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REV. LAURAN DALE BETHELL
MAY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Lauran Bethell, MDiv, DD, LhD has been advocating for exploited and abused women for more than two decades. A missionary with International Ministries of American Baptist Churches/USA since 1985, she is now (since 2001) an international consultant dealing with the issues of prostitution, trafficking, and abuse. As the director of the New Life Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand (1987), Rev. Bethell pioneered projects that addressed child prostitution and trafficking. The New Life Center has received international recognition and awards for its work, including an award from the Prime Minister of Thailand.

Rev. Bethell directed the first International Consultation on Ministry with Women in Prostitution in 2004, bringing together the leaders of faith-based organizations from 25 countries. Similar conferences were held in 2006 and 2008. Rev. Bethell received the Human Rights Award of the Baptist World Alliance in 2005. She initiated Project Hope in Prague, working with Bulgarian Roma women. Rev. Bethell has testified before the US Congress as they drafted anti-trafficking legislation. She earned a BA from the University of Redlands, CA, and taught elementary school in California and at the Hong Kong International School. She completed a Master of Divinity from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA, from which she was later awarded a Doctor of Divinity for her pioneering work with women. She was also honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters from Palmer Seminary.



Ageless Wisdom

By Brent Liebman '12



As I approached my senior year, my professors and I explored agencies in which I could combine my passions for social work and theatre arts. My dream and vision was to return to the City of Camden (where I worked and lived for over ten years), partner with a nonprofit organization aimed at youth called Urban Promise, and create a theatre arts program as a vehicle to reach the youth of Camden.

My placement advisor found an agency affiliated with the Salvation Army that was very excited about the prospect of an intern bringing in a theatre arts component. There was one catch: my target population would not be youth, but senior citizens. Although working with seniors would present some new challenges, this could allow for new discoveries, stretching me in new directions. Yes! It was on!

Starting the Group

My placement site was a six-story apartment complex for low-income seniors in downtown Philadelphia. The population was 95 African-American residents. One of the recreation rooms would provide the space for my theatre-related activities.

Realizing the importance of client self-determination, I decided the group should determine the direction and focus of the theatre arts group. In addition to an overwhelming request for movie nights, the majority of residents expressed an interest in reading a religious play together. I consulted with my theatre director at Eastern and we chose a play by James Weldon Johnson, called *God's Trombones*.

The Next Phase

The eight residents who would come to represent the Booth Manor Theatre Group could not have been nicer and more welcoming. However, they did not hesitate to challenge me and test my leadership. I also started to have fun. This unique group of individuals was shattering my stereotypes and perception of late adulthood. There was never a dull moment. Our discussions were insightful, vibrant, and fascinating. I was discovering an ageless wisdom that inspired me to push my own creative boundaries.

The group got their first opportunity to perform in front of a live audience at the Thanksgiving dinner. We performed again at Christmas, adding music and singing to a narrative reading of the Christmas story. Following the holidays, there was a new energy in the room. They all had been afforded the sweet taste of performing live, and they wanted more. What's next? Let's perform for Black History month!

We settled on the poetry of Langston Hughes. The process of exploring this material with the group was an incredible experience. The group was really starting to open up and trust one another. There is nothing more rewarding for a director than to see the members of a production take risks. The project would far exceed my wildest expectations.

It was around this time that the Salvation Army began to notice what was emerging at Booth Manor. They offered me a part-time job for the summer and I accepted. I wanted the group to play against type, in hopes they would discover

something new about themselves. Eastern University was planning a fall production of Thornton Wilder's, *Our Town*. I realized it would be a perfect project for the Booth Manor group. Now I just had to convince them.

Not only was our August performance a great success, but Eastern adopted us as a collaborative partner in their fall production. Our collaboration began with visits to the Booth Manor rehearsals from the Eastern Theatre production team. Then a month later, 18 cast and team members of Eastern's production went to Booth Manor to see a second performance of *Our Town*, followed by a conversation between the members of both student and senior citizen company. A bond had clearly formed between the University students in the cast and the members of the Booth Manor Theatre Group.

Perhaps even more significant is the opportunity it has allowed me as a young social worker. Theatre making has allowed me a vehicle to connect with people and challenge them in ways few people in this age group are challenged. When I look back on this experience, the overwhelming highlight for me is in seeing how the group's relationships with one another grew during these past months. The group members have shared an experience with one another that has developed them not only as artists, but also as a community. They were not interrupting each other anymore. They were listening. I set out to form a theatre group, but I ended up discovering an ageless wisdom that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.





The Best



Like so many Esperanza students, **Anthony Ramos '11** puts in full days. They begin at home with his family, continue with classes and library study throughout, and end with his evening shift at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA).

Anthony can often be found helping a patient in a wheelchair get where he needs to go or making conversation with a caregiver. His internship at CTCA began as a requirement for his associate's degree at Eastern's Esperanza College, but he quickly fell in love with the work and the people and is a full-time employee now. Like so many other Eastern students who make the transition from theory to practice, Anthony was offered a job when his internship ended.

Outside of his job, Anthony leads Bible study at his church. He is the first in his family to pursue higher education. Anthony was once a high school dropout. With the help of his family and a caring pastor, he earned his GED and found Esperanza College. He was the class valedictorian at his winter graduation and is now enrolled at the St. Davids campus as a social work major. He says, "Esperanza is the best school experience I've ever had. Everyone here works together to help you. It doesn't matter who you are, everyone here just wants you to succeed."

Jump Street



Rebekah Wilcox '10 (MA in Urban Studies/ Arts in Transformation concentration) is working with Jump Street, a nonprofit, community based arts incubator, serving Central PA. Hers is a new position created by the Governor's Office, as an Art in Education Partner for the PA Council of the Arts. Among her responsibilities are recruiting, selecting, training, placing and evaluating professional-quality resident artists in her region.

She says, "The urban studies program has prepared me to work in the professional and nonprofit art in education world and with a diverse group of people. My job covers urban, suburban, and rural areas in Central PA. I have a full understanding of the importance of art to transform the lives of children and adults alike."

While at Eastern, Rebekah (above, right) led a peace-building arts camp in Mathare Valley, a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, through an internship with BuildaBridge International. It was here that she grew passionate for this work and continued with BuildaBridge as their director of international programs. Rebekah also led several summer camps in Pennsylvania and worked with at-risk youth in the Philadelphia and Harrisburg areas for more than eight years. During this time, Rebekah saw the positive effects music, dance, theater, and visual art had on the lives of children struggling with a variety of issues. She believes the arts have the restorative power to transform lives and is determined to spend her life making sure children and adults alike continue to have access to the arts. Visit: www.jumpstreet.org.

a COMMUNITY
of WRITERS:
the **Technology**
and *Theology* of it

By Joyce Munro, Senior Lecturer of English



Rivkah Grieg, Rubin Jean-Noel, Anthony Jones, Stephanie Ezzo

Academics

My college writing class meets two times a week and on Blackboard between classes where we post our drafts on Discussion Board. I've organized the class around the concept of authorities: Self, Text, Experts, Audience.

In the first assignment, a personal narrative, students tell a story about their lives. I have reasons for starting this way. On the first day, these first-year students identified something they've written in their past that has pleased them—eulogy, poem, college entrance essay. I want them to have a willingness to write, to become fluent, and to develop stamina in this class, so this first assignment extends the possibility that they will write eloquently and well. Their own lives is the area of their surest authority.

The abolitionist Frederick Douglass in his essay about learning to read and write serves as a model. Then they write their first draft and post it on Blackboard so that senior **Rivkah Grieg**, our teaching assistant, can comment on it. They rewrite and post their second draft so that two classmates can critique them. Writers respond positively to others' interest in their work.

I've embraced technology but haven't wanted it to change. I wrote my first book on an IBM Correcting Selectric typewriter and the second one on a Wang word processor with a tower as big as a nightstand. However, I haven't been an enthusiastic user of Blackboard. I like to conference with the writer around a physical manuscript, so I can observe what is still in the writer's body or on the tongue, but not yet on the page. This year, against the printing limits that each student has, I've had to change my practices. But I don't expect to feel good about these changes.

I also don't expect what happens. When she looks over **Rubin Jean-Noel's** Draft 1, Rivkah comments on Blackboard that he should stick to one idea in each paragraph. When I look at this draft, I see that he has mentioned his wife but not quite enough. I'm about to see all of these problems addressed in his second draft. Everyone is happy!

Like Douglass, Rubin traces his educational experience. His story has a beginning: he was a computer instructor in his native

country of Haiti when he read an ad for an IT job that said, "North American diploma preferred." Resolved: he would get one. His narrative has a middle: he emigrated, working first at a McDonald's, and later graduated with a certificate in Network Technology. His essay comes to the present at its end: Now he is a full-time, first-year student at Eastern in Biblical studies and a full-time IT specialist at Princeton Theological Seminary, commuting 120 miles each weekday.

When Rubin posts Draft 2, classmate **Anthony Jones** offers enthusiastic response and raises a question about the ending: "This is a great story. . . Why do you want to study the Bible?" At our conference that same day, Rubin has already incorporated his answer to Tony's question in his Draft 2. Wow!

On the readings day that ends this unit, Rubin offers to read his essay aloud. Impeccably dressed in an off-white sweater and tattersall oxford cloth shirt, he reads in a voice with a hint of his Creole French background. The line that answers Tony's question is a standout: "I have done enough technology. I'm ready now for theology."

Long, full-handed clapping follows. First to comment is **Stephanie Ezzo** who says, "I really like your story about the milkshake." (see sidebar). Stephanie spent a year between college and high school making scones and lattés in a coffee shop in Nashua, NH. She has written a beautiful personal narrative about how this experience taught her to appreciate human diversity.

On and on, others volunteer and read. "That's a story! That's a real story," a classmate says in the warm silence that follows the last reading.

On our way back to my office, Rivkah says, "I noticed there was a difference between my reading the papers online and the students reading them aloud in class. I enjoyed listening to a student reading a paper more than I did reading it online." That's how our stories come together in this world where we probably need the technology as well as the theology. Might not this be another kind of sacred ground?

Excerpt from Rubin's paper, "My Decision to Immigrate to the U.S."

In 1999 I started my first job at McDonald's. This is where I began to use English as a third language after Creole and French. One day a customer ordered a thick milkshake. I got the "shake" part but did not catch the word "thick." It was pronounced so quickly, I had the impression that I had never heard it before. After he left, I asked my coworker, "What did he order?" He said quickly, "A thick milkshake!" I was still unable to get it. I asked him to spell it for me. He said, "t-h-i-c-k." I immediately realized that the word was already part of my vocabulary but I failed to recognize it when pronounced. I felt stupid for a minute but admitted that was part of the process of getting what I was looking for, an education abroad.



INSPIRING STUDENT-ATHLETE

Aaron Benz '13 came to Eastern University in 2009 from Louisville, KY, ready to take on the Templeton Honors College coursework, a major in mathematics, and a position as the starting goalie for the men's lacrosse team - all of this while undergoing chemotherapy treatment for Hodgkin's disease. Revealing an enormous amount of strength, Aaron finished freshman year with his cancer in remission and a winning record on all counts. He has continued over the past 3 years to be successful in the classroom, on the field, and as a member of the campus community.

Aaron's inspiring story has attracted a lot of media attention, including a FOX News feature filmed and aired in the fall of 2012.

With all of that under his belt, Aaron graduated this spring. He is doing programming, design and analysis work for Brown-Forman, and plans to continue working for a few years before returning to school for a higher degree, probably in business, computer science, or mathematics.

For information about FOX's feature on Aaron, visit: <http://realwinningedge.bigcartel.com/product/episode-409>

EASTERN RECOGNIZED AS A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION

Eastern University is now featured on CollegesofDistinction.com, a Web site dedicated to honoring schools nationwide for their excellence in student-focused higher education.

James Henderson '99, MBA '01, director of marketing, said, "It is an honor to be recognized as a College of Distinction. I believe acknowledgements such as these continue to affirm that Eastern's unique mission of faith, reason and justice resonates not only within Eastern's community, but outside it as well."



"Schools designated as colleges of distinction create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country," said Tyson Schritter, executive editor of Colleges of Distinction™.

Colleges and universities are nominated through high school counselors' recommendations as well as quantitative research. The colleges are then assessed using the Four Distinctions: student engagement, quality of teaching, vibrancy of the college community, and success of graduates. Eastern was found to excel in all four categories and has a profile on CollegesofDistinction.com.

EASTERN UNIVERSITY ACCEPTS

THE COMMON APPLICATION
For Undergraduate College Admission

Eastern University is one of 39 new members who will now accept the Common Application for the 2013-14 admission cycle. This brings total membership to 527 institutions, including 81 public colleges and universities.

Michael Dzedziak '01, MBA '05, executive director of enrollment at Eastern University, says, "We are excited to join the Common App network. The Common App exists to serve students and their families by removing barriers in the application process. We hope that by joining we can help fill a niche within that network, and introduce Eastern to a broader audience."

Learn more at: www.commonapp.org

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SEMINAR BY THE SEA GENDER STUDIES

By Kasey Phifer

May 2013 brought the first Seminar by the Sea, a gender studies summer session taught by Eastern faculty **Rebecca Gidjunis '01** and **Yolanda Turner** in Ocean Park, Maine. Seminar by the Sea provides a safe space for undergraduate students to discuss and explore questions and ideas regarding the ways that gender affects students' lives, and how they might respond with transformative possibilities.

Seminar by the Sea takes its inspiration from the Oregon Extension Women's Studies May Term, which ran from 1994 to 2011 and was taught by a team of Oregon Extension faculty along with Eastern University's **Betsy Morgan '65** and Gidjunis, who says, "It was a life-changing experience I wanted to continue."

As in all things, there is a time for change. With the gradual shift in faculty at the Oregon Extension and their desire to offer an environmental studies during May Term came a need for a new vision for the Women's Studies May Term. This is where Gidjunis and Turner have embraced the opportunity to offer students a three-week seminar in the sanctuary of a wooded Christian camp on coastal Maine, where they will explore the intersections of faith, reason, and justice through literature, academic research, creative projects and provocative small group discussion.

Classes are held in the mornings, and in the afternoons students have time for study, research, discussion, or simply enjoying the beach and woods. Evenings bring community dinners, films, lectures and campfires. Students work with a faculty member or graduate assistant on an individual research project in literature or psychology which they present at the conclusion of Seminar by the Sea.

Eastern student **Angel Gravely '13** said, "Never before has one program engaged my being so wholly. Here, I've been intellectually challenged, emotionally stimulated, physically enlivened, and spiritually nourished."

Dance Assessment

By *Laura Diestler, Junior Dance Major*

Eastern University's Dance Department, in partnership with NovaCare, is now administering athletic assessments for dance majors and minors in the new Dancer Wellness Program. Senior dance major **Theresa Ford** said, "As a dancer, taking my art and my body seriously is really important to me. Being assessed will help me know how to better take care of my body as well as give me new ways to increase strength and flexibility. Knowing my strengths and weaknesses will help direct my further training and conditioning."

Professor Janine Bryant (currently earning her PhD in Dance Medicine and Science) got the ball rolling on dance assessments, which include alignment of the spine, flexibility of the hip joints, ability to jump certain distances, and cardio health. Freshman dance major **Rachael Lyons** said, "I had fun

seeing how well I could tackle the different assessment exercises – jumping, stretching, strength – and it made me realize that I should put just as much effort into the challenges in my dance classes."

I personally struggled with achilles tendonitis on my right ankle, a result of excessive time wearing pointe shoes. When I was assessed by our new Athletic Trainer for Dance, **Liz Todd**, she was able to tell that I had trouble in that area and that I was compensating on my right foot in all sorts of ways. With this knowledge, I can move forward in my training and hope to correct any misalignments that could have been happening.

Eastern's Dance Department would like to thank Head Athletic Trainer, **John Post MBA '06** (JP) for his assistance with getting the assessments off the ground.



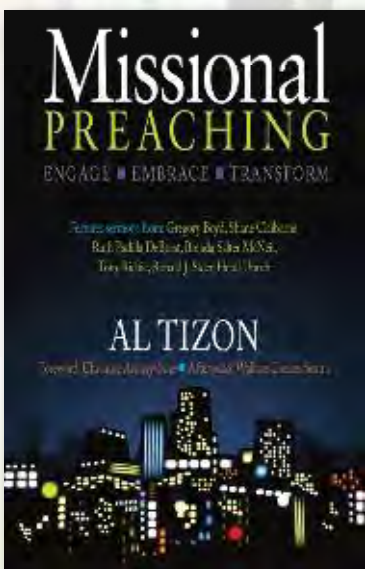
I Make a Living Doing Something I Love

A full-time professional juggler, **Josh Horton '11** is a 9-time Gold Medalist in the World Championships of Juggling. He travels from his base in Los Angeles, CA, all over the country to perform in TV commercials, half-time shows at sports events, corporate functions, and at a variety of colleges. Josh majored in entrepreneurial studies at Eastern and credits both **Joanne Flett** and **Whitney Collins** for their support and instruction. He says, "I make a living doing something I love." Josh especially enjoys the half-time shows he does such as one at game 5 of the Los Angeles Lakers NBA playoffs. "The fans are so enthusiastic!" he says. Visit: www.jugglerjoshorton.com
www.facebook.com/jugglerjoshorton
www.youtube.com/jugglinjosh



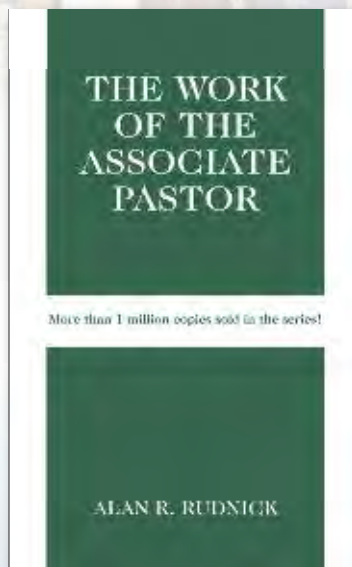
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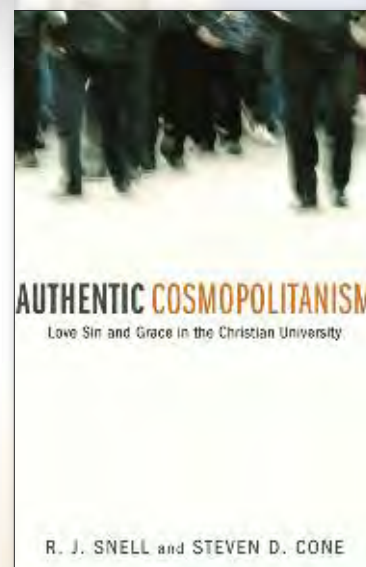
Al Tizon's Book Wins Award

Al Tizon, ESA (Evangelicals for Social Action) holistic ministry director and co-president-elect, is the author of *Missional Preaching*, which has won the Outreach Magazine Preaching Resource of the Year Award. *Missional Preaching* is an invitation and a challenge to today's church leaders to practice preaching that makes a difference, not only in the church, but in the world. The book also includes sermons from Greg Boyd, **Ron Sider**, **Shane Claiborne '97**, Brenda Salter-McNeil, and more. It's a slim volume, infused with the love he has for Christ and his optimism for the possibilities of transformation in the world when folks live and practice this love in their communities both near and far.



Alum's Resource for Pastors

Alan R. Rudnick, who earned his BA from Eastern in 2003 and his MDiv from Palmer Seminary in 2006, has written *The Work of the Associate Pastor* (Judson Press). With more than 10 years of experience in this field, he explores the diverse roles and responsibilities that fall under the associate umbrella. From life-stage ministries with children and youth, singles and seniors, to specialized ministry areas such as music, education, pastoral care, and counseling, this volume acknowledges the challenges and opportunities in this ministry. The appendix offers practical resources such as sample job descriptions and compensation guidelines. This is an ideal resource for graduating seminarians and church leaders.



Educating the Whole Person

Dr. R. J. Snell, associate professor of philosophy and director of the philosophy program, as well as research director for the Agora Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good at Eastern University, is the co-author of a new book, *Authentic Cosmopolitanism: Love, Sin, and Grace in the Christian University*. His co-author is Steven D. Cone, assistant professor of theology and chair of the Bible/Theology Field in the Undergraduate School at Lincoln Christian University.

Dr. Snell says, "I'm convinced that Christian education is the most comprehensive form of education; it has concern for the whole person—*cura personalis*—and not merely the person reduced to their parts."

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MAKING ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS

Eastern professors **Lindy Backues MS '93**, **David Bronkema**, **Eloise Meneses**, **Ben Hartley** and **Eric Flett** have learned that their article “Engaging the Religiously Committed Other: Anthropologists and Theologians in Dialogue” has been accepted for publication in the journal *Current Anthropology*. This is the number 3 rated journal in the field of anthropology and has an international readership. The article will serve as a forum piece, where a diverse group of academics and practitioners from related fields will be asked to respond in print to the thesis put forth in the essay. The essay represents groundwork initiated by Dr. Meneses towards the development of an MA in Theological and Cultural Anthropology at Eastern.



On a related note, Dr. Flett, associate professor of theology and culture, had an essay published that began its life as a presentation during the *On Knowing Humanity: Developing a Christian Anthropology* colloquia held at Eastern University in 2011. The article is “Exploring an Interdisciplinary Theology of Culture” and will be published in volume 8:2 of *Cultural Encounters*.

CHEMISTRY CLUB AT SCIENCE FAIRS



Dr. Joon Park reports that Eastern’s chemistry club participated again this February in the Science Fairs at Ithan Elementary School and Wayne Elementary School. Eastern students demonstrated many exciting hands-on-experiments, and the children and parents really enjoyed the demonstration. **Liz Vaughan**, **Justin Frye**, **Mary-Frances Barr**, **Alyssa Goggins**, **Vicki Wallace**, **Ji Min Kim**, and **Cameron Tough** participated in the fairs.

See more photos: www.facebook.com/easternchemistry.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



Reger

Patricia O'Callaghan Reger, PT, PhD, had an article published "Acute Exercise Exacerbates Ischemia-induced Diastolic Rigor in Hypertensive Myocardium" in *SpringerPlus*, 2012. She is the chair, Department of Biokinetics, and professor in exercise science.



Chung

Dr. Walter Chung, professor of Counseling Psychology and coordinator of the Applied Behavior Analysis concentration, presented a poster, "Effectiveness of a Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention Program in Reducing Maladaptive Behaviors and Optimizing the Psychotropic Medication of an Adult Female with Autism" at the 2012 New Jersey Autism Conference.

Dr. Anne François, professor of French and Francophone literatures and cultures, presented "Migrant Identities: Exile and Ex-ile, and Memory in the Poetry of Marie-Celie Agnant" at the 2013 Haiti in a Globalized Frame Conference, held at The Winthrop-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies, Florida State University. She also presented a paper "The Problematic of the Creole Language In and Outside



François



Cary

Haiti" at the 2013 MLA Convention. She is the author of a chapter "Simone Weil: Ambivalence in Search of God" in the book *French Women Authors: The Significance of the Spiritual (1400-2000)* published by Delaware University Press, 2012.

Dr. Phillip Cary published "Augustine on Evil" in *Dialogue: A Journal of Religion and Philosophy*. In April, he presented a paper, "The Theological Meaning of Persons," at an interdisciplinary seminar of scholars discussing Christian Smith's book *What is a Person?* This seminar was jointly sponsored by the Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs Program and the Institute on Religion and Public Life.

Information Services Librarian Mark Puterbaugh presented "The Possibilities of Social Media for International Collaboration" at the Emta12 Conference in Trondheim, Norway. He was joined via Skype with colleague Hua Sun, a librarian at Shandong University of Arts in the People's Republic of China. They are working on several projects together including the *Chinese History and Culture LibGuide*.



Puterbaugh

Dr. Susan Edgar-Smith, associate professor in the Counseling Psychology Graduate Department, **Joshua Gill '02, MDiv '13**, the youth director at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer, PA. and **Dr. Ruth Palmer**, also from the Counseling Psychology Graduate Department, wrote a manuscript accepted by *The Journal of Youth Ministry*. This paper outlines the theological underpinnings of disability inclusion methods, emphasizing the justice-oriented mandate to embrace special needs youth in the church community.

In 2011, the PA General Assembly adopted House Resolution 250 that established the Task Force on Child Protection. While serving on the School Psychology Board of the PA Psychological Association, Dr. Edgar-Smith contributed to the task force findings by recommending proactive requirements for mandated child abuse reporting in Pennsylvania. On April 15, Dr. Edgar-Smith and other advocates met with State Legislators to discuss these necessary legislative proposals for child abuse reporting.



Edgar-Smith



Palmer

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2012-2013 W.W. SMITH GRANT RECIPIENTS

Eastern University received a grant of \$66,000 from the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust which provided scholarship aid for the following students:

Morgan Bencsik, Megan Beyer, Rebecca Channing, Caitlin Chuey, Stephanie Nicole Dodds, Idalee Marie Escribano Chevere, Timothy Ferrin, Wilma Gonzalez, Ashley Gray, Amy Guarino, Benjamin Hackett, Yaritza Irizarry, Danette Brittany James, Evan Leon Kratz, Jenna Krause, Stephen Krystek, Tamarah Lee, Eric Lukens, Cassandra Moonsammy, Emily Grace Palmer, Kyle Pegon, Keila Ramos, Jessmarie Ramos-Arroyo, Dominique Sanders, Leann Schoettler, Robert Seguinot, Karyn Rachelle Shakarjian, Lauren Solazzo, Jewel Sonne, Marilyn Soto, Justus Anthony Spuler, Jantra Babbette Stone, and Teresa Nicole Williams.



W. W. Smith Charitable Trust Grant Administrator Michelle Montgomery with Eastern students Keila Ramos, Jewel Sonne and Timothy Ferrin

This award is to fund full-time Eastern University undergraduate students who are permanent residents of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Student awards are based on financial need and academic performance. The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust was established under the will of William Wikoff Smith and is one of the largest private foundations in Philadelphia, awarding about \$4 to \$5 million annually to support medical research, college scholarships, and nonprofits that provide basic needs for children and the elderly.

PAPERS AND POSTERS ON NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the following students for their presentations:

Karen Kispert: An Investigation of Value Generated or Lost Through Nonprofit-Public Collaboration

Ericka Harney: *Poster:* The Future of Nonprofit Human Resources: Challenges and Recommendations for Success.
Papers: Providing Nonprofits a Mechanism for Earned Income; Creating Impact with Policymakers: Cases of Building Cross Sector Partnerships to Build Stronger Programs and Grant Applications; and The Law of Fundraising: An Examination of State Fundraising Policy and Impacts on the Fundraising Profession

Dustin Stiver: *Poster:* Storefront Philanthropy: The Sprout Fund's Grant-Making Model as a Means for Cultivating Community

Michelle Shockness and Dr. Beth Birmingham: *Paper:* From Disaster to Development: Leadership Profiles of Disaster Response Teams

LINDBACK AWARD



Professor **Robin Lowery (MBA '96)** received the 2013 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award at the May Commencement after being chosen for this award by her colleagues. Robin began teaching at Eastern in the fall of 2001, after serving five years as Eastern's assistant director of Economic Development and as an adjunct professor of accounting. (Shown with **Kenton Sparks**, Interim Provost.)

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THREE NEW DOCTORS

Hans Tokke, program director for Eastern's MS in Nonprofit Management program, successfully defended his PhD dissertation at the Sociology Department at the New School for Social Research.

Tom Franek, assistant professor of Biokinetics and director of the Athletic Training Education Program, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, Provo, UT.

Jessica Dirsmith, assistant professor of Counseling Psychology in the Graduate Counseling Psychology Department was awarded her EdD in school psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Dr. Tokke, Dr. Franek and Dr. Dirsmith.



PhD GRADS AND THEIR DISSERTATION TOPICS



Photo from December 2012 Commencement are (left to right):

Pat Bleil: Mentoring Experiences of Women Executives in the Pharmaceutical Industry: A Phenomenology

Dr. Beth Birmingham MBA '00, Dissertation Committee Chair

Stephanie Povlosky: Trust as a Key Aspect of the Overall Perception of Change in the Leader-Follower Relationship

Grace Fornicola: Women as Leaders during Organizational Downsizing in Child Welfare Nonprofit Organizations

PhD NEWS

Last November, a group of the PhD Nonprofit students and their professor traveled to Indianapolis, IN for the Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. ARNOVA is the publisher of the *Leadership and Nonprofit Sector Quarterly Journal*.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Kimberlee Johnson, chair of the Urban Studies Department and faculty for the MA in Urban Studies, was the keynote luncheon speaker at the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education. Dr. Johnson addressed the necessity of an alliance between the university and city, as well as mutually beneficial ways the university can reinvest in urban America.





CHANGING THE WORLD for Girls and Women

GIRLS' GLOBE

Diane Fender '11 has a heart to change the world for girls and women. She graduated with her MA in International Development and has spent the past two years working to empower girls and women in Uganda and India. Now based in Atlanta, GA, Diane works for a grassroots organization fighting the issue of human trafficking in high risk places around the world.

Diane is also part of Girls' Globe whose mission is to raise awareness and educate others about global issues concerning the rights, health, and empowerment of women and girls. After one year, Girls' Globe has grown into a network of 13 bloggers from around the world with over 2500 followers. The goal of Girls' Globe is to create an online database of organizations working to empower women and girls, to enable creative partnerships in research, funding and development.

Follow Girls' Globe on Twitter @GirlsGlobe or 'Like' their Facebook Page!
Check out blog posts and resources at www.girlsglobe.org



STORYTELLING with MUSIC



Victoria Watts '11 is a full-time musician in Philadelphia who has released a CD called *Songs for the Sidewalk*. She says, "Lyrically, my music is just honest storytelling. Sometimes I talk about heartbreaks or loss, and other times I try to paint pictures of childhood memories. My music is a blend of pop and alternative/rock."

Part of the proceeds from her CD sales go to a charity called Half the Sky which helps abandoned baby girls in China. Victoria says, "I'm a feminist so I support any effort to empower young women. The tragedy of abandoned girls is a serious human rights issue and one that singles out young women as being valueless in their culture. As a musician, I don't make very much money, but I saw an opportunity to at least have my music raise awareness (and hopefully raise funds) for such a wonderful organization working to end this devastating pattern."

Victoria came to Eastern from San Diego, CA, because she wanted a change of pace. She says, "I had a couple of musician friends living in the Philadelphia area, so I looked into Eastern and loved what I learned about the school. It just felt like the right place to be."

She says, "There were two professors who have impacted my life: Professor **Mark Hallen** and Professor **Tyler Flynn**. Professor Hallen challenged me creatively more than any other individual during my time at Eastern. In his theatre courses, he pushed me to see and experience things differently, which is so important during the creative process, whether

it is songwriting or directing. Dr. Flynn became my mentor on a number of topics. He kept my mind sharp and my feet on the ground at a time when I could have gone flying in a million directions at once. I'm so thankful for his guidance."

Hear her music at: www.reverbNation.com/victoriawattsmusic.

A MISSION TRIP to
EL SALVADOR
An Exchange of Human Spirits

Faith & Practice

As Kingfishers Catch Fire by Gerard Manley Hopkins

*As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves—goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,
Crying What I do is me for that I came.*

*I say more the just man justices;
Keeps grace that keeps all his goings graces;
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is—
Christ—for Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.*

By Shelley Hickey, RN, BSN, MSN

Poet Gerard Manley Hopkins reminds us that as the stone, the dragonfly, and the kingfisher reflect themselves in all they do, mankind should reflect Christ in all endeavors. With that in mind, Eastern University senior nursing students, three nurse practitioners, and one faculty member traveled on a medical mission team to one of this world's ten thousand places, El Salvador, with the ardent desire to reflect the love of Christ in their nursing care. That grace was abundantly returned to the little mission team through the Christ-centered hearts of the El Salvadoran people.

The team had the privilege of providing nursing care to patients of all ages in a city clinic in Lourdes and in the village of Las Delicias. They assisted the district nurse in operating a brand new fetal Doppler, which allowed the elated mother-to-be to hear her baby's heartbeat for the first time. They participated in the solemn anointing of the sick for a 98-year-old dying man. Team members performed countless dressing changes, gave numerous injections, took countless vital signs, and performed several well-baby checks.

Mother Teresa said, "Christ is walking through the world in you and through you." Our team members were witness to this phenomenon as the grace and heart of Jesus was rendered to them through their quiet interactions with the people of El Salvador. This journey to El Salvador may have saved a number of people; yet the most poignant part of the trip was the inextricable change in the hearts of the care givers and recipients.

In El Salvador, one of the ten thousand places, Christ played through the limbs and eyes, ears and hands, feet and hearts of 11 senior nursing students. He was present and reflected back to them through the features of the appreciative faces of the beautiful people the team was privileged to minister to and to be ministered by. The travelers have departed truly blessed and determined to keep His graces going to the remaining 9,999 places. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

STUDENT REFLECTIONS

It was heartbreaking to see the poverty, but encouraging and humbling to see their hope and thankfulness that we came to serve.

– Stephanie Knowles

Traveling outside the U.S. was eye opening. We had to learn how to communicate despite the language barrier and how to adapt to their way of providing medical care.

– Elizabeth Dufresne

This memorable trip implanted a desire to reach out and help those who are disadvantaged with the unique education and skills I have obtained from Eastern University.

– Kyle Engelbart

This trip was influential in cultivating my heart for reaching the poor long-term with the skills God has given me.

– Tim Horine

The trip changed me. I am so blessed to have had this experience.

– Eden Margery Rotella

One of my classmates said it best: a smile means the same thing in every language.

– Kristina Lesiuk

I was shocked at the scarce amount of supplies and the general conditions, but the physicians and nurses worked tirelessly to provide quality care for hundreds of people every week.

– Robert Ligowski

The mission team planted seeds that will reap the great fruit of good intentions of peace, love, and healing.

– Hannah Hewes

I can still picture sitting on a log in the sun next to a four-year-old girl with her belly popping out of her shirt. As she hugged and kissed my cheek as we said our last good bye, I will never forget her gentle arms around my neck.

– Nicole Stevens

This reminds me of when Jesus says to the disciples, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

(Matthew 14:19)

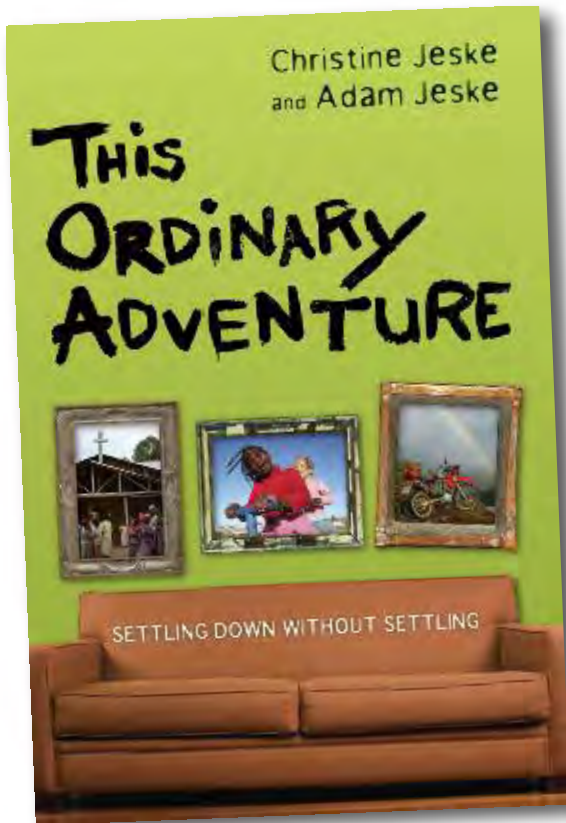
– Julie Miele

I was looking forward to being able to touch so many lives. When it was all said and done, it was the lovely people of El Salvador who touched my life.

– Amanda Budow

DON'T SETTLE

By Christine Jeske '04 and Adam Jeske '04



“It was very unsettling.” Usually these words describe something unpleasant, something that caught us off-guard or put us on edge. Our studies at Eastern were very unsettling. A lot of you would likely say the same thing. And that’s a good thing.

We got our degrees as part of a cohort that took a few classes each summer in St. Davids, a couple more in Thailand each winter, and the rest from a distance while teaching in China, all with our baby daughter in tow. Eastern classmates and professors helped us understand what we’d experienced while serving in Nicaragua, process what we were experiencing in China, and prepared us for future years of service in South Africa.

And then we came back to the U.S. And we were tempted to settle.

Adam started working for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and Chrissy started a PhD in Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin. With our two elementary school-aged children, we chose to settle down, at least for a season. We got two cars, furniture, our first mortgage, retirement accounts... We began to settle in. And then we freaked out.

Chrissy was whacking a butcher knife on the top shelf of the dishwasher. This sentence opens the book we wrote during our first year back long-term in the U.S. A few lines later she’s shouting, “I’m sick of trying to do something amazing every day! I can’t! I can’t do it. My life is boring!”

Many Eastern grads have faced this same tension. We want to live extraordinary lives but need to exist in the North American “real” world, the world of dishwashers and day jobs, babies, four-car garages, Facebook friends

instead of face-to-face friends, and somewhere in the mix, Jesus calling us to follow Him. *This Ordinary Adventure: Settling Down Without Settling* walks through attempts and reflections on living out faith in the U.S. There are no easy answers, but we bring insights and stories from Nicaragua, China, and South Africa. We think of what advice our friends in hard places would give to us about the situations we face. And we offer our missteps and questions, from being honored at the 50-yard line in front of 70,000 fans to weeping on the bed, from a “Party of Biblical Proportions” to praying with our neighbors.

You were likely unsettled by things you learned and people you met at Eastern. May you be unsettled again today.

Both Christine and Adam earned MBAs in International Economic Development in 2004. Christine is an adjunct professor for the School of Leadership and Development.



DANNY A. HEARING INDOOR GOLF FACILITY

By Dan Mouw, Sports Information Director and Women's Soccer Head Coach

On April 8, Eastern University Athletics opened the Danny Hearing Indoor Golf Facility at St. Davids. The room, located on the first floor of Gough Hall, serves as the year-round home for Eastern University's men's and women's golf programs. Other students will also have access to the facility in time-slots throughout the year.

The facility includes two hitting bays, a putting surface with surrounding turf for chipping, and lockers. Eastern golfers are now able to work on their games throughout the year.

Each hitting bay is equipped with a Foresight GC2 Simulator. The sophisticated camera and computer systems give players feedback on every stroke. The simulator is able to evaluate ball spin, speed, and trajectory with remarkable accuracy. Players will be able to follow their shots and see feedback on one of two large screens.

When players are working in the hitting bays, others can work on perfecting putting and chipping on the multi-tiered putting surface. The surface rolls at 10.5 on a Stimpmeter and is used by top PGA tour golfers and leading manufacturers.

The room, which was funded entirely by private donations, will help to develop the skill level of current athletes, and will give both golf programs a centerpiece for recruiting future student-athletes who can help take Eastern Golf to the next level of competitiveness in the region and even nationally.

The room is named in honor of Danny Hearing. Trained as an electrician, he served in the U.S. Navy and then worked his entire career in heavy industry and commercial plant operations. Hearing and his high school sweetheart, Charlene, became active in their church. Blessed with two sons, they became youth sponsors and surrogate parents to many teens and their friends in the church. He was always supportive of his children and his grandchildren when they talked about their dreams and big ideas. He encouraged them to pursue their education and career interests, and even to start their own businesses.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing with his children and grandchildren. When asked how a round of golf went, his reply always included the phrase "needs practice" because he was ready to take his family golfing again.

Hearing had no direct connection with Eastern University. But one of his children does, and upon seeing the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of men and women golfers at Eastern University, provided funding to make this facility possible.

Hearing went to be with his Lord in June, 2011. The Indoor Golf Facility is dedicated to Danny A. Hearing and stands as a lasting memorial to his commitment to investing in the lives and dreams of young men and women.





Photo: Bryon Calawa

10th ANNUAL MUSIC GALA

Eastern alumnus **Robert Plimpton '63** was the honored guest at the 10th Annual Music Gala Benefit Concert in April. Now resident organist of the First United Methodist Church of San Diego, CA, he was the San Diego Civic Organist from 1984 to 2000, playing the famed Spreckels Organ in Balboa Park. A native of PA, Bob served on the faculties of the Philadelphia School of the Performing Arts and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary) and performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia among many others.

BEAKER AND THE BEARS

Eastern's mascot Beaker and his pals celebrate the birthday of the Hershey Bears AHL Ice Hockey team's mascot.

Mary (Chaplin) Gardner '83, MEd '12, director of Alumni and Church Relations, reports that Beaker made a big hit as he entered the stadium and was cheered by many Eastern alumni at the game.



PUPPY LOVE

In her Philadelphia Inquirer article, reporter Kristin Holmes called it "a pause for the paws" as Eastern students took a break during finals week to romp with playful dogs from Therapy Dogs International. For two days they were at Warner Memorial Library for the first De-Stress With Dogs event, coordinated by **Joy Dlugosz**, public services librarian.



Photo: Ted Merriman

AUTISM AWARENESS

April was Autism Awareness Month and Eastern participated by flooding Walton and the main entrance in blue light, providing information to students, faculty and staff, and giving out the jigsaw puzzle ribbons that reflect the mystery and complexity of autism. Eastern's College Success Program (CSP) is available to help students living on the autism spectrum meet the challenges of college life. Contact **Douglas Cornman**, CSP Coordinator, at 484.654.2378.



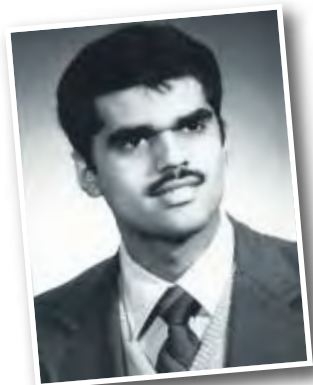
EU BASEBALL TEAM HOSTS LITTLE LEAGUE CLINIC

Jed Morris, head baseball coach, reports that Eastern's baseball team hosted a free clinic for the Norristown Little League at Diamond Baseball Academy in King of Prussia. They became their Big Buddies for the season and invited them to a free showing of *The Sandlot*, complete with free tee-shirts and popcorn.



Photo: Ted Merriman

2013 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



EMILIO MARRERO

EU '82, PALMER SEMINARY '85

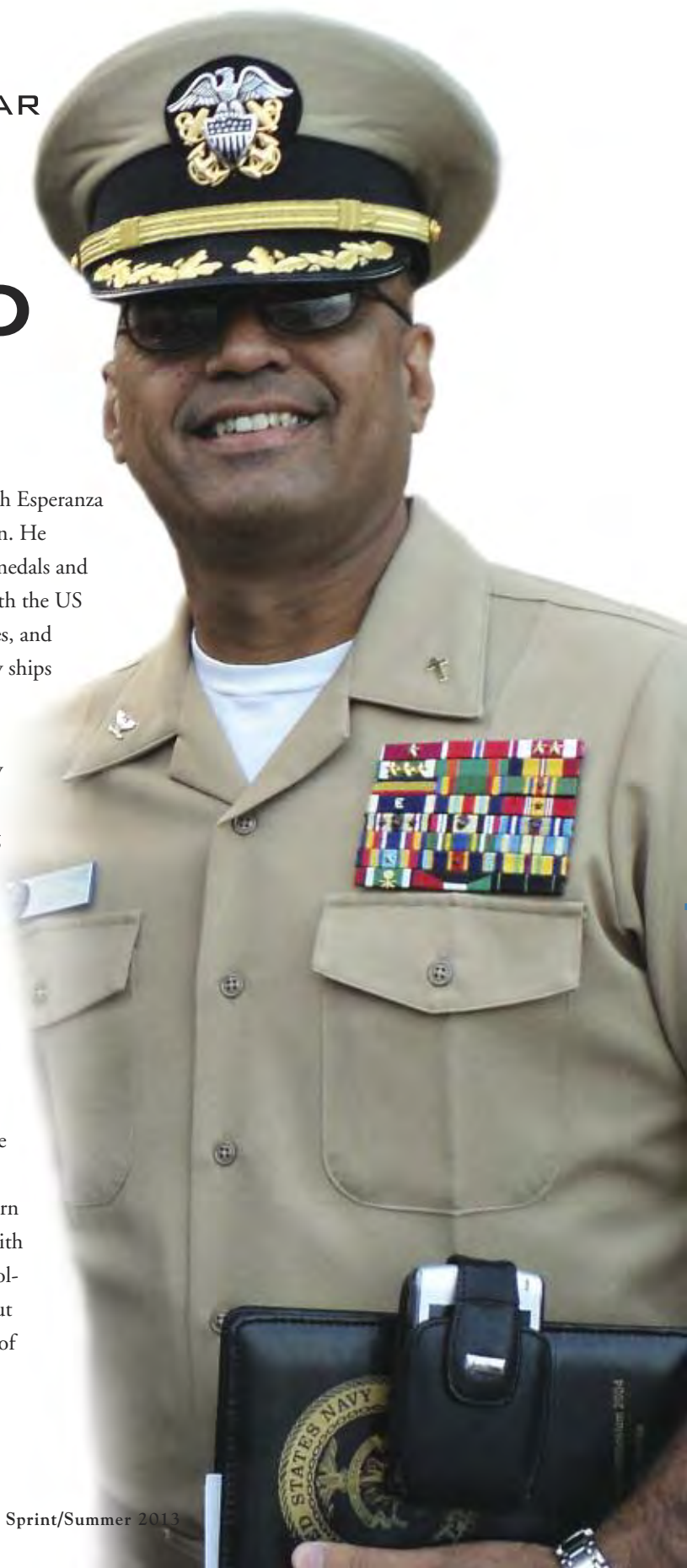
Rev. Dr. Emilio Marrero, Jr. is vice president of national programs with Esperanza College of Eastern University after serving 32 years as a Navy Chaplain. He attained the rank of Captain and was awarded three Legion of Merit medals and the Bronze Star Medal for his service and leadership. Emilio served with the US Marines in combat, the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command forces, and most recently was the senior chaplain overseeing all chaplains on Navy ships from California to Africa.

He has served as pastor of La Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de New Brunswick, NJ, and was co-founder of the Juniper Tree Academy Charter School in Yuma, AZ. He helped form a partnership between the Navy and the San Ysidro, CA school district to provide mentoring and tutoring programs.

Dr. Marrero holds a Doctor of Ministry in religious education from the School of Theology at Claremont and a Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary.) He and his wife, Wanda, have also reached out to the communities they lived in and started schools.

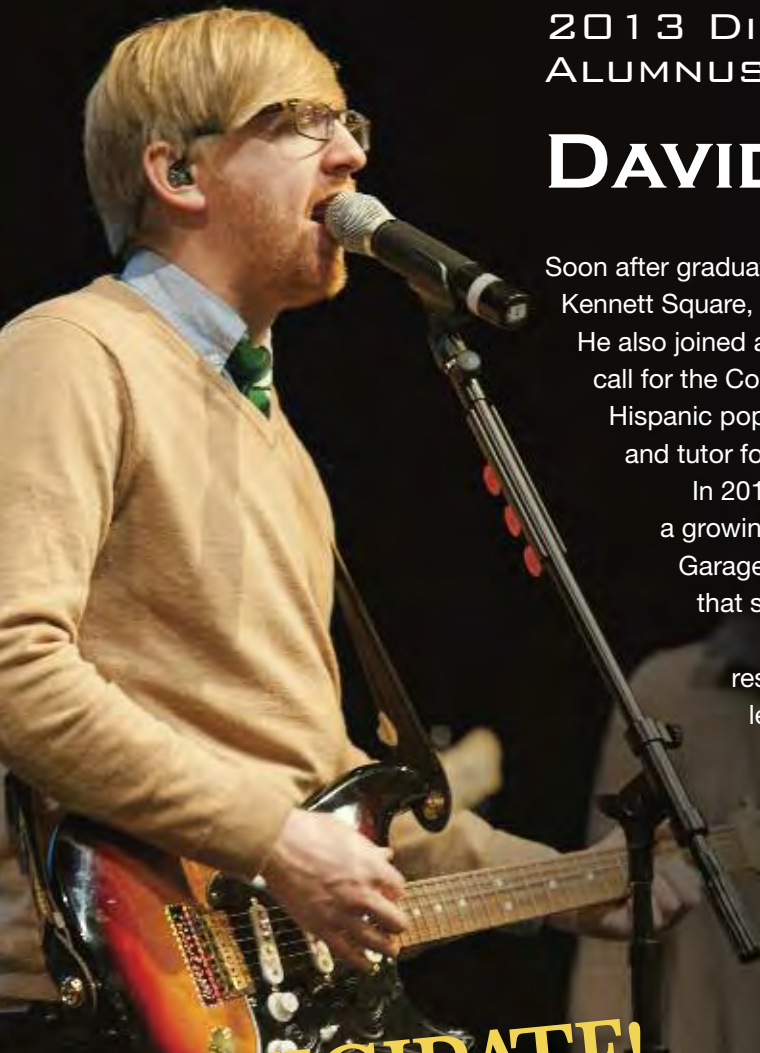
His book, *A Quiet Reality: A Chaplains Journey to Babylon Iraq with the I Marine Expeditionary Force* is a tale of ministry to service members in Iraq, to local Iraqis and the preservation of the ancient site of Babylon.

He says, "I was truly humbled when informed of this honor. Eastern played a pivotal role in helping me to integrate the principles of my faith to the everyday functions of my life and shaped a very intentional theology of ministry. It's not about doing sacred things in sacred spaces, but about sharing sacred reflections of hope during the imperfect realities of our journey."



2013 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

DAVID WALKER '09



Soon after graduating with a degree in theology in 2009, David Walker moved to Kennett Square, PA, where he joined a local church as a worship leader.

He also joined a youth center called The Garage, which strives to bring the Gospel call for the Common Good to the Kennett Square community comprised of a 55% Hispanic population. During his three years at The Garage, Dave was a mentor and tutor for drug dealers, gang members, the fatherless, and many others.

In 2012, Dave became the worship pastor at Willowdale Chapel, a growing church of over 1200 members, the church that founded The Garage. Willowdale Chapel has also started Young Moms, an organization that serves over 70 teenage moms in southern Chester County.

Dave has been committed to living out the Gospel and brings restoration to all people. He travels throughout the tri-state area leading worship at churches, retreats, and universities. Dave and his band The Color New have led worship at the Eastern University Encounter Weekends for the past six years.

Check out The Garage and Willowdale Chapel to learn more about these institutions that embody Eastern's call to faith, reason, and justice.

www.garageyouthcenter.org/about.html and
www.willowdalechapel.org

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Class Notes

- 1958

Beverly (Clark) Carlson '58 and her husband, Allen, have three children: **Norm '89**, Margaret, and Laura. They also have three grandchildren. Beverly received her MEd in psychology of reading and taught for 27 years (18 as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern). She also spent 12 years as the director of the American Baptist Historical Society. She has been a member of Upper Merion Baptist Church for over 30 years and was a choir member there.

Cynthia (Guild) Runyon '58 has been married to Theodore Runyon since 1955 and they have three children: Margaret, David, and Stephen. She received both a BA in German and MA in library science from Emory University. She was a librarian in Pitts Theology Library at Emory from 1974 to 1998 when she retired. She is a member of the Glenn Memorial UMC where she is a lay minister who visits ill and homebound members, and a facilitator for an adult Sunday School class. Cynthia's memories from Eastern include working in the Dean's Office and being privy to the secret that **Dean George Claghorn BD '44** and his secretary, Shirley, would be married in an outdoor wedding on campus.

Vahan Sipantzi '58 and his wife, Zoe, have six children, 16 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren, with one more on the way. Vahan has tried to stay involved in missions since returning from India. He has spent two to three months each year in Haiti for the last 19 years, and has also been on two trips to Nigeria, two to Chile, three to Mexico, and one to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. Vahan spent 34 years in the Army, mostly in Special Forces/Special Operations, and he retired as a Colonel. He also taught for 20 years.

- 1961

Edgar Moore '61 has written *Wow, What A Day* (2012, Abbott Press) about a baby boomer who has reached the age of retirement and looks back on a non-sedentary life of service to his benevolent God and fellow man, and significant attainment in five professional arenas.

- 1968

George Burn '68 has a blended family of six children and seven grandchildren. He is retired, living on the ocean in North Carolina, and is married to Rev. Paula Curtis-Burn. George worked for 35 years as a hospital chaplain in NJ and PA. He was awarded the Outstanding State Leader and Distinguished Service awards by the Association of Professional Chaplains, and the Outstanding Hospital Chaplain award by ABC-USA.

Dr. Carolyn Bekes '68 provided a home for two Vietnamese foster children. Now she is very happy with her cats and dog. She is the associate dean for Clinical Affairs and GME for Cooper Medical

School of Rowan University. She is also the chief academic affairs officer for Cooper University Health Care.

Alane (Clark) Crowley '68 still answers to her college nickname "Clarkie". She has been married to John Crowley for 44 years and they have three children and seven grandchildren. Alane taught English, reading, and public speaking at several middle, junior high, and high schools. She has also worked as a social worker and activities director at a nursing home. She has taught Sunday School classes and directed youth activities with John at Bradford and Kane Baptist Churches in PA. Now she team teaches an adult Sunday School class in Mt. Jewett.

- 1969

John Zehring '69 is senior pastor of the South Church in Andover, UCC (MA), which recently celebrated its 300th Anniversary. He and his wife **Donna (Taber '69)** came to Eastern together as



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high school sweethearts and are celebrating their 44th anniversary. They have two children and five grandchildren. Donna is a retired adult education teacher, as well as a master gardener and an officer with the Andover Garden Club. John served more than two decades in higher education administration and teaching before entering parish ministry for 20 years. He serves as a director of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC.

- 1976

David '76 and **Colleen (Dourte '76) Bradstreet** are first time grandparents. Their son, **Andrew '08**, and his wife, Ana, became parents on December 6 at 6:32 AM (Guam time, where Andrew is stationed) with the birth of their daughter, Aliya Isabelle Bradstreet.

- 1978

Dolores Littleton '78 is a grandparent of six. Her professional accomplishments include LMFT, approved supervisor for AAMFT, and a DMin. She also received a grant from Louisville Institute for a sabbatical on attachment theory. She is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Havertown.

- 1979

Michael Pahides '79 has joined Econsult Corp. as their senior advisor for Economic Development.

- 1983

Mary (Chaplin) Gardner '83, MEd '12 has been married for 10 years to her husband, Paulie. They have a blended family; he has two sons and she has twin daughters and one son. Each of Paulie's sons has given them a grandchild. Mary is the director of Alumni and Church Relations at Eastern and loves it. She received her Master's of Education from Eastern in May 2012. She attends Grace Baptist

Church in Logan Township, NJ, where she is in charge of the women's ministry.

Barbara (Metzler) Harmon '83 is married to James Harmon. They have two sons and one grandchild, as well as a Boston terrier and two rescued cats. Barbara is the owner of Victory Antiques. Before that, she was a journalist working with various newspapers and the Associated Press for 15 years.

- 1987

Nancy (Scheuer) Hill '87, MA '01 has been married to **Rob Hill '85** for 26 years. They have two children, two cats, and love living in the village of Swarthmore. Nancy earned her MA in counseling at Eastern in 2001 and was inducted into the Lamplight Society in 2010. She has taught as an adjunct professor at Eastern's Esperanza campus for three years and has retired from social work/child welfare. She is a member of Central Baptist Church where she sings with the church band. She also sings with the Havertown Choristers. Nancy is an avid gardener and volunteers with Animal Friends of Lansdowne.

- 1988

Douglas Harvey '88 and wife Lisa will celebrate their 15th anniversary in July. They have two children, Sarah and Ben. Douglas is an associate professor at Richard Stockton College and a member of the Mainland Regional Board of Education.

- 1994

Michael K. Huddy '94 has accepted a new position as assistant director of Financial Aid at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. He is excited to be back in MA and closer to family and friends. He was most recently associate director of Financial Aid at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.



Class presidents Frank Poehlmann '63 and Evelia Hunter '13 are separated by 50 years but came together at the May Commencement. The class of 1963 led the procession as a new generation of Eastern graduates became proud members of our Alumni Association.

- 1995

Mary McGloughlin '95, a children's counselor for the Resource Center, received the Paul and Jean Krauss Award for Professional Excellence in Services to Youth at a luncheon hosted by the Somerset County Youth Commission in 2012.

- 1998

Laura A. Manger '98 enjoys spending time with her seven nieces and nephews (ages 2-13) who keep her on her toes. She was a youth pastor for 13 years before becoming the assistant director of Alumni Relations at Eastern in 2007. She was also the executive director of the West Chester Mission Blitz (local mission trip for middle schoolers) from 2001-2007. For almost 10 years, she has been coordinating the Alumni Chapel Worship Team and also teaches one session for the Student Chaplain Class at Eastern.

Class Notes

Rachel Thomas Steadman '98 has been married to Michael Steadman since 2008. They welcomed their son, Matthew, on January 25, 2013. He joins his older "brother", Murphy, a black lab mix. Rachel received her MSW from Bryn Mawr College in 2004. She is a licensed social worker and works as a therapist at Eagleville Hospital. She is a member of Frazer Mennonite Church where she has served in leadership positions.

Joy Grassman '98 has two daughters, a stepson and stepdaughter, and two step-grandchildren along with the "love of her life and a gift from God," Nathan. She founded the Cumberland County, NJ Chapter of Family Promise, works as a clinical support tech in labor and delivery, and in the emergency room and as a Greenbelt project manager for operational excellence.

- 1999

Amy Schwartz '99 works for the state of NJ in the Department of Youth and Family Services worker and is in the process of obtaining her CADC certification.

- 2000

Rick Bancroft '00 has been promoted to Sergeant with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and is based at the A-Zone substation in Pittsford, NY (Greater Rochester).

- 2001

Amanda Cleveland '01 is 33 and very happy in her four-year relationship with Scott. They spend their weekends at their boat in Indian River, DE, fishing 50 miles off shore. In the fall, they spend their weekends in the mountains of Bradford County. Amanda has her MEd in Counseling from West Chester University and is a guidance counselor at Penn Wood High School in PA. She is back in

school at Cabrini College for her Principal Certification; she will graduate in 2014.

- 2003

Damona (Benner) Albert '03 married Rob Albert in 2010 and they have one child, Garrett, who was born August 22, 2012. Damona spent two years in the AmeriCorps in Austin, TX as a literary tutor and worked with homeless youth for over three years.

Todd Bozes '03, MA '12 earned his MA in Nonprofit Management from Eastern in December 2012 and continues to work for Goodwill Keystone Area as the manager of the Fogelsville store and donation center. He has also run successful fundraising campaigns for Goodwill and made presentations at numerous schools on Goodwill's mission and recycling efforts. He has over a decade of youth ministry experience. Todd lives in Fountain Hill, PA with his wife Beth and son Cole.

Kara Davis '03 married Jad Attal on May 18, 2013. She is a public relations manager for The Institutes, an insurance educational organization, and is a concierge supervisor for the Philadelphia Eagles. She is also the communications manager for EPIC, Church of the Saviour's young adult ministry.

- 2009

Justin Tomevi '09 received his JD from Drexel University in 2012. He works as an associate in litigation practice at Barley and Snyder Attorneys at Law.

- 2010

Joanna Halliburton '10 relocated from NJ to Akron, OH, with her mother to open a Christian bookstore called Come Up Higher.

- 2011

Avery Bazan '11 and **Justin Molfese '11** are recording their first professional CD in NYC with their band Broadcast Hearts.

Meet Your Alumni Council



Don McNeill '78
Co-President



UP NEXT - Co-President Leah Welding Mulhern '03

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FAMILY: *married to Jane (Longhurst) MacNeill '80; 2 children*

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Birth Announcements

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Damona (Benner) Albert '03 and husband, Rob, welcomed their son Garrett on August 22, 2012.

Paul '03 and **Gretchen (Repaal '05) Lilley** welcomed their son, James Hunter, on October 17, 2012.

Andrew Bradstreet '08 and wife, Ana, welcomed their daughter, Aliya Isabelle, on December 6, 2012.

In Memory

Beatrice (Brightbill) Price '53 –
Nov. 2012

Larry Curtis '60, MDiv '63 – Feb. 2013

Fred A. Ansell '67 – Nov. 2012

Elizabeth Wilkinson '79, PTS '82 –
Oct. 2012

Barbara Curlett '80 – Jan. 2013

Dorothea "Dottie" M. Zink '80 –
Dec. 2012

Philip Nielsen MBA '97 – Jan. 2013

Steven K. Yi '99 – Jan. 2013

Joy Lynne Mifflin '01 – Nov. 2012

Peggy Sue Trimper CCGPS '05 –
Nov. 2012

Caetlynn Myer '11 – Nov. 2012

C. Everett Koop, Former Trustee –
Feb. 2013 (see article)



EASTERN REMEMBERS DR. C. EVERETT KOOP

The Eastern University community mourns the passing of Dr. C. Everett Koop, a long-time friend and member of the Board of Trustees, who passed away February 25 at the age of 96.

A renowned pediatric surgeon at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Surgeon General under President Ronald Reagan, Dr. Koop was associated with Eastern University since 1952. He gave the principal address at the dedication of the Suzanne Walton Infirmary. In 1968, Dr. Koop spoke about the Christian defense against despair at Eastern's Christian Leadership Conference. The following year, his son **Rev. Norman Koop** graduated in the class of 1969. Rev. Norman Koop is married to **Anne (Teague) Koop** from the class of 1972. In 1970, Dr. Koop, a Presbyterian, was elected the first non-Baptist member of the Eastern Board of Trustees.

Dr. Koop was the Commencement speaker in 1979, giving an address that stressed the importance of human life. He spoke about this important topic again on November 2, 1989, when he visited Eastern as one of his first official engagements after stepping down as Surgeon General of the United States. On this occasion, he talked about how his Christian faith had affected his decisions in Washington, D.C.



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- Affinity Reunions
- Athletic Events
- Planetarium and Observatory visits
- Fall Festival

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