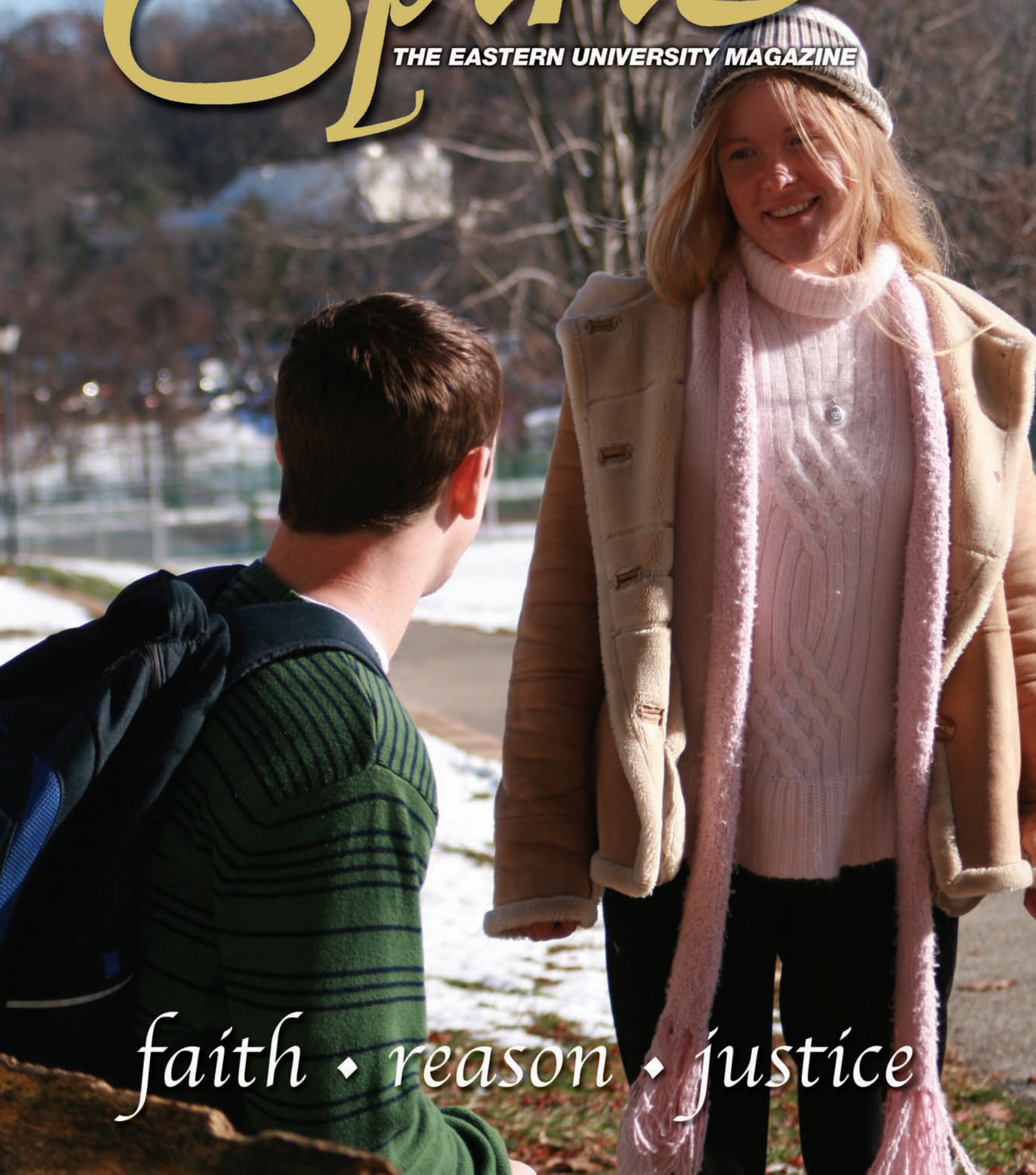


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## President David Black

### 10 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Significant growth in student enrollment, faculty size, budgets and philanthropy
- University status achieved in 2001
- \$34 million Capital Campaign
- New Schools at the University:
  - CAMPOLO COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES  
AA through Ph.D. programs for adult learners
  - SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT  
Graduate degrees for overseas development workers
  - ESPERANZA COLLEGE  
A multilingual, two-year college for Hispanic students
  - EASTERN IN THE CITY  
Affordable, two-year transfer program based in urban churches
  - TEMPLETON HONORS COLLEGE  
For academically-gifted students
- Reunited with Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and \$5 million gift (renamed Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University)
- Eastern University's first Ph.D. program
- New construction: Harold Howard Center for Information and Technology, Esperanza College expansion, Sparrowk and Eagle Residence Halls, the Graduate Studies Learning Center, Olson and Auxiliary Turf Fields
- \$500,000 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant for urban public education

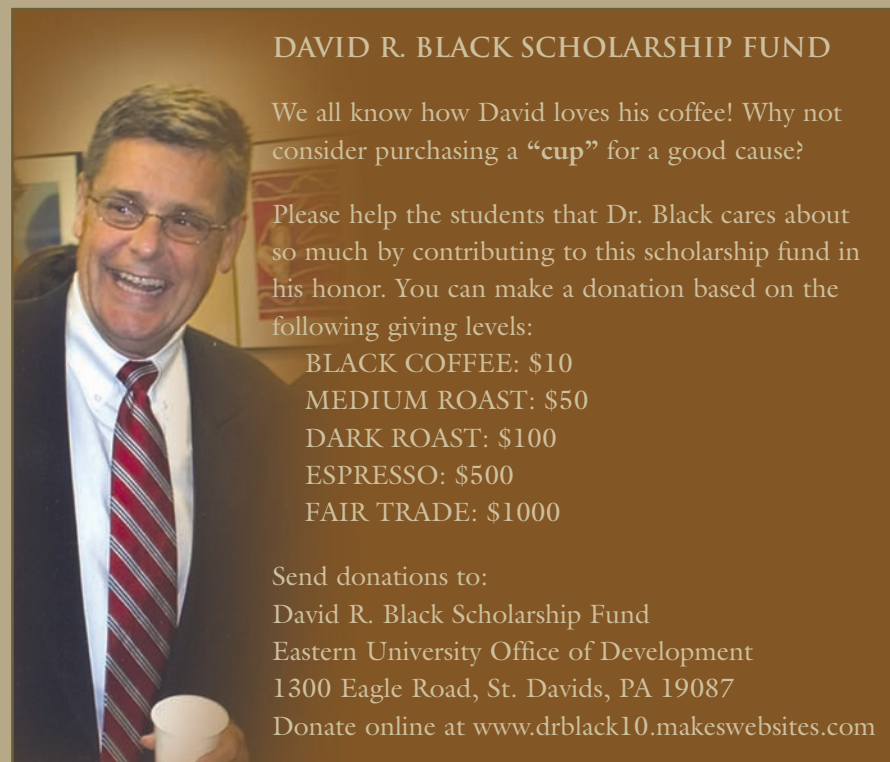
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We all know how David loves his coffee! Why not consider purchasing a “cup” for a good cause?

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**ON THE COVER:**

A wintry snapshot on the St. Davids campus of sophomores Katrina Elyse Bechthold and Taylor Van Brackle, both in the College of Arts and Sciences. Katrina is a missions and anthropology major preparing for the kind of service you'll read more about in our new Faith&Practice section (p. 11). Taylor is an elementary education major and soccer player who was named PAC Rookie of the Year as a freshman. Read all the current Athletics news about this championship season on page 25.

## Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Eastern University community came together to celebrate Dr. David Black's 10th year as president with song, dance, videos and a “roast.” To mark the occasion, Dr. Black received congratulatory letters from President George W. Bush, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, PA Senator Connie Williams, PA Representative William F. Adolph, and World Vision International President Dean R. Hirsch, along with dozens of written and online tributes. Dr. Black serves on the boards of Sojourners, Evangelicals for Social Action and the Sider Center for Public Policy.



David and Valerie Black enjoy a family story as part of the “roast.”



The Melodia Quartet from Radnor High School performed. From the left: Zachary Alexander, Peter Volpert (the son of Eastern's Dr. Heewon Chang), Blandine Mooser and Jaime Lee.



David Black and son Chris greeting Dr. Wallace Smith, president of Palmer Seminary.

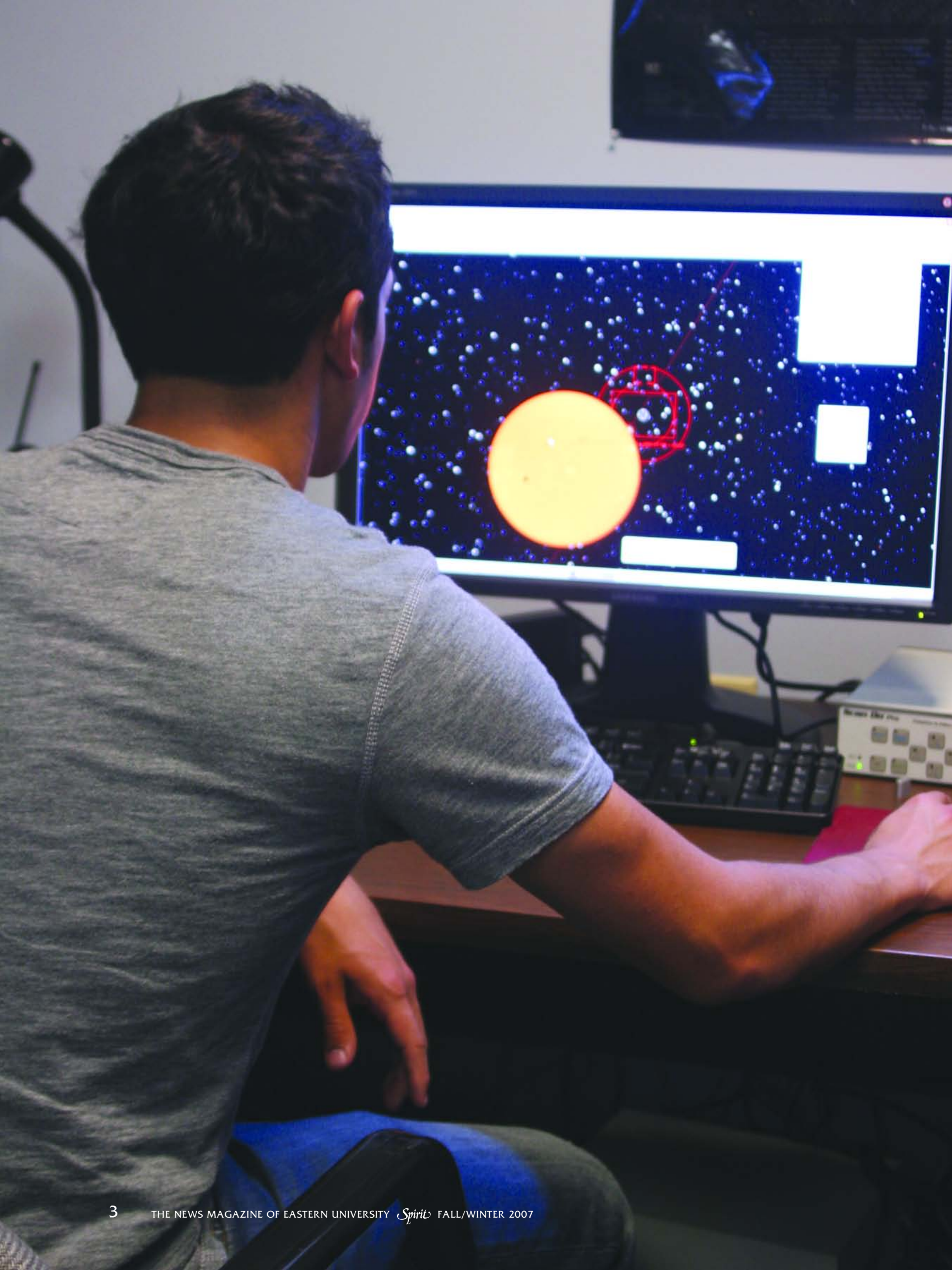


David and Valerie Black (center) with sons Justin (left) and wife Jamie, and son Chris with wife Lydia and daughter Emerson, along with their extended family.

“The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion. Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.”

– John Stott





## PREPARING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

By Dr. Phillip Cary  
Associate Professor of Philosophy

The Templeton Honors College was founded at Eastern University to meet a need. Intellectually gifted Christian students can easily find their way to any number of highly reputable universities where they are subjected to an education that is at best secular and at worst actively hostile to Christian faith. The Templeton Honors College offers them an alternative, an opportunity to make the training of their minds an integral part of their spiritual lives. It thus takes its place alongside Eastern University's many initiatives and programs for nurturing future Christian leaders in an environment promoting the integration of faith, reason and justice.

Most of us have felt the force of social pressures against such integration, pressures to divorce the life of the mind from the life of Christian faith, worship and service. The students of the Templeton Honors College benefit from the special efforts of faculty to counteract these pressures by introducing them to the intellectual riches of the Christian tradition, with its power to mold our character in the image of Christ.

Students learn from experience that to cultivate their minds is a transforming work of spiritual obedience as well as a deep joy.

Indeed, perhaps the first thing you notice about classes at the Honors College is how much fun everyone is having. The inherent pleasure of learning is amplified by the fact that the classroom is a place of friendship. Students' friendships are strengthened by the bond of common studies, in which all truths point toward a common center in Christ, the beloved. The result is often a palpable level of shared exhilaration.

This atmosphere of friendship is deliberately cultivated from their first week at Eastern, which is not spent on campus, but literally out in the woods, camping in the Adirondacks in New York State. Students' first memories of the Honors College are formed as they help each other set up camp, carry gear, do some demanding hiking, and try to stay dry. By the time they walk into their first class back in St. Davids, they know each other better than they had thought possible. For they have also in this first week begun to form a community of learning as they pray and worship and study Scripture together, led by

faculty and other students who have been on this trip before.

Thus at the Templeton Honors College the cultivation of the life of the mind is not separated from the cultivation of friendship, which is not separated from the cultivation of the life of faith and Christian character. This group of friends find they have many great companions on the way of Christ, as they discover Augustine, Dante, Luther and Flannery O'Connor and they find that their teachers, too, are on the way with them, leading them to demand from themselves a disciplined Christian life, the practice of the virtues and diligence in study.

The life of the mind is fun, but it also serves a purpose beyond itself. Our country and the world need more educated Christians—steeped in the great books of the Christian tradition, enlivened by the fine arts, knowledgeable of God's work in created nature, and pierced by the cry of those who are beset by injustice. In cultivating all these things in its students, Eastern University gives the world a great and necessary gift. In founding the Templeton Honors College nearly ten years ago, the University enriched that gift and to that extent enriched the world.







# Templeton Honors



# College Alumni

**JOHN CHAMBERS '05**  
*Economic Development*

THC alumni John Chambers is living in Brooklyn, NY, and works in downtown Manhattan for the Economic Development Agency for the government of Ireland, while also writing, playing, and recording folk inspired music in his free time. He is also applying for graduate school for next fall. Chambers credits THC for his initial exposure to philosophy, a subject he plans to study for his doctoral program. "THC's goal was to teach students how to think and not what to think, this is something I hope to convey if I have the opportunity to teach in the future," said Chambers.

**JONATHAN WILSON-HARTGROVE '03**  
*Social Justice*

With two books being published next year, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, graduate of the THC program, is influencing the world with his views about the church and Christianity. While writing, he is currently working as the director of the School of Conversion at the Rutba House in Durham, NC. The Rutba House is a new monastic community, which focuses on hospitality, peace-making and discipleship. While teaching courses about Christianity

as a way of life at the House, Hartgrove also speaks and writes about discipleship and community. He credits the curriculum of the THC program "for having me read the great thinkers of history and the public intellectuals of our day, and for giving me the necessary background to accurately speak about God's kingdom." With the goals of working for the unity of God's people, praying for the kingdom, and continuing to walk with Jesus, Hartgrove continues to seek education, although this time outside of the classroom. He is currently doing this by working with Ann Atwater, a veteran civil rights leader, to learn about how to organize for social change.

**CHLOE BROWN '06**  
*Music as Worship*

After graduating from Eastern, Chloe Brown thought she had a life plan until things changed completely for her. "I would have liked to continue in my pursuit of a master's in social work but God led me here," said Brown. She's referring to the Christ of the Nation Bible School in Texas where she is in her 3rd year of a program which focuses on worship and technical arts. In addition to her studies, Brown plays the piano and sings for two worship teams. Brown's dream would be to work towards eliminating systemic poverty in America, but she is still grateful for her little detour to Texas. As a THC student she never thought she would be led to where she is today, but she feels the program exposed

her to a lot of things she would not have encountered otherwise. "I'm a well rounded person now," said Brown.

**AMY GILBERT '04**  
*Dynamic Teaching*

Working towards a dual master's and doctorate in psychology at the University of Virginia, THC alumna Amy Gilbert has been busy since graduating from Eastern. With her goal to finish her master's work and her dissertation on the horizon, Gilbert has begun her first teaching position this semester. She hopes to incorporate similar educational practices to those she experienced in the THC program into her own teaching methods and classes, as they have had an impact on how she views education. Gilbert praises THC for how it "emphasized the importance of an educational foundation on broader areas, keeping away from the specific, focused subjects." Instilled with a love for the history of philosophy at THC, she plans to write and continue teaching.

**ANGELA STOWELL '03**  
*International Focus*

Languages have always been of interest to Angela Stowell, who was a French and history major at Eastern. She plans to travel to Latin America this spring to study Spanish. She has also researched many academic programs in Mexico and Costa Rica and will choose one that she hopes will help her to achieve her goal of becoming fluent in Spanish. After graduating

from Eastern, Stowell attended George Washington University for her master's in international affairs and she immediately noticed a difference in class structure and instruction. "The professors at THC are unique in that they are dedicated Christians who live out their belief in God on both an academic and personal level," she says. "It was inspirational to find that you can be an intellect and excel academically while also remaining true to God." It is this THC philosophy that she hopes to live by while pursuing her endeavors in international affairs.

**JOSHUA MESERVEY '04**  
*Fighting AIDS*

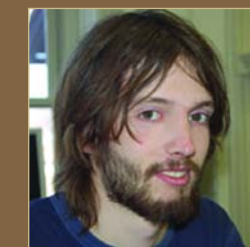
Working as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Muyembe Village in Zambia, Joshua Merservey is the embodiment of justice in action. Merservey, who received a degree in history from Eastern, works for the LIFE program, which is the Linking Income, Food and Environment program affiliated with the Zambian Forestry Department. His primary focus has been helping the Agriculture Department implement new programs, while also being involved with anti-AIDS work. He has served as both a liaison and advocate between his village and the government ministries and NGOs, and has worked on a water sanitation project. His time spent in the THC program provided him with the tools needed to deal with various situations he has encountered in this position. He says, "Often times the ability to take a fresh

approach to a problem, to think critically and creatively about an issue, has been proven to be as helpful to me in my job as any technical knowledge could be. THC helped me immeasurably in developing and refining all those skills." Next year Meservey will transfer to Zambia's capital, Lusaka, to work on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief (PEPFAR). With the goal of working in the international arena, Meservey plans to continue his education with either a master's or a doctorate once he returns to the U.S.

**ERIC GLENDINNING '06**  
*Medical Research*

Eric Glendinning is a biochemistry major who worked with Dr. Jeff Lawton, assistant professor of biochemistry, studying the fire blight pathogen. He and fellow students Erin Abler and Elijah Jung presented their findings with three posters at the 2006 Sigma Xi Research Symposium. Eric's research and lab skills impressed the Merck Pharmaceuticals group in the department of biologics and vaccines, and they hired him as soon as he graduated from Eastern.

**REMEMBERING BEN CARR**



The Eastern University community was greatly saddened by the death of Benjamin Carr '06, who drowned Sept. 28 at age 23. A philosophy major and member of the Templeton Honors College, he was recently working enthusiastically as managing editor of the Northfield News and Transcript in Vermont.

Joyce Munro, adviser to The Waltonian, recalls that Ben joined the staff in fall 2002 and was quickly promoted to news editor. She says, "His vision was to test Eastern's motto of faith, reason, and justice, especially to see how the reason aspect was realized in campus life. What was happening in the classroom and in the administration were of great interest to him." Sarah Vanacore '06 worked with Ben at the Waltonian and recalls, "He would be particular, wanting everything right, but he knew when you were tired and was always willing to help."

His other passions were movies, music and his family. Joyce Munro says, "I know that Ben was beginning to be fulfilled by his work as managing editor at the Northfield News and Transcript. He had begun to contribute immensely to the decisions and to take pride in the paper. I felt as though I were hearing his own heart's song, something he had not always heard himself. None of us knows who the 30-year-old or 50-year-old Ben might have been. Surely a wonderful uncle. Surely still a wonderful friend. For deep inside the man throbbed an interest in others."



## The JOY of GIVING

**F**ounded in 1999 and funded primarily through the gifts of Drs. John Jr. and Josephine Templeton, the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University is designed to challenge and prepare academically gifted undergraduate students for leadership and service. It prepares them to be individuals of influence in culture, society and their professions by providing a holistic program focused on the life of the mind, character formation, and skill development.

John M. Templeton, Jr., M.D. is a long-time member of the Eastern University Board of Trustees and generous benefactor of the University. He is also president of the John Templeton Foundation, and directs all Foundation activities in pursuit of its core mission to serve as a philanthropic catalyst for discovery in areas engaging life's biggest questions in science and philosophy. One of their recent grants was to the study of glossalalia, or speaking in tongues (see story on page 20).

After earning a bachelor of arts degree from Yale University in New Haven, CT, Dr. Templeton earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in Boston. He com-

pleted his internship and residency in surgery at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond and subsequently trained in pediatric surgery under Dr. C. Everett Koop at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. After serving two years in the U.S. Navy, he returned to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in 1977, where he served on the staff as pediatric surgeon and trauma program director. He also served as professor of pediatric surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Templeton was board certified in pediatric surgery and surgical critical care and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He serves as a board member of the American Trauma Society and as president of its Pennsylvania division. He has published numerous papers in medical and professional journals, in addition to two books, *A Searcher's Life* and *Thrift and Generosity: The Joy of Giving*.

Born in Capri, Italy, Dr. Josephine (Pina) Templeton came to the U.S. in 1949 with her family, returning to Italy in 1961 to attend medical school. She met her husband during her post-graduate training at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Templeton then completed a residency in anesthesiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania followed by a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology and critical care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia under Dr. John Downes, subsequently working in the same department. She is now retired from the practice of medicine and involved in many philanthropic activities.

## Values of the Templeton Honors College

*The Templeton Honors College at Eastern University is guided by the following premises:*

- That one's love, service and worship of God is manifest equally through the development of heart, soul, and mind;
- That the gifts of the mind are best expressed in informed leadership in the public square, within the framework of objective moral truth;
- That the life of the mind must walk hand-in-hand with continued character development;
- That God's self-revelation lays the foundation for understanding the natural order of the physical universe and the proper relationships which should exist at every level of human society;
- That it is critical not only to know the technical skills to make a living, but also to understand what makes a life.

## FIRST Ph.D. CLASS BEGINS

On September 12, Eastern University welcomed 21 students into the new Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership program with a four-day residency at the St. Davids campus. The curriculum is designed for students who are interested in transforming their communities, organizations, and society through effective leadership. The successful completion of the residency is followed by 10 weeks of intensive, online instruction ending with a two-week period of reading and personal instruction. The program offers three concentrations: business leadership, educational leadership, and nonprofit leadership. Meet the people in the first class:

**Robert D. Baca** is the president and CEO of Sovereign Exploration Associates International, Inc.

**Cheryl Tokke** serves as professor of management at the School of Adult and Distance Education for her alma mater, Noyack College.

**David Brewer** is a business consultant for Kaiser Permanente and serves as an adjunct professor for a local Christian liberal arts college.

**Charles M. Campbell** is the director of PA Residential Programs for KidsPeace National.

**Andrew C. Smoot** is the program development manager for WV Somalia in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Catherine Sensenig** works as an adjunct instructor at Harrisburg Area Community College teaching sociology.

**M. Seamus Clune** is the assistant principal at Perkiomen Valley Middle School West and is teaching as an adjunct professor for Arcadia University.

**Scott DeWitt** is serving as a missionary in Paraguay, South America.

**Geraldine Remy** works on the nursing faculty for Eastern University and as nurse manager for the Maternal Child Team at Jefferson Home Health.

**Ann Prime-Monaghan** is the assistant vice provost for Learning Outcomes and General Education at Thomas Edison State College.

**Linda Harvey Filomeno** works as the coordinator of literacy and professional development at the Woonsocket Education Department of Rhode Island College.

**Terrina Henderson** is a pre-load manager at the United Parcel Service (UPS).

**Stephanie Povlosky** is a financial analyst and works with nonprofit management for the YMCA organization.

**Priscilla Ndlovu** serves as an officer for Ethiopia and Zambia at Pact Inc. in Washington, D.C.

**Dale Ibsen** is an international worker for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Canada.

**Steven Jeantet** is the minister of outreach for the Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church in Bear, Delaware.

**Roderick Morrison** works as an adjunct professor in business and economics at Strayer University.

**Jason Miles** is the director for World Vision in the San Francisco Bay area.

**Juanita Jolly** is officially retired, but works fulltime in ministry through Beit Sankofa, which is an Agape Christian Tabernacle Church International Ministry.

**Karen Kispert** is the executive director for Indian Valley Housing Corporation and also serves as an associate faculty member at Eastern.

**Danny Kwon** is the pastor of student and family ministries at Yuong Sang Church.

### XRISTOS INSTITUTE IN STATE COLLEGE

The Eastern University Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies has partnered with a group of churches and student ministries in the State College, PA, area to create the Xristos Institute for Christian Studies. Led by a retired



Penn State University Registrar, the Xristos Institute provides foundational coursework from an explicitly Christian perspective to Penn State undergraduate students. The Xristos Board of Directors has recently agreed that

Eastern will not merely be the first or primary educational partner but, for the time being at least, the only Christian institution of higher education with which they will partner. Further, they have invited Eastern to open a "satellite campus" in State College to either independently or in cooperation with them offer degree programs to residents of the greater Centre County area. As Dr. Tony Blair says, "We are pleased and gratified that this relationship has progressed from initial inquiry/hesitation to open invitation/trust. God is good."

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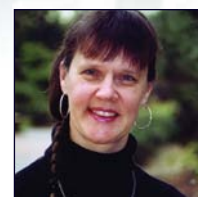


**DR. HEEWON CHANG** reports that her International Journal of Multicultural Education, a new open-access, peer-reviewed e-journal, is published from Eastern University. It is committed to promoting educational equity, cross-cultural understanding, and global awareness in all levels of education. The contents are freely available to readers from all corners of the world. See the journal at [www.ijme-journal.org](http://www.ijme-journal.org).

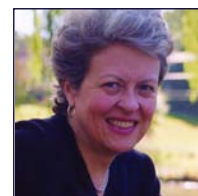


**DR. MARY STEWART VAN LEEUWEN** (psychology and philosophy) wrote the lead article for the Summer 2007 issue of CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR'S REVIEW, which was a theme issue on the topic "C.S. Lewis and Gender." Her article was titled "A Sword Between the Sexes: C.S. Lewis's Long Journey to Gender Equality." In response to another essay in that volume, she also wrote a reply titled "What Did C. S. Lewis say, and When Did He Say It?" Both articles form part of a book about C.S. Lewis and the psychology of gender that Prof. Van Leeuwen is writing during her current sabbatical. She and Prof. Ray Van Leeuwen (Christian Studies) are spending the fall semester in Salzburg, where Ray is teaching in the Semester in Austria.

program which attracts several Eastern students each year. He is teaching one course on the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and another on European culture in terms of a Christian worldview.



**DR. ELOISE MENESES**, professor of anthropology, recently published her second book *Love and Revolutions: Market Women and Social Change in India*. Her previous title, *Incarnational Ministry in India: Planting Churches in Band, Tribal, Peasant and Urban Societies*, was co-authored with her late father, the world-renowned missiologist, Paul Hiebert.



**DR. KATHY LEE** published "The Religious Imagination, Empathy, and Hearing the 'Other': Judge John T. Noonan, Jr. and Immigration" in the *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review* (vol.83). The article analyzes opinions written by Senior Judge Noonan who sits on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a devout Catholic, and the article asks the question whether Catholic social teaching on immigration is reflected in his opinions, particularly his decisions on asylum cases.

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### Tony Campolo Writes Book for Red Letter Christians

Dr. Tony Campolo, professor emeritus of sociology, has written *Red Letter Christians: A Citizen's Guide to Faith and Politics*, which will be issued by Regal Books in Feb. 2008. Red Letter Christians desire to live out the red letters of Jesus' words in the New Testament. Believing that Jesus is neither a Republican nor a Democrat, these Christians want to transcend partisan politics and concentrate on issues viewed as critical moral and biblical values. Into this arena steps Tony Campolo, Eastern's own powerful evangelist known for his passionate sharing of the radical message of Jesus. In this book, he examines many of the hot-button issues facing evangelicals from the perspective of Jesus' red letter words in the Bible. Topics include the Iraq war, Palestine, the environment, gay rights, gun control, immigration, and economic and government issues.

The author of over 30 books, Dr. Campolo has also recently published *Letters to a Young Evangelical*. He co-authored with Mary Darling *The God of Intimacy and Action*. Visit [www.tonymcampolo.org](http://www.tonymcampolo.org)

# Faith & Practice

"So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all – it is dead and useless."

James 2:17

*Storytelling is an increasingly trusted source of truth in society today. The fact that young and not-so-young people rely so deeply on the power of personal stories partially explains the boom in reality TV programming, radio talk shows and Internet blogging. It also hints at a fearful future, suggesting that my story defines what is ultimately true for me. However, as followers of Jesus Christ, we know that there is only one story upon which Truth ultimately rests, and that is God's.*

*In this and future editions of this Faith and Practice section, you will hear stories of Eastern University people as their stories intersect with God's story. Gathering these stories reminds me of a joyful childhood experience of netting crabs off the Chesapeake Bay's dock pilings. While the shimmer of sun on water often hid what was immediately below, I knew after a short while that treasure lay beyond my sight.*

*I trust that as you see more of what lies just beneath Eastern University's shimmering surface, you will recognize how your support of Eastern University generates lasting treasure. Then I hope you will illumine others to how Eastern University is advancing God's story.*

**Tom Ridington '78**  
Senior Vice President





## His Teaching

By Allison Duncan '07

Dr. Cary begins our first Faith and Philosophy class by laying out the rules. "Rule number one," he booms. "Coffee is allowed." He holds up his blue mug as if he is toasting the class, and we chuckle. "Rule number two: interrupt me. This class is not about my ideas and what I think is true as the professor, but it's about you exploring your own ideas and finding out what you think. We have to learn from each other, so feel free to interrupt and tell me why you think I'm wrong. Just be aware that I will probably try to tell you why I think you're wrong, too." Dr. Cary punctuates his sentence by banging his coffee mug on the table for emphasis.

Depending on the texts we are studying, he sometimes shouts out ideas and questions to the class and other times lowers his voice to an

## Points Not to Himself, but to the Cross

awed whisper. I love to hear him read a psalm or proverb to us with an earnest, hushed wonder at its meaning. The pages of his Bible are dense, heavy with insights and cross-references packed into the margins. And yet, for all his knowledge, he is not afraid to admit his ignorance in the face of mystery. "I don't know," he sometimes tells us. "I've spent 45 years with this question, and this is as far as I've gotten."

Despite these deep questions, Dr. Cary does not let the complex theological arguments we discuss eclipse the purpose of theology. "Some preachers preach only about proofs and starve their congregations," he tells us. "But theology is not about proofs. It's about preaching the Gospel." In his role as a philosopher, Dr. Cary explains intricate proofs to us; in his more crucial role as our teacher, he aims with all of these explanations to point us to Christ. His teaching makes clear that proofs and arguments are never ends in themselves. They proceed from and direct us back toward the Gospel.

A few weeks into the semester, we start studying Peter Berger, a philosopher who ponders why a mother comforts her child by saying, "Everything's okay."

"The mother is affirming order," Dr. Cary explains. "But why is there an ordered universe? On what basis can the mother tell her child that everything is okay when lots of children in the world are abused and raped and killed? Why isn't the mother lying?"

The class is silent. Dr. Cary continues, "A belief in a just, merciful God justifies the idea that everything is okay. Otherwise this is a lie. Why is it a lie if we don't believe in God?"

Dr. Cary waits, searching for someone who will dare to answer. "Come on, people. Somebody tell me why it isn't a lie that everything is okay." His voice is taking on urgency. "As Christians, we believe in a God who defeats death," he says. "But this is too abstract—we have to tell a story to know this. And please don't just use the word 'God' in your story. Somebody tell me a story to say why it's true that everything is okay." He paces tensely.

My friend Dan risks a simple reply. "Christ died for us on the cross and rose from the dead."

"Yes!" Dr. Cary explodes, nodding with his whole body. "We tell a story and we sing at Easter." He breaks into a hymn with a roaring volume that swallows up the room, "Christ died and is risen again!" If this is not at the center of your faith and your thinking about God, then put it there. Give me Jesus Christ or give me nothing! I don't give a hoot about all this experiential garbage that the churches are teaching nowadays." He slows the tempo of his speech and his voice draws back from its crescendo in sound but not in force. "Julian of Norwich was a wonderful medieval woman who had visions of Jesus in which He said, 'All is well. I will keep My word and all will be well.' Don't be surprised that terrible things happen. This world is a terrible place. That's why Christ died on the cross."

An abrupt rustling of papers and zipping of backpacks signals the end of the class. The students file out. I linger, watching Dr. Cary sit down and thrust his elbows forward on the table, resting his head in his hands.

He turns to me suddenly. "Allison, was I too hard on people by yelling at them today?"

I remember for a moment the wisdom that the octogenarian pastor emeritus at my church taught his parishioners once. Pastors should never preach at or even to the congregation, he told us. "We preach for them," he said, "for their good."

"No," I answer Dr. Cary. "You weren't yelling at us; you were yelling for us."

After the service is over at our church on Sunday, the congregation funnels out of the sanctuary. The silence gathers as the organ postlude fades. I see Dr. Cary move closer to the front of the church and sit down alone in a pew. He rests his fingers under his chin, apparently in quiet meditation. He gazes beyond the altar, arrayed in its draperies of green and gold, and looks at the carved image of Jesus dying on the cross—stark, severe, and beautiful.

The image of my professor looking at the cross fills me with regard for him. I am tempted to marvel at his deed, his devotion, his character. But he knows that he must decrease and Christ must increase. His contemplation invites me and all his students to follow him in marveling at our Savior. The aim of his teaching and his example is to point not to himself, but to the man on the cross.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Helping to Clean Things Up

As part of their commitment to the integration of faith, reason and justice, more than 500 Eastern University students and staff members took part in the annual clean up effort in Chester, PA. An impressive 13 bus-loads of volunteers from Eastern pulled into this struggling city to join residents in a massive clean up that included picking up trash, cutting grass, and painting all the porches and steps on one entire block.

Andrew Horvath, professor and director of service learning and campus ministries, said, "We want students to see some of the issues in communities around Eastern. We want to open their eyes and start asking questions." Sarah Hurst, a freshman, said, "We felt like we were changing the world. I didn't think a couple of kids who came to the city could do much, but it definitely made a difference."

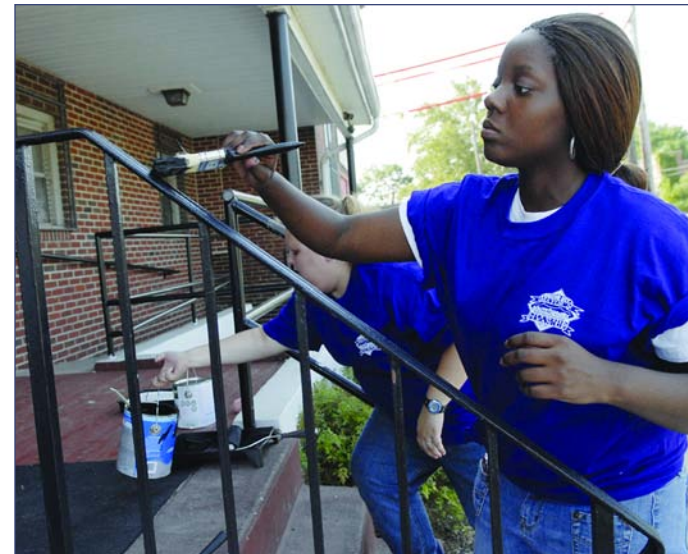


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Sierra DuPree joins over 500 Eastern University volunteers in Chester, PA.

Eastern University Earns Green Power Award from Penn Future

100% of St. Davids campus electricity usage comes from emission-free wind energy

Why would college students vote to voluntarily pay an additional fee to help offset the costs of wind energy? At Eastern, this is just what the students have done. Committed to our core values of faith, reason and justice, Eastern has fulfilled a pledge first made by its students in 2002 to achieve 100% wind energy for its electrical usage. This achievement has earned Eastern University the 2007 Green Power: Turn It On Award from Penn Future, the organization that promotes the development of renewable energy sources in Pennsylvania.

Bettie Ann Brigham, vice president of student development, said that 950 Eastern students chose to pay the optional \$25 wind energy surcharge this semester. The Award, presented Oct. 16 at the Hilton Inn in Philadelphia, PA, is the culmination of a five-year plan to make the St. Davids campus fully wind-powered. According to Brigham, Eastern achieved that goal in just four years. She said, "Most parents and students feel good about our wind energy. It's a constant prayer of trying to be responsible with this beautiful environment that we have."

Eastern President David Black says, "Environmental stewardship is an essential component of the University's mission, and this wind

energy purchase is just the latest demonstration of our ongoing commitment. After considering the damaging effect of fossil fuels on the health of the globe and its people, our students have concluded thoughtfully that this ethical issue demands a response. These are the same students who choose to drink only coffee grown by those paid a living wage. And it's the same University whose economic development graduates have helped create more than a million jobs in the two-thirds world. Eastern students are never limited by geography, but take seriously our mission of social justice for the whole world."

Visit the Penn Future Web site [www.pennfuture.org](http://www.pennfuture.org)

Leave the world more perfect than you found it.

Russ Kehler '78 Helps Bring Clean Water to Nigeria

Teamwork is often what makes the difference between a project that is successful and one that never gets off the drawing board. This was the thought going through Russ Kehler's head in the summer of 2004, as he sat with the members of his Broomall, PA Rotary International Service Committee. The committee had just agreed to commit to what was initially a \$52,000 water purification project for the small village of Kwang, in central Nigeria. The village desperately needed a water purification plant for the new Haven of Hope Medical Clinic, and one of the club's members had friends who

only 2.5% of that is fresh water. Of the fresh water that we have, 99.7% is tied up in ice fields and glaciers. For millions of people around the world the water they do have access to is polluted by man, bacteria, viruses, or parasites. There are over one billion people in the world who do not have sufficient access to fresh, clean water. The villagers in Kwang are subject to typhoid, giardia, and a particularly nasty wormlike parasite called bilharzias, which they can contract



Stan Madsen (left) and Eastern graduate Russ Kehler '78 review the plans for the Nigerian Water Filtration Plant before shipping it to Kwang Village to save lives.

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were helping the missionaries in Kwang. To make it even more appealing, Russ' friend and fellow Broomall Rotarian, Stan Madsen, had already built several of these plants in the past, with the support of a Christian charity, Plesion International.

Russ and Stan, with the support of the other members, took their show on the road, visiting dozens of local Rotary Clubs, telling them about the great need in Nigeria, and how they could help. They explained that although two thirds of the earth is covered in water,

simply by splashing in the river. It has been estimated that as many as two thirds of the people in Nigeria are chronically ill because of water borne parasites and diseases. Some estimate that 50% of the Nigerian children do not live past the age of five years.

Russ coordinated the donations from other Rotary Clubs and Rotary matching grants, while Stan organized the Rotarians into Saturday work crews. With over 100 Interactors from Marple Newtown High School participating, they passed out water bottles to their friends and families with instructions to fill the bottles with dollar bills every day for a month, so that others could have clean water. The

Saturday work crews took a 40-foot steel shipping container, lined it with plywood, ran plumbing and electrical lines, and installed a filtration system. Stan collected from Rotarians, local churches, and doctors, over \$50,000 worth of medical equipment, cots, and other items to add to the container for the medical clinic in Kwang Village, bringing the project total to over \$100,000.

On August 21, Stan sent Russ an e-mail explaining that the engineer they had sent to hook up the Kwang Village Water Filtration System had written, "All is working with the filter system!" Russ sighed with relief, knowing that it was three years of Rotary teamwork that was saving lives today in Nigeria and maybe bringing us all just a bit closer to peace in the world.



# Arts in Transformation

By Dr. J. Nathan Corbitt  
Professor of Cross-cultural Skills

There is a movement in business and urban renewal that takes creativity very seriously. The national nonprofit arts and culture industry, called the Creative Economy, generates \$166.2 billion in economic activity every year. In Philadelphia, PA, a recent report indicated that the nonprofit arts produced "\$573 million and provided 14,000 jobs, along with another 17,000 volunteer positions."

However beautiful, intrinsically valuable and economically viable, the arts have a much deeper function in the lives of people in their struggles to learn, live, work, play and worship. To millions of functionally non-literate people around the world, and youth who are skipping the literate age through media technology, the creative arts communicate values, bring hope and healing in therapeutic ways, and educate and create a true sense of identity and community. And this is what I, and a growing group of artists, take very seriously in living out our faith through compassionate service and "justice arts" outside the classroom.

**BuildaBridge in Philadelphia**  
Life-changing arts create a critical awareness in which individuals may understand their place in the world and a way out of their cir-

cumstance. **Janelle Junkin**, an Eastern University and Drexel University graduate now working as a music therapist in Philadelphia, interned in 2001 with BuildaBridge, a charitable nonprofit arts education and intervention organization I co-founded with **Dr. Vivian Nix Early** in 1997. Sometimes there is a dark side to this external expression of inner realities. For example, a young boy in a homeless shelter drew alarming pictures of setting a house on fire while brandishing a very large sword. Upon investigation, Janelle learned of the deep anger and resentment the young boy held for his grandmother who had basically kicked his family out on the streets. By bringing his inner reality to an external expression, Janelle was able to intervene in what could have been an even greater tragic circumstance when

**"Life-changing arts provide a sense of justice in the world, demonstrating our love and concern for those with the least."**



the young boy could have acted on his internal rage.

Transforming arts have the potential to raise one out of, or improve, a situation. Several years ago we began to engage the arts in teaching life skills with the Create Opportunity program. Working with transitional children in

Philadelphia's homeless shelters, we observed the need for creative approaches with family caregivers as well. Through research by some Eastern University graduate students, we confirmed that information is most often shared orally. One of the first people we met in this program was Chantelle (not her real name). She watched as her two boys, shy and apathetic at school, came alive and even improved their academic standing through our drama class. With a grant from American Express, and the help of a local banker and team of artists, we designed a financial literacy program called the Money News Network. Utilizing a game show and soap opera format, this "arts plus" curriculum taught basic concepts of budgeting, saving and banking. Chantelle eagerly participated. She now serves on our

board and exuberantly reported recently that because of her training, and a lot of hard work, she had saved enough money to rent

her first apartment. Purchasing a home is now in the picture.

Life-changing arts provide a sense of justice in the world, demonstrating our love and concern for those with the least. This past summer, BuildaBridge partnered with the Bridging the Gap program of Drexel University and the Second



Baptist Church of Germantown to offer a unique summer camp for transitional children called Artology, a combination of art and biology. In this beautiful facility, with graduate medical interns and professional artists as teachers, children studied biology and developed their artistic skills in local parks, culminating in an art show at a gallery.

## Touching the World

I am constantly reminded that while technology and higher education are a driving force in my life, there are still many people in the world who live where poverty and underdevelopment do not even merit a post office box.

For ten years we have been traveling the world providing training and direct service with volunteers. By 2010 we have set the goal to recruit 1000 artists who will commit their time and talents to artistic justice at home and around the world. This Artists on Call program includes scores of Eastern University students who have volunteered with us. BuildaBridge

is quickly approaching an annual budget of \$5 million. Many people are surprised that in ten years my co-founder and I have never taken a salary but volunteer our time. We are fortunate to be part of a University that encourages community service, and we have also been fortunate to be able to commit part of our salaries to support the work.

As the organization has grown, we have become scholar/practitioners, learning by experience about nonprofit management, development, social service, education, and many other disciplines. This experience informs my classroom teaching as part of the Eastern University Campolo School for Social Change. Since 2002, BuildaBridge has conducted an Institute for Arts and Transformation. Over 150 graduates from the U.S. and abroad have come to Philadelphia to share, learn, dream and plan for artistic justice in action. Last year BuildaBridge signed a partnership agreement with Eastern University to offer the coursework for a new MA in Urban Studies with an Arts

Photos: (left to right) **Celmali Jaime** is a student in the MA in Urban Studies program, Arts in Transformation concentration, shown during a session on art and spirituality. **Robb Rineer '00** at a Philadelphia Homeless Shelter's final celebration of its after-school program. **Kayon Watson '07** in a Dance Methods class. She's a BuildaBridge volunteer teacher now serving in Nicaragua with the Mennonite Central Committee.

and Transformation Concentration. Eight graduate students are a part of this new concentration. Our dream is to see these students, and many more, serving in the toughest parts of our world, making a difference in the lives and communities of those in greatest need. Artists have a very special place in community service and BuildaBridge is just one of the places in which many Eastern students act out their faith and find their calling in practice.

For more information on the work of BuildaBridge visit [www.buildabridge.org](http://www.buildabridge.org). See videos of our work at: [www.youtube.com/transfomingarts](http://www.youtube.com/transfomingarts)



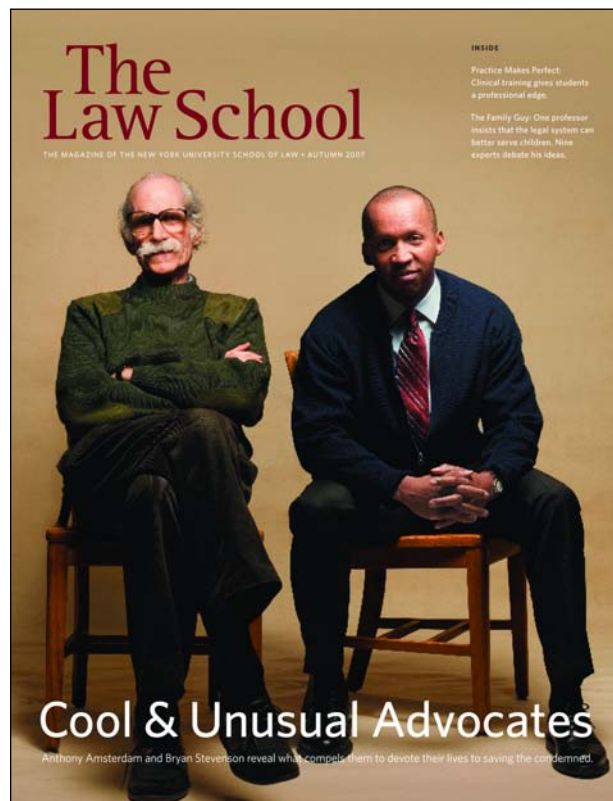
# Faculty and Alumni

## WORKING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**BRYAN STEVENSON '81**, an Eastern alumnus, has served and fought for over 20 years as a civil rights attorney, representing death row inmates in their pursuit of conviction reversals and it is with personal conviction and determination that he continues that fight today. Stevenson runs a nonprofit law firm in Montgomery, Alabama called the Equal Justice Initiative, an organization he founded in 1985 that is dedicated to those who are unjustly facing death in our country's legal system.

His mission started after he graduated from Eastern with a degree in political science and philosophy and enrolled in Harvard Law School in 1981. His internship with the Southern Center for Human Rights served as a turning point in his life. Stevenson realized after reviewing cases devoid of legal justification that he could do something with his life as a death-penalty lawyer. With the help of his staff of 19, he has successfully reversed death row sentences of no less than 75 Alabama inmates over the past two decades who were unfairly convicted of crimes often because of race or social status. Despite the long hours and low or non-existent pay, he feels a sense of mission knowing that his work for those faced with

injustice and prejudice truly and literally saves lives. In addition to his time consuming legal work, he travels from Montgomery, Alabama to New York to teach three classes at the NYU School of Law concerning race and the criminal justice system. Presently, he hopes to broaden his focus by seeking sentence reversals for inmates



Bryan Stevenson '81 (right) was featured on the cover of the fall issue of *The Law School*, the magazine of New York University School of Law. He teaches a capital-defender clinic for NYU that takes place in both New York and Montgomery, AL. He's shown with Anthony Amsterdam. (Reprinted with permission of *The Law School*, the magazine of New York University School of Law. Photographer: John Earle.)

who were punished for crimes they committed at 13 or 14 years old or for those convicted under the 3 strikes law.

Many wonder where his drive comes from or why he would want to represent those convicted of such terrible crimes. Stevenson often replies with a reference to the Bible in Matthew 25:40 in which it is believed that Jesus will say to the righteous in Heaven: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." And still it is those he serves who know and believe in his purpose. Current client and inmate, Anthony Ray Hinton, writes in a letter from death row, "I felt this man went to law school for all the right reason. Here is a lawyer who knew his purpose as a man! If God create a (sic) better man, He keep him for His Self." It is because of clients like Anthony that he remains a

dedicated and unwavering voice for those awaiting the ultimate punishment.

# Making a Difference

## EASTERN FACULTY CONTRIBUTE TO NEW CHRISTIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Several Eastern University faculty members were among those from around the globe invited to submit items for the upcoming *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, including SLD chair **DR. SHARON GRAMBY-SOBUKWE** ("Mega Churches" and "African American Mega Churches") and Senior Vice President **TOM RIDINGTON** ("Sadhu Sundar Singh").

## FINDING UNTOLD STORIES

**STAN LEQUIRE**, instructional designer and adjunct professor, delivered a paper at the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education annual conference in Nicaragua, entitled "Globalizing Christian Education in Economic Development." LeQuire also presented a paper entitled, "Finding Untold Stories," a reflection on making sense of the tragic deaths of Christian field workers, at the Theological Society of South Africa in Pretoria.

Here is an abstract from Lequire's paper:

*In 2003, gunmen stormed the home of José Matilde Bonilla and murdered him as he ate dinner with his family in the Honduran village of Palmital. For the gunmen, his crime was interference in their business while trying to assure clean water for his remote, impoverished village.*

*How are theologians and public servants to make sense of this story? Using principles of theological thinking, the Matilde narrative will be interpreted in the light of the Judeo-Christian metanarrative. Then, it will be compared to other stories of caring for the environment. One element of the Matilde story will stand out from the others – the context of the events is unusual enough to give the reader pause. The price paid by José Matilde Bonilla to care for creation is surprising to Western listeners. Customarily,*

*environmental stories are situated in far different contexts and do not usually resolve in this way. The case will be made that it is audience context which may even hinder the theologian from discovering this and similar stories.*

*The story of Matilde – and perhaps others – risks being undiscovered, forgotten, untold. Are there other such stories waiting for an audience? By a renewed commitment to disciplined observation, the theologian can make sure that he or she asks the right questions, thereby capturing valuable stories about the ways of God in the world and the actors in God's metanarrative. This article makes a proposal that inductive cross-contextual observation needs to be engaged by the theologian-storyteller.*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eastern University faculty members **ELOISE MENESES**, **VAN WEIGEL** and **MIKE MTIKA** who recently returned from Malawi, were conversing with the University of Livingstonia, a Christian college in northern Malawi, about preparing Christians to do development work in one of Africa's poorest nations. The many Eastern University alumni who populate Malawian NGOs, such as World Vision, Habitat for Humanity and Scripture Union, would teach in the joint program.

## EVANGELISM

Palmer Theological Seminary's **AL TIZON**, assistant professor of evangelism and holistic ministry, conducted an evangelism seminar at New College, Berkeley, CA. Some of the seminar's content has been adapted for an article to be published in *Radix Magazine*. In recent months Al has preached at churches in California, New York and Connecticut, usually on topics of special

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interest to Evangelicals for Social Action and the Sider Center on Ministry and Public Policy, which operate under the Palmer/Eastern umbrella.

**SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDENCY**

**DR. SHARON GRAMBY-SOBUKWE** reported on the recent South African residency, from which the following excerpts were extracted:

*This year, proud students of Eastern University attended the School of Leadership and Development's third annual African Residency in Cape Town, South Africa at Stellenbosch University. Here SLD delivered a full complement of courses for three degrees, the MA in Organizational Leadership, the MA in International Development, and the MBA in Economic Development, to students in their first, second and third year of study.*

*Despite numerous visa and airline challenges, 51 Eastern University students and 15 faculty members joined us from around the world. Our students work in a*

*variety of development and mission organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, Tear Fund, World Relief, World Vision, USAID and Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship. Many are also pastors, some are missionaries and yet others are involved in a variety of local church ministries.*

*The majority of students are not U.S. citizens (59%), including 43% Africans. Of the 15 faculty who joined us 30% are Africans, and 27% females. In total, students, staff and faculty are nationals of 17 countries and work in 24 countries in Africa, Europe, Latin America, Asia and North America. Overall, our group represents Ethiopia, South Africa, United States, Canada, Indonesia, Guinea, Tanzania, Trinidad, Kenya, Uganda, Thailand, Nigeria, Liberia, Denmark, Zambia, Rwanda, Niger, Mozambique, Ghana, Malawi, Swaziland, Mexico, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Costa Rica, Bangladesh, Philippines, England, El Salvador and Cameroon.*

*Our worship, study and fellowship were dynamic, spirit filled and blessed with multiple perspectives, diverse experiences and thus exponential learning from one another. We began each day in the Holy Spirit.*

*At the same time, the significance of our host site was not lost on us. While we held classes and our closing dinner in the room where the Dutch Reformed Church once decided to endorse apartheid, we were ever aware of social transformation as Stellenbosch University has joined other universities in diversifying faculty and students and recently appointed its first black University Rector (President).*

*In the end, we are blessed to be a part of a mighty move of God around the world. Through SLD's programs, Eastern University is equipping the people of God who live each day in service to those who suffer from disease, abandonment, war, poverty, and political corruption. They serve in every setting, urban and rural, large and small organizations, churches and NGOs. Yet, they all serve with not only the skills they learn from Eastern, such as project management, strategic thinking and micro-finance development, but most importantly, they serve in the spirit of Christ, intentionally modeling his*

*servanthood, stewardship and love. This is the whole gospel for the whole world. My prayer is that God will continue to richly bless all of us as we endeavor to follow him each day.*

**STUDY OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES**

Eastern's **DR. JULIA STEWART** and **DR. WENDY STEINBERG**, along with Drs. Feroze Mohamed and Scott Faro, Department of Radiology, Temple University, are studying the fMRI evidence for the linguistic nature of glossolalia, or speaking in tongues. Funded through a \$193,985 grant from the John Templeton Foundation, this study investigates the link between the reported spiritual phenomenon of glossolalia and physiological evidence for that phenomenon. Using functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), a research team including a linguist, a cognitive psychologist, a neuro-radiologist and an MRI physicist will examine areas of the brain activated during glossolalia.

Analysis will be both descriptive and inferential. The objective of the study is to understand more fully the cognitive nature of this widespread phenomenon by applying rigorous scientific methods to an otherwise phenomenological experience.

Contact Dr. Stewart at [jaguila2@eastern.edu](mailto:jaguila2@eastern.edu)

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**DR. CHRIS HALL**, University provost and dean of the Templeton Honors College, was elected to the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance. He recently delivered a plenary address on the question of "Authority and Tradition" at the 2007 Wheaton Theology conference. In July, he delivered lectures on "John Chrysostom's Understanding of Divine Providence" at Peking University, China.

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**EASTERN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**



**THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES** has selected Eastern University as the East Coast site to host a symposium on "The Meaning of Being a 'Christ-Centered' College/University". Eastern offers a wide variety of off-campus study opportunities through the CCCU.



**YOUNG LIFE**, an international evangelistic ministry to high school youth, has entered into an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for Eastern University to be the graduate leadership-training provider for their urban ministry staff from around the globe. Young Life brings the good news of Jesus Christ into the lives of adolescents with an approach that is respectful of who youths are and hopeful about who they can be.



**MISSION YEAR**, a distinctive ministry that places college students and graduates in the service of urban churches, has entered into a MOU with the Eastern University School of Leadership and Development. Mission Year staff will train for further urban service through our graduate urban economic development programs.



**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)**  
Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.





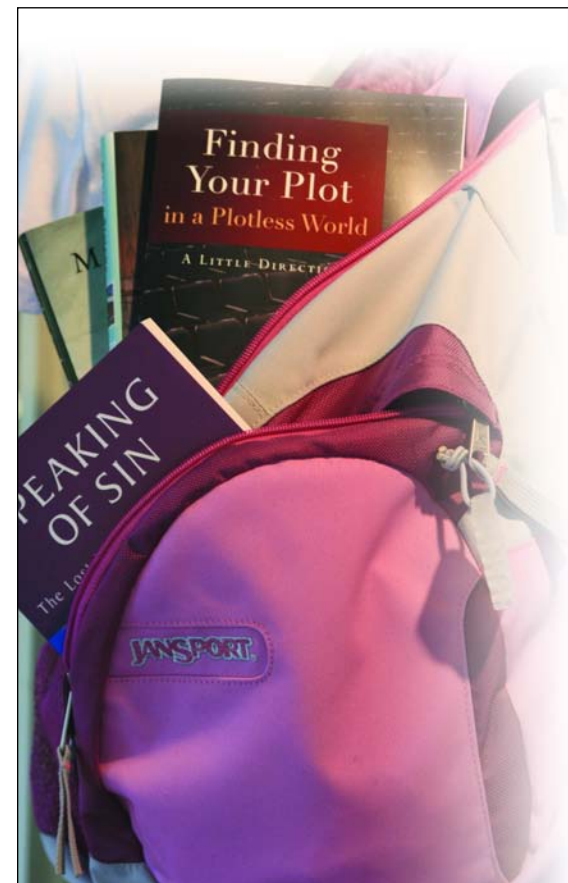
**EASTERN GRAD HELPS MIX STYLE WITH DOING GOOD**

BETH SETHI MBA '06 and Tammy Teske, both from Portland, OR, have established an online fair trade boutique, Bambootique, LLC (www.shopbambootique.com), which offers hip, unique accessories to its customers while providing income for poor women in developing countries. The women met while working for Medical Teams International. Through their international travels, they discovered women artisan cooperatives creating beautiful jewelry, handbags, candles, scarves and paper products. Teske is currently still employed by MTL, while Sethi now runs Bambootique from her home.

Bambootique's products include purses made by Indonesian women rebuilding their lives after the

tsunami in Banda Aceh, and eco-friendly Guatemalan candles which provide an alternate income to slash-and-burn agriculture. One Nepalese woman who was abandoned by her husband is now able to provide food, a safe place to live, and an education for her two children because of her work making jewelry for one of Bambootique's artisan cooperatives. In an effort to provide greater economic opportunities for many women artisans, Sethi and Teske now import products from six cooperatives in Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Guatemala, Honduras and Nepal.

Contact Beth Sethi at [beth@shopbambootique.com](mailto:beth@shopbambootique.com).



*Chaplain Joe Modica's Recommended Books*

- Praying with the Church: Following Jesus Daily, Hourly, Today** by Scot McKnight
- Power Failure: Christianity in the Culture of Technology** by Albert Borgmann
- The Divine Hours** (Pocket Edition) by Phyllis Tickle
- Embracing Grace: A Gospel for All of Us** by Scot McKnight
- Memories of God: Theological Reflections on a Life** by Roberta C. Bondi
- Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman
- Addiction and Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions** by Gerald G. May, M.D.
- The End of Memory: Remembering Rightly in a Violent World** by Miroslav Volf
- Easter Everywhere, A Memoir** by Darcey Steinke
- Finding Your Plot in a Plotless World: A Little Direction** by Daniel de Roulet
- The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others** by Scot McKnight
- Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation** by Barbara Brown Taylor

**Community News**

**Welcome New Faculty**



Left to right: Beth Chiatti, Joe Giammarco, Tod Gilmore, John Pauley, Jonathan Yonan, Ana Lawton, Seleana Pettaway

**Beth Chiatti** joins Eastern as an alumna with a bachelor of science and master's in nursing from Immaculata University. Her diverse experience includes work as a nursing laboratory instructor, case manager, registered nurse and medical-legal consultant.

**Joseph Giammarco** earned his Ph.D. from Temple University in physics and a B.S. in physics from Ursinus College. Giammarco has published widely on topics related to computational and theoretical physics and has extensive knowledge of various programming techniques and applications.

**Tod Gilmore**, instructor of business, earned his M.S. and MBA from Pennsylvania State University. He is the co-founder of Priority One Management Solutions, Inc., a management consulting practice focused on the local and state government sectors.

**John Pauley, II**, comes to Eastern from Saint Mary's College where he taught communications and public speaking. Pauley earned a Ph.D. and master's degree in speech communication from the University of Texas after completing undergraduate work in religious education at Southwestern College.

**Jonathan Yonan** earned a doctor in philosophy and master's degree in theology and ecclesiastical history from the University of Oxford. Yonan has had research experience and interest in 18th and 19th century European/American intellectual and church history, which resulted in many books, articles, and papers on the topic.

**Anna Lawton** earned her B.S. in chemistry from Wuhan University and a M.S. in chemistry from the University of Louisiana prior to completing her Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology at Baylor College of Medicine.

**Saleana Pettaway**, instructor of dance, earned her B.A. and M.Ed. at Temple University, where she is completing her Ed.M. She is the artistic director for the Point of Impact Dance Ministry of Impacting Your World Christian Center and working on her own endeavor, Ministry in Motion.



**SPARROWK HALL DEDICATION**

Eastern's former North Campus residence hall was dedicated on Oct. 19 in loving memory of Dr. John Sparrowk and in honor of Dr. Cora C. Sparrowk, whose commitment to Eastern University and to the church and society Eastern serves is exceptional in matters of faith, wisdom and charity. Shown are (from left) daughter Jill Bray, Trustee Dr. Cora C. Sparrowk, daughter-in-law Beverly Sparrowk, and granddaughter Jacey Bray '07.





**Yolanda Turner**, lecturer in psychology, has been selected by The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) to be honored as an emerging professional in the field. She is being recognized as one of the promising future leaders in sexology at the SSSS 50th anniversary meeting in conjunction with the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction.



In March, 27 Eastern students and alums spent a week in London as part of a travel course emphasizing the castles and religious structures of ancient and medieval England. The group took day trips to Salisbury, Stonehenge, Bath, Oxford, Shakespeare country, and Kent. A similar trip is planned to Ireland during the first week of March in 2008. Contact Dr. Caroline Cherry for more information ([ccherry@eastern.edu](mailto:ccherry@eastern.edu)).

**VISIT ngoleader.org**

**John Stapleford** and **Tom Ridington** launched a new Web site for our School of Leadership and Development (SLD) [www.ngoleader.org](http://www.ngoleader.org). Its purpose is to increase awareness of our graduate programs in development. As John Stapleford says, "Its second purpose, even more important, is to support Christians who are in the field doing transformational economic development."

**An All New Star of Bethlehem Program at the Julia Fowler Planetarium**

In December 1972 an 18-year-old freshman (**Dave Bradstreet**, now professor of physical science) produced a Christmas program called "Star of Bethlehem." Shown for the past 35 years, it has become a holiday tradition.

With the installation last year of a new full dome digital projector, the Spitz SciDome, everything changed. Dazzling special effects and computer animations can now be produced and displayed easily and all coordinated digitally with

the narration. No more operating numerous slide projectors by a human who had to synchronize everything to the music he heard! Eastern proudly presented its all new Star of Bethlehem planetarium program this fall. Learn more about the *Julia Fowler Planetarium* at [www.eastern.edu/planetarium](http://www.eastern.edu/planetarium).



The Olson Research Group presents the Fox Chase Bank Eastern Cup to benefit the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University. The event will be Monday, June 9, 2008 at Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli PA. Overflow will be hosted at Stonewall Golf Club. For more information, contact Kathy Urban at 610.341.5932.



International students sightseeing in Philadelphia as part of their orientation. Shown are front row (l to r): Paul Charles (England), Sooyeol Yoo (S. Korea), Choni Selden (Bhutan), Renton Ragwan (S. Africa). Second Row: Edwin Ragwan (S. Africa), Jason Whyte (Jamaica), Annecie Gilles (Haiti), Xuan Zhao (China), Kathy Kautz de Arango (coordinator of International Student Services), QiangbaCiren (Tibet), and Bernice Ndimantang (Cameroon).

**APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!**

**Five Theatre Arts Companies run by EU Alumni**

Yes! And... (**Jake Miller '01**, **Adam Woods '04**, and others) is going to do this year's Winter New Play Workshop. [www.yesandcamp.org](http://www.yesandcamp.org)

**Justin Poole's** Cross Cultural Theatre Institute which presented the Russian Arts Festival last summer, presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in September. [www.crossculturaltheatre.com](http://www.crossculturaltheatre.com)

**Christopher Tolomeo '02** and his company, Call Me Crazy Music, premiered his new musical, *The Jingle Man*, at this year's Philadelphia Fringe Festival. Eastern developed the piece at last year's Winter New Play Workshop. [www.thejinglemanmusical.com](http://www.thejinglemanmusical.com)

**Deanna Downes '97**, a graduate of Columbia's MFA

Directing program, returned to Philadelphia to premiere her company, Chimera Theater, with their production of Strindberg's *The Pelican* in September. [www.chimeratheatercompany.com](http://www.chimeratheatercompany.com)

**Jenny Tibbels**, another graduate from Columbia, is the artistic director of Baltimore's Run of the Mill Theatre. She has received great reviews in her second full year of work there. [www.runofthemilltheater.org](http://www.runofthemilltheater.org)



Lt. Col. Mastriano (left) and Belgian St. Gilbert give backpacks, toys and school supplies to orphans at the Allahoddin Orphanage in Kabul, Afghanistan.

**FROM ARGONNE TO AFGHANISTAN**

Lieutenant Colonel **Douglas Mastriano '86** has been researching a hero from World War I while he himself is fighting the war on terror in Afghanistan.

Mastriano is involved in locating the spot in France's Argonne Forest where Sgt. Alvin York earned the Medal of Honor in 1918. Mastriano and his colleagues have created a Web site ([www.sgt.yorkdiscovery.com](http://www.sgt.yorkdiscovery.com)) documenting their find and the York story. This research has sparked interest around the world and been reported on TV, and in the *Associated Press*, *New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune* and others.

Working with NATO, Lt. Col. Mastriano is serving in Afghanistan for a third time. He has people from 15 nations working directly for him, along with the NATO Alliance and 11 non-NATO countries contributing forces to the International Security Assistance Force. He writes, "Overall, it is a good mission and we are making a real difference." For details, visit: [www.nato.int/isaf/index.html](http://www.nato.int/isaf/index.html).

**Dr. Ray Van Leeuwen and Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen**

are in Salzburg, Austria with the study abroad program this semester. Eastern University students are shown here with students from Judson College and Alderson-Broaddus College outside Haus Wartenberg, the hotel where the program is based.



**Michael Robinson** (left), associate professor who teaches "Foundations of Christian Spirituality" for our Eastern in the City program, was invited to speak at the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities' National Conference in September.

He's shown with Dr. Louis Sullivan, former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary.

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# AMAZING SEASON

by Dan Mouw, Sports Information Director

On November 3, four Eastern University teams played for Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships. Men's and Women's Soccer finished the fall with Conference Championships and trips to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

### Men's Soccer Earns Third Title

The men's soccer team earned their third PAC Title in the last five years. Five Eagles, led by senior Aaron Tritch and sophomore center back Mike Leitzel, earned All-PAC honors, and the team earned the inaugural PAC Team Sportsmanship Award. The award was designed to give student athletes a chance to honor opposing programs in the league that they felt represented the core values of sportsmanship.

Eastern Men's Soccer was the only Conference Champion selected to win the award. Coach Wagner said, "That we had the success we did and were honored with the team award means that the things we are trying to do with character development and spiritual formation are noticeable from the outside. We are not perfect in this, but we are very pleased to see our program honored."

After beating Misericordia 1-0 in the PAC Final, Mens Soccer continued their season into the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Eagles advanced past #10 Stevens Tech in a dramatic penalty kick shootout before falling to #9 York College in a heartbreaking double overtime game.

### Women's Soccer Enjoys Finest Season Ever

Women's Soccer downed Centenary College 1-0 to win their first PAC Title. Coach Mouw's team dominated regular season play in the PAC with a perfect 10-0 mark. Mouw earned PAC and the Southeast Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year honors for the season.

Sophomore forward Jill DiRenzo set an Eastern single-season record with 25 goals. DiRenzo's consistency through

Photos (top to bottom)

PAC Player of the Year Emma Klein was the only senior on this year's Eastern Volleyball roster. Klein became the first player in Eastern Volleyball history to amass more than 1400 kills and 1400 digs in a career.

Jill DiRenzo cuts the ball to avoid a Messiah defender. DiRenzo scored a school record 25 goals and earned 1st Team All-PAC honors.

Defender Katie Maguire clears the defensive zone in the Eagles' overtime win over then 11th ranked Montclair State. Maguire earned 1st team All-PAC honors in her first year of collegiate field hockey.

Taylor Van Brackle at Eastern's 1-0 Homecoming win over Alvernia College.

# FOR EASTERN ATHLETES

the year was remarkable as she scored in each of the Eagles' 12 games against conference opponents. She scored the game-winner fourteen minutes into the Conference Final to give the Eagles a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in Program history. Ashley Hackman also played a major role in the Eagles' historic year. The mid-fielder from Perkasio, PA earned PAC Player of the Year honors while posting an astounding 21 assists and 12 goals. Hackman entered the year with 23 career assists and was one assist shy of the Eastern career mark. Her 13 assists in her second year had set the previous single-season standard. Only one player in Division III soccer recorded more assists in the year than the Eastern junior.

The Eastern attack scored a program-record 81 goals while surrendering just 16 in a 19-4 year. Coach Mouw said of his team's attacking success, "This year's team had the ability to put separation in games. This team was able to score goals in a lot of different ways. Jill and Ash had brilliant years, but whenever teams focused on them, our wide players showed the ability to create and finish chances." Kristin Watson and Nicole Grindle both scored 11 goals, and Chrissy West scored seven goals and picked up 10 assists despite missing considerable time with a hamstring injury.

In their first trip to the NCAA Tournament, the Eagles beat Salisbury University 1-0 on a third minute goal from DiRenzo. In the Regional final, the Eagles fell to an unbeaten and 3rd ranked side from the College of New Jersey. Junior outside backs Corie Brant and Kara Neef joined DiRenzo and Hackman on the All-PAC 1st team. Watson and West earned honorable mention from the league. Eastern goalkeeper Amanda Daveler finished the year ranked in the nation in goals against average and save percentage.

**Volleyball and Field Hockey Reach Championship Game Again**  
Eastern Volleyball and Field Hockey also reached the PAC Championship games to close the season. Volleyball entered the final as the ten-time defending PAC Champions and would play in their thirteenth consecutive PAC championship game. Eastern Head Coach Mark Birtwistle earned his 400th career win in Eastern's final regular season game of the year.

A strong effort by a good Neumann College team kept the Eagles from finishing their time in the PAC with a Championship. Emma Klein, Eastern's only senior, and the only player in Program history to amass more than 1400 digs and 1400 kills in her career, was honored as the PAC Player of the Year. Juniors Mandy Platt and Katie Ressler also earned All-PAC recognition.

Eastern Field Hockey, playing in their third straight PAC Title Match, fell just short of defending as PAC Champions in their game against Alvernia College.

After a 2-2 regulation and a half-hour of scoreless overtime hockey, the PAC Championship was determined in strokes. Alvernia finally earned the win on the 11th shooter. The Eagles nonetheless enjoyed a strong season with big non-conference wins over a nationally ranked Montclair State team and a win at Kenyon College on their way to a 15-6 fall. Lindsay Moyer, Kim Campbell and Katie Maguire each earned first team All-PAC honors, and seniors Jaimie Heck and Stephanie Moyer earned 2nd team recognition.

### Cross Country Makes Great Strides in Year Three

One week before Championship Saturday, the Eastern University Cross Country team made a big step forward at the PAC Championships. In just their third year as a program, both the men's and women's teams finished fifth in the Championship race. Mike Wilson finished third and Ben O'Donnell finished 12th to earn All-PAC recognition for the men. Head Coach Eric Mundy expressed his pleasure with the growth of the team to its largest number of competitors ever. He said, "We now have a great young group of runners to build on. Our athletes are competitive and fun to be around, and we feel that the program will continue to grow and get stronger."

A successful fall generates momentum toward an exciting year of basketball and for the future as Eastern begins competition in the MAC in 2008-09.

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### BIRTWISTLE MARKS 400

Eastern University Women's Volleyball Coach Mark Birtwistle won for the 400th time in his



coaching career against Neumann College. Under his leadership, the Eagles have won 10 straight Pennsylvania Athletic Conference

titles, and have appeared in the last eight NCAA Tournaments. Birtwistle holds a career mark of 400-171 in his 18 years at Eastern. He has earned AVCA Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year twice, and has guided the Eagles into the NCAA Sweet 16 on two separate occasions.



# Alumni News

## 1950s

**Rev. Lawrence Littlehale '52** passed away on February 4, 2007. He served in the Army at the end of World War II. Following his graduation from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Littlehale led churches in Maine, New York and New Jersey prior to his retirement in 1988. He continued to serve as an interim and supply pastor in various Baptist churches in New Jersey until July 2006. He was a member and deacon of Hamburg Baptist Church, Hamburg, NJ, at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife, Marion, and four children.

**Rev. Jack Lottey '54** celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in April 2007 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Schenectady, NY.

Martie Meek, wife of **Rev. James Meek '56** and mother to **James Ingram, Jr. '86**, passed away on August 7, 2007.

**Andrew Thompson '56** has retired after a nearly fifty-year teaching career. He studied at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, in the master's program of biblical studies. He also taught at Prairie Bible College in Alberta and later taught religious studies courses for over a decade at Trinity Western University in British Columbia. He is married and has three children.

**John Cerrato, Jr. '57** is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Manchester, NH.

**Dr. Jan Corbett '57** has retired as an assistant professor of English at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA.

**Dr. Paul Palmer Green '57** and his wife **Jane (Sargeant) '57** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Paul obtained his doctor of ministry degree in marriage and family from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer) in 1985. He is also a retired lieutenant colonel from the USAF.

**Dr. Thomas Ritter '59** celebrated his 49th anniversary as pastor of Second Macedonia Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, president of Palmer Theological Seminary, preached at the service. When Dr. Ritter began his ministry, the church had only a handful of members. Today, it is one of Philadelphia's most well-known and influential congregations.

**Robert D. Smith '59** passed away on July 15, 2007. He served in the Korean War from October 1952 to December 1953. Smith received two Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Medal and the National Defense Service Medal in addition to the Korean Service Medal. He taught

western civilization and American history in high school for nearly 30 years. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

## 1960s

**William Raybuck '60** passed away on May 25, 2005. His wife, Linda, and daughter, Jennifer, are among the survivors. Bill served in the United States Marine Corps, and was well known in the automobile field. He was an active member of the Anderson Mill Baptist Church, Austin, TX.

**Rev. Peter Bolster '63** has retired, and was recently elected to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Alton, NH. In a six-way race, he was the top vote getter with 747 votes, over 200 more than the closest challenger.

**Jacquelyn Hahn '64** had her right hip replaced in August 2007 and began intensive weeks of physical therapy.

**Dr. John Hill '64** has been named a "Curry Fellow" for 2007, the first time this honor

has been given to a faculty member at Curry College, Milton, MA. This allows more time for research and preparation for a lecture entitled "Laissez-faire, No Fair." Democracy, Equality and Justice: John Adams, Adam Smith and Political Economy, a revised and expanded edition of his Revolutionary Values book, was published in July in paperback and clothbound editions by Lexington Books. John is a contributor to The Public Humanist, a blog sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.

**Robert Crane '67**, senior pastor at Chatham United Methodist Church, Chatham, PA, has formed a new ministry called Bro Bob and Friends. The purpose is to provide therapeutic entertainment in retirement communities, nursing homes, and psychiatric hospitals.

**Dick Hillyer '67** had hip replacement surgery in November 2006. He received a doctor of physical therapy degree from Simmons College, Boston, MA, on May 19, 2007. He is currently administrator of a home health agency serving total joint replacement recipients in Ft. Myers, FL. He also provides management consulting services to healthcare organizations in several states.

**Joyce (Hamilton) Wik '67** is a learning support teacher in the Coatesville Area School District, Coatesville, PA. She and her husband, Paul, have a third grandchild, Valentine David, born on March 13, 2007. Joyce has two sons serving in the military, one in the Persian Gulf and the other who completed a tour in Iraq.

**Dr. John Lanzalotti '68** has been an adjunct professor at William and Mary College,

Williamsburg, VA, for 25 years. He also has a general medical practice. Lanzalotti has been studying the health care problem as it relates to the poor for twenty years, and now writes, speaks and does policy work to try to correct some of its failures. In his spare time, he sculpts in marble and bronze. View his work on [www.williamsburgsculpture.com](http://www.williamsburgsculpture.com).

## 1970s

**Frederick Bach '70** is an elementary teacher, Brevard City School Board, Melbourne, FL.

**Fred '72** and **Beverly (Houck) Funk '72** reside in Alton, NH.

**Rev. Earl W. Roberts, III '72** is pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Unadilla, NY, and the Sidney Center United Methodist Church in Sidney Center, NY.

**Brenda (Bates) Dyer '73** has taught English to adult immigrants for 5 years, and currently has 20 students. As a mission of her church, she is able to share the Gospel with her students. She taught at St. Charles Academy, St. Charles, IL, prior to her retirement.

We extend our sympathy to **Joseph Campanella, III '74** and his family on the death of his father on March 28, 2007.

**Evelyn (Shegog) Stupp '76** is an ordained pastor/therapist of the Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Ralph, reside in Allentown, PA.

**Catherine (Berg) Greig '77** is an educator/academic advisor and resides in Ventura, CA.

**Rev. Dennis E. Thomas '78** is pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. He and his family reside in Bear, DE.

**Randall Vermillion '78** and his wife, Nancy, were married in September 2002. They reside in Pompano Beach, FL.

**Paul Toub '79** is the managing principal of Preferred Financial Solutions, an affiliate of Kaufman Financial Services, Inc., Wilmington, DE. Paul has also recently joined Eastern's Alumni Council.

## 1980's

**Donna Alberici '80** is an associate professor at Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA. She is finishing a Ph.D. in counseling.

**Mary Cipriani-Price '80** is a marriage and family therapist/associate professor at Bethel Seminary, San Diego State University, CA. She and fellow alumna, **Donna (Meeks) Alberici '80**, published their first encyclopedia article entitled "Biracial Families."

**Lisa (Weinhold) Prescott '80** is an admissions counselor at the University of Delaware, Newark. Her two sons, Robin, 22, and Tyler, 21, are both students at the university.

**John Camp '82** is general manager of Schréder, LLC, Elk Grove Village, IL.

**Marie Davis '82** received a master's degree in social work from Widener University, Chester, PA, in 2004. She presently works with dialysis patients at Davitos, Upland Unit, PA.

**Dr. Karl Enters '82** has received a master's degree

in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary. He also served as associate pastor of Murphy Road Baptist Church, Murphy, TX, for the last two years. He is now the founding pastor of a new church plant targeting the 18 to 30 year-old population of Collin County, TX, called AXIS. More information about his ministries can be found at [www.powersurge-worship.com](http://www.powersurge-worship.com) and [www.everythingchanges.org](http://www.everythingchanges.org).

**Holly Melander '82** is a fifth-grade teacher at Spa Christian School, Ballston Spa, NY.

**Luther Graham '83** is managing partner of Hoover Associates, Sterling, VA. He and his wife, **Lori (Weschywan) '82**, reside in Leesburg, VA.

**Doris (Lilley) Grazulis '83** is secretary, treasurer, and Laity leader at Paoli United Methodist Church, Paoli, PA. She is also the administrative assistant to the athletic director on Eastern's campus.

**Betsy Wambach '83** is the pre-candidate manager in the personnel department of SEND International in Farmington, MI.

**Cathy (Hardy) Wimble '83** is a missionary to Thailand under the auspices of Overseas Missionary Fellowship. She and her husband, Mark, are in the process of adopting a Thai boy named David.

**Sally (Starlings) Mehrkam '85** passed away on March 28, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Quentin, and two children.

**Douglas Mastriano '86**, a military intelligence officer working for NATO, has spent six years researching Sergeant Alvin York and the

legendary battle site where he received the Medal of Honor in 1918. The complete story will be found on the Web site known as Sergeant York Discovery Expedition. Also, the June 2007 edition of Armchair General Magazine contains a similar article. Work has begun on the SGT York Historic Trail, along the exact route where the 1918 battle transpired near Chatel Chehery, France, Argonne Forest. He and 70 international NATO soldiers working for him have been deployed to Afghanistan, and will return February 2008. (See more on page 24.)

**Bob Thomas '86** is president of Infinity Rehab in Wilsonville, OR. He and Kristin have been married for 20 years, and have two children, Sean, 5, and Nicholas, 3.

**John M. Wunderlich, III '86** is pastor of the Christ United Methodist Church, Frederick, MD. His wife, **Carol (Myers) '87** is program director at Brook Hill United Methodist Church in Frederick, MD.

**Dr. Jonathan Harton '87** is assistant professor/scientist at AMC in Slingerlands, NY.

**Leslee (Wilcox) Kaler '87** has earned her third degree black belt in Ryu-Kyu Kempo Karate.

**Gemot Bucheli '88** is a bus driver and tour guide for Alaska Coach Tours in Juneau, AK.

**Rebecca (Miller) Hancock '88** and her husband, Mark, reside in Orlando, FL where he is IS manager for Wycliffe Associates. Rebecca volunteers in the office, and as a home-school liaison. They have three daughters and recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

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**Dr. Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre '88** is an assistant professor of the New Testament at Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ. She also published two books in 2006, *Jesus, Among Her Children* and *Mary Magdalene Understood* with Jane Schaberg.

**Erica Swenson '88** married R. Keith Elliott in August 2005. The couple along with Erica's two daughters, Hannah and Chloe, resides in Palm Beach, FL. Erica previously worked as a CPA for PriceWaterhouseCoopers. She is now a stay-at-home mom.

**Kris Kraihanzel '88** is a personal and team consultant for Clarion Consulting, Kimberton, PA.

**Todd Bove '89** has been diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma. He will be a resident of the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) for eight months while undergoing aggressive treatment. He and his partner, Keith Smith, have adopted two children, Jared and Lauren.

**Irvin Hutcherson '89** and his wife, Lisa, have a baby girl, Lauren Moriah, born on August 20, 2006.

**Jeff Thompson '89** is key account manager of IT Services Americas, DHL, Scottsdale, AZ.

**Rev. Walter Thompson '89** is senior pastor at Morning Star Baptist Church, Jamaica Queens, NY.

## 1990s

**Hans Giller '90** is a domestic violence counselor with the Lucas County Juvenile Court, Toledo, OH. He and his wife,

Beth, who is senior pastor at St. Mark Lutheran Church, have two daughters, Anna Grace, 7, and Katie-SiYan, 2, who arrived from China a year ago.

**Michael Olewiler '90** passed away on March 24, 2007. He is survived by his fiancée, Joan Marie Young, his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

**David Bellamy '91** is employed by IBM, Haverford, PA, in the sales department. He is also a youth worker at Narberth Presbyterian Church, Narberth, PA.

**Cary Ann (Coddington) Sherk '91** has been named director of sales for the southern division of ACTS Retirement-Life Communities of Boca Raton, FL. She will have direct oversight responsibility for a sales team of 13 professionals representing six ACTS communities in Florida and one in Georgia.

**Peter Bartolini '92** is a financial manager with J.D. Byrider. He and his wife, Julie, reside in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Rev. Jeff Dorn '92** is mental support coordinator of the SHAPES Mentoring Program, Springfield, MO. The program provides mentors to children of incarcerated parents.

**Kathy (Bortner) Hughes '92** is self-employed as an Osborne Books supervisor, Chadds Ford, PA.

**Rev. Donald Sehulster '92** and wife, **Susan (Van Heemst) '94**, have recently moved to Hawthorne, NJ. They have two children, Aidan Henry, 4, and Grace Julian, 1.

**Jonathan Cronkhite '93** is the director of Student Ministries in Satellite Beach,

FL. The church has recently built a \$1.2 million facility known as the "beach house" where teens can gather for athletic and social events. Cronkhite also uses the facility to spread the church's message. He hopes that the activities offered by the new center will give coastal Brevard County teens a reason to visit the church.

**Rachel Kelso '93** married Michael Alabiso in December 2006. They reside in Boston where Rachel is COO of the American Ireland Fund, a nonprofit organization whose work includes the advancement of religiously integrated education in Northern Ireland.

**Cheryl Mosley '93** is the owner of Millennium Services in Ardmore, PA.

**Kathy (Yeaworth) Whittle '93** and her husband, Doug, have moved to Summerville, SC, where he is director of the Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center in Charleston. Kathy's MS symptoms are in remission and she is enjoying exploring the area.

**Dr. Joseph Birli '94** completed his doctorate degree in educational leadership at Wilmington College, DE, in June 2007. He also received a master of science degree in counseling from West

Chester University in 2001. He is the clinical director for an agency in West Chester where he resides with his wife, **Shawna (McKenzie) '93**, and son, Gabriel.

**Stacy Irwin '94** married John Anderson on July 8, 2006. She has been a second grade teacher at Roosevelt Edison Charter School in Colorado Springs, CO, for the past four years.

**Benjamin Moore '94** is a teacher at West Oak Lane Church of God, Philadelphia, PA.

**John Bentley '95** is an accountant with Vermont Medical, Inc., Bellows Falls, VT.

**Lorrie (Sallee) Covolessky '95** is a clinical team manager at Abilities Center of Southern NJ, Inc. She graduated in May 2007 with a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In June 2007, she also received certification as a rehabilitation counselor.

**Caralee (Crary) Gellman '95** is employed by Life Counseling and Rehab After Work. She is also a member of the adjunct faculty at Eastern.

**Joshua Johnston '95** is heading to Tanzania, Africa to work with street children. He would appreciate any correspondence sent to him at either [kivytrip@yahoo.com](mailto:kivytrip@yahoo.com) or [helpthestreetchildren@yahoo.com](mailto:helpthestreetchildren@yahoo.com).

**Douglas R. Miller, III '95** is the director of middle school ministries at Lakeside School, CA.

**Josh Blackmun '96** has started his own consulting company, iConsult, LLC. He specializes in wireless telecom management for medium to large businesses. His wife, **Corinne (Snyder) '97**, has recently joined Intermediate Unit (CCIU), Chester County, PA, as a case manager. She earned an MSW degree at Widener University.

**Julie (Palmer) Holden '96** and her husband, Josh, have a baby girl, Emma Jane, born on October 5, 2006. She is no longer teaching full-time, but is a stay-at-home mom writing children's books. She is also writing scripts part-time for her husband who is a producer for Bluefish TV.

**Genevieve (Lombardo) Huff '96** and her husband, Mark, have a baby girl, Vera Marie, born on January 5, 2007. She has taken a year off from teaching kindergarten and works with her husband, Mark, who is the youth director at The Lighthouse Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

**Susan (Foster) Kelly '96** is a social worker, and resides in Dunn, NC.

**Amy (Kane) Larroza '96** served in the Peace Corps in Paraguay for two years where she met her husband, Jabier. She is now an accountant at Fenner

Precision, Manheim, PA. Amy and her husband have two children, Shawn, 4 and Sara born in May 2006. They reside in Akron, PA.

**Carrie (Devoe) Litty '96** and her husband, Chris, have a baby boy, Harris James, born on March 11, 2007. They also have a son, Matthew, 4. Carrie is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Elite Realtors, Turnersville, NJ.

**Sara (Harnly) Madern '96** and her husband, Peter, have resided in the Netherlands for over ten years. They are parents of three boys, Michael, 9, Andrew, 7, and Benjamin, 4. Sara does translation and volunteer work on the side. Peter is the director of operations at Compassion, an organization he helped to set up.

**Robert Paeglow '96** is the public relations representative for Compassion in Action, a Christian not-for-profit organization and volunteers for Youth for Christ. He and his wife, **Tara (Blackledge)**, also work for Koinonia Primary Care, he as an office manager and she as a records administrator. They reside in Albany, NY with their three-year-old daughter, Abigail.

**Matt Wieand '96** and his wife, Katie, had their first child, a daughter, Audrey, born on July 9, 2007.

**Shane Claiborne '97**, founding member of The Simple Way, lost all of his belongings in a fire in Philadelphia, PA, recently. A large, unoccupied warehouse in the Kensington section burned to the ground, and also destroyed seven homes. The Christian grassroots organization runs a variety of programs, including after-school literacy and art

programs for middle-school children in the area.

**Heidi (McFeaters) Clarenbach '97** is a stay-at-home mom, and resides in Gettysburg, PA.

**Kimberly (Woessner) Eagle '97** was married on May 22, 2004. She has been employed by Human Services, Inc. for eight years as a therapist.

**Gina (Spinelli) Geib '97** passed away on July 20, 2007. She had been employed by the PA Department of Welfare as a Web site administrator. She is survived by her husband, Jere; her parents, Dr. James and Eleanor Spinelli; and her son, Shay.

**Kim (Mingo) Taylor '97** is a training specialist at Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia, PA.

**Rev. Daniel Wilcox '97** is pastor of Unalaska United Methodist Church, Unalaska, AK. He and his wife, Kris-Ann, have three children, including twins born in September 2006. They have recently accepted a missionary appointment to the Bering Sea fishing community, and native population of Unalaska Island in the Aleutians.

**Joy (Grassman) Gant '98** is unit secretary in the labor and delivery unit at South Jersey Healthcare, Vineland, NJ.

**Marjorie Hill '98** teaches chemistry at Philadelphia, PA High School for Girls.

**Laura Alyson Manger '98** is the new coordinator of Alumni Relations at Eastern University.

**Maureen (Wray) Petzold '98** and her husband, Joe, have

a baby boy, Maison Joseph, born on October 10, 2006.

**Jay Tyler Capre '99** is employed by Trader Joe's in Wayne, PA. His wife, **Debbie (Jensen) Capre '00**, is an accounting supervisor at Main Line Health, Bryn Mawr, PA.

**Nicole (Drumheller) Gargus '99** graduated from Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA, in May 2007 with a master of fine arts degree in creative writing. She works as a freelance writer, and hopes to teach English as a second language. Her husband, Capt. (Ret.) Nathan Gargus, will enter Drexel Medical College in August 2007.

**Sarah (Brown) Glazier '99** is employed by Gap, Inc., King of Prussia, PA.

**Lynsey (Davis) Granger '99** received a master of art's degree in theology from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2007.

**Carolyn Kelly-Shields '99** is an English teacher in the Upper Darby School District, Drexel Hill, PA. She also works part-time at Delaware County Community College in the Act 101 lab.

**Audra (Eisenmann) Kent '99** is a senior accountant at New York Achievement, Philadelphia, PA.

**Carrie Miller-Barry '99** and her husband, Brian, have a daughter, Alyssa Michele, born on August 28, 2006. Carrie is a special education teacher in the Cheltenham Township School District, PA. Brian is a copywriter for an advertising agency in New Jersey.

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**Jonathan Pridmore '99** has left Eastern after seven years as ITSC technician and student worker manager. He will be a secondary school counselor in the Pocono Mountain School District, PA.

**Abby (Stonebraker) Williams '99** and her husband, Guy, have a baby girl, Eleanor Virginia, born on December 22, 2006. They also have a son, Ben, who is one year old. The Williams reside in Houston, TX.

## 2000s

**Rick Granger '00** received a master of arts degree in religion from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2007.

**Jamie (McGuirk) Jones '00** and her husband, Robert, have a third child, Rachael, born on April 9, 2007. Their other two children are Reagan, 5, and Ryleigh, 2. Jamie taught 7th grade language arts for five years. She also received a master's degree in education from Wilmington College, DE,

in 2005. She is now a stay-at-home mom.

**Rachel (Dodson) Koenig '00** is a special education teacher with the School District of Philadelphia, PA.

**Elizabeth (Legrow) Lake '00** and her husband, **Joshua '01**, reside in Pomfret, CT.

**Rebecca (Bach) Myers '00** and her husband, Daryn, had a baby boy, Matthew Evans, born on May 2, 2007.

**Danielle Oylar '00** recently married Alex Tavarez. The couple resides in Middlesex, NJ.

**Marissa (Eddy) Shivick '00** is a 6th grade teacher in the Allentown School District, Allentown, PA.

**Marcus Carlson '01** and his wife, Jessica, have a second child, Abigail Marie, born on May 9, 2007. Marcus is the director of Student Ministries for Sunrise United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, CO. Jessica teaches high school English.

**Dawn (Barzyk) Engleman '01** and her husband, Andy, have a baby girl, Avelyn Elizabeth, born on December 4, 2006. Dawn is a children's pastor at Morning Star Fellowship, Bechtelsville, PA.

**Hope Morrison '01** married Timothy Johnston. The couple resides in Philadelphia, PA.

**Katherine (Phillips) Roy '01** is employed part-time by Baltimore County Public Schools, MD, as a music therapist, working with autistic children. Her husband, David, also works for the same district as a vocal music teacher in middle school. Their son, Derek Andrew, celebrated his first birthday on May 22, 2007.

**Michelle (Snyder) Seitzer '01** is a public policy coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, Harrisburg, PA. She married Joshua in 2004. He is a welding instructor at York County School of Technology, and also serves as a U.S. Coast Guard reservist. The Seitzers reside in York, PA.

**Sarah Sinclair '01** married **Justin Piff '02** in November 2006. Sarah serves as a class agent.

**Rebekah Spain '01** married Daniel Detric on October 21, 2006. They are welcomed their first child in November 2007. Dan is employed by Lexmark, International in Lexington, KY. The couple resides in Georgetown.

**Daniel Allen '02** married **Rebekah Eilertsen '04** on August 7, 2004. Daniel received a doctorate in physical therapy from Arcadia University in 2005. He is working in the stroke unit at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, Paoli, PA. Rebekah is a buyer and affiliated music publishers associate for the Theodore Presser Company in King of Prussia, PA. The couple resides in West Chester, PA.

**Ashley Astle '02** married Kevin Welsh on August 12, 2005. Their first child, Kaley Arnett, was born on May 1, 2007.

**Rachel Bare '02** and **Jonathan Frost '03** were married on August 19, 2006. Jonathan works as the contemporary worship leader and youth director at Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA. Rachel is a bilingual health education specialist at CVIM, a nonprofit medical and dental office for the uninsured in West Chester.

**Alexis Geib '02** is a music therapist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA.

**Eric Nesbit '02** and his wife, Gretchen, have a baby girl, Haley Grace, born on April 27, 2007. The couple resides in Carlisle, PA.

**Theodore Sither '02** married **Sharmila Wickramesooriya '02** on August 19, 2006. Ted is a legislative associate for international affairs of the Mennonite Central Committee, Washington, D.C.

**Heather Stube '02** is director of Social Services at Shannondell, a retirement community in Audubon, PA.

**Rachel Thayer '02** is an assistant pre-school director at Victory Assembly of God, Tucson, AZ.

**Sarah Thom '02** is the project director of Faces of Maryland's Uninsured. She holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland.

**Rev. Janice (Smith) Tiedeck '02** is associate pastor of Christian Education and Campus Ministry at Beckley Presbyterian Church, Beckley, WV. She was ordained into the Presbyterian Church as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in May 2007.

**Laurice Tynan '02** is a reading recovery teacher in the Pemberton Township School District, NJ. She married Christian Davidson on July 28, 2007.

**Angeline Washington Clark '02** is a budget analyst in the U.S. General Services Administration, Philadelphia, PA.

**Stephanie Youd '02** is in her third year of medical school in Israel. She is currently completing her obstetrics and gynecology rotation. She returns to the U.S. for seven months to do electives before heading off to Africa for a couple of months.

**Andra Burns '03** is employed by Barnes and Noble in Atlanta, GA.

**Jeremy Gudgeon '03** is a contingency coordinator at Vanguard Investments, Wayne, PA. Jeremy is also secretary of Eastern's Alumni Council.

**Jessi Herman '03** received a master's degree in theological studies and a juris doctorate from Chandler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA on May 14, 2007.

**Tamar Dudley '03** married Tsombawi Knibye on July 21, 2007. Tamar is a kindergarten teacher in the Brandywine School District, Claymont, DE.

**Jim Mulhearn '03** received a master's degree in organic chemistry from the University of Virginia. He is employed as a chemist with Merck.

**Heather Roberts '03** is a day treatment specialist in an autistic classroom at the Minnick Education Center, Harrisonburg, VA.

**Amber (Huislander) Turner '03** was married on June 22, 2007. She is a corporate and financial analyst at Gaudenzia, Norristown, PA.

**Robin Weinstein '03** is the interim pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, NJ.

**Jennifer Abboud '04** married **Derek Smith '03** in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in July 2005.

Derek is a realtor with Keller Williams and is completing a master's degree in business education at Eastern.

**Lori Billups '04** is a coffee roaster with Zoka Coffee, Seattle, WA. Prior to moving to Seattle, Lori spent three years in Indiana as part of an internship program at Muncie Alliance Church. She took classes that prepared her for

ministry, lived in community and roasted coffee. She is also involved in the music program at her present church, Grace Seattle.

**Marie Boswell '04** is a certified case manager with Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, PA. She is also the medical team leader for her church, Impacting Your World Christian Center. Marie was part of a group that includes doctors and nurses who traveled to the Dominican Republic in July with much needed supplies. An evangelizing team accompanied them.

**Sabrina Calloway '04** resides in Sacramento, CA, and began teaching third grade at the Rosa Parks Academy in Stockton in fall 2007. The school promotes colleges to their students and its classrooms are named after colleges instead of using room numbers.

**Lindsey Eib '04** is the project leader in account conversions at Vanguard, Malvern, PA.

**Marijke Groen '04** is enrolled in Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD.

**Lauren (Irwin) Jenkins '04** and her husband, Isaac, are intercessory missionaries at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, MO.

**Brenna Shevlin '04** is a teacher in the Worcester County Public School District, Newark, MD. She was recently engaged to Ken Johnson.

**Matt Whitt '04** is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Denver Seminary in Littleton, CO. His wife, **Elizabeth (Wright) '04** has started a low-residency master's program in writing popular

fiction based out of Seton Hill University.

**Jennifer Booz '05** married **Jeremy Basom '05** on July 22, 2006. The couple resides in Exton, PA.

**Lauren Flanigan '05** obtained a master's degree in social work in May 2006. She is a clinician working with children and families at United Services, Inc, Columbia, CT. She was recently engaged to David Cardone, and her wedding will take place on April 25, 2009.

**Robert Gross '05** is a special education teacher in the Phoenixville Area School District, Phoenixville, PA.

**Jessica Lamson '05** is a Philadelphia teaching fellow (Cohort 4) and in February 2007 became a special education teacher at Sulzberger Middle School.

**Gretchen Repaal '05** teaches chemistry at a high school in Baltimore, MD.

**Erin Schaffer '05** received her master's degree in inter-cultural ministries on May 5, 2007 from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO.

**Renee Sheffield '05** is an elementary library media specialist in the Pittsford Central School District, Pittsford, NY.

**Courtney Vanderbeck '05** has been working at Atlantic Records, New York, NY, since September 2006.

**Elizabeth Walcott '05** is a student in the Physician Assistant Program at Arcadia University, Glenside, PA.

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**Aubrey (Bre) Walker '05** works for the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C., in the publications department. She is also pursuing a master's degree in psychology.

**Erin Abler '06** is a chemist at Centocor.

**Jessica Brett '06** is a chemist at Sartomer Labs.

**Jodi Garman '06** is an analytical lab technician at LA County Sanitation District in Whittier, CA.

**Elizabeth Hedrick '06** has recently married, and she is now known as Elizabeth Bratt.

**Elijah Jung '06** is enrolled in the School of Dentistry at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

**Sarah (Montross) Lambright '06** was inducted on March 28, 2007 into the Beta Tau Chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon, the National Occupational Therapy Honors Society. Induction is based on

her scholastic excellence in the master's of occupational therapy program at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Timothy Maguire '06** is an electronics engineering technician at SEPTA, Philadelphia, PA. He plans to start Eastern's Fast-Track® MBA program.

**Alexis Odabashian '06** married **Eric Thompson '04** on June 17, 2006. Alexis is a special education teacher at Academy Park High School, Sharon Hill, PA.

**Eric** is a history teacher at Downingtown Middle School, Downingtown, PA. He is currently pursuing a master's degree and principal's certificate at Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

**Nina Rowe '06** resides in Nashua, NH.

**Andrea (Stalter) Ruth '06** is a student employment coordinator in the office of financial aid at Eastern University.

**Angela Scott '06** was married on March 24, 2007, and is now known as Angela Scott-Alvarado. She is a reading specialist assistant at the West Oak Lane Charter School, Philadelphia, PA.

**Zachary '06** and **Amy (Shugart) Wilt '06** reside in Shiremanstown, PA.

**Andrea Barnes '07** is a specialty RN at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Norfolk, VA.

**Sara Frymoyer '07** is a special education teacher in the West Contra Costa School District, Richmond, CA.

## Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies

**Dianne Gattone '94 (Group No. 045)** is the administrative assistant to Gail Latimer, vice president and chief nursing officer of Siemens Medical Health Services in Malvern, PA.

**Shelia Palmer '96 (Group No. 072)** is utilities supervisor/ acting superintendent of the United States Air Force Reserve in Dover AFB, DE.

**Roger Celentano '96 (Group No. 076)** passed away on May 19, 2007. He served as the director of respiratory therapy at Deborah Hospital, Browns Mills, NJ, for 33 years prior to his retirement in 2004. His wife, Gayle, and five children are among his survivors.

**Glenn Eckman '06 (Group No. 327)** is an officer/sergeant with the Phoenixville, PA, Police Department.

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) has named **Timothy Sevison (CCGPS 2006)** its director of the Bureau of Operations and Training.

**Rev. Rothangliani Chhangte '87 (MBA)** is director of ecumenical formation of Office of Cooperative Christianity at American Baptist Churches U.S.A., Valley Forge, PA.

**Paul Luchtenburg '88 (MBA)** has worked in Cambodia for over 15 years, and has recently taken on a new assignment.

**Kenneth Hoffmann '91 (MBA)** works in the SIM International Office in Charlotte, NC, as a technology consultant. His job is to help organize the structure of the intranet to contain as much mission information as possible to serve the various mission offices around the world. His wife, Shirley, who has lymphoma that is now in remission, also works in the same office helping to

recruit and send out new missionaries.

**Michael Screnock '92 (MBA)** is an attorney with Michael Best and Friedrich LLP, Madison, WI.

**Erin (Mead) Steed '97 (MBA)** and her husband, John, have a baby boy, John David, Jr., born on January 20, 2007.

**Mary Jo Furnback '00 (MS Group No. 003)** has been named a 2007 Rising Star by the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

**Michael Pettit '00 (MBA Group No. 30)** is an enterprise architect for Northrop Grumman, Chantilly, VA. He also incorporated Class New Venture Project in 2001. ([www.DigitalDivideCommunityNetwork.org](http://www.DigitalDivideCommunityNetwork.org)).

**Donna (Massey) Manzi '01 (MBA Cohort No. 063)** is the deputy director of benefits at Sanofi Pasteur, Swiftwater, PA.

**Jim Morack '02 (MBA Group No. 058)** and his wife **Lori, DCP '94 (Group No. 042)** and family have relocated to Brookfield, WI. He previously resided in Harrisburg, PA, where he was a call center manager.

**Robert M. Thomas '02 (MBA Group No. 056)** passed away on April 23, 2007. His wife, Nancy, and two children survive him. Bob received an undergraduate degree from Eastern in 1973. He also taught business subjects at Eastern and was president of Robert M. Thomas and Associates.

**Susanne (Hoffman) Werner '02 (MBA)** is executive director of the Marple Surrey Center, Marple, PA. The center offers a variety of

programs for citizens 55 and older in Marple and Newtown Townships and parts of Haverford Township.

**Carlos Garcia '03 (MBA)** and his wife, Maria (Ramirez), have a baby boy, Daniel Jonathan, born on April 17, 2007.

**Dontae Wilson '03 (MEd)** is a chemistry teacher in the School District of Philadelphia, PA.

**Phyllis Hawkins '04 (MBA)** is an independent business owner with The Hawkins Group. The organization provides cleaning solutions for every business and household need.

**Darnell Moore '04 (MA)** received a master's degree in education on June 6, 2007 from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

**Beth Sethi '05 (MBA)** is co-founder of Bambootique, LLC. It is an online, fair trade boutique [www.shopbambootique.com](http://www.shopbambootique.com), featuring jewelry, handbags, silk scarves, hand-made paper products, etc., all made by women in developing nations who receive fair wages for their craftsmanship. Bambootique began as a class project for a social entrepreneurship course taught by Dr. Connie Ostwald. See story on page (21).

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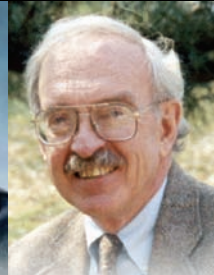
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