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to Scripture,  
scholarship,  
evangelism,  
and the world.

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our Mission



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# MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern University is a Christian university of the arts and sciences dedicated through teaching, scholarship, service, spiritual formation, student development and societal involvement to the preparation of undergraduate and graduate students for thoughtful and productive lives of Christian faith and service.

We achieve our mission when our students develop a Christian worldview; sharpen their understanding and skills of critical thinking, reflection, analysis and communication; demonstrate knowledge and competencies in the liberal arts, the natural and social sciences and their major fields of study; experience genuine Christian community in a supportive environment which enables personal and spiritual growth; participate in opportunities for meaningful service; and grow in their love of God and neighbors.

The foundational assumptions with which we approach our tasks are:

### Our Commitment To Scholarship And Teaching

We believe in the unity of God's truth, whether supernaturally revealed or humanly discovered, and we value the search for knowledge and understanding in all areas of life. We are guided by our faith in Jesus Christ who is "The way, the truth and the life." As an educational community we seek to develop leadership and innovation, sound scholarship, original research and publications, and appropriate relevance as we maintain a high priority on excellence in teaching. We value highly the integration of Christian faith and learning in all academic disciplines and in the development of a Christian worldview.

### Our Commitment To Scripture

We recognize the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, as inspired of God and as the supreme and final authority in faith and life. We submit ourselves to carrying out our mission under its authority and seek to apply biblical principles to all facets of human aspiration and action.

### Our Commitment To The Church

We affirm our conviction that the Church of Jesus Christ, as a visible community of believers inclusive of persons of all cultures, races and nationalities, is central to faithful obedience in living the Christian life and advancing the work of the Gospel. We highly value our established relationship with the American Baptist Churches in the USA. We seek to maintain and strengthen this relationship while we also serve the larger Church in ways appropriate to our mission.

### Our Commitment To Evangelism

We affirm the importance of calling all persons in this country and around the world to personal faith and faithful discipleship in following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We intend for every student to have a meaningful and appropriate opportunity to hear and respond to the call for repentance, faith and obedience to Jesus Christ.

### Our Commitment To Justice

We acknowledge with sorrow the brokenness of the world at personal, national, and international levels, and we seek to work for justice, reconciliation and Christian transformation in all arenas of life. We particularly seek to work with and for poor, oppressed and suffering persons as part of our Christian discipleship. As part of this commitment, we seek to provide educational opportunities and financial resources to attend a private Christian university.

### Our Commitment To The World

We affirm that Christ calls us to concern, understanding and involvement in the world, both near at hand in Philadelphia and the Main Line, and to far distant places around the globe. This includes work done in various careers and in volunteer service, in traditional Christian missions and in newly emerging forms of Christian service in a globally interdependent world. We seek to encourage each other as "ambassadors for Christ" and "agents of reconciliation" in a world torn apart by conflict and bound together throughout the world but also for the earth itself as responsible stewards of the environment and other physical resources.

### Our Commitment To Community

We believe that the way in which we live and work together is important in fulfilling our mission. We desire a campus community of students and faculty, staff and administration which embodies values of caring and compassion, justice and integrity, competence and affirmation. We want to encourage the holistic development of our students intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. We value faculty-student ratios which facilitate personal and mentoring relationships. We seek an inclusive student body, faculty, staff and Board. We seek to treat each member of the campus community with fairness, dignity and respect, seeking a spirit of unity and harmony as we join together to achieve our common mission.

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## president's message

**T**HIS ISSUE OF SPIRIT includes a number of stories about the mission driven work of Eastern University. Eastern's sacred purpose is to graduate people of faith, reason and justice who will be committed always to the redemption and transformation of people and society. The University's mission, then, can be summarized as preparing students for just such lives.

The accomplishment of Eastern's mission is measured ultimately by the lives of alumni. However, we also need to assess progress toward that end while students are here preparing for lives of redemptive and transformational service. One way we make that assessment is by listening to them describe their formation while here. Those narratives are powerful indicators of whether or not we are on mission.

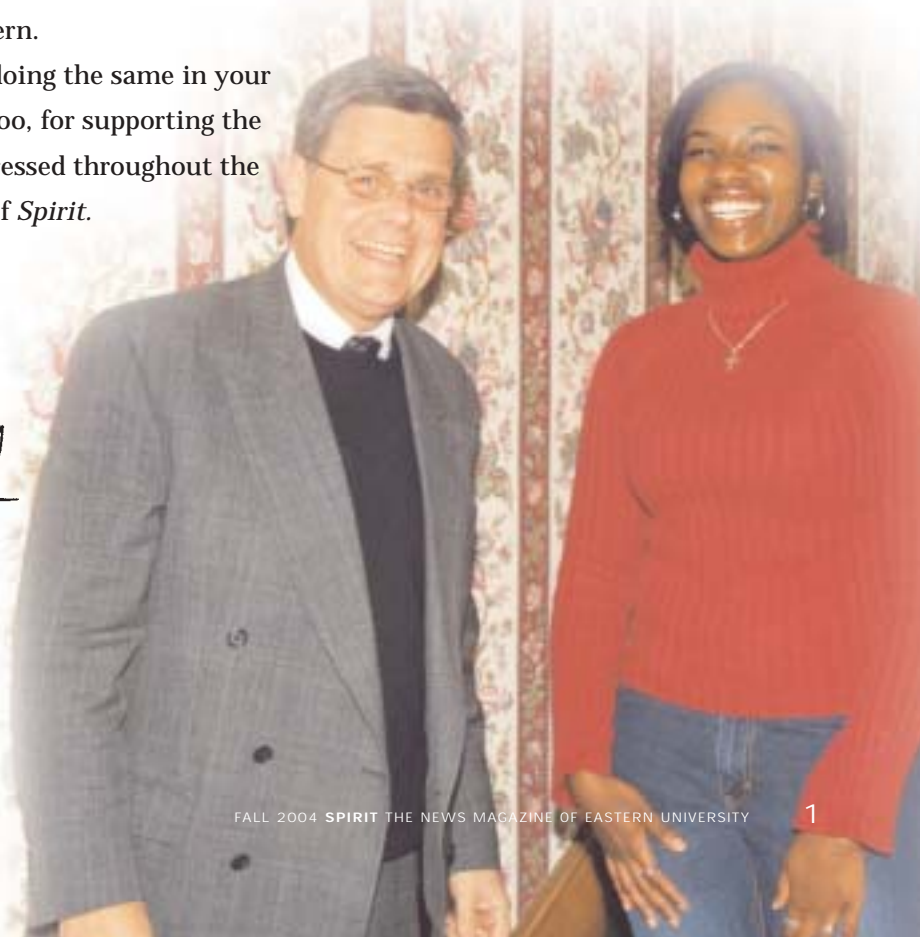
Recently, I participated in an exchange of formation stories with three small groups of students. Chloe Brown's story is representative. A very good student in high school with many collegiate options, Chloe chose Eastern after concluding prayerfully that the University's environment would challenge her academically and stretch her spiritually. Now a junior in the Templeton Honors College, this double major balances rigorous studies with a student chaplaincy and a formal mentorship with younger students of color.

After the small group conversation that included Chloe and one of her faculty, the professor told me that Chloe's insights into urban neighborhood challenges are very deep, as is her resolve to advance the quality of life and economic conditions in those communities. As she does just that, Chloe will be fulfilling the mission of Eastern.

Thank you for doing the same in your lives. Thank you, too, for supporting the mission that is expressed throughout the pages of this issue of *Spirit*.

In mission,

David R. Black







# Let's live well our gift of years

I begin by reminding us all of a truth that for the Christian is self-evident but still bears repeating at least once a day: all is gift, all is grace. From the air that we breathe, the food that sustains us in our daily tasks, to the tasks themselves, all is gift. I am constantly reminded, particularly as I grow older, that we have been given a “gift of years” by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a gift of years for which we are responsible.



*Excerpted from the Fall Honors  
Convocation Address by  
**Dr. Christopher Hall**  
Dean of the Templeton  
Honors College*

The allocation by God of this gift of years remains mysterious and incomprehensible to me. Some, for instance, receive a gift of only a few months or a few years. Often, it seems, those most gifted seem to receive too few years in which to live out responsibly God's call on their lives, while the shallow, the wicked, the self-indulgent, the selfish, are seemingly doled out a treasure trove of years which disappear rapidly, vividly, unreflectively.

Perhaps from God's viewpoint, the long view of eternity, five years well spent equals, indeed better, 60 years lived in a spiritual, emotional, and physical wasteland. Only God can answer the question of what equals what. I am convinced, though, that one of the great temptations facing us all, whether we be students, professors, staff, or administrators, is to respond unthinkingly to our culture's siren call to live a comfortable, soft, unreflective, undemanding existence, one that too often subtly anesthetizes our ability to think and

*Photo: May '04 graduates, (l-r) Sara Landis, Michelle Nater, Jessica Doerr and Ronna Fretz.*

live well and to love safely and sanely. "Entertain me," too many are tempted to say, "and I'll rest satisfied." Our culture and the world at large are in dire need of mature, stable, courageous, reflective Christians. To effectively meet this need, though, we must as a community acknowledge that we face a constant temptation, that of succumbing to the sin of sloth, one of the seven deadly sins.

For instance, learning to think and live well entails hard work and the conscious development and cultivation of key virtues and skills. Those tempted to sloth (we all are from time to time) will likely seek an escape route from the effort and courage required in learning to reflect coherently on God, Scripture, our various academic disciplines, and the issues of our day. If we take the escape route sloth deceitfully offers, as though there were a shortcut to intellectual, spiritual, and emotional development and health, the sad result will be sloppy thinking and a shoddy life, a serious, indeed, deadly state of affairs.

## **Nazi Germany**

Hannah Arendt illustrates poignantly the dangers of shallow thinking in her reflections on the life of Adolf Eichmann, the SS officer largely responsible for organizing the transportation of millions of Jews to the death camps of Eastern Europe during World War II. Arendt attended the trial of Eichmann in Jerusalem in 1962, fully expecting to encounter a deeply immoral, perhaps psychopathic monster of mythic proportion. Instead, as she listened to Eichmann's attempts to explain his thinking and actions in shipping so many people to their deaths, Arendt realized she was listening to a shallow middle-manager who had never stopped to think through exactly what he was doing. In describing Eichmann, Arendt writes:

"However monstrous the deeds were, the doer was neither monstrous nor demonic, and the only specific characteristic one could detect on his part as well as in his behavior during the trial and the preceding police examination was

something entirely negative: it was not stupidity, but a curious, quite authentic inability to think." Arendt left the trial of Eichmann convinced that Eichmann's inability to think and make independent judgments reflected a weakness, a mental laziness, that "can wreak more havoc than all the evil instincts taken together. . ."

Exactly what seemed to be motivating Eichmann as he mindlessly sent so many innocents to their deaths? "He was motivated," Arendt writes, "by the most mundane, and petty considerations of advancing his career, pleasing his superiors, demonstrating that he could do his job well and efficiently. In this sense, his motives were at once banal and all too human." Eichmann had never learned to make independent judgments. He found it impossible to think from the standpoint of someone else. If at the end of the day Eichmann's quota of deported Jews was met, he rested well, satisfied with a good day's work.

Arendt asks an important question: "Could the activity of thinking as such, the habit of examining whatever happens to come to pass or to attract attention, regardless of results and specific content, could this activity be among the conditions that make men abstain from evil-doing or even actually 'condition' them against it?"

Arendt and other commentators have noted that mental laziness and the desire for a convenient, undisturbed life infected much of German culture in the 1930's. Margaret Canovan succinctly states what so troubled Arendt: "Although these [ordinary, respectable] people would never have dreamed of committing crimes as long as they lived in a society where such activities were not usual, they adapted effortlessly to a system in which blatant crimes against whole categories of people were standard behavior. In the place of 'thou shalt not kill' which had seemed the most indisputable rule of civilian existence, such people had no difficulty in accepting the Nazis' rule according to which killing was a moral duty for the sake of the race. Principles which had been self-

evident, moral behavior which had been 'normal' and 'decent' could not be taken for granted any more."

For too many Germans, it seems, it was more convenient to simply shut one's door, close the blinds, turn on a Beethoven concerto on the radio, and ignore the sound of jack boots marching through the streets, than to oppose the injustices imposed by Nazi ideology and coercion. Personal and cultural sloth, among other factors, undercut the ability of many Germans to discern what was happening to them under Hitler's leadership and enervated their willingness to oppose Hitler's evil as it rolled over Germany and the rest of Europe.

## **Our Cultural Boredom**

An intellectual and cultural boredom that has infected much of Western culture, including some evangelical circles, also reflects the numbing effect of sloth. The Archbishop of Wales comments that England is a "deeply, dangerously bored society. And we're reluctant to look for the root of that. Why do we want to escape from the glories and difficulties of everyday life? Why do we want to escape into gambling or drugs or any other kind of fantasy? Why have we created a culture that seems more in love with fantasy than reality?"

Is it farfetched to worry that we in the United States are also tempted to allow the most hellish things to occur, in our own lives and in our culture at large, as long as we're free to watch TV, surf the Internet, play our video games, or cruise the mall? The combination of advanced technology and a slothful soul can be lethal. Neil Postman reminds us of Aldous Huxley's warning in *Brave New World*: "What Huxley teaches is that in the age of advanced technology, spiritual devastation is more likely to come from an enemy with a smiling face than from one whose countenance exudes suspicion and hate. In the Huxleyan prophecy, Big Brother does not watch us, by his choice. We watch him, by ours. People will come to love their

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## Commitment to Scripture and Scholarship

LET'S LIVE *continued*

oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think."

Or consider the words of Os Guinness: "We think of the rise of the modern world as the story of dynamism, energy, progress, and achievement, which it is. But we often overlook its other side. The world produced by such dynamism is a world of convenience, comfort, and consumerism. And when life is safe, easy, sanitized, climate-controlled, and plush, sloth is close. The flipside of dynamic optimism is corrosive boredom. . . . Equally the flipside of consumerism is complacency. The most compulsive of shoppers and channel-surfers move from feeling good to feeling nothing."

C.S. Lewis was well aware of the power of sloth. In *The Screwtape Letters* the senior demon Screwtape, instructing his demon nephew Wormwood how to draw his

And Nothing is very strong: strong enough to steal away a man's best years, not in sweet sins but in dreary flickering of the mind over it knows not what. . . . It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing."

Screwtape is well aware that temptations become much more heated for the slothful, bored person: "My dear Wormwood. . . . in the first place I have always found that the Trough periods of the human undulation provide excellent opportunity for all sensual temptations, particularly those of sex. . . . The attack has a much better chance of success when the man's whole inner world is drab and cold and empty."

Thomas Buchanan observes: "Sloth is turning away from the Light and embracing Nothing. It is spending our time with the emptiness of Hell. By not doing that which is profitable, we do that which

Mary Pipher writes: "Most real life is rather quiet and routine. Most pleasures are small pleasures. . . . a hot shower, a sunset, a bowl of good soup or a good book. Television suggests that life is high drama, love and sex. TV families are radically different from real families. Things happen much faster to them. On television things that are not visually interesting, such as thinking, reading, and talking, are ignored. Activities such as housework, fund-raising and teaching children to read are vastly underreported. Instead of ennobling our ordinary experiences, TV suggests that they are not of sufficient interest to document."

So let us pursue wholeheartedly and with excellence the small, good, wondrous beauties that a university education offers to us. Even the more monotonous and tedious aspects of learning may conceal riches we have yet to discern. Perhaps we can begin to imitate on a much-reduced

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**"WHEN I CALL PEOPLE TO CHRIST, I CALL THEM TO A COMMITMENT TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD,  
LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THE WORK THEY BEGIN NOW WILL BE COMPLETED  
WHEN CHRIST RETURNS."**

**DR. TONY CAMPOLO '56, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF SOCIOLOGY**

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patient away from God, "notes that encouraging small sins can be more effective than encouraging great ones if they draw the Christian away from meaningful engagement with God without his realizing it" (Thomas Buchanan's words).

As a human being moves more deeply into sloth, Screwtape writes, "You will no longer need a good book, which he really likes, to keep him from his prayers. . . . a column of advertisements in yesterday's paper will do." Once trapped by laziness, "You can make him do nothing at all for long periods. You can keep him up late at night, not roistering, but staring at a dead fire in a cold room. All the healthy and outgoing activities which we want him to avoid can be inhibited and nothing given in return. . . . The Christians describe the enemy as one 'without whom Nothing is strong.'"

is unprofitable. As John heard our Lord say in a vision, 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.'"

### **What is One to Do?**

How can we at Eastern, both individually and corporately, respond to the temptation to take the easier way, the path of less resistance, a path that ultimately leads nowhere except into Screwtape's Nothingness?

1. Let us cultivate an increasing delight in the small and wonderful things of life that God sprinkles into each day, and perhaps into each class. They are there for us to see and appreciate if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Is there not beauty and goodness to be found in a finely tuned mathematical formula, a well-written short story, or the intricate grammar of human language?

scale; students with students, students with professors, professors with professors, and so on, God's own never-ending wonder over his creation, a divine excitement well expressed by G.K. Chesterton:

"[Children] always say, 'Do it again'; and the grownup person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again!' to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."



2. Let us affirm together our commitment to pursue our education at Eastern with passion, a hunger for truth wherever it may be found, and a willingness to cultivate the habits and virtues necessary to learn well what Christ has for us. Let us avoid the temptation to think that if the usefulness of a book or class is not readily apparent, we need not invest ourselves in that text or course. Let us encourage one another to nurture or perhaps renew a love for learning itself and for the hard work learning naturally entails.

Finally, I turn to Ephrem the Syrian, known in the fourth century as the "Harp of the Holy Spirit," and well known in the Orthodox Church for the prayer he composed during the season of Lent: "O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. . ."

Ephrem calls us to repent regularly as part of the regular rhythm of a healthy spiritual life, including a consistent "no" to sloth and its poisonous consequences. "To repent is to turn away, and to turn to God you must turn away from the nothingness of the evil one. You cannot be slothful in repentance. A healthy Christian life cannot be slothful."

As Ephrem lay dying he penned a poem concerning his own struggle with sloth. May it be a prayer and poem that brings life and hope to the Eastern University community this year:

"I, Ephrem, am dying and writing my Testament, To be a witness for the pupils who come after me: Be constantly praying, day and night; As a ploughman who ploughs again and again, Whose work is admirable. Do not be like the lazy ones in whose fields thorns grow. Be constantly praying, for he who adores prayer Will find help in both worlds."

This year, in community and in our times of silence and solitude, may we say no to sloth, and yes to the joy of living well the gift of years Christ has given us. Amen.

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# CAMPUS MINISTRIES

## **ANGELS OF HARMONY**

*A multi-ethnic Gospel choir that ministers to others through music from the African-American tradition.*

## **BARRY SCHOOL**

*Inner-city tutoring program for The Commodore Barry Elementary School in West Philadelphia.*

## **CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST**

*Equips and encourages students in the Bible and in sharing their faith with others.*

## **CHRIST'S HANDS IN ACTION**

*Ministers to people of all ages through hands-on activities.*

## **CHAPEL WORSHIP TEAMS**

*Student-led chapel teams of vocalists and instrumentalists.*

## **EARTHKEEPERS**

*Student group for the preservation of the earth's resources.*

## **EVANGELICALS FOR SOCIAL ACTION (ESA)**

*Brings about social change through educational discussion and holistic Christian discipleship.*

## **GOSPEL OUTREACH (GO)**

*Urban outreach with a focus on working with children and teens.*

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity International is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing worldwide.*

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

*Ministers to those in prison with the Gospel of Christ.*

## **REMNANT: UNITED SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST STEP TEAM**

*Ministers through the synchronization of step movement.*

## **SACRED DANCE**

*Praises the Lord through dance.*

## **STUDENT CHAPLAINS**

*Provide pastoral care for students in the residence halls.*

## **STUDENT MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP**

*Initiates a long-term, active interest in world missions and facilitates student missions.*

## **STUDENTS ORGANIZED AGAINST RACISM (SOAR)**

*Addresses issues of racism and racial reconciliation.*

## **TRANSFORMED!**

*Glorifies God through drama.*

## **WATCHMEN PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Encourages student prayer groups that reach out to the community.*

## **YACHT (YOUTH AGAINST COMPLACENCY AND HOMELESSNESS TODAY) CLUB**

*Addresses the issues of apathy and homelessness through a multifaceted ministry.*

## **FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**

## **THE SIMPLE WAY**

*A student-created ministry serving the inner-city poor.*

**Commitment to Evangelism, the World and the Church**

# Parliament of the World's Religion: Barcelona, Spain



## Montserrat Assembly

One hundred and fifty of us volunteers met at Montserrat and the first task was to meet in small groups of the same faith, to answer the question: "How does your faith tradition address this particular issue?"

Because of my knowledge of Spanish, I was assigned the facilitation of a Spanish speaking small group. The group I headed up was Christian and was comprised of mostly Roman Catholic Church leaders—bishops, archbishops, one sociologist, one member of the Catholic press, a member of the United Nations refugee high commission for Spain, and several others, including a couple of Protestants, 10 in all.

The second day, the discussion groups were multi-faith to discuss the contributions of the various faith traditions. I had a Sikh, Christians, a Jew, a couple of Muslims, a Native American, a Hindu, and a couple of non-religious affiliated persons. The discussion was most impressive, dynamic, and insightful.

The findings from the various groups were then prepared in a document to be presented in Barcelona.

## World Parliament

The participants moved down the mountain the second week to downtown

**By Dr. Caleb Rosado**



*Dr. Caleb Rosado*

**T**HE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP was to serve as facilitator/participant at the Parliament of the World's Religion, sponsored by the Council for the World Parliament of Religion, based in Chicago, IL. The site of first meetings was the Montserrat Monastery, northwest of Barcelona. The Montserrat Monastery was built in 1025 AD, and literally hangs from the cliffs of Montserrat (serrated mountain). There are 150 monks who live, work and study here. Ignatius of Loyola was converted here in 1522.

The program was divided into two parts: the Montserrat Assembly for some 400 participants and the World Parliament in Barcelona for some 8,500 participants. The Montserrat Assembly was to address four global issues: the problem of refugees, clean water shortage, third-world debt, and religious violence.





Barcelona to gather with some additional 8,000 participants for a broad array of workshops, seminars, and plenary sessions.

Raimund Pannikker, Spain's leading theologian, was asked to open the council. The first sessions were morning devotionals, workshops and rituals from a broad array of spiritual traditions. All of them were focused on spirituality and how to connect with God. Sikhs, Swamis, Sufis, Buddhists, Native Americans, Christians, Muslims, and many more all lead morning workshops on spiritual exercises such as meditation, chanting, singing, praise, cleansing rituals, all with the purpose of connecting with God. One of the best workshops I attended was put on by Janet Shenandoah, of the Iroquois Nation, who is an international recording star.

I recognized very early that much of what was being presented conflicted with my own Christian values. But I was there to learn from other traditions. And since I am settled and firm in my own Christian understanding and practice, none of what I saw from other faiths threatened my Christian understanding nor undermined it. In fact, it did the opposite; it affirmed it. But it enabled me to learn a great deal from the many religious faiths and expressions of spirituality present.

Perhaps the religious group that impressed me the most were the Sikhs, and Sikhism, which had its beginnings in the 1400s in India. One of the basic tenants of the Sikh faith is to take care of the stranger within your own house. With this teaching in mind, the Sikh delegation from the United Kingdom committed themselves to feeding all 8,000 delegates at the convention. The Sikhs set up three huge air-conditioned tents. Behind these some

300 Sikh families were encamped. Each day, they fed more than 4,000 people at each meal. I asked one of the Sikh leaders, "How much is all this costing you?" "We don't know," he said, "and we don't care. Our desire is to serve the participants and meet their needs." While the other religionists were talking about "global healing," the Sikhs were doing it!

The highlights of the Parliament for me were two events, one at Montserrat and the other in Barcelona. The Montserrat Monastery is world renowned for its boys' choir. That last night as we heard their angelic voices filling the basilica, it was a divine experience.

The second highlight came at the Sagrada Familia Cathedral, one of the wonders of the modern world, and the final artistic work of Antonio Gaudí. A world sacred music concert was put on with music from the various religious traditions. The most impressive group to sing was the group called Selah, comprised of three Israelis and three Palestinians. Their message was to bring peace and harmony to the world and especially to the conflict between the two groups. Needless to say, their music, their message, and especially the fact that two enemy groups had joined their youthful voices to symbolize the harmony and peace that could take place, had the entire audience of thousands on their feet in praise, adulation, adoration and tears.

One of the disappointments of attending this Parliament was seeing the huge absence of evangelical Christians. None of the conservative Protestant churches were listed. I was the only one from my own faith, Seventh-day Adventists. I found this to be a sad expression of conservative Christianity,

to think that we cannot participate nor learn from others. It reminds me of one of the challenges that Mahatma Gandhi gave to Dr. E. Stanley Jones, perhaps the greatest Christian missionary to India, when Jones asked Gandhi: "How can we make Christianity naturalized in India, not a foreign thing, but a part of the national life of India and contributing its power to India's uplift?" One of the four things that Gandhi told Jones to do, and perhaps the one that Christians have the most difficulty doing, was: "Study the non-Christian religions more sympathetically to find the good that is within them, in order to have a more sympathetic approach to the people."

## Outcomes

*The outcomes of this experience to me personally were manifold.*

1. An impressive appreciation for what the Spirit of God is doing to move the religions of the world toward greater harmony among humans.
2. How much the basic message of the various faiths is similar and alike.
3. A greater and more sympathetic understanding and appreciation for what the other world faiths teach and practice.
4. A sense of international awareness and desire to promote greater sympathetic understanding and healing between faiths.
5. I returned a more culturally aware and sensitive person, open to bringing greater healing to our world.

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**EASTERN IN ITALY** In Spring 2004 a group of 47 Eastern students, faculty, alumni, and parents enjoyed ten days in Italy touring Rome, Florence, Venice, and Assisi. Students taking the course for credit studied history, art, and architecture before they went, and then visited places associated with their research. One student studied the transition from classical to Christian art and sculpture in ancient Rome and then visited the ancient buildings where this could be seen. Another researched why Venice is sinking ever more rapidly and what is being done about it. Others examined artists such as Michelangelo, Caravaggio, and Bernini, and hunted down works by these creators all over Italy. A highlight of the trip was a tour of the basilica of St. Francis at Assisi, led by a Franciscan monk from Zambia who seemed to embody the joyful spirit of the saint; he made the group feel at home in this ancient holy place. In Florence, the group was blessed with particularly fine weather which drew many to tour the Boboli Gardens with their rustic grottos and beautiful fountains.

### TRAVELING FAR TO HEAL THE WORLD

*Eastern Grad Heads to Israel to Attend Innovative New Medical School*

At a time when many Americans are avoiding travel to the Middle East altogether, Stephanie Youd (B.S. Chemistry, 2002) is heading to Israel with noble intentions and a plan to remain there for three years. Stephanie is a member of the Class of 2008 of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Faculty of Health Sciences Medical School for International Health in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center.

The Class of 2008 includes men and women from the United States, Canada, India and Iran. Although their backgrounds differ, they all have a desire to understand the impact of globalization on health care in different societies and a willingness to bring high quality medical care to those who need it most. Students are selected on the basis of outstanding academic credentials and qualities including leadership, cooperation, compassion, and commitment to the community. Stephanie has studied medicine in South Africa, founded a tutoring program for at-risk youth in

Philadelphia, and done volunteer work with the homeless and children who are mentally disabled. The daughter of Stephen and Deborah Youd, Stephanie is a graduate of Wareham High School and Eastern University. She also holds a master of public health degree from Drexel University.

### NATIONAL HISPANIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

This annual gathering of Hispanic ministry leaders is coordinated by Nueva Esperanza. This year, Dan Cortes hosted Tom Ridington, Lydia Black and Drs. Jack and Pina Templeton at the event in Washington, D.C. Eastern alum Chaplain Emilio Marrero, Jr., who is a lead chaplain in the U.S. Navy, was given the Esperanza Spirit Award for National Service.

### SPRING BREAK IN IRELAND

Eastern University plans a trip to Ireland from March 4-13, 2005 which will include four nights in Dublin, three in Galway, and one in Limerick, with day trips to places such as Belfast, the Aran Islands, Clonmacnoise (an ancient monastery), Dun Aengus (an ancient fortress), Newgrange (a

5000-year-old Neolithic burial chamber), and other places of scenic beauty and historic interest. There will be plenty of free time to explore Dublin and Galway on your own. The cost of the trip is \$1885, which includes all transportation costs (including coach fare from Eastern to JFK airport), all hotels, all entry fees as listed in the brochure, a big breakfast every day, and a medieval banquet in Bunratty Castle on the last night. Undergraduate students may take this as part of a Capstone course, but you don't have to be a student to participate. Past trips have included alumni, parents, graduate students, and friends of the University. E-mail Dr. Caroline Cherry (ccherry@eastern.edu) for a brochure and reservation form.

### KOREAN NURSE PROGRAM

Eastern welcomed a second group of Korean nurses to this innovative program which developed from a partnership with Korean nurse leaders and Mercy Health Systems. While the U.S. has a critical shortage of RNs, Korea has a surplus. The Korean nurses have had thorough training in their basic RN programs and have all passed their licensing examinations (taken in English).





Korean nurses: Hee Sook Cheung, Gum Ja Chu, Hyang Jung Kim, and Erica Lynn Kim.

PA Senator Rick Santorum visited Eastern University in February to present a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for initial funding of the Korean Nursing Program. The check for \$300,000 was accepted by Nursing Department Chair Mary Boylston. The grant helped support the start-up costs for the program.

These intelligent, eager and accomplished women represent a variety of clinical specialty areas such as neurological intensive care, emergency room, and medical-surgical nursing. They are doing their clinical work in the Mercy Health System hospitals, while continuing English language instruction and course work towards their BSN degrees at Eastern University. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Jackson at 610-225-5009 or [cjackson@eastern.edu](mailto:cjackson@eastern.edu)

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

**23-days in Egypt and Israel**

**May 16-June 7, 2005**

*A Program of Eastern University  
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The golden rule that we lived by while on our 2004 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land tour, as Dr. Ken Maahs so keenly put it, "The ninth beatitude: 'Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape.'" I was one of 12 "disciples" traveling to the Promised Land of the Bible. Our 23-day adventure began in Cairo, Egypt where we spent a week visiting the temples, artifacts, and tombs that date back to the ancient Old Testament era and before. We even got to experience an overnight train ride down the Nile River to the Valley of the Kings.

From Egypt we followed the Exodus route into Israel and up to Jerusalem. We were also fortunate enough to spend four nights and five days along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. This was probably one of my favorite places simply because it was so scenic and it's where approximately 80% of Jesus' ministry occurred. It was so surreal to actually be standing in places where our Lord and Savior taught, walked, and lived with the people. At times I was struck by the awesomeness of the honor and privilege it was to be able to go and see what I have read and heard so much about. How ironic that the very place where Jesus began his ministry, the Jordan River, was the same spot where we held a rededication service to begin our own ministries of life after college graduation! For me, it was like a true commissioning experience of being sent out whether it be local or global, to spread the Gospel.

Our trip concluded by visiting both the authentic and traditional sites of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. It was a perfect way to end what seemed to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip. The most important thing I walked away with from this trip was not just the experience of being there, but to learn anew the life-changing and life-giving events that occurred there. The relationships that were built with the body of believers, both fellow students and local Jews and Palestinians, are also evidence of God's continuing work in this world in bringing His plan of redemption into being. Christ in each one of these people has changed and challenged me to seek peace and build God's Kingdom here on earth through love and service to others. His life is the ultimate example of this kind of servant leadership.

If I were to have any expectations about this trip before I left, they would have been far surpassed upon my return. I pray that the experience not only impacts those who went on it, but everyone who hears about it as well. May the hope and glory of Immanuel be evident to all both now and forever. Shalom!



Group 287 (left to right) Margarita Feliciano, Carmen Torres, Madeline Perez, Bethzaida Butler, Marlon Alvarez (deceased), Olga Quintana, Astrid Zayas, Iliana Santiago, and Inocencia Ayala.

## NUEVA ESPERANZA

By Astrid Zayas

As the class representative of group 287, I would like to present my nine classmates "Mi Familia" (my family). We began our journey with Eastern University in August 2000 as the pioneer class at the Nueva Esperanza site for Latino students whose primary language was Spanish. We made history in Nueva Esperanza and Eastern University in 2002, as we were part of the first 18 students who graduated and received our Associates Degrees from Eastern University. In January 2003, a group of 12 students decided to enroll in the Organizational Management Program at Eastern. This December 2004, nine of those students will make history again as we will become the pioneer Latino students to graduate from the Nueva Esperanza site with our bachelor's degrees.

Group 287 has been blessed and we want to share our testimony. We are Latino students whose first language is Spanish. We are adult students with full-time jobs and families that depend on us. The Lord gave us understanding and knowledge to overcome the language barrier. He gave us patience to persevere. He gave us energy to work and study and to take care of our families. He blessed us with teachers who are his servants. These teachers added love,

patience, and understanding to their curricula. These servants began each class with a word of glory to the Almighty, thanking God for allowing us to meet one more time and asking God to use them as a tool to educate us.

This is "Mi Familia" a group that has been together for four and a half years. Our families are part of each other's families and we feel and share the pain of one another. "Mi Familia" is a group of determined, dedicated, and accountable individuals. I am proud to present my classmates and with confidence tell you that our skills and knowledge, which were acquired at Eastern, have made us an asset to any organization. Congratulations Class of 2004!



Eastern's Choir on their European Tour in the town of Chesky Krumior.



## EASTERN UNIVERSITY HOSTS "THE QUESTION OF GOD"

In September, Eastern hosted a preview of the PBS TV Series on the lives of atheist Sigmund Freud and Christian C.S. Lewis. PBS grappled with questions such as: Does God really exist? Is there such a thing as evil? Why is there so much suffering in the world? What gives life meaning?

The series is based on the book *The Question of God* by Dr. Armand Nicholi, a committed Christian and a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He was the featured speaker at Eastern University's May Commencement. Dr. Nicholi says, "It may be that Freud and Lewis represent conflicting parts of ourselves. Whatever part we choose to express will determine our purpose, our identity, and our whole philosophy of life."

Eastern's President David Black and Templeton Honors College Dean Christopher Hall (shown above) led the capacity crowd in McInnis Auditorium in a discussion on how the opposing worldviews of these two acclaimed men reflect our own attempts to understand the world around us.



*Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary will soon change its name to Palmer Theological Seminary*

## THE LEGACY OF GORDON PALMER

What is the legacy of Gordon Palmer, third President of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary?

In some significant ways, he shaped the image and future of the school in ways that continue to guide it more than fifty years after his departure.

He was a leader during years of economic uncertainty and deprivation, guiding his constituents with wisdom, moderation, and an eye for future growth. A gifted pastor with a heart for the spiritual and material welfare of his flock, he worked hard to shepherd them through times of uncertainty and debate. Steadfast in purpose, he preserved the vitality of an institutional vision and helped make it a reality in times of war and peace, depression and prosperity.

Gordon Palmer has the distinction of being the Seminary's longest-serving President. Under his stewardship, from 1936-48, the Seminary effectively navigated the Depression and the challenges of denominational conflict. He remains the only President to have negotiated a campus move, from Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square to its present site, just over the city line. The 1940 decision to buy and renovate the Green Hill Farms Hotel allowed the Seminary both to plan for expansion and to live out the promise of a commitment both to suburb and to city.

As a happy and successful minister of a large Baptist Church in Pomona, California, Dr. Palmer was startled to receive a call from the Seminary trustees, according to Gordon Baker's account in *What God Hath Wrought*. After much prayer, he accepted the invitation as a call from God.

Virginia Palmer recalls her father-in-law as a "very dynamic outgoing person, with a wonderful sense of humor. He was very progressive for his time and a great family man." As a newlywed residing with her husband Gordon in Philadelphia, Virginia Palmer became acquainted with the

Seminary through her father-in-law. Although Palmer had resigned as President in 1948 to return to California, he continued to serve on the Board of Directors for 28 more years. "Every time Dad came to town, he would spread the story of Eastern and its glories," remembered Virginia Palmer. "His heart was at Eastern."

Not only did Palmer keep the Seminary on a solid financial footing during the perilous times of the Depression, but he also had to steer a firm middle ground in the midst of ongoing doctrinal controversy within the denomination. While two major factions within the denomination left in the 1940's, Palmer and his colleagues continued to witness to the integrity of the Gospel message, which offers both the possibility of personal salvation and the call to societal transformation.

According to Virginia Palmer, her father-in-law embodied this kind of integrity. "He was always very interested in spreading the Gospel and helping people in need."

While he served as President, Palmer was instrumental in developing scholarship funds to help students at a financial disadvantage, according to Seminary chronicler Randall Frame in his pictorial history, *Praise and Promise*.

It is very fitting, therefore, that as the Seminary moves boldly into the new century Palmer's legacy of biblical fidelity and visionary leadership will continue to bear fruit. As it becomes The Palmer Theological Seminary, the school will honor his work as it helps aspiring pastors and lay ministers achieve their goals, becoming faithful witnesses to the Gospel in the communities in which they serve.

Written by Elizabeth Eisenstadt-Evans

### WHY CHANGE OUR NAME?

*The impetus for changing the Seminary's name to Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University (An American Baptist Institution) grew out of our desire to enable larger numbers of our current and potential students to fulfill their dream of becoming full-time seminarians.*

*We find ourselves in the same position as most other seminaries: nearly 75 percent of our student body is made up of part-time students who take one or two courses per semester. Our hope is to offer a significant improvement in scholarship aid, so that as many as one-third to one-half of our students may be able to matriculate full-time.*

*This will both intensify and enhance the student's experience in the Seminary community. It will also help the Seminary to develop and graduate future Church leaders more rapidly, thereby meeting the future rising demand for professional Christian leadership throughout the world.*

*In helping this dream to become reality, the Seminary leadership was aware of the call to strengthen the Seminary endowment, so that investment income could make seminary education more affordable. We are very grateful for the opportunity to build our endowment, put our financial future on a firmer foundation, and enable half of our students to become full-time seminarians. At the same time, we are blessed to be able to preserve both our integrity and our heritage.*

*Our new name honors the memory and legacy of a dedicated and beloved past President, one of the Seminary's most significant leaders. Virginia Palmer's financial commitment both honors her father-in-law and expresses her love for him, for the Seminary and for our students.*



**Commitment to Scholarship and Teaching**

# Reflections of a Christian Educator: The Challenges of Preparing Teachers for Urban Classrooms



**By Dorothy L. Hurley, Ed.D.**

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*(Excerpts from a paper presented at the Coalition of Christian Teacher Educators at Fox University in May 2004.)*

The Christian educator is directed to Jesus' teaching as a model for the treatment of children, expressed in the New Testament. Gundry-Volf (2001) argues that Jesus' admonishment of His disciples to "let the children come to Him" [Mt. 19:14; Mk. 10:14; Lk 18:16] and to "welcome them in His Name" [Mk. 9:37] calls the Christian community to serve the needs of children. Despite Jesus' love for children, they are regularly neglected and harmed, especially in many urban schools. Jonathan Kozol's scathing critique of urban schools in *America, Savage Inequalities*, documents this reality.

Christian universities should lead the way in preparing teachers and other edu-

cators who can work as God's agents to counteract this danger to children. According to Parker Palmer, teachers are the cornerstone of all education reform efforts, including those aimed at urban schools. Educational reform implies change. Teacher preparation programs must seek ways to develop teachers as effective change agents.

There is a growing disconnect, documented by several researchers, between the backgrounds of the certified teachers available to serve in urban schools and the students who attend them in relation to race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status (Banks, 2002; Ladson-Billings, 1994; Murrell, Jr., 2001; Nieto, 1999; Yeo, 1997). This disconnect means that children may be ignored, disrespected, not listened to, misunderstood, and most importantly, miseducated. Given this reality, we must ask ourselves how do we prepare teachers to seek and listen to the

voices of the students and communities they will serve? How do we prepare teachers to be open to listen to the voices of their colleagues, especially those not from the dominant power culture? How do we prepare students who are from cultures that are marginalized in our society to have the courage to let their voices be heard?

One of the most pressing issues in urban education is the number of vacancies that go unfilled each year, and the number of teachers assigned to teach in areas where they lack certification. For example, at a recent presentation on No Child Left Behind Updates for 2003 by the Bureau of Teacher Certification and Preparation, Pennsylvania Department of Education, it was reported that there continues to be a shortage of "highly qualified" teachers in urban districts and, to a lesser extent, in remote areas. In school year 2001-02, 5,200 teachers were



teaching on emergency certificates and 70% of these teachers were in large urban school districts. In 2003 in the Philadelphia School District, there was a shortage of 1,792 elementary educators. It has been well documented that urban and rural areas suffer the most from teacher shortage, teacher under-preparation, limited resources, state takeovers, and high teacher turnover (Anyon, 1997; Kozol, 1991; Yeo, 1997).

### Eastern's Master of Multicultural Education

Reform efforts in relation to urban education must be engaged on several fronts. First, I will share an instructional strategy that I use in one of our core graduate courses for the master's of multicultural education, urban transformation track. And, secondly, I will offer some recommendations.

Most of the students in the urban transformation track of our M.Ed. are nontraditional career changers who have felt called to change careers and teach in the city. Most are fairly new to teaching. Our classes are diverse in relation to age, culture, ethnicity, religion, gender, and socioeconomics.

Every semester I introduce students to these principles: 1) to be engaged in social transformation, one must be committed to personal transformation; 2) two conditions are essential for successful transformation, whether at the personal level or societal level: the belief that it is possible, and the real desire to do it.

Some of the required class readings suggest that reform in education has often focused on changes that are imposed on teachers or changes that teachers must impose on students, or both. Students learn, however, that a growing body of research indicates that the outcomes for students are closely tied to the effectiveness of individual teachers and the quality of their teacher preparation (Linda Darling-Hammond, 2003). They also learn that while teachers do make the greatest difference, all teachers, by virtue of their circumstances, are not equally placed to

make a difference, especially in light of the reality of inequity in education, particularly in urban education. Students are encouraged to reflect critically on this reality by first studying the historical framework of urban education in such texts as David Tyack's (1974) *One Best System*, and Jean Anyon's (1997) *Ghetto Schooling*. Next, we establish a theoretical framework for the evolution of urban education and for the importance of education as a vehicle of liberation through Paulo Freire's (1970, 1993) *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. The focal question that students are asked to consider is "How can I make a difference?"

At first, many students report that they feel hopeless and depressed by the truth about urban education. However, by the time we read texts that demonstrate Freire's (1970, 1993) problem-posing methodology in practice, such as Corbett, Wilson, and Williams (2002) *Effort and Excellence in Urban Education* or Ladson-Billings' (1994) *Dreamkeepers*, students become excited as they begin to recognize ways of applying theory or linking it with practice. This approach nurtures hope.

A vital component of the instructional strategy is a cooperative group project, in which student teams are assigned a research project that investigates perceptions about urban education. Another important aspect of the instructional strategy is establishing communities of caring in the classroom, and working with school partners to establish these communities outside. In our relatively small graduate courses (rarely more than 20 students) we establish cooperative learning teams and engage in large group processing and reflection.

Both Ayon (1997) and Stone (1999) assert the need for systemic approaches (i.e. partnerships) to address the needs of urban education. Unless there is systemic change, establishing and maintaining faith in the future of urban education will be difficult. Some of the more promising strategies for systemic change proposed by scholars and institutions include the following: Stone (1998) promotes the notion of civic capacity, defined as "the mobilization of

varied stakeholders in support or a community-wide cause" (p.15), as a strategy to address these needs. Murrell's (2002) recent text, *The Community Teacher: A New Framework for Effective Urban Teaching*, provides a model for pre-service and novice teachers to learn about the culture and community of their prospective students. Northeastern University's "Border Crossings" program is a successful teacher education model in practice even though some aspects of it may not be practical for everyone.

### Conclusion

Preparing teachers for urban schools presents many challenges, and proposed solutions are complex and evolving. As Christian teacher educators, we ought to approach this challenge keeping the notion of partnership in mind. At Eastern University, we participate in a partnership comprising K-12 school personnel from one of the largest urban school districts in the country and other universities that have teacher preparation programs, both Christian and secular. We meet regularly to discuss the challenges, review research, and share information about our respective institutions.

We need to accept that the challenges in urban education are our responsibility to resolve for the good of our society and for the good of our world. It is our responsibility to provide opportunities for our students to be fully informed, to seek and identify truth. We can facilitate this process by continuing to engage in pedagogical practices that will encourage students to perceive themselves as "change agents," individuals committed to personal transformation, and who view real teachers in urban schools as social activists committed to social transformation. To be successful in this process, we must maintain faith that it is possible, hope that we will succeed, and enough love to "stay at the table" (Palmer, 2000, p.11) for ourselves and for our children.

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## Commitment to Justice and Community

# Take Me, Not My Story



By Dr. Kathy Lee (right)

**I** WINCED WHEN THE YOUNG MEXICAN man said in Spanish, “Take me, not my story.” At that moment, sitting in a circle at a migrant shelter in the small town of Altar, Mexico, he had jerked our group of well-intentioned, earnest Americans back to reality and reminded us that we really could do nothing to change the immediate circumstances of his life. Sure, we could say that we would take his story and the stories of the other migrants back with us to the United States, the implication being that Americans, understanding more about

border issues, would press for change in border policies. But, in the end, we would get in our van the next day, and head back to Tucson; he would stay in Altar, and, through odd jobs, gather the money necessary to make a second attempt to cross the border.

His journey to Altar and mine could not have been more different. Mine had begun in an immigration law class at Temple University, where, for the first time, I began to seriously consider borders and their implications. I also worked one summer in the immigration courts in San Diego and Otay Mesa, CA.

Thinking that I might want to take a group of Eastern students to the border, and to get out of my comfort zone, I signed up for a trip with the Tucson-based organization, Borderlinks, a faith-based,

bicultural education organization. A former Eastern philosophy professor, Dr. Jerry Gill, directs their semester program. On this trip I tagged along with a group from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA.

After an orientation at Borderlinks in Tucson, our group of 15 piled into a van and traveled to Nogales, Mexico, about an hour and a half away. Nogales, once a city of only 30,000, now has over 400,000 people, the growth spurt beginning in the 1970s when maquiladoras or assembly plants opened, offering better paying jobs to thousands in the interior of Mexico. After driving through the downtown we turned onto a bumpy, dirt road that meandered up the infamous hillsides of the city, where people have erected what most Americans would regard as little more than shacks for housing. Salvaged building materials such as plywood, concrete blocks, and tires dominated the scene. We arrived at the Casa de la Misericordia (House of Mercy), owned by Borderlinks, and consisting of three simple stucco buildings perched on a hill





with a view of the Belle Vista neighborhood, one of the poorer areas of Nogales.

### Effects of NAFTA

During our two-and-a-half day stay, we heard speakers discuss the economic issues of the Mexican-U.S. border, especially the effects of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on Mexicans and the maquiladoras in Nogales. Prior to NAFTA, the U. S. and Mexico had agreed that American companies could build assembly plants in Mexico to which materials and components could be shipped tariff-free and tax-free. Mexican workers, paid much lower wages than U. S. workers, would assemble the parts, and the product would be shipped back to the U. S. NAFTA further reduced tariffs on certain products, such as apparel, and stimulated more job creation in border cities. The hope was that more and better-paying jobs for Mexican workers would raise the standard of living, thereby reducing migration to the U.S.

The subject is complex, and opinions differ about results. A 2004 report from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "NAFTA's Promise and Reality," has analyzed the effects over the ten years NAFTA has been in effect, and has found, among other things, that job creation has not been what was hoped, a result due in part to the loss of over a million jobs in agriculture. Nor have real wages risen significantly. The World Trade Organization, however, in a 2003 report, viewed effects differently—that income inequality has diminished in both countries.

The speakers we heard differed as well, the bluntest opinion offered by an Anglo Borderlinks volunteer who described maquiladoras as "evil" because of the inhumane treatment of workers. His view contrasted sharply with that of the Borderlinks director in Mexico, a Mexican and former maquiladora employee, who suggested that the plants had raised the standard of living of many Mexicans, but that NAFTA had not helped Mexico as had been hoped. A woman, also a former maquiladora worker, did not oppose them, but wanted workers to be treated better, and was working with an advocacy organization to educate workers about their rights under Mexican labor laws.

Though views differed on effects, there was consensus on one fact: despite earning higher wages than they would in the countryside, maquiladora workers contend with a higher cost of living. This fact was brought home when we shopped in a Mexican grocery store in Nogales and compared prices with those of staples in the U.S. In a recent *Christian Century* article, the moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and founder and international director of Borderlinks, Rick Ufford-Chase wrote, "Factory workers in Mexico will spend 70 percent of two wage earners' salaries to provide a basic diet for a family of five." What is ironic is that the cheap prices for food that we enjoy in the U.S. are due in part to the Mexican border-crossers who pick and process that food.

### Home Life

Listening to talks on economic issues of the border was fine, but it really didn't take me out of my comfort zone; the home stay did. Walking down the dusty roads in Colonia Belle Vista to our host family's home, passing houses made out of plywood and cinder blocks, I wondered what our accommodations would be like. Two women in the colonia had hosted the group for meals, and I had gasped inwardly at their small houses, flattened cardboard boxes used to separate rooms, and clothing used as insulation, stuffed between the eaves of the tin roof and the tops of the cinder block walls, and outhouses for bathrooms. The home we stayed in was a bit larger, with two small bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and an inside bathroom, although part of the floor was dirt. When we arrived, Dona Rosa (the mother) took the four of us who were going to stay there into a bedroom and pointed to one queen-size bed. At least seven people lived in this small house. Sitting around the kitchen table, we talked and learned that they had moved to Nogales from the southern part of the state of Sonora where they had owned farmland, but realized farming would not provide much opportunity for their four daughters. It was humbling to experience their hospitality and generosity.

### Border Crossing

From Nogales, we traveled to the small town of Altar, Mexico, about 60 miles south of the U. S. border, where we stayed at a Catholic migrant shelter which takes as its scriptural basis Matthew 25 and the parable of the Good Samaritan. Our host was the former mayor of Altar, Francisco Garcia, now director of the shelter, who talked to us about the transformation of Altar from a sleepy, farming community into a bustling staging area for people intent on walking across the desert into the U. S. Beginning in 1997, with the Border Patrol crackdowns in the densely populated areas of San Diego and El Paso, border crossers began to flock to the area south of the Arizona border because the

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### TAKE ME continued

Border Patrol had not yet cracked down in that area. In Altar, border crossers could purchase the services of ‘coyotes,’ or human smugglers, who would, supposedly, guide them across the border and through the desert. Destination determines how much guides are paid, frequently \$1500-\$2500, but with no guarantees. Coyotes are notorious for exploiting those who hire them, at times even leaving them in the desert to find their own way. One of the most tragic stories, told by the Mexican-American writer Luis Alberto Urrea in *The Devil’s Highway*, is that of a group of 26 men and boys who got lost in the desert and were left by their coyotes. Of the 26, 14 died.

We talked with people in the plaza, who told a familiar story—they were taking the risk to cross in order to make more money in the U.S., intending to return to open a *tacquiria*, to pay for children’s school fees, simply to have a better life. From Altar, we did what many migrants do, we traveled by van to another small town right on the border, Sasabe. But we traveled in a comfortable, air-conditioned van; migrants pay \$20-\$30 to ride in a hot van, on hard seats, to travel the 60 miles along a dirt road that was probably the bumpiest road I have ever been on. At one point, we got stuck in the sand; almost immediately another van stopped, and a young man and his mother got out and helped us push the van out. It was a searing hot day that made me wonder how people survive the journey.

Many have not survived. In 2003, over 200 people died crossing the desert; crosses mark the entrance to the dirt road from Altar to Sasabe, memorials to those who have died. Spurred by these deaths, activists, religious and non-religious, have combined in a movement called



“No More Deaths” to draw attention to the situation on the border and to aid the migrants more directly by establishing aid stations along the way.

### Christian Faith

The Christian faith is very much part of this story, on both sides of the border. When we returned to Tucson, we met with Rev. John Fife, a Presbyterian minister who has been an activist on behalf of migrants for over two decades, and was instrumental in the Sanctuary Movement in the 1980s, motivated by the Hebraic tradition of entertaining the stranger and Jesus’ model of caring for the marginalized.

South of the border, as a recent article in the *Tucson Citizen* points out, faith is just as prominent. The spokesperson for the Border Patrol’s Tucson sector provided an interesting statistic—more than two-thirds of illegal immigrants caught in the desert have a religious relic with them. Many bring Bibles; others icons depicting patron saints such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas, and San Martin Caballero, the patron saint of those who hope strangers will help them.

On June 1, the Border Patrol and the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) combined resources and launched a major crackdown along the Arizona border, a crackdown that has included the use of Blackhawk heli-

copters. Now, instead of simply being dropped off, just over the border, apprehended migrants can volunteer for flights to Mexico City and Guadalajara. According to the Border Patrol, since the institution of the flights on July 12, the number of deaths of migrants due to heat exhaustion has declined 70 percent. But as happened with the crackdowns in San Diego and El Paso, officials are also seeing migrants shift to other areas to cross into the U.S..

Our trip ended back at Borderlinks’ headquarters in Tucson. I was relieved to get back to toilets that flush, drinking water that I didn’t have to worry about, and very hot showers. Bunk beds looked luxurious compared to the hard, tile floor of the migrant shelter. The trip had done what I had hoped and also feared a bit—it had stretched me. As a professor should, I had read scholarly articles about the issues, had formed some opinions. But nothing can substitute for seeing situations up close, listening to people tell their stories and seeing how they actually live.

Border issues are terribly complex. Yes, those who cross the border are lawbreakers. Yes, the Mexican government has been and is often corrupt; it has not done enough for its own people in terms of job creation.

The income gap between Mexico and the U. S. is the greatest of any two contiguous countries in the world; that reason alone means the illegal crossings will continue. And we employ those who cross, looking the other way at their unauthorized presence because they pick our mushrooms in nearby Kennett Square and our strawberries and lettuce in Salinas, CA; harvest our produce in NJ, cut our grass,





dry our cars at the carwash, take our orders at Wendy's; and clean our rooms at the Holiday Inn after we leave.

The income gap between Mexico and the U. S. and the movement of people it stimulates reminds me of a 'food gap' in the book of Genesis, a gap that also caused people to pull up stakes and move. Abraham first, and then his son, Jacob, faced with famine, sought food in Egypt, where Israelites resided as aliens until faced with economic hardship and political persecution. Because the Israelites endured injustice as aliens in a foreign country, the Hebrew God enjoins his people to pay particular attention to the care and protection of the alien. The themes of exile and care for the stranger come together in Leviticus 19:33-34 (NSRV): "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be as the citizen among you; you shall treat the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." Except for the command to worship Yahweh, this is the command repeated most frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Now when I read this passage, I will think about the young man who said, "Take me, not my story," and the older man in the circle, with the saddest face of all, who left his family behind in order to find a job in the U. S. so his daughters could continue their education. He was caught by the Border Patrol and sent back and was now at the migrant shelter with no money. My prayer for them is the prayer that the migrant shelter offers each day, "Touch our hearts with your goodness, Lord, when we see them as they travel. Protect their families until they return home, not with a broken heart but with their hopes fulfilled. Amen!"

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#### *EASTERN LEADS STATE IN WIND ENERGY PURCHASE*

Thanks to the determined efforts of its students, Eastern agreed last year to begin purchasing 37% of its electricity from wind power supplied by Community Energy in Radnor, PA. The majority of undergraduate students voted to pay a small yearly fee to help offset this additional cost. This commitment is the largest percentage purchase in Pennsylvania, and the third largest nationally.

This landmark purchase offsets a significant amount of pollution associated with Eastern's electricity consumption and is the equivalent to eliminating over 1.7 million miles of driving, or planting over 135,000 trees annually (statistics from Penn Future).

In recognition of this environmental leadership, Eastern University was given two recent awards. In May, it was part of a Wind Turbine Blade Event held at the Art Museum in Philadelphia, where Eastern received a scale model of the giant wind turbine blade that was on display. In October, Eastern received the Green University Award from Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) at a ceremony in Philadelphia. Eastern was one of only two colleges to achieve this award; the other is Carnegie Mellon University.

These awards come on the heels of the two 2003 Governor's Awards of Environmental Excellence, one for education and outreach and the other for watershed stewardship.

*If your church or organization in the PA, NJ or DE area would like a free presentation on wind energy, contact the Eastern University Communication Office at 610-341-5930 or [lolson@eastern.edu](mailto:lolson@eastern.edu)*

*Photo: Josey Banner (3rd from left, front row) accepted the Wind Energy Award at a ceremony in Philadelphia, PA.*

**"Christian faith, if it is to have meaning in our daily lives, calls us to the work of social justice with eyes prepared to see that which cannot be seen. Talk of justice is empty if we are unwilling to take the risks that justice requires."**

**— Dr. Betsy Morgan'65 and Dr. Van Weigel, Eastern University professors**



Biology major Rae Kinsey '04 explains work being done to the Gulph Creek Watershed to PA State Representative Bill Adolph.

### Philadelphia Futures

For the fourth summer, the department of biology ran a Science Skills summer program for students from Philadelphia public high schools, as part of the Growing Greener Grant and in collaboration with Philadelphia Futures. Students combined class and field work full-time for three weeks. Using Gulph Creek Watershed as a case study for doing biology research, students collected and analyzed data for hypotheses they developed with a variety of field biology and laboratory techniques. Dr. Marv Meyer was the instructor, with help from biology majors Talitha Brown, Rachel Kinsey, Princy Kunnel and Suma Stephens.

### PA Association of Colleges and Universities Praises Eastern University

In its newsletter, *PA Higher Ed Today*, the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) wrote: "Schools like Bryn Mawr College, Clarion University, Dickinson College and Eastern University have sprung into action to save dying streams and revitalize polluted ponds. And in the process, they seek to teach community residents techniques for protecting their local streams and bodies of water." Their remarks included a photo of Eastern student volunteers working to improve water quality in the Gulph Creek Watershed Project.

### Rural Malawi Project Update

Eastern extends its environmental efforts to the rest of the world through hundreds

of its alumni working in dozens of countries and the Rural Malawi Project headed by Dr. Mike Mtika. Student volunteers collect used printer cartridges from Eastern's campus, local businesses and neighbors, and then recycle them to raise money for an educational community development project in South Eastern Africa.

Dr. Mtika reports that since March 2003, Eastern has shipped 1042 toner cartridges and 2390 inkjet cartridges totaling 3432 cartridges and raising an estimated \$5,500. The Fugett Middle School (our first partner) gave us cartridges worth \$3,300. This year, we have started programs at Lower Gwynedd and Roberts Elementary Schools. Three more schools have expressed their interest.

The Fugett Middle School has set a goal of raising \$9,500 for a pounding and grinding mill business venture in the African community, which will help build a Community Fund that can be used as a credit facility to support individuals' microenterprises. Other projects include the school farm project (to serve as a demonstration farm for the community but to also raise money for the local school), various local school improvement initiatives, an under-five clinic project (for vaccinations, AIDS control, and health education), and an evangelistic campaign initiative.

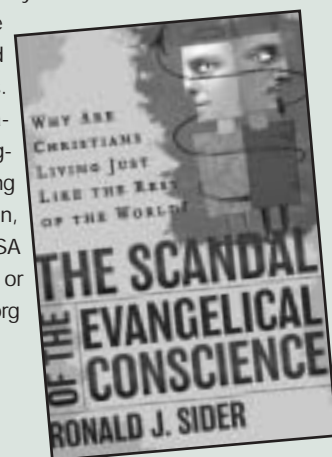
*If your church, business, group or school would like to participate, please contact Dr. Mtika at 610-225-5684 or [mmtika@eastern.edu](mailto:mmtika@eastern.edu).*

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## March 6-7, 2005

Marking the publication of well-known evangelical writer and Eastern Seminary professor Ron Sider's newest book, the Wynnewood-based Evangelicals for Social Action is hosting a conference on "The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience." Keynote speakers at the March 6-7 event, to be held at Eastern Seminary, include nationally-known scholars and writers David Neff, editor of *Christianity Today*; Mark Noll, a history professor at Wheaton College; and Randall Balmer, a religion professor at Columbia University. The conference costs \$75 (\$65 before January 30) and \$30 for students. For more information, including suggestions on lodging and registration, please contact ESA at 610-645-9390 or [esa@esa-online.org](mailto:esa@esa-online.org)





# news & information

## DEVELOPMENT

### CAMPAIGN UPDATE

It is a pleasure to report the victorious completion of our \$25 million Fiftieth Anniversary Campaign. More than \$34 million was raised in this effort, which makes it the most successful campaign in Eastern's history. Included in that campaign were funds to build a new Center for Information and Technology to be added onto Warner Library.

Construction has already begun (see photo). This new facility will add considerable square footage for books, technology, faculty offices and other space designed to sustain learning and research.

We continue to raise nearly \$1.4 million annually for Eastern University's Student Aid Fund. One hundred percent of this fund goes for scholarship assistance to our most financially-deserving students. Without this scholarship source, a number of Eastern's students would not be able to attend the University.

Building the University's endowment is another critically important task on which we are concentrating. Endowed scholar-



ships and other additions to these resources generate income to be used to attract quality students and meet financial needs of all who need them to become a part of this community.

Special thanks to all who have supported and continue to give of themselves for the benefit of our students. Financial participation in the education of

these young men and women is making a sizeable difference in their ability to prepare here for their roles in the wider world.

Sincerely,

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## ALUMNI



Lynne Zane '83 (left) and Donna (Gillenardo) Duffy '83 of the EU Alumni Association, present fellow classmate Danny Cortés '83 with the 2004 Alumnus of the Year award at Homecoming 2004.

#### ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rev. Danny Cortés '83 is the senior vice president and director of national programs at Nueva Esperanza, Inc. These programs include the Hispanic Capacity Project, and the company's work on educating clergy and laity on the HIV/AIDS crisis and its effects on the Hispanic community and church. The Hispanic Capacity Project, funded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, will work in eight cities with over 600 organizations by providing training, technical assistance and small grants.

Prior to this, Rev. Cortés was chief administrative officer of the Nueva Esperanza Academy Chartered High School and chief of operations at Nueva Esperanza, Inc. which offers programs in housing and economic development, job training, The Center for Higher Education (a two-year program in partnership with Eastern University where students can transfer to four-year colleges) and the Nueva Esperanza Campground and Retreat Center.

Rev. Cortés was a program officer at The Pew Charitable Trusts for ten years and was instrumental in enhancing the Trust's religion grant making efforts in community, Hispanic, and urban ministry education and training. During his tenure at the Trusts, Rev. Cortés oversaw more than \$40 million in grant making. He also served as pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Rev. Cortés is a member of the Hispanic Clergy of Philadelphia; the Philadelphia Award Committee; past president of the Board of National Ministries of the American Baptist

Churches, USA; the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Churches; board member of Eastern University; board member of the American Baptist Foundation; and a board member of Tenet Hospital – Parkview. He is an Eastern graduate, who obtained his BA and holds a master's of divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Cortés, his wife, Ellen, and their two children reside in the Philadelphia area.

#### 50TH REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1955

The Class of 1955 will celebrate its 50th Reunion during the May 2005 Commencement weekend (May 13-14). Start making plans now to attend and be there to usher the Class of 2005 into the Alumni Association. More information to come.

#### THE EASTERN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

We need to replace 5 members who have rotated off the Council. All class years are welcome, especially our young alumni from 2000 to 2004. We currently meet bi-monthly and function on several levels in concert with the University. If you love Eastern and enjoy making things happen, contact Nancy Hill, Council Co-Chairperson at coisswk@aol.com or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-600-8057.

#### NEW ALUMNI BENEFITS OFFERED ON THE EASTERN ALUMNI WEB PAGE

The Alumni Association is proud to offer several new opportunities to our alumni. These programs contribute to the Eastern University Alumni

Scholarship Fund every time alumni use their services.

— Receive group-discounted auto and home insurance from Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

Check it out at:  
<http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/eastern>

— Join the Christian Community Credit Union (CCCU) and enjoy the benefits of a Credit Union checking account and credit card. Find them at: <http://www.mycuccu.com/easternmembers.html>.

#### ORDER YOUR EASTERN PICTORIAL CALENDAR NOW!

Order your 2004-2005 16-month pictorial calendar (September '04 – December '05) today. It includes beautiful campus pictures, the 2004-2005 academic schedule, alumni events and important Alumni Association contact information. Cost is \$6.50 and all proceeds benefit the Eastern University Alumni Scholarship Fund. Make check payable to the Eastern University Alumni Association and mail to: Eastern University, Alumni Relations, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087.

#### FUTURE ALUMNI BOARD

This new board will develop leaders who want to stay connected to the University, instill appreciation for the value of an Eastern education, and nurture a natural transformation from student to alumni. Students interested in joining should contact Kelly Van Der Aa '02 at 610-341-1712 or [kvandera@eastern.edu](mailto:kvandera@eastern.edu)

#### EASTERN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

If we don't have your e-mail address, you are missing the most up-to-date class news and information from the Office of Alumni Relations. This quarterly newsletter also includes upcoming events open to all alumni and opportunities to give back to your alma mater in more ways than one. If you don't want to be left out, send your current e-mail address to [alumni@eastern.edu](mailto:alumni@eastern.edu) AND send us your news.

Visit the Eastern Alumni Web page often and stay connected. View our photo gallery, upcoming events, career services links and much more. We're here to serve you.  
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## marriages

Rebekah Elisabeth Wik, daughter of Joyce (Hamilton) Wik '67, married Jacob Daniel Sauer on October 11, 2003. Jacob is the son of Paula Sauer '82 and Jim Sauer, Eastern's library director.

JoAnn Fisher '91 married Danny Goble on October 25, 2003. JoAnn is now the stepmother to Ashley (17) and Joshua (15). She worked for 7 years as a marketing/admissions assistant at ReMed, a brain injury rehabilitation provider, and now is a sales representative for Avon, Inc. The Fishers reside in Harleysville, PA.

Kymberly Sue Becker '93 married Charles Downer at St. John's United Church of Christ, Boyertown, PA in fall 2003. Kymberly is a teacher for Southern Middle School in the Reading, PA School District.

Matt Wieand '96 married Katie Zeager on August 8, 2004. Matt teaches biology at Lampeter-Strasburg School District, Lancaster, PA, and coaches high school softball and basketball.

Lana Gallucci '97 married Maurizio Genta on December 7, 2002 and moved to Italy in 2003. Lana taught elementary/special education in the US for six years. She now teaches in a bilingual elementary school in Northern Italy. The couple attends the Chiesa Evangelica in Asti, Italy.

Alison Noack '97 married Ramzy Andrawos '01 (MEd) on June 28, 2003. Alison is a teacher in the School District of Philadelphia. Ramzy is operations manager for Independence Charter School. The couple resides in Springfield, PA.

Holly Noldy '97 and Michael Spitale were married on May 24, 2003. Holly obtained a master's degree from Eastern and is a teacher



in Upper Darby, PA. Michael works for Hi-Fi House. The Spitalos reside in Wallingford, PA.

**Melody Riddle '99** married Shane Reiner in Negril, Jamaica on May 14, 2004. Melody is the director of outreach for Hope & Home, a child placement agency in Colorado Springs, CO, where the Reiners live.

**Erin Leigh Ulrich '99** and Raymond Kolacek were married on January 3, 2004 at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA. She is employed by Waynesburg College as an instructor and head athletic trainer. Raymond is a geologist at MFG, Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Sandra Cruz '00** and Bret Tracy were recently married and live in Wilmington, DE, where Sandra Cruz-Tracy works in an orthopedic sports medicine office.

**Elizabeth Ann Martin '00** and Matthew Alan Glenn were married under the supervision of the Elmira, NY Friends Meeting. Matthew is a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA. The couple operates Muddy Fingers Farm in Horseheads, NY, specializing in growing organic vegetables.

**Alexa Robinson '00** was married in September 2003, and is now Alexa Haselhorst. She teaches at the Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights, MD.

**Rebecca Kubiak '01** married Richard Kwait on October 25, 2003. Rebecca is a pulmonary nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.

**Mark Zuber '01** and Dana Detweiler were married October 4, 2003 at Faith Calvary Church in Lancaster, PA. Zuber is a special education teacher in the Solano School District at Swift Middle School, PA.

**Jamy Landis '02** was married to Lisa Ashby on December 6, 2003 at Kootenai Valley Church, Bonners Ferry, ID. The couple lives in Bozeman, MT.

**Jessica Eckman '03** and David Thomas Kohler were married July 26, 2003 at Olivet United Methodist Church in Coatesville, PA. Jessica is employed by the Southern Lehigh Valley School District, PA. They reside in Whitehall, PA.

**Cynthia Marie Lutz '03** married **Walton K. Martin '03 (MBA)** January 10, 2004. Cynthia is pursuing a teaching career. Her husband received his MBA from Eastern University in 2003 and is employed by the Boy Scouts of America. The Martins reside in Millville, NJ.

**Laura Robins '03** married William Haines on July 10, 2004. Laura teaches English at Wilmington Christian School, DE.

**Jason Bickham '03** and Anna Sarco were married in Charleston, SC on August 7, 2004. Jason is a graphic designer and Anna is pursuing a marketing position in Charleston.

**Susan Varga '03** was married on April 24, 2004. She is now Mrs. Susan Jackson, and works as a chemist with Esschem.



**Beth (McCoy) Priest '91** and husband, **Dana '91**, have a daughter, Sarah Bethany, who was born on June 27, 2001. The Priests reside in Ambridge, PA.

**Tracey (Thomas) Briggs '93** and husband, Tom, became the parents of Tabitha Marie on March 28, 2003. Son Thomas William is four. Tracey is a stay-at-home mom, and works part-time in the human service field. Tom is the senior pastor at Apalachin Alliance Church, Apalachin, NY.

**Jennifer (Sanborn) Burch '94** and husband, Matthew, announce the birth of Lucas Cooper Sanborn-

Burch on June 23, 2004. He joins sister, Kyra. Jennifer works in the multicultural center at Wheaton College, Norton, MA.

**Rebekah (Rushton) Storti '96** and husband, Steve, welcomed Roman Daniel on August 4, 2004. He joins brother Nicholas John born August 31, 2002. The Storts reside in West Norriton, PA. Rebekah is a part-time veterinary technician, and Steve is a sales manager for Continental Concrete Products in Pottstown, PA.

**John Mullins '98** and **Lynnette (Hoy) '00** welcomed Ella Grace on May 22, 2004 in Boston, MA. The couple resides in Houston, TX.

**Kelly (Hannigan) Lynch '00** and husband, Michael, welcomed Sarah Grace on March 9, 2004. The Hannigans reside in Milford, NJ.

**Debra (Moore) Williams '00** and **Frank Williams '96** welcomed Gavin Andrew on July 2, 2003.

to Bluemont, the biography and history of a Virginia village that traces its roots back to colonial times. Bluemont was a popular summer resort for the Washington elite in the early years of the 20th Century. Johnson's home, Clayton Hall, was built in 1797. In November 2003, she received the Thomas Balch Library's History Award. Johnson also taught journalism for 17 years at Loudoun County High School in Leesburg, VA.

**Dr. Benjamin Champion '59** is on the Board of Directors for Family Forum at Central Baptist Church in Wayne, PA. He and his wife, Sue (Spears) '61, serve on the Young Life Committee and train laypersons through Stephen Ministries. They also volunteer at Cornerstone Christian Academy.

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**Rev. M. Douglass Willey '55** received a doctor of divinity in July 2004 from California Christian University for 50 years of faithfully preaching the Gospel. He also holds a doctor of ministry degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Doug and his wife, Rosemarie, have recently relocated to Indianapolis, IN.

**Evelyn (Porterfield) Johnson '58** is the co-author of From Snickersville

## ALUMNI continued

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### 1969 Class Representative

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**Rev. David Beals '60** is the chaplain and director of three personal care homes. He is the uncle of 28 nieces and nephews. One of his hobbies is writing prose and poetry that he shares with friends and relatives. David was president of the Student Council and student of the year during his time at Eastern.

**Rev. Graham Freeman '60** and his wife, Jean, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on January 19, 2004. They are members of Temple Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, MD.

**Dr. Jean (Bartholomew) Kim '61** is the coordinator, Nehemiah Leadership Network, College and Seminary Liaison, American Baptist Churches USA. Her husband, Roy, teaches international economics at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. They have two grown children.

**Hal Bunting '63** has retired after 41 years in education. For the past 13 years, he taught at the Valley Forge Military Academy and College, Wayne, PA. He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and associate professor of history. He also had 28 years in private special education. He was chairman of the Social Studies Department at the Vanguard School for 21 years, and taught at the Devereux School for six years.

**Rev. Dr. William Offutt '63** has been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jefferson, OH for over 25 years. In 2002, he was awarded a Lifetime Service Award by the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. His accomplishments include a weekly newspaper piece called "The Pastor's Column" and his appearance on WCVJ's prayer-line program.

**Roz (Kemp) Reiff '63** is an ESL teacher in the Edmund Oklahoma

public schools and a freelance editor of ESL materials. Roz and her husband, Jon, who is a tax lawyer in Oklahoma City, have three grandchildren.

**Rev. Larry K. Waltz '63** is working on the PA Breeding Bird Atlas, a five-year biology project. He is also involved in the Forest Stewardship Project sponsored by Penn State University on 30 acres of his land. Larry served as the executive minister of the Philadelphia Baptist Association prior to his retirement.

**Dr. Leslie Desmangles '64** received an official citation by Connecticut Governor John Rowland for his "outstanding achievements, leadership and commitment to the state of Connecticut." The citation was part of a ceremony honoring the state's immigrants held on May 16, 2002. Leslie has also written a book entitled, *The Faces of the Gods: Voodoo and Roman Catholicism in Haiti* published by the University of North Carolina Press.

**Earl Reeder '64** and his wife, Judy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2004. His cancer is in total remission and he is grateful for the many prayers offered on his behalf. The Reeders planned an extended trip to Seattle, WA and up through Canada in August 2004.

**Andrea (Gibbs) Lovelace '67** has worked with emotionally disturbed students for 17 years. She and her husband, Jim, have been married 31 years. They are the grandparents of eight.

**Steven Stewart '68** and his wife, Joanna, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in June 2004. Steven is a middle school history teacher at The Harrisburg Academy, PA. The school recently established The Steven B. Stewart Award to be presented annually to all students in the 8th grade who have played three sports during their middle school years. This award is in appreciation for Steven's long-time service as an athletic director, and his coaching over 50 teams.

**Rev. Lee Charles Cattell '69** has been pastor of the Milmay Bible Church for eight years, and principal of The Pilgrim Academy, Egg Harbor City, NJ for 20 years. His wife, Harriet, died in May 1994. A granddaughter, Nicole Burns was born on April 29, 2004.

## 1970s

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**John W. Munro '73** is Eastern University's campus environmental restoration coordinator. His wife, **Joyce (Clemmer) '71**, is a part-time English professor at Eastern.

**Bettie Ann (Morse) Brigham '74** has been appointed vice president for student development. She was previously dean of students.

**Jay Cousins '74** is the president and founder of the Blue Group LLC, which focuses on mergers and acquisitions program management, and productivity optimization. He has won several awards in Toastmasters International for his ability to motivate and inspire an audience.

**Deborah (Jarvis) Kortyna '74** has studied massage and reflexology, and is teaching at the Desert Institute of the Healing Arts in Tucson, AZ. She maintains a private practice and also works at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort. She and husband, Gary, have two children, Brian (19) and Lauren (16).

**Kris (Hanlon) Agar '75** sends greetings from her home in Loveland, OH.

**John Ashbaugh '75** is recuperating from back surgery.

**Earl G. Brown '75** has completed two years at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, and has been placed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kimball, NE, as a vicar from July 1, 2004 to August 1, 2005. His wife, **Elizabeth (Hirst) '76**, has retired after 24 years of working. They have three children.

**Bob Daily '75** has a daughter at EU and a son attending law school in San Diego.

**Brian Fairley '75** is in his 16th year as pastor of the First Baptist Church La Jolla near San Diego, CA. He has been married for 25 years (Terry Lynn) and has two sons. His oldest, Brendon, is a senior at EU who also plans on a career in ministry. Brian reports that **Paul Daffinee '74** attends First Baptist.

**Pam Ferguson '75** has three children (Joanne, 19; Mark, 16; and Catherine, 13). Pam and her children have been struggling with her husband's serious medical condition. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Linda Mosakowski '75** is now in Uzbekistan.

**Pam (Hadley) Goodling '75** is infection control coordinator for Hanover Hospital, PA. She has two children (ages 18 and 22) and has worked in microbiology at various hospitals throughout the US.

**Linda Hart '75** is in her 7th year as senior pastor of Emmanuel Baptist



Church in Ridgewood, NJ. She has been an ordained minister for 25 years.

**Mary (Snaveley) Holly '75** has two college-bound daughters.

**Jeff Leonards '75** is a behavioral medicine consultant at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, ME. He is president and coach of the "Farmington Flyers" ([www.farmingtonflyers.hockey.com](http://www.farmingtonflyers.hockey.com)) which he organized in 2002 and is sponsored by the Philadelphia Flyers.

**Phil Mugridge '75** reports that his daughter recently graduated from college. His son is crewing on sailboats in the Caribbean.

**Sherry (Curry) Phan '75** has three daughters (one married, one in college, one in high school) and an 11-year-old son. She has worked in the Legal Department for the Salvation Army for 17 years and spent four years doing benevolent ministries for Vietnamese in Atlanta.

**Carol (Murr) Russell '75** is married to **Bud Russell '72** and residing in DE, where she teaches kindergarten. Bud is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dover.

**Lois Saylor '75** has been employed for 21 years at Maaco Enterprises.

**Bob Tyson '75** is married, has children, and has been working for IBM in Philadelphia. He earned his MBA in 1985.

**Carol Ward-Colasante '75**, a graduate of EBTS, enjoys an executive role with the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health in Harrisburg.

**Robert Bertolette '77** has been appointed to a three-year term on the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is president/ CEO of Riddle Village, a continuing care retirement community, Media, PA.

**Denise (Kisseleff) Arduino '78** is the production supervisor at Reed Technology and Information Services in Horsham, PA where she has

worked for 15 years. The company processes patent applications for the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. James Sioma '78** serves as the prison doctor for six prisons and as the medical director of Hospice Preferred Choice. He is on the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer's Society of PA, and participates in the speaker's bureau for two drug companies. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children and reside in York, PA.

**Diane M. England '79** is a special education teacher in the New York City public schools. She holds a master's degree in special education from the University of South Carolina.

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**Karen Venditti (Wagner) '80** is employed by Washington Mutual Bank as a senior personal financial representative and licensed banker. Karen has two granddaughters and resides in Los Osos, CA.

**Margaret (Cranston) Carson-Gable '82** works in Vaccine Planning and Scheduling at Merck and Co, Inc. She married Eric Gable in 2001 at Disney World. She has two stepdaughters and a son. The couple resides in Lansdale, PA.

**Jeffrey Hipple '82** would appreciate prayer for a serious back/hip condition that may require surgery in the near future.

**Emilio Marrero, Jr. '82** lead military chaplain in the US Navy, was given the annual Esperanza Spirit Award at the National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C. on June 4, 2004.

**Althea "Tia" McDowell '85** is the author of the book Honey from the Weed that chronicles her struggle with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. Battling the disease for more than ten years, McDowell is unable to move her arms, hands, legs and feet and has lost the ability to chew solid food. McDowell is an attorney and worked at the University of Delaware as the coordinator for the Americans With Disabilities Act.

**Captain Douglas V. Mastriano '86** has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at the Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, Germany. He is stationed with the U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army. He holds three master's degrees in strategic military intelligence, military operations and military air power.

**Kevin King '87** is the executive coordinator, Mennonite Disaster Service, Akron, OH.

**Daniel Krick '87** is principal, Krick Brothers, Inc. He has been married for ten years to **Susan (Thompson) '88**. They reside in Glenmoore, PA.

**Becky (Miller) Hancock '88** and her husband, Mark, celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in May 2004. Becky home schools their three daughters. Mark is network administrator at the College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY. They are both active in their local church where Mark plays keyboard for the weekly worship team and chairs the missions committee. They both participate in the hand bell choir and AWANA.

**Arnold Johnson, Jr. '88** is the director of Annuity Operation at Prudential Financial, Philadelphia, PA. He is also the chairman of the Board of Deacons at Star of Hope Baptist Church, Tacony, in Philadelphia.

**Todd Bove '89** and his partner, Kevin Smith, have adopted a second child, Lauren, born on March 31, 2004. She joins brother, Jared, who is four.

**Irvin Hutcherson '89** is a staffing specialist at the Pennsylvania CareerLink. He is also an elder at Harvest Time Christian Fellowship. He married Lisa Page on April 10, 2004.

**Sean McGrath '89** was sworn in on May 18, 2004 as the state representative for the 8th Legislative District in Kennewick, WA, replacing a legislator who moved to the 8th District Senate seat. McGrath will run for a full term in fall 2004.

## 1990s

**1995 Class Representative**  
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**Vernon Brown '90** is a job developer with the Pennsylvania Prison Society in Philadelphia, PA. His duties include finding employment opportunities for men and women re-entering society.

**Jeffrey McRobbie '90** received a master of divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary on May 27, 2004. The seminary is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

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**Andrew Pasedag '90** received a master of divinity degree in pastoral ministry from Columbia Biblical Seminary. He is an ordained minister with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and is starting a church called New Heart Community Church in Georgia where he and his family reside.

**Kwanza (Brown) Devlin '01** and husband, Jim, spent nine days in Tlanchinol, Mexico in June 2004. Kwanza helped to run a clinic and Jim helped with computer work and construction. The Devlins are members of the Brookside Church in Omaha, NE. Kwanza is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, NE.

**Rev. Victoria ByRoade '94** is the pastor at The First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin, FL. She is the grandmother of Chloi Maye Corbett born December 12, 2003.

**Julie Prey-Harbaugh '94** received the master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 15, 2004. She works at the University of Pennsylvania for the Program in Universities, Communities of Faith, Schools, and Neighborhood Organizations. She also earned her black belt in Aikido in March 2004, and serves as an instructor for Philadelphia Aikido. In fall 2004, Julie will present a seminar at the Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention.

**Jennifer (Lehman) Metzler '94** earned her master's degree in social work in 1997. She worked as a pregnancy counselor and in adoption/foster care for three years. She has been married to Emerson for ten years, and the couple has two daughters, Grace (5) and Anna (3-1/2).

**Rydene (Bresnen) Smith '94** and her husband, Albert, reside in Hatfield, PA. They are parents of two children, Asher, born September 19, 2001 and Graham Nathaniel, born

August 19, 2002. Rydene (Deana) is a stay-at-home mom, and a Creative Memories consultant.

**Jeff Thomas '94**, now known as **Ardell Parker**, spent nearly a year in England learning about production and making connections in the hit-or-miss music business. He recently began working with a new band called Queue, and is working toward his first album. He is known for writing beautiful melody and has a natural instinct for arrangement. He is the son of **Dr. Ardell Thomas '63** and **Peggy (Parker) Thomas '63**.

**Rev. Dave Winner '94** is pursuing a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA. Dave is in his seventh year as pastor of students and young adults at Baptist Temple, Blue Bell, PA. Dave's wife, **Dena (Slaymaker) '92**, works part-time. The Winners have three children.

**Nathan '95** and **Rebecca Irwin-Diehl '95** have been married for 9 years. They met 13 years ago in the parking lot behind McInnis. Nathan is music and multi-gifted teacher at Dobson School in Philadelphia. Rebecca is a self-employed freelance writer. The couple has three children.

**Amy (Ross) Rzaca '95** and her husband, David, have celebrated their 8th anniversary. They have two daughters, Abigail (6), and Emily (3). Amy will resume teaching preschool in fall 2004. David is an attorney for a health and benefits company.

**Cheryl McVaugh '96** received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 2003 from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. She is currently a postdoctoral research fellow in chemical biology at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Jaia Peterson '96** is the director of public policy at Generations United, a small nonprofit that provides advocacy for children and older adults. She holds a master's degree in social work from Syracuse University.

**Paul Olsen '97** was married on August 23, 2003. He is a New York City firefighter. His wife, Linda, is a registered nurse.

**Greg Beese '98** has started a consulting practice in Wayne, PA specializing in computer/infrastructure. He completed his MBA in 2003.

**Julie Grant '98** is a special educator to 4th/5th grade students in Montgomery County public schools, MD. She is currently pursuing a second master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in educational leadership, and has begun candidacy for National Board Certification. She was recently featured in a front-page article of the New York Times, "No Child Left Behind/Adequate Yearly Progress" and how it affects students with special needs.

**Nina (Davis) Green '99** married Kermit LeRoi Green on December 4, 1999. They welcomed their first child, Ceraiah Brenda, on October 31, 2001. A second child is due in December 2004. Nina counsels young women and is participating in a program in her church known as New Covenant mission to make "disciples of all nations." The couple resides in Claymont, DE.

**Amy Schwartz '99** is employed as a teacher of the handicapped at Cape May County Special Services, NJ. She is also taking graduate classes at Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ.

## 2000s

**2000 Class Representatives**  
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**2004 Class Representative**  
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**Heidi (Moss) '00** and **Noah Macy '00** currently work for Atofina Chemicals, Inc. in King of Prussia, PA. Noah is a research chemist with two patents pending, and researches in the area of controlled radical polymerization. Heidi is a research chemist in the analytical department that specializes in GC, GC/MS, IC, and pyrolysis research. They are expecting a baby boy in November, and reside in Royersford, PA.

**Danielle Oyler '00** has been youth director at Church of the Master United Methodist Church, Howell, NJ for four years. She went to Fiji in August to work four months for EduVenture, a study-abroad program, as a student mentor.

**Janna Schmidt '00** received a master's degree in social work in May 2004 from Indiana University, IN. One of her hobbies is helping to rehabilitate houses in urban neighborhoods.

**Cara Bertozzi '02** began a doctoral program in the biomedical sciences at the University of Pennsylvania in June 2004. She has also participated in triathlons, and competed in an Olympic-distance event in California during the summer.

**Julian Scavetti '02** is the youth pastor at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Gap, PA. He previously served as director of youth and family ministry at the Church of God in Landisville, PA.



**Stephanie Youd '02** is a member of the class of 2008 at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Faculty of Health Sciences Medical School for International Health in Israel, in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center in New York. The medical school expands upon the traditional medical curriculum to emphasize global health and healthcare for underserved populations across the globe.

**Mark Ballantyne '03** has been serving with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq as an infantryman. He has experienced the horrors of war that include aggressive combat and the loss of some of his friends. He expects to return to the states in early 2005.

**Damona Benner '03** works for a local newspaper in Sunbury, PA while looking for a job in her field. She expects to be married in October 2004.

**Meghann Dellinger '03** has completed work on a master's degree in elementary education at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, with a focus in reading. She is currently a first grade teacher at Murray Elementary School.

**Monica Enox-Eickhoff '03** works for Desert State Life Management, Roswell, NM as a caseworker for developmentally disabled persons.

**Amber Hulslander '03** is a corporate and financial analyst at Gaudenzia, Inc., the largest drug and alcohol rehab in Pennsylvania. She is engaged to **John Hawkins '01**, a family therapist for a Chester County mental health program.

**Katie Jones '03** is working as a youth pastor at Christian Renewal Church in Salem, MA.

**Ryan Quigley '03** is employed by Hatboro Federal Savings, PA as a teller and customer service representative. His future plans are to find a youth ministry position.

**Ryan Showalter '03** is on a six-month assignment with the Youth Evangelism Service team of Mennonite Central Committee in

Waterbury, CT. His responsibilities include leading a team to assist in urban church planting, and reaching out to people affected by drug and alcohol addiction.

**Robin Weinstein '03**, assistant registrar at Eastern University, has left that position to pursue a job in a political campaign in Southern New Jersey.

**Ivy Zimmerman '03** is a naturalist at an outdoor environmental education center in New York, NY. She married **Jon Connelly '03** in August 2004. Jon works at an environmental consulting firm in Massachusetts as a wetlands specialist. He and Ivy live in Salem, MA.

#### SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

**Attorney Michelle Olshefski '92 (Group No. 20)** joined the Penn State Wilkes-Barre faculty in 2002 where she is an instructor and head of the justice program. She was recently named Penn Stater of the Quarter. Olshefski was recognized for her effective work with students and with Penn State Fayette that has extended its program to the Wilkes-Barre campus.

**Ray McKeeman '95 (Group No 59) and FMBA '95 (Group No. 6)** is certified as a project manager. He has also started a maintenance and repair business for small businesses and homeowners. He also does consulting.

**Andy Roman '95 (Group No. 47)** was elected as a Lehigh County, PA Commissioner in November 2003. Roman is director of the DeSales University Center for Professional Development that puts together training programs for eastern PA businesses. He also served on the Whitehall-Coplay School Board for four years.

**Katherine (Kemp) Cohen '96 (Group No. 92)** married Rev. David

M.S. Cohen on April 22, 2000. She is the projects and promotions manager for CNEC/Partners International, Croydon Park, NSW, Australia. Partners International is a global ministry that works to create and grow communities of Christian witness in partnership with God's people in the least Christian regions of the world. She also serves as a board member of Christian Management, Australia.

**Myracherisse White '99** married Wayne Best on August 30, 2003. She received her master's degree in healthcare administration from Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA on May 15, 2004. The Bests and their two children reside in Philadelphia.

**Stephen R. Smith '00 (Group No. 187)** has been named director, Pastoral Administration and Young Adult Ministries at Lansdale Presbyterian Church, PA. Steve is currently a graduate student at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, PA.

**Brandon Testerman '03** received the Servant Leadership Award, and participated in ministerial ordination through Logos Global Network. He is manager of York County True Value, York, PA.

#### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Alica Ouedraogo '92 (MBA)** is a business development advisor for Ghana and Liberia at the International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) in Accra Ghana. She has also done work in Nigeria. Her specialty is providing business advisory services to single mothers.

**Donna Phillips '96 (MBA)** is president of Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, Malvern, PA. The hospital contains 151 beds and specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

**Claudia (Hearst) Curry '98 (MBA Group No. 13) and SPS '95 (Group No. 55)** is the author of "Leading Teams: A Concrete Approach for Success" that appears in the June 2004 issue of Women in Higher Education. She is currently pursuing an Ed.D. in innovation and leadership at Wilmington College, DE.

**Carol Goertzel '98 (MBA)** is the executive director of PathWaysPA, an agency based in Swarthmore, PA that provides residential and educational services and advocacy for families. In 2003 she was awarded Delaware County Chamber of Commerce's Athena Award.

**Fred Pierce '98 (MBA Group No. 13)** is sales director for Energy Resources (oil/gas). He has been seriously ill, and his family has asked for much prayer.

**Mary 'Lilibet' Coe '99 (MBA)** is executive director of the Women's Resource Center, Wayne, PA. She is responsible for implementing the center's strategic plan, developing staff and board, securing funding, overseeing program development, and community outreach. She also received an undergraduate degree from Eastern in 1970.

**Carolyn Kelly-Shields '99 (M.Ed)** has been employed full-time by the Upper Darby School District, PA for six years in the English department. She has been the department's union representative for three years. She is a committee member for developing small learning communities at the high school, and one of the leaders of critical friends groups.

**Jennifer Esposito '99 (M.Ed)** became the bride of Herbert Zimmerman on November 22, 2003. She works for the Chester County Intermediate Unit, Paoli, PA as a special education teacher.

**Dr. Emely Karandy Karsten '99 (MBA)** recently joined Location Realty in Penn Valley, PA as a salesperson. Prior to her career with Location Realty, Karsten served as a physician and plastic surgeon in the Delaware Valley, PA for two decades.

**Tammy King '00 (M.Ed)** and David Collins were married at Washington Assembly of God Church in Easton, PA on October 11, 2003.

**Mitch Amarando '01 (M.Ed) and '02 (M.A.)** is a court appointed child

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2004 Homecoming  
Queen Sarah Chaffee and  
King Jarmaine Fisher

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advocate in the U.S. Virgin Islands for a minimum of 18 months. He will be advocating in court for children from birth until 18 years of age who have been abused or neglected. Mitch will be compelled to insure that the needs of the children are met at their place of residence and at school.

**Richard Miller '01 (MBA), Duane Higginbotham '01 (MBA), and Howard James, Jr. '01 (MBA)** are the owners/ founders of Tea Country, LLC, 6722 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA. The store opened on August 28, 2004.

**Margaret Whitby Tunstall '02 (MBA)** is an investigator for Americhoice of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and is also a registered nurse. She works with law enforcement agencies and others on special investigations. She and her husband are relocating to South Carolina in the near future.

**Brian Poliafico '03 (MBA)** married Kristen Berrigan on June 21, 2003. He is employed as a safety specialist for PSE&G. The Poliaficos reside in Brookhaven.

**Jere Shertzer '03 (MBA)** is CEO of the Water Street Rescue Mission, Lancaster, PA, a ministry for the homeless and needy. The mission has a 108-person staff that shelters some 200 homeless persons, and serves hundreds of meals daily.

#### IN MEMORIAM

**Margaret K. Hepburn '80** passed away on June 20, 2004. Trained as a nurse, Mrs. Hepburn worked on the

staff at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and later joined the staff at the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry in Fort Washington, PA where she worked with the elderly. Her husband, Roy, four children, and two stepchildren, survive her.

**Clarence A. Brangman '92 (Group No. 12)** passed away on January 8, 2004. He was an assistant general manager for SEPTA. He enlisted in the army in 1953, and served in the honor guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and with the burial detail at Arlington Cemetery until his discharge in 1955. His wife, Dorothy, and two children are among his survivors.

**Byron Kanzinger '93** a senior manager at the Regal Marketplace Theater complex in Upper Providence Township, PA passed away on November 6, 2003. Kanzinger was vice president of the Civil War Token Society and the author of The Civil War Token Collector's Guide. He also created the Civil War Token Collectors Hall of Fame, and was himself inducted into the Hall of Fame as its twelfth member shortly before his death. Survivors include his parents, Donald and Anita.

**Janet Kagan (Martin) '00** passed away on July 6, 2004 as a result of a motorcycle accident on June 26. For three years, Janet had been coordinator of the criminal justice ministry for Episcopal Community Services. She also taught parenting skills to inmates at Camp Hill and Graterford Prisons in Pennsylvania as well as assisted chaplains working at Graterford and the Youth Detention Center. Survivors include her husband, two children, and her mother.

## CAMPOLO COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AWARDS BANQUET STUDENT PRESENTATION QUOTES

"Thank you Eastern University for developing this program. Many of us would not have been able to obtain our MBA's if it weren't for the evening program that was established to accommodate working adults.

The course we set now is of our own doing, so let us not waste this education we've worked so diligently for over the last two years. More doors are available for us now than two years ago; we just have to start opening them."

— Cindy Gresham, FMBA 90

"To all graduates, always remember that it was through God's intervention that brought us all together, and through that intervention we will remain connected, not only as alumni of Eastern University, but as friends, graduates, and believers in the adage that rewards do come to those who work hard and persist in their dreams and goals."

— Dan Costa, DCP 282

"Completing this program made us stronger, smarter and more accomplished members of society and with that in mind, we hasten on to the next adventure awaiting us in life."

— Sarah Kinley, DCP 284

"Learning is a gift that not everyone has. Please do not take this for granted, keep building on your education and use the gift that God has given each of us.

I want to thank Eastern University for providing us with such a diverse group of instructors from all walks of life and backgrounds. The caliber of our instructors can be rated as world class."

— Barbara Dempsey, FMBA 86

"Our journey together has helped each of us to continue on our separate paths to success. However, during this journey we have endured many hardships both in and outside of the classroom and yet were able to persevere and complete our studies. A testament to our commitment has been our guiding light, Anne Clark-Duncan, who for the past 16 months kept us together and facilitated our growth academically, socially and spiritually. Individually we are all successful, caring spiritual people who are determined to improve our station in life. Together we educated each other and created a fellowship that none of us will soon forget."

— James Johns, DCP 289

"As we progressed, we began to get a sense, that it isn't all about learning facts, but also confidence. And while meeting every week, we began to see that we were building friendships and community."

— Dennis Bingham, MIS 16

"Over the past 17 months, we have grown academically, emotionally and personally. We have supported each other and forged special relationships, and I have no doubt these relationships will last well beyond our time here at Eastern."

— Christina Lavin, DCP 292

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# CAMPUS COMMUNITY NEWS

## JOIN OUR MISSION

The Eastern University community is a faith-based family that encompasses all of its students, faculty, alumni, trustees, donors, parents and grandparents, friends, neighbors, staff, and administrators. This Christian community stretches across America and around the globe. Through thousands and thousands of productive lives and countless acts of daily servant leadership, Christ's Kingdom is being enriched by all of those who are now, or once were, touched by the special grace of an Eastern University or Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary education. We invite you to join us in this glorious mission! If you would like to send a gift to encourage and support this Kingdom-building work, please use the envelope provided in the center of this issue. Thank you and God bless you.

## SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

At a lively Commissioning Ceremony this summer, the international economic development group was sent off to their field semester assignments. New cohorts arrived on campus in August: an international economic development cohort with 25 students, and an urban economic development cohort with 14 students. These cohorts include Jordanians, Togolese and Burkinabes.

The new students had the pleasure of getting acclimated to the campus at the same time as SLDs new faculty member, Dr. Connie Ostwald. She and Dr. Colleen DiRaddo team taught the Community Building course and had a great time administering the Meyers-Briggs test as well as facilitating team-building exercises.

The urban economic development cohort orientation included a lecture series headed by Dr. Tony Campolo '56 on Faith-Based Economic Development.

## 20th Anniversary Magazine

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the economic development

program, SLD is publishing a magazine that includes reflections from faculty, administrators and alumni. The magazine will be a testament to the penetrating impact of Eastern's economic development program over its 20 years of service to the international community. To request a copy of the magazine, e-mail Jen Abboud at [jabboud@eastern.edu](mailto:jabboud@eastern.edu).

**Elvira Ramirez**, assistant professor of Spanish and chair of the language department, delivered a paper, "The Courtly Love in Grimalte y Gradissa," at the International Conference on Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Villanova University.

**David King**, chief development officer of the Campolo College for Graduate and Professional Studies at Eastern, received the 2004 College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the association. He has served in numerous leadership positions and on the CUPA National Board.

**Dr. Vivian Nix-Early**, dean of the Campolo School for Social Change, presented "Untapped Anchor: The Role of Spirituality in the Lives of Foster Care Youth" at the It's My Life Conference of the Casey Family Programs in Sacramento, CA this October. The monograph is the result of a research project funded by the Department of Human Services of Philadelphia. Co-researched with Paul DiLorenzo, foster care advocate and consultant, the project was conducted through the Graduate Research program of the CSSC and included the assistance of Eastern University graduate students.

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## DAVID FRASER NAMED PROVOST



Dr. David Fraser was appointed provost of Eastern University last fall. Dr. Fraser joined the faculty in 1986 as professor of sociology and Christian studies. In 1992 he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Since 2000 he has served as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Leadership and Development. Dr. Fraser is the co-founder of the Center for Organizational Excellence and its international ministry, Development Associates International. He is the co-author with Dr. Tony Campolo of *Sociology Through the Eyes of Faith* (Harper & Row). A graduate of Columbia Bible College and Stanford University, Dr. Fraser earned his A.M. degree at Harvard University, his master of divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and both his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University.

## DAVID GREENHALGH NAMED DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



Dr. David Greenhalgh was appointed dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He joined the faculty in 1994 as professor of education. Dr. Greenhalgh earned his B.A. from Barrington College, his M.A. and M.Ed. from Rhode Island College, and his Ed.D. from Boston University.

## WELCOME NEW FACULTY

**Ray Acker** Biblical Studies  
**Janice Buck** Lecturer in Nursing  
**Andrew Bush** Associate Professor of Missions  
**Laura Cooley** French and Spanish  
**Eric Flett** Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture  
**Kathy-ann Hernandez** Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology  
**Jean Landis** Assistant Professor of Education  
**Nneka O. Ofulue** Assistant Professor of Communication Studies  
**Connie Ostwald** Associate Professor in Economics and Development  
**Gary Ostwald** Visiting Professor of Management and Communication Studies  
**Shelley Robbins** Clinical Faculty in Nursing  
**Sue Seltzer** NTT Lecturer  
**Albert Socci** Associate Professor of Business



## NEW MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AT HONORS CONVOCATION

Gary Ostwald, (from left) Connie Ostwald, Shelley Robbins, Janice Buck, Eric Flett, Susan Seltzer, Jean Landis and Kathy-ann Hernandez

## COMMUNITY NEWS continued

Music Instructor **Scott Robinson's** group *Mandala* released its first CD, "Compassion," on the Lux Musica label. The recording, which includes the voices of the women of Turning Point, received support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and is available at [www.mandalaband.net](http://www.mandalaband.net). Dr. Robinson also received a grant from Meet the Composer in support of a concert in November at the Philadelphia Cathedral.

**Mark Hallen**, director of theatre, attended the CCCU Disciplinary Workshop on Theatre at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, where he presented several papers on theatre students, summer camp with urban children, and recent plays at Eastern.

Professors **Betsy Morgan** and **Kathy Lee** co-authored, "Legal Fictions and the Moral Imagination: Female Fictional Lawyers Encounter Professional Responsibility," in the Spring 2004 issue of the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law.

## WALTONIAN HONORS

The Waltonian received Honorable Mention in the "Ongoing News Coverage" category of the nondaily collegiate division for the calendar year 2003. The Keystone Collegiate awards are given by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Foundation. The writers honored were **Nicole Priest '03**, **Rachel Kriss '03**, **Abbie Nixon '03**, and **Ben Carr**.

**Dr. William Yerger**, associate professor of education, presented to middle school teachers in Greenwich Township Public Schools in NJ on the topic of "Differentiating Instruction for Mixed Ability Classes" and was the opening day keynote speaker on "Keeping the Passion in Teaching, Learning, and Life." He spoke to participants at the Bloomsburg Reading

Conference on "Creatively Implementing the Theory of Multiple Intelligences in Reading and Content Classes." In August, Dr. Yerger shared ideas with elementary teachers in the Governor Mifflin School District regarding "Positive Discipline and Creating Community in the Classroom."

**Gary White**, assistant professor of marketing, received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for his many years of service in the Roman Catholic Church. As an Extra-Ordinary Minister, White's ministry involves Eucharistic ministry and religious education and sacramental preparation with youths and young adults. Following the award, White was installed to the Pastoral Council in the Archdiocese. "There is nothing more important than the spiritual formation of today's youth, at a critical age when they need to discern God's love for them and the hope that His love offers them," says White. "Spiritual formation at an early age of reason will equip today's young Christians to be the authentic business leaders of tomorrow."

**Dr. David L. Wilcox**, professor of biology, has written *God and Evolution: a Faith-based Understanding* (Judson Press, ISBN 0-8170-1474-8). Biology majors at Eastern have benefited for many years from Dr. Wilcox's class in Creation and Evolution and elements of this have been incorporated into this new book. He maintains that there can be no conflict between Scripture and the natural world because God is the author of both. He writes, "There is a way for God to be both our God - the God of the Bible and the God of Christian faith - and the God of so-called cavemen and dinosaurs. Part of the purpose of this book is to present and defend this position - to suggest new ways of looking at old things, to offer a perspective of faith that does not ignore facts or compromise scientific integrity."

Library Director **James Sauer** contributed two essays to *Creed and Culture: A Touchstone Reader*. Called "the two strongest pieces in the book" by the National Review, the reviewer wrote, "Sauer's words combine pathos and abiding faith in a manner that one is unlikely to encounter in the mainstream press."

**Harry A. Dorian**, part-time professor in business and economics, joined elected officials and clergy in speaking at the 19th Annual New York Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923.

**Gordon Bennett**, professor emeritus of English, won the full-length play award from Christians in Theatre Arts for his two-act drama on Moliere, "God of Laughter," which premiered at Eastern University in 2000.

**Wendy Mercier**, chair of biokinetics and assistant professor of biology, presented a research paper at the American College of Sports Medicine's Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, "Thermoregulatory Responses in Women During Running Exercise in the Heat." The meeting attracted over 5,000 attendees in exercise physiology, medicine and related fields.

**Seth Paradis**, assistant professor of biokinetics, presented a research paper at the National Strength and Conditioning Association's Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, "The Effects of a Speed and Agility Program on Lower Extremity Power Development in Youth Soccer."

**Jeanne Bundens**, associate professor and chair of chemistry, co-authored a research article "An ab initio MO Study of the Symmetric and Asymmetric Isomers of Bridging alkynylaluminum and alkynylberyllium dimers" for the International Journal of Quantum Chemistry. Dr. Bundens also completed a one-semester sabbatical leave as a research associate at Bryn Mawr College.

**Dave Unander**, associate professor of biology, continues to present workshops related to his book *Shattering the Myth of Race: Genetic Realities and Biblical Truths* (ISBN 0-8170-1317-2), most recently at several churches in the Philadelphia, New York and Wilmington area, as well as this past year at several colleges. This book grew out of the case study approach Eastern uses in its Core Requirement course, "Science,



Stephen Gatlin is presenting a Capstone course in the spring called "The Beatles in Dream and History" and has arranged for the Tribute Group "Beatlemania Now" to perform at Eastern University January 23 at 7PM in McInnis Auditorium on the St. Davids campus to kick off the course. He says, "These guys sound (almost) exactly like the Beatles, both in instrumentation and singing. It should give the students an idea of how exciting the Beatles were live (I heard the Beatles twice!)." Contact Dr. Gatlin at 610-341-4383 or [sgatlin@eastern.edu](mailto:sgatlin@eastern.edu)



# ATHLETICS



## EASTERN UNIVERSITY RECEIVES A SUPERCONDUCTING NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROMETER

The Chemistry Department has now replaced an aging 60 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) instrument with a used 300 MHz NMR instrument that was donated to the department by Merck Pharmaceuticals. The instrument would cost about \$300,000 to purchase new. The 300 MHz NMR instrument is a high-end teaching instrument and a low-end research instrument, which, together with other new instrument acquisitions of the last few years, supports Eastern's progressive chemistry laboratory curriculum. The newly acquired NMR technology will provide the chemistry students with hands-on experience with current NMR technology from the sophomore year and up. It also supports the department's undergraduate research program. NMR technology is a workhorse technique for performing structure proofs on organic and bio-organic molecules.

The acquisition was initiated by an EU alum and chemist at Merck, **Nathan Kett** (Class of 2000), who started a dialogue between Merck and the EU Chemistry Department that led to Merck's gift of the instrument.

Technology and Values" (INST 250). In this class, each professor builds his or her section around a unique case that illustrates how worldview and values influence science and the interpretation of science. Dr. Unander, a geneticist, demonstrates how history, genetics and the Bible consistently demonstrate the illusion of "race" as anything other than a cultural concept. Other aspects considered include how genetics has sometimes been misappropriated in support of racist ideas, and how Christians should respond to the legacy of racism.

**Tony Campolo '56**, professor emeritus of sociology, has written *Speaking My Mind* (W Publishing Group, ISBN 0-8499-1817-0) in which he tackles the tough issues many Christians are afraid to face. He writes, "Some books are written to comfort troubled Christians, but this is not one of

them. Rather, this book will disturb and trouble the comfortable."

**Dr. Maria Fichera**, assistant professor of biology, reports that biology major Elina Heino and bio-chemistry major Marge Ayanna are working on a parasitology research project with her, funded through a grant from the National Institute of Health. This research is aimed at isolation of herbicide resistant mutant *Toxoplasma* parasites and identification of corresponding mutations through DNA analysis. *Toxoplasma*, although a protozoan parasite, carries cellular organelles called plastids that share common DNA with plants. Some herbicides that are relatively non-toxic to most animals are toxic to this group of protozoans. This project is part of a recent approach to develop novel drug therapies against the parasite by taking advantage of this "plant connection."



## 2004 PAC PRESIDENT'S CUP

Eastern University captured the 2004 Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) President's Cup for women's sports and overall performance. Eastern achieved 76% of its possible President's Cup points, outdistancing Cabrini College, College Misericordia, Wesley College and Gwynedd-Mercy College. This was the first time Eastern has won the overall Cup! Tom Bonerbo (center), PAC Commissioner, presents President Black with the overall performance award and Bettie Anne Brigham, vice president of student development, with the women's sports award.



Beth Sellers '90 presents Danielle Prescott with her record-setting game ball. Coach Camrin Azzaranu (right) shares in the celebration.

## GREAT SERVERS

In the spring of 2004, the Eastern University women's volleyball team put a different twist on how they are typically taught to serve. The team decided to take on two service projects which would run from January through May. The first project was a one-day event working at a local soup kitchen in Norristown, PA. The team spent about 5 hours sorting and shelving the food stock at the center.

## DANIELLE PRESCOTT SETS NEW SOCCER RECORD

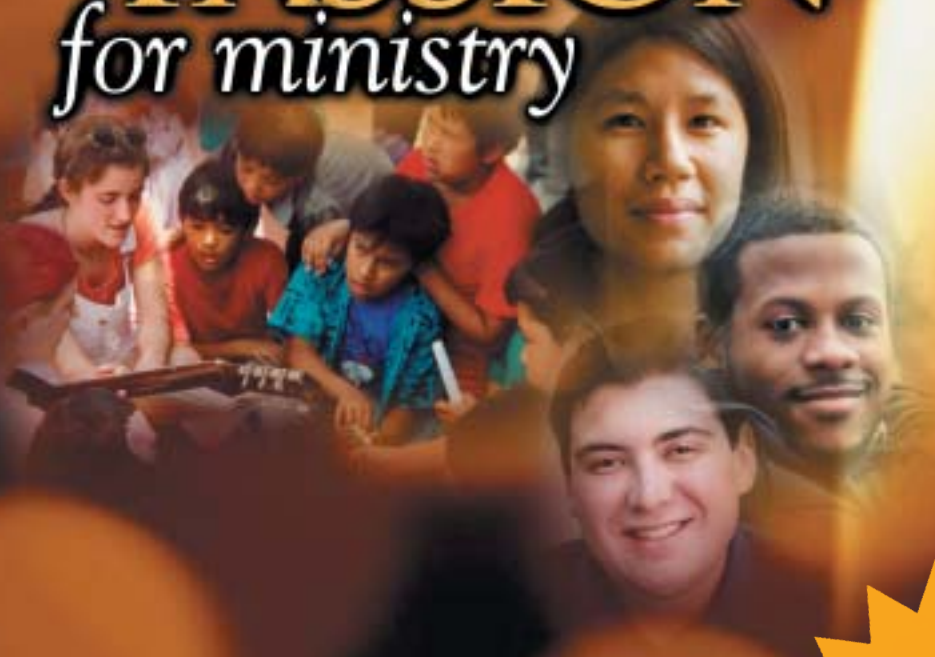
When Eastern University achieved a 5-2 victory over Immaculata University, senior forward Danielle Prescott (West Collingswood, NJ/Haddon Twp.) not only posted a 4-point effort in the game (3 goals, 1 assist), but with her first tally five minutes into the first half, Danielle became Eastern University's All-Time leading goal scorer with 62 career goals. Danielle entered the 2004 season with 54 career goals and as the leading goal scorer since Eastern became NCAA Division III in 1992. Prior to 1992, Beth Sellers (1987-1990) held the All-Time record with 61 career goals. Danielle scored back-to-back 22-goal seasons in her first and second year, then added 10 in her junior season. That took her to the 54 mark and eleven games into her senior season, Danielle now stands at the top of the EU records book.

The second project was a 3-month clothing drive on the campus of Eastern University which was also open to friends and family of the Eastern community. Boxes were set out in both residence halls and main buildings on campus to collect the donations. The boxes had to be emptied several times over the course of the drive as they over-flowed with clothes. In the end, the team donated nearly 500 pieces of clothing to the St. Vincent DePaul charitable organization. "You can't win on the court without great serving," notes head coach Mark Birtwistle, "and for the last three years our team has expanded that call to be great servers in our community too." The team has plans to continue their involvement with the community this coming spring.

## MAY 23 GOLF EVENT

The 10th Annual Eastern Cup golf event (a fundraiser for Eastern students) will be held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club Monday, May 23, 2005. Contact Derek Ritchie '89 at (610) 341-1955 or [dritchie@eastern.edu](mailto:dritchie@eastern.edu).

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