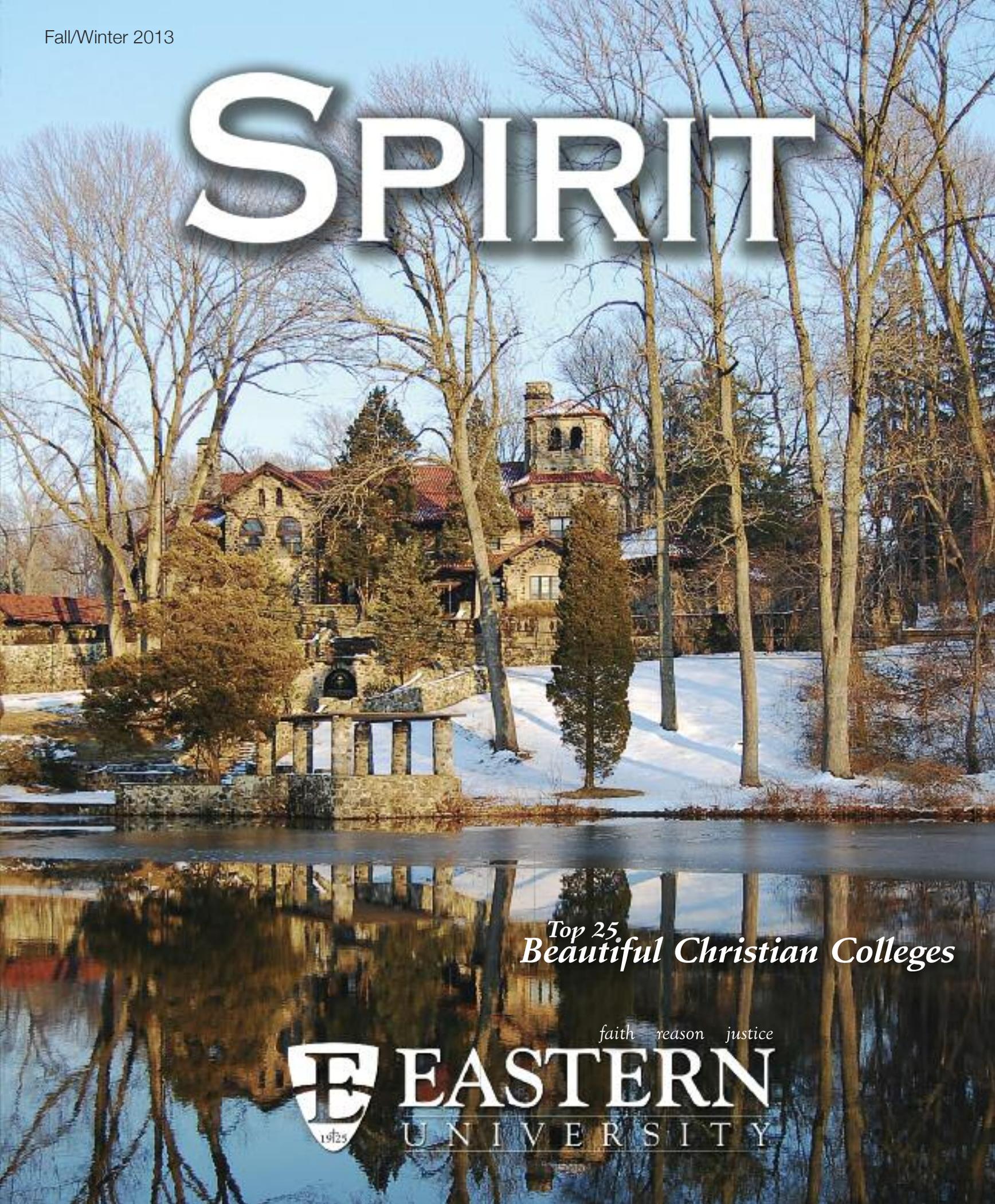


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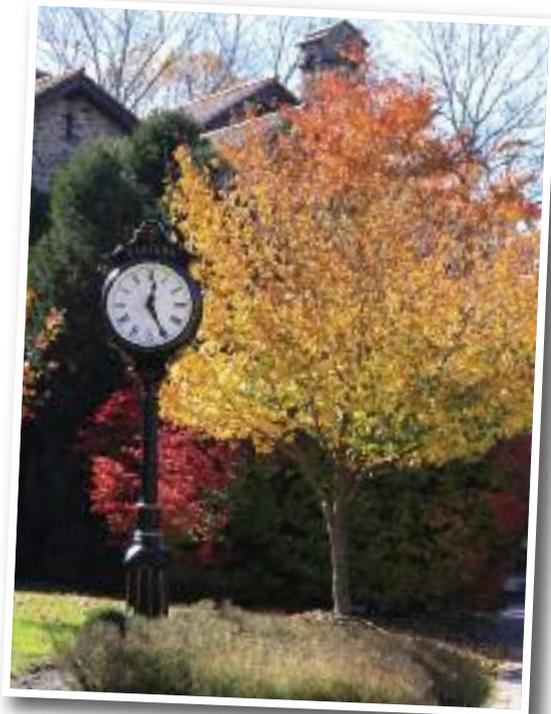


Number Three of Top 25 Beautiful Christian Colleges

Eastern University has been selected as one of the most beautiful Christian colleges in America for 2013. The St. Davids campus of this Christian university is listed as number three on the list of the 25 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges and Universities at: www.christianuniversitiesonline.org/beautiful-christian-colleges/

The selections were made by the editors of ChristianUniversitiesOnline.org. According to the editors, “The list was put together as an aid for prospective students looking for a Christian school where their quest for truth will be enhanced by truly beautiful surroundings. All of the schools included on the list are members or affiliates of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.”

Eastern’s suburban St. Davids campus, just west of Philadelphia, includes protected wetlands, wooded walking trails, and three lakes. Historic Walton Hall is the most prominent building, and the Waterwheel is listed on the National Registry of Historic Waterwheels.



First-year Students Reflect on Our Beautiful Campus

By Elizabeth Vollmer '15, English Writing major

When asked to write about why Eastern was a beautiful campus, the first-year students in the Fundamentals of Writing course taught by **Rebecca Gidjunis '01** chose aspects that made them want to attend this university. “The welcoming atmosphere incorporates friendliness, warmth, and fellowship into a familial campus,” wrote **Juliana Wright Schleider Simon**, “Its diversity brings an imagery of unity, peace and worship. The trees personify a still resemblance of God’s strength as they sway in the wind, which presents a visual of his patience and everlasting glory.” **Lauren Watlington** focused on an aspect that every Eastern student is quite familiar with, “Adjacent to Walton Hall lies a pond filled with green lily pads and wriggling fish.” **Jordan Heiser** points out that Eastern has more to offer than just aesthetic pleasure “Whether it is club soccer or Habitat for Humanity, the clubs and activities fulfill many of the students’ interests.”

According to its students, Eastern University certainly deserves to be called a beautiful campus. Juliana Wright says, “While I was writing this essay, I was just captivated by Eastern’s authenticity and uniqueness. It has so much personality and style. It made me look at how privileged I am to go to a school like this.”



Setting a Course for **EASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Robert G. Duffett addressed the Eastern University community on August 23 and gave a comprehensive address, *The Road Ahead: Who Are We... Where Are We Going... Who is Leading Us?* He reviewed the founding of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, the mother of Eastern University, and Esperanza College. Dr. Duffett addressed the Seminary on September 19, presenting *The Old, the New, and Heralds of the Best*, saying, “Our jaunt through the past is for the purpose of extracting the DNA or the enduring educational and theological values of our university.”

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In looking at who we are, Dr. Duffett said, “The way to the future is always through the past. No family, institution or nation merely appears. There are always antecedents, events, experiences, people, conflicts and accomplishments that shape or create them. Tragic is the person, nation or college president that ignores them.”

He continued, “As an historian and biblical/theological scholar, I have spent much time studying, talking, discovering, writing and analyzing the history of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Palmer Theological Seminary, Eastern Baptist College, Eastern College and Eastern University. I do not yet want to shape Eastern’s future until I allow myself to be shaped by its past - that is, its vision, values, ethos and educational success - i.e. our institutional DNA.”

After detailing the founding of the Seminary, Dr. Duffett said there are four enduring values of our past intellectual and theological DNA that are relevant today.

He said, “First, we are still shaped by an apostolic, Biblical and minimalist Christian orthodoxy. We still value Christian community where we labor together. Second, like our predecessors, the goal of our education and community is effective performance in our vocation and service to the church and world. Third, our heritage is not separatist or isolationist. Last, through our history there has been a steady rise of academic quality and rigor.”

Characteristics of a Christian College

Over the years I have developed my own list of characteristics of a Christian college. They are refracted from my readings on history, theology, education, and my own experience as a pastor of Baptist churches, campus pastor, college and seminary professor, university provost and academic dean and college president.

- **Faculty who are Committed Christians, People of the Church, First-rate Scholars, Gifted Teachers and Sense a Call to Christian Higher Education**
- **Several Mandated Courses in Academic Theology**
- **Institutional and Faculty Commitment to Interrogate, Integrate (when possible) and Engage (always) Evangelical Faith with All Branches of Human Knowledge**
- **A Vibrant Chapel and Campus Ministry Program**
- **Transform Beer and Circus* College Culture to Christian Community**
- **Mandated Course(s) in Ethics through the Philosophy Department in General Ed., Major, Discipline, or Professional Programs**
- **Effective Programs in Service Learning, World Mission and Evangelism**

- **A Written Claim of Church Relationship and Christian Identity in the Mission Statement**

We are quite strong here – happily!

- **Institutional Policies that Reflect Christian Values**

- **A Great Place to Work**

*The term “Beer and Circus” comes from Murray Sperber’s book of a similar title. He uses the term to describe college life in most American universities and blames big time college athletes for turning college life into bacchanalian revelry. Like Sperber, we seek a different type.

In his address to Palmer Seminary, Dr. Duffett detailed the course of its theological education and quoted its second president, Austin Kennedy de Blois, who said the Seminary’s purpose was “...to educate the future ministers of our denomination in scholarly character and fidelity to revealed truth.”

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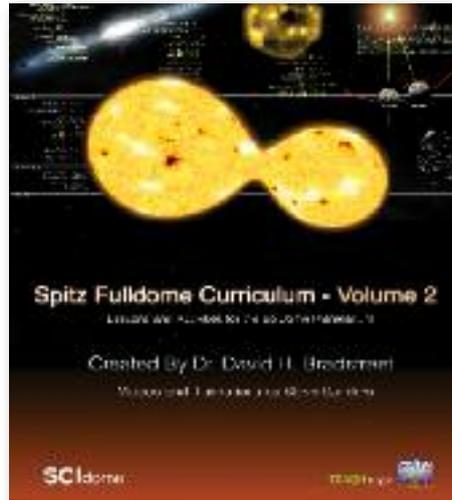
He acknowledged that educating ministers is changing and noted all the ways the Seminary has adapted its programs over the decades to meet these changes. Dr. Duffett said, “I do not know what the future of theological education will look like, but there are two theological assertions that bring confidence for our future. First, theological education is not going away. The need for thoughtful leaders for the church will last as long as the church does. Second, I am absolutely bullish on the church. Jesus made a prediction and promise that has stood the test of time, despite travails of every sort. He said he would build his church both on the Apostle Peter himself and his confession of Jesus’ identity (Matthew 16:18-19). Within this text, in a way, theology intersects with ecclesiology and theological leadership. Jesus himself says of the gathered community that the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

In describing his leadership approach, Dr. Duffett affirmed the importance of strategic planning, which he boiled down to two tasks: 1. Cut a direction and vision, 2. Gather colleagues together to fulfill this vision and direction.

He concluded, “I am delighted to be at Eastern University - a University and Seminary I have admired from afar for years.”

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New SPITZ PLANETARIUM Curriculum

Dr. David H. Bradstreet '76, professor of astronomy and physics and Observatory/Planetarium director at Eastern University, has completed Volume 2 of the popular Spitz Fulldome Curriculum. Many of the illustrations and videos were created by **Steve Sanders** '01.

Since Eastern University purchased the Spitz SciDome for its Julia Fowler Planetarium, Dr. Bradstreet has been developing new lessons and programs to take full advantage of the SciDome features and capabilities. He first produced Volume 1 of the curriculum in November, 2009.

Dr. Bradstreet says, "Astronomy education remains an exciting and sorely neglected discipline in our schools. I envision that digital planetariums, when used creatively and effectively, can revolutionize and revitalize the astronomy education community and stimulate people to look at planetariums in an entirely new way. I hope that Volume 2 of the Fulldome Curriculum plays a strong role to that end."

Volume 2 includes full classes such as those used by the Boy Scouts to obtain an astronomy badge, and 22 mini-lessons on everything from constellations to comets. There are over 100 SciDomes in the U.S. who are now using these lessons.

www.spitzinc.com

The Milky Way is depicted with a sphere of radius 10,000 light years centered on our Sun's position. The Milky Way is 100,000 light years in diameter.

Some preliminary reviews are coming in from planetariums throughout the country.

*"Wow! Even with the previews you provided at Spitz Institute, I am so excited to start working with it. FDC1 has been a huge asset to my work here at The State Museum of Pennsylvania and I can tell already that FDC2 will be an even greater resource in developing and providing programming for our visitors. Dr. Bradstreet has given not only his students, but colleagues and students around the world, **an exciting new way to gain a deeper understanding of the universe.**"*

Linda Powell
Planetarium Director, State Museum
of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA

*"Once again Dr. David Bradstreet has created a Fulldome Curriculum of astronomy lessons and mini-lessons that are simultaneously educationally rich, visually spectacular, and entertainment-rich. Some include truly **one-of-a-kind visualizations of difficult astronomical concepts**, like his lessons about eclipse seasons and timekeeping. Dr. Bradstreet is a champion educator."*

Dr. Todd Young
Professor of physics and astronomy
Wayne State College, Nebraska

*"The SciDome Fulldome Curriculum (FDC) delivers an entirely new perspective of constellations that can be seamlessly incorporated into lessons for young and old. The FDC is another step into **transforming the planetarium into an immersive classroom** in which our students will learn history, geology, and physics, as well as astronomy."*

Laura J. Megeath
Appold Planetarium Coordinator
Lourdes University, Ohio

A Military Friendly School



After a recent survey of over 12,000 schools, Eastern University has been named by Victory Media as a Military Friendly School® for 2014.

This recognition ranks Eastern University in the top 15% of schools nationwide via a data-driven survey administered by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business and publisher of G.I. Jobs and the Guide to Military Friendly Schools®. The survey weighting, methodology, and resulting schools list is independently certified by Ernst and Young.

Rich McCormack, President of Victory Media Inc., said, “You have demonstrated a strong interest in recruiting military students, and I urge you to augment your already stellar efforts by continuing to improve your military friendliness each year. On behalf of the 8 million military members and veterans seeking a school, I thank you for your commitment to educating our nation’s most deserving heroes.”

Learn more about this list and other services for military members and veterans at militaryfriendly.com

The Bod Pod Has Landed

by Dr. Patricia Reger, Professor of Biokinetics

Resembling a space capsule, the BOD POD is the safest and most subject-friendly of all methods used to assess body composition (body fat and muscle mass). The Biokinetics Department was able to purchase it thanks to generous contributions. The BOD POD has none of the risks associated with underwater submersion, and yields detailed results necessary for the development of an effective nutrition and exercise program.

This acquisition brings tremendous opportunities for the athletic training and exercise science students. Only a limited number of educational and clinical sites have a BOD POD, so it gives our students a strong advantage. As they learn to operate the equipment, students will also gain an appreciation of measurement validity and reliability as they compare the accuracy of the BOD POD with that of less advanced equipment. The faculty is also excited about the BOD POD's research and scholarship prospects.



Zenique Gardner Recognized for Her Writing

By Rebecca Gidjunis '01, Lecturer of English



Chimamanda Adichie, Zenique Gardner and Nicholas Vervelde, the managing director of Nigerian Breweries, PLC, who sponsors the Farafina Writing Workshop.

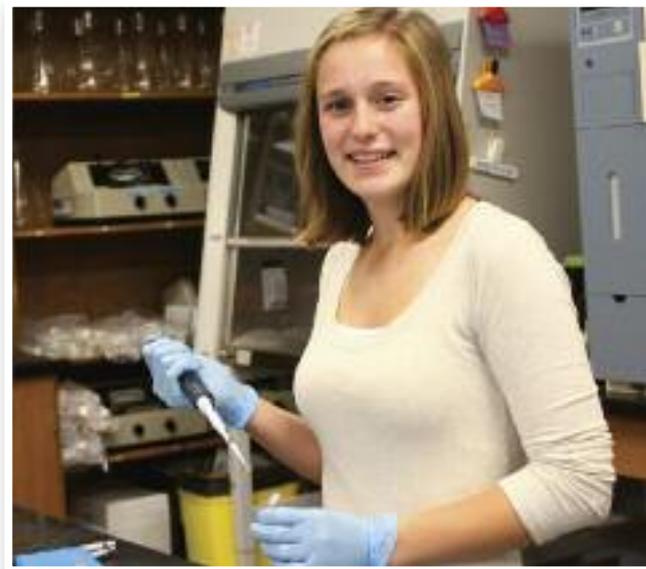
Zenique Gardner '11 was one of 25 international writers accepted to Chimamanda Adichie's 2013 Farafina Trust Creative Writing Workshop in Nigeria. Gardner was selected from over 800 applicants. Adichie is a critically-acclaimed author of numerous short stories and novels, including her 2013 novel, *Americanah*.

Gardner graduated from Eastern in 2011 with a BA in English with a concentration in writing. She works for the Urban League in Philadelphia and is a freelance writer. She contributes to the Arts & Culture section of *two.one.five magazine*, a digital publication based in Philadelphia.

During her time at Eastern, she studied in Uganda for a few months and started many essays and stories about her experiences there. This summer, she returned to East Africa to continue writing. After her first day under Adichie's tutelage, Gardner said, "I am so inspired and want to be just as passionate about creating a program for young black writers in the U.S. as she is in regard to her program for African writers."

Victoria Gundlah Earns Research Grant

Victoria Gundlah, a junior biology major, was awarded an Undergraduate College Student Research Grant from the Pennsylvania Academy of Science to support her research during the 2013-2014 academic year. Her project, *Detection of viral replication using a cotton leaf curl betasatellite modified to express GFP*, is an outgrowth of her summer research experience at the St. Davids campus, where she worked on the genetic engineering of a related virus. Her research is part of a larger effort to understand how the cotton leaf curl virus, which causes disease in fiber and food crops, is transmitted to host plants by an insect vector.





New MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology

Eastern University announces a new graduate program, the MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology. This 11-month program is a blend of classes in anthropology, theology, and economic development. A team of scholars, including **Dr. Eloise Meneses** (anthropology), **Dr. David Bronkema** (anthropology), **Dr. Lindy Backues MS '93** (theology), and **Dr. Eric Flett** (theology) has been developing this program over the past four years.

A grant from the John Templeton Foundation is funding the opening of the master's program and an associated research project, entitled *On Knowing Humanity*. The research project is a continuing series of colloquia that are open to the public and feature anthropologists from across the country.

The MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology prepares students for jobs such as the following:

- Anthropology Instructor - Teaching at community colleges or private high schools. A master's degree is sufficient education to teach at this level.
- Doctoral Candidate - Entering doctoral programs in anthropology with master's level coursework, and a thesis, completed.
- Mission Ethnographer - Doing research on cultures for mission and other church agencies. Analyzing the cultural elements in organizations and society for the purpose of effective cross-cultural communication.

- Anthropological Consultant - Consulting for business, government, and nongovernmental service agencies as a fully trained ethnographer/anthropologist, thereby contributing to good practice in cross-cultural settings.
- Higher Education for Management - Gaining a master's degree in a cross-cultural social science for the purpose of advancement to management levels in current employment, where such higher education is encouraged.

For more information on either the master's degree or the colloquia, contact Dr. Eloise Meneses at emeneses@eastern.edu.

From Academia to Wealth Management

By Cassie Miller '13



As a philosophy and political science student in the Templeton Honors College, I found that most of my undergraduate courses focused on the intellectual development of the West. But during my final semester, I stepped outside of the academic world and interned with Compass Ion Advisors, a wealth management firm in Conshohocken, PA. Through a fellowship with Eastern's Agora Institute, I met the president of Compass Ion, **Matt Kane '93**, who serves as the chairman of the board for the Institute and is also an Eastern alumnus. I landed an internship, which, shortly after graduation, turned into a full-time job.

Wealth management may seem an unlikely choice for someone who spent

more of her college years reading Aristotle than following the stock market. However, I've found that there's a deep resonance between academics and wealth management. Both require conversation, research, attention to detail, and diligence; both are areas in which we can work for the good of others.

At the University, professors and students write essays, compose music, discover new medical treatments, study public policy, all of which contributes to the common good of the communities where they live and work. At Compass Ion, commitment to this form of services runs deep. As Matt Kane, one of our four founding partners explains, "Above all else, our mission is to discover, plan and invest for what matters most in order to faithfully guide individuals and families to live a life of significance." Knowing that I can contribute in a small way to this important mode of ministry is by far the most rewarding part of my work. I look forward to what lies ahead, knowing that my time at Eastern has helped prepare me to do the work that God has given me to do.

Urban Studies at Christian Community Development Conference



The Urban Studies Department was well represented at the Christian Community Development Association Conference this fall in New Orleans. **Amy Tuttle '11** and **Julia Crawford '12** presented a workshop, *My People, My Place: Storytelling through Dance and Visual Arts*. **Andrew Miller '13** presented two workshops: *Creating and Maintaining an After-School Program that Will Keep Youth Coming Back* and *Peeking Over Walls: Learning to Mentor Youth Across Race and Class Lines*. **Dr. Kimberlee Johnson**, program director and advisor for the youth development concentration, presented *Trying and Sentencing Youth as Adults: Justice or Injustice?*

Alumni in Africa Reflect on the School for Leadership and Development

Beth Birmingham MBA '00, Associate Professor of Leadership and Change, often asserts that our alumni are one of Eastern's best assets, and nowhere is this more evident than in the School for Leadership and Development. Many grads continue to teach in the program and refer new students, while building and maintaining relationships with practitioners and organizations worldwide. Here are some recent reflections from two alumni who also teach in our programs:



CRAIG STEWART '11
MA in International Development
Executive Director,
The Warehouse, Cape Town, South Africa

"I am very grateful for the opportunity I had to complete an MA in International Development. As a practitioner I valued the balance between theory and practice led by faculty who are also excellent practitioners in their fields. As a follower of Christ, the emphasis on wrestling with the application of my faith into the matters I was studying was an extremely formative experience. Finally, as an African leading a local nonprofit, becoming part of the extensive network of students, faculty and alumni from around the world was an unexpected inspiration and has contributed to my ongoing learning."



MAGGIE MADIMBO '13
PhD in Organizational Leadership
Vice Chancellor, Africa Bible University, Malawi

"The Eastern University PhD has helped me to look at institutional issues in a holistic way. I am well prepared for my new role as Vice Chancellor because I can always integrate my faith, reason and justice in my work."



Internship Leads to "Dream Job"

"The internship opportunity met my career goals...and more." That's how **Renee Nicolo '13**, described her decision to join Cradles to Crayons' College Corps during her final semester at Eastern University.

When this missions and anthropology major graduated, she was invited to join the local nonprofit as community outreach coordinator, responsible for facilitating the nearly 35,000 bags of donated products that Cradles to Crayons will collect this year. These products include children's clothing, warm coats, hats, shoes, boots, gloves, newborn baby items, baby safety equipment, toys, books and school supplies distributed to more than 100,000 disadvantaged and underserved children in the Greater Philadelphia region.

Renee came to Eastern because, "I knew when I stepped onto Eastern's campus that its mission fit into both my expectations for an academic and faith stretching experience!" During her studies at Eastern, she was particularly grateful for the support of **Rebecca Gidjunis '01**, **Sarah Todd**, and **Dr. Eloise Meneses**. She says, "Rebecca has been with me since the beginning as a friend and professor. The professional writing skills that I learned from her are priceless to me now. The classes and experiences I had after her fall semester class truly prepared me for my career at Cradles to Crayons."

She continues, "From cover letters and resumes to recommendations, Sarah was the go-to person."

Renee says, "What a wealth of information Dr. Meneses possesses. She has been with me throughout my process of picking a major, studying abroad in India, and my college career."

Renee concludes, "At the program's heart is people and serving, which is what drew me to Cradles to Crayons, and makes this a dream job."

Visit www.cradlestocrayons.org

Agriculture and Missions in Costa Rica

By Dr. David Unander, Professor of Biology

The Tropical Agriculture and Missions (TAM) course has been offered successfully for 10 years, first at ECHO's training center in south Florida, and since in rural Costa Rica, in collaboration with a Costa Rican Christian agency, ADE (Association for Development through Education) in English.

Our goal is a science-focused survey of tropical agriculture for working with resource-poor farmers, coupled with some missiology and development theory. Costa Rican high school students teach the Au Sable Institute students about local organisms and crops and then the Au Sable students do a science teach-in at the high school on topics they've researched and prepared. Since we live in the community, there are many opportunities for interaction both in and out of class.

We take two road trips, seeing a swathe of other tropical ecosystems. We're able to visit most major tropical crops and farm types, and also visit well-regarded university or international agricultural research centers. One of the biggest challenges

we face is curricular: how to best balance scientific foundations of sustainable agriculture, exposure to diverse types of tropical agriculture, and some missiology, cross-cultural theory, and language-learning theory (with practice).

Few schools offer a course combining the subjects we do in TAM, so we believe we are providing a useful service to a small, but important "market." A total of 106 people have now taken all or part of the TAM course since it began: 89 students from US or Canadian colleges or universities, and 17 auditors, the majority either foreign nationals or Christian missionaries.



A Model of Academic Success for Nontraditional Undergraduate Students

This August, **Delano Shane**, director of People for People Institute (PFPI) and **Lisa Wilson**, academic coach/advisor at PFPI, participated in the Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable (PCPR) Annual Conference at Arcadia University. The theme of the conference was college preparation and completion.

The mission of PCPR is to strengthen a community of college access and success practitioners who believe in the potential of all individuals and help students navigate the path to and through higher education. Although the conference focused mainly on traditional students, Delano and Lisa shared information on challenges facing nontraditional students in Eastern's Associate of Arts degree program.

To compare findings with traditional and nontraditional students, Delano reviewed data from the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation on low income and minority students in community colleges. The data revealed three major traditional student challenges:

-  lack of financial resources
-  competing priorities outside of school such as family
-  under-academic preparation.

Major non-traditional student challenges and the strategic manner in which PFPI's Model of Student Success addresses each specific area:

-  financial pressures (employment and scholarship resources)
-  overwhelming personal responsibilities such as family and child care (free)
-  lack of social and emotional support systems (Eastern's cohort model for accelerated adult programs)
-  under preparation for college work (academic coaching/advising)
-  deficient coping strategies (referrals to social service agencies, anticipated free counseling service)

Since Lisa's employment in June 2012 as academic coach/advisor, and the identified intervention strategies, over a 2.5 year period, PFPI has experienced:

-  a rise in student retention, from 35% to 52%
-  a reduced number of students being dropped from financial aid, from 25% to less than 5%
-  a reduction in the number of students on academic probation, from 15% to less than 5%

People for People Institute is a partnership program with the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies offering students the opportunity to earn an Eastern University AA in Liberal Arts degree or a BS degree in Early Childhood Education. For more information, contact Delano Shane, dshane@eastern.edu, or 215-399-2694, extension 755.

Youth and Family Support in Canada

Erin Thomas '13 Community Development, has continued on as the Family Support Program Coordinator at the Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Alberta, Canada. She helps design and implement community programs, overseeing multiple services.

Her lifelong passion, however, has been to support victims of human trafficking through advocacy, investigation, research and after-care work, both in Canada and overseas. With a special heart for exploited youth, Erin is excited to report that her church has agreed to support her in launching a pilot community for at-risk and exploited youth, due out next summer. She is designing a curriculum for a youth spiritual retreat created specifically for targeted youth in Alberta. By nurturing Christ-centered community over the long-term, using the arts and creative spirituality, Erin says she "hopes to help young people break physical and spiritual chains."

Loving Online Learning

By *Deb McConomy-Wallace*

How does a mother of two young children, working full-time an hour and a half from home, manage a college education?

Taneisha Williams, a student in Eastern University's Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies Organizational Leadership program, discovered a solution that works for her. She takes her courses online.

"The advantage of being an online student is the convenience," Williams says. She is pleased that she can participate in activities with her children and still keep up with her assignments, even while sitting on a bench at the playground. "I needed the flexibility."

Doctor of Arts in Marriage and Family student **Algernon Baker** agrees. "You have to be able to manage your time." A full-time parish pastor who is married and has three children, Baker began his studies in 2011 and says, "I was surprised how much work and time it takes." Juggling family, work life, and coursework was stressful, he reported, until a conversation with **Dr. Gwen White**, Director of the Doctor of Arts program, helped him refocus his priorities. "That liberated me," he says. Baker's secret to success as an online student is a high level of discipline and an ability to manage time well.

Lauren Dritsas, a graduate student pursuing certification as a school psychologist, used a planner to plot out assignments and projects when she took an online course. "I broke the work down into manageable increments," she says. "I set specific time limits every day for school work, then took breaks to do errands."

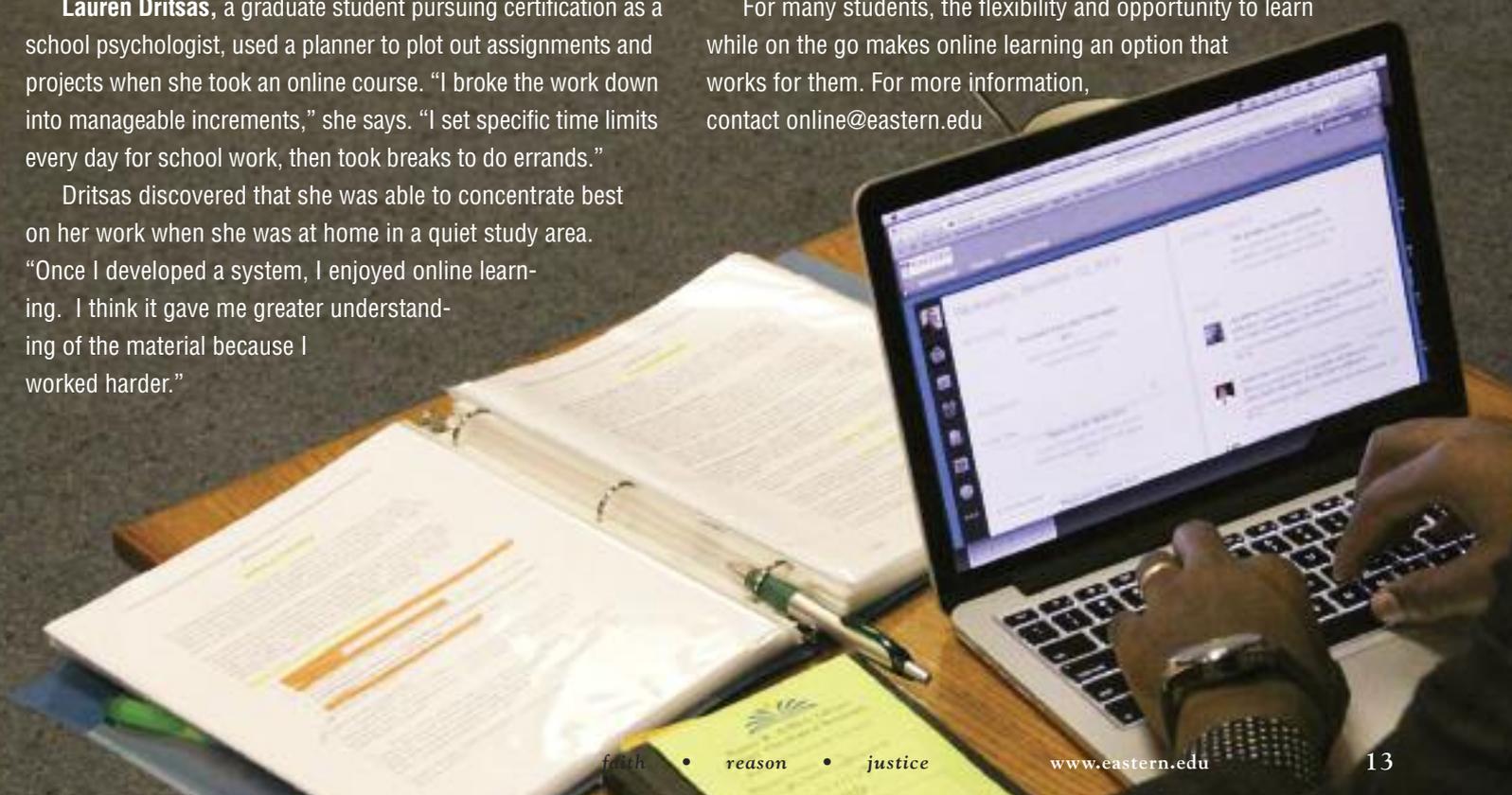
Dritsas discovered that she was able to concentrate best on her work when she was at home in a quiet study area. "Once I developed a system, I enjoyed online learning. I think it gave me greater understanding of the material because I worked harder."

While some online students report that they miss the camaraderie of the classroom, others say that they feel that they have been able to forge a closer bond with their classmates because of the level of communication required of students in an online program. As one student says, "You're accountable. You can't fake it."

The relative affordability of computers and mobile devices, the wide availability of Internet access, and technologies like Blackboard and Adobe Connect have made it much easier for students and instructors to connect and access course materials even when traveling. As one online instructor noted, "I can be on vacation for a week and, as long as I have Internet connectivity, I can still teach and be available to my students."

During the academic year 2012-2013, twenty-one percent of Eastern University's student population took advantage of the opportunity to learn in at least one of the 213 courses that Eastern offers completely online. An even larger student population participated in the 593 courses that were offered in a blended on ground, online format. One hundred nine students in the College of Arts and Sciences took summer courses while at home, at camp, or at the beach.

For many students, the flexibility and opportunity to learn while on the go makes online learning an option that works for them. For more information, contact online@eastern.edu





Social Change Through Business

JoAnn Flett MBA '06, lecturer of business, is passionate about social justice and convinced that we can effect social change through business. To help do just that, she is serving as the Board Chair of Capital for Good, a nonprofit organization committed to connecting donors and grantmakers with the most effective international and domestic non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the areas of education, health, human liberty and economic empowerment.

Her service on the Board with Capital for Good is a natural outgrowth of her work at Eastern University, where she is also director of the MBA in Economic Development program.

Its goal is to prepare theologically informed students who have a strong sense of social justice, and possess great business acumen. JoAnn strives to continually improve the program and has strengthened the quantitative piece and better defined its theological aspects. "Another thing I firmly believe in is top-level mentoring for our students," she says. Mentors have included chief management officers and other executives from Geneva Global, Comcast, World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan's Purse, and the International Justice Mission. In fact, JoAnn Flett represented Eastern this year at the International Justice Conference in Hong Kong where she presented a paper, *Business, Justice and Restored Beauty*.

She asks, "What is the role of business in society? It can have an impact on how people in the developing world live." JoAnn Flett believes that individuals and organizations do their best when they seek "shalom" which is understood as right relationships with God, self, others and creation.

To learn more about Capital for Good, visit www.capitalforgood.org.

Bringing Youth to Christ in California



Nate Landis '98, a youth ministry grad, works with Urban Youth Collaborative, a nonprofit organization in San Diego, CA. This summer, they took 106 youth to UCLA to join a total of 615 students for a week of FCA Camp. He says, "We love our partnership with this incredible organization! So many students responded to the message on invitation night (350) that two guys had to hoist me on their shoulders to address the crowd of kids who (re)committed their lives to Jesus during the evening program. The crowd cheered spontaneously as I encouraged them in their new faith and explained the significance of the victory that Christ won for them forever."

Visit www.uyc.org.





George Deveney '01 Earns CITY YEAR's Highest Honor

George Deveney '01, was awarded a Comcast NBCUniversal Leadership Award, City Year's most prestigious alumni recognition. Deveney has been with City Year for 11 years, starting as a corps member and working his way up to director of new site development. In this role, he has grown City Year across the country and internationally.

At Eastern University, Deveney played basketball and majored in marketing. He says, "Being exposed to giving back and community involvement through the Living and Learning in Community course was great. I volunteered at a Salvation Army and with kids in an after-school program, and was a volunteer for Special Olympics through Eastern. I also really enjoyed the perspective I gained from the weekly Windows on the World forums. I didn't realize at the time how much these experiences would shape my life."

After graduating in 2001, George got a job in sales, but wasn't truly satisfied with his work, and the September 11 tragedy made him think about his future. He went to a City Year information session in Philadelphia and signed up. He describes his year work-

ing as a City Year AmeriCorps volunteer as life-changing. He joined the City Year staff and became the recruitment director.

In 2007, Deveney and his wife Kristen moved to Boston where he became national recruitment director. He helped start a City Year program in London and became its start-up director. After seven months in London, he was named director of new site development. Since 2010, he has directed the development of five new City Year sites in Denver, Sacramento, Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tulsa, and is currently working on two in Baltimore and Las Vegas.

Michael Brown, co-founder and CEO of City Year, says, "George is tremendously talented at gathering people, and he has a magnetic personality. He gets people excited about big things."

George Deveney says, "I'm passionate about City Year and the experiences I've had here and Eastern was a crucial step in the right direction for me. I'm especially proud that Eastern has formalized a 'give a year' partnership with City Year so that more people can be part of both alumni networks."



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



Mark Puterbaugh, librarian, reports, "As a follow-up to our presentation in Norway last year, my colleague Hua Sun, Shandong University of Arts, and I published our experiences in the journal *Pennsylvania Libraries: Research and Practice*. The article, "Using Social Media to Promote International Collaboration" is online at <http://palrap.org/ojs/index.php/palrap/article/view/19>.

MARK HOFFMAN HOSTS PROGRAMMERS



Mark Hoffman MBA '11, Director, Administrative Computing, hosted 42 members of the PHP programmers

group on the St. Davids campus this summer. There were two speakers who presented on different topics.



POSTER ON BINARY STARS
Last year, **Dr. David Bradstreet '76**

worked with high school senior Carrie Volpert to complete her thesis on two new eclipsing binaries, a poster which was then presented at the American Astronomical Society's January 2013 meeting in California. Carrie graduated from Agnes Irwin School and is studying astronomy at the University of Chicago.



DANCE NEWS

Professors Janine Bryant (left) and **Saleana Pettaway** (right) were interviewed for *Dance Teacher Magazine* (Dec. 2013) to discuss the concept of the dance major in a Christian college setting. www.dance-teacher.com

Saleana Pettaway was invited to perform in DanceAfrica Philly! 2013 "Our African Legacy: Treasured Reflections" presented by the Community Education Center in partnership with Drexel University. This is a fall festival of African diaspora dance, culture, and community.

Janine Bryant has completed a PhD study tour to the University of Wolverhampton, UK. Also, Janine is featured monthly in a new column on Philadelphiadance.org called *Bryant's Dance Medicine and Science*.

Stephen Welsh (center) reports that his dance works were featured this November at the Community Education Center in Philadelphia for their Etc. Series. www.etcseries.org





DON GIOVANNI IN HUNGARY

Kristin Smither '11, costumer (second from left) **Kelsey Meyers '14** singer and choreographer (second from right) for Crescendo Summer Institute's Production of Don Giovanni, directed by **Teresa Moyer**.

Set Designer, Matthew Allar, Director **Teresa Nevola Moyer**, Conductor, Paolo Paroni on the set of Don Giovanni, in Sàrospatak, Hungary August 2013.



Paul Alexander, (from left) Ron Sider and Al Tizon at 40th Anniversary Gala and Roast

BUSY FALL FOR RON SIDER

Dr. Ron Sider, who retired June 30 as president of ESA (Evangelicals for Social Action) and director of the Sider Center on Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer Seminary, has not slowed down. This fall he spoke at the Ohio Council of Churches in Columbus, Iowa State University, two conferences in Canada, Dialogue with Professor Robert George (Princeton University) at Clemson University, Patrick Henry College, and the AAR meeting in Baltimore, MD. **Professors Paul Alexander** and **Al Tizon** edited a festschrift in his honor, *Following Jesus...*

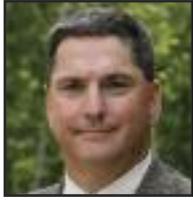
PROJECT ABLE

Eastern grad **Matt Curcio '12** is working on a documentary, Project Able, along with **Imani Barbarin '13**. He says, "We are recent college graduates with disabilities with one question we want to try to answer so that we may move forward with our lives: What does independence look like for people like us?"

According to the Center for Disease Control, just over 16% of adults in the US have a physical functioning difficulty. Matt says, "Through this documentary, as much as it is meant to be an expression of hope and inspiration, we hope to establish a resource of solidarity for those currently journeying alongside us across the nation."

For more information contact Matt at mcurcio@eastern.edu

HALL OF FAME



Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Park has honored **Thomas Bonerbo**, lecturer, director of nontraditional

programs, Loeb School of Education, at their Hall of Fame banquet in October as a contributor to their athletic department, where he worked from 1988-94.

BOOK ON MISSIONS



Andrew Bush, associate professor of missions, reports that his book, *Learning from the Least: Reflections*

on a Journey in Mission with Palestinian Christians, has been accepted for publication by Wipf and Stock Publishers of Eugene, OR. It discusses the need for Western Christian missions to be renewed and perhaps listen to the voices of non-Western Christians.



DR. TONY CAMPOLO SPEAKS IN BRITAIN

Professor Emeritus Dr. Tony Campolo '56, BD '60, ThM '61 reports that he had the privilege of speaking to the British House of Parliament this fall. "There was a packed house to hear me address the question of how government corruption in Third World countries is hindering economic development and the alleviation of poverty. I couldn't believe how every seat was taken and I was honored to be in the House of Parliament for such an occasion." While in the UK, Dr. Campolo was also the convocation speaker for St. John University of York. Delivering this address is a privilege granted to very few persons outside of the UK; Archbishop Desmond Tutu and former Prime Minister Tony Blair have been prior speakers for this occasion.

A NEW APPROACH FOR THE NEW VENTURE PROJECT



Curtis Bailey, adjunct professor in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies, reports that the Fast-Track MBA® and Fast-Track Health Administration graduate programs have updated the New Venture Project (NVP). It's now called NVP Defense Day or NVP "D" Day. It's like the hit TV show *Shark Tank* and gives students the opportunity to present their new venture business ideas in front of a panel of judges. The judges then decide whether to fund their start-up company or not, and provide immediate feedback to each presenting group.

Winning group: The Shop: A Do It Yourself Studio for art, shop and home economics. Melissa Davis (from left), Beth Pass and Joseph Bowman.



Eric Flett (right) with Henrique Pereira, professor of history at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, on the World Vision boat they navigated on the Amazon River, visiting various locations.

SUMMER STUDIES IN BRASIL

By Dr. Eric Flett, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture

A grant from Calvin College's Nagel Institute for the Study of Global Christianity made it possible for me and nine other North American scholars from various disciplines to join ten Brazilian scholars to think together about the subject of Evangelicalism and Social Change in Brasil. This was not in an air-conditioned seminar room but in various locations throughout Brasil - in the favelas and churches of Rio de Janeiro, in the government offices of Brasilia, and among indigenous communities living on the banks of the Amazon.

The seminar was conducted in English and Portuguese, and revolved around three subject areas: Poverty and Violence, Religion and Politics, and Environmental Stewardship. It was a rich and rewarding time that we closed together with a celebration of the Eucharist and the establishment of a network committed to ongoing intellectual and cultural exchange and support. A collection of essays based on our experiences and reflections, and related to our respective intellectual disciplines, is due to be released in English and Portuguese in the near future.

Dr. Flett also contributed a chapter to the book *Dingolayin: Theological Notes for a Caribbean Theology* (Wipf and Stock, 2013)

DR. CARY IN FINLAND



Dr. Phil Cary, professor of philosophy, spoke at a conference of the Lutheran Evangelical Association of Finland

this summer. While in Finland, he also spoke at a seminar on Augustine at the University of Turku and a seminar on theological exegesis at the University of Helsinki. His article "Augustine and Luther" was published in the *T&T Clark Companion to Augustine and Modern Theology*.

CHURCH HISTORY IN OREGON

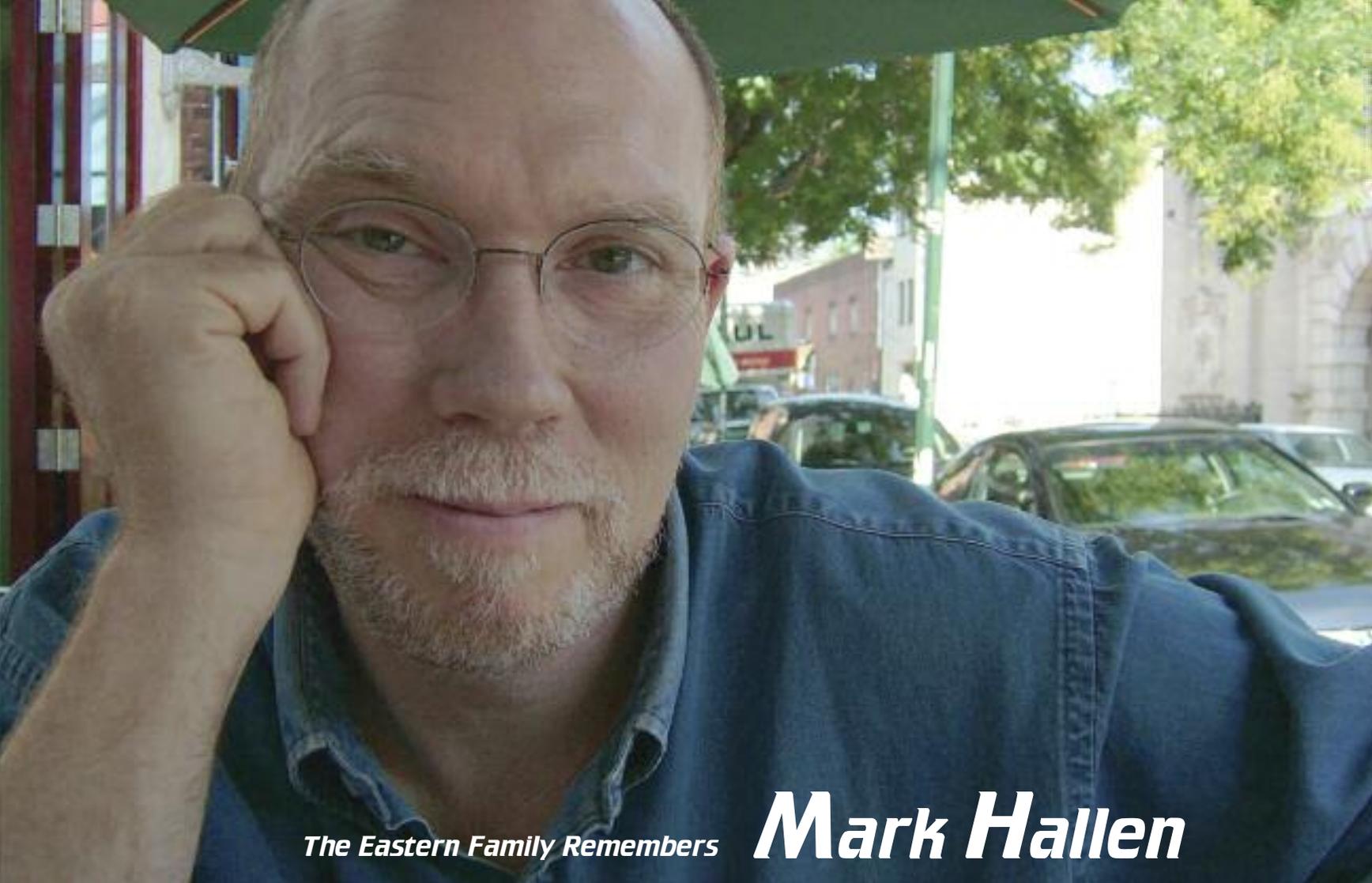


Dr. Michael Lee, assistant professor of history, presented a paper at the American Society of Church History Conference in

Portland, OR, this April. His paper was entitled, "Religious Toleration and its Limits at Harvard, 1755-1800: Constructing an American Religion."



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The Eastern Family Remembers **Mark Hallen**

Eastern University is saddened by the passing of **Mark Hallen**, mentor, friend, and Director of Theatre at Eastern University.

Mark passed away August 22 in hospice care. **Betsy Morgan '65**, emeritus professor of English, said, "He was being held by loved ones while listening to a playlist he had put together for the occasion [always the director!]. I think it worth noting that Mark's caregiving team – **Brooke Sexton '99**, **Dan Ison '11**, **Pastor Amy McGloughlin '94**, and Betsy Morgan – are all Eastern alumni/ae, which just goes to show the kind of fiercely loving community that EU engenders in many of us who pass through."

Several other members of the Eastern community were thanked for providing support to Mark including **Chaplain Joe Modica**, **Professors Wendy Mercier** and **Sandy Bauer**, while so many others called, visited and prayed.

Dr. Ron Matthews, executive director of The Fine and Performing Arts Division, said, "Mark has influenced generations of students and faculty at Eastern, and the loss is sudden and significant. Mark provided wildly, wonderfully accommodating space for all and in so doing liberated people in their gifts, their idiosyncracies, and their relationships. Mark lived simply, modestly and extravagantly at the same time. His presence and knowledge were larger than life. He fought

strongly for his ideas and ideals and in so doing modeled a commitment to position that forced everyone around him to examine one's own values and choices. It was this tenacity that brought a vitality to his community and to our division. We miss him deeply."

Dr. Matthews concluded, "May the Great Creator welcome Mark into the eternal community with drama and grace. Mark obviously needed a larger stage."

Mark was loved by many, cared deeply for students, and is missed by the Eastern University community. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences voted Mark Hallen the 2013 Faculty Member of the Year and in 2000, Mark Hallen received the Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Mark Hallen joined the faculty at Eastern in 1998 and was an associate professor of Theatre as well as Theatre director. He earned his BA in literature at Wheaton College, an MFA in directing at the University of Iowa, and an MFA in acting at Southern Methodist University.

A memorial service was held at Germantown Mennonite Church in Philadelphia, PA. It was Mark's wish that donations be made to Yes! And... Collaborative Arts. (www.yesandcamp.org)

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J. Kent Holland '53 remembers the early years on the St. Davids campus, "We were the first class on the new campus. Most of the young men had returned from the service. Coming out of the Naval Academy, I would complete my college career." His wife recommended Eastern College and he was "satisfied with my credits from the Naval Academy to Eastern." Kent went home to be with the Lord on April 19, 2013.

John W. Horton '53 resides in NJ. His son-in-law, **Leonart Josefson**, graduated from Eastern in 1980 and his daughter, **Debbie**, graduated in 1982. John is a retired Presbyterian minister who serves as a part-time pastor of the Athenia Reformed Churches. He has many fond memories of Eastern including the patience shown by **Dr. Claghorn** as he was learning philosophy; swimming in the pond in front of the administration building; and being in **Dr. Zulker's** class.

Joseph Tatta '55 was honored as one of its top teachers at the 75th anniversary of the Main Line Adult School. He has been an instructor of Italian, both day classes and evening classes, for four decades.

John Ruth '56, local historian, was honored by the Lansdale Historical Society with its 2013 Edwin G. Holl Historic Achievement Award at the society's banquet on April 9, 2013.

Alan E. Garvie '58 is living in Hamilton, NJ. He celebrated the birth of twin grandbabies - his daughter, Heather, gave birth to a boy and girl on March 18.

In 2002, Alan retired from being an elementary school principal after 38 years. His most memorable moments at Eastern were when he was touring with the choir.

John H. Pipe '58, BD '61 has been married to Carol Willard for 17 years. They have a granddaughter from China who is seven and two grandchildren who are in college. He is the C.G. director for three churches, area minister in Michigan and Colorado, on E.M. staff in adult ministries. He plays trombone in the Parker Symphony Orchestra and is a member of the Colorado Welsh Society, does teachings of Dylan Thomas, and directs choir. He is at Calvary Baptist Church of Denver where he teaches the adult Sunday school class, sings in the choir and plays in the brass quartet. He has also survived more than 31 years of spinal cord injury. John's favorite memory of Eastern is singing in the choir.

Milton P. Ryder '59 is living in Ocean Park, ME, with his wife, Helen. Milt has two children from his first marriage, Jefferson and Tonda; and four grandchildren, Acadia, Nolan, Tessa, and Grace. After Eastern, Milt attended Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago and received his Bachelor of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in MA in 1963. Milt attended Moravian Seminary in PA, and Drew University in NJ where he graduated with his Doctor of Ministry in 1982. In 1985, Milt received a certificate from the Jungian Institute in Switzerland. In 1990, he received a certificate from Mansfield College of Oxford University in England. Now retired, Milt has served as a youth pastor, pastor, pastor emeritus, and an executive. He has

worked in NH, NY, PA, MA and Derby, England. Milt received a national award by the Associated Church Press for "Best Article Series" in 1995. In 1981 he published a children's book called *The Smallest Christmas Tree*. He has served as president for the American Baptist Ministers Council of MA as well as the ABC/USA National Ministers Council and Senate. Milt has served on many boards and as the pastor emeritus for the First Baptist Church in Boston, MA since 2001. Milt is now a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, ME. In his spare time, he performs with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Milt notes many memorable events from his time at Eastern including negatively interpreting a sonnet written by **Dr. Ingles** before realizing that it was he who wrote it, and the day he was to signal to his date across campus by flashing the light in his dorm and instead of just her signaling back, the entire women's dorm flashed their room lights, thus illuminating Chamounix Road.

Jean Carol Say '59 retired in 1996 after more than 30 years teaching high school English and coaching in the Phoenix, PA area. She sold her house in Phoenix to move to La Jolla, CA to take care of her mother, who recently passed from Alzheimer's at the age of 98. Jean also recently finished showing her new AKC champion Alaskan Malamute, Tookoo. She reports that she often drives to Alaska and other points north in her RV seeking (and finding) adventure! Between adventures, she does designer knitting, and attends College Avenue Baptist Church. One of her most memorable moments at Eastern was when she turned down a ride to campus from the train station from

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Dr. Ingles, believing he was a stranger. Dr. Ingles recounted the event to her class later in the day. She also enjoyed commuting and discussions with **Elwood Shoemaker '60** as well as playing tennis with **John Bammesburger '62**.

1960'S

Carolyn (Rowley) Best '63 has been married to **Calvin Best '61** since January 1962. They have two sons and four grandchildren. She was an admissions supervisor for Roxborough Hospital and manager for Independence Blue Cross. She loves to garden and her favorite memory from Eastern was listening to **Bob Plimpton** play the organ in the music building while she was sitting across the Upper Lake.

Richard V. Cassidy '63 is married to **Sallie (Smithson) '63** and they have two sons, **Craig '89** and **Douglas '92**, and five grandchildren. Rick was associate director at Merck Research for 33 years. He attends Church of the Saviour in Wayne, and enjoys swimming, water volleyball, golf, target shooting, canoeing, fishing, woodworking, and bird carving. His favorite memory from Eastern was the Senior Sneak to the Seven Oaks Yacht Club.

Sallie (Smithson) Cassidy '63 was an advertising writer at AB Convent in Valley Forge, Westminster Press in Philadelphia. She was also an editor for newspapers and *Charisma Magazine*. They have attended Church of the Saviour in Wayne (20 years), and Great Valley Presbyterian in Malvern (21 years). She was editor of the *Lamplighter Monthly*. She loves to read, write, swim,

walk, and play badminton. Sallie says she has too many memories of Eastern to list, but her favorites include skating on the frozen pond, studying in the gazebo in the woods, Christian friendships, and especially the semester she lived on campus.

Barbara (Moore) DuBois '63 married John DuBois in January 1963 and they have two children. She worked for 30 years as an elementary school media specialist (librarian) before retiring in 2004. She has served on various Annual Conference committees and on the board of the South Jersey AIDS Alliance. Although they have been attending United Methodist churches for almost 50 years, they enjoy the worship experiences in many settings, particular with The Society of Friends. They are presently attending a very active Presbyterian church. She and Jack both love to garden and are especially interested in gardening to attract hummingbirds and to help save the monarch butterflies. They enjoy reading and traveling with their family. Her favorite memories from Eastern are the choir tours with "Frosty" and their frequent meals at Howard Johnson's... "Oops! Where was that briefcase?"

Linda (Pullen) Epps '63 is married to **Gene Epps '63** and they have four sons who are happily married and serving the Lord as they are called. She has 11 grandchildren, ranging in ages from 20 months to 13 years. Linda says that one of her achievements is four sons! She is also an occasional treasurer for small church, PTA, and Trading Post. She attends Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene where she is the Angel Tree coordinator, liaison for Genesis Crisis Pregnancy Care Center, volunteer (for cancer research) at a consign-

ment shop in Paoli. Her favorite memory from Eastern was walking to the Wayne Diner on a snowy day.

Pete '64 and **Sandy (Corbett) '61 Geiger** have retired from 13 years as English teachers in Mongolia. Sandy served as the director of Zuunmod English Language College and received the nation's Ministry of Education Top Teacher award, the only foreigner so honored. Pete was editor and publisher of *Practical English Teaching*, a professional journal for English teachers in Mongolia. He was previously a member of the reporting team that won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize at the *Akron (OH) Beacon Journal*. The couple lives in Penney Farms, FL.

George Goodwin '63 was married to **Marilyn (Hall) '63** for more than 40 years (until her passing in 2003) and they have five children and six grandchildren. He retired after 43 years in the paint and coatings industry, starting as a chemist and rose to a national technical manager. He received several awards for technical innovations and has travelled coast to coast, delivering a talk "Practical Paint Maker," dressed as a paint maker. He continues to volunteer for the Chicago Coatings Society as a speaker and symposium moderator. He attends Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical Covenant in Crest Hill. He says his grandchildren are "entertainment" not "maintenance" and he delights in going on adventures with them. George enjoys studying Chicago history by rail and foot, swimming at the YMCA, and puttering around in the yard. His favorite memory of Eastern was falling in love with Marilyn and getting engaged.

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Judith (Forney) Leaming '63 married **Spicer Leaming '64** in August of 1963 and they have three daughters and 18 grandchildren. Judi retired from retail sales in the family-owned business and is food columnist for *The Dover Post* for 35 years. She attends the First Baptist Church of Dover. Her favorite memory of Eastern is the close friendships that were formed then and continue even now.

Abdiel Lorente '63 and his wife, Pam, have two children and two grandchildren. He was a general surgeon and a board certified member of American College of Surgeons. He practiced in Washington Court House, OH, and retired in 2003. He was on the diaconate board of Manlius FBC and Washington Court House BC. Now he is active at Harvest UMC in Lakewood Ranch, FL. He has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in Manatee and Sarasota. Abe has many memories from Eastern, which include the dish room (the Magnificent 7), playing JJ Basketball on state at Cheney State, playing varsity baseball with **Tom Byron** in the spring of 1960, chemistry with **Dr. Hassler**, biology with **Dr. Sayles**, and English with **Dr. Beardsley** who said he sounded like Sargeant Garcia when he read Falstaff.

George McCurdy '63 has many fond memories of Eastern. He says his "memory still hangs on to the small classes, the mailroom, the snack bar, the library, the chapels, and the intimacy of the small class rooms and many other things." He remembers a Canadian goose named Floyd who turned out to be a Florence. He has a wonderful oil painting of himself in his military uniform that was commissioned by his wife for his retirement.

He still wears the EBC class ring his wife gave him and has worn it affectionately for over 50 years; it represents one of his many, many fond memories.

Robert Meissner '63 and his wife, **Martha (Pearce) '65**, are very much involved with their four children and seven grandchildren and love to travel. Bob is retired but worked for the Welding Engineers group of companies, and was the director of information system for over 30 years. They are active at Bethel United Methodist Church in Spring City where Marty is involved in Junior Church and Sunday School. Bob has been a trustee forever - as they never run out of projects and repairs. He is president of the cemetery and also the building improvement committee.

Ruth Ann (Davis) Offutt '63 has been married to **Bill Offutt '63** for 48 years and they have two children and four grandchildren. Her mother is still living, but her father passed away in March 2013. She is a retired junior high teacher and director of Wednesday night youth club and dinners at FBC in Jefferson, OH. She attends Calvary Church in Lancaster where she participates in adult Bible fellowship and small group. She enjoys walking, biking, reading, and piano. She has traveled to Ocean City, NJ, Costa Rica, Prince Edward Island, Ireland, Israel, Rome, Switzerland, and Bermuda. Her favorite memories of Eastern were the King's College tournaments.

William "Bill" Offutt '63 was an interim minister at Good Shepherd Baptist Church until 2008. He was chaplain at Willowbank Conference Center, Bermuda, for a week in March;

took a trip to Costa Rica for two weeks in July 2007 with Steve's family. His son, Steve, is an adjunct professor at Eastern's School of Leadership and Development. Bill's favorite EBC memory is jumping on and breaking through the ice on the swimming pool with **Ed Pickard '64** taking pictures. Last fall, Bill performed in a magic program, Gospel Chalk Thanksgiving, for his granddaughter's pre-school class at Locust Grove Mennonite School in Smoketown, PA. The teacher, also an Eastern alum, **Ashlie Cobb '07**, invited him to her class afterward to do balloon sculptures and magic tricks.

Robert Plimpton '63 is single, although his brother, **Barry Plimpton '68** and his wife live in Cherry Hill, NJ and they have four children and two grandchildren. Bob has been a professional organist and church music director. Currently, he is organist of the First United Methodist Church of San Diego. He was San Diego's civic organist from 1984-2000. His main interests include travel, concerts, theater, sailing, books, art, and keeping in touch with friends. Bob's favorite memories from Eastern include the college choir with **Prof. Anderson** and the choir tours. His oddest memory is every Saturday afternoon listening to the Metropolitan Opera broadcast in **Paul Vigiyan '62's** dorm room. On April 5, 2013, Bob was given the 2013 Music Alumnus of the Year award at Eastern's annual Music Gala.

Frank Poehlmann '63 and his wife, Jean, have two children and three grandchildren. He received an MS in Education from Penn State University. Most of his life has been spent in the teaching of history in the Methacton School District.

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His favorite years were the last 10 when he was assigned to teach AP European history. His favorite hobby is fly fishing, which has taken him to “the most beautiful places you can imagine.” He has hiked the Wind River Range in WY, traveled as far as you can by road to northern Quebec around Lake Mistassini. The Teton Mountains and Yellowstone are spectacular places to fish great trout streams like the Snake River, Yellowstone River, and many more. Alaska and British Columbia also have beautiful and spectacular vistas with great fishing. He and Jean enjoy traveling and lived in France from 1981-1983 for Jean’s work. While there, he was a substitute teacher at The American School of Paris. They have great stories and had adventures they will always remember. Just ask **Rick ’63** and **Sallie (Smithson ’63) Cassidy** because they were part of one. They also enjoy an annual trip to Aruba with **Larry ’63** and **Betty (Hill ’65) Thoren** each spring. Frank’s favorite memory of Eastern is when **Ken Carpenter ’64, MDiv ’72, DMin ’79** and he climbed out on the roof of Walton hall to erect a banner supporting the basketball team in the spring tournament. In view of this, you might be surprised to know he is very afraid of high places!

Rosalyn (Kemp) Reiff ’63 has been married to Jon since 1971 and they have three daughters and five grandchildren. Roz retired from teaching in 2006, but Jon is a semi-retired tax lawyer. She taught English as a second language in Japan for three years (American Baptist missionary), taught ESL at college, secondary, and elementary levels. She received her Master’s from Teachers College at Columbia University in 1971. She is a

member of Quail Springs Baptist Church in Edmond where she writes the prayer requests for her Sunday school class. She is a member of the Christian writers group, writing haiku and devotionals. She enjoys international travel and everything Japanese. Roz has several memories of Eastern. She says it was such a lovely setting - lakes and trees, walking down the hill from Doane to Walton Hall, choir tours with “Frosty,” and English classes with **Jene Beardsley**.

David Rowlands ’63 has been married to Doris for 36 years and they have two daughters. Dave has been vice president for TransAmerica Insurance, TIG and Nationwide Insurance. He attends Berean Baptist Church in Portage and enjoys golfing and traveling. His favorite memory from Eastern is being around **Coach Tom Bryon**, both on and off the court.

Mary Sue (Blum) Shier ’63 was married for 45 years to Maurice, who passed away in October 2011 from Alzheimer’s. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Sue attends First Presbyterian Church in Phoenixville where she is a deacon, bell ringer, and choir member. She’s also president of P.E.O. Chapter. Sue’s memories from Eastern include BB Games, Senior Sneak to Maryland, and Doane Hall dorm life.

David Skinner ’63, MDiv ’67 has been married to his wife, Linda, for 47 years and they have three children and six lively grandchildren. He received his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and retired in 2007 after 40 years in ministry with the American Baptist Churches of PA and DE. He pastored four churches and served as area minister

in the southwest area of ABCOPAD from 2000-2007. David’s favorite memory from Eastern was the special friendships he made that have grown over the last 50 years.

Cathy (Parker) Wrisley ’63 is retired. Last fall, she cruised Alaska with her husband after touring Europe with her sister.

John Q. Taylor ’66, MDiv ’70 is married to Janet with three children and a grandson. He has served pastorates in the United Methodist Church for 39 years. He retired from active service in 2002, and is now finishing eight years as an interim pastor at Mountville UMC in Lebanon, PA. He still serves as president of Erma Camp Meeting in Cape May, NJ. He enjoys fishing, and is a member of two motorcycle clubs, The Christian Motorcyclist Assoc., and The Eastern PA Retreads. His favorite memories of Eastern include meeting with his fellow commuting students for coffee, and his encounters with **Dr. Claghorn, Dr. Ruth, Dr. Campolo, Dr. Thomas, and Dr. Grigollia**.

William Anderson ’68 has been married to Karen since 1995 and they have a blended family of four children and six grandchildren with one due in December. He is retired with 34 years in public schools, 18 teaching and 16 as an administrator. After retirement, Bill taught two years in a charter school. He attends a Presbyterian church where he has been an elder and deacon. His hobbies include golf, reading, traveling to Russia, the Caribbean, US West Coast, and many more. Bill’s memories include his classmates and professors **Dr. Ziglar** and **Dr. Campolo**. He adds that he

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“received a quality education which has served me well.”

Fred A. Ansell '67 retired in October, 2006 from the executive ministries of American Baptist Churches of the Central Region. He serves on the board of trustees for Ottawa University and Bacon College; board of directors Bethel Neighborhood Center (Kansas City) and received an honorary doctorate from Bacon College 2007. His most memorable event from Eastern was a particular music chapel, skating on the ponds and working in the dining halls.

Glenn Asquith, Jr. '68 is married to Connie, who is a retired United Methodist pastor. He has two married daughters and two married stepsons and seven grandchildren. He has been a professor of Pastoral Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary for 31 years. He has a PhD in psychology of religion and has written five books and multiple articles and book chapters in major publications. He is practicing as a pastoral counselor in Bethlehem, PA. He attends Calvary Baptist Church in Allentown and his hobbies include baseball, music, photography, cooking, reading, and walking. Glenn's memories include classes with **Tony Campolo '56**, singing and traveling with the touring choir, painting the rock in the middle of the night, and time with good friends.

Ruth A. Dunlap '68 is a single parent to three young adult children and a grandmother to five granddaughters and one grandson. She retired from Auntie Anne's Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels as a senior trainer. She attends a Mennonite Church and enjoys reading,

gardening, journaling, and traveling. Her favorite memories of Eastern are working on the *Spotlight* and painting the Rock (when it was illegal).

Stephen Hutchison '68, MDiv '71, DMin '91 and his wife, **Frances '94**, will be married for 46 years in June. They have three children, five granddaughters, and are thoroughly enjoying the transition into retirement. While pastoring a church in the Los Angeles area, he received the Roy B. Anderson Reconciliation Award from the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest for the development of brotherhood. He also served as the chairman of the ordination committee for the LA Baptist Association, president of the American Baptist Ministers Council of LA, second vice president in the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest, and director of the American Baptist Senior High Camp of the Pacific Southwest. During his time on the West Coast, he was also involved in various TV and radio programs, including the production of devotions, which were taped for CBS and NBC. Steve served as chaplain for the Santa Monica Optimist Club, was a member of the American Baptist National Housing Ministries, and for several years as the pastoral counselor for the National Board of American Baptist Men. Steve moved back to the east coast where he worked as the director of admissions for Eastern Baptist (now Palmer) Theological Seminary, where more than 3,000 students were recruited into the master's degree programs. They currently attend Upper Merion Baptist Church in King of Prussia. Steve enjoys learning about practical technology and some social networking, landscaping the

property around the house, and spending more time with his family.

Florence (Deisenroth) Van Dyke '68 married **Glen Van Dyke '67** in 1995... their paths crossed 20+ years after they left Eastern! Family includes Glen's two sons and four grandchildren. She has taught elementary education (grades 4 and 5) for 34 years in the North Penn School District, and is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa honor sorority for women educators. She was a member of Chalfont UMC for many years, but is attending United in Christ Lutheran in Lewisburg where Glen is the organist. She enjoys singing in church choirs and playing hand bells. She also enjoys traveling. Florence's two favorite memories from Eastern are the choir trip to New England in 1966 and having the opportunity to study in Mexico City for her junior year abroad, “a fabulous and memorable experience.”

J. David Wells '68 has two grown children and five grandchildren. Due to his job requirements as a pilot, he travels up to 200 days a year out of his hometown. He is a retired Navy Captain and a professional corporate international pilot. He attends Summerville Baptist Church. His memories of Eastern include the early days in the 1960s of the snack bar meetings and using the new library.

1970'S

The **Rev. Earl W. Roberts, III '72** retired in July 2013 after 40 years of pastoral service. He is a member of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church and previously of the

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Wyoming Annual Conference prior to the 2010 merger with the Central PA Conference. He has served churches in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Binghamton, and Oneonta, NY areas. At retirement he served the Hemlock Grove Church near Lake Wallenpaupack. Currently he is serving at the Lattimer United Methodist Church in the Eastern PA Conference. He lives with his wife, Anne, in Drums, PA.

Beth E. Turner '72 says, "I have been itinerant for almost three years now. I have spent seven weeks in Las Vegas in 2013 already! Three weeks were spent intensely updating JesusIsLord.org language pages for the new Jesus Film project. I just came from Phoenix where I learned from Chuck Pierce that Arizona is the first of our 50 states to experience an open heaven (think Jacob's Ladder). My whole life is experiencing a shift now. I bought land in Mexico near the Sea of Cortez. Making the shifts means you willingly reposition yourself to be where the Lord needs you to be."

Patricia (Williams) Flewelling '73 is living in ME with her husband of 35 years, Bill. They have two grown daughters, and recently welcomed their granddaughter, into the world. Pat was a high school English teacher for over 22 years. She also spent six years as the executive director of a nonprofit organization that helped people in rural communities to meet their basic needs. Pat and Bill enjoy traveling and recently went to England to meet their new granddaughter and see their daughter, Anna, and son-in-law, Tony. Pat will never forget the great English classes she had with **Dr. Ruth, Prof. Beardsley,** and **Dr. Cherry.** She also had a lot of fun on the volleyball team.

Stephen Murray '73 has been married to Nancy for 15 years and they have three daughters. He has worked over 37 year in the auto industry with Johnson-Matthey, Kolben-Schmidt and Honda of America where he was also purchasing manager for 20 years. He attends Zion Christian Fellowship in Powell, has been a soccer coach for 35 years with Radnor Soccer Club and Union County Independent Soccer League in Marysville. Steve's favorite memory from Eastern was beating Villanova in soccer during his junior year (1971 season) at Eastern (4-3).

Karen (Lawless) Rosenspire '73 married Allen Rosenspire in 1977 and they have two sons. She is a staff radiologist, associate professor of radiology at Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University School of Medicine. She previously worked as PhD level biophysicist in radiopharmaceutical research. She enjoys time with her husband and says that "family time always centers in our kitchen as we cook and eat." She also enjoys cooking classes, gardening, and listening to music. Karen really enjoyed **Dr. Sayles'** courses in biology and **Dr. Kim's** chemistry classes. She also made lots of friends.

Marilyn (Smyrl) Todd '73 has been married to Michael since 1975 and they have one son, two daughters and one granddaughter. Her daughter, **Cynthia (Todd) Bacon** just graduated from Eastern with an MS in School Psychology. Marilyn has been a teacher at Phil-Mont Christian Academy for 20 years. She attends Olney Baptist Church in Philadelphia and enjoys reading and her family. Marilyn's favorite memory from Eastern is having fun with friends in the dorm.

Martha Jones Thompson '75 and **Jim (Henry James) Thompson '77** were married in 1976 and have lived in Tallahassee, FL since 1978. Jim died in 2004 after a year and half battle with cancer. She says, "It was and has been a challenging journey, but a journey where God's hand was seen faithfully, even when it wasn't what we wanted." They have two sons: John, an EMT, soon-to-be paramedic student, and soccer coach (he is engaged and will be married in May 2014), and Matthew, also a soccer player, and college student who wants to be an actor. Jim worked for many years as a legal editor and for a time as a paralegal. Martha has worked as a reporter, production coordinator for a consulting firm, office manager, and is currently staff assistant for a local church. (She uses her English degree every day!) They were both involved in leadership in drama ministry in two churches. She has written and directed and been involved with theater productions regionally for years. When Jim was sick and after he died, she took a break. In the last six years she has been involved with son Matthew's school productions and directed the fall production of *The Miracle Worker*. She is currently helping to develop theater classes at a local arts school and loves the challenge.

Rev. Evelyn (Shegog) Stupp '76 is an ordained United Methodist pastor and a licensed marriage and family therapist and is currently working as a hospice chaplain. Evelyn's hobbies include walking, collecting *Peanuts* memorabilia, and lighthouses. Her favorite memories include the beauty of the campus, the professors/staff that both nurtured and challenged her to grow in knowledge and faith.

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Melinda Graves-Story '75, MTS '02 has been serving as interim pastor of the Evelyn Graves Ministries Church, since October 2003.

Renee (Williams) Cox '78 and husband, Brian celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. She has two children, Katherine, 21, who is at Cal State Long Beach obtaining her BFA in ceramics, and William, 18, who will be attending Soka University in CA. They have resided in NY for five years, MI for 11 years, and CA for 13 years so far. Art and creative projects (www.reneecoxstudio.com) and school volunteering have taken much of her time. Her fondest memories of Eastern are the Doane Dolls, the rock, the beautiful campus and the close friendships.

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Filippo Cammarata '83 is married and has two children. He is owner/operator of seven restaurants/wine stores including five Landmark Americana (including the location in Wayne, PA), Terranova Restaurant in Sewell, NJ, and Wineworks in Marlton, NJ. He attends the Church of Incarnation in Mantua, and enjoys skiing, soccer, running, cycling, raising kids, and staying married! His memories of Eastern include Homecoming soccer games, the Kazoo Band and friends.

Donald C. Cuomo '83 works as a chartered property casualty underwriter and associate in risk management. He attends Providence Presbyterian Church in Quakertown, is a youth soccer coach and enjoys traveling, golfing, and biking. His favorite memories from Eastern include road trips with the soccer team, the Kazoo Band, and dorm life.

Cassi (Harkness) Ney '83 is married to Wim and they have a son and a daughter. She has her MFA from Goucher College in creative non-fiction. She teaches English in the same public high school since the fall of 1986. She attends a contemporary service at a local Methodist Church. Her husband is a Quaker and she visits meetings on occasion. In 2011, she became a certified Hatha Yoga instructor. Cassi's favorite memories include classes with **Dr. Betsy Morgan '65** and **Dr. Caroline Cherry**, every minute she spent playing volleyball, and the random, spontaneous things she did with sweet roommates (**Sue "Q" Mathers Steege '81**, **Renee Matson-Caringi '84**, and **Heather Miller Legace '83**) and many other friends.

Phyllis (Whann) Cassidy '88 is living in PA. Her grandson, Christian, was married in 2003. Phyllis has been working for Morgantown County Aging and Adult Services since 1989 (she also did her internship there) and will be retiring at the end of June. She was honored with the Good Neighbor Award from Eldernet of Lower Merion. Phyllis has been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1988 where she has served on the membership and church council. She fondly remembers being a part of the college prayer group, but lists her graduation ceremony as the high point of her time at Eastern.

Gregory C. DeCenzo '83 has been happily partnered for the last 18 years with Allen Nissum. He loves spending time on the Cape with his parents and sister's family, and loves to garden. He worked in retail for 14 years and for the past 16 years, has worked in human resources for

Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA. His favorite memories from Eastern include spending time with his cousin **Sally (Patton) Halcovage '83** and all the wonderful friends he made.

Matthew '88, MTS '08 and **Beth (Murray) Iacoviello '88** have been married for 25 years and have three children and two grandchildren. Matthew has been employed with SAP America for 17 years and is the Global Vice President of Business Intelligence. Beth received her Master's in Education from WCU in 1998 and is now a full-time "Mimi" (grandmother). They attend St. Dorothy Parish in Drexel Hill and support Reeces Rainbow. Their favorite memories of Eastern are each other. Matthew painted the rock with a message for Beth and Beth was a member of Alpha Phi Delta who recalls smoking with **Carole Murray**.

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Floyd G. Meredith '62 – June 17, 2012

Karen E. Holly-Hebb '78 –

December 30, 2012

Avis A. Taylor '73 – March 6, 2013

Joan (Lotz-Gehring) Howard '80 –

March 28, 2013

Curtis E. Yeske '56 – March 29, 2013

Richard F. Mauro Miller '68 –

April 7, 2013

David Geiger MA '11 – April 19, 2013

J. Kent Holland '53 – April 19, 2013

Paul Laube '53, BD '56 –

April 22, 2013

Theresa (Lenards) Witzel '80,

MBA '90 – April 22, 2013

Harold Faba '54, BD '59 – May 1, 2013

Merritt E. Whitman '58 – May 2, 2013

Harold Kauffman BA '00 –

May 14, 2013

Charles Meier Jr. '62 – May 28, 2013

Seth Dorrell MS '05 – June 16, 2013

Mildred (Athey) Baggs '57 –

September 4, 2013

Cortland R. Bryant '52, ABTHB '53 –

September 6, 2013

Sandra Flinterman '82 –

September 13, 2013

FACULTY/STAFF

Enrique Fernandez (Spanish) –

January 25, 2013

Elizabeth "Betsy" Noble (College Nurse) –

February 24, 2013

Beth Pendleton Clark MDiv '68

(Former Women's Dean of EBC) –

March 8, 2013

Patricia Boehne (Romance Languages) –

June 29, 2013

Mark Hallen (Theatre) –

August 22, 2013



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FAMILY: *married to Jim Mulhearn '03;*

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