins Smithsonian American Ingenuity Award**

The *Smithsonian Magazine* has named Eastern University alum and attorney **Bryan Stevenson '81** as the recipient of its American Ingenuity Award for Social Progress. This award is given to those who have achieved a breakthrough that was influential within the past year.

Bryan was honored for his work with the Equal Justice Initiative and the Supreme Court case he and his team won in 2012 upholding the rights of incarcerated children.

Read more at: [www.smithsonianmag.com](http://www.smithsonianmag.com)



**December 2012 Commencement Speaker Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner**

A nationally recognized spiritual leader, teacher, lecturer and writer, Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner is also president of Skinner Leadership Institute. She and her late husband, the Reverend Tom Skinner, established the Skinner Leadership Institute in 1992 to produce a new generation of leaders who are technically excellent and spiritually mature.




**Drive with PRIDE**

*with YOUR very own EASTERN plate!*

Eastern students, alumni and friends living in Pennsylvania are invited to purchase this one-of-a-kind license plate. PA plates are available for a one-time fee of \$29. Proceeds from the program benefit the Eastern Fund (\$5 of the total purchase price is tax-deductible). Visit [www.eastern.edu/drivewithpride](http://www.eastern.edu/drivewithpride).



## Hayes Receives Peace and Justice Scholarship



Graduate student **Tamara Hayes** has received a 2012 Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation Scholarship for Peace and Justice in Minneapolis, MN. This scholarship was given in recognition of her efforts to promote a more peaceful and just world. A native of St. Paul, MN, Hayes is pursuing a master's degree in international development at Eastern University. Prior to enrolling at Eastern, Hayes spent six years in Ethiopia with the Mennonite Central Committee, working closely with a community of people living with HIV. Hayes was involved with creating a fair-trade jewelry business, a school for children, a health clinic,

and housing. "Tamara has a strong work ethic and a deep commitment to the poor. She brings a passion for meeting immediate needs as well as addressing root causes of poverty and injustice," said Daniel Leonard, Mennonite Central Committee Country Representative.

Visit [www.hawkinsonfoundation.org](http://www.hawkinsonfoundation.org).



## You're Worth More Than Gold



Photo by Andrew Bilindabagabo

Students **Justin George** and **Katie Haring** with Christian music artist Britt Nicole who brought her You're Worth More Than Gold concert to St. Davids this fall.

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### DR. PETERS PRESIDENT OF PHENSA



**Mary Anne Peters**, PhD, RN, CNE, chairperson and professor of nursing, is the new president of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Nursing Schools

Association (PHENSA). Dr. Peters also presented a paper "Welcoming the Stranger: Christian Hospitality a Foundation for Nursing Practice" at the Innovations in Faith-Based Nursing Conference held at Indiana Wesleyan University this June. She presented a similar paper at the International Association of Human Caring Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

### INTERNATIONAL TRANSLATIONS OF DR. CARY'S BOOK



**Dr. Phil Cary**, professor of philosophy, reports that a Korean translation of his book, *Good News for Anxious Christians*, is now in

print. A Finnish translation is in the works. An expanded version of his award-winning article, "The New Evangelical Subordinationism: Reading Inequality into the Trinity," originally published in the journal for the Council on Biblical Equality, has been republished in *The New Evangelical Subordinationism? Perspectives on the Equality of God the Father and God the Son* (Wipf & Stock, 2012).



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CREATING SUCCESSFUL WRITERS



**Dr. William Yerger**, associate professor in the Loeb School of Education, contributed an article to *Creative Education*. His article, "Using the AREA Approach to Create Successful Writers," is based on schools successfully addressing the high stakes assessments that states are now administering. The AREA approach is an excellent strategy that both students and teachers can employ in answering questions either in writing or in public speaking.

DR. MCCRAE'S ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES RESEARCH



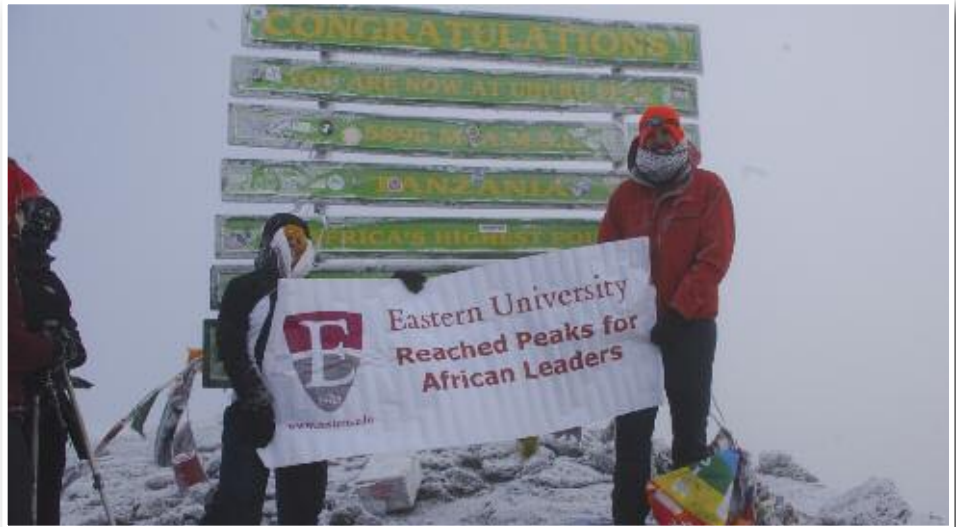
**Dr. Melisande McCrae**, associate professor of organizational development, presented her research at the 50th Anniversary of the International Society for Performance Improvement in Toronto, Canada. Dr. McCrae's session examined the role of routine and non-routine thinking in the Human Performance Technology consulting process.

DR. CHUNG PRESENTS PAPER AT NJ AUTISM CONFERENCE



**Dr. Walter Chung**, professor of counseling psychology and coordinator of the applied behavior analysis concentration, presented a poster entitled "Effectiveness of a Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention Program in Reducing Maladaptive Behaviors and Optimizing the Psychotropic Medication of an Adult Female with Autism" at the 2012 New Jersey Autism Conference.

Reaching Peaks for African Leaders



**Dr. Beth Birmingham, Economic Development '00**, associate professor of Leadership; alumnus **Stephanie Nitschke, International Development '12** and student **Tim Paulson, International Development '13**; climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (19,300 feet) in Tanzania in July as a fundraiser for African Leadership scholarships to the programs of the School of Leadership and Development.

For over 20 years, Eastern's programs have been developing leaders in Africa, Asia and Latin America to serve the poor. Many promising leaders from those regions, however, struggle with the cost of tuition and books. This struggle is what inspired all three climbers in this journey.

"No matter how overwhelming and hopeless the struggle against poverty becomes, when you are leading under the authority of God, there is an entire kingdom of resources and support that is also fighting alongside you. Our education served to rigorously equip us intellectually and spiritually to engage in the global fight against poverty," said Stephanie Nitschke.

Psychology Honor Society Earns Model Chapter Award



The undergraduate chapter of Psi Chi (the International Psychology Honors Society) was awarded the Model Chapter Award by the International Headquarters. Eastern's Psi Chi chapter inducts several students each year who must meet rigorous academic criteria and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in the discipline of psychology. **Dr. Tara Stoppa** serves as the advisor.



## Navy Chaplain Writes about the Iraq War



**Emilio Marrero Jr. '82** is a Captain in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy. Chaplain Marrero is a 1982 graduate of Eastern University and earned his M. Div. degree from what is now Palmer Seminary in 1985. He went on to complete his D.Min. in religious education from Claremont School of Theology in California.

Chaplain Marrero is the author of *A Quiet Reality: A Chaplain's Journey into Babylon, Iraq with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force* (Faithwalk Publishing, Ohio). Readers get a glimpse of the untold war from the perspective of a chaplain who accompanied Marines into battle in Desert Storm and twice in Iraqi Freedom. Chaplain Marrero is not a cheerleader for the war, but a pastor who struggles with being a reflection of God in a time of war, defines his role as a chaplain, and seeks to find opportunities for compassion. *A Quiet Reality* allows you to walk by his side as he reflects, ministers, and leads the efforts to protect the ancient site of Nebuchadnezzar's Palace in ancient Babylon. Join him on an exhilarating tactical convoy during his first night in Iraq, and share with him the painful ministry to the wounded and dead. Chaplain Marrero's memoir is a heartwarming, hopeful commentary on the challenges of being true to one's faith and one's calling in the most trying of times.

Chaplain Marrero has served in a series of diverse tours and is currently serving as the Chaplain at the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command in Little Creek, VA. His personal awards include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and over twenty campaign and unit awards.

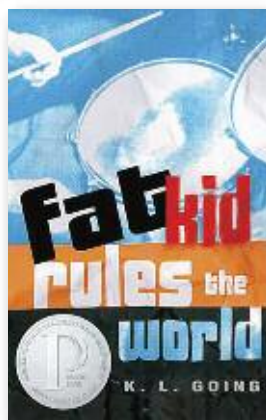
*A Quiet Reality* has received praise from military and civilian readers. **Reverend Luis Cortes, Jr.**, President, Esperanza USA, says, "This book is highly recommended if you are interested in another perspective on the Iraqi war, if you are a person of faith, or a person who is thinking of a calling to ministry." Details about the book are at: [www.a-quiet-reality.com](http://www.a-quiet-reality.com)

## Author K. L. Going

**Kelly L Going '95** has written six books for young adults, but her novel *Fat Kid Rules the World* (which won a Printz Honor in 2003) has just been made into an independent film.

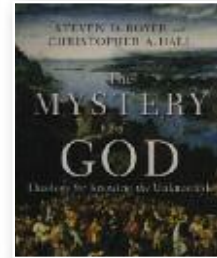
The story revolves around a marginally suicidal boy whose life is changed by a chance meeting with a part-time guitar player named Curt who asks "Fat Kid" to join his band. Kelly attended Eastern as a sociology major and a Biblical studies minor.

[www.klgoing.com](http://www.klgoing.com)



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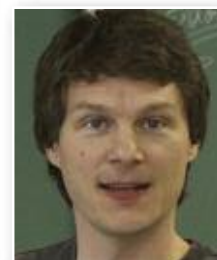
### NEW BOOK FOR DR. HALL



**Dr. Christopher Hall**, University chancellor and dean of Palmer Theological Seminary, has written a book, *The Mystery of God: Theology for Knowing the Unknowable*, with

**Dr. Steven D. Boyer**, professor of theology (Baker Academic). His book review of "Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible," appeared in the November, 2012 issue of *Christianity Today*. Dr. Hall presented a paper, "The Influence of the African Fathers on the Early Church," to the Theologians Network of the European Leadership Forum, Eger, Hungary, in May. He presented "Evangelical-Mormon Dialogue" at Brigham Young University in June, and delivered the Commencement Address at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Hall presented "The Desert Fathers and Mothers" at the Renovare Retreat, with Richard Foster, in San Diego, CA, in July.

### DR. ALEXANDER HONORED BY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SEMINARY



**Dr. Paul Alexander**, professor of Christian ethics and public policy at Palmer Theological Seminary, was inducted into the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary 2012 Sigma Chi Pi

Honor Society in May. His first book, *Peace to War: Shifting Allegiances in the Assemblies of God*, was awarded the international Pneuma Book of the Year and reflects his efforts to encourage Pentecostals and other Christians to rediscover their early commitments to nonviolence and peace.



## 1950s

**Rev. Jack Lottey '54** celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in April 2007 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Schenectady, NY. As a student at Eastern, Jack remembers assisting **Dr. George Claghorn '44** in the preparation of his Ph.D. thesis Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's "Timaeus" for publication. The original price of the book in 1954 was \$2.85, postpaid. The book now sells secondhand on Amazon for \$125.

**Charles '55** and **Alice (Essex '57) Moore** have four children and 11 grandchildren. Alice has served with American Baptist Churches International Ministries as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for 35 years. She is also a member of the Bandon First Baptist Church.

**John Cerrato, Jr. '57** has ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is still preaching and pastoring after 57 years "by HIS grace," John says. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Manchester. At 80 years old, John still rides dirt bikes and skis black diamonds.

**Paul '57** and **Jane (Sargeant '57) Green** are "still happy and in love" after 55 years of marriage. They are extremely proud that their granddaughter is a freshman at Eastern this fall. Both are completely retired and are living in a senior living complex where they enjoy showing travel logs of trips they hosted or took throughout the years. Paul and Jane have traveled to 50 foreign countries and all 50 states, taking pictures as they went.

**Rev. Dorcas Diaz-Shaner '58, MRE '61** lives in NJ with her husband **Donald Shaner BD '61**, whom she met at

Eastern Theological Seminary. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. Their son, **Marcos Shaner '94**, and daughter-in-law **Susan Huckins '95** attended Eastern. Dorcas has one grandson. In 2007, she was invited to begin a new ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church as the pastor for Latino ministries. She is also the facilitator for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Donald serves on the Board of Deacons. Dorcas has authored four books.

## 1960s

**Edgar '61** and **Cherie (Ginther '62) Moore** are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. They have two children and four grandchildren. Cherie retired in 2006 after 36 years in special education at the Chesterfield Public Schools. In 1972, she received her master's degree in hearing disorders from the University of Virginia and for 32 years was part of a team to train regular teachers to accept hearing impaired children into their classrooms. Cherie and Edgar attend Chester Presbyterian Church where she is a member of the adult choir. In 2004 and 2005, she sang with the Chester Presbyterian Festival Choir in Normandy, France and at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. She enjoys her travels to St. Maarten, France, Scotland, Italy, England, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Ed also published his first book, *Wow, What A Day!* in 2012.

**Jane (Martinson) Buss '62** has two daughters and five grandchildren. She is a retired educator who enjoys reading, traveling, and volunteering.

**Kingsley Jr. '62** and **Jeanne (Dingle '65) Emerson** have three children, all Eastern grads: **Kevin '92**, **Kingsley III '93**, and **Jocelyn '95**. They have five

grandchildren. King has been in ministry for 35 years as an ABC-USA pastor and in retirement has served as a volunteer church administrator for the First Baptist Church in New Haven.

**Aurelia Hale '62** is celebrating her 35th anniversary this year with husband, Peter Fabian. She retired in 2010 after 45 years of ministry and now serves on the UCC Pension Board as a visitor to retired UCC clergy in southwest WI.

**Carl Kruhm Jr. '62** is married to Mary and has three children and five grandchildren. He retired after 30 years in public education. Carl attends the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Frederick and volunteers with the Alternatives to Violence Project in the Maryland State Prison at Hagerstown.

**Glen Meeden '62** and wife, Nancy, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They have two children and four grandchildren. In 1968, he received his Ph.D. in mathematics and joined the Statistics Department at Iowa State University. In 1989, he moved to the same department at the University of Minnesota where he still works today.

**Marguerite (Selden) Ogden '62** is married to James, and with their "blended" family, they have five children and seven grandchildren. Margie taught AP English for 31 years. She was ordained in 1999. For the last nine years, she worked as a chaplain and for the last three, was president of the Oregon American Baptist Women. She attends a very active justice and peace UCC church and is still a member of the ABC of Cedar Hills.

**Charles Saunders '62** is a member of the University Baptist Church and a lecturer at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Towson University.



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**Lucretia (Towle) Spence '62** celebrated her 41st anniversary in March 2012 with husband, Warren. They have five children, 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Lucy taught for 31 years (mostly 5th grade) in NJ and has been retired for 15 years. She was named Teacher of the Year on two separate occasions. She is a member of the New Beginning Bible Fellowship where she has taught Sunday school and was the superintendent for 10 years, Christian education chairperson, in the adult choir, women's leadership, lay witness missions, and mission trips to Jamaica.

**Marjorie (Kinsman) Williams '64** celebrated her 35th wedding anniversary with husband, Jon, in June 2009. The couple lives in IN. Marjorie taught high school English for 35 years and retired in 2009. She enjoys tutoring international students and is involved in a Lutheran church where she serves as the coordinator for summer English bible camps in Latvia.

**George '67 and Carolyn "Lynn" (Heeron '67) Allen** have been married since 1966. They have two children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. George is the owner of GFA Management, which he founded in 1980, an author of 10 books, a certified property manager, emeritus and RV/MH Hall of Fame inductee in 2011. He retired from the USMC as a Lt. Col. He is a 25-year member of a non-denominational community church and has served as a discipler.

**Fred '67 and Trena (Adams '67) Ansel** have two married children and two grandchildren. Fred is a retired executive minister of American Baptist Church of the Central Region (KS, OK, and AR) and a member of the West Side Baptist Church in Topeka. He is learning to live with ALS and has a new appreciation for the simple pleasures of life.

**Richard "Hilly" Hillyer '67** is married to Linda and they have one son. Hilly's career includes physical therapy, teaching graduate-level business courses, lecturing on health career management, consulting, and performing Medicare associate surveys. He is also a commercial and instrument rate pilot and Radio HAM.

**Margaret (Gibson) Lewis '67** is married to Jim and they have three sons and six grandchildren. She has traveled to all 50 states and four continents. The other three continents are "on her bucket list."

**Kaaren (Drummond) Olin '67** is "still happily married to her former sailor" for almost 45 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. She was in the International Who's Who of Professional Management in 1999, Manager of the Quarter in 2005 for Business Unit Resource Manager, and has served as Sunnyvale Operations Toys for Tots campaign manager where she tripled employee donations. Kaaren attends Crosspoint Community Church where she is a member of the choir and women's studies.

**Carl Saalbach '67** has four children and two grandchildren. He is a professor of anthropology at Warner Southern University, a bi-vocational missionary, a church consultant, and works with EAPE. He is associated with the Episcopal Church of America and started a house church called Shalom Gathering.

**Elizabeth Sibley '67** married Charles Marut in 1989. Beth retired in 2006 after 38 years as a librarian; 26 of those years were as a social science librarian at UC Berkley. She now works part-time in local public libraries. She has many volunteer activities including working as the Web master for the UN Association and a librarian at the UNA Center Library. She also helps run a library café in Alameda.



**John Lanzalotti, MD '68** (right) has a hobby of sculpting. He recently carved a bust of Meriwether Lewis which has been put on permanent display in the Virginia Capitol Building in Richmond, VA.

For 10 years, she coordinated a Vietnam scholarship program for Vietnamese girls and led a trip to Cuba to visit libraries in 2000. Beth loves to travel and was in the Peace Corps from 1974-1976. She has been to 23 countries.

**Sherry Smith '67** has been with Frank Ervin for the last 48 years. They have two daughters and one grandson. From 1967 to 1999, Sherry worked with social services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She has volunteered with the Bucks County Opportunity Council and House Group, BerWilson Senior Center, and the Center for Loss and Bereavement. She is the president of Abrazas Lodge of the Theosophical Society.

**Joyce (Hamilton) Wik '67** is married to Paul. They have three children and six grandchildren. She earned her M.Ed. from Temple University in 1974 and did some additional graduate hours beyond her M.Ed. Joyce taught in PA and in AZ for more than 40 years. She is a member of the Proclamation Presbyterian Church where she sings in the choir and teaches Sunday school and VBS.



**Glen Van Dyke '67** is married to **Florence (Deisenroth '68)**, and they have two sons, two grandsons, and a step-grandson. Glen is an alumni member of the All Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale (1972-1976) and has served as their organist as they traveled to Belgium, Africa and throughout PA and NJ. He is director of the Annual Ecumenical Choir Festival at Radnor UMC and guest director of the Ocean Grove Choir Festival (1988) in NJ. He has sung in the Ocean Grove festival for 30 years. Glen is also an alumni member of the Chestnut Hill Chorus and present member of the Susquehanna Valley Chorale. He has been the organist/choir director for the past 47 years in Lutheran and United Methodist churches in PA and is currently serving as organist at the United in Christ Lutheran Church in Lewisburg. He designed the 89 rank pipe/digital organ for St. John's Lutheran Church in Sumneytown, PA, where he was music director from 1996 to 2005. Glen's favorite memory of Eastern is the Tune Tangle 1964 competition.

**Dorothy Carlson '69** retired from Radnor Memorial Library where she spent 42 years as the head of children's services.

## 1970s

**Jo Ann (Jones) Walczak '70** has two sons and five grandchildren. She is retired after teaching middle school English for 31 years. Jo Ann was also a former English department chair. She attends the Parker Hill Community Church and has done orphanage work in China annually since 2000.

**Elizabethann (Siegenthales) Burt '72** has been married for 38 years and has two sons and two granddaughters. She does a lot of boating in the summer on Lake Anna. She enjoys waterskiing, sewing and

reading. Betsy is active at Mineral Baptist Church and leads an intercessory prayer group. She has also been a substitute teacher in grade school for 24 years.

**Ross Duncan '72** has been re-elected to serve on the Ringler Board of Directors in Blue Bell, PA.

**Fred '72** and **Beverly (Hauck '72) Funk** are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. They have two daughters and are living in NH. Beverly recently completed training to work with hospice. Fred has achieved his Level II in ski instruction and is a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. They are both active at First Christian Church in Wolfeboro where Fred leads a Bible study and Beverly is the children's librarian and a member of the scholarship committee.

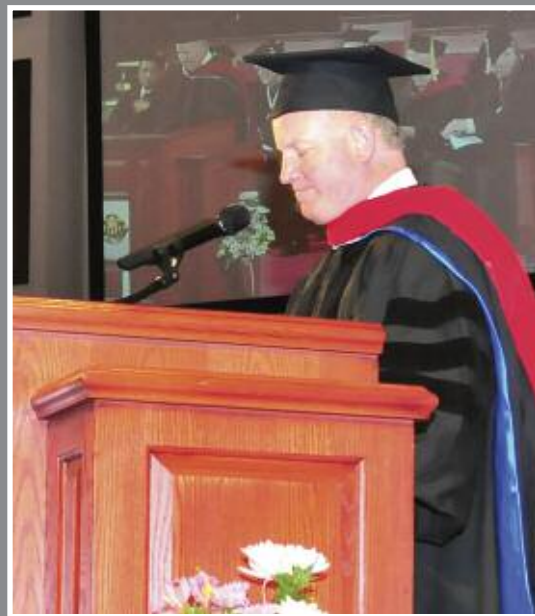
**Dr. Jay Hollinsworth '72** retired in June as the pastor of Swissvale Presbyterian Church where he served for eight years.

**Richard Schramm '72** served as director of the Office of Communication and deputy general secretary for communication during the final decade of his 32-year career with American Baptist Churches, USA. Most recently, he was involved in contracted writing/consultation and adjunct teaching. Since retiring in 2010, Rich has continued in active lay leadership at Westgate Baptist Church in Lancaster, PA, and has served on the Church World Service/Lancaster Advisory Board. He lives in Lancaster with wife, **Laura (Clark '76)**. They have two sons.

**Nancyann (Umberger) Sheaffer '72** is married to Charles. She retired in June 2012 after 40 years of teaching, 32 years in kindergarten and 8 in first grade. Nancyann is looking forward to more time to garden, travel, and read.

**Lee '72** and **Carol (McGuire '72) Taylor** have been married for 38 years and have three children and three grandsons. Lee worked as a dentist in Haverford for 33 years. After 35 years, Carol retired from the Haverford Township School as a gifted elementary school specialist. They are members of the Bethany Collegiate Presbyterian Church.

**Lawrence Tornquist '72** has been married to Deborah Lee for 34 years and they have two children. He has an MA in counseling psychology from Trinity International University and an EdD in counseling from Northern Illinois University. Larry is the co-founder and co-director of Grove Center for Counseling. At church, he has been teaching first and second grade for three years with his daughter. He is also a volunteer for the Timothy Ministry to the homeless of Chicago, and the Safe Families for Lydia children's home.



**Dale R. Miller '78** was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree at Palmer Theological Seminary's Spring 2012 Commencement Ceremony.



# Class Notes

**Elizabeth Turner's '72** accomplishments have included the JesusisLord.org family of Web sites. Beth is single and has traveled a lot, so she attends different churches, depending upon where she is.

**Melinda (McWilliams) Bauers '77** has been married to Pete for 34 years and they have two sons. She has taught in six states and in Saudi Arabia. Melinda has been with the Fairfax County public school system in VA for 15 years. She is a member of the Fairfax Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir, played flute, and sang with the Vienna Choral Society. She sang the national anthem at a Colorado Avalanche game and two Washington Capitals games.

**Donna (Franciosa) Linder '77** is married to Edward. She is a member of the XI Delta Chapter of West Chester University and a Sigma Theta Tau International member. She is also the CRNP/ CUWI Clinician of the Year, and was named to the Family Planning Council of Southeastern PA in 1994. She attends St. Basil the Great Parish Church where she is a member of the Liturgy committee, bereavement group, women's fellowship, and lector in church services. Donna volunteers with the St. Mary Francis shelter for families, and is a volunteer teacher of the AARP driver refresher course with her husband.

**Dr. Jim Sioma '78** resides in York, PA with his wife, Nancy. They have two sons, John, a senior at York College and **David '13**, a senior and a soccer player at Eastern. Jim has done house calls and nursing home work for many years. He also had his own medical practice and was the medical director of Ascera Care Hospice for four years. He has been working with Family First Health, a nonprofit health agency in York, PA.

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## Birth Announcements

**Nate Landis '98** and wife, Angela, welcomed a daughter, Allegra Lisa, on Sept. 13, 2012. She joins big brothers Russell and Rocco.

**Raymond '00, MDiv '08**, and wife **Michelle (Thomas '09) Garcia** welcomed their second son, Nathan Michael, on March 28, 2011. Nathan joins big brother Isaiah.

**Charlotte (Stiles) Hopp '00** had her third son, Gabriel, on April 16, 2012. Gabriel joins big brothers Jackson and David.

**Lindsay (French) Poland '00** and husband, Michael, welcomed a second son, Wyatt James, on March 26, 2012. He joins big brother, Liam.

**Frank '03** and **Emily (Hargis '03) Nefos** have a son, Zachery Micah, who was born in December 2011.

**Brent '04** and **Alina (Hernandez '05) Bice** welcomed their daughter, Sophia Grace, on October 12, 2012.

**Christopher Harrison '05, '09** and wife, Renee, welcomed a son, Elliott William, on March 24, 2012.

**Christopher '07** and **Erin (Welding '07) Franklin** welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Grace, on February 10, 2012.

**Daniel '08** and **Brittany (Smith '08) Welding** welcomed a son, Linus Emery, on March 14, 2012.

**Richard '09** and **Megan (Wise '06) Force** welcomed Jaxon Richard, on April 3, 2012. Jaxon joins big sister, Bella.

*These future alumni babies received an EU bib from the Alumni Office. If you would like a bib, please update your information with the Alumni Office at [alumni@eastern.edu](mailto:alumni@eastern.edu)*

## In Memory

**Claude R. Foster '53** - Sept. 2012

**Harold "Hal" Bunting '63** - Sept. 2012

**Mary Ann Fair '63** - June 2012

**William C. Vaughn '66** - Nov. 2011

**Rev. William Coombs '76, MDiv '79** -  
Feb. 2012

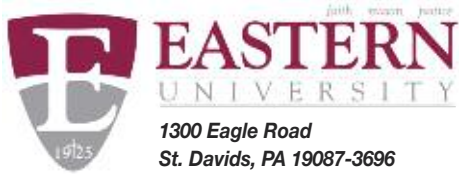
**Eric Sortore '79** - July 2012

**Charlene (Leopold) Gaspar '88** -  
June 2012

**Jeffrey Cranston '92** - May 2012

**Joy Lynne Mifflyn '01** - November 2012

**Fred Ansell '67** - November 2012



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