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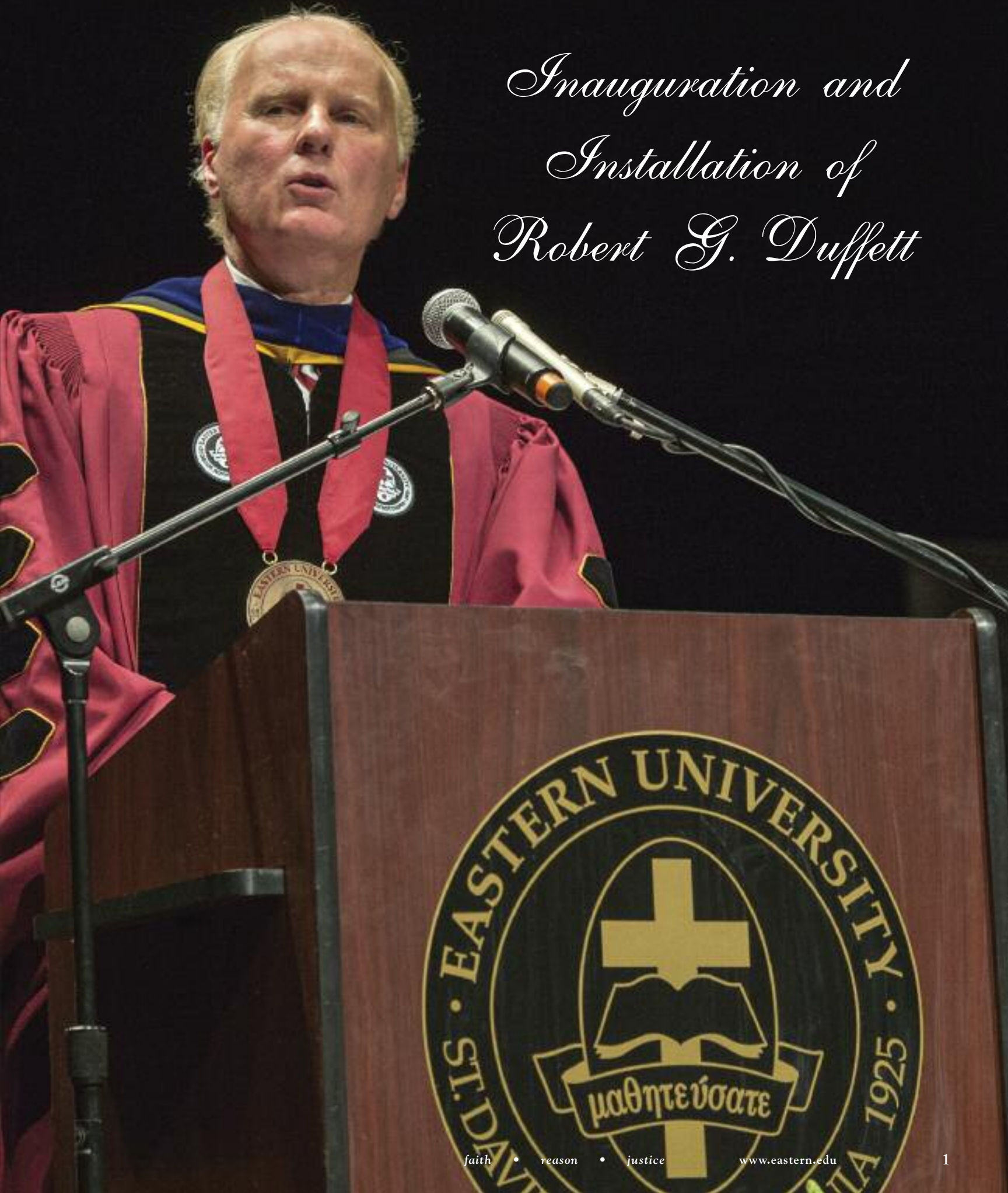
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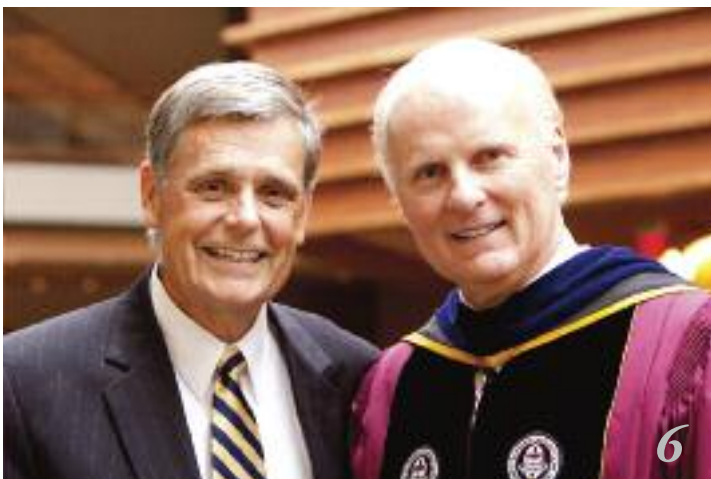
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*Inauguration and
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Robert G. Duffett was inaugurated as the ninth president of Eastern University on April 4, 2014 at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. Board members, students, alumni, faculty, staff, family, friends and delegates from over thirty institutions were present. Inaugural events also took place at St. Davids, Palmer Seminary and Esperanza College.

1 Deans John Pauley, College of Arts and Sciences; Jonathan Yonan, Templeton Honors College; Debra Heath-Thornton, Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies; and Elizabeth Conde-Frazier MDiv '92, Esperanza College of Eastern University

2 Dr. Kamalesh Stephen EC/EBTS '95, Adjunct Professor of Homiletics, spoke at Palmer's International Chapel.

3 Eastern Dance Ministry performed at the Inaugural Chapel service.

4 Hispanic clergy anointed and prayed for President Duffett at Esperanza College.

5 Faculty and students performed at the Music Gala.

6 Former President David Black and Robert Duffett.

7 Board of Trustees members Ron Evans and Donald Gough '67; Diane Chen, Interim Dean of Palmer Seminary; and The Honorable Senator Anthony H. Williams

8 David Kim, Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Artist in Residence at Eastern University, performed at the Inauguration.

9 Dillon Goodell (left), with Allison, Bob, Connie and David Duffett.



Awakening to Destiny

Excerpt from the Inaugural Address by Robert G. Duffett

OUR TASK TODAY IS TO LIFT UP THOSE ENDURING THEOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL VALUES THAT GAVE RISE TO EASTERN'S FOUNDING, SUSTAIN US TODAY AND AWAKEN US TO NEW DESTINY.

The best way to the brightest future begins with an understanding and appreciation of the past. What came before informs the present and illumines our future. From the beginning, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary was a confessional seminary as was the college it later founded—Eastern Baptist College, now Eastern University. This means we are intentional and clear about our Christian identity. Our faith is sustained through debate, discussion, readings, lectures, disagreements and analysis.

Before we are learners, we are human beings with desires, affections and seeking love. Our meta-purpose, the end of all of our teaching, learning, service, faith, reason and justice, is in the service of love. Perhaps we ought to say that well informed faith, reason and justice are a practice or application of love. How then do we awaken to our destiny as a learning community of love? I think there are three ways.

We Awaken to the Importance of Teaching Well the Liberal Arts

If love is our goal, as Jesus taught, teaching the liberal arts is our missional means to that end. The liberal arts, within theological education, were viewed by our founders and first professors as the best way to form Baptist students into

effective leaders with a “vital message” for our Baptist churches.

The liberal arts tradition traces back to the classical Greek period as a small set of intellectual skills that later became academic disciplines. Some of these skills are grammar, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy and music. The term “liberal” means freedom. Those who earnestly study these subjects will acquire insight and habit of mind that frees them to better become the person they were created to be. Math and science develop analytical skills; history, understanding how past events influence the present; sociology, how social systems shape us and our values; psychology, human development, personality and who we are and will become; ethics and philosophy, how we shall live; and the arts develop our creative capabilities. Add courses in speech and writing and a student is well on the way to establishing an intellectual and interpersonal foundation to acquire a first job, life, and become a free person.

To my teaching colleagues, let me affirm the importance of your role, encourage your efforts, and strengthen your spirit for the transforming task of teaching. Eastern University faculty keeps alive faith, reason and justice by

their presence which challenges and supports our students to better love God and humanity.

We Awaken Our Destiny to Better Love God and Humanity by Recapturing a Sense of Vocation

Vocation is the Latin translation of the Greek word for “call.” Both words have a theological hue, shaped in the West by Hebrew and Christian scripture. The terms “call,” “calling,” or “called” are used over 140 times in the New Testament. In its most basic form, call or vocation, is the promise of Emmanuel; God with us in all aspects of life, including our work. I see two primary elements of vocation. First, all human beings have gifts, talents and strengths which are foundational to excellent performance and vocation. Second, our experiences are signposts to vocation, especially yearnings, burdens, passions and interests about something - human need, a deeply felt cause, wanting to lead, fixing something. Vocation is the blending of talent, passion and insight to some role. Vocation is talent fueled by the heart's cry. Pay attention to both. God may be drawing near.

Focusing on vocation may have a positive and unintended consequence for Eastern University. Perhaps we ought to aspire to a national role in mitigating the increasing cynicism among college students, university faculty and business leaders regarding the significant disparity of perspectives on the outcomes of higher education. Education for vocation is

not a “ticket” to a better job with more compensation. Rather, grades, education and, most importantly, one's learning, are indispensable foundations for successfully accomplishing calling, vocation and fulfilling one's awakened destiny.

My call for Eastern University faculty to focus on vocation does not diminish the value of liberal education but rather enhances it. Let me reaffirm to my faculty colleagues the wisdom of the ages. The

affirmation of hope and commitment to the future. All Eastern University students, whether in the College of Arts and Sciences, Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Esperanza College or Palmer Theological Seminary, look to their future hopefully, anticipating meaningful work with good pay, someone to love, supportive and fun friends, making a difference in the lives of others, and shaping our community.

as those who graduated with majors in business, finance and accounting. Additionally, a Pew Research Study analyzing the most recent Census Bureau data on income, vividly demonstrates the growing income accruing to college educated households. College grads earn nearly double compared to workers with a high school diploma. As Warren Buffett has frequently said to college students in his traveling caravan to university campuses, “The best investment you'll ever make is in yourself.” The hopeful promise of a college education still pays remarkable financial dividends.

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OF FAITH AND HOPE.”

liberal arts are an important means to discover, prepare and successfully accomplish vocation. The power of ideas, intrinsic to liberal education, and the great teaching within Eastern classrooms will set off a chain reaction of intellectual illumination among our students, serious about their vocation, that will change the world in small and perhaps large ways. Eastern faculty members, your teaching and life forms students morally, spiritually and intellectually for vocation.

A sense of vocation challenges business leaders, too. Vocation in a secular sense points toward work that is meaningful, significant and of service to society. The challenge of vocation to employers is to exhibit how employment in their organization is more than just a paycheck and helps make a positive contribution to society.

We Awaken our Destiny to Better Love God and Humanity by Affirming the Possibility of Hope

A college education is an expression and experience of faith and hope. Students pay tuition, delay gratification, and acquire student loans - in hope. The meta-vision of an Eastern University education – to better love God and humanity – is also an

The evidence is compelling and clear: a college degree is good for society and for the individual.

Sociologist Robert Putnam, in his book *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, cites obtaining a four-year college degree as the most important predictor of civic engagement. What is civic engagement? Simple things like voting, giving blood, writing Congress about an important issue, volunteering, attending a public meeting, membership in a church or civic groups. Putnam's data says education, a four-year college degree, is a more important predictor of civic engagement than social status or economic advantage. No wonder the author of the Declaration of Independence and third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was so passionate on the importance of education for democracy to flourish.

If hope motivates us to study, and those with a college degree are disproportionately engaged in civic life, a college degree will also enhance employment prospects and economic status. A recent study concluded that liberal arts majors, those who graduated with a major such as philosophy, psychology, communication, or the fine arts, are as likely to do as well financially

Conclusion

These proceedings today, and Music Gala concert tonight, occur during the Christian calendar of Lent - Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. It is a time in the Christian liturgical year that encourages prayer, reflection and self-denial. Lent is a journey toward what Christians attest as the meta-hope of the cosmos. The epicenter of this hope is the story of Jesus. He spoke good news of the coming reign of God. What does that future look like? Healing, blessing, community and inclusion. Easter faith asserts the ultimate triumph of God over alienation, death and evil. This meta-hope is so consequential that canonical scripture authors resort to metaphor to describe it. The triumph of God is like: a new birth (John 3:3); a new day; a new identity (II Corinthians 5:17); a new creation (Rev.21:1); a new covenant (Heb. 12:24); a new song (Rev. 5:9); an open door (Rev. 3:8); a new hope (Eph.2:12-13); a new community (Acts 2); and a new beginning (II Corinthians 5:17).

From the founding of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary 89 years ago until today, the triumph of God still guides, shapes and gives us hope. In the end, all of our efforts and educational outcomes point to the meta-hope of the universe: God has the last word. There is a good future and good destiny for all.



Learning from the **MASTERS**

Young-Ah Tak

Eastern University welcomed four guest artists for a series of Master Classes

Throughout the school year, the Dance and Music Departments host classes designed to expose students to a variety of genres within the fine arts. This year, renowned Broadway performer **Gary Flannery** started the series with a traditional Broadway style warm-up routine, followed by a performance from Bob Fosse's hit musical, *Dancin'*. One of his former students is **Janine Bryant**, Co-Director of Dance, who said, "By bringing in professionals who teach different genres, we're able to offer valuable experiences for our students."

Laura Diestler '13, dance alum, said, "It was a joy and a privilege to work with a legend like Gary Flannery. He was dynamic, exciting, and full of stories. For a young dancer, it is inspiring to learn from someone who has had the life most dancers can

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only dream about.” First year dance student **Jordan Bonney** said, “From the moment we walked in, Mr. Flannery was so high energy and he lit up the room. He taught the class valuable lessons while giving us stories about Broadway life and how to make it in the competitive world of dance. He couldn’t have been more encouraging and entertaining.”

The Music Department Master Classes began about six years ago with classes taught by **David Kim**, Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Artist in Residence at Eastern. This year, in addition to David Kim’s class, students welcomed pianist and new Eastern faculty member, **Young-Ah Tak**, and Assistant Principal Bassist from The Philadelphia Orchestra, **Joseph Conyers**.

“Exposure to outstanding professional musicians and the opportunity for our students to interact with them provide greater awareness of the field and industry of music,” says Department Chair **Ron Matthews**.

As an accomplished concert pianist with training from The Julliard School, New England Conservatory, and The Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Young-Ah Tak has had her work celebrated all over the world. She shared some of that talent and expertise with Eastern music majors by beginning her Master Class with a 20-minute piano solo that Dr. Matthews described as “flawless and breathtaking.” She then worked with junior piano student, **Joanna Schlatter**, by providing careful critiques and tips on her piano performance.

For those who attended David Kim’s class, the format was similar. “Mr. Kim has a way of identifying that next thing to improve a player,” says Dr. Matthews. Music majors and violinists, **Kelsey Johnson** and **Jessica Schmidt**, worked with Mr. Kim one-on-one. Said Schmidt, “It was an honor and a privilege to perform for him! I tried my best to cherish every moment of it and learn as much as I could from his teachings.”

Recommended by Mr. Kim as another accomplished musician for Eastern’s Master Classes was Joseph Conyers who gave a double bass performance and shared some of his experience as a bassist with The Philadelphia Orchestra. He also spoke to students about his personal journey and how music shaped his life. “Conyers’ candor, winsomeness, and easy laughter created an engaging environment for question and discussion,” Dr. Matthews noted.



David Kim



Gary Flannery



Joseph Conyers

Ways to Advocate for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

In February, the Center for Urban Youth Development at Eastern University coordinated a youth justice forum called Ways to Advocate for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System. It featured the Juvenile Law Center (JLC)—Catherine Moffa and their Juveniles for Justice. The Center for Urban Youth Development is part of the Urban Studies Department which is directed by **Dr. Kimberlee Johnson**. Dr. Johnson formed a planning team including **Jeanette King '14**, **Teyne Crum '08** and representatives from Evangelicals for Social Action, **Kristyn Komarnicki** and **Sarah Wuthrow King**. Bible Way Baptist Church in Philadelphia and Evangelicals for Social Action served as co-sponsors of the event.

Concerned persons from both Eastern University and the Greater Philadelphia area packed the room as Cathy Moffa moderated a dynamic discussion panel. Moffa joined the JLC staff in 2013 and serves as the associate for youth engagement. She also assists with “Know Your Rights” training and juvenile justice workshops. The discussion panelists included three inspirational young people who shared their stories. One of them talked about his experience being tried and sentenced as an adult at the age of 16 for drug possession. He continued to share about deceptive legal representation and his time spent in an adult jail

housed together with adult men. Two of the other youth discussed how they ended up adjudicated in the juvenile justice system after being turned over to the police by their schools. Each account was filled with instances of adult misconduct, over reaction, rights violations, and/or deception. Such accounts are not uncommon. Nevertheless, these young people, with the proper support, have shown themselves to be resilient and capable of thriving. They now serve as advocates and together wrote a book, *The Youth Guide to the Juvenile Justice System*.

We live in a country that incarcerates more of its citizens than any other country in the world. Eastern University is located in Pennsylvania which has more persons serving juvenile life without parole sentences than any other state, and incarcerates a larger percentage of its minority population than any other state. The Philadelphia School District’s zero tolerance policies also contribute to the over incarceration of young people, particularly youth of color. Because Eastern University is committed to justice, and because the Center for Urban Youth Development is committed to providing low or no cost resources to the community, we were compelled to hold a forum on these issues. A critical awareness of the challenges in the juvenile justice system was raised among the attendees, and ways to become involved in advocacy were shared.



Creative Writing in the Emerald City

By Kat Hayes '05, Affiliate Faculty, English Department

Every year, just before spring, more than 13,000 writers and readers and 700 exhibitors attend the largest literary conference in America. The 2014 Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference was held in Seattle overlooking the expansive, mountain-rimmed waters of Elliot Bay.

Rebecca Gidjunis '01 and I traveled to Seattle, spending three bustling days at the conference attending the sprawling book fair, the panels, and the evening readings that featured writers including Annie Proulx, Amy Tan, Sharon Olds, Sherman Alexie, and Barry Lopez.

Writing can be a solitary activity, but the overwhelming sense at the conference was that a thriving community of creative writers, readers, and publishers exists. As Jenny Shank notes in a PBS report, “The sky-is-falling attitude about the decline of traditional publishing has diminished as people are now looking ahead to what the new digital landscape might make possible.”

The AWP Conference is an opportunity to re-examine the pedagogy, practices and goals of our classrooms. Panels span subjects as diverse as how to teach specific populations of writers (veterans, prisoners, the homeless, gang rehab members) to publishing and marketing strategies. As an educator, I am interested in the ways panels like these can inform my teaching at Eastern. I attended a panel entitled “What’s Next? Pressures and Opportunities in Undergraduate Writing Programs” that involved an important discussion about the competitive environments our

creative writing students face after graduation—whether that environment is in the job market, MFA or graduate programs, or the publishing and editing world. The panelists discussed curricular options such as class sequencing, internships, blogs, research methods, literature festivals, and reading series. Reflecting on these options for curriculum ensures that we are offering Eastern students the best preparation we can for their futures.

Rebecca Gidjunis attended a panel entitled “New Generation African Women Poets: A Reading from the African Poetry Book Series,” which gave her the opportunity to hear women from various countries in Africa read from their original poetry. She described the reading as being like a church service with people responding to the poems audibly with cheers and moans and stomping. Rebecca said, “The reading was visceral, and the content was immediate. I’ve wanted to find ways to incorporate poetry into my Postcolonial Women’s Novels class and to expand the poetry that I include in my Introduction to Creative Writing class to include non-western writers. Through this reading, I was introduced to seven new African women writers, all of whom knocked my socks off.”

Although there may be solitary aspects, ultimately the creative writing process is one that involves the larger group of writers, readers, publishers, and editors. Attending conferences like AWP keeps us connected to this writing community and allows us to become a bridge for our students into that community.

Ron Matthews Reports on PROVOST FELLOWSHIP GRANT



“There is
NO PROBLEM
in **music**
that we
CAN'T
figure out.”
- Jimmy Amadie
1937-2013

Dr. Ron Matthews, Executive Director of the Fine and Performing Arts Division and Chair of the Music Department, was awarded the Provost Fellowship Grant for Research. His proposal was on the acquisition and dissemination of jazz improvisation.

Dr. Matthews had received faculty grants in the past to study harmony with Jimmy Amadie, renowned jazz pianist and pedagogue. The Provost Fellowship Grant provided for intensive private study in improvisation with Mr. Amadie over the summer and fall of 2013. Mr. Amadie's health had been failing over the past three years and Dr. Matthews was invited by Mr. Amadie to study with the intent to preserve and transfer as much of his knowledge and experience as possible before he passed. Related to this was the formation of the Jimmy Amadie Academy of Jazz (JAAJ). Dr. Matthews is one of five jazz teacher/performers who serve on the Advisory Board of the JAAJ to propagate this unique method of jazz improvisation and instruction.

Mr. Amadie passed away on December 10, 2013. His wife, Lucille, bequeathed his teaching piano (above) to Eastern University in appreciation for the personal relationship with Dr. Matthews and the institutional support of the Amadian Method.

TED SCHWARTZ: Learning Through Laughter

Actor/writer/biblical story teller/comedian Ted Schwartz entertained and taught at Eastern University in March. His Ted & Company TheatreWorks presented *Laughter is a Sacred Space*. Ted Schwartz also presented *I'd Like to Buy An Enemy*, which looks at “the assumptions and actions that lead to the creation of and the continuation of enemies.” For more, visit www.tedandcompany.com



Eastern Welcomes PROVOST KEITH IDDINGS

Eastern University is pleased to announce that Dr. R. Keith Iddings has been named Provost. He will assume this role on July 1. Dr. Iddings currently serves as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina, a position he has held for the past nine years.

He previously served as Vice President and Dean of Adult and Graduate Studies. He has also worked at Indiana Wesleyan University and Trinity International University in various capacities of leadership, including as a faculty member, associate dean, and dean.

Throughout his two decades in Christian higher education, Dr. Iddings has written and taught numerous theological and business oriented courses. He was ordained in 1983 as a Minister of the American Baptist Church. Raised in an evangelical Baptist Church, Dr. Iddings served as the Minister of Christian Education at Bethel Baptist Church in Bethel, Ohio for three years. His commitment to advancing the Kingdom was exemplified through his service as a missionary/church planter for OMS International in Manila, Philippines.

Dr. Iddings has a connection to Eastern that goes back to Eastern University Board Member Dr. John Sundquist, who presided over his ordination. Dr. Iddings is also ordained in The Wesleyan Church in South Carolina. He has a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a PhD in adult education from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Iddings founded the Christian Adult Higher Education Association (CAHEA), in which Eastern has formerly participated.

Dr. Iddings said, “I am thrilled and honored to be offered the opportunity to be a part of the Eastern team. The institution has a long history of both commitment to Christ and leadership in Christian higher education. I am excited about being a part of what you’re doing in the Philadelphia area and around the world.”



Charles Campbell receives first DISSERTATION AWARD



Heewon Chang, dissertation supervisor; (left to right) Charles Campbell; and Joan Singleton, chair of the PhD Board of Fellows.

Charles Campbell PhD '13 works for Thomas Edison State College developing their graduate and undergraduate courses and curriculum. He says, “This is a job I started just a few weeks after my dissertation defense in January 2013, and for which Eastern’s PhD program prepared me well.” His dissertation, which earned the first Dissertation Award from Eastern University, is a case study examining partnerships between a secular nonprofit serving at-risk youth and local communities of faith. These seemingly different organizations came together to address issues in mental health treatment facilities that have created a void of religious and spiritual opportunities for at-risk youth.

Dr. Campbell is also an adjunct faculty member in Eastern’s School of Leadership and Development. He says of the PhD program, “I loved (almost!) every grueling minute of it. It was equal parts challenging, rewarding,

and intellectually stimulating. **David Greenhalgh** is to be commended for the wonderful program and talented faculty he has assembled. I am also grateful to my dissertation committee – **Dr. Heewon Chang, Dr. Beth Birmingham, and Dr. David Bronkema.**”

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Esperanza Students Bring Home the Gold



The medical assisting students from Esperanza College won a gold medal at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Conference in Lancaster, PA. Esperanza College was proud to join Pennsylvania HOSA for this year's State Leadership Conference and to join the ranks of post-secondary allied health programs around the state that belong to HOSA. Students **Kaishla Colon**, (left to right) **Russell Reyes**, **Kimberly Estevez-Rivas**, and **Madeline Gallardo** (not shown) won a gold medal in the category of Community Awareness. The director for the Medical Assisting program, **Professor Jessica Way, MA**, said, "I am beyond thrilled at the success of our first cohort of medical assisting students! Winning a medal at the PA HOSA State Leadership Conference really demonstrates their

persistence, professionalism and dedication. These students are really setting a high bar for future classmates to follow." Esperanza's chapter received an official HOSA charter and plaque to celebrate the occasion. This concluded months of hard work on the part of the medical assisting students who for their project created a Type 2 Diabetes Fair aimed at the Latino community in North Philadelphia. Their work continues as the students are representing Esperanza College at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL, in June. Professor Way says, "I know that when we send our students out into the professional community they will be a great success."

HOSA Future Health Professionals is a national organization with a mission to "enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping the student meet the needs of the health care community." Visit www.hosa.org

Dance Department on the Move



A group of 12 students traveled to the Mid-Atlantic Regional American College Dance Festival Association Conference at George Mason University in March. **Abbie Worley '14** was chosen by the faculty to perform a solo, *Self-Deceived*, that she choreographed for the Winter Dance Concert in December 2013. Abbie says, "This is the first solo I've ever produced for the stage. It was inspired by a YouTube video that was produced by YWAM and a fellow EU student. It speaks to identity in general. I use a prop; pieces of fabric that represent things that control us."

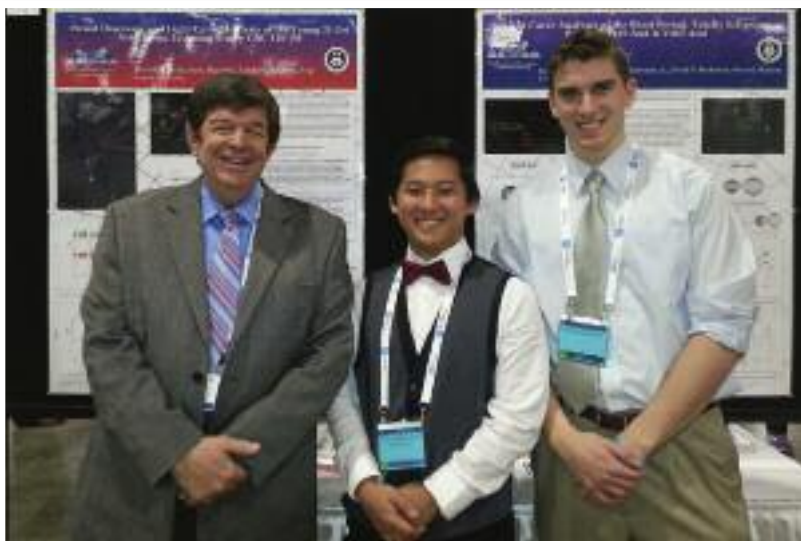
Faculty members **Janine Bryant** and **Saleana Pettaway** taught classes in modern dance and ballet for modern dancers and African dance, respectively. This is the 7th consecutive year the Dance Department went to this conference. It was a great opportunity for students and faculty to connect and network with other dance programs and bond as a department.

Student Lobby Day



Eastern University was one of the more than 25 schools that participated in the AICUP Student Lobby Day at the Capitol in Harrisburg, PA. AICUP, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, reports that more than 200 students, faculty and presidents came to hear Lt. Governor Jim Cawley speak about the governor's scholarship program that would provide middle-income students with a \$2,000 grant to help reduce their student debt. Shown are **Cara Scandrett-Leatherman**; **Dr. Bettie Ann Brigham '74**, Vice President for Student Development; **Frances Greenlee**; **Kerri Hartnett**, and **President Robert Duffett**.

American Astronomical Society



Dr. David Bradstreet '76, **Jensen Okimoto** and **William Schwartz, Jr. '14** presented their research at the American Astronomical Society biannual meeting in Washington, DC, in January.

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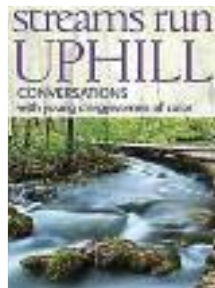
Sarah Katherine Moon '14, from Greensboro, NC, has added her intelligence and down-to-earth personality to Eastern's campus since the fall of 2010. She is a philosophy, politics, and economics major in the Templeton Honors College. Sarah was selected as an Agora Fellow for the Agora Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good and has served as both the secretary and treasurer of Eastern's Philosophical Society. She completed a semester abroad in Oxford, England, and pursues a love of education by acting as a teacher's assistant for several economics courses. She is an avid runner, a dancer, a well-respected support to many friends, and a member of the Eastern Exiles Ultimate Frisbee team. She has been an integral part of Eastern's Conferences and Special Events Office for almost four years. Sarah has risen as a thoughtful, hardworking, natural, and humble leader among her peers. One of her immediate goals is to hold a position teaching the humanities in a high school setting.

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Achievements, Publications and Presentations



Harry Mercurio, Instructor of Education, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Widener University in March and was granted the EdD in Reading Leadership. His dissertation was titled *Time is of the Essence: An Investigation of Fourth and Fifth Grade Teachers' Use of Time During the Literacy Block for Instruction*.



Rev. Yana J. Pagan '00, MDiv '06 is one of the contributing authors for *Conversations with Young Clergy Women of Color*. Yana has been an adjunct faculty member at Esperanza College since 2010, graduated from Palmer Seminary in 2006 and from Eastern in 2000. Yana has also been asked to participate in many blogs for American Baptist Women in Ministry.



Dr. Loida I. Martell-Otero, Professor of Constructive Theology at Palmer Theological Seminary, was appointed as the American Baptist/USA representative to the National Council of Churches (NCC) Roundtable in May. The topic was the *Theological Dialogue and Matters of Faith and Order* by

Rev. Dr. Roy Medley, General Secretary of ABC, and newly appointed NCC Chair of its governing board.



Susannah K. Cobb McMonagle, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, presented a research paper entitled "Sportiest Catwalk on Earth: How Fashion and Sport Collide on the Olympic Stage" which received a Top Student Paper Award at the National Communication Association conference this past November.



Doug Horton '99, Lecturer of Biokinetics, Clinical Coordinator, Athletic Training Education Program and Director of the Life Fitness Program at Eastern University, took part in a play in Philadelphia for a post-show talk back. *The Disappearing Quarterback* is a one-man show performed by former

Eagles Quarterback Mike Boryla. Doug's role was to represent the medical aspect of how we care for concussions.



In January, **Dr. Chris Hall**, Distinguished Professor of Theology and Director of Academic Spiritual Formation, represented Eastern at an event at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. He has been part of an evangelical-Mormon dialogue for about 6 years and was sitting on the dais at the Tabernacle

while Ravi Zacharias spoke. He also led a seminar on spiritual formation with Richard Foster and Nathan Foster at Calvin College as part of their annual worship symposium.



Qing Jin '14, Communication Studies major, had a paper accepted at the Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Conference in April. The title of her paper is "The Power of Discourse:

Exploring Identity through Kenneth Burke's Dramatism."

Joelle Tomkins, sophomore, Communication Studies major, also had a paper accepted at the ECA Conference, "Misty's Price for Security: A Cluster Analysis of Guilt in Chuck Palahniuk's Diary."



A new book, *Reason, Revelation, and the Civic Order*, edited by Paul DeHart and Carson Holloway, includes the chapter, "Converting Secularism," written by **Dr. R. J. Snell**, Professor of Philosophy, Director of the Philosophy Program, and Co-Director of the Agora Institute.

TRAUMA Studies

By Deb McConomy-Wallace

Human suffering and trauma is not a new phenomenon. Recent research into childhood traumas, the effects of war on veterans and civilians, and evidence from natural and human-made disasters indicates that traumatic events are widespread, prevalent, and have a serious effect upon human life.

In order to equip clinicians with the skills needed to work with trauma victims, the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies Counseling Psychology Department will offer a new concentration in Trauma Studies beginning fall 2014. It's designed especially for students in the 60-credit Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling program and non-degree students needing post-master's coursework toward professional credentials. The curriculum provides foundational knowledge of the impact of traumatic stress on human functioning and an overview of evidence-based strategies for preventing and treating traumatic stress reactions.

There are three required courses: Trauma Across the Lifespan, Grief and Loss Counseling Theory and Practice, and Crisis Intervention and Trauma Treatment Methods. In addition, students are required to take two relevant elective courses.

According to **Dr. Ruth Palmer**, coordinator of the concentration in Trauma Studies, the coursework enables students to examine the Christian understanding of suffering, death, and loss and develop a spiritual framework to be used therapeutically with those suffering traumatic experiences.

Students completing the concentration will be prepared to seek licensure as Professional Counselors in Pennsylvania and to pursue post-master's training/credentialing by professional and service organizations specializing in trauma prevention, assistance, and treatment.

Learn more at www.eastern.edu under Counseling Psychology.



Christianity Today Book Award



A new book by **Dr. Steven Boyer** and **Dr. Christopher Hall** of the Christian Studies Department received an award from *Christianity Today*. In its January/February 2014 issue, *Christianity Today* recognized *The Mystery of God: Theology for Knowing the Unknowable* as one of

the top picks of the year in the theology and ethics category. The book seeks to evaluate the distinctively Christian way of understanding the unknown and its benefits within theological study. Topics covered include the incarnation, salvation, the Trinity, world religions and prayer.

“Boyer and Hall do an excellent job unpacking the subject of mystery, which is constantly alluded to in theological work but rarely carefully analyzed. The authors achieve clarity without sacrificing depth,” writes James Beilby, Professor of Biblical/Theological Studies at Bethel University.

Dr. Pat Bleil at Jubilee Conference



Pat Bleil, PhD '12, was a featured speaker at the February Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Bleil is Chair of the Eastern University School of Management Studies, Director of the Fast-Track MBA[®] Program, and Assistant Professor of Management. Her workshop,

Giftedness: Identifying and Practically Applying God-Given Talents, explores what it means to be gifted and define our worth in Christ. Prior to the Jubilee Conference, Dr. Bleil was interviewed on 101.5 WORD-FM radio in Pittsburgh. The topic was “Being a Christian in a Secular Workplace.”

The Jubilee Conference is about living faithfully in every area of life. For 37 years, they have invited over 60,000 college students to Pittsburgh to talk, learn, think, and dream about the public implications of their personal transformation.

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Dr. David Greenhalgh in Africa



Last December, **Dr. David Greenhalgh**, Director of the PhD Program in Organizational Leadership, conducted two workshops for faculty in Africa. The first was at Jos Evangelical Seminary (JETS) in Jos, Nigeria, sponsored by the large ECWA denomination (Evangelical Church Winning All). The second was held at Christian Service University College (CSUC) in Kumasi, Ghana.

Dr. Cephas Tushima, Dean of JETS, invited David to conduct a workshop on learning assessment. Dr. Tushima is supported by the missions department of the Church of the Saviour in Wayne, PA which underwrote the expenses. David's wife, Ellie, director of Children's Ministry at Church of the Saviour,

conducted a two-day workshop for youth workers of neighboring churches in Jos.

David then traveled to Ghana to conduct the same workshop for the faculty of Christian Service University College at the invitation of Prof. Frances Thelma Kwabea Owusu-Daaku, president of the college. CSUC administrators have visited Eastern, and an informal partnership has been formed.

If you are interested in being involved or donating books, please contact David Greenhalgh at dgreenha@eastern.edu.



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Four Alumni at

MORNINGSTAR FELLOWSHIP

By Elyse Garner '13, Writer/Social Media Coordinator

“Love God. Love People. Serve the World.” This is the vision of Morning Star Fellowship, a rapidly growing evangelical church in Bechtelsville, PA that employs four Eastern graduates. **Dave Shalaway '92** (left to right), **Kristen (Doaty) Weller '08**, **Dawn (Barszick) Engleman '01**, and **Travis Lee Moser '96**, all left Eastern with a desire to use their talents for the Lord but none of them ever expected to find work in a place that fit so well with their faith and career goals.

For Moser, the overall community and the “loving staff of driven and creative people,” were just some of Morning Star’s most attractive features. “At 1100 people strong, Morning Star is a fantastic place to use one’s talents,” he says. Before graduating from Eastern with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Theatre Production, Moser received advice and encouragement from faculty members **Mark Hallen** and **Theresa Moyer** that would make a lasting impact on his career. Now, as Morning Star’s Technical Director and leader of a college internship program, Moser looks back on his time at Eastern with gratitude. “Eastern’s Theatre program gave me the chance to explore a passion I did not realize I had,” he says.

For Dave Shalaway, the attraction to Morning Star was just as strong. After visiting with his family in 2001, he was immediately

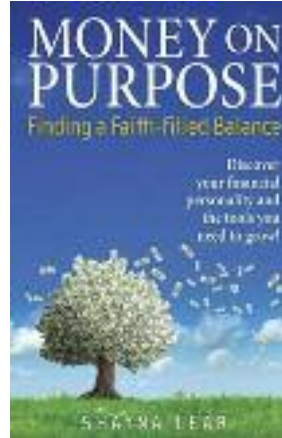
drawn to the “atmosphere of worship” and by 2004, he was serving as Assistant Pastor. Along with his BA in Youth Ministry, Shalaway says that his time at Eastern gave him the writing skills and biblical knowledge that he needed to succeed in his position. While he loves his involvement in Morning Star’s small group ministry and his outreach through graphic design, Shalaway says that the most fulfilling part of his job is his opportunity to “teach and interact with members and seekers who desire to grow in their faith.” Now, his son, **David Quin** is a junior studying business, so his connection with the Eastern community continues.

Having also gone through the Youth Ministry department at Eastern, Kristen (Doaty) Weller says that the biblical training and organizational skills that she received were invaluable for her administrative role in student ministries. “As I progressed in my major, I quickly realized that I did not love being in front of people... but I was able to find my niche,” she says. “The youth ministry staff really helped me to see that there are all types of ministry jobs and not all of them involve being the main person up front.”

Along with Moser, Shalaway and Weller, Dawn (Barszick) Engleman serves as Morning Star’s Children’s Pastor and is also using her talents to represent Eastern University well at this passionate developing church.

Money and the Gospel

Shayna Lear is a dual degree MDiv/MA in International Development - urban concentration alum. She is the author of *Money on Purpose: Finding a Faith-Filled Balance* which was published by Judson Press. Shayna has been doing financial planning for over 12 years, primarily in low income and minority communities, and was asked to write the book. She also wrote an article for *Prism* magazine, the publication of Evangelicals for Social Action. The article deals with the Prosperity Gospel and its danger to the church and its witness in the world, particularly vulnerable populations.



Shayna was invited to the Lausanne Consultation on Prosperity Theology, Poverty and the Gospel in San Paulo, Brazil, in March as a result of writing the article.

Running for Clean Drinking Water



Goliathon is an obstacle course challenge developed to bring aid to those in need around the world. All proceeds from their events help provide safe, clean drinking water to people in developing countries. Goliathon was founded by a group of friends from Fellowship Bible Church in Sewell, NJ, who have done mission trips to Haiti and helped with Hurricane Sandy restoration over the past few years. **Doug Horton '99, MS, ATC** and Lecturer of Biokinetics at Eastern University, serves on the Goliathon Board. A group of Eastern Athletic Training students (above) also volunteered. Visit Goliathon.com



Dustin Tommey Bringing About Change in Cleveland

Dustin Tommey MA '11, who earned his Master's of Urban Studies degree with a concentration in community development, is the leader of the new Impact Cleveland initiative as it works to revitalize the Blythe Avenue area and surrounding neighborhood.

While in Philadelphia working on his degree, Tommey worked with the Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania, which specialized entirely in housing. His expertise was in foreclosure prevention. "That was where I got my feet really wet in this field. I knew I wanted to serve people in a hands-on way that impacts their lives."

Impact Cleveland is a collaborative endeavor made up of the ideas and visions of many different community residents and leaders who want to see Cleveland become an even greater community, particularly in challenged, troubled, impoverished neighborhoods. They have set goals in five areas: physical revitalization, neighborhood safety, civic engagement and social revitalization, community leadership and empowerment, and workforce development.

Alumni Celebrate **30 YEARS** at Aldan Union Church

By Elyse Garner '13

Eastern alumni **Paul Thompson '72** and his wife **Beth (Brobeck) '74**, have been faithfully serving as leaders of Aldan Union Church (AUC) in Aldan, PA for over 30 years. Despite this milestone anniversary and continued devotion to their congregation, full-time pastoral ministry was not always their plan.

While at Eastern, Paul pursued a degree in American History and had every intention of entering law school after graduation.

At the same time, Beth explored many majors, including elementary education, music and pre-nursing before finally deciding on a BA in religion. Both were attracted to Eastern's beautiful campus and Christian atmosphere and were heavily involved in campus life.

It was not until they met at a Friday night Bible study that their call to ministry would become more apparent. "The biggest plus at Eastern was that God used it to open doors to new opportunities for friendships and service that I never expected," Beth said. Suddenly, what Paul describes as their "unmistakable calling to full-time Christian service," was being seen in theological discussions with professors, community in the dorms, and more opportunities for evangelism on campus. As they grew closer to each other and to their new calling, plans for the future quickly began to change.

It wasn't long until Paul and Beth were married and in 1978, they were led to AUC, where Paul served as youth minister. By 1983, he had moved into the role of senior pastor and 30 years later, Aldan is still their home.

Over the years, Paul and Beth have seen countless blessings at Aldan Union Church. From the growth of their missions-focused legacy (both local and international) to the construction of a new building, their ministry has been filled with ups and downs. "In some ways, it feels like we've been here our whole lives," Beth said. "But in other ways, we realize that we are a small part of this congregation's heritage... We thought that God would only have us here for a few short years, but He has been faithful through the many blessings and challenges we have faced."

As they look towards the future, Paul writes to his congregation, "I like the old adage- 'I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future.'... I want to encourage all of us to continue to live out the vision I believe God gave us years ago - to grow in Christ and reach out to the world."

For more about Aldan Union Church, visit www.auc.org



Faith & Practice

I've Been Privileged to Serve

By *Lois (Miller) Semanision '74*

I graduated from Eastern University in 1974 with a social work degree and later earned an MSW at Syracuse University. My personal priority was always to be involved in faith-based practice during the 31 years I worked as a social worker in Philadelphia. I absolutely loved the work but always had the desire to work overseas, since I was born in Swaziland, Africa, to missionary parents. My chance finally came as a missionary in 2005, starting out in Brasil, then Australia, and finally now in Papua, New Guinea.

The first year anywhere is always the hardest, with language acquisition, role definition, culture shock, and so on. I have been told that 60% of first termers never return to the field. I can fully understand that. Leaving the comfort of the familiar and launching into another culture is unbelievably hard. In Proverbs 3:5-6 we are promised that the Lord will direct our paths as we trust Him and acknowledge Him in every area of our lives. Initially, I deeply grieved the loss of my social work profession, but then God showed me He had many contexts in which to use my skills in my passion for working with people and my passion for evangelism.

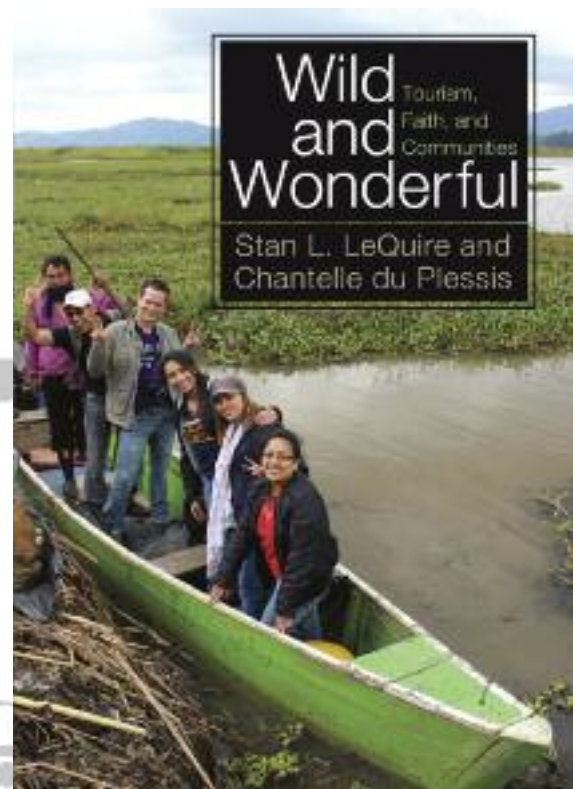
Someone once said that a key to ministering (in any culture) is finding out what God is doing, and joining in. There are always many people to love, the gifts of presence and relationship, opportunities to respond to needs, and opportunities for evangelism and teaching. What a privilege has been mine. Thank you, Lord!

Trust in the LORD
with all your *heart*
and lean not on
your own understanding;
in ALL your ways
Acknowledge Him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

WILD AND WONDERFUL: Tourism, Faith and Communities

Faculty/student collaboration has produced a new book, *Wild and Wonderful: Tourism, Faith and Communities*, by **Rev. Stan LeQuire** and **Chantelle du Plessis MA '12**. Rev. Stan LeQuire is the Instructional Designer and an Adjunct Faculty Member in the Eastern University School of Leadership and Development. Chantelle du Plessis is a South African who lives in Bogotá, Colombia. She is co-owner of the tourism business Andes EcoTours and is a graduate of Eastern University's master's program in international development.

This book is the result of their research over the past several years. On the cover, it says, "After logging thousands of miles in planes, jeeps, dugout canoes, pickup trucks, bicycles, and on foot, LeQuire and du Plessis offer insights into how Christians around the world are using tourism to develop their villages while caring for both creation and culture. Based on a multi-year research project, this book showcases innovative projects that Christian villagers and faith-based organizations are engaging to alleviate poverty through business ventures. Through a unique mix of travelogue and theological reflection, this book concludes with a challenge to the status quo of current short-term mission practice and provides thoughtful alternatives."



THE JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2014

Eastern University was a sponsor of this annual conference that educates, inspires and connects a generation of men and women around a shared concern for biblical and social justice, the vulnerable and oppressed. In addition to those from Eastern who attended, the University was well represented by speakers **Bryan Stevenson '81** and **Dr. Hans Tokke**, Program Director and Professor of Nonprofit Management in the School of Leadership and Development at Eastern University.

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Alabama and an acclaimed lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults. EJI recently won an historic ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court holding that mandatory life-without-parole sentences for all children 17 or younger are unconstitutional. His numerous awards include the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Prize, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the NAACP Ming Award for Advocacy, the Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award. After graduating from Eastern University, he went on to graduate from Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government. He has been awarded 13 honorary doctorate degrees and is a professor of law at the New York University School of Law.

Dr. Hans Tokke is a multi-faceted professor and professional management consultant who brings a deep understanding of storytelling through the lens of the participants, using professional expertise in sociology, culture, marketing, strategic planning, justice theology, and applied research. As an ordained minister with significant experience with nonprofit and para-church organizations, he understands the issues that these types of organizations and individuals face in the world of change. He holds a PhD and MA in sociology from The New School for Social Research in New York City; an MDiv in urban ministry from Nyack College/Alliance Theological Seminary; and a BTh from Summit Pacific College. Dr. Tokke is a member of the American Sociological Association, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Academy of Management, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.



2014 GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Eastern University has been awarded membership in the 2014 Green Power Leadership Club by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Eastern has been a Green Power Partner since 2004. Environmental stewardship is one way that Eastern puts its commitment to faith, reason and justice into action, with the belief that caring for God's creation is an important form of social justice.



Eastern University is also recognized on the EPA Web site's Long-term Contracts list for those who pledge to purchase renewable energy for multiple years. In 2012, Eastern University partnered with Community Energy on the largest solar project in Pennsylvania through a 7-year commitment to 100% clean energy for the campus in St. Davids. "Eastern University has been a champion of renewable energy for many years. They have been purchasing wind power from Community Energy since 2006 and installed a solar system on campus with us in 2009. We are proud to work with such a visionary and forward-thinking academic institution," said Jay Carlis, Vice President of Community Energy, when this 7-year commitment was announced.



LEADERS MEET AT ST. DAVIDS TO DISCUSS

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

By Ross Woods

On February 6, Representatives **Stephen Kinsey MBA '02** (above) and Margo Davidson, as well as Antoinette “Toni” Marchowsky, Executive Director for the Philadelphia Delegation of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, attended a luncheon hosted on the St. Davids campus with the Eastern University leadership team to discuss equal access to higher education. Rep. Kinsey, a Philadelphia native and alumnus of Eastern University’s MBA program, played a key role in bringing stakeholders to the table. Kinsey serves in PA District 201, which encompasses the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia where he grew up. His alma mater, Germantown High School, which had a graduation rate of 47% in 2012, is a case in point that something needs to be done to better equip the next generation to be able to compete within a globalized society. But high school graduation rates are only part of the problem.

Providing greater access to higher education is an integral part of the solution, and private institutions have a unique role to play in this. According to the Philadelphia Association of Christian Schools (PACS), 40% of all minority students in Pennsylvania are enrolled at private institutions and approximately 59,000 private school students receive PELL grants – 15,000 more than the number of students receiving this aid

enrolled at state schools. These facts debunk the myth that private schools only educate the rich.

Yet, grants for low-income students are only the tip of the iceberg. Those students caught in the middle whose parents earn too much to be eligible for aid, yet cannot afford to fund their child’s college education, are perhaps those most affected by the increasing costs of education. To address this concern, PA Governor Tom Corbett included Ready to Succeed Scholarships in his 2014 budget proposal, an earmark of \$25 million in grants to middle-income families across Pennsylvania to make higher education more affordable.

For its part, Eastern University is eager to play a role in providing equal access to quality higher education, but funding is limited. Both the representatives from the PA House and the Eastern University leadership team agree that the Ready to Succeed Scholarships are a good start, but more needs to be done. The meeting concluded with high spirits and a request for ongoing dialogue including an invitation extended to the leadership team to attend a bi-partisan meeting in Harrisburg. It is this sort of support and cooperation that will be needed if all Pennsylvanians will one day be afforded equal access to a higher education.

HOWARD STEVENSON '80 ADDRESSES RACIAL ILLITERACY

As part of its annual Martin Luther King Commemoration on January 17, Eastern University welcomed back distinguished alumnus **Dr. Howard Stevenson '80**, to speak on racial illiteracy in modern society. His presentation, *What If My Trayvon Came Home? 'The Stalking Talk' as Civil Disobedience in an Age of Racial Illiteracy*, challenged students and faculty to examine how misconceptions concerning race often lead to increased conflict. "Despite the election of a two-term Black President, racial conflict and discrimination have been rising in areas of health, education, housing, and justice," Stevenson said. "...Unaddressed racial stress hurts the quality of relationships and is tied to the lack of competent conversations and actions generated for addressing racial disparities."

This racial stress, he said, is the result of a crippling fear of reality that can cause discrimination and poor communication among racial groups. Yet despite the social harm caused by this stress, Dr. Stevenson urged his listeners to view it as an opportunity for growth and engagement. "We need to learn how to relax ourselves [through prayer] but also speak our voice and navigate realities... Simply trying to be a nice person doesn't help you handle conflict. You need to engage in it."

Through his academic research, Dr. Stevenson has utilized this concept of engagement in an attempt to strengthen the racial identity and emotional well-being of inner-city youth. After receiving a BA from Eastern in psychology and sociology, he went on to pursue both an MA in theology and a PhD in clinical psychology from the Fuller Theological Seminary and Fuller Graduate School of Psychology. Now Professor of Education and Africana Studies and the former Chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development Division in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Stevenson has developed two major projects that he hopes will encourage modes of engagement instead of avoidance.

Dr. Stevenson's PLAAY (Preventing Long-term Anger and Aggression in Youth) project uses sports as a means to counsel young African-American boys while at the same time teaching parents to become solid emotional supports for their children. By providing a familiar and active environment for his players, Dr. Stevenson hopes to decrease the level of misunderstood aggressive behavior among youths and encourage a proper understanding of managing racial conflict.

Similarly, his Shape-Up: Barbers Building Better Brothers program uses a cultural setting to generate open and honest conversation on a variety of personal topics. The barbers that Dr. Stevenson has trained for this project have turned into health educators who instruct young African-American boys on safe-sex habits and prevention of violent behavior. According to Dr. Stevenson, the comfortable and familiar environment of a local barbershop provides the "ministry, intervention and healing" that these boys need to better understand their own behavior and racial identity.





BRANDON ROBINSON '08 COVERS NBA ALL-STAR GAME

By Elyse Garner '13

Ever since he was a child, **Brandon Robinson '08** knew that he loved two things: journalism and basketball. Intrigued by the style of reporting greats like Ed Bradley and inspired by the skills of the NBA's hottest athletes, Robinson knew what he wanted to do from a very early age. "I always said that one day, I was going to cover the NBA All-Star Game."

As a communication studies major at Eastern, Robinson says, "I think the biggest thing I gained was practice and the opportunity to form my craft. I learned that part of being truly successful is practice, practice, practice. That's what separates the people who want success and the people who actually go out and get it." Since graduating in 2008, Robinson has developed a versatile career. In addition to writing freelance pieces for publications such as *The Source*, *ESPN.com* and *The Brooklyn Courier*, he lectures at a multimedia journalism class in New Jersey, co-hosts an online lifestyle show called "Jocks, Geeks and Gamers" and serves as a public relations consultant for Clean Life Energy in Ohio. He was recently named one of the Top 30 Under 30 by the National Association of Black Journalists and helped to cover Super Bowl XLVIII earlier this year.

But as a lifelong basketball fan, he still longed for that trip to the All-Star Game. After a lot of hard work, Robinson was able to get his credentials approved by the NBA only to find out that his trip could not be funded by his publication. He quickly sought the help of family and friends. Against all odds, the money was raised almost immediately and Robinson was headed to New Orleans for the 2014 All-Star Game.

As he expected, the experience turned out to be "surreal." In addition to covering All-Star events like the celebrity game and interviewing legends like Shaquille O'Neal, Robinson was able to reconnect with players he admired and meet rising new stars. Looking forward, Brandon Robinson is excited and ready to have more experiences like this that will broaden his skills as a young journalist. For more about Brandon and his work, visit http://about.me/brandon_robinson



The Sandy Ground
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Where Angels Play

Eastern Athletics hosted members of The Sandy Ground Project at the basketball games with DeSales University to raise awareness of the work that group is doing to promote healing following a pair of tragic events and to encourage volunteer support. Eastern and DeSales family and friends helped raise more than \$1,000 to help the project.

The Sandy Ground Project is an initiative which aims to build 26 playgrounds in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. Each playground is built to honor the memory of one of the 26 individuals killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Each of the playgrounds, with the approval of the families, is built to try to reflect some element of the personality of the student or teacher who was lost.

Bill Lavin, a New Jersey fireman, was moved to start the project after a trailer of Christmas gifts came to New Jersey from Mississippi. New Jersey firefighters had built playgrounds in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. Lavin's niece, **Emily Lavin**, plays for Eastern's women's team and has worked on several of the projects.



Eastern freshman Emily Lavin with Eagles' coach Nate Davis (left) and her uncle Bill Lavin, who helped start the Sandy Ground Project.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM SCRIMMAGE WITH TEAM FROM JAPAN



Although separated by nearly 6,800 miles, Eastern University and Meiji University were brought together this fall by a love for lacrosse. Eastern Women's Lacrosse had the unique opportunity to host the Meiji University Women's Lacrosse team for a friendly clinic and scrimmage.

Meiji University is a prestigious university in Tokyo, Japan. Their women's lacrosse team was spending the week in the Philadelphia area on a trip organized by ZAG Sports, the group that hosted Eastern Field Hockey's trip to Bermuda in the winter.

Coach Camrin Azzarano '93, who went on the Field Hockey Bermuda trip, said that this was a great cross-cultural experience for both teams. She pointed to players after the game from both teams exchanging small gifts and overcoming language barriers. Players had fun taking pictures with each other, and sharing and dancing to popular music.



2014 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

DARLA (SPENCE) COFFEY '83

Darla Spence Coffey is President of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Prior to this appointment, she served as Professor of Social Work, Associate Provost, and Dean of Graduate Studies at West Chester University. Coffey received her bachelor's degree from Eastern, her MSW from the University of Pennsylvania, and her PhD from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. She was a member of the social work faculty at West Chester University beginning in 1998, and served as the Director and Chair of the Undergraduate Social Work Program from 2002 to 2005. From 2008-2009 she served as Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Coffey has an extensive background in social work practice in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence, and is a nationally recognized author and speaker on these topics. She developed a curriculum, Parenting After Violence, and trained cohorts of social workers in the child welfare system in Philadelphia, PA in its implementation.

Coffey is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, where she served on the Executive Committee from 2005-2009. She has also served on numerous community boards that provide services to women and children, and is a national advisor to the Institute for Safe Families in Philadelphia.

She says, "It is such an honor to be selected as the 2014 Alumna of the Year. My education at Eastern – in and outside of the classroom – was a life-changing experience. Its strong emphasis on the liberal arts and support to create a meaningful spiritual life that is genuine and laid a solid foundation for me both personally and professionally. This foundation has served me better than I could possibly have imagined – and allowed me to serve others in wonderful and unexpected ways. I will forever be grateful to the faculty, staff and students who were a part of this transformational time for me."





2014 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

IAN SNYDER '04

Ian Snyder '04 always knew that he was meant to work with youth. After receiving a call from God to begin a youth center in his hometown of Sunbury, PA, Ian headed to Eastern to pursue a degree in youth ministry. But while most of his classmates were getting ready for lives within the church, Ian was preparing for a different path. Encouraged by the influence of close friends and faculty members, Ian says that his time at Eastern was instrumental in helping him reach his goal. “I valued how Eastern gave freedom for men of faith to rise up,” he said. “I learned a lot about how God has called me in my influence and interaction with youth.”

Ian returned to Sunbury after his graduation in 2004 and worked as a substitute teacher while earning his teaching degree. Before long, he was seeing his plans for a youth center unfold. Although the early stages were “chaotic and quite a learning process,” Ian’s vision quickly became a reality when God led him to the perfect location right in the heart of Sunbury. With building funds provided by an anonymous donor and help from his volunteer staff, Sunbury’s newest youth center, The Refuge, was born.

“Our main mission is to provide a safe place for youth to hang out with friends and caring adults,” Ian says. By providing homework assistance, family-style meals and small group activities, The Refuge is reaching out to Sunbury’s teens and exposing them to the love of Christ through the power of relational ministry. As the program continues to grow, Ian is hoping to completely remodel the second and third floors of his building so he can provide more growth opportunities for his students. “God spoke to me clearly that He wants the entire building to be used for ministry,” he said. “That is much for me to grasp, but I am trying to be faithful one day at a time.” Visit: www.sunburyrefuge.org

This award recognizes someone who has graduated from Eastern University within the past 10 years for a significant contribution to church, vocation, community and/or Eastern University.



1950s

Myrtle (Mack) Benson '54 taught second grade for 25 years and retired in 1991. She earned her master's in education at Indiana University while teaching. Myrtle and her husband, Bill, attend Appleby Memorial Presbyterian Church. She spends time watercolor painting and has fond memories of painting Eastern's waterwheel. Her favorite memories include touring choir, chapel speakers, great professors and lifelong friendships formed. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she and Bill will be married 60 years in June.

Ruth Balliette St. Cyr '54 is married to Emery and they have three children and six grandchildren. She is a member of MTNA, was active in the National Piano Guild for many years, was a piano teacher, and worked with church music programs, serving as organist and pianist. She is a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church and enjoys knitting and sewing. Her favorite memory of Eastern was piano lessons with Miss Snyder. The big question she's pondering: moving to an apartment.

George Daniels '59 is married to **Elizabeth (Shiffer) Daniels '59** and they have lived in Oro Valley, AZ (a suburb of Tucson) since 2000. The Daniels spend the summers at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI, where they have served as volunteers. Liz received a BS in Nursing from Cornell University, NY Hospital in 1960. They spent 16 months in 2001-2002 in New England where George served as Interim Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire. He retired in 2000 after serving 9-1/2 years as Executive

Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin. Some of George's achievements include the Carl H. Morgan Prize in NT (1961) and the Wilbur T. Elmore Prize in Church History (1961). He received his MSc - family and MDiv - New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1965, and in counseling from Mankato State University in 1983. He was also the President of the WI Council of Churches from 1999 - 2000. He is a member of the Federated Church (UCC, UMC, ABC) in Green Lake, and his hobbies include jogging, tennis and travel. George's favorite memory from Eastern was the walk from Hainer Hall across the old wooden bridge to Walton Hall. The campus was always beautiful - every season of the year. He also remembers enjoying a snack on Sunday nights at the Wayne Diner. His classmates would be surprised to know that George does professional picture framing and following retirement, he operated a hobby/business (The Hook Nook) of picture framing for 10 years. The big questions he's pondering: how and where to best use his time in his volunteer pursuits.

Mary Ann "JG" (Long) Hull '59 and her husband have hosted over 30 foreign exchange students from all over the world. "Mare" has 33 years of experience in science education as a teacher, has been a chairperson and K-12 supervisor for the district, President of NJ Supervisors' Association, and an active member in several national Science Associations. She retired to become Education Director at Liberty Science Center and then became Vice President of Education at COSI, the science museum in Columbus, OH. She has also received community recognitions for service. Mare belongs to Xenos Christian Fellowship and is active in volunteering at local food banks, in the

ER at Dublin Methodist Hospital, and volunteers in politics. She is interested in photography, computers (and teaches Mac to seniors) reading and writing. Mare is sad to have missed graduation but had to defend her position on the US Women's Lacrosse Team. Some of her favorite memories at Eastern included **Prof. Sayles**, her classmates, especially her roommates, **Ruth (Crawford) Herr '59** and **Julie (Spencer) Himes '59**. Her classmates would be surprised to know that at the same time she was hosting high school kids, Mare took in a 6-hour-old foster baby. The baby went to her new permanent home after five months, but even though a 71-year-old mother of a newborn was great fun, her husband became so attached to the baby that he didn't want the pain of doing it again. The big questions she's pondering: How will nanotechnology and stem cells change our lives? When will all houses of worship be accepting for all members? Can we solve the global warming problem before all the glaciers are gone?

C. Roland Marcus '59 and his wife, Mary Lee, celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2012. They have two children and three grandchildren. Roland spent more than 50 years in ministry to congregations connected to American Baptist Churches of Ohio. During that time, he also served as a volunteer announcer at two public radio stations. In retirement, he has served an extended interim pastorate followed by a 6-year stint as associate pastor at First Baptist Church of Dayton, OH. Writing, music, and reading historical biographies are Roland's hobbies. Roland remembers his junior year at Eastern when he ran successfully for student council president and his supporters threw him into one of the lakes on campus. A big question he's pondering: how could he have survived

so many years of blundering and not be destroyed by mistakes?

Audrey Miller '59, MRE '61 is living in Frankfurt, Germany in a care facility, and would love to hear from her classmates. Please contact the Alumni Office for her address.

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Ardell '63 and Peggy (Parker) Thomas '63 recently returned from three weeks in the Dominican Republic, leading their 10th work trip since 1995. For the last four years, there have been two teams - the first is primarily a construction team, leaving the day after Christmas for 10 days; the 2nd is primarily a medical team, flying down the day Team I returns home. Peg is "Mother Hen," organizing the teams and keeping everyone busy and happy. Ardell, "Doc," heads the medical teams which see up to 200 patients per day, usually at 8 remote villages of Haitian sugar cane workers. Since 2003, the teams have built and helped to maintain a school and a large church in the barrio of Las Colinas, outside of San Pedro de Macoris.

Carol (Steele) Bell '64 is married to Jim and they have six married children, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Carol did pre-adoption social work, then two years as an intake social worker. She was also a substitute teacher in a school district and at a college. She marked the B.C. Dist. Ed. Courses and now volunteers at Northern Lights College in Fort St. John, British Columbia. She is a member of Christian Life Centre and sings in the Northern Community Singers choir. Carol's favorite memories of Eastern include the small classes and

great teachers. A big question she's pondering: When should she retire? She likes working.

Margareta (Rinell) Jonell '64 has two married children and five grandchildren who all live close by and visit with one another frequently. Margie says that being a grandparent is one of life's many blessings. She earned her master's in clinical psychology at the University of Uppsala, Sweden in 1975, taught English for five years, and worked as a school psychologist in Littleton, CO public schools for 25 years. Calvary Baptist Church in Denver has been her church home since 1977 and she has been on many committees such as Music and Worship, Christian Education, Staff Relations, and Membership. She has also taught Sunday school and sung in the choir. She is an active member of the Swedish Women's Educational Association which is a sorority for Swedish women who live overseas. She loves traveling, volunteering, enjoying theater, movies, book club, exercising, photography, and spending time with family and friends. Margie's favorite memory from Eastern is trying out for choir with **Joel "Frosty" Anderson** her freshman year. During her audition, he found out she was Swedish and had just come to Eastern from Japan. That was the whole audition - they spent the rest of the time talking about his Swedish heritage. She made the choir without singing a note! Her classmates would be surprised to know that Margie has spent time in both Japan (in 2008) and in China (in 2010) doing volunteer work. In China, she taught English conversation in the school her grandmother began in 1905 and where her parents taught. A big question she's pondering: How can she live her last 25+ years to make a difference in the lives of others?

Spicer Leaming '64 is married to **Judi (Forney) Leaming '63** and they have three daughters and 18 grandchildren. He taught high school math for six years and received his master's from the University of Delaware. In 1970, he entered the jewelry business with Judi's parents, but is now retired. His daughter, Ami is the 4th generation to have the business. He has been a 50+ year member of the First Baptist Church of Dover and he likes to play golf, tennis, and go biking. He and Judi have also enjoyed RVing for several years. Spicer's favorite memories of Eastern include playing basketball with "the boys" and being on the team. He also enjoyed being in the plays that **Bob Davis '63** and **Prof. Barry Love** headed up.

Genevieve Lumia '64 was married for 37 years, but divorced in 1998. She has one daughter, Lauren E. (Stelling) Skoufalos. Genevieve received her MA in education and MEd in business education. She taught at the college level for 20 years and worked for the NJ Department of Education for 25 years as an administrator. She is a volunteer tutor at Burlington County Community College, reads to kindergartners, writes a monthly newsletter for a local senior group, belongs to two historical societies, knits mitts for revolutionary costumes, and is currently transcribing the Civil War diaries of a local Captain Charles Hall of NJ volunteers (part of the Army of the Potomac). Her favorite memories of Eastern include friends, the wonder of learning, small classes, and memorable professors.

Douglas Lyon '64 is a retired Network Software Systems Programmer and attends Tryon (NC) Congregational Church. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts, an OA Chapter Advisor, and is a construction crew member with Habitat for Humanity.

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Robert Moon '64 is married to **Delores (Trimmer) Moon '65** and they have two children. He was Professor and Chairman of the Division of Basic Medical Sciences at Mercer University School of Medicine from 1982-2011. He was also Associate Dean of Academic Affairs from 1998-2006. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Basic Medical Sciences. They attend St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where he serves as the treasurer of the church and the Montessori school. He is an elder, enjoys golf, and is a trustee of Trinity School of Medicine. Robert's favorite memories of Eastern include meeting Delores, the campus setting, roommates and close friends, and the chemistry and biology classes. His classmates would be surprised to know that he is no longer 120 pounds. He is a converted Southerner as the North is too cold. A big question he's pondering: how involved does he want to stay in community volunteer activities?

Sharron (Forney) Sedziol '64 is married to **David Sedziol '64**. They have three sons and six grandchildren. David is retired, having served in several denominational volunteer positions and pulpit supply. They have had quite a journey, living in PA, KY, OH, IA, SD, and NE since leaving Eastern! Sharron taught at the Kentucky School for the Blind from 1966-1968, was an office manager for a medical practice for 20+ years, and was Vice President of American Baptist Churches of Ohio from 2013-2014. She attends Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus and she enjoys traveling, reading, missions, and her grandchildren. Sharron's favorite memory from Eastern is the look of excitement on **Emmanuel "Manny" Awatafe '63's** face as he watched in wonder the white flakes falling from the sky – the first snowfall for the Nigerian. He danced and whooped with joy at the sight! He loved

walking in it and was one of the first volunteers to shovel it from the pathways. She always thinks of him when the first snow falls each year. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she was born in the same hospital as **Magali (Marchany) Neit '64**, and came to the States at age one with her parents. She finally got to visit Puerto Rico again (after 68 years) in June 2011 for the ABCUSA Biennial. A big question she's pondering at the moment: How to deal with a 6-year-old grandson who was just diagnosed with epilepsy and wondering "why." But God is good. He will be with them on this new journey.

Harold Gray '64 has been married to Betty for 48 years and they have two children and three grandchildren. He retired in 2013 after 38 years in education and 10 years as a special services aide. He attends Greenford Christian Church where he assists in running the sound system. His hobbies include camping, reading, and crossword puzzles.

James Jonell '64 has two married children and five grandchildren. He is now married to Joanie, and together they have 16 grandchildren. They live half the time north of Denver and the other half in the mountains in Estes Park. Jim was in private practice for 40 years. He started a clinic and research center at the University of Uppsala in Sweden. He loves wildlife photography and traveling, most recently to Kenya. His favorite hobby is time with his grandkids and his wife. Jim's favorite memory of Eastern is **Dr. Claghorn**. A big question he's pondering: how can he make a creative and loving difference in our world?

Leslie Desmangles '64 is married with three children and three grandchildren. He earned a PhD in religion from Temple University and has received several awards, including the Temple University Department of Religion Distinguished Alumnus in 2012, the Charles A. Dana Research Professorship from Trinity College, and two Choice

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Vice Chairperson



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CURRENT EMPLOYER:
retired

FAMILY: *4 children, 8 grandchildren*

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It's my close affection for the school and desire to help the alumni association.

FONDEST STUDENT MEMORY:

Meeting my future wife, Carol (Hill) Tatta '58.

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Academic Book Awards. He attends Asylum Hill Congregational Church and his hobbies are listening to and attending concerts and operas, as well as reading novels. Leslie's favorite memories from Eastern include gatherings in the Log Cabin and music building, working in the dishwashing room in Walton Hall, **Prof. George Claghorn**, Mission In Music in Haiti and Puerto Rico with the College Choir.

Edward Pickard '64 is celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary to his wife Jerie Leigh this June. They have two children and two grandsons who live nearby. Ed received an MEd from Edinboro University in 1968 and taught senior English and journalism for 31 years at the Jefferson High School. In 1995, he became the school district's first director of technology. He retired in 2005. He pastored Dorset Baptist Church from 1964-1967 and has been pastoring there again since 2003. He has also been a member of Jefferson First Baptist Church for 32 years. His hobbies include reading, photography, golf and painting. Ed's favorite memories of Eastern include working in the dish room all four years as part of "The Magnificent Seven" dish room crew and singing in the EBC Male Quartet for three years. His classmates would be surprised to know that God has used him as a preacher/pastor for almost all of the past 50 years. The big questions he's pondering: What specific things has he learned from the Lord lately? What things does he still need to learn?

Bruce Denlinger '69 retired on December 1, 2012. In December of 2013 he completed the master of liberal arts degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently an adjunct teacher at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA and does volunteer work

for the Boy Scouts (Minsi Trails Council) and serves on the advisory board of the Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps. His best memory of Eastern was when **Bob Taylor '69** and **Bruce Adair '69, MAR '71** decided to hang a sheet in the gym that said Happy Birthday to him. In the process of putting back the ladder they bumped a pipe that flooded part of the gym. Bruce still has the sheet.

Raymond Naylor '69 is married with four adult children from a previous marriage and one granddaughter. He is a licensed clinical social worker, which includes management. He is executive director of two child welfare organizations, including Welcome House, an international adoption agency founded by Pearl Buck. Raymond is also manager of three performing songwriters, a concert producer, a venue booker, a songwriter and a host of Internet radio and TV music programs. His hobbies are songwriting, performing, and audio and video production editing. His classmates would be surprised to know that he performed at the Philadelphia Folk Festival in 1997. The big question he's pondering: in retirement, What am I going to do, now that I'm grown up?

Barbara (Stevens) O'Brien '69 has been married to John for 46 years and has three children and one grandson. She created reading programs, published articles, was a consultant, a department chair, a graduate school instructor, was Literacy Teacher of the Year, and received a doctorate from Barry University and a master's from the University of Cincinnati. She has attended Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches and has been a Sunday school teacher for college students and a church deacon. Her favorite memory from Eastern was talking to **Marilyn (Wetterholt) Murray '69**.

Richard Wingate '69, while traveling in Canada with his motor home in 2012, was diagnosed with a Muscular Dystrophy Disease, Myasthenia Gravis. Ever since he has had to stay close to home (and to doctors). Richard and his wife, Betty, had their first grandchild born on April 3, 2013. He lives close by and they love it. Richard has been retired since 2006 but is now completing his 35th year in Rotary International. He is the past president of one of the 14 original Rotary E-Clubs. He is also an honorary member of the Lebanon, PA Rotary Club. Richard and Betty still have their membership in the ABC Margate, NJ Community Church. Richard's favorite memories of Eastern include: traveling with the 1967 Summer Gospel Team for 8 weeks, 10,000 miles, 13 states, and about 100 services; debating Prof. **Tony Campolo '56, BD '60 THM '61** on "Situation Ethics" at a packed chapel service; meeting his bride-to-be on his first day at Eastern (she was dating his new roommate!); and being one of two Eastern students from Christian colleges to attend a Washington, DC seminar that included visiting with Supreme Court Justice White in his Chambers. His classmates would be surprised to know that he and Betty collect wine bottles. They bring them home from the many places they visit with their motor home. In the summer after graduation Richard was a police officer in Ocean City, NJ and he had about 20 arrests. He belongs to the NRA, but is not an establishment person. He says that whenever principles are at stake, he has challenged the political and denominational authorities -- occasionally winning and fairly often losing! The big questions he's pondering: what to have for lunch? (Yes, that is what life has come to for him!) Each day, how can he be a better person, husband, and grandfather?

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John Zehring '69 is married to his high school sweetheart, Donna. They have two children and five grandchildren. He retired in early 2014 and they live near their daughter, her husband, and their four children. He and Donna enjoy spending time at their cottage by the sea in Maine during summers and living in central Massachusetts in winters. John served in executive leadership positions and teaching in higher education for 22 years before becoming senior pastor for 21 years, in ME, RI, and MA. He is the author of 9 books and numerous articles and is active in leadership roles in Conferences of the United Church of Christ. He is an ordained UCC minister. His hobbies include kayaking, skiing, snowshoeing, working with tools, writing, travel, playing drums, and the sea. His highest joy is being with Donna and their family. Eastern provided him with an outstanding liberal arts education. He remembers fondly so many exceptional teachers: **Howard Buss** in psychology, **Aaron Gast** in philosophy of religion, **Glenn Koch BD '56, THM '56** in Greek and religion, **Tony Campolo '56, BD '60 THM '61** in sociology, and all the rest. D. Elton Trueblood came to deliver Stanley Lectures, which later led him to become Director of Career Planning and Placement at Earlham College where he taught and where he became his mentor. His classmates would be surprised to know that when he applied, it was Eastern Baptist College, which, for reasons he never understood, did not allow dancing on campus. He went to Eastern on a dance scholarship and had been a regular on Dick Clark's American Bandstand. The big questions he's pondering: What are the next directions for people of faith to gather in worship of God as congregations decline in number and size? Why is the church failing so many and where is the hope for a new Reformation?

1970s

R. Bruce Johnson '70, MDiv '73 has retired from a 10-year pastorate with the Clifton Park (NY) Center Baptist Church in 2013. After campus ministry, new church planting, world mission support, and several pastorates, he is looking forward to time with wife, **Deb (Clemson) '71**, his two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and a first grandchild. He continues to volunteer on the ABC-NYS Pastoral Care Team and facilitate a Together in Ministry group.

Gretchen (Sayles) Dunneman '74 and her husband, Reg, have been married for 22 years and have been singing together in full-time music ministry in the Eastern US and Canada for 17 years. Reg also helped her raise her two sons, Mason and Tyler Daffinee. They sold their Binghamton, NY house and live year-round in their motor home as gypsies for Jesus. They love the life God has made for them. They have produced 9 CDs (www.thedunnemans.net). As a faculty brat, she grew up playing all over campus and thought it was so cool that people painted the rock. Her love of theater started when she attended campus productions as a child. Her love of fair play started when her dad, **Prof. Sayles**, would always cheer for the losing team, sometimes Eastern, sometimes not. As a day student, she parked her VW Fastback in the gym lot and walked all over campus, lunching in the canteen, playing field hockey, and losing to the cross country team. Her horizons were broadened by going to Haiti on a choir tour, and acting in play productions. Voice lessons with **Prof. Maness** and drama productions with **Prof. Bennett** gave her skills she uses every day. Her classmates would be surprised to know that when she was at Eastern, she was unsaved. She accepted

Christ at the age of 22 after she left Eastern and life has never been the same. A big question she's pondering at the moment: If and when they retire, will they live near Reg's family in Ontario, Canada, or near San Antonio or Ithaca? God hasn't told them yet.

Linda (Holloway) Hess '74 has been happily married to the same guy for 40 years, is a mother of two, and grandmother of three. Linda retired as an elementary classroom teacher after 33 years. She is working part-time as the historic interpreter for a small state-owned and operated museum. Linda is actively involved with 1st Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, where she presently is a member of the board of session. She and her husband, Ed, have begun to travel and their most recent trips were to Germany and Israel. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren who live in Baltimore and Chicago. Linda's favorite memory about Eastern is dorm life! There was always some drama going on.

Janet Oellig '76 retired from Robert Morris University on Nov. 1, 2013 after 35 years of service as the payroll officer. She is now enjoying each and every day of this new chapter in her life.

Arlan Bond '79 is retired and living at Tel Hai Retirement Community in Honeybrook, PA. He is married to Mary and they have two sons, **Randy Bond '79, MDiv '82** and Steven Bond, five grandchildren (including **Erin Bond Jung '05**), and four great-grandchildren.

Marie (King) Fletcher '79 is married to James and they have three daughters. She is the Clinical Programs Administrator at Western New England University School of Law. She attends Evangelical Covenant Church where she is a vocalist, and a flute and Irish whistle player in the worship

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band. Her favorite memory of Eastern is ice skating on the pond at midnight with **Donna (Meeks) Alberici '80**.

Cecelia (Robinson) George '79's husband, Lemuel, passed away July 1, 2011. She married him right after graduating from Eastern. She has no children, just nieces and nephews. Cecelia is the Director of the Jubal Arts Center of her East End Baptist Church in Suffolk, VA, where she's also a member. She teaches Spanish in Suffolk and is still involved with music. Cecelia has been on several mission trips since graduation (Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua, Panama, and Haiti). Her favorite memory of Eastern is walking to the campus from the train station. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she LOVES to travel!

Jeannie (Iozzia) Harvey '79 married Craig Harvey in 1999 and moved to Bradenton, FL, in 2013. She and her husband cruise as much as they can - and they still work! She is a member and employed by Lakewood Ranch Baptist Church, Sarasota, FL. Jeannie's favorite memory from Eastern was being the year-book editor her senior year, all four of her years in Doane Hall, and being the senior

class vice president. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she didn't marry until she was 42 and does not have any children, even though her majors were both centered on working with children. That's just the way things happened. A big question she's pondering at the moment: She would love to travel to Eastern at some point since she wants to show her husband the lovely campus.

Fay (Schwarz) Sortore '79 has four children and four grandchildren. Sadie, Tristan, and Elsa live in Korea with their parents (her son, Ross, and wife, Renee). Miles lives in Rochester, NY with his parents (her son, Kyle, and wife, Megan). Her daughter, Ellen, owns The Green Lace Lion, a shop in the historic Allentown Old Mill featuring vintage and handmade items. Fay's 14-year-old son, Lee, is in 8th grade and home-schooled. This is also Fay's last year of 23 years as a home school mom. Her husband, **Eric '79**, passed away July 9, 2012 of pancreatic cancer and left behind a godly legacy. Fay's favorite Eastern memory is of **Eric Sortore '79** and **Howie Irwin '79** as Captain Breakfast and the Glazed Wonder.

In Memory

Denise V. Bayer '91 – February 22, 2012

Gail Shingledecker '61 – June 6, 2012

Alvin Jackson '78, MAR '80, DMin '80 – January 10, 2013

Mary Sue (Rieksts) Carpenter '71 – June 30, 2013 (wife of Richard Carpenter '70)

Rudolph Homchuck '58, BD '62 – July 13, 2013

Frank P. Lochel '62 – October 17, 2013 (father of Ginny Lochel Greenwood '78 and grandfather of Michael Greenwood '17)

Wayne Draper '73 – October 23, 2013

Harold Twiss '52, BD '56 – October 31, 2013

Linda Hodges '64 – November 12, 2013

John W. Horton, Jr. '53 – December 29, 2013

Todd Stickler '89 – January 3, 2014

Kermit "Kerry" Lyman Jr. '64 – January 10, 2014 (husband of Cynthia Pirro Lyman '64)

Sebastian Beck '98 – January 18, 2014

Virginia (Proctor) Pipe '58 – January 19, 2014

Kelli T. Collier-Scott '08 – February 6, 2014 (mother of Brooke Scott '17)

Dorothy J. Rowell '78 – February 15, 2014

FACULTY/STAFF:

Naomi Davis (Biology Dept. secretary) – October 13, 2013 (mother of Ruth Ann Davis Offutt '63)

Robert F. Rink (Business/Finance) – November 15, 2013

Martha "Doc" Shalitta (Psychology) – January 15, 2014

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