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President's Message

Ours is a vibrant Christian learning community where we both challenge and embrace one another as we ask and seek answers to life's most important questions. Any number of colleges can provide the basics of academic disciplines. But at Eastern, all learning takes place within a framework of faith, reason and justice. Education takes on the significance of changing lives and preparing people to transform their communities and our world. What a sacred calling!

For the past few years, we have been exploring ways to portray our mission with a bold visual symbol or logo. What would best represent this community of Christian scholars? The result of this long process is the new logo, introduced in this issue of Spirit on page 19.

I hope you will also enjoy the stories that represent our diverse learning community (1-19). In Faith & Practice, you'll see the many ways Eastern students, faculty, administrators and alumni put the Gospel into action. Most of these inspiring stories are written by our students.

You also play a vital role in this faithful community where education has a higher Kingdom purpose. Your prayers and support are the pillars we depend on as we strive to become all that God calls us to be. Please continue to walk with us on this important educational journey.

In His Service,



David Black



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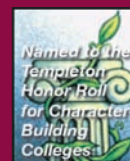
MISSION STATEMENT

Spirit supports the mission of Eastern University to provide a Christian higher education for those who will make a difference in the world through careers and personal service rooted in faith applied to academic disciplines. The magazine serves as a connection between the Eastern University campus community of students, faculty, staff and administration and its alumni, trustees, friends, donors, parents and neighbors.

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A Clear Sense of Mission

By David A. King, Ed.D., Provost

Eastern University is truly a mission-driven learning community. Our mission of faith, reason and justice is wired into our collective DNA, and is of the utmost importance to the church and society. Significant challenges to the ability of a small, comprehensive university such as Eastern to carry out its mission in cost-effective ways are increasingly daunting. Higher education as a whole is being called to adapt to these challenges, and Eastern is doing so without wavering from its mission that transforms lives and communities.

For all of us in higher education, the current economic challenges reflect a number of tensions which include:

- The value of the liberal arts in tension with the need for vocational preparation;
- Maintaining a competitive and affordable tuition rate, while generating sufficient resources to support quality and sustainability;
- Changing societal demographics and economic uncertainty;
- Rapidly changing technology in relationship to curriculum, instruction, and student expectations.

Challenges unique to Eastern include the consistent delivery of the Eastern University experience in multiple and diverse settings, such as the College of Arts and Sciences, Esperanza College, The Templeton Honors College, The Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CCGPS), and Palmer Seminary. In addition, we must integrate faith, reason and justice, student formation and transformation, stewardship, and accountability in ways which fully satisfy the Characteristics of Excellence we share with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Our clear and pervasive sense of mission makes Eastern capable of successfully navigating such challenges. These challenges are also met by the experience exhibited in a team of academic leaders who represent the growth and complexity of both Eastern as a comprehensive University and the increasing diversification of society.

Eastern is now embarking on a two-year, Self-Study process in anticipation of the 2012 reaccreditation visit of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Our Self-Study provides us with opportunities to reinforce Eastern's mission and evaluate the effectiveness

with which the University is providing a transformative student experience, balanced with good stewardship of limited resources.

We ask for your prayers and support as we seek to advance Eastern's mission in the Kingdom of God. Know that you are an integral part of our Eastern community, providing support for our students in their pursuit of calling, spiritual formation, and transformation.

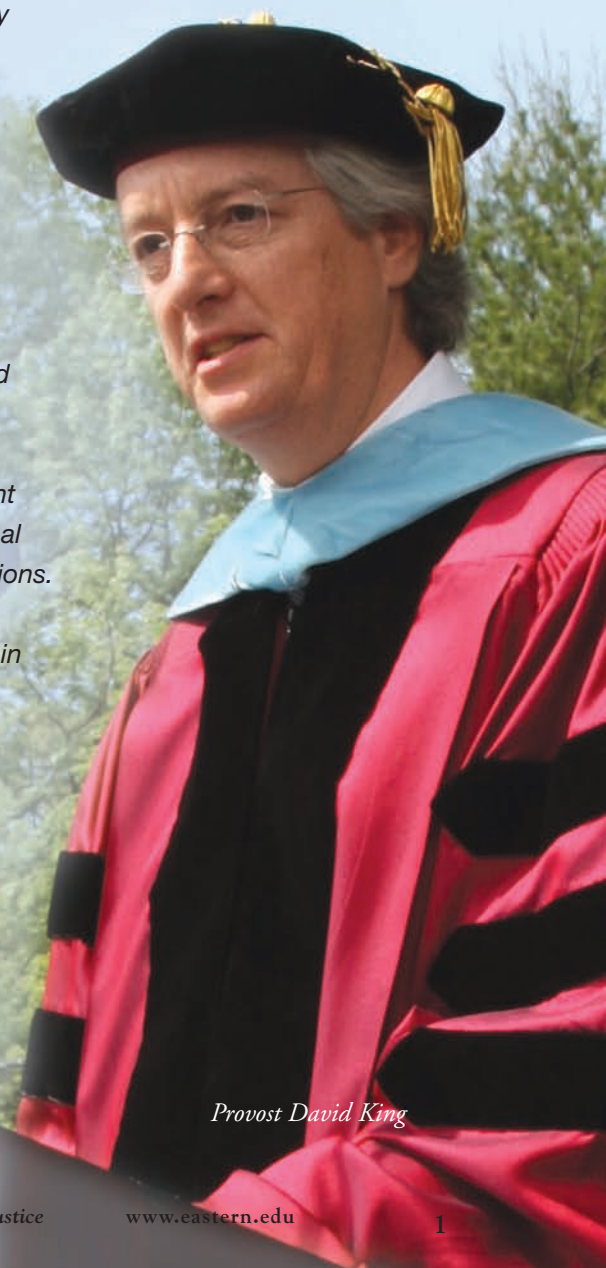
Our mission and its Core Commitments are worthy of frequent reference as we seek to hone our focus at all times, particularly in times of turbulence. Allow me to close with the first of Eastern's Core Commitments:

TO EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING

We believe in the unity of God's truth, whether supernaturally revealed or humanly discovered, and 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" (John 14:6).

We seek to engage in exemplary and relevant scholarship and original research and publications. We maintain a high priority on excellence in teaching and learning.

We value the integration of Christian faith, reason and justice in all academic disciplines and in the development of a Christian worldview.



Provost David King



A Learning Community

Redmond Brubaker named ISI Honors Fellow



Eastern University Junior **Redmond Brubaker**, a native of Strasburg, PA, was selected as

an Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) Honors Fellow. The ISI Honors Program is a highly selective year-long mentoring fellowship for fifty of the nation's most promising undergraduates.

Brubaker, a 20-year-old Templeton Honors College Student, is a math and philosophy major with a minor in astronomy. Brubaker plays the bass guitar for Eastern's Chapel Worship Team and travels to a soup kitchen in Norristown on Saturdays to give back to the community. He said, "I'm really excited to be stretched by being put into an environment that is really going to challenge me in a number of ways. It is an honor to have this opportunity to represent Eastern in the academic community."



Students in Free Enterprise Team Wins at Regionals

The Eastern University Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was named a Regional Champion at the 2010 SIFE Regional Competition in Philadelphia in March. The SIFE competition brings together over 400 campus organizations to compete on which one had the biggest impact on improving people's lives through business activities.

The Eastern University SIFE Team is comprised of 13 students, but four students, **Jason Bradley, Adrienne Johnson, Katherine Coulter** and **Krystal Cairns** delivered a 24-minute presentation to a panel of 20 judges. The presentation is supposed to follow guidelines specified by the organization, but Eastern's SIFE team judged their success on different criteria. "We evaluate our work by how we touch people's lives," says **SIFE Advisor Dr. Al Socci**.

The presentation included an annual report of their fundraiser called Shoots for Success to benefit Blankenburg Elementary School in Philadelphia, PA. The team took home a trophy and \$1,000.

Writing about Equality



Student **Jennifer Kane** wrote a guest column for the Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE) Web site (www.cbeinternational.org). She is studying English, with minors in business and gender studies, and is co-president of Students Advocating Gender Equality, a campus club focused on creating dialogue and raising awareness about gender issues.

Kane wrote, "The Apostle Paul had what many in the early church believed to be radical ideas about how believers might best embody Jesus' teachings in their own culture. Paul came to promote these 'radical' ideas not only because they were based on the teaching of Jesus, but also because they came by revelation he received from Christ."

She cites Galatians 1:12 and Galatians 3:26-28: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

EU Grad Janice Gillyard Receives 76ers Hometown Heroes Award

Janice Gillyard, a 2008 graduate of Eastern University's Master of Arts in Urban Studies program, was selected as a Philadelphia 76ers (Sixers) Hometown Heroes Award recipient. Gillyard received the honor for her development of Faithfully Fresh, a community market that serves the Frankford neighborhood of Philadelphia, PA.

Faithfully Fresh began as Gillyard's thesis project. "When I got to Eastern, I had no idea about community development, what it entailed or how important it was," Gillyard said. "However, through the experiences that I had there, both academic and practical and through field trips and speakers, I was able to see how impactful working in the community can be." Now employed as Administrator for Word of Faith Christian Center in Philadelphia, she says, "The MA in Urban Studies program motivated me to become involved in the community and to do so confidently. I am utilizing everything I learned at Eastern. I could not have made a better investment of two years."

For more information about Faithfully Fresh, contact Janice Gillyard at jgillyard@wofcc-pa.com



A Faithfully Fresh market set up in a Philadelphia elementary school.

Student Research Award

Debbie Berghuis, a recent graduate of the MA in Counseling program, was awarded First Place (Most Outstanding Paper) for the Student Research Paper Competition at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies East Regional Conference. Her paper, "Exploring the Intersection of Spirituality and Religion with Marital Separation and Divorce among Protestant Christian Women," was a phenomenological study conducted under the supervision of **Dr. Walter Chung**, professor of counseling psychology.

25 Students Named to Who's Who

"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 2010 includes 25 students from Eastern selected for being academically successful, embodying the ethos of Eastern University, contributing to the community, and showing potential for future contributions to society. They are: **Rachel Abbott, Rachel Albrecht, Jason Bradley, Jacob Brewer, Dean Chia, Ruth Chia, Laura Diefenderfer, Rachel Fox, Victoria Grant, Anthony Holness (right), Shelita Jackson, Atlee James Lang, Brittany Mellinger, Michael Miles, Rachael Morales, Molly Mullarky, Latosha Peters, Kristie Petrillo, Ashley Rambler, Amy Smith, Margaret Stewart, Jenny Swecker, Karen Vroon, Stephanie Weaver, and Michael Wilson.** These students join an elite group from more than 2,300 colleges in all 50 states and several foreign countries.





Case Study Wins Award



Three students in the Eastern University Ph.D. program in Organizational Leadership have won the International Leadership Association (ILA) graduate student Case Study Contest. The award was announced in November at the conference in Prague, Czech Republic. The winners are: (left to right) **Geri Remy**, a Lecturer in Eastern's Nursing Department and a resident of Blooming Glen, PA; **Stephanie Povlosky**, a financial analyst at the Pew Charitable Trust Foundation and resident of Harleysville, PA; and **David Brewer**, a project manager with Kaiser Permanente and a resident of Portland, OR. They are all third-year doctoral students who had collaborated over several weeks on their case study and will share the \$1,000 award.

The International Leadership Association is the global network for all those who practice, study and teach leadership. The Eastern University Ph.D. program is in its third year and currently serves 50 students from 12 states, as well as Canada,

Malawi, Ethiopia and Paraguay. It is designed for working professionals in business, education and nonprofit leadership positions.

A Sacred Moment

Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne enrolled at Palmer Seminary in 2007 as a Presidential Scholar. Even though she already has a doctoral degree in counseling psychology, and has taught at both the college and seminary levels, Dr. Thorne felt a clear call to pursue a master of divinity degree at Palmer. "I went to an open house," she says, "and saw the diversity, a very important piece for me, as well as the holistic perspective."

Describing her studies at Palmer Seminary, Dr. Thorne says, "It has been a fabulous experience. The Christ-centeredness of the faculty and students blends well with the desire for scholarship. One of the best-kept secrets at Palmer is the tremendous scholarship of its faculty." And this comment comes from someone who graduated from both New York University and Columbia University.

From her first day on campus, Dr. Thorne has provided leadership to the Seminary's Latino/Latina Fellowship Group. In July of 2008, she represented the Seminary at the highly regarded Hispanic Summer Program in Mundelein, IL, where she received the Goizueta Foundation Award for Academic Merit and Ministerial Excellence. Palmer Seminary has also recognized her faithfulness, spirit of gratitude and leadership by honoring her with the 2009 Orlando E. Costas Student Award.

The spouse of a pastor (her husband, Leo S. Thorne, serves as associate general secretary for the American Baptist Churches-USA), she has a special place in her heart for the personal and relational healing of clergy women. One of her goals is to create a career assessment program and training for Spanish-speaking clergy. Following a recent trip to India, Dr. Thorne also says she will probably be involved with international work of some kind when she completes her Seminary degree. "Your Seminary career is a sacred moment," she says. "After that, I'm open to where God is leading me."



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Andrew Exum Asks “God or Country?”

Throughout the year, Eastern invites a variety of speakers to address important topics in the Christian community. A good example is Andrew Exum, who spoke about *God or Country? Balancing Faith and National Service in America and America's Challenge in Afghanistan: The Politics and Strategy of Our War in Central Asia* earlier this year. “I really appreciate the opportunity to be at Eastern University and speak about not only my military service, but also about my faith,” Exum said. “I have a classical education myself, and firmly believe that a good Christian education gives you the background to go out and rightly serve the Lord. This is a unique opportunity because few places ask me to speak about my military service and the complications in dealing with my faith.”

Exum, a Fellow with the Center for a New American Security, is the author of *This Man's Army: A Soldier's Story from the Frontlines of the War on Terror* (Gotham, 2004) and has published opinion pieces in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and many other newspapers.

During his presentation, Exum spoke honestly and genuinely as he explained that while he was raised a Christian, it was a challenge for him to be away from his Christian roots during his many years abroad. He encouraged the students in the auditorium to continuously ask questions about God and themselves.



The Blended Library

The Harold C. Howard Center/Warner Memorial Library is at the heart of our learning community with a modern blend of books (295,375), microfiche (866,590), audio-visual materials (16,661) and access to over 47,191 online periodicals through 180 databases. Add in the Austen K. deBlois Library at Palmer Seminary, and Eastern faculty and students have another 117,000 books at their fingertips. Not to mention the 65 million books available through Interlibrary Loan.

The library offers a quiet place to study, video tutorials, friendly help with research either one-on-one or through information literacy skills classes, coffee and donuts during finals week, the Jonathan G. Orr essay contest, and a substantial collection of e-books. As Library Director Jim Sauer says, “Though nothing replaces the preservation of the old literary culture, we should be equally thankful for the marvels of technology which put millions of books at our virtual fingertips. This blended library is our future.”

Friends of the Library

You are invited to become part of a great tradition by joining the Friends of the Library. Through financial support and activities, Friends add to the academic and cultural resources of Eastern University.

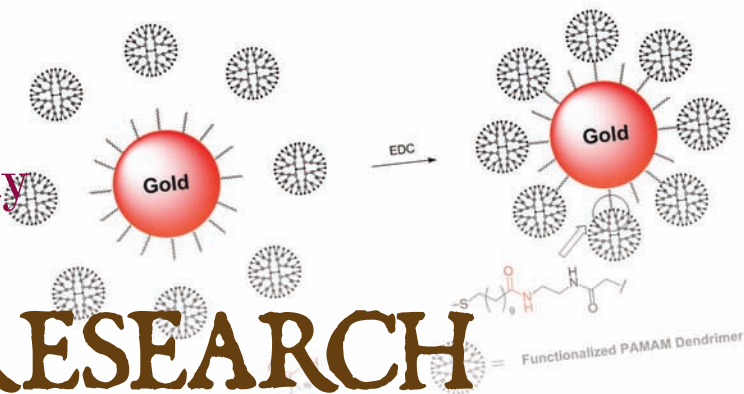
Friends enjoy full use of the library resources including the Edison Room and Mazie Hall Collection, as well as annual dinners and events with inspiring speakers.

For more information about the Friends of the Library, contact Joy Dlugosz, executive director, at 610.225.5660 or jdlugosz@eastern.edu.





CHEMISTRY RESEARCH



All students majoring in chemistry engage in a substantive research project to “cap off” their degree. Faculty-mentored opportunities on campus include cloning and analysis of a bacterial pathogen to fight a plant disease, organic synthesis of new liquid crystals for electronic devices, and preparation of bio-inspired molecules and molecular assemblies that could be used in the imaging and treatment of cancers. Participation in research enables students to sharpen their skills and synthesize their coursework. They put into practice what they learn in their coursework by engaging a real-world scientific problem.

Dr. Jeff Lawton, associate professor of biochemistry, has directed the laboratory research effort of 26 students – biology, biochemistry, and chemistry majors as well as local high school students – over the past three years. This has been during academic semesters and summers with occasional collaboration with **Dr. Maria Fichera**, professor and chair of Biology. Dr. Lawton’s work investigates biochemical virulence factors in the fire blight pathogen. Fire blight is a devastating plant disease that occurs in apple and pear trees. Epidemics can wipe out an entire orchard. During the establishment of an infection, the fire blight pathogen unleashes an arsenal of chemical weapons, virulence factors, aimed at defeating plant defenses. Improved strategies to combat

fire blight will ultimately emerge from a better understanding of molecular mechanisms by which bacterial virulence factors act against the host.

Genome sequencing studies at Cornell University have identified a region within the bacterial chromosome where a number of genes required for pathogenicity are located. One region of particular interest and significance contains a series of five genes that are predicted to encode proteins having enzymatic functions. The requirement for at least three of these genes to be present for full virulence in apple trees suggests that they function as part of a biochemical pathway, perhaps synthesizing a small molecule toxin or hormone that affects plant metabolism. Although the potential enzymatic func-

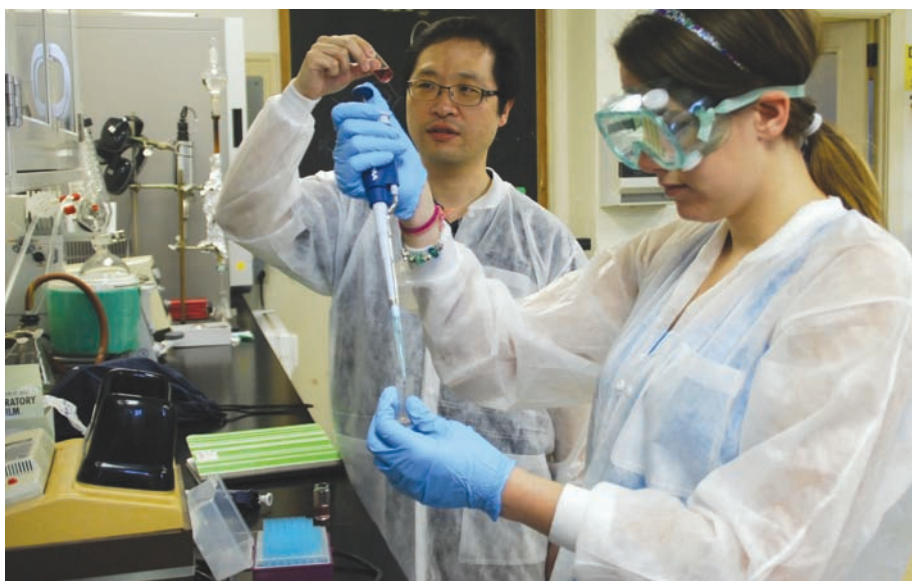
tions of these five genes have been predicted from sequence analysis, the biochemical activities of the proteins they encode remain largely uncharacterized.

In 2008, the Lawton research group was awarded a multi-year grant from Research Corporation for Science Advancement (Tucson, AZ) to investigate the biochemical activity of these proteins in order to gain insight into their roles in pathogenicity. Dr. Lawton and his students, including **Chelsea Kreiter ’11** (biochemistry major) and **Nicole Sieber ’11** (biochemistry major, THC), are working to clone these five genes into a suitable heterologous prokaryotic expression system to produce recombinant protein, developing appropriate purification strategies, and characterizing the biochemical functions of these five proteins. The results of these studies are expected to provide important insights into the enzymatic capabilities of these five proteins, ultimately shedding light upon the role of these proteins as virulence factors in *E. amylovora* and suggesting novel strategies for combating fire blight disease.

Dr. George Lorenzo, associate professor and laboratory coordinator, is an organic chemist who has been conducting investigations with students at Eastern University over the past 10 years. His research involves the use and effect of cyclopropyl rings in the formation and properties of liquid crystal compounds. Dr. Lorenzo obtained funding from the Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State University to initiate this research while he was at Wheaton College (IL). Liquid crystals are a unique class of organic compounds that have been utilized in many applications because of their interesting properties. Applications include electrooptic devices, such as LCD and alphanumeric displays, temperature sensors and polymers. Current research



Student researcher Lisa Pagano uses a monometer to measure the pressure during a fractional distillation.



Dr. Joon-Seo Park with student Tara Schisler

in this field is focused on the ability of liquid crystals to be chemical, light and biochemical sensors, and their applications in computers and other electronic devices.

The cyclopropane ring is of interest because of its advantageous electronic and structural properties that could enable new types of liquid crystals and provide insight into structure/property relationships. Previous work on cyclopropyl-substituted diacetylenes is being expanded by synthesizing a new series of compounds, where the position and orientation of the cyclopropane ring is varied. Student researcher **Lisa Pagano '11** (chemistry major) is presently hard at work on this project.

In addition, Dr. Lorenzo's work involves the synthesis of simpler liquid crystal types which have been well-researched and have gained significant use. Inserting a cyclopropyl group in these compounds at various positions will give further insight into the role of the cyclopropane compared to non-cyclopropyl compounds. Molecular modeling in collaboration with **Dr. Jeanne Bundens**, professor and chair of Chemistry, will enable further understanding of cyclopropyl structure/property relationships in regard to liquid crystal formation. Seven students have worked on this project over the years and presently **Janae Taylor '11** (biochemistry major) is trying her hand.

Dr. Joon-Seo Park joined the Eastern Department of Chemistry in August 2009 from the NanoBiotechnology Center at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. The common element of his research is the application of organic chemistry to prepare bio-inspired molecules and molecular assemblies. He has sought to use those materials to investigate various interfacial phenomena and to develop their chemical/ biological applications. Based on his past research, Dr. Park plans to develop a novel method to prepare covalently conjugated polymer-gold nanocomposites which can be used for targeted diagnostic imaging and treatment of cancer. As the first step at Eastern University, he began investigating a new approach to synthesize the nanodevices with two undergraduate students, **Tara Schisler, '11** (chemistry major) and **Tim Luongo, '10** (pre-med, biochemistry major).

Dr. Park believes the developed bio-compatible materials will promise a number of practical applications such as biomedical diagnostics and disease treatment. Dr. Park says that the success of his research is not possible without students' interest and participation, and he is happy to have the opportunity to work with students who enjoy scientific challenges at Eastern.

Research in the Biology Department: The Parasite *Toxoplasma Gondii*

*By Maria E. Fichera, Ph.D.,
Chair of Biology*

My research explores drug action and resistance in the protozoan parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*. This parasite, which can infect all vertebrate animal hosts including humans, is a close relative of the parasite that causes malaria. *Toxoplasma* infection is quite common and goes unnoticed in a large portion of the adult population where a healthy immune system keeps the parasite at bay. However, this parasite can cause disastrous consequences for those with compromised immune systems, such as AIDS patients or the unborn. Infection is controlled through extensive drug treatment protocols, which often yield allergic side effects for the patient. Therefore, alternative treatments to kill *Toxoplasma* without harming the host are currently being investigated.

Over a dozen Eastern science majors have assisted me in this project over the years. Most recently, they are **Karen Goulding** and **Betsy Browning** (biology majors), **Lindsey Ackley**, **Emily Brown**, **Allie Oberholtzer** (Templeton Honors College) and **Crystal Yetter** (biology majors).



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Scott Bordignon Works with National Champion Villanova Football Team

Junior **Scott Bordignon** completed his clinical practicum rotation at Villanova University, serving on the sports medicine staff. An athletic training major and theology minor, he worked with the football team, which won the NCAA Division I National Championship in December.

"I was able to do so many hands-on things which helped me grow tremendously," Bordignon said. In addition to his work at Villanova, Bordignon has completed practicum rotations at Malvern Preparatory High School and North Penn High. He is serving on the athletic training staff at Haverford College, with the Philadelphia Wings, and has accepted an internship with the Kansas City Chiefs this summer.

Thomas Franek, MS, ATC, Director of Eastern's Athletic Training Education Program, said, "We utilize theory combined with supervised clinical experiences to prepare our students to become outstanding entry-level allied health practitioners."



Quiz Bowl Winners

Students (left to right) **Lindsey Leh, Michael Butsick, and Jeanine Gentile** represented Eastern University in the 2nd Annual Student Quiz Bowl at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American College of Sports Medicine. Twelve schools participated and the competition was intense. Our students successfully answered many questions related to the exercise science field and took a proud second place. Their goal for next year: placing first!

Lessons from Prison

This fall, five MA in Counseling students, **Nathan Swanson, Julianna Capatola, Christine Stolz, Jessica Owens, Nathan Buchanan** and their professor, **Dr. Gwen White**, conducted a psycho-educational group for inmates at the Philadelphia Prison titled, "Listening: The Hidden Key to Your Success." The students reported that their anxieties melted away as they began to interact with the inmates and they were delighted with the growth they experienced professionally and personally through leading the groups. The inmates joined in the group work enthusiastically week after week. One of them wrote on his evaluation: "I'm very grateful and thankful to have been involved in this program. I now have a set of lifelong skills." Another wrote, "I thank you for your time. I learned a lot about myself. I really think this should be done again. People will benefit from this class."

96%

Graduation Report

The Graduation Report for the College of Arts and Sciences Class of 2009 shows that 96% of the class was in graduate school, working, or in volunteer positions within six months of graduation. This is the same percentage as last year. To see the entire report, go to the Careers and Calling pages on our Web site: <http://eastern.edu/campus/career/overview.html> and click the link to the report at the bottom of the page in the After Eastern section.

High School Students get Chemistry Preview

The Department of Chemistry hosted a visit by students from an advanced honors science class at Delaware County Christian School, PA. Five senior high school students planning careers in engineering spent a morning exploring computational chemistry research with

Dr. Jeanne Bundens. Computational chemistry can be thought of as “chemistry without goggles.” Encompassing both pure and applied research, computational models involve a theoretical investigation of molecular reactivity using quantum chemistry. This is the second time Instructor Dr. Gene Cooper has brought his class to St. Davids for a computational chemistry workshop.



Finding Support at Esperanza

Diana La Cava is busy with two roles at Esperanza College of Eastern University. While working towards her associate's degree in community and human services, she's also an admissions assistant providing service to prospective students.

La Cava's goal is to work with domestic violence children. She chose Esperanza as the place to start because of its convenient location, flexible hours, small classes and individualized attention. "I also heard a lot of great things about Esperanza from my high school, Esperanza Academy Charter High School," she says. "Being here at Esperanza is pushing me forward academically and giving me a lot of support to keep on going and not give up. The courses are preparing me for my bachelor's degree at Eastern University and for my future career. It also helps that my professors are welcoming and approachable."

MBA Program a Seamless Fit in his Hectic Schedule *By Allison Auclair*



Josh Loughman, a Fast-Track MBA® in Management student at Eastern University's Central Pennsylvania Site, knew the program was the perfect fit for him. "The class schedule was extremely flexible for students working full-time, and the opportunity for me to make lifelong connections with other students through the cohort model is exactly what I was looking for in a graduate program," the 32-year-old sales manager for Owens Corning said.

A resident of Harrisburg, PA, Loughman says, "Eastern has made it very easy for me to do my job, which includes frequent traveling, and be an involved student. The program has fit very easily into my hectic schedule."

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Loughman, who is expecting to graduate in September 2010, hopes to move into an executive leadership position in the near future. He holds a BS in business administration from California University of Pennsylvania, and is a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

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Asking all the right Questions

By Catherine Miller, Templeton Honors College Student

As a senior in high school, nothing seemed more unappealing to me than the prospect of a Christian college education. Growing up in an evangelical church had left me disillusioned with religion and eager to discover what the non-Christian world had to offer. I simply had too many questions left unanswered by religion and I doubted a Christian college would help me to answer them.

But one morning at a Young Life camp, I met **John Levis**, the director of advancement for the Templeton Honors College (THC). Although I had heard of it, and even applied to Eastern University (mostly to appease my mother), I was still apprehensive at the thought of attending a Christian college. After voicing my concerns to John, he assured me that the THC was exactly what I was looking for and so, after a fair amount of convincing, I applied.

Little did I know that the lengthy application process would include an intimidating and somewhat terrifying interview where

THC professors asked me questions like, “What does Heaven look like?” and “What is justice?” But, as soon as I learned that I was accepted, I knew that I wanted to be a part of what the THC was doing. For the questions that they asked me were many of the same questions that I had asked for such a long time. Maybe, I hoped, if they were willing and daring enough to ask me such challenging questions, then they would be willing and daring enough to help me answer them.

That hope has been fulfilled and then some. Our seminar-style classes, with about 15 students per class, allow for intensive, meaningful conversations in which we openly discuss texts that help to answer those questions and more, like: “What is good? What is love? What is virtue?” In doing so, I believe that I have come to better understand what it means to be human, for they are deeply human questions with deeply human answers. And contrary to what I once thought, when grounded in truth, faith and reason

can in fact fuse perfectly together. As William Penn wrote, “True godliness does not turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it.”

Apart from mere intellectual enlightenment, the THC has also provided me with the extraordinary gift of friendship with others in my cohort. These friendships began to form during an orientation camping trip in which we spent a week together, canoeing and hiking the tallest peak in New York. When we returned to campus, we were ready to learn together as friends. The conversations that we have in class often spill over into our free time, as this year we have found ourselves continuing them everywhere from my dorm room to the library to Taco Bell.

We, as a community, have discovered that there is so much to talk about. I believe that these friendships hold the THC together, in the same way that, as Aristotle once said, “Friendship would seem to hold cities together.” As friends, we can freely seek truth together and have a lot of fun while doing so.

This truly liberal arts approach to education has encouraged me to spend my time as an undergraduate studying philosophy, as well as political science and economics. In doing so, I hope to even better understand how the answers to the questions that we ask in the THC affect humanity, both on an individual basis and at large. I plan to continue this study in graduate school and I hope that one day I will even be able to teach others in the way that the THC has taught me.

THC students Noelle Tobin (left) and Leah Buxton join a student-led discussion in a THC Honors Forum.



where the **GOSPEL** comes **ALIVE**

By Paul Charles, Templeton Honors College Student

Studying abroad was not something I had in mind when I came to Eastern. After all, I'm from England, and in order to study Bible and theology at Eastern I flew across the Atlantic to Pennsylvania in the first place. However, when it turned out studying abroad was a required part of my program in the Templeton Honors College, I began to look around. Egypt, Oxford and St. Andrews all sounded great, but none really captured my imagination. I wanted to go somewhere different, somewhere I wouldn't have the chance to spend three months again, somewhere that would enable me to be a better preacher and teacher of the Bible. Israel was definitely that place.

Not only did it mean I could spend three months in a distinctly different culture, but it was a culture that was profoundly relevant to the Bible I was studying. I'll take any help I can get in understanding such a rich and diverse book. The opportunity to study the Bible

while visiting the places where the events happened was too good to pass up, and the added bonus of knowing my way around the country had to help if I ever wanted to show churchgoers from the West some of the biblical sites. Off went my application (just about in time) and back came the acceptance letter. Sometime soon after, worry reared its head. I didn't have a clue what I was going into, I didn't know the language or the culture, and I would have to spend the semester with a group of people I'd never met before.

As usually happens, the worry was unwarranted. Since I've been in Israel this semester, I've learned and been able to see so much, that I find it hard to imagine my education without it. It's hard to put a finger on how another culture can affect you and encourage you to expand your thinking. Taking a course on the Orthodox Church has been an eye-opener, as I've seen both the vast differences and essential unity in Christianity here and in the West.

At the same time, being taught rabbinic parables by a Jewish rabbi has helped my understanding of Jesus' words in the Gospels, while having a class on Islamic Thought taught by a Palestinian has been a very different experience.

So far though, the best experiences have been learning the geography. Running to Bethlehem and back, and around the city walls in training for the half-marathon here, have given me an appreciation of the hills and valleys the ancestors of Israel had to navigate. Names of towns, cities, hills and valleys that I would otherwise pass over in my reading of the Bible have come alive, as I've walked around them and stood in buildings and fortresses over 2000 years old. Even a trip to the store takes me through the Valley of Gehenna, mentioned many times in the Gospels. It's hard to describe how much of a difference it makes to spend a semester away and out of your comfort zone, but there's no doubt it's been worth it.

Paul Charles in Israel.



Middle East Missions

Dr. Andrew Bush, associate professor of missions, gave the Craven Wilson Lectures on missions and evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. The lectures, "Learning from the Least in the Way of the Cross," look at Christian workers in the Palestinian Territories and in the slums of Manila.

At Westmont College he spoke on "Lessons from a Decade of Service in the Palestinian Territories." This lecture examines how Muslim believers in Jesus are exploring new expressions of witness to their Muslim neighbors and are an inspiration to the Arab Christian community.

Last fall, as part of The Heritage of Islam course he teaches, Dr. Bush's class visited a nearby Islamic mosque in Villanova, PA, to share in the evening Ramadan activities. It was a meaningful time for interaction between the students and the Muslim youth who participated. Students who went to the mosque for Ramadan were **Rebecca Richie, Crystal Daugherty** and **Chris Hall**.

Prism published his article, "Bullets and Bibles: the Ethical Dilemma of Marrying Missions to US Militarism." During the summers, Dr. Bush continues to give guidance to the ministry he founded on the West Bank, Living Stones Student Center, which is associated with the Palestinian Bible Society.

Learning Language

Dr. Julia Stewart, professor of foreign languages, has published an article "Using E-journals to Assess Students' Language Awareness and Social Identity during Study Abroad" in the Spring 2010 edition of *Foreign Language Annals*, the research journal of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Dr. Stewart spent her sabbatical in fall 2007 following the progress of eight American students who were studying abroad at the Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, Mexico. She developed online electronic journals for each of them to track the academic and socio-cultural factors either facilitating or impeding their language learning. In February 2010, she was asked to present a talk to the Montgomery County Association of Foreign Language Teachers on the topic of "Assessing Oral Proficiency Inside and Outside the Classroom". In addition, Dr. Stewart is continuing her fMRI research on the neuro-cognitive aspects of glossolalia (speaking in tongues). She presented some preliminary results of the study at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA, in January 2010.

Counseling Psychology Issues

Dr. Walter Chung, professor of counseling psychology, was one of the three contributors of the *Instructor's Manual with Test Bank to Accompany Substance Abuse Counseling: Theory & Practice (4th ed.)*, released by Pearson Education Inc. in 2009.

He and **Dr. Mike McFee** also presented two empirical research posters entitled "Fear of Intimacy and Father-Daughter Attachment of Single Christian Women" and "Attachment Style: Critical Factor in Christian Marriage" at the 2009 Christian Association Psychological Studies East Coast Conference.

Pro Ecclesia

Dr. Steven Boyer, professor of theology, has had his article, "Articulating Order: Trinitarian Discourse in an Egalitarian Age," published in the prestigious journal *Pro Ecclesia*.

Good News for Anxious Christians

Dr. Phil Cary, professor of philosophy and scholar-in-residence at the Templeton Honors College, wrote *Good News for Anxious Christians: Ten Things You DON'T Have to Do*, which is being published this fall by Brazos Press. The book *Augustine and Philosophy*, which Dr. Cary is co-editing with Kim Paffenroth, is being published by Lexington Books. Professor Cary's book, *Augustine's Invention of the Inner Self*, was published by Oxford University Press. He has completed another Augustinian work titled *Signs and Inwardness*, and is currently working on a book about the prophet Jonah.

Dr. Cary teaches the year-long Western Civilization seminar taken by all first-year students of the Honors College. This seminar focuses on intensive reading of writings that have formed the Western tradition, including those by Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Dante, Shakespeare, Descartes, Austen, Nietzsche and Flannery O'Connor. Dr. Cary is a philosopher and theologian known for his taped lecture series, *Augustine: Philosopher and Saint*, and *Philosophy and Religion in the West*, published by The Teaching Company.

New Look at William Sheldon

Dr. Stephen Gatlin, associate professor of history, is publishing a book, *William H. Sheldon and the Culture of the Somatotype* (fall 2010). William H Sheldon, M.D./Ph.D. (1898-1977) the American physician and psychologist, has been treated previously only as a social scientist. This study seeks to integrate Sheldon's human physique studies, his human constitutionalism, with the broader culture of the twentieth century, as well as with his own personality. It is the most ambitious study of its kind. The publisher is Cambria Press, NY.

Christian Anthropology

Dr. Eloise Meneses, professor of anthropology; **David Bronkema**, associate professor of economic development; **Dr. Lindy Backues**, assistant professor of economic development; **Dr. Eric Flett**, associate professor of theology and culture; and **Ben Hartley** read a paper to the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia. "Engaging the Religiously-Committed Other: Deepening Anthropology's Epistemological Foundations" is part of the team's ongoing research into developing a Christian anthropology. It is currently being revised for publication.

Creating SciDome Presentations

Dr. David Bradstreet, professor of astronomy and Observatory/Planetarium director, made a presentation at the Washington, D.C. American Astronomical Society meeting in January and at the 2010 National Science Teachers Association meeting March 18-20 in Philadelphia at the Convention Center.

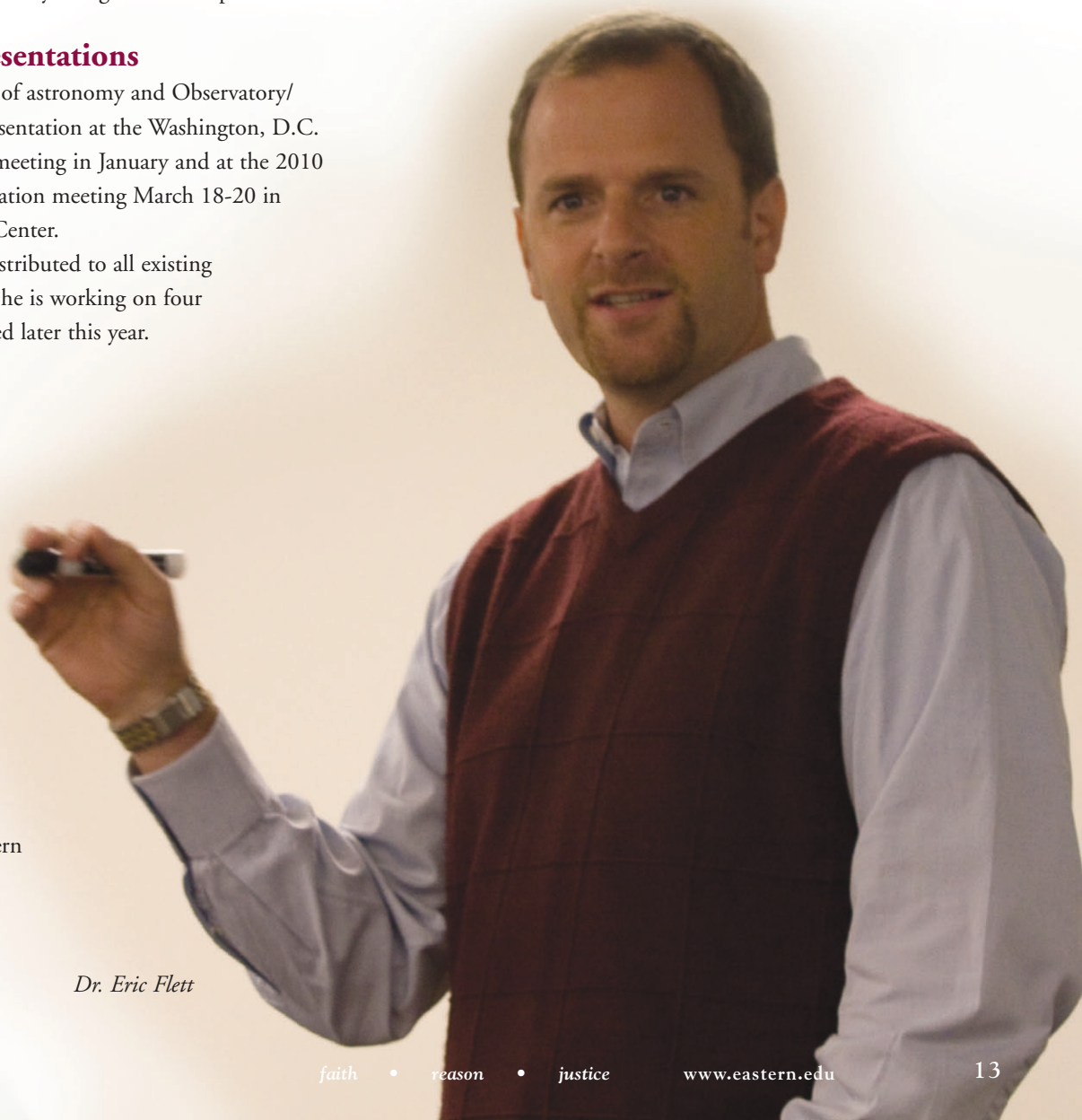
This curriculum has been distributed to all existing SciDome installations (60+) and he is working on four new supplements to be distributed later this year.

Helping Children in Romania

Talli Sperry, instructor of communication studies, went to Romania last fall to work with the Department of Child Protection to educate workers on various techniques for communicating with children with disabilities. She also began research on the use and application of western communication techniques and therapies in Eastern Europe.

Connecting with Jamaica

Dr. Eric Flett, (below) associate professor of theology and culture, traveled to a conference in Jamaica where he met with the president of Jamaica Theological Seminary (Garnett Roeper), the president of the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology (Las Newman), and two members of Jamaica's parliament who are interested in fostering greater social engagement between the Jamaican Christian church and Jamaican society.



Dr. Eric Flett



A Learning Community

Globalization Issues

Dr. Joao M. Monteiro, associate professor of leadership and change, presented “A Sociological Perspective on Rationality, Globalization, and their Implications for Development” at the National Meeting on Research for Development, held at Praia, Cape Verde last fall.

Our Most Prolific Author

Dr. Tony Campolo, professor emeritus of sociology and Eastern’s most prolific writer, released book number 37, *Connecting Like Jesus*, this spring. *Stories that Feed The Soul*, his 38th book, is due out in the fall.

Studying Leadership

Dr. Tony Blair, associate professor of leadership studies, has published the book, *Fire Across the Water: Transatlantic Dimensions of the 18th Century Presbyterian Revivals*, with Lambert Academic Publishing (Spring, 2010). His book, *Church and Academy in Harmony: Models of Collaboration for the 21st Century*, is forthcoming from Pickwick Publications (Spring, 2010). *The Bartender’s Assistant: A Guide for the Journey*, is forthcoming from Resource Publications (Spring, 2010).

Dr. Blair’s essay, “In From the Margins: The Essential Role of Faculty in Transforming a Professional Studies Unit Into an Academic Department,” is in *The Journal of Continuing Higher Education* (Spring, 2010).

He chaired a panel presentation at the Multi-Sector Leadership Forum, University of Indiana, in February.

The Gift of Music

The Eastern University Music Department offered two faculty concerts this year that integrated the beauty of the arts with the sadness of human suffering. The first concert featured **Leah Kim**, violin; **Ron Lipscomb**, cello; and **Ron Matthews**, piano. Their ensemble known as The Caritas Piano Trio performed in November. The word “Caritas” is Latin for “charity.” The Caritas Trio emphasizes both beauty and mercy. The proceeds were sent to World Vision to help give clean water to those in Africa.

The second event was entitled Shades of Chocolate and featured **Teresa Nevola Moyer**, soprano; and **David Bryant**, piano. Music administrative assistant **Sara Herman ’05**, alum **Kyle Herman ’07**, and Moyer’s husband, Stephen Moyer, performed as well on drum kit, congas, and bass, respectively. The concert was performed in February at the First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville. The audience received small bags of chocolates to be eaten at various intervals. The concert raised \$600 for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund of EAPE. Shades of Chocolate came from an idea of Moyer’s to give the audience another way to experience and savor the music. Pieces by Brahms, Liszt, Poulenc, Scriabin, Heggie and Ellington were fused with caramel, dark, nutty and smooth chocolates.



David Bryant and Teresa Nevola Moyer

Focus on Partnerships

Dr. Beth Birmingham, associate professor of leadership and change, presented her NGO (non-government organizations) partnership research at a Partnership Summit at Compassion International in Colorado Springs in August. She was the plenary speaker on NGO partnerships at the Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations annual conference in December and is co-editing a book on the same subject due out later this year.

Dr. Birmingham and Eastern colleague, **Stan LeQuire**, (instructional designer) co-authored a chapter titled, "Green Heroes Re-examined: An Evaluation of Environmental Role Models" as part of the book *Leadership for Environmental Sustainability* (Routledge Press) to be published later this year. She published in the Global Perspectives column of *PRISM Magazine* (Jan. 2010) an article titled "Half the Sky And Then Some" on the plight of women and girls around the world.

Palmer Seminary Authors

Dr. Ronald Sider, professor of theology, holistic ministry and public policy at Palmer Theological Seminary, has a contract for three volumes on peacemaking. The first, to be completed by Christmas 2010, will be a book containing everything extant on what the early church said and did on war, killing, and abortion. He is also the founder of the Sider Center for Ministry and Public Policy. His book, written with colleague **Dr. Al Tizon**, assistant professor of holistic ministry at Palmer Seminary, *Linking Arms, Linking Lives* won Outreach Magazine's Resource of the Year Award (2009) in the compassion category.

Dr. Craig Keener, professor of New Testament at Palmer Seminary, was elected to a three-year term as program chair for the Institute of Biblical Research. He is co-editor with Michael Bird of the *New Covenant Commentary Series*; over half a million copies of Keener's *Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* have sold. Dr. Keener's most significant publication in 2009 was *The Historical Jesus of the Gospels* (Eerdmans). It has over 800 pages (and cites over 6500 extrabiblical primary references) with strong endorsements from noted historical Jesus scholar Gerd Theissen, early Judaism scholar James Charlesworth, and Gospel scholars Ulrich Luz and Joseph Fitzmyer.

Dr. Keener also published two other books in 2009: *The Gospel of Matthew: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary* (Eerdmans); and a shorter commentary on Romans (Eugene, OR: Cascade). His recent articles have been published in the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 6, *Criswell Theological Review*, *Trajectories in the Book of Acts: Essays in Honor of John Wesley Wyckoff*, *Aspects of Historicity in the Fourth Gospel*, and *New International Lesson Annual*.

God and Art

Dr. Teresa Nevola Moyer, associate professor of music, was the keynote speaker at "Ignite, Encountering God in the Mess of Art," a retreat workshop for Christian artists at Harvey Cedars Retreat and Conference Center, in April. Eastern alumni **Aaron Allsbrook**, **Justin Poole**, **Rachel Stephan Simko** and **Elliot Simko** headed up the leadership for this weekend.

Biblical Studies

Dr. Carl Mosser, assistant professor of biblical studies, is co-editor with Richard Bauckham of *The Gospel of John and Christian Theology* (Eerdmans, 2008). He has published the following articles: "A Lapsable Deity and Mormonism's Problem(s) of Evil: A Rejoinder to Blake Ostler," *Element* 4/2 (2008), and "Exaltation and Gods Who Can Fall: Some Problems for Mormon Theodicies," *Element* 3/1-2 (2007).

Dr. Mosser has made the following contributions: "Classifying Mormon Theism," in *Sowing the Fields of the Peacemakers: Essays on Mormon Philosophy and Theology in Honor of David L. Paulsen*, edited by Jacob Baker. Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books, (forthcoming). "Torah Instruction, Discussion, and Prophecy in First-Century Synagogues," in Stanley Porter and Andrew W. Pitts, eds., *Christian Origins and Hellenistic Judaism: Literary and Social Contexts for the New Testament*. Leiden: Brill, (forthcoming). "Fully Social Trinitarianism," in *Philosophical and Theological Essays on the Trinity*, Edited by Thomas McCall and Michael Rea. Oxford: Oxford University Press, (2009). "Rahab Outside the Camp," in Richard Bauckham, Daniel R. Driver, Trevor A. Hart and Nathan MacDonald, eds., *The Letter to the Hebrews and Christian Theology*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, (2009).



Students and Faculty Present Papers

Dr. Heewon Chang, several graduate students and faculty colleagues participated in the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry at the University of Illinois-Champaign in May. Dr. Chang presented a paper session, "Mentoring for Leadership Development in the Global Community," with our Ph.D. students **Patricia Bleil**, **Karen Kispert**, **David Ober**, **Julie Rood-Breithaupt** and **David Wolf**.

Dr. Chang presented a workshop, "Collaborative Autoethnography," with **Dr. Kathy-Ann Hernandez**, associate professor of education, and **Dr. Faith Ngunjiri**, assistant professor of organizational leadership. She also presented a panel, "Reaching the World with Qualitative Research: Publishing in Open-access E-journals," with Dr. Ngunjiri and **Sara Hartmann**, a student in the M.Ed. in multicultural education program and assistant editor of the *International Journal of Multicultural Education*. Dr. Chang's book *Autoethnography as Method* was published in 2008 by Left Coast Press.

Community Development

Dr. Mike Mtika, professor of sociology, published *Social Relations and Cultural Demands in Economic Action: AIDS, Food Security, and Change in Peasant Societies*, (November 2009). He conducted research on community development dynamics in an agrarian community during the summer of 2009. Students **Case Ronan** and **Ruth Portnoff** are helping with the analysis of the data.

Dr. Mtika completed "Livelihood Demands, Economic Oppression, and the Spread of AIDS: The Case of Malawi" book chapter for a book on AIDS and Food Security in Africa. He upgraded the Giving Heart Ministries, Inc. Web page (www.givingheartministries.org). This organization raises financial support for the Christian Outreach and Community Development work Dr. Mtika and Eastern University students have been doing in Malawi since 2004.

Book Signing



Photo courtesy Chelsea Post

Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, professor of psychology and philosophy, signed copies of her new book, *A Sword Between the Sexes? C.S. Lewis and the Gender Debates* (Brazos Press, 2010) in the Warner Memorial Library.

Learning to Communicate

Dr. Kesha Morant, assistant professor of communication studies, presented a paper, "The Rewards and Challenges of Intercultural Group/Team Experiences," and **Dante Johnson '09** presented his paper, "Relating to Them: Strategies to Create Identification with Diverse Audiences" at the 10th Annual Conference of the Eastern Communication Association in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Morant's "Language in Action: Funk Music as the Critical Voice of a Post-Civil Rights Movement Counterculture" will be published in the *Journal of Black Studies*.

Health Issues

Dr. Yolanda Turner, lecturer of psychology, gave two keynote addresses. At the Psychiatric Nursing Association's Contemporary Forum in March, she presented "Understanding the GLBT: Gender Identity and Diversity." At Penn State University's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Conference in April, she spoke on "Techno Teens: The Good, the Bad, and the Unexpected." She has also taken on the role of project liaison for the American Medical Students Association's National Sexual Health Scholars Program: an Online Learning Community and Course.

Time To Compose Music: Ron Matthews on Sabbatical

Dr. Ron Matthews, professor of music, reports that his sabbatical has resulted in several new compositions. They include a hymn for the 200th Anniversary of Park Street Church in Boston, MA, a *Rhapsody on Ebenezer* for two pianos, and three works on the poetry of Genevieve Glen, a prolific poet and Benedictine nun. One of these works, *The Apple Tree*, was premiered at the Preggio Music Festival and Orvieta String Festival in central Italy. Dr. Matthews conducted *Gloria* by Antonia Vivaldi and selected choral works at both these Italian Festivals.

What's a Sabbatical For?

By Joyce Munro, Senior Lecturer of English

Last fall on her sabbatical, Nancy Thomas got her wish to really work on poems. Mondays. Wednesdays. Fridays. In the yellow “sunflower room,” with her blue notebook, her pen, and all the time in the world. Her journal of notes holding an idea down, the yellow legal pad for trying out lines, and the computer waiting at the other end of the house when she was ready to create a file. Her first audience at her feet was ten-year-old Casey, her golden retriever. If it was good enough, at the end of a morning, Casey would get a reading. Either way, the afternoon was for a romp in the dog park.

Sound like the life? It is and it isn't. “Setting aside the time was huge,” Thomas said. “I can spend hours doing nothing.” But there she was. “I was sitting still, being quiet to whatever happens.”

Surprise. That's the S-word hidden in sabbatical.

“The more I did it, the more liberating it felt.” A friend invited her to vacation at St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, so Thomas took her blue daybook to the beach. There on the white sands an iguana strode toward her in a manner that caught her eye. It was a heartbreaking moment, too. She had just learned that the gentle man who had made her husband's aunt so happy had been killed in an accident. Coincidence? Thomas holds with Picasso: “[Art] is a form of magic designed as a mediator between this strange hostile world and us, a way of giving form to our terrors as well as our desires.” That's what she worked on during her sabbatical. “Poetry is about beginning with ‘I don't know’ and finding out,” Thomas said.

Even though this sabbatical came after full-time teaching since 1988, there was sometimes still the question, Thomas said. “Imagining that this is a worthwhile way to spend time—is helpful and compassionate—how to justify it?” So on Tuesdays and Thursdays she went to the Barry School, West Philadelphia, to teach poetry to a group of sixth grade boys. She hopes that both their work and hers will be published sometime soon.

In her poetry writing class recently, she asked her students why they write poetry. It's something her sabbatical forced her to embrace about herself. One of her favorite authors, Annie Dillard, gave Thomas the comforting metaphor to explain what she does — the work is a message in a bottle bobbing its way across a sea of trouble. Thomas laughed at how environmentally unsound the metaphor is. To litter the ocean with bottles of poems!

She doesn't like the word message. Her poetry asks questions, Thomas said. Writing takes her toward the unknown. The questions are for herself and her audience. The nice thing about Thomas's poetry is that she makes you feel that you're not alone or crazy with your questions.



THE VISITATION

By Nancy Thomas

*Suddenly, without fanfare, he was there—
white grey, “prehistoric”
sliding along soft sand,
a startling presence
wearing the body iguana.*

*On the same afternoon
in the year of our Lord
Horace's pickup truck suddenly
tumbled, sliding along tarmac to his death.
He wore the body wood worker, new love,
kind eyes.*

How do angels come to us?

*This one swayed, inches at a
time,
flecked in shadows. His spiny
fingers
lifted one sea berry like a delicacy,
and as he chewed the savory fruit,
he looked up at us, unblinking
then moved slowly closer.
It seemed he wanted to speak,
and we were sore afraid.*

*Surely Horace did not want to leave,
having remade her kitchen and bath,
the porch overlook toward that sparkling lake,
her widow's heart. Surely he did not want to
leave.
I want to believe someone came along,
saw his crushed heart,
and lifted everything but his body
into cradling arms.*

*Because we were short of breath
and my friend squealed,
he slipped quickly away,
climbing in his spiny fronds
the nearest coconut palm as though to say
“This is the way we are, watching each other
across time, cerulean blue sky,
and the sweet splash of wavelets.
There is no intrusion, only connection.”*





Finding Friendship Through Struggle

By Rebecca Druckenmiller

All students struggle at some point throughout their college experience. Most will find support from a roommate or a friend, but **Alexis Dunbar**, a junior English major at Eastern, found that it was a friendship she developed with a professor that would help get her through some tough times in her 2008 Spring Semester.

"My relationship with Alexis started when she took my Dead Sea Scrolls class. She did not do as well as she would have liked, but over the course of the semester she learned a lot about her weaknesses and potential," says Christian Studies Professor **Dr. Carl Mosser**. A breakthrough moment came when the class visited the Jewish Museum in New York to hear a lecture by a famous Orthodox Jewish scholar. "After the lecture, Alexis said, 'That is what I want to be able to do. I want to know so much about a subject that I can lecture for an hour and half without notes!' She realized, for the first time, that it is entirely within her grasp to do that."

Alexis says, "I was having a really difficult time during that class because of some things I had going on in my life and

at home, but Dr. Mosser would let me just sit in his office for hours and talk about what was going on."

Carl Mosser says, "People are taken aback when Alexis introduces me as her 'Dad' because she is a black female and I am a white male. When we met, Alexis held several racial stereotypes that were challenged by my life story. For example, she assumed that white men come from privileged backgrounds. She also assumed that someone with several academic degrees must have come from an educated, well-to-do family. But I grew up in a broken, alcoholic family that always bobbed the poverty line." He was the first person in his family to attend college and did so without financial or moral support from his parents.

"As Alexis got to know my story, she realized that we have a lot in common despite our obvious gender and racial differences. This made it easy for us to make a connection."

"He could definitely sympathize and relate to what was going on in my life. He had such

a protective spirit about him as a man of God. He was so willing to take the time to just listen, it was so encouraging," says Alexis.

"She appreciated the fact that I hold all students to the same high expectations and that with my time comes frank advice and criticism," explains Dr. Mosser, who often has his classes join him and his family in their home for dinner and fellowship.

"On top of it all, Alexis and I share a sense of humor. More than a few tears have been shared in our conversations, but there has been far more laughter. We joke around as if we are family."

"Dr. Mosser didn't just care about how I was doing academically, he cared about how I was doing in life," says Alexis. When asked if they'll continue this relationship past graduation, Alexis responds, "Oh, we definitely will, we're family!"



What Does Our Brand Look Like?

The curving line which breaks the shield into two parts symbolizes a horizon, which connotes a forward-looking approach to education, and the globe, denoting Eastern's global outreach, impact and programs.

The stylized shield superimposed with a capital "E". The shield is a familiar shape that denotes academic strength and gives a sense of history to the University. It also has biblical imagery of protection (Psalm 3:3 "But you O Lord, are a shield around me..."). The large "E" stands for Eastern, a name which has been consistent since our founding, even as the appellations after it have changed (Baptist, College, University).



The cross inside the 1925 symbolizes Eastern's solid foundation of Christianity and its commitment to Christian higher education.

The small numerals "1925" with a cross in the center. 1925 is the date of Eastern's founding as part of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary) and conveys the fact that Eastern has been involved with higher education for the better part of a century.

The logo stands with the words "Eastern University" and "faith reason justice." as our brand.

This is the important question that Eastern University has been asking for the past several years as we have tried to better understand our brand promises. After much internal discussion and research, the University engaged the services of Stamats and worked closely with branding authority Dr. Robert Sevier. With his guidance, we were able to describe the education that Eastern University offers all of its diverse students: Christian faith-based, transformative, global, engaging academics, life-changing and innovative. For over a decade, Eastern has distilled its mission into the core words of "faith, reason and justice" and that is still a very good fit.

With all of these concepts in mind, Eastern set out to design a symbol that would capture as much of this identity as possible. Dozens of graphic designs, created by both our internal designers and an outside design firm, were evaluated and discarded. Focus groups throughout the University Schools looked

at various options and gave their opinions. From all of this, one design stood out. With a few small adaptations based on focus group input, this design is the one we have now adopted as our new logo.

The new logo for Eastern University is both classic and contemporary, and is designed to work well across multiple marketing media. This brand concept is elegant and versatile.

The two-color version of the logo is printed in burgundy and grey, long used and recognized as the school colors for Eastern University. It is designed to be a strong visual brand that helps Eastern University express its mission, goals and distinctive attributes, now and for many decades to come.



Please note that the University seal remains in use on diplomas and other official documents.

Hold on, God is with You

By Gina Clawson (sophomore)

This is what **Sarah DeSilva '10** says to her friends in Haiti. DeSilva, an anthropology major, first went to Haiti with a mission team of eight people from Eastern University in January 2009. In Haiti, she met Williamson, Carla and Welele.

and using phone cards allowed her to build her relationships with Williamson, Carla and Welele. DeSilva was able to use Creole in January 2010 when the team of nine from Eastern ventured to Haiti with Beyond Borders, the organization that

text messages and phone calls,” DeSilva said. Feelings of anger and panic took over her life for two days until DeSilva finally received word that every person she knows in Haiti is alive. “Wanting to be there,” she said, “the strongest feeling was wanting to be there.”

Since the earthquake, DeSilva has led a prayer vigil at Broad Street Ministry, the church she attends in Philadelphia. It’s an understatement to say that their situation is bleak, but DeSilva believes that the Haitian people can see the light shining through the clouds of debris. With no basic needs being met, the Haitian Christians still find a way to dance in the streets, singing to God at night. “They rely heavily on community, living together in solidarity,” DeSilva said. And that attitude is helping to restore their faith.

DeSilva has also been carrying a rock and a shell with her wherever she goes. The rock, which Welele gave to her before she left Haiti, symbolizes the land of Haiti. Welele told her that Haiti calls its people unto itself, and he could tell that his country is calling her. She belongs there. Carla gave DeSilva the shell, which is shaped like a spiral, to remind her of the motherly embrace found in Haiti. The spirit of the Haitians is loving and nurturing. And DeSilva does plan to return to Haiti. She is applying for an apprenticeship after graduation with Beyond Borders.

To find out what you can do for Haiti, go to www.beyondborders.net



Sarah DeSilva (in white shirt) makes coffee with friends in Haiti.

DeSilva’s relationship with the Haitian people transformed her life so that what started out as a short-term mission trip to an impoverished nation, turned into a continued spirit of love for individuals. Her short-term mission became a long-term reward.

After returning to the United States, DeSilva bought some books and taught herself Creole, the primary language of Haiti. Sending e-mails

considers loving the people of Haiti the most important task. The group stayed with families, learned their everyday routines, and started relationships. “We shared Christ’s love through action,” DeSilva said, “not preaching.”

But just a few days after the students’ safe return, Haiti was struck with an extremely powerful earthquake. “I was in class. I kept getting

The MISSION field AROUND the CORNER

By Rebekah Miller (senior)

When senior elementary and special education major **Chelsea Holden '09** started her search for a student teaching job, she found first a place to volunteer, John Welsh Elementary School in North Philadelphia. Driving around the city looking at various schools was an eye-opening experience. She discovered that there is a great mission field in Philadelphia, saying, "A mere 20 minutes from where we live is extreme poverty. We often think of homelessness, but we don't always realize that it pours in to the schools. The school visit really put a face to what we learn about in class and about social justice."

John Welsh Elementary has a strong administration, but a lack of resources. The field trip budget for the school is very small, but Holden felt that field trips would be very beneficial to the students because many of them have never been outside their urban community. Another issue that Holden noticed was the fact that the students do not see college as a reachable goal because most of them come from families where no one has been to college.

Seeing these needs gave Holden the idea to bring some John Welsh students to Eastern. She worked with Vice President for Student Development **Bettie Ann Brigham** and the principal at John Welsh to set up an Eastern visit for seventh and eighth grade students. "Bettie Ann was very helpful with making the day happen," Holden said. And in November about 100 John Welsh students visited Eastern's campus. The seventh and eighth graders were paired off with about 75 Eastern student volunteers.

The John Welsh students went to classes, toured the campus and had a meeting led by **Frann Mawusi**, director of recruitment and retention initiatives. Holden observed one classroom in which the professor asked the visiting John Welsh students if they wanted to attend college at Eastern and all of them raised their hands. "Overall, the day was fabulous," Holden said. "The chance for these students to come on the campus - away from their hectic city atmosphere - was a cultural experience for them. It was an amazing experience for both the John Welsh and Eastern students."

Holden hopes that Eastern will continue to remain connected with this inner-city school after she graduates. Students in Free Enterprise Club is collecting flash drives to aid students with their social studies technology project.

For more information about John Welsh Elementary School, visit: www.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/welsh/



Adrienne Johnson '10 with a student from John Welsh Elementary School.

POWERFUL Stories,



“You never go to El Salvador as a tourist. You go to meet people you should have known a long time ago,” Ron Morgan ’65 said as he and his wife, Betsy Morgan ’65, talked about their 30-year-relationship with El Salvador’s people.

As an English professor at Eastern in the late 1970’s, Ron asked his students to describe a powerful, emotional experience that each one had faced in their young lives. A Salvadoran student, Margarita, wrote about her brother’s violent death at the hands of paramilitary soldiers. Her brother had been a university student, a status that often aligned that person with revolutionary thought. But that was only part of the story. Margarita had to walk by her brother’s body without showing any recognition of him, or she would be killed as well. And that was what hit Ron the hardest.

Thus began an affiliation that still takes the Morgans to El Salvador. In 1984, their congregation, Central Baptist in Wayne, PA, established itself as a Sanctuary church so illegal Salvadorans and refugees from central Guatemala, fleeing political oppression, stayed there for days, weeks or months. The Morgans also opened their home.

At the same time the Baptist church in El Salvador realized that its pastors were in danger, so it sent them to the United States to publicize the fate of the churches there. That’s how the Morgans met Alex and Ruth Orantes. It has been a fruitful relationship that has also included The Simple Way as partners in community development. The Morgans, with The Simple Way, helped to create the Cielo Azul Fund that supports Ruth’s church, Shekina, in Santa Ana, and Alex’s work in an area too poor to have a church building.

In 1986 Ron went to El Salvador to help with earthquake relief. As he met displaced persons across the years of the El Salvadoran civil war, 1980-92,



STRONG Connections

with EL SALVADOR

By Chelsea Post (junior)

Ron became active as a friendly presence in their lives, and toward the end of the civil war, he helped repatriate individuals moving from the border U.N. refugee camps back to their communities. As a board member of SHARE Foundation, a faith-based organization that promotes relationships between North Americans and Salvadorans, Ron helped to establish cooperatives and micro-enterprises as well to improve security in villages.

Betsy found herself playing a role in publicizing the stories of Salvadorans. In 1991, she edited *Going Home: Building Peace in El Salvador*, stories of the painful and hopeful process of repatriation. In 1992, Betsy co-produced with colleague Laura Jackson a video sequel called *El Salvador: Portraits in a Revolution*. Then in 2006, she and five other members of CBC, along with photographer Linda Panetta (a Cabrini alumna and photojournalist), went to El Salvador to interview five women associated with the campesino uprising as female soldiers. They went as mothers to investigate how these women have fared back in their communities and families. “We were amazed at how resilient hope remained in the lives of the women we interviewed, in spite of danger, death, economic deprivation, and betrayal,” Betsy wrote in this latest effort, which is called *Mothers in Arms* (to be released in 2010).

In the past two years, the Morgans have seen their work taken up by the younger generation. Among them are **Jamie Moffett ’00** and

Julia Shields ’05. Hearing the Morgans tell stories about El Salvador, Moffett asked them if they’d help him update the connections that *El Salvador: Portraits in a Revolution* had established. Initially he had sought out Betsy’s opinion on his film, *Ordinary Radicals*, about **Shane Claiborne ’97** and other Christians living with the poor. But what he kept asking about, again and again, was El Salvador. “It just kept popping up,” Betsy said. So *Return to El Salvador* was born, the title referring to “the return of America’s conscience to what’s going on in El Salvador”—and the Morgans were two of the first people he asked to come with him for several weeks last July. Moffett is hoping to enter his new film in several film festivals this year.

The connection of stories and lives continues. And now young Americans influenced by so many people at Eastern University are making their own connections with Salvadorans.

To learn more about SHARE Foundation,
go to www.share-elsalvador.org

To learn more about *Return to El Salvador*,
go to www.returntoelsalvador.com

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Photos courtesy Betsy Morgan '65 and Jamie Moffett '00

The SPIRIT of the Poor

(Reflection presented

By Mikah Ochieng, student

It was one year ago that I walked the streets of Kenya attending language school and visiting relatives. It was there that I had my first encounter with the poor and homeless. Now, don't get me wrong, I had seen homeless men and women on the streets of Baltimore struggling to make ends meet, but not like the individuals I met in the slums of Nairobi.

I'm from a small town in Maryland. Both of my parents are hard working Americans, and so the hardships of poverty and distress never touched me, my family or our neighborhood. And it wasn't until I saw with my own eyes what the disease of poverty could do to a human life that I was fully able to encapsulate the reality of our broken world.

One fellow I met on my morning route to school while in Nairobi was a man named John, a

crippled beggar. Each day I would pass him and try to converse with him with what little Swahili I had learned. I knew, mentoring him, and providing some basic needs to him week in and week out, that John had something I could not give to him, something even the richest cannot live without – LOVE.

Love is what we need, what we seek. In a sense, that is what we should be thankful for. It should not be about what we have that we should be thankful for: our money, our social status, our jobs. Rather the less we have, the more we have. The more we clutter, horde, and devote our lives to what we idolize in front of God's love, the deeper, wider, and darker the hole in our hearts becomes. For wasn't it Christ who said to those

who felt deprived in life, to the widowed mother struggling to make this month's payment on her rent, to the homeless man trying to stay warm on the streets at night, and yes, even to the college student trying to make sense of her/his life while balancing a job, school work, and figuring out how they are going to make payment for their next semester, He said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied."

I never saw John after that time in Kenya, and I hadn't had any encounter with the homeless again until my involvement at Eastern with the YACHT club (Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today).

*Mikah Ochieng (center)
with some of the homeless
friends he has met through
YACHT Club.*



REBUILDING Homes REBUILDING Lives

In January, five students traveled to New Orleans to serve the community in partnership with Berean Bible Church. Students Amy Fischer, Julia Peiffer, Kristina Kraft, Krystal Cairns, and Rebekah Miller went with advisor Jonathan Beasley, who has served as a librarian at Eastern University for the past 25 years.

"We wanted to do our little bit to help in the ongoing recovery of New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina," Beasley said. "The time we spent there was a way to demonstrate God's love for New Orleans. Our hope is that the people we encountered saw, through us, God's care and provision for them and their city."

This was Beasley's fourth trip since Katrina. Past groups have worked with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Habitat for Humanity and Berean Bible Church, and have helped repair damaged houses, build new homes, served at a charter school, and participated in Berean's ministry to street people in the French Quarter. This year, the group worked on two houses, participated in the street people ministry, and did organizational work for a new church.

Peiffer, a senior elementary education major from Stratford, NJ, was one of the co-leaders. "The homeless people of New Orleans very rarely have people come and interact with them, so just by being there we were really able show them God's love," Peiffer said. "It also opened our eyes to see firsthand that focusing on the homeless and what we need to do for the less fortunate across the country is really important. As we continue to rebuild New Orleans, we need to keep our focus on not only the homes that are being built, but also help the people adjust to their new lives."

This year's team was able to return to see some of the houses that past groups worked on. "The houses are now occupied," Beasley said. "It was a great thing to see the fruits of the labor of the past grow."

For more information about missions trips, please visit Eastern University's Office of Faith and Practice Web site at: http://www.eastern.edu/campus/christian_life/missions.html



Julie Peiffer (from left), Krystal Cairns, Rebekah Miller and Jonathan Beasley stop by to visit Ms. Janet who's house they worked on two years ago.

at Chapel)

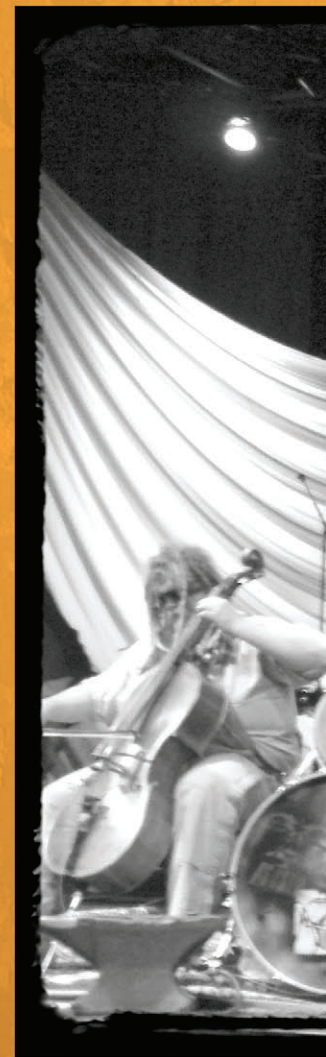
It was there that I again witnessed the familiar spirit of Christ that dwelt within each individual on the street. I had talked to people who had lost their homes, others dealing with substance abuse, others had lost their jobs and were now on the street, still others had multiple jobs and were still on the streets. I had been with them through their joyful times, their sadness and some heated moments, but nonetheless I had seen the Christ that dwelt within the pages of the Bible and seen Him within the margins of pain and hurt that lay within the homeless community of Philadelphia.

Many times while I was mentoring or being mentored, I would take notice of the little things that caused some of the greatest joy in their lives. It was handing out sandwiches where a hot meal should have been, it was being a listening ear when broken women and men had so many hardships which words alone couldn't dispel the stress that life had laid on their hearts, it was showing up in their midst and showing that at least one individual cared for them.

Thankfulness for the little things is what we have forgotten to acknowledge. Be content with what you have, for others in this life have significantly less and are still persisting through life. Be appreciative of the little things.

music for the soul

By Alexander Jolicoeur (senior)



A long time ago, an old Orthodox priest spoke to **Scott Krueger '99** and told him, “Whatever you’re called to, that’s your prayer; God will call you to something that will bring you closer to Him.”

These wise words have played themselves out in Krueger’s life over and over through the years, in many ways, but most famously through music in his band Psalters, which mixes old Southern spirituals and exotic Middle Eastern rhythms with fiery gypsy beats. When Krueger, who plays several instruments including the bouzouki, opens his mouth to sing, he lets out a rich, hearty sound that doesn’t match his young body. “I always wanted to make intense music,” Krueger said. “I closed my eyes and tried to capture the emotion.

What came out was that Middle Eastern quiver. It bubbles and swells in my gut and comes out.”

Psalters are a group of adults who live like nomads, spreading God’s word around the world. Krueger describes their sound as refugee music, or music of movement, “But if you wanted to describe it to a booking agent, I guess you’d call it tribal punk or folk punk,” he said. At the heart of Psalters is a life of Exodus. To Psalters, being nomadic, not having a sense of home, is central to their faith. Krueger said, “To be rooted in God alone, not an empire or a nation, is to identify in your relationship with God. It’s about walking with the least of these, which today is the homeless and the nomadic community.”

Krueger studied theology as an undergraduate at Eastern University. His education, he said, allowed him to flesh out what he was doing—to answer the tough questions. He was involved with author **Shane Claiborne '97**, the Simple Way, YACHT Club, and helped to found the PAPA Fest benefit concert.

While trying to come to a decision about what to do with a theology degree after school, Krueger stumbled across a pamphlet from the Covenant House, a Catholic agency that works with homeless youth across the country. They offer crisis housing, education, medical help, legal advice, and help get youth back into society. After graduation, Krueger volunteered at the Covenant



House in Philadelphia, before working full-time at a location in New Jersey.

While Krueger wouldn't say that life on the road is glamorous, he will admit that it has opened his eyes to the power of God. "Every time you take a leap of faith, it's neat to see how God catches you and provides," he said. "If you depend on God, and live dangerously, God's presence is made known. If you stay safe and don't take chances, you don't get the chance to see God work."

Although it's been three years since the release of their last album, *The Divine Liturgy of the Wretched Exiles*, Krueger and the Psalters haven't been idle. Just take a walk down Frankfurt Avenue in Philadelphia, and you'll hear the

clambering rhythm of clanging trash cans and the deep vibrating sound of West African drum beats echoing from the windows of Croatan Studios, the training center of Psalters today.

Croatan is named after a tribe of Indians who lived in Virginia back in the 1500's. This faction was made up of dark skinned indigenous people and blonde, blue-eyed explorers. In the same way that the small group of Europeans blended into the native community, Psalters want to find a way to grow with their own neighborhood. Croatan, which also serves as a recording studio, was created to serve as a ministry to the surrounding community. Psalters has performed assemblies for Philadelphia schools without arts programs and

for AIDS patients. Croatan also offers classes on West African drumming and dance, Brazilian drums, and storytelling collaborative workshops.

Being a part of Psalters has helped Scott Krueger to communicate better with God. "Music communicates all the things that words can't, especially with the Spirit," Krueger said. "Central to our faith is a spiritual realm and music has the ability to flesh that out and bring emotion to explain the things that we can't describe."

Check out more Psalters at:
www.psalters.com

For information on Croatan Studios, visit: www.gonetocroatan.org



Spending a week with a group of restless high school students and averaging four hours of sleep per night may not be appealing to everyone, but for Young Life leaders this is what they work for all year. Young Life started in 1938, and remains one of the most influential forms of youth ministry. Eastern University students are the overwhelming majority of Young Life Leaders in western Philadelphia suburbs as they account for two-thirds of the 27 leaders. Four leaders work together at a given school.

This unique form of ministry is not associated with a church. "Compared to a church youth group where the high school kids come to the church, we go to the high school," Eastern junior **Matt Linaburg** said. Linaburg is a leader at Great Valley High School.

Lauren Maxham is a sophomore who participated in Young Life while she was in high school and now uses her experience to lead at Marple Newtown High School. "Young Life is a ministry to bring youth to Christ, while building real and lasting relationships," Maxham said.

To say that being a Young Life leader requires a lot of time, energy and dedication is an understatement. "At the very minimum Young Life leaders must be available three nights a week, but it takes up much more time than that," EU education grad student **Davey Jones '09** (above, left) said. Jones, who is the head leader at Marple Newtown High School, has been involved with leading Young Life since 2007.

Leading Young Life requires more than getting to know the kids. It requires

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leaders to actively get involved in the community whether that is taking an assistant coaching position or helping out with the lighting for school plays.

"Really it just comes down to consistency, and the more you put yourself out there for parents to get to know you, that builds your credibility within the community," Jones said.

Going to Young Life camp in the summer is the highlight of any leader's year. "Camp gives you the opportunity to spend way more intentional time with your kids. It's a setting where they open up to you much more and become more comfortable with each other," Jones said. There are 20 Young Life camps spread out throughout the United States.

Young Life camps offer sail boating, water skiing, parasailing, ropes courses and go-carts. In fact, Young Life guarantees you the week of your life or your money back. In these camps high school students are introduced to who Jesus is in a way that many have not been presented before. "One of my most gratifying conversations at Great Valley was with a student who just graduated; he told me that Young Life had changed how he looked at ministry," Linaburg said. "He said that he used to be the

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kind of guy who wouldn't try to reach out to friends he didn't think would be interested in hearing about God, but working through Young Life he was able to open up a door for them to come and introduce them to Christ."

Joe Bruni is the Young Life area director for all high schools in Western Philadelphia. "Being a Young Life Leader significantly transforms your college experience," Bruni said. "By giving your life away to others you're answering God's call and enriching your own life at the same time."

Every year on Eastern's campus, about 40 leaders come to a semester long leadership training course. The classes are co-taught by Eastern University admissions counselor **John Levis** and Bruni. Levis has been involved with Young Life for many years and is a former leader at Marple Newtown High School. "I chose to get involved as a leader because in high school Young Life was big for me," Linaburg said, who is majoring in business management. "It really opened my eyes to see what God can do through anybody, and at Great Valley it was really an opportunity to share my passion with others."

For more information on Young Life, visit www.younglife.org.

FAITH & PRACTICE

WHERE CAMPERS FIND FUN AND FAITH

By Jessica Stake (sophomore)

The First Baptist Church of Bethlehem came to the crossroad decision of keeping or selling Camp Ichthus because of financial issues in 2005. The camp was only being used about five weeks out of the year. **Erik Kraihanzel '92**, youth ministry professor, knew he had to step up to the plate. Camp Ichthus, in Palmerton, PA, is a Christian camp for kindergarten through high school students and Kraihanzel grew up there. At this crossroad, "I was asked to give it a go and try to salvage the ministry and make it a viable year-round camp," he said. So that year Kraihanzel became the first paid director of Camp Ichthus. And he loves seeing how the camp has flourished with God's grace. Camp Ichthus is now being used about 15 weekends a year and 10 weeks in the summer. These numbers are expected to increase in 2011.

Kraihanzel spends all summer, many winter weekends, and at least two days a week at the camp, and completes many hours of work from his home office.



Kraihanzel helps cook for the campers. He trains staff. He cleans. He organizes camp information. He handles publicity. He does all sorts of maintenance from renovating cabins to cutting the grass. Not only does Kraihanzel direct Camp Ichthus, he pastors the camp as well. Kraihanzel has been in youth ministry for 20

years. Working at Camp Ichthus gives him an opportunity to take what he has learned and apply it passionately to help young people come to Christ. "I don't think I can see myself doing anything outside of youth ministry. I love it, especially camp ministry," Kraihanzel said.

Kraihanzel teaches multiple youth ministry classes at Eastern, including a camping ministry class which involves a week-long Student Leadership Camp at Camp Ichthus. The students have a great opportunity to serve in an outreach project to a local community, discover and develop their God-given gifts, and be challenged to take their faith to a whole new level of commitment. "There is nothing like leading people to go and reach others, it's so powerful," Kraihanzel said. Faith sharing happens all the time at Camp Ichthus. Kraihanzel believes one of the reasons faith spreads so easily in the camp setting is because kids leave their technological devices at home and spend quality time making personal relationships with one another and with God.

At first Kraihanzel was not sure if what he was doing at Camp Ichthus was truly making an impact on the lives of the youth, until many of them came back to be leaders. "We don't see the impact until later. People come back and thank me for helping them in many ways. This is what keeps me going," Kraihanzel said. "Camp Ichthus is home, work, ministry, and a way for me to rest in God's love and grace." When he thinks that a lot of people in life wonder if they are doing the right kind of work, Kraihanzel knows he is doing the right thing and says, "When I think about Camp Ichthus, I can sleep well at night."

Seeing God in the Rubble

By Kristina Caldwell '09

I traveled to Haiti in January 2008 with a team from Eastern University in partnership with Beyond Borders. Those ten days were challenging but beautiful, and I left Haiti shocked at the poverty of the third world, yet hopeful because of the passion I had heard in native Haitians' voices when they had spoken of making their country better.

I had always imagined my return trip to Haiti would be a joyful reunion with friends I'd made. But my return was anything but joyful. It was a prayerfully and quickly-made decision following the earthquake in January 2010. My fiancé's home church has partnered with a children's mission house for years — he had traveled down three times to volunteer in their summer soccer camps.

As soon as we heard about the earthquake, our thoughts and prayers turned immediately to our friends — were they alive? What about their families? How many buildings were down? Had all of our friends just lost their homes? Dear God, I prayed, why Haiti? How will they ever recover from this?

While countries dedicated their troops, supplies, and money, and while the World Health Organization and International Red Cross started distributing aid, many were left out. I don't think this was any organization's fault or an oversight, but it was the result of complete chaos and a desperately large and needy population.

The Let the Children Mission House was one such group. They sponsor about 50 children and hadn't received any aid. We thought, wouldn't our money be better spent as a donation? Are we really supposed to do this? Every obstacle we could have faced was removed as we thought of it. On February 4, we landed in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The entirety of our checked luggage was tents. The Port au Prince airport wasn't yet open for civilians. While in the Dominican, we purchased food, water, and medical supplies. Despite some confusion at the border, we made it into Port au Prince safely, visited the mission house and several children, and put together three-month packages of supplies to distribute the following day. We left enough food at the director's house for another distribution when it was needed.

Haiti has a wounded past and a troubled present. Status distinctions, deforestation, corrupt government, and brutal education have almost ruined Haiti. On my first trip, I met a teacher who said, "I was beaten in school for not reciting the correct phrase. But it was just memorization, not learning. I want my students to learn." Another teacher told me, "We are malnourished because of our diets. We cannot grow everything we need because the soil is bad. I want to see my community growing good gardens, and it is my vision to see my family healthy."

Talking to Noah and Moise, two of the older students at Let the Children, we asked them what they wanted from other countries. We had just visited Moise's family, who had tarps hung in front of what had been their house. We had passed a building where he had lost a friend. Noah turned to me and said, "The aid is good, and we need it. But eventually, it will be gone. And the tents? They are nice and will protect against the rain. But they are going to break. What we need to fix our country is education. We can't pass the food or tents on for generations, but we can pass along education. That will make our country better."

Port au Prince was destroyed. There is so little machinery it is impossible to estimate if they can remove all the rubble. We'll never know how many people died in the buildings that collapsed. From what we saw, aid distribution was mediocre at best. There are simply too many people. People step over the rubble and ignore it, because all they know how to do is survive.

But there are those who are not without hope. Moise and Noah are encouraging, gifted leaders. The January 2010 earthquake awakened us to Haiti's needs. My prayer is that we will not forget those needs, and that we—as Christians—will not only send aid, because that will eventually run out, but we will also seek lasting partnerships with our international brothers and sisters.

***“But the needy will not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.”***

Psalm 9:18 (NIV)



Jackie Irving, Not Your Average Hometown Girl

By Tony Morisset (junior)

Sitting in Jackie Irving's office on the third floor of Walton, you can't help but notice the family pictures of her children Bryan, 23; D.J., 18; and Gabby, 9. Family comes first for Irving as she attends D.J.'s basketball games, home or away. But her family is bigger than her biological one. It's the town of Chester, PA.

At Eastern University, Irving is a career counselor, an instructor, an academic advisor, and the director of the Wilson Goode Scholarship program. With all that on her plate, Irving still finds time for the city where she grew up.

"It is extremely important for me not to forget about Chester," Irving said. "That is one of the reasons I still live there. I believe if everyone leaves, there will be no one left to service the community."

She still hangs out with friends from high school. As part of the reunion committee of the class of 1983, she raises money for graduates to help them purchase their college textbooks. She works in a group that mentors young men, especially, so that they consider college. Irving sees that they visit Eastern. She helps to arrange for speakers to talk to high school students about drugs and healthy relationships. Irving gets Eastern students involved with the city of Chester.

This year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, her class helped paint the YMCA.

Irving knows the statistics: Chester is considered a third class city since it has a high illiteracy rate and the streets are filled with crime. Teenagers may see no way out.

So when the principal of Chester High, Dr. Darla Hammond, calls on her, Irving goes in to help out. The two go way back. Hammond was Irving's teacher in high school. Now they work side by side as sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first black Greek letter organization founded by Christian young women on the campus at Howard University in 1908. Their motto: "service to all mankind."

She wishes that people would see the good things that come from Chester. A number of Chester High graduates, like Irving, succeed. "The students there won the haiku contest a few years, but that didn't get blasted on TV like the crime does," she said.

Irving's grandparents worked for the NAACP. Her mother has run for council and was active in the community. So is Irving just a hometown girl helping out? Not quite.

"I really don't know what motivates me to do all this," said Irving with a smile. "Scripture says 'what you have done to the least of these, you have done to me.' Even if I moved away, I would find some way to give back to the community."



Jackie Irving (right) with Lizzie Miller '09 and Evelyn McGee '09.

Two Inducted into Athletics Hall of Honor

At its annual Athletic Awards banquet, Eastern University Athletics inducted **Lisa Sondej '98** and **Nate Ware** into its second Hall of Honor class.

Nate Ware coached men's basketball at Eastern from 1977-1995. Under his leadership, the Eagles rose to prominence in the NAIA. His 1988 squad that advanced to the NAIA Quarterfinals featured six 1000-point scorers.

Ware has remained active in the Philadelphia basketball community and currently coaches at Wilmington University. Former Eastern player and current Springfield Police Officer **Sam Boone '89** introduced his coach and emphasized the influence Ware had on the development of his players as people.

Ware had a 232-171 record at Eastern, but he defined his legacy by the success of his players after they graduated. An emotional Ware thanked his wife of 41 years and his mother for their influence on his life. Ware is a founding member and Hall of Fame inductee of the Philadelphia Small College Basketball Coaches Association.

Lisa Sondej was recognized as the cornerstone of Eastern's volleyball legacy. Later in the evening, the University honored a pair of current volleyball All Americans from Eastern's Sweet 16



squad. Eastern **Coach Mark Birtwistle** introduced his former standout by relating that Sondej was critical in establishing the core values of the program that has won twelve conference championships in the last 13 years.

Sondej, who grew up in Bensalem, PA, earned Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors in her senior season, and held career marks in 12 statistical categories when she graduated. Eastern Volleyball has won a Conference Player of the Year honor in each of the years since she graduated in 1998.

In addition to the Hall of Honor recognition, Eastern



University Athletics honored current student-athletes for their work over the year. The Women's Soccer team earned recognition for achieving a 3.455 team GPA. The Freedom Conference Champions advanced to the 2nd Round of the NCAA Tournament.

Sophomore shortstop **Scott Renauro** earned Eastern's Award of Excellence as the top male athlete. Senior Field Hockey Player **Leslie**

Messick earned the award for the women. Messick was one of four All-Americans nominated for the women's award.

For more information about Eastern Athletics, visit: www.goeasterneagles.com



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Homecoming and Family Weekend

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Community News

In Memoriam



Dr. Chamberlain (center) with graduates from the Class of 2001.

for 28 years. She said, "Ted was an extraordinarily wise person who was also down to earth and able to fully understand college students. He was a dedicated, respected and beloved colleague of many. In his years at Eastern, Ted built the student life program into one of the most respected and replicated programs in the country. He certainly affected positively all who were privileged to know him. "

Ted is survived by his wife of 42 years, Liria, daughters Kristin and Jenny, and five grandchildren. Born in Boston, son of the late G. Arthur and Mabel G. (Greene) Chamberlain Jr., Ted grew up in Newton and was a graduate of Wheaton Academy in Illinois, Gordon College, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and Boston College.

Gifts in his memory may be made to The Dr. Theodore J. Chamberlain Headmaster Scholarship Fund at South Shore Christian Academy, 45 Broad St., Weymouth, MA, 02188.

The Eastern University family mourns the passing of **Dr. Ted Chamberlain** on May 22, 2010. Ted was Eastern's dean of students and then vice president for Student Development from 1978 to 2005. He was the founding chair of the graduate department of Counseling Psychology and co-authored a book with Dr. Chris Hall entitled *Realized Religion*. Ted left Eastern to return to his home state of Massachusetts, joining his two daughters and their families in the Boston area, and serving as Head of School of South Shore Christian Academy.

Bettie Ann Brigham, the current vice president for Student Development at Eastern, worked with him

Nurses Support Our Troops

By Mary Boylston, Professor of Nursing

Nursing students **Teresa Romeo** (left) and **Michelle Benbow** (right) went into action when classmate **Tammi Kumpf** shared the news that her brother Donny's platoon was deployed to Afghanistan. The SNAP (Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania) leaders and classmates decided to send the soldiers gifts and letters to let them know that they have not been forgotten.

One of the first initiatives began in January when the students collected lip balm, Valentine's Day cards and candy for their special troops. The Valentine's Day Hearts for Troops drive was a success as members of the Eastern University community also contributed to the project. SNAP was delighted when Pfizer donated 100 Chap Stick containers. After gathering all the contributions of magazines, cards, candy, gum, and other essentials, a 35-pound-box was sent to the soldiers.

Along with SNAP, the Nurses' Christian Fellowship or NCF is also active. Led by **Professor Joyce D. Wallace**, the NCF began its inaugural year in January. **Corinne Latini**,



Skills Lab coordinator, has been instrumental in infusing life into the group. Co-Presidents **Kim Wallace** and **Jennifer Frank** have spearheaded activities that position Jesus in the forefront of all academic and clinical endeavors. There is a large box in the Nursing Skills Lab where the community can place prayer requests. Placing Jesus Christ in the center of all teaching and learning creates an atmosphere of compassion, empathy, and care that is descriptive of an Eastern University BSN graduate.

TERRIFIC TWENTY

Photos courtesy Bryon Calawa '10



Dance alum Christine (Underwood) Herrman '07 and Genevieve Adams '06 perform "Waiting for an End," choreographed by Adams.



"Separately Together," choreographed by Kelsey Brennan, performed by Summer Eikerenkoetter (left to right), Brennan, Jenna Eugenides and Heather Muhurin.

Eastern University Dance presented Terrific Twenty, Celebrating 20 years of Dance. Performances in April included works by faculty, alumni and current students, featuring a premiere work, *Simple Joys*, by faculty choreographer **Dr. Joselli Deans**. It also included a performance by the dance faculty of *After the Tripudium* by **Dr. Karen Clemente**, chair of the Dance and Theatre Department. A reception in the Baird Library included a time of fellowship with alumni, faculty and students, and a presentation by the Global Dance Forms course, Fiesta Latina.

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Alumni News

1960'S

Curtis Robb '60 and wife, Janet, celebrate their 45th anniversary in July 2010. Both are thankful that Curt's cancer is in remission. He is an active member the Lions Club and volunteers at the First Baptist Church of Magnolia where he serves on several committees. When reflecting on his time at Eastern, Curt fondly recalls serving as the business manager and driver for the quartet group.

Arlin Hunsberger '62 and wife, Naomi, spent Christmas of 2008 in Costa Rica celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married June 13, 1959. Accompanying them to Costa Rica were their three children with their spouses and three grandchildren. The Hunsberger's live in Goshen, IN.

Bill Offutt '63 preformed a magic program, Gospel Chalk Thanksgiving, for his granddaughter's pre-school class at Locust Grove Mennonite School in Smoketown, PA. His granddaughter's teacher, also an Eastern alum, **Ashlie Cobb '07**, invited him to her class to do balloon sculptures and magic tricks.

Ardell and Peg Thomas '63 returned in January from four weeks ministering in Las Colinas, a barrio of San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. 67 people were part of two work teams, including medical personnel, puppeteers, musicians, Vacation Bible School teachers, and construction workers. Although they were in the Dominican Republic during the earthquake, they

did not feel the physical effects. The team, however, ministered to the grieving Haitians. The team successfully poured a cement roof for the 2nd floor of the school they've helped to build, Colegio Moriah, a school for Haitian and Dominican children.

Gordon Andersen '64 currently lives in Ocean Park, ME. In August 2009, he and his wife, Marietta, celebrated their 45th anniversary. Their daughter and son-in-law and three grandchildren live in Highland Village, TX. For six months out of the year, Gordon works at the Waves Ocean Front Resort. He and Marietta are also members of the Sea Strokes Decorative Painters and Gordon enjoys caning old chairs. They are members of the First Parish Congregation Church in Saco, ME, where Gordon does interim preaching.

1970'S

Gretchen (Sayles) Dunneman '74 and Reginald have been traveling for the past few months. They spent October in Canada and in various locations in Pennsylvania. In November, they sang for Family Life Ministries Senior Luncheon in Bath, NY, before traveling throughout the state and down to Pennington, NJ, for Thanksgiving. For the first Sunday of Advent, they returned to New York. Before Christmas, they were able to visit Niagra Falls and Toronto and then spent the holiday with family in Ontario. Gretchen and Reginald ended the advent season at their home church. For the next three months, they will be traveling throughout Florida.

Philip T. Guistwite '74 received his M.Div. from the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, PA ('77), his M.S. in Community Counseling from Columbus University in GA ('95) and is currently working on a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family at Northcentral University in AZ. He is a retired U.S. Army Chaplain, serving 20 years active duty and spent four years in the Reserves. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and works at Pennsylvania Counseling Services, in Lebanon, PA. He and his wife, Jeannie, recently celebrated 37 years of marriage and have three children, Kevin, David, and Rebekah. They became first-time grandparents to Caelyn Elizabeth on Sept. 13, 2009.

Jim McCarter's '76 middle daughter, 'Kenzie' made her acting debut this Christmas at their church's annual Christmas play. Jim played the role of the grumpy dad in need of love and redemption for the third straight year.

IN MEMORY

Prudence (Hatch) Raker '55
Rev. Lawrence Layton PTS '57
Lester O. Sharp '59
Susan Acerbo '82

1980'S - 2000'S & CCGPS

In our effort to be good stewards of the environment, we are asking our "more recent" alums to go to our alumni Web page www.alumni.eastern.edu to view their class news.

2010 Alumnus of the Year

Carol (Hill) Tatta

By Rebecca Druckenmiller



Carol Tatta is recognized for her lifelong service to the education community and for her leadership to her students and peers. Carol attended Eastern from 1954 to 1958 and earned her BA in elementary education in 1984. She is also certified in Elementary and Special Education and Early Childhood Education.

Her personal commitment to Christian service led her to a teaching position in Wayne at the Central Baptist Nursery School (now Central Nursery School) for 5 years where she then served as director for 35 years. It was at Central Nursery School that she introduced innovative programs like the popular Parent Toddler Circle in 1978. After introducing a parent education course, which proved to be very successful, she saw a need for a more permanent organization and founded the Family Forum in 1992. The Family Forum is a nonprofit parent education organization that offers parents courses and seminars to promote family well-being and personal growth. Even though services at Central Nursery School and the Family Forum are in high demand, no one has ever been turned away and scholarships have always been offered to the underserved at both organizations.

"One of the lessons I learned at Eastern is the importance of forming healthy relationships," Carol said. "In fact, it is the most important task in life and this has been the principal tenet of my whole career." She was able to form many relationships through her work, as well as volunteer work with almost two dozen professional, civic, and community organizations. Carol was co-founder of the Babies and Children Support Group and consultant on special education for Woodlynde School and the Center for Pre-school Services/Special Education in Philadelphia. In addition, she was a tutor for 12 years at The Learning Center for children with learning differences, and co-founder of Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children. She is also a highly sought after speaker on the topic of parenting and co-authored the book, *Parent Quest*.

Carol found her career came full circle with Eastern when she became an adjunct instructor for early childhood education. "It was very rewarding for me to share the knowledge that I learned over the years and that which I learned from the beginning at my alma mater." She was also able to invite Eastern students to observe and/or teach at Central Nursery School. "It has been inspiring to witness the dedication of Eastern students for their chosen profession," she said. "To receive this award is a pinnacle life experience for me. Eastern has remained true to its mission, establishing a remarkable legacy of faith, learning and service. It is a most significant honor to be recognized by my peers at this prestigious Christian institution."

LYDIA BLACK ONE OF 40 UNDER 40

Gulfshore Business has recognized Eastern alum Lydia Black '99 in its salute to 40 rising stars under 40 years old in Southwest Florida. She works for the Alliance, where people have the opportunity to communicate with a paintbrush or on a stage, and Black, who has a master's degree in nonprofit management, guides the organization's efforts to nurture the arts in Lee County. She also participates in the Junior League and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce. The daughter-in-law of Dr. David Black, Lydia enjoys spending time with daughter, Emerson, and husband, Chris.

NEW ROLE FOR STEPHANIE SUMMERS

The Center for Public Justice has appointed Stephanie Summers as its chief operating officer. Summers most recently served as vice president for organizational development with the Coalition for Christian Outreach, a Christian campus ministry organization. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Kenyon College and a master's degree in nonprofit management from Eastern University. Summers serves as a thesis advisor for the graduate program in nonprofit management at Eastern University.

DANA CULHANE A RISING STAR

The Web site Bakersfield.com named Eastern alum Dana Culhane '07 one of its Rising Young Republican Stars. Culhane works as press secretary for Assemblywoman Jean Fuller, R-Bakersfield. She's also the Kern County chair for Meg Whitman's gubernatorial campaign and administrative vice chair of Kern County Young Republicans. The Bakersfield native caught the politics bug during a week-long trip to Washington, D.C., her junior year of college when her class met with senators, Congress members and foreign officials.



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