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***GREEN THEOLOGY:
Eastern's Environmental Leadership***



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Eastern University mission of faith, reason and justice manifests itself in so many different ways. This sacred mission is evident in scholarship and research, serving others by putting "feet to our faith," and seeking justice in all matters, including environmental justice. That's why Eastern takes very seriously the challenge to be responsible stewards of God's creation.

The St. Davids campus is a beautiful learning laboratory that benefits both Eastern students and those from the Philadelphia region who come here to learn about the natural environment. This issue of Spirit focuses on the many ways we strive to be a "green" community, both in our actions and in our teaching. I hope you'll read about these efforts and those who promote them in the special section on pages (4-22).

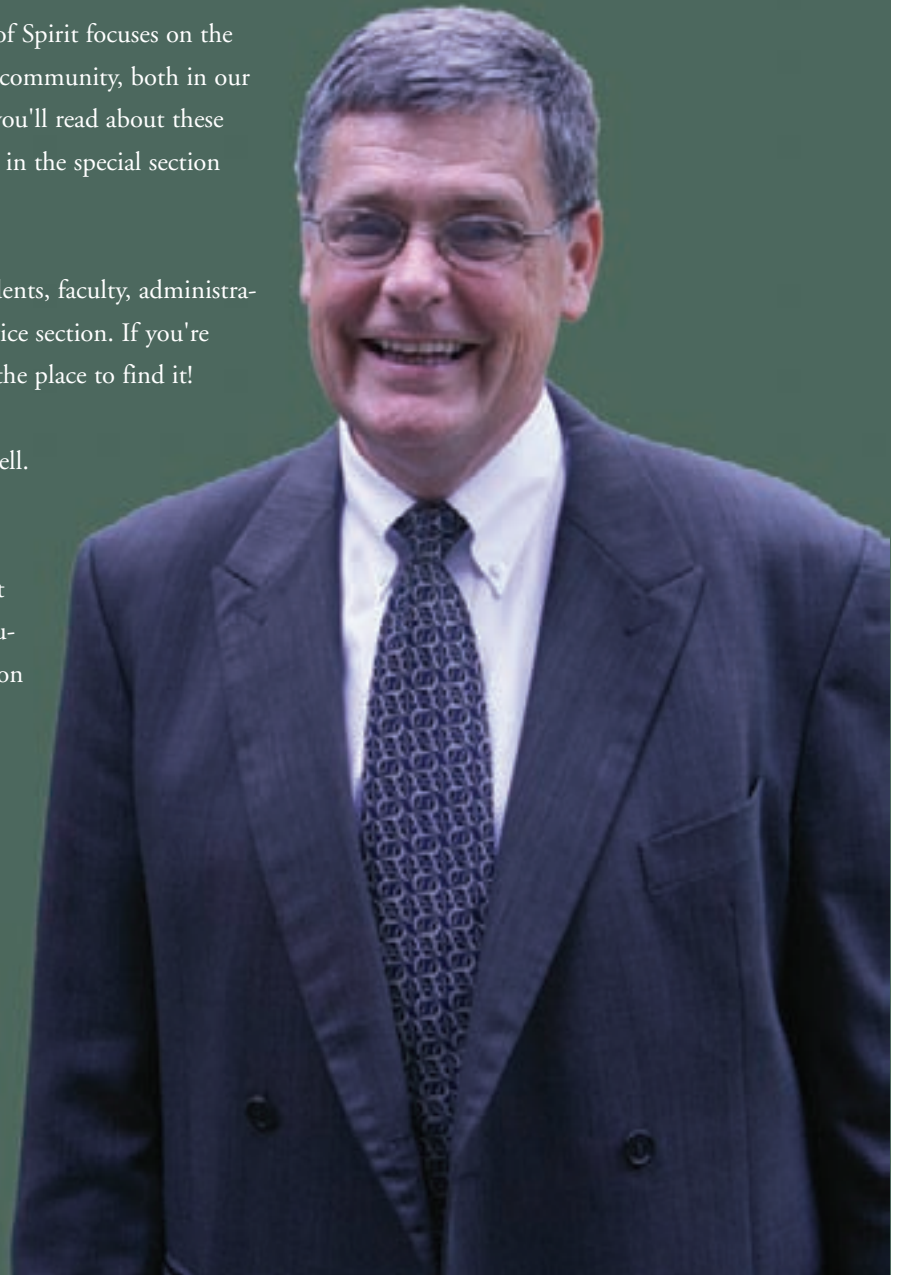
We are also spotlighting Eastern students, faculty, administrators and alumni in the Faith & Practice section. If you're looking for some inspiration, this is the place to find it!

As always, I am inspired by you as well. Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of your prayers, encouragement and financial support of the transformational Christian education that is the hallmark and mission of Eastern University.

Regards,



David Black



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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Eastern University Earns Top Tier Ranking from U.S. News & World Report Magazine

Eastern University has been ranked in the Top Tier of North Regional Universities in the 2010 edition of America's Best Colleges in *U.S. News & World Report* magazine. This ranking places Eastern solidly in the middle of Top Tier educational institutions in the Middle Atlantic and New England states. The exclusive rankings include more than 1,400 schools nationwide.

Dr. David Black, President of Eastern University, said,

"We are very pleased with this recognition that Eastern is a university of exceptional quality. The reputation of our faculty scholar-activists has long been high among academics who value the integration of faith, reason and justice. That has also been true among students and families whose worldview is framed by those three elements. We are grateful for this recent wider acknowledgement of Eastern's value and look forward to 'explaining' our distinctives to a larger number of prospective students in the future."

Over the past 26 years, the *U.S. News* college rankings, which groups schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has grown to be the most comprehensive research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.



Ana Ramirez, Student Service Finance Representative (right) with Zoraide Santiago at Esperanza College.

Esperanza Receives \$2.5 Million Government Grant

Esperanza College of Eastern University has been awarded \$2.5 million through the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program authorized under Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Payable over the next five years, these funds will be used to expand programs and facilities at Esperanza College, located at 4261 North 5th Street in Philadelphia, PA.

Esperanza College was founded in 2000 by Eastern University and Esperanza, Inc., one of the largest Hispanic faith-based community development organizations in the U.S. These grant funds will be used to expand programming to include secondary education (math and science), accounting, and medical assisting. The facilities expansion will include several new fully-equipped science labs, two classrooms, four small study/advising spaces, and a Student Success Center.

Dr. David Black, President of Eastern University, says, "Esperanza College represents Eastern University's commitment to community partnerships and to contextualized higher learning. This award allows us to extend the reach of that commitment to an increased number of students and programs. The real beneficiary of the Title V program is the community that is strengthened by the work and knowledge of Esperanza College graduates."

Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Dean of Esperanza College, says, "The award will allow us to expand the majors we offer to accounting, math and science teaching for middle school and medical assistance. It will also expand the contributions that graduates will be making in the inner city as they are prepared for areas needing minority professional participation."

For more information about Esperanza College, visit <http://esperanza.eastern.edu>

New Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good

Eastern University has received substantial external funding to establish The Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good at its St. Davids campus. The Institute was established to cultivate open and honest inquiry into the fundamental virtues, truths, values, and habits required for human flourishing within a free and ordered society, while promoting quality interdisciplinary research and programs.

"This Institute will provide exciting opportunities for our students, faculty, and staff," said **Dr. David King**, provost of Eastern University. **Dr. R. J. Snell**, associate professor of philosophy and director of the philosophy program, will serve as interim director.

The first major Institute program, Citizenship and Civic Responsibility, examines the tensions between post-national or global citizenship and the responsibilities owed to local communities and institutions of representative democracy.

R.J. Snell said, "Traditionally, a truly American experience has been volunteerism and the joining of social groups in communities, creating connections between social networks. These networks and groups have often been where notions of moral discourse, civility and tolerance get formed. If people are not joining as much as they used to, what impact does that have? We're interested in knowing what's going on in civic society. What virtues are necessary to have a functioning democracy?"

When a reporter asked Dr. Snell about the Institute and the Christian foundation of Eastern University, he replied, "Faith doesn't shut down the pursuit of truth; it opens it up."

The research program will result in lectures in the Philadelphia region and Eastern University, research grants for Eastern University faculty, collaboration with other universities and organizations, and the publication of original research by Institute staff.

Contact R. J. Snell at rsnell@eastern.edu.

Christian Anthropology Series

Anthropology claims to study humanity holistically, in all its inter-cultural varieties and intra-cultural connections. Yet a truly holistic study of people must go beyond the natural science view of a mere species in nature. And, a Christian anthropology

must place ethnographic data about people and cultures within the larger framework of God's purposes for humanity through history. This series of colloquia at Eastern University is designed to investigate the problem from various perspectives: theological, epistemological, scientific, and historical. The schedule includes:

Dr. Lindy Backues presents "Epistemological Insights for Anthropology."

Dr. Eric Flett (right) presents "Defining a Theology of Culture."

Dr. David Bronkema presents "Early Anthropology: Sin and the Noble Savage." **Dr. Eloise Meneses** presents "Late Anthropology: God and the Post-Modern Subject."

Dr. Ben Hartley presents "Anthropology and the World Christian Movement."

For more information, contact Dr. Eloise Meneses at emeneses@eastern.edu.



MY DISCIPLERS WERE WRONG: God *Does* Care About Whales and Trees

By Dr. Al Tizon

I was an environmentalist before I became a Christian almost 30 years ago. I cared about pollution and the disappearing rain forests. I cared about whales and trees, and was an advocate for abused dogs and cats.

Adapted from a meditation by Dr. Al Tizon, assistant professor of holistic ministry, at the Palmer Seminary Creation Celebration in 2008.

Then I became a Christian. It was one of those dramatic, overnight conversions. God found me, and I have submitted to His lordship ever since. I am eternally grateful to those who taught me the basics of the faith. But not everything they told me was right. They told me the only thing God cared about was the salvation of souls. They said that God doesn't care about the world anymore, that it's irredeemable, unsalvageable. And I believed them. In the name of Jesus, I turned my back on my environmentalist friends, believing that God didn't care about life in the here and now, about the animals and the trees and the sea and the sky.

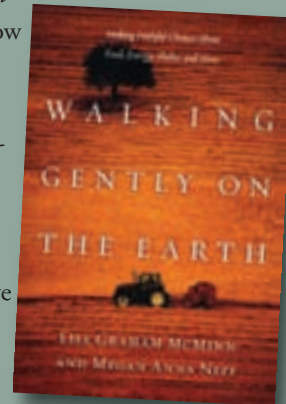
It took another dramatic conversion in college to jolt me back to reality. I call it my born again *again* experience, where I woke up to the biblical truth that God does care about the world, that He has something to say about the social issues of our time, including poverty, injustice, oppression, and the destruction of the earth. Professors who were deeply committed to Jesus took me under their wing and showed me not only that God cares about the world, but that He expects us to care about it too. My soul rejoiced!

I came to see creation care for what it is—a discipleship issue. In the creation narrative, after finishing each project, God said, “And it was good.” This phrase shows up five times in Genesis 1. Then at the end of the chapter (v. 31), after stepping back and checking out all of His handiwork, God didn't just say, “It was good.” God said, “It was very good.”

God loves His creation, and insofar as creation was affected by the Fall (Genesis 3), I believe that God's plan of salvation/redemption includes the created order, the environment. And like everything else God wants done, God works primarily through us, the people of God, who are redeemed and being redeemed in Christ. It's our responsibility to treasure our surroundings, care for God's creation, and cry out against abuses.

WALKING GENTLY ON THE EARTH

Lisa Graham McMinn says she was prompted to co-author *Walking Gently on the Earth* by “discovering how much of our contentment comes from loving creation and giving ourselves permission to do so.” She and co-author Megan Anna Neff, who has studied African Christianity extensively, have compiled an impressive collection of resources to help everyone make faithful



choices about food, energy, shelter, clothing and just about everything that impacts our world. They write, “We are united by political and economic systems, and by our planet's water, air, oil, copper, coal and soil. To be compassionate and loving in our unity is to love ourselves collectively, to look out for our own best interest collectively (read Philippians 2:1-5).”

Dr. McMinn, professor of sociology at George Fox University, says, “The biggest stumbling block for some Christians is that they say earth is not our home, heaven is. We can be afraid of worshipping the earth instead of understanding that we are part of creation, not just here to use it.” Neff writes, “To be God's representatives will require a shift away from a commodity view of creation to a view of ourselves as moral caretakers.”

They urge us all to take small steps and build on them. Dr. McMinn says, “It's exciting to see big groups and institutions like Eastern University moving in this direction. Individuals see that they do matter. Give yourself permission to love this place that God loves. Fall in love with God's creation. We are going to be more motivated by love than guilt. Start loving all of life and there will be the possibility of great rejuvenation.”

Walking Gently on the Earth (Intervarsity Press, 2010). Excerpts used with permission.

GREEN THEOLOGY:

ENERGY from the SUN

EASTERN RECYCLES

Last year, the Eastern University campus in St. Davids recycled:



146 tons of co-mingled items
(paper, cardboard, aluminum cans)

27 tons of leaves

2,041 light bulbs

Solar panels on the roof of Eastern University's Eagle Learning Center in St. Davids are now producing clean energy and reducing the University's operating costs while lowering carbon emissions. According to **Carl Altomare**, executive director of Campus Services, the solar panels produce from 10-20% of the Eagle Learning Center's electricity.

Over the next 20 years, the 56-kilowatt solar panel system will reduce carbon emissions by 839 metric tons, which is equivalent to the carbon that would be removed by planting 755 acres of trees.

The solar system is financed through a Power Purchase Agreement with Pennsylvania-based renewable energy developer and marketer, Community Energy, and constructed by Pennsylvania-based solar installation company Dynamic Solar. Under this agreement, Community Energy owns and operates the system, which enables Eastern to take advantage of the renewable power source without funding the system's purchase up front. Community Energy sells Eastern electricity produced by the system at a locked-in rate for 20 years, insulating the University from rising energy costs.

Although the solar panels are one of Eastern's most visible green initiatives, Carl Altomare says the University is also continually updating lighting on campus with energy efficient lighting, promoting single stream recycling, planting trees on a regular basis, and working with alum and environmental consultant **John Munro '73** on the upkeep of our natural areas.

Carl Altomare says, "Virtually everything has an environmental impact in one way or another. It's always on our minds and our students are geared towards environmental stewardship. They challenge us to keep it on our minds."



An online solar energy monitor shows how the solar panels on the roof of Eagle Learning Center are operating each day. View it at: <http://siteapp.fatspaniel.net/siteapp/simpleView.jsf?eid=416481>

Harnessing the Wind

Community Energy has worked with Eastern University since 2006 to provide Renewable Energy Certificates from wind farms to offset the electricity used on campus with clean, fuel-free energy. The St. Davids campus is 100% wind (and now solar) energy powered through a student-led initiative that began in 2002. Additional costs have been funded through a voluntary student fee of \$30, along with Eastern University funds. The estimated environmental benefit of this purchase is equivalent to planting over

1.9 million trees or not driving over 24 million miles.

Eastern President David Black says, "Environmental stewardship is an essential component of the University's mission, and our wind energy purchase is just one 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."

Community Energy President Brent Alderfer says, "Eastern University has stepped up as a leader in Pennsylvania and the nation. As more schools and organizations choose to follow Eastern's lead, we can bring more clean power on line to secure a brighter energy future."

Thurman Brendlinger, Energy Program Director for the Clean Air Council, says, "The students, staff and administration of Eastern University are a community working together to improve the air quality of our region. The University's wind commitment is a model for cooperative involvement to secure a clean energy future."

At a time when decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels has never been more important, U.S. wind energy potential is estimated at more than twice the total electricity generated from all sources in America today, and this resource will never run out. Wind turbines, usually located on farmland, each produce approximately 4 million kWh of electricity per year, enough to power 500 average homes. Wind energy is a pure, endless and homegrown resource.

Warner Library Resources

Warner Memorial Library has 'green' information at your fingertips:

7,309

EbscoHost databases articles

33,834

E-Brary (electronic books)

11,028

Net Library (electronic books)



The food services provided by Sodexo for the St. Davids campus are examples of fair trade practices and sustainability.

- Locally grown produce from Kegel's in Lancaster, PA, and Leola Produce Auction. Locally grown cider from Kaufman Farms whenever available.
- All of the farmers who provide milk for us pledge not to use artificial bovine growth hormones. This milk comes from a local supplier, Balford Farms.
- All of the coffee or espresso served on campus is 100% Fair Trade and Organically certified. Some is from Lamont, in West Chester, PA. The coffee used in the Dining Commons or for catering is Aspretto, Sodexo's own brand. Everything that touches a cup of Aspretto coffee is sustainable. The displays are made in the U.S. from recycled steel or FSC-certified paper. The cups are made from renewable resources. The stirrers are made from sustainable forested wood. Even the sugar packets are filled with organic fair trade sugar. Most of the tea is also both Fair Trade and Organic.
- The paper cups are all sustainable cups made from reusable materials.

Bookstore Goes Green

The Bookstore at St. Davids offers used textbooks and encourages students to rent books.

Much of their merchandise is made from recycled material and they sell reusable bags. Whenever possible, shipping boxes and packing materials are reused. Signage from Follett Corp. has been redesigned for re-use which greatly reduces printing costs and paper usage.

Laboring Together

Dr. Mike Mtika, professor of sociology, started the Laboring Together Initiative. Students recycle used toner and inkjet cartridges and cell phones through which they raise funds that are used to finance community development initiatives in Africa, particularly his home country of Malawi.

Harrisburg Recycles

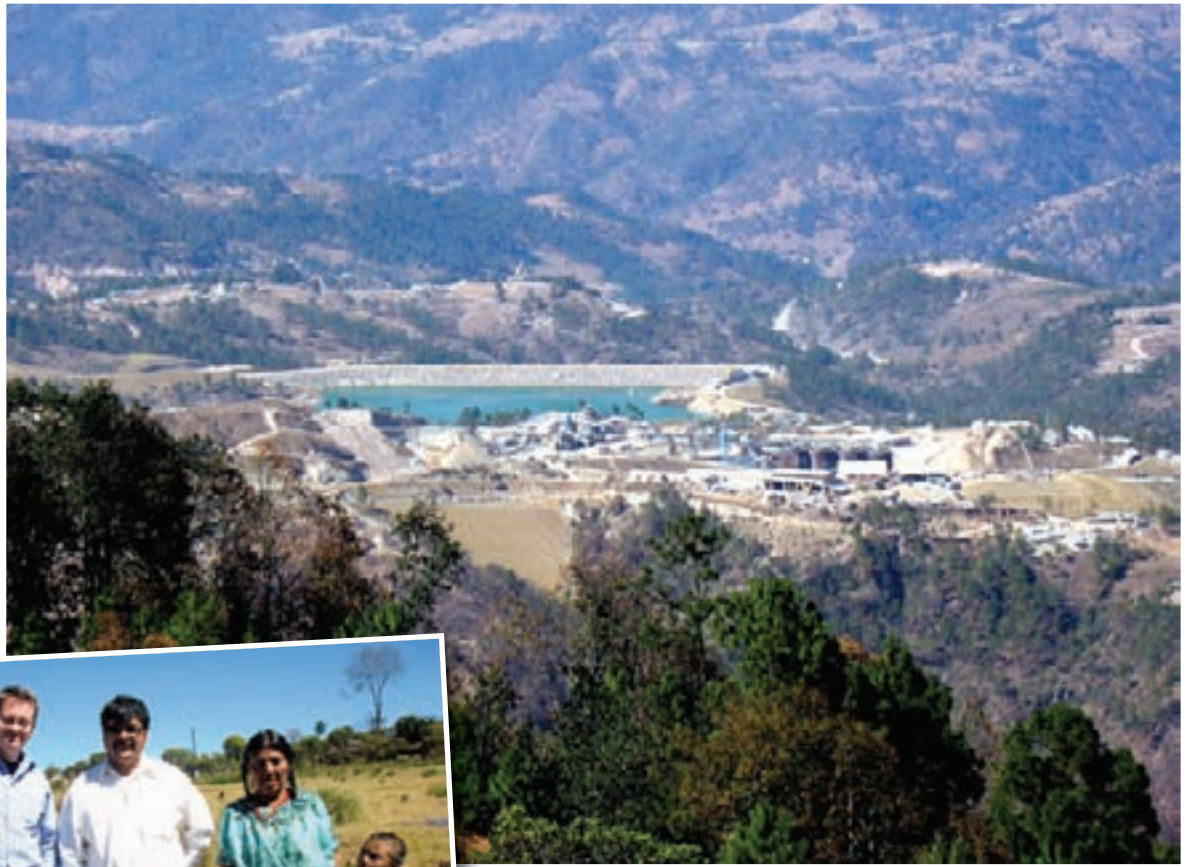
Students at Eastern's Harrisburg site started recycling in August, 2010. This initiative was led by Kyle Davis. They purchased three blue recycling containers which are now located by the main entrance, in the copy room, and in the break room.

Show Your Mug

The Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies knows that small steps like bringing in your own mug instead of using disposable cups can make a difference. On their Mug Exchange Day, they provided green tea, hot cocoa and treats for those who came with mugs.



Going Home: Mining in



“I saw the enormous hole in the ground where a mountain peak had once been.”

By Tim Høiland '09

I was less than enthusiastic about growing up in the middle of nowhere, at 9,000 feet above sea level in the Sierra Madre mountains of western Guatemala. Our neighbors were Mayan subsistence farmers with a way of life largely unchanged for generations. Our family lived quite simply by North American standards, without electricity or running water in our small adobe house, but even so we stood out as privileged *gringos* from *el norte*.

My parents were missionary linguists, translating the Bible into Sipakapense, a language that hadn't yet been reduced to writing. They were interested in making

Guatemala

Scripture available to the people of Sipakapa, as well as helping to ensure the preservation of the language and culture of the people.

Years after we left Guatemala and moved to the United States, we began to hear about Sipakapa again, that seemingly off-the-map town we had once called home. There were rumors of mineral deposits buried in those mountains, along with large quantities of gold. A Canadian mining company was moving in. The people of Sipakapa were opposed to it; they were never properly consulted. A good friend of ours, who had become mayor, traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the head of the World Bank to voice the concerns of the people. All of this struck me as complicated and very sad, but seemed beyond my control, so I more or less forgot about it.

When I came to Eastern to pursue an MA in international development and it came time to pick a research topic, it occurred to me that I could finally find out for myself what had been happening in my old hometown. While I was doing extensive secondary research, **Dr. David Bronkema** suggested I travel to Sipakapa and continue my research there. Through **Rev. Stan LeQuire** I was put in contact with **Nate Howard '05**, an Eastern alumnus, who works with the Mennonite Central Committee in a town not far from there.

The following March I returned to Sipakapa for the first time in more than a decade, where I conducted interviews and saw the enormous hole in the ground where a mountain peak had once been. I heard from the people affected by the mine, many of whom remembered me by name.

They told me about the devastation the mine has brought: mind-boggling quantities of water used, causing a shortage for residents; cyanide poisoning in what little water remains, killing animals and causing skin infections among children; deforestation and erosion of topsoil, making farming increasingly difficult; explosions in the mountainside, causing structural damage to surrounding houses; a rise in prostitution and sexual assault of women; an increased armed presence, brought in to protect the mine against the interests of the community; and social tensions that deepen and intensify as a few benefit and many are ignored.

Sipakapa is no longer the middle of nowhere. Resistance to mining in Guatemala, which began in that small town five years ago, has become a movement, spreading throughout the Sierra Madre mountains in anticipation of the mining company's plans for expansion. The story of this resistance movement is far from over, as indigenous people struggle to defend their way of life against the profit-driven whims of a company with everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Based on my research and experience, I wrote the cover story for the November/ December issue of *PRISM* (the magazine of Evangelicals for Social Action) focusing on the role Christians can and must play in reversing this tragic story. I'm grateful to Eastern for the opportunity to take the values of faith, reason and justice beyond the classroom and into a world of beauty and brokenness, where the Kingdom of God is advancing and Jesus is found, among the poor and oppressed.



Read more about Tim Hoiland's research and experience in Guatemala in the Fall 2010 issue of *PRISM*.

EVANGELICALS FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Evangelicals for Social Action (now part of the Sider Center on Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer Seminary), began the Evangelical Environmental Network, the evangelical partner of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, the most influential national religious environmental organization in the U.S. The other partners are the U.S. Catholic Bishops, the National Council of Churches, and Jewish Coalition. ESA won an Evangelical Press Association award for a 2007 cover story on mountaintop mining in their *PRISM Magazine*.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Beth Birmingham and **Stan LeQuire**, both of the School of Leadership and Development, have co-authored, "Green Heroes Reexamined," a chapter in the new book, *Leadership for Environmental Sustainability*. This chapter challenges contemporary models of environmental leadership and encourages a more just approach to leadership which includes the marginalized as authentic leaders for creation care.



ALL is Connected

Dr. Dave Hoferer, assistant professor of biology, works with students to maintain natural areas on the St. Davids campus by removing invasive species such as vines that spread over bushes and block their sunlight. Through field work and in his classes, he is showing students how to live their Christian values. “If we say we believe in the Creator of all, then we have to live as if we believe that,” he says. “When you save the land you save people. When land is healthy people can be healthy. All is connected.”

To help them focus on God’s creation, Dr. Hoferer requires his students to spend just one hour each week with no cell phones, no Internet, no music, no friends. He understands how difficult it is for many of us today to delve deeply into complex issues by pushing away distractions.

Dr. Hoferer bases much of his teaching on Colossians 1:15-20: “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation. Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see – kings, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities. Everything has been created through him and for him. He existed before everything else began and he holds all creation together. Christ is the head of the church, which is his body. He is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and by him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross.”

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison he studied the scientific and ethical components to community land use planning. His dissertation was an analysis of the stewardship efforts of the Town of Dunn, WI, which has been recognized as a national model of sustainability. At the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago he earned an M.A. in theology with an environmental concentration.

He recommends *For the Beauty of the Earth* by Steven Boume-Prediger as the best introduction to Christian environmental theology. Dr. Hoferer also reviewed *Our Father’s World: Mobilizing the Church to Care for Creation* by Edward Brown. In this influential book, Brown writes, “What in the world does caring for God’s creation have to do with missions? Everything. This is how a mobilized church can change the world.”

Off-campus Opportunities and Resources



A class at AuSable Institute.

Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies offers field-based courses in environmental science at campuses in the Great Lakes, Pacific Rim, Chesapeake Bay, Africa and India. **Dr. David Unander** teaches Tropical Agriculture and Missions through the Au Sable Institute and ECHO, based in south Florida. ECHO (www.echonet.org) is a Christian service mission providing training and agricultural extension in poorer countries. He says, "Our goal is to improve the abilities of international community development workers assisting poor farmers by providing useful information and by helping them share their skills and knowledge with each other. We also provide hard-to-find beneficial food plants and seeds."

Creation Care Study Program allows juniors and seniors to study for a semester in the rain forest of Belize, Central America, or New Zealand, integrating environmental, policy and development issues.

Hope Seeds is a Christian, charitable organization which provides

seeds and agricultural support to missionaries and mission teams (www.hopeseeds.org).

Floresta (now called Plant With Purpose) helps the poor restore productivity to their land to create economic opportunity out of environmental restoration (www.plantwithpurpose.org).

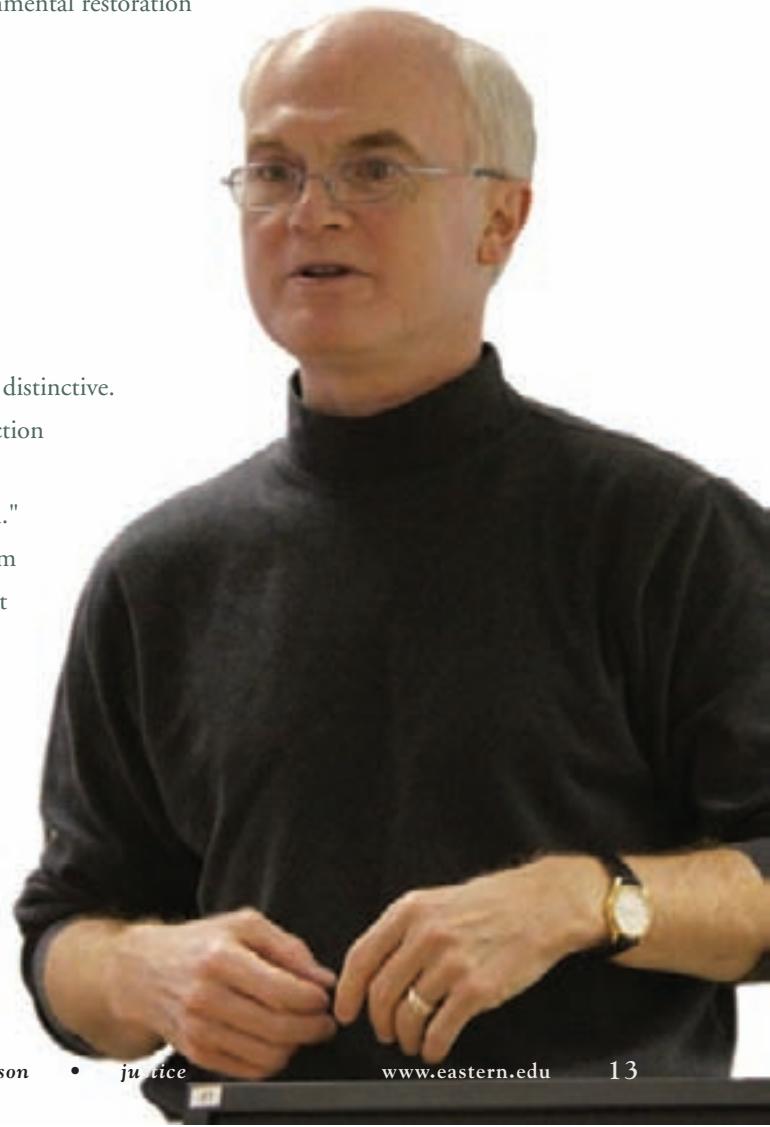
Teaching Management Through the Lens of Sustainability

Rick Jonsen, lecturer of business, teaches Operations Management with a big distinctive.

He says, "My course surveys the functions and problems of service and production operations. We conduct this survey through the lens of sustainability (social, environmental, financial) and our call to be faithful stewards of God's creation."

This unique course discusses the importance of sustainable operations from a Christian worldview, and provides examples of how organizations in different industries have moved toward sustainability in their operations. Two key textbooks provide the foundation for this course: *Christianity, Climate Change and Sustainable Living* by Spencer, White and Vroblecky (2009, Hendrickson); and *Confessions of a Radical Industrialist* by Ray Anderson (2009, St. Martins).

Speakers such as Eric Nelson, vice president of strategic alliances for Interface Americas, discuss their experience with Eastern's business students. Interface is the world's leading producer of carpet tiles, and on the leading edge of introducing and implementing sustainable operations.



Green Theology Thrives in CA

"Miss Andrea?" Marco calls, as he and his father pass asparagus fronds and kale shrubs. **Andrea Ferich '03** has been expecting Marco and whoever else shows up for the seed-to-table cooking they do together three afternoons a week in the South Camden, New Jersey neighborhood where she farms.



CAMDEN

By Joyce Munro
Senior Lecturer of English

“Today we’re making zucchini crust pizza with homemade sauce, zucchini muffins (with Mr. Goodbar pieces), and kale blueberry smoothies,” Andrea tells the seven others, ages 7 to 13, who have just spent their day at Sumner Elementary and Morgan Village Middle Schools.

“Who wants to collect the eggs?” Syren and Dahmir volunteer and disappear to the coop under the pine trees.

Lenny sautés onions, while Marco grates the zucchini. Angelo and George man the blender. Crystal, with her rainbow eye shadow, reaches knowingly for the measuring cups. She and Miss Andrea consult several times over the pizza dough’s consistency. Nayaritte fills the muffin tins.

It’s almost but not quite chaos, with parents always welcome. Not long ago Lenny’s mother came and taught them to make chicken quesadillas. Marco’s father is visiting from Puerto Rico.

The kids move between the large table and the skillet, out to the gardens,

and to the picnic table under the trees. They’re as much preoccupied with the clumsy dance of adolescent hormones as with anticipation of the food that they will eat together. “I think sometimes I’m running a dating service instead of a cooking class,” Andrea says, laughing, but she hardly has to raise her voice to catch their attention as she reads the recipes aloud. One of them looks through a cookbook for ideas for the next time--steamed collards with lemon baked cream?

Greening Camden

Hundreds of children and their parents have farmed with Andrea. In the empty lots, the park, backyards, and on porches. A different Dahmir, who started with her five years ago, now works in the produce section at ShopRite. His training in vegetables began with learning how to thin lettuce seedlings in the old bathtub in the greenhouse and then eat the pulled plants as salad, for goodness sakes. Working with Andrea, he brought a share of produce home to his family. Now he has convinced her to sell some of that produce in the supermarket, the only place where the 80,000 residents of Camden can find fresh produce.

Often called a food desert because of the scarcity of fresh produce, Camden is greening, thanks to \$225,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to faith-based communities to grow gardens. With a grant from their recipient, the Camden Children’s Garden Services, Andrea has been able to convert a lot into a garden. Thanks to some help from Eastern’s **YACHT Club** (Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today), the garden is now becoming an orchard.

What is only two years old in most parts of Camden is seven years old in the neighborhood of Sacred Heart Parish. The story involves a passionate Irish farmer priest, Father Michael Doyle, who is devoted to economic justice and wholeness for the people of Camden, and an idealistic farmer woman who quilted together an education out of her passions, and then found a place to live and work them out.

Andrea’s Education

So many things came together to lead Andrea toward Camden. At Eastern, she’d designed her own major in ecological economics. She immersed herself in the Social Gospel ideas and read widely at the Oregon Extension Women’s Studies



May term. She studied the rain forests of Belize during a semester abroad; she learned the science in **Dr. David Unander's** ecology class.

Other Eastern graduates like **Christopher Haw '03** and later **Adam Beach '06** decided to make Camden their home. Ever since the 1980s when Eastern professor **Tony Campolo '56** helped to found Urban Promise, a many-faceted educational program there, Eastern people have felt called to Camden. And Camden's students have been attending Eastern.

But Camden was and is a wasteland: the place to process 80 million gallons of sewage from the county and the home of two Superfund sites. Andrea prayed to understand her calling here. She could trace a matrilineal heritage of vegetable knowledge all the way back to her Native American great-great grandmother. Where was the love of land as she had experienced it in her Mennonite Lancaster County childhood?

Something happened as she walked the streets of Camden. "I was shocked by how much life there is here in Camden," Andrea says of those days. However, the truckers who dropped off the prostitutes on Broadway made her sad. She was reading about how Jesus responded to the people he met with the question: "What do you want?" Over and over again, their answer was the beginning of their healing. One rainy night, she invited a woman in for lasagna. As they talked, Andrea tried out the Jesus question, "What is it you want?" The woman said that she'd really like to garden. So over the next weeks, she and Andrea worked the soil. And over and over again, Andrea says, "I realized the depth of the lament that I was birthing, the

thousands of years of violence to women's bodies and to the earth." It felt biblical. She was learning to know women with the names of Eve, Rachel, and Sarah.

She took her interests to Father Doyle at Sacred Heart, and together they walked the eight-block neighborhood looking for space for gardens. "Eve's Garden" on Jasper Street was the first of these.

Her greenhouse came to the community by way of a donation from the local trash-to-steam incinerator. Originally, Andrea went there to propose that some of that waste steam be used to heat a greenhouse. The plant couldn't do that because of the liability of having children on their property, but they'd donate money for a greenhouse, they said. Symbolic restitution and multiplication in a greenhouse that now grows over ten thousand plants for neighborhood gardens.

Another industry who used to have to pay to get rid of its plastic barrels, which delivered high fructose corn syrup, began donating them to Andrea, who converts them to rain barrels as a fund raiser.

Paying Attention to the Sacred at Waterfront South

Father Doyle's congregation has embraced a vision of environmental justice.

Andrea's latest project, the Center for Environmental Transformation, is a former convent that, with sweat equity, is becoming a 28-bed retreat center. Here people of all faiths come to "green" their theology. "They'll see the systems and lifestyle choices that can create poverty or environmental justice," Andrea says.

Up and down Jasper Street are signs of the possibilities. At the corner of Jasper and Fourth, a mural with the faces of actual people in the community bears the

title, "We Shall Rise." Cesar Viveros-Herrera, a self-taught Mexican muralist interested in "healing walls," met for one year with the community about their ideas for it. Then the children of Sacred Heart School across the street painted the parachute cloth in their classrooms that together make the two-story mural. "Resurrection informed every step in the process of the mural," Andrea says.

These days Allan Lacayo, a retired electrician in the neighborhood, is installing lights into the mural wall, and he wants to weigh in on Andrea's piece of the resurrection: "She is a cornerstone of the community."

Andrea owns a row house in the neighborhood. Camden County schools

Hundreds of children and their parents have farmed with Andrea. In the empty lots, the park, backyards, and on porches.

have accepted her garden curriculum, and some of them have been integrating gardening and cooking into their history, science and other curricula.

Now a Catholic, Andrea and Father Doyle have collaborated to bring the concept of sacred ecology into the liturgy of the congregation. At the Feast of the Annunciation in March, they plant marigold seeds. At the Feast of the Assumption in August, they use marigolds to signify Mary's love for Jesus, each of them wearing a marigold to signify their love for Jesus. At Pentecost, they release those beneficial insects, red ladybugs, as little fires of the Spirit.



A land-based YACHT Club? That's what Eastern students created in this mission of Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today.

All of her work, Andrea says, is about trying to be Jesus at the curb. Looking back, she wonders how she could have gotten to this place where she can still play, still be like a child. She figures that Jesus on earth knew that kind of wonder and awe, too, during his education on earth.

Taking it Home

"Anyone want to take a sneak peak at magic happening?" Andrea asks the children gathered on Friday. She means in her oven—with its transformations of zucchini.

But she might be talking about Waterfront South. She might be talking about herself. She might be using a kid-friendly code word for Jesus. "After all," she says, "Camden isn't all that different than Nazareth. It has been said that nothing good comes from these places."

Yet in both places, she says, God's fierce imagination has the same problem: to find bodies to inhabit.

Her dark eyes shining, Miss Andrea moves among so many cooks in her

kitchen. The chickens are young and getting practice at laying, but their small eggs lift and bind the zucchini frittata pizza. The children are getting practice in making food and relationships.

"I get to trick them into eating healthy," Andrea says. It's an experiment in living her faith. But the smoothie has a little too much kale in it, some of them think, while others drink for the "muscle" in it. The roasted pineapple? A unanimous yes! "I think we worked well together," Crystal says as they gather up muffins and tomatoes, if they want them, to take home.

It's been a peaceful, green day in the neighborhood.

For more information on the curriculum and for recipes, go to: <http://healthycamden.blogspot.com/>

For information about the Center for Environmental Transformation, go to <http://camdencenterfortransformation.org>

To read more about Andrea's experience and that of others like her: *Claiming Earth as Common Ground: The Ecological Crisis Through the Lens of Faith* by Andrea Cohen-Kiener

RADICAL ROOTS: Telling Appalachian Stories

By Taylor Kirkland '06



Wendell
Berry



Judy
Bonds



Jason
Rutledge

Despite decades of involvement in movement building and political organizing, the image of Appalachian folks as complacent and submissive remains much the same in the national consciousness. The Radical Roots Project brings together the stories of individuals who are actively dismantling historic Appalachian stereotypes in unique and creative ways. Through instrument making, storytelling, horse logging, writing, farming, and environmental action, each story offers a framework for a new interpretation, understanding and meaning of resistance in Appalachia.

For a year I walked along riversides and in forests, sat on mountaintops, worked in woodshops, and helped care for farm animals with a handful of the regions most cherished and thoughtful people. Max Woody taught me how to turn chair spindles on the lathe, Rick Ward showed me how to play the double-knock banjo style, and Larry Gibson led the way as we were chased off his mountain by a Massey Energy security guard. Helen Lewis reflected on the birth of Appalachian Studies in the 1970's. Judy Bonds vividly described the danger she faces every day as a mountaintop removal activist, and Wendell Berry gave me suggestions on how to be truly radical. My main role was to listen. The Radical Roots Project offers these revelations through audio, photograph, and word.

What is Cultural Resistance?

From street corners and neighborhood pubs to backyard gardens and front porches, many citizens are harnessing the power within themselves and their communities to carry out forms of resistance that are



Taylor Kirkland (right) with Larry Gibson

Eastern's Environmental Leadership



Max
Woody



Helen
Lewis



Larry
Gibson



Rick
Ward



Doug
Elliot

culturally based. The Radical Roots Project explores these forms of resistance from the context of central and southern Appalachia.

Why Stories?

Stories connect us to the past and help us explore the possibilities of the future. From her home in Morganton, Georgia, Helen Lewis explained, “You have to start with what people know, and what they know best are their own personal histories. It is then that you can move to bigger questions about social change. Instead of blaming people for their supposed ‘problems,’ I’m interested in helping people look at the root causes of these issues and see how their story fits into that.”

For Doug Elliott, stories are our attempt at making sense of the chaos of our lives. “Our natural hook for narrative is why some people watch four hours of television a day. The problem with television is that what’s being told is a corporate story. It’s a story that drives an agenda narrowly focused on profit.” If real change is to happen, he argued, it must come first from the home. He said, “Many of the things we used to do at the household level—growing food, sewing, building things for the house—are now outsourced to different people in different places. There are a lot of people who do practically nothing for themselves. All they do is buy.” He concluded that regaining those skills offer us tangible ways of opposing an economy obsessed with material goods and commodities.

Larry Gibson echoed this idea as we sat overlooking a mountaintop removal site, a landscape destroyed by the obsession of a commodity. “The coal industry

will never understand the connection Appalachian folks have with their land,” he told me. “There’s a big difference between living on the land and living with the land. When you live with the land you see that it feeds you, provides shelter, and supplies everything you need for life. When you live on the land you see it as something secondary. You don’t experience the effects of its destruction.”

An important conclusion must also be made—stories aren’t automatic solutions. Broader connections to community development and democratic empowerment must be made in order for stories to become more than simple narratives. Whether or not stories and the people they represent allow individuals and communities to transcend oppression or injustice, they are vital to any successful resistance effort. More importantly, they are crucial in maintaining healthy, diverse, and resilient local communities. I am certain that the stories on this site have that kind of power.

Visit www.radicalrootsproject.org

Taylor Kirkland graduated from Eastern University in 2006 (business/marketing), completed his M.A. in Appalachian Studies and Sustainable Development at Appalachian State University (Boone, NC) in 2010, and now lives and works in Black Mountain, NC. The interviews on www.radicalrootsproject.org are the result of a year of researching, traveling, writing, and living out of the back of his car throughout central and southern Appalachia.

ECOTOURISM

Eastern University has developed a community-based ecotourism project, led by **Rev. Stan LeQuire**, an instructional designer and adjunct faculty member in Eastern University’s School of Leadership and Development. LeQuire works to conserve creation by promoting sensible tourism to communities; the residents also take ownership of the project and directly see the benefits. “This project relates strongly to Eastern’s commitment to faith, reason and justice, and training students in taking the whole Gospel to the whole world,” LeQuire said.

For example, this March Stan LeQuire traveled to the Guatemalan highlands for a site visit to a new ecotourism lodge being constructed in La Vega de Volcan. While in La Vega, he interviewed committee members to learn from their experiences in launching a new tourism business. This project is supported by economic development graduate **Nate Howard ’05** and the Mennonite Central Committee.

Now this Ecotourism project is on the Internet. Several graduate students have published a directory, called “Wild and Wonderful,” of ecotourism ventures established by faith-based, nongovernmental organizations. This directory is adapted into a fan page on Facebook called the “Ecotourism Network.” Please visit them both and support the work of these Christian businesses involved in economic development. Go to: <http://issuu.com/ecotourism/docs/directory>



Internship at the Philadelphia Zoo

Senior Ashleigh Patterson, a biology major, worked at the Philadelphia Zoo this summer in the Environmental Education and Animal Behavior internship program. She dealt mostly with children at the 10 Lego exhibits set up throughout the zoo. Each one represented an endangered species or habitat. Another part of her internship was to observe a baby Orangutan. She says, "I studied her growth and development and tried to measure her increase in independence. My senior thesis is also related to this topic." Patterson hopes to work at a zoo after graduation and says of her education at Eastern, "I'm well prepared to go into my field."

National Recognition for Eastern's Environmental Leadership



Audubon Magazine Applauds Eastern

Eastern University's environmental work was noted in the May-June 2010 issue of *Audubon Magazine*. The article, "Have Faith" by Kiera Butler, states that environmentalism is gaining a foothold in some of the nation's largest evangelical churches, and Christian colleges are going green at breakneck speed.

Butler references a 2008 Eastern University trip when students toured a mountaintop removal mining site in Appalachia and then drafted a petition to erect a

wind farm as an alternative to coal mining.

This Shoutin' for the Mountain event was organized by college students across the country to point out the dangers of mountaintop removal in the Appalachian Mountains. Mountaintop removal is done by eliminating layers of mountains to dig deeper into coal regions. This produces electricity. However, this process requires entire mountaintops to be dynamited, bulldozed and pushed into the nearby fresh valleys and streams. This can often lead to poverty and environmental destruction such as pollution, deadly floods, toxic water, and destroyed ecosystems.

The Eastern University mission of faith, reason and justice often inspires students to take action on behalf of those suffering from injustice. In this case, it was environmental concerns that motivated them. Other students are active in programs for the poor, the homeless, those in prison and marginalized people throughout the world.

For more information about mountaintop conservation, visit www.christiansforthemountains.org



Sierra Club Recognizes Eastern for Faith in Action

When the Sierra Club published its first national report on faith community efforts to protect the environment: *Faith in Action: Communities of Faith Bring Hope for the Planet*, it chose Eastern University to represent Pennsylvania. The report recognized just one exceptional faith-based environmental initiative from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Student Research in Idaho

Senior Meaghan Bennett worked with the Center for Research on Invasive Species and Small Populations program at the University of Idaho. She studied the susceptibility of Rush Skeletonweed—an invasive species—genotypes to Rush Skeletonweed Rust Fungus—a natural pathogen. The main experiment was run in a greenhouse with 300 plants and the results were backed up with field surveys of areas in ID, WA, OR, MT, and CA. Meaghan is majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and environmental studies. She is considering an invitation to work at a research station in Switzerland next year studying biocontrol agents for invasive species.



Every Day is Earth Day

April 22, 2010 was the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. The Eastern University community worked together to create a new green space where the historic log cabin once stood. Student Earthkeepers also hosted a Green Olympics and showed the film *No Impact Man*.



Honored by Renewal

Eastern University is among 52 Christian colleges and universities honored by Renewal: Students Caring for Creation, a student-led, Christian environmental group that published the *Green Awakenings Campus Report*. **Brittany Bennett**, an environmental studies major at Eastern, was featured as a student leader for her work as president of Earthkeepers. Eastern University also hosted the first Renewal Summit in the fall of 2008 when students from across the country gathered for workshops, speakers and networking.

"Being involved at Eastern, a school that teaches a lot about justice, has really helped me to see environmental issues as justice issues because they can deeply affect neighborhoods and communities," says senior Brittany Bennett. "Our curriculum reflects a holistic view and incorporates stewardship."

Earthkeepers partners with the Natural Areas Committee at Eastern, led by **John Munro '73**, of Munro Ecological Services in Harleysville, PA. On Saturdays, they build bird, duck and bat houses; clean up our lakes and natural areas; and improve the St. Davids walking trails. As part of their work with Renewal, Earthkeepers also holds three major events: Days of Service, Prayer and Advocacy. In February, they will team up with Students in Free Enterprise to sponsor another recycling and energy conservation challenge in the residence halls.

Bennett says, "Taking care of creation is not just for certain people, but should be a part of your life and world view. Renew your connection to everything God has made and reestablish this ancient relationship. Taking part in restoring creation is taking part in redemption."

This is not the first time Bennett has been featured for her environmental efforts. She was part of a Greenpeace video produced last year.

For more information on Renewal, visit www.renewingcreation.org



Hands-on Learning in a Community Garden

By Elizabeth Wilson '09

Eastern's graduate students are accustomed to 30-page papers and learning copious amounts of information. But equally daunting is our desire to engage the local community, the Philadelphia area, and the world. In our sustainable development class, past of the Master of Arts in Economic Development program, we longed to get dirty, work in the community and practice what we have learned.

Our professor, **Rev. Stan LeQuire**, contacted Frazer Mennonite Church about their Ploughshares Community Garden. We offered to perform an environmental assessment, which can be a valuable tool that helps ensure the sustainability of development projects. **Meridith Ridington**, an advisor to the community garden, invited us to work in the garden on a beautiful Saturday morning in March. With shovels in hand we tilled, dug stubborn roots, and readied the garden for planting. For some students, this agricultural work was a new experience; for others it was a welcome return to a known and loved interaction with the land.

Our next step was to discover the community that the Ploughshares Garden serves. This research helped prepare us for the environmental assessment tool which includes questions such as: What parts of the environment are most valued by the local community? How might this project impact the valued parts of the environment? How will you avoid negative impacts and promote positive impacts? How will you monitor the project impacts on the environment?

Later in the spring, we participated in a meeting with gardeners from the surrounding community. About half of the gardeners were Hispanic and the other half were Caucasian. Our classmate **Naida Montes**, who is fluent in Spanish, helped translate the meeting. We planned a participatory learning activity with the gardeners to hear their input, advice, and personal knowledge. We learned that many of the Latino gardeners have a rich farming heritage. The two-hour meeting was richly informative.

At the end of our class, we presented a 40-page report to the Ploughshares Community Gardeners. Meridith Ridington said, "My desire is to have a sustainable garden that meets the needs of the local community. So the advice of the environmental assessment to transition the garden from a ministry-based program to a community-based program is something that I am undertaking."

Our time spent in partnership with the Frazer Mennonite Church remains a major highlight of our graduate program at Eastern University's School of Leadership and Development. Classmate **Zemedkun Habtyimer** said, "I want to express my appreciation to the church leadership, Ray Hurst, Meridith and others who envisioned such a creative means to minister to a poor neighborhood." **Naomi Sonne** said, "It was neat to be able to come alongside them and to take part, in a small way, in one tangible aspect of God's kingdom."



ONE VILLAGE COFFEE

A Life-changing Business Began Brewing at Eastern

By Allison Auclair

Five years ago, young alumni **Scott Hackman '02, Aaron Peazzoni '02, Rob Altieri '02** and **Andrea Hackman (Nolt) '02** began reflecting on their education at Eastern and brainstorming ways that they could use what they learned to make a positive impact on the world.

"We knew that we wanted to do transformational work and help the world one village at a time," Scott said. "The seeds behind cultivating justice were planted at Eastern."

In 2006, they came up with the coffee idea. Scott, a youth ministry major and psychology minor, asked his dad to help with the research and development phase. The team began building relationships with villages in Nigeria, while starting to form a business plan for becoming a craft roaster. Craft roasting, the art of taking the raw coffee bean and applying heat for a specified amount of time to attain the best flavor from each origin, is a crucial skill to have in the coffee industry. It was important that these communities could produce the highest quality coffee beans that also support sustainability.

The result was One Village Coffee (OVC), founded in March, 2007 with the goal of directing for-profit monetary goals to non-profit partners in small community villages around the world. OVC was launched in Souderton, PA and became a Certified B Corporation, which uses the power of business to solve social and environmental problems.

Today, One Village Coffee is sold in approximately 300 locations in the United States. It's the top coffee provider for local Whole Foods Markets. The majority of beans come from Indonesia, Africa, Mexico, Uganda, Rwanda, and Central and South America.

"Not only do we strive to create an exceptional cup of coffee in every roast, but we also believe our coffee is only as good as the communities we support," Hackman said. "We're committed to helping communities both locally and internationally as we partner with organizations doing unique community development projects."

On a daily basis, OVC employees take orders from their nationwide customers, roast the coffee that was ordered the previous day, then bag, package and ship it out the same day. The fresh coffee is delivered the day after it was roasted.

Scott, Andrea, Aaron and Rob each took the skills they learned at Eastern seriously and played a vital role in the development of OVC. Aaron and Rob are still employed at OVC, while Scott and Andrea decided to take time away to pursue master's degrees. Andrea graduated from Eastern University's Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies with an MBA in international development in 2009. Scott is obtaining his MA in congregational leadership.

"One Village Coffee would not exist if it wasn't for Eastern University," Scott said. "That's where we learned concepts behind individualism, materialism and consumer goods, and began questioning how we can contribute to a cause bigger than ourselves."

To learn more about One Village Coffee, visit www.onevillagecoffee.com.





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HOPE IN GAZA

By Andrew F. Bush, Associate Professor of Missions

Traveling into Gaza this July on behalf of the Palestinian Bible Society, I was gripped with unease at the Erez crossing, one of the entry points from Israel. Israel's newly constructed immigration terminal was completely empty except for a French journalist and myself. Crowds can convey a sense of normalcy and safety; their absence in places that should be bustling is foreboding. My anxiety was not eased when, having passed through immigration, I had to walk across a half mile of no-man's-land. The walkway was entirely enclosed with chain link fencing. Lizards clinging to the wire mesh were the only thing moving under the scorching desert sun. A wheel chair abandoned along the way underscored the strangeness of the scene.

This desolate crossing would prove to be indicative of the brokenness of life in Gaza. The purpose of my journey was to meet with the representatives of the Christian community in Gaza, and to check out the relief efforts of the Bible Society. Although I hoped to encourage these stalwart brothers and sisters, I would leave inspired by their witness of love and perseverance under unimaginable pressure.

My guide, Nabeel, and I plunged into the streets of Gaza city. My first impressions were of donkey carts clogging the roads and small children everywhere, dodging between cars and carrying heavy loads. We delivered food

parcels to families in which no member was working. We met exhausted mothers, listless men, and very hungry kids. Kitchen cupboards were completely bare. It hurt to see the need. As Nabeel succinctly said, "Gaza could use a hand." Indeed. 40-50% of Gazans are unemployed. There is food in the markets, but thousands of families have no money to purchase even basic staples.

Food isn't the only need. In the sweltering heat the overhead fans were motionless. Electricity is a luxury that many can't afford. Even if there is money, electricity is in scarce supply. A combination of Israel's blockade of Gaza and inter-Palestinian political fighting have resulted in the main generator in Gaza being intermittently shut down. Without electricity to make ice at the fish market, the day's catch was laid out on the hot pavement. At night the streets are dark. Shops that can afford it have small generators running on the sidewalks, which filled the air with cheap diesel exhaust fumes.

Water filtration is also essential because ordinary tap water is too saline to drink. Yet, many can't afford the \$220 filters. The Bible Society is providing them for the most needy families, and I met some very thankful recipients.

For Christians, the spiritual climate is as hostile as the poverty is oppressive. Under the Islamic militancy of the Hamas-led government, Christians are facing increasing pressure. Christian

women are now being urged to wear head coverings. If you have every wondered if the 'C' in YMCA still means anything, ask the Christians of Gaza. In the evenings, the YMCA is an oasis, its large compound filled with Gazan Christians laughing, relaxing, and trying to snatch some moments of respite from the pressures of daily life.

In October of 2007, Rami Ayyad, the director of the Bible Society's office in Gaza, was abducted and murdered by militants. In spite of this attack, the 80-member Baptist church in Gaza is carrying on in the faith, discreetly meeting families who hunger for something more than a bag of flour.

The highlight of my visit was a morning with Hannah Massad, the pastor of the Baptist church. The compound around Hannah's home was fragrant with the perfume of fruit trees and jasmine flowers. Hannah gave me the history of each tree - when his father had planted it and what care it needed. After Rami's murder, Hannah had to leave Gaza because of continued threats. He is now residing in Amman, Jordan with his wife and children, and returning every few months to encourage the congregation. Hannah is a quiet man. He spoke of his love for all Gazans, and his hope for peace with Israel. Asked how the church is doing, Hannah described their joy in worship. "It is hard being a Gazan," he said, "but there is Jesus."

We Grow: A Young Couple Serving in Uganda



By Emily Cody '11

Joe Terranova '08, and his wife, Melissa, didn't set out to begin a life and thriving business in Uganda. It was one of those beautiful things that happened to them by chance and ended up changing the course of their lives.

Joe Terranova was born in Lebanon and graduated from Eastern in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Melissa decided to forgo the college experience and spent those years working as a nanny, saving money to make trips abroad. After graduating from Eastern, Joe moved to Uganda in 2008, mainly because his future wife was living there. The couple was married in Uganda that year.

The couple worked with an organization that empowers Africans through economic sustainability and creative endeavors. They worked with displaced Acholi women who made paper beaded necklaces which were sold in the U.S.

This experience allowed the Terranovas to gain knowledge of Ugandan culture. It also sparked the idea for their current venture. After returning to the States, Joe and Melissa recognized that their work in Uganda was unfinished. "When we were home we kept thinking about Uganda and felt called back," Joe said. They recognized a need to bring economic sustainability and resourceful solutions to the people of Uganda. The result is Tukula, which means "we grow" in Lugandan and is the perfect description of Joe and Melissa's journey.

Tukula invests in three independent Ugandan tailors who are given consistent weekly product orders. The handbags and satchels they produce are then sold in the U.S. The products, which can be found at <http://www.tukula.org> are unique and beautifully crafted pieces.

One of the goals of Tukula is to expand, but only to the extent that they can still adequately invest in the communities and tailors they work with. The Terranovas say, "We definitely feel that it's most important to keep relationships instead of concentrating most on growth or profits or helping as many people as we can. We feel those relationships will bring the long lasting change that everyone hopes to see in the world of poverty."

The work of this young couple, who now reside in Bukuya, southern Uganda, extends far beyond their young business. The excess profits of the company are being used to help build rain water harvesting tanks in communities who don't have clean drinking water. The Terranovas have recognized the importance of building and cultivating relationships with the Ugandan people. They characterize these projects as "hand-ups" rather than "hand-outs" and recognize that long lasting solutions will have more impact than temporary fixes.



Waging Peace in Kosovo

By Peder Wiegner '08

Kosovo has been plagued with a long list of problems and obstacles ranging from poor infrastructure and education, to high unemployment and lack of opportunity for young people, to organized crime and corruption, to a lack of worldwide recognition as an independent state. Kosovo is also the only country in Europe without visa liberalization, making it the only country whose people are not allowed to travel freely throughout Europe. As my friend and colleague put it, "We are like the black hole in the Balkans."

I am a 2008 graduate in political science from Eastern University, currently serving with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Kosovo as a peace development worker. In the 1990's, MCC provided relief and aid, via their partner organizations, to Kosovo during war time (1998-1999). During the war, many Albanians and Serbs died. Many of the Serbs who lived in Kosovo fled to Serbia and other countries. Albanians become refugees all over the world. There is currently a majority Albanian population who suffered under policies of discrimination and racism during the Slobodan Milosevic years.

Examples of extreme vio-

lence, such as massacres, can be found on both sides, Albanian and Serbian, not to mention the NATO bombings which brought "freedom and death at the same time." Freedom was brought to the Albanians, and death and destruction to the Serbs.

During my time at Eastern I participated in a number of projects that involved traveling. These projects took me to countries where conflict or war had taken place or was still going on. These trips allowed me to learn first-hand who was involved in the conflict, and what kinds of creative nonviolent initiatives were underway in those places to stop violence, discrimination and racism. I always

received lots of support from my professors at Eastern. In many cases I would not have been able to make these trips if it were not for their guidance. And in almost all cases, I went with fellow Easterners.

I work with three local non-governmental organizations: Action for Nonviolence and Peacebuilding, Community Building Mitrovica, and Close to Children. I help all of them with the English dimension of their work, specifically: report and proposal writing and editing, strategy building, and photography.

Action for Nonviolence and Peacebuilding is working on cutting-edge peacebuilding initiatives in the Gjilan/Gnjilane region of Kosovo. They have been building a network among key Serbian and Albanian young adults in Gjilan and have been training them in nonviolent action, nonviolent communication, community organizing, advocacy, breaking down of stereotypes, and the arts. Equipped with these skills, the youth can decide for themselves the best ways to engage the institutions and powers in the region. Right now they are working on a project to establish a Multicultural Youth Center. One thing missing in Gjilan is a proper place for youth to gather and spend their time, express themselves with the arts, learn a new language, learn basic skills for future employment, and get to know their neighbors, Serbs and Albanians. The vision that ANP has for the region of Gjilan as well as for Kosovo and all of the Balkans, is to promote a culture of nonviolence.

I will be working with MCC in Kosovo until the summer of 2012.

If you would like to contact me to learn more, e-mail me at peder.wiegner@gmail.com



JODINA HICKS HELPS BUILD URBAN PROMISE

Jodina Hicks arrived in Camden, NJ, as a first-year student at Eastern University who wanted to "make a difference," in 1988. Her first assignment was to teach a Sunday School class for 13 middle school girls. The girls did their best to scare off their new, young teacher. But Sunday after Sunday Jodina kept coming back, slowly gaining their trust and respect.

Over the next 12 years, Jodina helped Dr. Bruce Main build the ministry of Urban Promise. She created the Street Leader Program, a dynamic teen employment and leadership initiative. She worked with him to open the Urban Promise Academy in 1997, a high school which has become a last-chance educational opportunity for our most vulnerable teens.

In 2000, Jodina left Urban Promise to attain her law degree from Rutgers University and move into the nonprofit world of prison reform and prisoner reentry—a critical mission that helps formerly incarcerated men and women successfully transition back into civilian life. After a few years with Public/Private Ventures in Philadelphia, she went to Chicago to become vice president of the SAFER Foundation, the premiere prisoner reentry program in the country.

In July, Jodina returned to Urban Promise to assume the role of executive director, managing over 60 full-time staff members and a \$3.2 million budget. Dr. Bruce Main, president of Urban Promise, said, "Our ministry is in incredibly capable hands and poised for a dynamic new chapter under Jodina's leadership."



Melyssa Searcy (left to right), Sarah Osbaugh, Bettie Ann Brigham, Kirsten Lowell, Jason Strickhouser, Steve Hedrick, Representative William Adolph, and Dr David Black

Habitat for Humanity Chapter Recognized for Outstanding Service by PA House of Representatives and William Adolf

The Eastern University Habitat for Humanity Chapter received recognition for outstanding service on September 20 from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Delaware County Representative William Adolf. This official award was given for the students' participation in Act! Speak! Build! Week held April 11-17, 2010.

Dr. David Black, President of Eastern University, and **Bettie Ann Brigham '74**, Vice President for Student Development, joined students **Melyssa Searcy, Sarah Osbaugh, Kirsten Lowell, Jason Strickhouser** and **Steve Hedrick** in accepting this award from Representative William Adolph.

During Act! Speak! Build! Week, 43 Eastern University students became Habitat for Humanity advocates and 55 students wrote letters to elected officials asking them to support efforts for affordable, secure housing for vulnerable American families. A dozen students volunteered for a Habitat for Humanity Workday in Philadelphia, PA, on April 17.

In recognition of all these efforts on behalf of those who seek affordable housing, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives named September 20, 2010 "Eastern University's Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity Day" in Pennsylvania. Eastern University has had an active campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity since September of 1988, making it one of the first college chapters established in the U.S.



Soft spoken, kind, and self aware, **Maria Mahalik '10** has all the makings of a natural leader. Maria is an adult student, a mother of three, and is graduating from Eastern in December with a degree in communications with a theater concentration. She works in graduate admissions and intends to pursue her graduate degree.

After losing her husband in 2003, Maria was left with much uncertainty. As a method of healing, one of her pastors at Covenant Fellowship in Glen Mills, PA, Marty Machowski, suggested she use her talents to begin a drama ministry. The Backstage Players began with the children in grades 1-4. The ministry consists of a series of short skits that are performed on the first and third Sunday each month. The group is now a mix of high school and college students, as well as young adults who are members of Covenant Fellowship. Every week, characters go through different scenarios and deal with potential problems as they progress through the Bible.

All of this has served as a therapeutic technique for Maria while coping with her tragic loss. She says, "This was both my dream and my way of getting through this."

Maria's assistant in the ministry, **Michelle (Smith) Moraga '06** agrees. Michelle is an Eastern graduate who teaches drama at Delaware County Christian School. She says, "I've learned

Maria Mahalik '10, center, with members of The Backstage Players

that Maria is a woman of wisdom and faith; she is simultaneously one of the gentlest, yet strongest women I know."

Maria speaks fondly about her relationships with the actors, "I had teens who are now in college who still come back to help act and direct; they love it! It's an outlet for them, too." One of the actors, Melissa Farmer, says, "The Backstage Players was one of the highlights of my transition from high school to college years. I would often forget that I was technically serving the kids because it was such a delightful investment of my time."

Maria says, "Much of my education has been life experience, but Eastern helped me grow tremendously in my studies here and in my life. It all just kind of worked together." About her education, Michelle says, "My time in the theatre program at Eastern was one of the best times of my life and something that still shapes who I am and what I do."

Science is Fun

For over a decade, Eastern has partnered with Barry Elementary School in West Philadelphia to enrich the educational experience for its students. This visit to the St. Davids campus was organized by **Liz Vaughan**, president of the Chemistry Club, and showed the youngsters that science can be fun - especially when you are making "slime polymers."



Junior biochemistry major **Melvin Thomas** (above) with Barry School students.

Junior elementary education major **Malinda Shannon** (left). Not shown are Eastern students **Tara Schisler** and **Lisa Pagano**, both senior chemistry majors.

Helping Fight Malaria with Operation Net

Kali Fairchild, a student in Eastern University's economic development program, is working to prevent the spread of Malaria worldwide by purchasing and distributing mosquito nets through her organization, Operation Net.



Malaria is an infectious disease transmitted through mosquito bites and killing one million people every year. Mosquito nets play an important role in controlling the disease. Fairchild had the opportunity to learn about malaria during a two-week mission trip to Uganda in 2008. Following her experiences there, Fairchild founded Operation Net and began fundraising with the goal of raising enough money to send 1,000 mosquito nets to the people of Uganda. She surpassed that goal in just six months and raised \$20,000, sending 2,000 nets to help prevent the spread of malaria. Now, she is expanding these efforts to include Haiti.

Fairchild has also started a group at Eastern University for Operation Net and participated with 30 others in a nationwide "sleep out" to raise awareness about malaria.

For more information on Operation Net, visit <http://www.operationnet.org>.

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WOODEN WATERWHEEL RETURNS TO CAMPUS

Eastern University's historic Waterwheel, built in 1912 to power water fountains on the Walton Estate, has been rebuilt thanks in part to the classes of 2009 and 2010. It was removed July 15 and taken to Caprioli Masonry in Paoli, PA. The rebuilt wooden wheel was returned to the St. Davids campus on August 19. Using the old Waterwheel as a pattern, the new wheel was created by Bob Regn from recovered cypress from Louisiana that is over 100 years old. The original Waterwheel was also built of cypress.



DEDICATION OF THE JANET LONG MALL COTTAGE

Family, friends and colleagues joined together on October 1 to dedicate The Janet Long Mall Cottage at St. Davids, honoring the memory of Janet L. Long, Ed.D. who passed away after a valiant battle with cancer. Janet served the Eastern University community of students, faculty and administration with joy and dedication for 17 years, most recently as the Executive Director of Student Accounts and Financial Aid.

Ben O'Donnell Prepares for Pararescue

Following his final year as an Eastern University Men's Lacrosse Player, **Ben O'Donnell '08** missed the Spring Awards Banquet where he was to receive the League's prestigious Scholar Athlete Award. Eastern's leader in career goals had made a prior commitment to start the grueling process toward becoming a member of Air Force Pararescue.

O'Donnell was featured this fall in an episode of the Discovery Channel's *Surviving the Cut* which tracks the training regimen of the elite forces in the U.S. Armed Forces. Air Force Pararescue undergo rigorous training to prepare for rescue missions in some of the most dangerous areas of the world. They are the most highly trained combat search and rescue experts in U.S. Special Operations. When a pilot goes down behind enemy lines, these are the experts who stop at nothing to get him out. Nicknamed "PJs", they are also surgically trained combat medics. Full training to become a PJ takes more than two years.

Those who know Ben O'Donnell are not surprised that he would commit himself to a life of helping others, nor are they surprised that he would take such a difficult path to do it.



For up-to-the-minute athletic news, visit www.goesterneagles.com

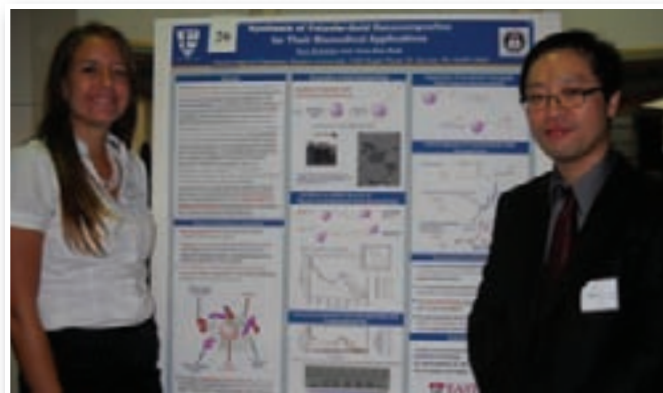
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Achievements, Publications and Presentations

Dr. Julia Stewart, chair of the Language Department, reports that her article on Argentina writer Jorge Luis Borges will be included in *Short Story Criticism, Vol. 148*, a library reference publication. The article "Borges and Chesterton: Theologians of the Detective Story" was originally published by the journal *Christianity and Foreign Languages*.

Dr. Tony Blair reports that his book, *Church and Academy in Harmony: Models of Collaboration for the Twenty-First Century* was published in August by Pickwick Publications. It looks specifically at Eastern University as one of three case study institutions. The book explores Eastern as an "incarnational model" and **Dr. David Black** wrote a recommendation for the back cover. Dr. Blair is an associate professor of Leadership Studies and a program development specialist.

He made academic presentations at the International Leadership Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA; The Conference on Corporate Governance and the Global Financial Crisis at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; and The Academy of Management, Montreal, Canada.



Dr. Joon-Seo Park, assistant professor, Department of Chemistry along with undergraduate chemistry student **Tara Schisler '11** (above) presented a poster at the Undergraduate Research at the Capitol event in Harrisburg, PA. **Lisa Pagano '11**, also presented a poster prepared with **Dr. George Lorenzo**.

Mark D. Puterbaugh, information systems librarian, and **Malinda Shannon** (Class of 2012) and **Heather Gorton '09** (currently a grad student at SUNY Albany) have had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. The article is "A Survey of Nurses' Attitudes Toward Distance Education and the Educational Use of 3-D Virtual Environments."



Serving Cuban Christians

Dr. Craig Keener, professor of New Testament at Palmer Seminary, taught pastors' conferences in Santiago and Havana, Cuba, last summer. The first copies of the Spanish translation of his book, *Biblical Interpretation*, were distributed while he was there. Dr. Keener is program chair for the Institute for Biblical Research and the author of numerous articles in academic journals and on the Web. He also serves as associate minister at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Dr. Walter Chung, professor of Counseling Psychology, has earned the credential of Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Doctoral level. There are only about 500 BCBA's in PA. Dr. Chung's empirical research article "Stress and Age: A Comparison of Asian American and Non-Asian American Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities" was published by the *Journal of Developmental and Physical Disabilities* in August, 2010.

Dr. Susan Edgar-Smith and **Dr. Ruth Palmer**, associate professors in the Counseling Psychology Department, published "Does Psychodynamic Theory Have a Place Within the School?" in *The Pennsylvania Psychologist*. They also presented a poster, along with **Kathy Van Horn**, an associate faculty member, at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies Conference in Kansas City, MO.

Dr. Elvira Ramirez, associate professor of Spanish, traveled to Lima, Perú, in March 2010 to attend the IX Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispánica. She delivered a paper entitled "Interpretación metaficticia y paródica de El amor en los tiempos del cólera." Her presentation discussed the renowned novel by Latin American author Gabriel García Márquez from the perspective of metafiction and parody.

David Ober, a third-year doctoral student at Eastern University, was inducted into the Developers of Outlet Centers and Retailers Hall of Fame. This honor was in recognition of his efforts over the past decade to bring top brand names to Central PA shoppers as general partner of Rockvale Outlets in Lancaster and vice president of leasing at The Outlets at Hershey. Ober has been quoted in *Smart Money Magazine* and *Value Retail News* as an outlet retail industry expert.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY



Paul Felker '91, lecturer of social work; **Zbysek Brezina**, assistant professor of history; **Charlene Chen McGrew**, assistant professor of social work; **Steven McGuire**, assistant professor of political science; **Michael Lee**, assistant professor of history; **Hans Tokke**, lecturer in nonprofit management; **Heather Young**, affiliate in Spanish. Not pictured: **Michael Thomas**, visiting assistant professor in psychology; **Paul Alexander**, professor of Christian ethics and public policy at Palmer Seminary.

BARNABAS SERVANT-LEADERS



Jennifer Kane (left to right), **Emily Felkamp**, **Dave Christenson** and **Robyn Holt** won the Barnabas Servant-Leadership Awards for their outstanding scholarship and service.

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South Korean Nursing Students Train at Lankenau Hospital

Eastern University, in partnership with Lankenau Hospital, has served as the host for the Korean Global Workplace Training Program for the last three years. This year, 14 Korean nursing students were selected in a competitive process to participate in the 16-week program. Seoul Women's College of Nursing coordinates the selection process, along with several other colleges. In addition to Lankenau, these students observed nursing care at Main Line Health Hospitals: Bryn Mawr Rehab and Homecare Network; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; the University of Pennsylvania Hospital; Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital; Melmark; and the Assisted Living Community at Paoli Pointe.

Students **Yuri Kim** and **Eunhye Jeong** said, "We were amazed by the relationships between the nurses and social workers. They all worked together toward meeting patient needs, increasing patient satisfaction, and assuring patient comfort."

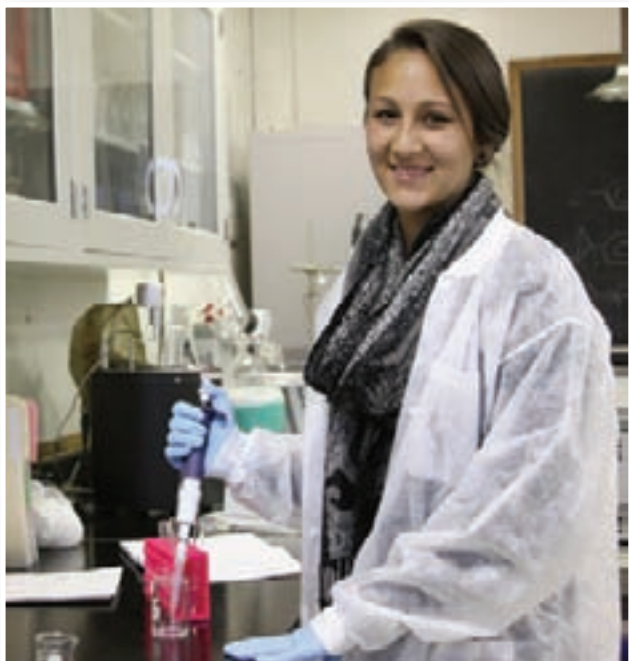
Sung Chon Yoo, MSN, BSN, the coordinator of the Korean Nurse Summer Program at Eastern University, says, "We had a wonderful opportunity to learn about the U.S health care system during the 16 weeks. The students' understanding of nursing skills grew and changed during this experience. I am confident that they will continue to develop our profession in the future."



Students at Supreme Court



Fourteen Eastern students and one alum camped outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. when it was hearing the case of Snyder versus Phelps. **Tim Eckhart** organized the trip through the Political Awareness Club. Student **Bethany Hacker** says, "This is a very controversial case, and I wanted to have a first hand account of the protesters and picketers. Many of us wanted to share the love of God rather than preach of a hateful God which the protesters claim Him to be. This was the best experience of my life." Student **Christy McCoy** says, "This trip was an excellent way to get out of the classroom and watch the American government in action. Getting to walk into the courtroom and hear and see the Justices is completely worth the cold, the distant bathrooms and the occasional shower while out on the sidewalk!"



Templeton Honors College Student Receives Quaker Chemical Foundation Scholarship

Thanks to a generous grant from The Quaker Chemical Foundation, the Eastern University Chemistry Department has named **Katelyn Rittenhouse** as this year's Quaker Chemical Foundation Scholar. Rittenhouse, a sophomore biochemistry major, is a student in the Templeton Honors College and a member of the Eastern University women's soccer team.

Katherine Coughenour, chair of the Quaker Chemical Foundation and a product manager at Quaker Chemical, said, "Quaker is a technical company with strong R&D capabilities; therefore, a number of our Foundation's activities are focused on educational initiatives, especially the sciences. We congratulate Katelyn on this award, and wish her well in her academic endeavors and future career in the sciences."

The award will allow Rittenhouse to participate in laboratory research under faculty mentor **Dr. Joon-Seo Park**, assistant professor of chemistry, on the synthesis of polymer-gold nanocomposites for biomedical application. This research will result in both oral and written presentations to the Eastern University campus community.

Rod Snyder Elected President of Young Democrats of America

Rod Snyder '02, was elected the 39th President of the Young Democrats of America (YDA) at the organization's national conference in Washington, D.C. Snyder graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in political science from Eastern University where he served as president of the student body from 2000-2001. Snyder was a member of the Leadership Grant Program and Honors Program. He was a recipient of the Barnabas Servant Leadership Award and the Student Body Award for overall achievement.

Snyder currently works as director of public policy with the National Corn Growers Association in Washington, D.C. and resides on his family's farm in Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia.

Snyder previously served as President of the West Virginia Young Democrats from 2007-2009. In 2005, Snyder was named the state's Outstanding Young Democrat of the Year. He is the son of West Virginia State Senator Herb Snyder.

During the 2008 election cycle, Snyder managed three successful campaigns in West Virginia, including the election of the youngest ever female legislator in the history of the state, Delegate Tiffany Lawrence.

Snyder is an accomplished singer/songwriter and was a semifinalist on season four of the television show American Idol. In 2006, he released his debut full-length album entitled Leaving Hollywood Behind.

The Young Democrats of America is the largest youth-led, national, partisan political organization. YDA mobilizes young people under the age of 36 to participate in the electoral process, influences the ideals of the Democratic Party, and develops the skills of the youth generation to serve as leaders at the local and national level. YDA has been the official youth arm of the Democratic Party since 1932. Since 2002, YDA has operated independently of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) as a nonfederal 527 political organization.

Visit www.yda.org

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1950's

Jo Ann (Layne) Brittain '55 and husband James live in North Carolina. Jo Ann has taught students of all ages in South Carolina, West Virginia, Georgia, and England. She has also worked with students with impaired hearing and those who speak English as a second language.

Elizabeth (Hill) Cutting '58 and husband David celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

Joseph Tatta '55 and wife **Carol (Hill) '58** celebrated when the eighth Tatta, their granddaughter **April '10**, graduated from Eastern. Joe taught history for 38 years at the Haverford School, was an instructor for 42 years at the Main Line Adult School, and an adjunct professor at Villanova and Eastern Universities. Joe has been a member of the Alumni Council from 1958-1978 and 2000-present.

Robert Vance '55 lives in Washington. At age 77, he traveled to the Amazon (Rio Maranon) where he served 45 years ago with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Robert serves as the Associate Pastor at Laurel Community Baptist Church. He still rides his motorcycle and belongs to the Christian Bikers Church which meets on Saturday mornings.

M. Douglass Wiley '55 continues to do interim ministry - his 5th since

retiring in 2000. His memories from Eastern include how the faculty was his family because they "exercised compassion and concern as well as (being) committed to education."

1960's

Emmanuel "Mannie" Awatefe-Tetsola '63 serves on Delta State Civil Service Commission in Nigeria. He says, "I set foot on Eastern's soil in September 1960 and had a great and wonderful academic and social experience for three years. Like Apostle St. Paul who studied at the feet of Gamaliel, I had many Gamaliels - **Dr. George Claghorn, Dr. Duane Sayles, Tom Bryon**, Rev. Burrows of First Baptist, Malvern to name a few."

Marilyn (McGloughlin) Berger '60 married Bill Berger in 1996. She has two step-daughters and four grandchildren. She is a retired business education teacher and a member, for over 60 years, of the First Baptist Church of Collingswood, NJ.

Lewis Bryan '60 has been married to Becky since 1965. He is a retired English teacher from the Radnor Township School District and was president of the Radnor Township Education Association, and served as the English department chair for eight years. He's a member of the Great Valley Presbyterian Church and enjoys golf, fresh and salt water fly fishing, and reading (has read over 600 novels since retiring in 1998).

W. Roy '65 and **Theresa (Hickling) '66 Church** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in July. They are selling their home in hopes of moving closer to their children and grandchildren. Roy does freelance writing for the economic development group, the city of Wabash, IN, and Wabash Friends Church. Their main hobby is spending time with their two children and six grandchildren.

Joan (Martz) Cline '60 has been married to Daniel since 1966 and they have one son. Joan is active in two United Methodist Churches: organist/choir director of one; member and holding leadership responsibilities in the other.

Larry '60 and **Nancy (Kinsman) '62 Curtis** have enjoyed many opportunities to play guitar, piano, and sing together in churches throughout Indiana. They have traveled to all 50 states and most of the Canadian provinces as well many European countries, all of Central America, and several trips to Mexico with the Heifer Project.

Patricia (King) DeMeurers '60 earned her MA in special education and a PhD in special education/ early intervention. She has been teaching for many years and has received recognition several times, including teacher of the year for the state of Maine in 1993.

Ann (Steinbright) Edwards '60 is married to **Blake Edwards '73**, a retired pastor. Ann is a former statistician/computer scientist at DuPont. She sings with the Christian Artist Singers, is active in church ministries, is the church treasurer, and is president of the Concordville branch of the NGA, a new clothing charity. Ann received the Marom Bettie Award in 2008.

Graham Freeman '60 and wife Jean celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on January 19, 2010. They minister to the men and women in the local prison weekly with the team from Calvary Baptist in New Bern, NC.

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

Joyce (Parkinson) Hackenyos '60 and husband Charles celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in July. Joyce is a tutor of English composition at the Penn State University Abington campus. She sings in two church choirs

with Charles, who is the choir director and organist at one of the churches. Joyce helps with the preparation of meals for Aid for Friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Southampton. Her most cherished memory from Eastern is singing with the touring choir with their wonderful director, **Dr. "Frosty" Anderson**.

William Stanton Holloway '65 retired in 2008 after 36 years as senior psychologist for the Souderton Area School District. Stan also completed his 27th JFK 50-mile-run in 2009. He enjoys golf and tennis, and has one grandson with another on the way. Stan's memories of Eastern include playing #1 singles for Eastern's undefeated team in 1965, the national tournament in Kansas City, MO., and teaching psychology classes from 1968-1972.

Arlin Hunsberger '62 has spent about 18 years in Haiti (not consecutively) since graduating from Eastern. He retired in 1997 and has served in Haiti with the Mennonite Central Committee, Church World Service, Goshen College, and Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). Arlin served as a consultant for PADF, assisting in relief and development work after the January 12 earthquake.

Alan '65 and **Linda (Parker) '66 Kegel** have three children (all in Christian ministry) and six grandchildren. Alan has worked as a nursing home administrator for 22 years. His hobbies include tennis and surfing. Alan is a deacon,

teaches small groups, and leads the couple's ministry at church. His most memorable event from Eastern was meeting his wife.

Richard "Dic" Pass '60 was in the U.S. Army, served as a Chaplain ABC and a Retired CPT. He was an enlisted Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He has been a deacon, and participated in the men's choir and worship committee. Dic's hobbies include sport touring motorcycling. His memories from Eastern include many of the professors and their classes.

Judith (Liston) Reilly '60 retired in 2003 and volunteers for the New Hampshire Humane Society. One of Judy's hobbies is gardening.

Sandra (Vitullo) Sanfilippo '60 is a tax preparer and has been employed as a court investigator since 1986. Before that, she worked for Young Life and as a probation officer. Sandy is on the board of directors locally for Young Life and Cindy's Celebrations, a ministry to seniors. Sandy's memories from Eastern include the friendships, growth in her faith, working with Young Life, and the beauty of the campus.

Lois (Meeden) Swenson '64 is mourning the loss of her husband, Jon, who passed away on July 14, 2010. He graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1966.

Daniel Unger '60 retired in 1999 after 32 years of teaching at

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Alderson-Broadus College in Philippi, WV. He assists at a local Presbyterian Church as pastor when needed. His hobbies include reading, travel, toy trains, fishing, walking and taking naps. Dan's memories from Eastern include meeting the woman who became his wife (**Janet Sixsmith '62**), singing with the King's Couriers Quartet and the wonderful professors and staff.

Bob '65 and **Kathy (Bustard) '66 Walk** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in August 2010. They met at Eastern in 1962 and remember spending time under the willow tree on campus. Bob has been the Chaplain at Simpson House, a continuing care retirement facility in West Philadelphia, for the last ten years, where he has supervised many students from Palmer Theological Seminary. He remains an avid sports fan and golfs infrequently. As a philosophy major at Eastern, he recalls the words of **Dr. George Claghorn** who introduced him to the saying, "I think, therefore I am." He's added to that over the years with the reality, "I feel, therefore I am."

David Weaver '65 retired in 2008 after 20 years as president and CEO of a national trade association headquartered near Washington, D.C. He loves his barbershop quartet which sings for retirement/ nursing homes and community functions in the greater D.C. area. His best friend is still his wife Marilyn (Heffie), followed closely by his golden retriever, Tucker.

1970's

Marie "Mickey" (Bowman) Adams '70 lives in Pennsylvania. She taught fifth and sixth grade in the Perkiomen Valley School District from 1970 to 1998 and ran Adams Apple Tutoring from 1998 to 2005. She is teaching music and health at Valley Forge Baptist Academy in Collegetown, PA. She is an avid musician, scrapbooker, and rubber stamp artist. Her most memorable moment from Eastern was the choir tours (she notes that 18 days on a bus with **"Frosty" Anderson** in Canada is not something that one forgets). She also cherishes her friendships, which are still active.

Jeanne Marie (Wamsley) Beaumont '79 announces the publication of her third collection of poems, *Burning of the Three Fires*, from BOA Editions, Ltd. For more information, visit www.jeanneMarieBeaumont.com.

Barbara (Gould) Beech '75 has been employed by AT&T for 26 years as a senior business manager. Barb enjoys golfing and spends time in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Her memories from Eastern include the Saturday soccer games, Homecoming, playing volleyball, and the sorority fun with Alpha Pi Sigma.

Charles '70 and **Jan (Bradstreet) '67 Bickerstaff** have been married for 41 years. Charles retired from teaching and as guidance counselor after 30 years. He also retired from the U.S. Air Force and

Massachusetts Air National Guard with 30 years of service. Some of his accomplishments include being inducted into the Greater New Bedford VoTech High School Hall of Fame for Career Achievement, receiving the Massachusetts Second Athletic Directors Association Distinguished Service Award, and the Tri-Community area Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award. His hobbies include working with Southbridge High School as an assistant coach, scorer, and game administrator. Charles's most memorable event from Eastern is meeting his wife, Jan, and getting married while a student.

Gretchen (Sayles) Dunneman '74 and her husband report that they finally made it back to Binghamton, NY. There's no place like home (even if it is only a church parking lot) especially after being on the road for five months instead of the usual three.

Linda (Cochran) Fiedler '70 was married to **George Fiedler '70** until his death in August 2009, two weeks short of their 41st anniversary. Linda taught elementary school in New Jersey for 26 years. She also mentored in reading and math for five years in New Mexico. Her hobbies include stained glass, golf and travel. Linda's memories from Eastern include her marriage to George, after their sophomore year, and graduating together two years later.

Samuel Foster '75 is getting ready for retirement to sunny Florida. Some of Sam's memories of

THOSE were the DAYS

Homecoming and Family Weekend 2010



Lamplight Society recipients
Nancy Scheuer Hill '87
and Dr. Helen Loeb



2010 Homecoming
Queen Abby Briggs and
King Paul Charles

Alumna of the Year
Carol (Hill) Tatta '58,
Joe Tatta '55 and
Don McNeill '78



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Eastern include baseball with **Carson Thompson**, and meeting his lunch buddies **Nancy Morrison**, **Deb Cooke**, **Barbara Gould** and **Bob McMath**. He recalls voting on the senior class gift, the benches that are now on the path by the Waterwheel and at the pool, and economics with **Dr. Peter Flek**.

Bruce '70 and **Deb (Clemson) '71 Johnson** have been married for 31 years. Bruce received his MDiv from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973. He served in campus ministry and student personnel at Eastern College, and pastored in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Deb has worked in various capacities in the ABCOPAD, ABC NJ, and ABC USA. Bruce enjoys reading, puzzles, the computer, golf, and working out at the Y. Some of Bruce's memories from Eastern include meeting his wife, Campus Crusade for Christ, and outreach at Philadelphia universities which gave him a strong foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. He left Eastern intent on going on staff with Campus Crusade or Intervarsity. However, after going to EBTS, it provided a healthy reevaluation of the place of the local church. **Dr. Harnish** asked him to come back to Eastern as part-time Spiritual Life Advisor. That led to three more full-time years of campus ministry. To be able to return to the campus where he grew up spiritually and influence students for Christ has been one of the highlights of his life.

Susan (Leshner) Lugerner '70 now tutors children with ADD and learning disabilities. She also plays

the harp as part of the Arts and Healing program in the local hospital and nursing homes. Susan's memories from Eastern include the holiday parties at Doane Hall C-100, Tune Tangles, Senior Sneak, PSEA meetings and activities, and all the friendships she made.

Nancy (Montgomery) McLekvey '70 retired in 2005 after 35 years of teaching first grade. Her hobbies include crocheting doll clothes and selling them on E-bay.

Ruth (Sharpless) McKinney '70 lives in Virginia with husband Cecil. They recently returned to the U.S. after a stint in Nove Zinky, Slovakia, where they had been serving as Venturers with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board since September 2007. Reflecting on Eastern, Ruth remembers the Tune Tangler, because, as a music major, she was not allowed to participate. She also recalls the fun tradition of the Senior Sneak.

Havard F. Pannebaker Jr. '70 is a science teacher at CSF Buxmont. He attends Paoli Baptist Church and his hobbies include photography, bicycling, reading and cooking. Havard's memories from Eastern include having **Dr. E. Duane Sayles** as an advisor, and making friends with **Harry** and **Donna Anselmo**, **Bill** and **Donna Laudensayer**, and **John** and **Joyce Munro**.

Richard Nelson '75 is on the board of directors as an officer and treasurer for Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center and is owner of OT Investments. He is

chair of the Rocky Mountain UMC Bishop's Council and an officer for the Colorado Mineral Society.

Dennis '69 and **Patricia (Dow) '70 Reeves** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June. Patricia has been a teacher for 28 years and now teaches gifted students. She has two master's degrees; one in gifted and talented education and the other in technology. Dennis is the Pastor of Pleasant Street Free Baptist Church in Springvale, ME. Patricia's hobbies include gardening and scrapbooking and the thing she remembers most about Eastern is singing with Peacemakers.

Tim Stabell '73 has been granted a sabbatical from his job as a Global Studies Professor at Briercrest College and Seminary in Canada. He and wife Susan will return to the Congo where Tim will teach Theology of Mission and Cultural Anthropology at two universities, one in Bunia and the other in Beni.

Jo Ann (Jones) Walczak '70 is a retired teacher who taught middle school English for 31 years. She was also a former English Department chair. She has done orphanage work in China annually since 2000. Her memories from Eastern include her freshman year when she was living at the Seminary and taking the bus to Eastern every day. She also remembers the senior sneak that took them to the Catskills.

Elaine Wiant '70 is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a certified Fraud Examiner, a private

investigator, and owner of Third Age Services which offers assistance to families dealing with all forms of dementia. She is a member of the League of Women Voters where she was Board Secretary/ Treasurer from 2006-2010.

Shirley (Tuetken) Wilbur '70

recently retired to Colorado and enjoys knitting, quilting, reading and traveling. Shirley's memories from Eastern include the fun times living in the dorms.

Ray Withers '70 and wife Nancy live in Wayne, PA and are content empty nesters. Ray finished a principalship at City Center Academy in Philadelphia in 2007. He is teaching English language learners at the high school level. Ray is a member of the Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia where he sings in the choir. Ray remembers choir practices in the Log Cabin at Eastern.

In Memoriam

Wonda R. Layton '58

Julia (Spencer) Himes '59

John Underhill '67

William Eberwein '68

Sondra Ball '69

April Homan '87

Aiding a Life Transition

by James G. Rogers CPA



Many a sage has compared life to a book of many chapters encapsulating the stages through which we all pass. One of Eastern University's long-time donors, Teresa Clark (not her real name), had a challenging time beginning a new a chapter in her life. It was my pleasure to help her turn the page.

Mrs. Clark lived in an apartment in a mid-Atlantic state. She loved Eastern and enjoyed helping students achieve their educational goals. Her gifts helped open better, fuller chapters for many of them.

When the years accumulated, she asked me about alternatives to her living accommodations. Her apartment was attractive, and the thought of leaving it saddened her. Yet, she understood the turning of time's pages would yield a chapter under the subheading "lifecare center."

Understanding her financial and tax situation over the years, I asked her if she'd like to use a combination of planned gifts that would help her achieve several of her goals simultaneously. Her eyes sparkled as she agreed.

Working with her counsel and CPA, I recommended a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust and a testamentary trust.

She wanted to increase her investment income. A significant part of her portfolio was in older stocks whose dividends were anemic compared to what the market offered then. Giving a portion of those assets to a charitable remainder trust and then having her trustee sell and reinvest the assets inside the trust let her avoid capital gains taxes and reset her portfolio in the trust in investments that increased her income.

Mrs. Clark also wanted to make a gift that would yield a fixed income. The charitable gift annuity gave her that security. These instruments helped position her to move into a very attractive lifecare facility.

The testamentary trust provided for the educational needs of her grandchildren.

The national picture, including the stability of tax policy, is less secure than it was for Mrs. Clark. However, these and related planned giving instruments are still available. Donors who examine these instruments often find that their assets can achieve a sense of significance for the donor's and family's benefit. The right kind of planning can help make the next chapter the very best one of their lives.

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