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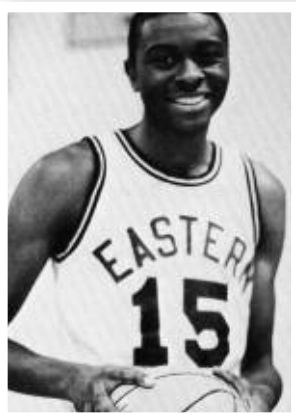


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Dr. David Black



15 years of Vision, Growth and Social Impact

For the past fifteen years, Eastern University has been blessed by the leadership of **Dr. David R. Black**. President Black's tenure will be remembered as a time of extraordinary vision, unrivaled institutional growth, and significant social impact. During his term of service, Dr. Black led a transformation of Eastern from a college with 2,300 students to a 4,500-student university.

Today, Eastern University combines the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the Templeton Honors College, the College of Arts and Sciences, Esperanza College and Palmer Theological Seminary; the Agora Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good, the Center for Early African Christianity, the College Success Program for Students Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and the Sider Center on Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer Theological Seminary. ►

Dr. Ardell Thomas '63, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, says, "As David Black approaches retirement, the Board of Trustees celebrates his remarkable leadership and acknowledges with gratitude his contributions to Eastern University. The university has experienced significant growth in enrollment, facilities, and philanthropy under his leadership and we are deeply grateful to him for his service to Eastern."

It was Dr. Black who distilled the mission and core values of Eastern University into the three words of "faith, reason and justice," which have now become the key elements of the university brand that identifies Eastern to the world. Dr. Black says, "Before I came to Eastern, I had read **Ron Sider**, had followed **Tony Campolo** forever, and was reading a book by **Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen**. So when I came to Eastern it was everything I hoped for and more. I reflected on Eastern's epistemology and it was unlike any I'd seen. Eastern was the only school that integrated faith with reason and justice. I knew that distinctive was worthy of high regard."

He continues, "International economic development had symbolized our faith, reason and justice most. Yet we faced having to close the program because more than half of our international graduates stayed in the U.S. after graduation. We asked World

Vision and Habitat for Humanity to partner with us to take the program to Africa and Latin America, rather than having students come here. With these partnerships we greatly increased the number of students. Another way to symbolize faith, reason and justice was by creating an honors college for the most academically gifted students. The Templetons, Dr. Jack and Josephina, shared that vision, and that was how the Templeton Honors College came about."

When people ask Dr. Black to explain what he means by "faith, reason and justice," he directs them to the Bible to read Isaiah 58:6 "No, the kind of fasting I want calls you to free those who are wrongly imprisoned and stop oppressing those who work for you. ...I want you to share your food with the hungry and to welcome poor wanderers into your home..." and to Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released...the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors."

Nueva Esperanza had been providing internships for urban economic development students and asked Eastern to consider partnering with them to expand opportunities for working Hispanic adults. It soon became Esperanza College, the only



From wind energy to solar panels, Eastern is a leader in clean energy initiatives.

Esperanza College is one of the five Schools that comprise the University.



Faith Reason



The Howard Center symbolizes Eastern's academic and enrollment growth.

one of its kind in Pennsylvania, developed through some major grants. David Black says, "Of all the things the Spirit has birthed here, I've learned the most from this one. I see how much resolve and tolerance of the dominant culture it takes to realize educational dreams when there is so much to overcome linguistically and financially."

As enrollment increased, Eastern greatly expanded Warner Library to create the Harold C. Howard Center and built new residence halls. Athletics joined the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (MAC).

In 2001, Eastern College achieved University status, at the urging of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, to better reflect the scope of its academic programs. The Seminary was renamed Palmer Theological Seminary in 2005.

Dr. Black says, "It soon became clear that a real culture of partnerships had formed. Not only with World Vision, Habitat for Humanity and Esperanza, but also with the Sider Center and Evangelicals for Social Action. We've partnered with Tony Campolo's initiatives like Cornerstone Academy, Urban Promise, and Mission Year, and with others including People for People Community Development and Gaudenzia Rehabilitation Services. It seemed that our notion here of faith, reason and

justice kept finding expression in organizations where people were trying to advance themselves through faith-based organizations. Ours was the educational part of the partnership."

Dr. Black says, "If anything makes Eastern different, it's that central tenet that we exist in part to liberate people. That's a departure from common notions of the liberal arts. Historically they have not been liberating but for those already privileged. But Eastern more than any place really got it and was willing to use liberal arts to liberate."

He continues, "Eastern is deeply different, philosophically and theologically, from other learning centers. I believe that by the hand of God it will always be this way, as long as we are willing for it to be. The challenges are enormous. Increasingly, families can't afford private higher education. But just as the Lord showed us a new model of education in 1988 with the Campolo College, he'll show us how the next addition will ensure sustainability through hybrid learning, combining online and on-ground education."

Dr. Black concludes, "The Lord is clearly present in directing this partnership culture in ways that extend faith, reason and justice to new places. I'm very confident about our future."

son Justice

Partnerships play a key role in the University's outreach and programs.



Eagle is one of the new residence halls that give students access to the St. Davids campus community.



David Black appreciates and supports Eastern's student-athletes.

First Ph.D. Graduates

"The faculty and staff of the Ph.D. program congratulate our first graduates. You have worked hard, persevered and crossed the finish line with distinction. We salute you," says **Dr. David C. Greenhalgh**, professor of education and director of the Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership. The graduates and their dissertation titles are (left to right):



David Wolf - *Examination of the Leadership Practices of Skilled Nursing Facility Administrators and Their Effect on Quality of Care*

Danny Kwon - *Intergenerational Ministry: An Exploration into an Emerging Paradigm for Youth Ministry*

Terrina Henderson-Brooks - *When Leaders Wear Lipstick: Strategies African-American Female CEO's use to Achieve Success*

Keith Keppley - *A Reflected Vision of Leadership: A Study of Leadership through the Camera's Lens*

The Doctor of Arts: A Program for Visionaries

By Kimberly Ely

How can we make the church a psychologically safe place? This is a question **Dr. Gwen White** has been trying to answer for the past 15 years. The wife of a pastor, a committed member of her church, a psychologist, professor, and program director, Dr. White has pursued her vision for the church through her experiences at Eastern University. She says, "Psychologically safe means we need a safe environment to know and express God's love."

Dr. White has spent years building new churches, developing a counseling center, and educating students at Eastern about how to translate psychological concepts through a Christian perspective. These ideas eventually translated into the development of the Doctor of Arts in Marriage and Family, which started with 23 students in May, 2011. These pastors, educators, ministers, and counselors have a unique opportunity to discuss the problems they face every day with a larger audience. Each comes from a different walk of life, but each fosters a similar commit-

ment to a Christian framework's ability to "create positive change in families, individuals, and church communities."

The curriculum includes 48 credits in systems theory, trauma, group dynamics, professional standards, and ethics. Through a residency cohort model, students are only expected to meet on-ground once a semester. The students are given ample time to read, write, and correspond with one another interactively through a Blackboard interface when they are not together. This flexible schedule allows them to use the theories and research studied each day in their full-time jobs. Dr. White says, "These students are flying in from other cities to talk about issues in the church. Folks don't hold anything back in this program. It's very exciting."

For more information about the program, visit www.eastern.edu/academic/ccgps/da/index.html

COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

By Douglas Cornman, Program Coordinator

The statistics can be alarming. In the United States, only 56% of individuals living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder graduate from high school. In Pennsylvania, only 2.1% of individuals living on the spectrum earn a college degree. These numbers are even more alarming when you realize that many young adults who live with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) have average to superior intelligence when compared to their peer group. So why is it that so many academically capable young men and women are failing at college, or not even attempting to attend? It is rarely because of the demands of rigorous academic study. Instead, it has to do with the overwhelming challenges of navigating the social culture of a college campus, coupled with the responsibility of independently managing their day-to-day activities.

The College Success Program (CSP) for Students Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder, offered through the Cushing Center for Counseling and Academic Support on the St. Davids campus, provides targeted social, life-skills, cultural, and academic supports to College of Arts and Sciences students living with a documented diagnosis of Asperger's Disorder, Autistic Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified. These services are designed to help ASD students navigate and cope with the many aspects of college life that neurotypical students often take for granted. (Neurotypical is the term used by the ASD community to describe individuals who do not live on the autism spectrum.) For example,

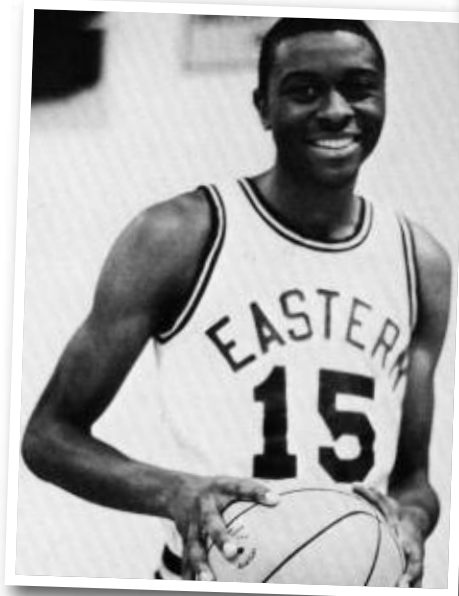
neurotypical students come to understand their professors' expectations by listening to and observing them in the classroom, and by reading course syllabi. Students living with ASD may have difficulty acquiring the same level of understanding because of challenges related to identifying and interpreting social cues and their tendency to translate spoken and written information literally. They may also be confused by differences in expectations from professor to professor and classroom to classroom.

The CSP will help by providing mentoring, individual counseling, skills groups, support groups, and structured study sessions. Students will meet daily with CSP staff, discussing strategies individually or in small groups, and then practicing those strategies with the guidance of trained mentors. Undergraduate peer mentors will accompany CSP students to campus activities, introducing them to other students and helping them to understand how to best respond in various social situations.

Residence hall support will be offered by live-in graduate student mentors, who help students integrate into campus life and make certain that students are successfully managing aspects of daily living. In addition, students will be supported through the CSP's role as a liaison to the larger university community, which provides ASD-specific information, training, and consultation to faculty, staff, and administration.

The CSP will welcome its first group of students in the 2012 fall semester. For more information about the program, including eligibility, services, fee, and application, please visit www.eastern.edu/csp or call Douglas Cornman, College Success Program Coordinator, at 484.654.2378.

robert BROWN '81



YANKEES' EXEC WORKS TO HELP INNER-CITY YOUNG MEN

Robert Brown '81 is the vice president and chief financial officer with the New York Yankees. He's been with the Yankees for 23 years and says, "The best aspect of my job is the ability to stay connected with sports, which has always played an important role in my life personally and professionally. It's an honor to work for an organization that is considered the standard in our field. Having five World Series rings also helps!"

While he was a student at Eastern, Robert majored in communications and accounting. Why did he choose Eastern? He recalls, "When I visited Eastern on a basketball recruiting trip I fell for the campus. Growing up in a Christian household that also encouraged individualism, I felt Eastern also offered that. My best memories of Eastern are almost all basketball related. But there were so many great things from singing with The Angels of Harmony to making friends who are still like brothers."

Today, Robert serves as a mentor to inner-city young men through One Hundred Black Men of NYC, an organization of business, political and community leaders convened to capitalize on the collective power of community to address issues of concern, inequities, and to empower African Americans to be agents for change in their own communities. Robert's community service was recognized this year when he received the Spirit Award in Corporate Achievement from the Long Island Urban League at their Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast.





matt TUCKEY '07

MENTORING TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY

By **Matt Tuckey '07** M.S. in Nonprofit Management

I've had the opportunity to work with many fine nonprofits, schools, and youth programs. While their missions, strategies, and outcomes have varied, I've observed a consistent theme in youth work. It seems that almost exclusively there is a parallel between troubled youth and fatherless homes.

Look at some statistics on youth from fatherless homes (right). The downside is that these statistics are extraordinarily sad. The upside is that we can do something to significantly improve these numbers.

The Carlisle Family YMCA is starting The Mentoring Project (TMP) initiative (www.thementoringproject.org). This initiative seeks to respond to the crisis of fatherlessness by inspiring and equipping faith communities to mentor fatherless youth. Through dynamic training, mentor recruitment, and the creation of sustainable mentoring communities, TMP is rewriting the story of a generation. The Y isn't going at this alone. The Mentoring Project will begin with a collaborative team that includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, churches, and educational institutions with funding support from the Kiwanis Club of Carlisle and Keystone Financial Associates. We can't bring back all the fathers, but we can provide mentors to step in their place.

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YOUTH FROM
FATHERLESS HOMES
ACCOUNT FOR:

63% of youth suicides

71% of pregnant teenagers

90% of all homeless and runaway children

70% of juveniles in state operated institutions

85% of all youths in prison

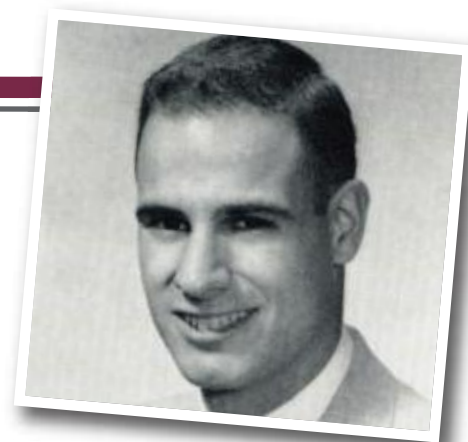
85% of all youths who exhibit behavior disorders

80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger

71% of high school dropouts

75% of all adolescents in chemical abuse centers

anthony (tony) CAMPOLO '56



A LIFETIME OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

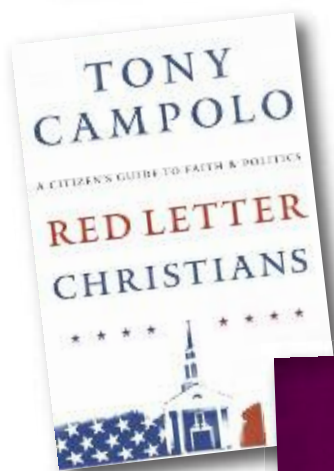
Dr. Anthony (Tony) Campolo '56, BD '60, THM '61, professor emeritus, is a renowned speaker, author, sociologist, pastor, social activist, and passionate follower of Jesus Christ. Over his many years of Christian service, Tony has challenged millions of people all over the world to respond to God's boundless love by combining personal discipleship, evangelism, and social justice.

Dr. Campolo served his alma mater for nearly 30 years as a professor of sociology, after earning his Ph.D. from Temple University. He is an inspirational speaker who still travels widely at age 77, and a prolific author of more than 35 books. This fall, Tony Campolo and **Shane Claiborne '97** are releasing a new book from Thomas Nelson publishers called *Red Letter Revolution: What If Jesus Really Meant What He Said?*

Tony Campolo is the founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE). Under the leadership of Tony and his son, Bart Campolo, EAPE has developed elementary and secondary schools, universities, adult and child literacy centers, tutoring programs, orphanages, AIDS hospices, urban youth ministries, summer camps, and long-term Christian service programs in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, in various African countries, and across Canada and the United States.

Dr. Campolo was instrumental in creating Eastern University's economic development programs. Hundreds of graduates serving organizations like Opportunity International are now generating jobs in impoverished cities and villages around the world. He says, "In all of our economic development projects we have tried to make spiritual regeneration an integral part of what we do."

Keep up with Dr. Campolo's activities at www.TonyCampolo.org. Read Dr. Campolo's blogs on his Web site, www.redletterchristians.org. Watch Tony and Shane Claiborne on cable TV at www.redletterchristians.org/tv-show/



shane CLAIBORNE '97

jonathan WILSON-HARTGROVE '03

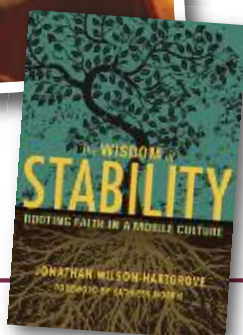
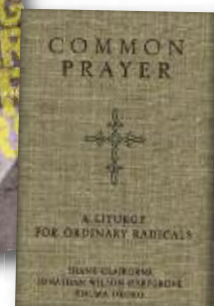
THE NEW MONASTICS

Shane Claiborne '97 is founder of The Simple Way in Philadelphia, PA; best-selling author of several influential books; inspirational speaker and tireless proponent of social justice. He lives among the poor he serves as he responds to the call for radical faith in Jesus Christ. Shane describes the characteristics of Christian communities like The Simple Way as economic sharing, breaking down racial divisions, caring for creation, celebrating celibacy and singleness equally with marriage and families, and being committed to peacemaking.

His book, *The Irresistible Revolution* (Zondervan) explained his commitment to fully living out his faith, and he takes his message of “taking Jesus seriously” all over the world in his writing, speaking and videos. He is one of the key members of what the media calls the New Monasticism. Shane’s books include *Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers*, and *Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals*.

While at Eastern, Shane worked directly with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India, through an internship he set up. He recalls that she often said, “There are Calcuttas everywhere. The lepers, the lonely, the hurting and the untouchables are all around. Find your Calcutta and go there and serve.”

Learn more about The Simple Way at: www.thesimpleway.org



Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove '03, is the author of eight books including *The Wisdom of Stability*, and another member of the New Monasticism movement. After he graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2006, Wilson-Hartgrove, his wife, **Leah '03**, and fellow Duke graduate Isaac Villegas founded Rutba House, named for the Iraqi desert city. Rutba is a community in Walltown, a neighborhood of Durham, North Carolina, centered on “hospitality, prayer, fasting, simplicity, peacemaking, celebration and song.”

When asked what led him to this lifestyle, he said, “Jesus. I heard Him whisper when I met homeless folks in Washington, D.C. That started me praying that Jesus would teach me to walk in His way.” Jonathan said he is encouraged by “the huge upsurge of young people who are learning to hear the Gospel from the margins of our global society.”

howard STEVENSON '80



SOLVING CONFLICTS THROUGH SPORTS

Dr. Howard Stevenson '80 conducts research in African American psychology, racial identity and socialization, and youth emotional well-being in school classrooms. He is an associate professor and chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development Division at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. Dr. Stevenson often uses sports to help inner-city youth resolve their differences. An outstanding athlete at Eastern (baseball and All-American soccer player), he says, "The Lord has blessed me to work on using sports to engage youth struggling with their anger and aggression."

He and his colleague at Penn, Dr. Duane Thomas, teach youth valuable life lessons on and off the basketball court through their PLAAY project (Preventing Long-term Anger and Aggression in Youth). They teach parents to assist coaches and become key emotional supports and life coaches to youth before, during, and after peer conflicts. PLAAY also focuses on strengthening individual racial identity and coping by teaching youth to reflect and analyze their emotions through athletic and academic experiences.

After graduating from Eastern with a B.A. in psychology and sociology, Howard Stevenson (like his brother, **Bryan Stevenson '81**) pursued his education. He earned both an M.A. in theology and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Fuller Theological Seminary and Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, respectively. He has written numerous scholarly papers about his areas of expertise, which include African American psychology, the effects of at-risk neighborhoods on youth, family and parental engagement, and racial/ethnic socialization and negotiation. He is the author of *Playing with Anger: Teaching Coping Skills to African American Boys through Athletics and Culture* (Greenwood Publishing 2003). He says, "My time and travels while at Eastern played a major role in my current research and community intervention work."



bryan STEVENSON '81

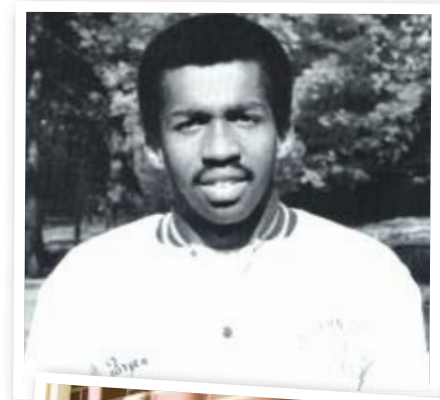
FIGHTING FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

Attorney **Bryan Stevenson '81** is founder and director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama, and professor at the NYU School of Law. The Equal Justice Initiative is a nonprofit organization that exposes the biases under which capital punishment is imposed, and represents those who cannot afford legal representation. This March, Bryan Stevenson appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing in two cases that the life imprisonment without parole sentences imposed on Evan Miller and Kuntrell Jackson constitute cruel and unusual punishment that violates the Constitution. "Every person is more than the worst thing they've ever done," Stevenson said. "But children are uniquely more than their worst act. They have quintessential qualities and characteristics that a decent society, a maturing society, an evolved society, we believe, is constitutionally obligated to recognize and protect."

Stevenson's work has earned him the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award, the Olof Palme Peace Prize from Sweden, ACLU National Medal of Liberty, Reebok Human Rights Award and Gruber Prize for Justice, among many other honors.

After Stevenson's graduation from Eastern, he earned his Master's and Law degree in Public Policy at Harvard University. He has written several manuals and journals that focus on teaching and training the handling of discriminatory law. His accomplishments in fair justice trials have landed many print and TV interviews, including *Bill Moyers*, *CNN*, and the PBS series *Religion & Ethics*.

Stevenson has said, "The U.S. now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. I represent children. A lot of my clients are very young. The United States is the only country in the world where we sentence 13-year-old children to die in prison. Yet the death penalty in America is defined by error. For every nine people who have been executed, we've actually identified one innocent person who's been exonerated and released from death row."



"The opposite of poverty is not wealth...In too many places, the opposite of poverty is justice."

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david BRADSTREET '76



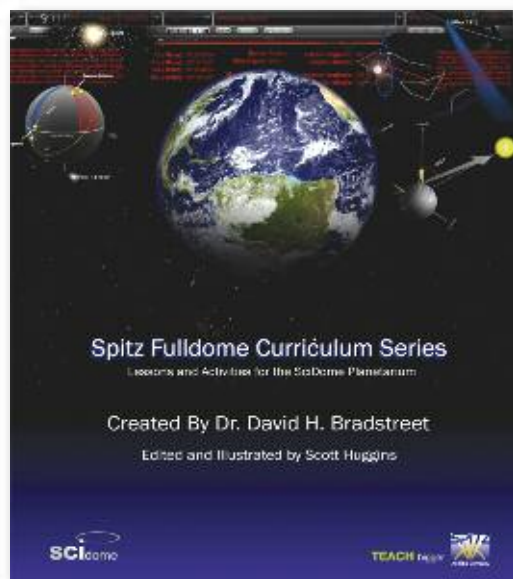
EXPLORING GOD'S UNIVERSE

Dr. David Bradstreet '76 is professor of astronomy at Eastern University as well as director of the Bradstreet Observatory and the Julia Fowler Planetarium. His presentations about the universe in these facilities have entertained and educated thousands of school children and members of the public over the years.

Dr. Bradstreet is now finishing the first Supplement to the Spitz Fulldome Curriculum which will be distributed worldwide. New lessons in this series includes topics such as *Perigee and Apogee of the Moon*, *Lunar Librations*, *Time and Timekeeping*, *the Lincoln Almanac Trial*, *Galaxy Classification*, *Eclipsing Binary Zoo*, *Cosmic Distance Scales*, *Eclipses* and *Stellar Sizes*.

He says, "Observatory Administrator **Steve Sanders '01** and I continue to be instructors for the weeklong Spitz Summer Institute held at their factory in Chadds Ford, PA, for new and veteran digital planetarium users. We teach how to use digital techniques to better convey difficult astronomical concepts and create innovative graphics."

Scott Huggins, director of Marketing with Spitz, Inc., says, "The Full-dome Curriculum Dr. David Bradstreet created for us has changed how we and the planetarium industry view education in the dome. His teaching scenarios use unique three-dimensional perspectives, and never-before-seen visualizations that have fundamentally re-imagined astronomy teaching. Not only does Dr. Bradstreet explore subjects that are rarely taught in the planetarium, he also layers his curriculum with wit, practical knowledge, and refreshing observations about why the universe works as it does. His enthusiasm for teaching, and his seemingly endless knowledge of astronomy, have established credibility for our company we would not have had without his input and instruction."



heather ZINK KELLY '96

shanda TAYLOR-BOYD '85

ATTORNEY AND COMMUNITY LEADER

"The focus on social justice at Eastern has carried into my career and I try to stay involved in my community," says Attorney **Heather Zink Kelly '96**. "People of faith can have as much impact in the private sector as in the nonprofit sector." Heather worked for two years at Brethren Housing Association, a nonprofit organization that serves homeless families in Harrisburg, PA, before joining the law firm of Mette, Evans & Woodside. She has served as co-chair of the Brethren Housing Association 20/20 Vision Campaign, a fund distribution volunteer for the United Way, and is the past president of the Board of Directors of Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services.

This year Heather was named a shareholder in the law firm, where she represents financial institutions and other creditors, as well as financially distressed individuals and small businesses. Her significant state, federal and administrative litigation experience includes contract disputes, bank fraud and lender liability matters, professional negligence actions, employment discrimination and wage payment cases, claims involving trade secrets and non-compete agreements, trust and estate litigation, unfair trade practices and consumer protection matters, property disputes, and injunction actions.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of Eastern University, Heather majored in political science and youth ministry. She went on to graduate *magna cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh Law School. She says, "I had a really good experience at Eastern and my social consciousness developed significantly."



RETIRED VETERAN STILL SERVING OTHERS

Shanda Taylor-Boyd '85 has retired as a nurse in the U.S. Army but remains active in helping other vets and being a strong advocate for women who have undergone domestic violence or other trauma. Her 23-year military career included Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps), training and assignments throughout the southern U.S., and serving as a nurse at Ramstein Army Medical Center in Germany. Now living in Washington State, she participates in the National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, an inspiring program designed to teach injured veterans, like Taylor-Boyd herself, how participating in adaptive sports can change their lives.

Shanda Taylor-Boyd is affiliated with the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the National Association for Black Veterans. She volunteers with the Veterans Administration, Youth for Christ/USA, the March of Dimes Foundation, and the Disabled American Veterans.



luke PRETORIUS '08

naw susanna HLA HLA SOE '04



LEADING THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Very Reverend **Luke Pretorius '08**, M.A. Organizational Leadership, is the first Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church of Southern Africa. This Diocese is in the northern corner of South Africa and borders with Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. It includes the northern half of the Kruger National Park and the outer reaches of Pretoria (www.stmark.org.za). The Dean is the next in command in the Diocese and plays an important role in leading the ministry of the Cathedral to the host city and wider community, and in supporting the ministry and role of the Diocesan Bishop.

Rev. Pretorius says of his studies with Eastern University, "I was awakened to a new world of thought and study that I had never before been exposed to. I was stimulated beyond measure, to the point that my wife complained I was spending more time reading books and writing assignments than I was spending with the family! I was particularly encouraged by the practical nature of the course work and made a special effort to address ministry related issues that were before me through the assignments. The teaching staff who travelled to South Africa were phenomenal. I am convinced I grew in my effectiveness as a minister and a human being. I am passionate in making our Cathedral the primary and teaching church of our Diocese and to lead by example in mission, ministry and organizational excellence. I would never be able to fulfill this position if it were not for the skills learned through Eastern's program."



INTERACTION HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Naw Susanna Hla Hla Soe '04, who earned her M.B.A. in economic development in 2004, has been chosen for the InterAction Humanitarian Award for 2012 in recognition of her leadership, peace-building activities and work with trafficked women and children in her native Burma/Myanmar. "I was surprised and honored to receive this award," she said. "It is very timely since there is much interest in change in my country and this will help fuel my work there." InterAction is the largest alliance of U.S.-based international nongovernmental organizations, with more than 190 members working in every developing country. Naw Susanna is an advocate, activist and practitioner for the holistic well-being of women and children in Burma/Myanmar. She is the Executive Director of Karen Women Action Group (KWAG), a Yangon-based organization engaged in capacity building and empowerment training for women, microfinance programs for families, education for children, and emergency relief.

In addition, Naw Susanna is the chair of Women Organization's Network of Myanmar, an umbrella group of 27 local women's organizations. She is a steering committee member of Women's Protection Technical Working Group, a network of 50 organizations in Myanmar including UN agencies, and international groups collaborating on advocacy and government relation issues over the protection of women. Before coming to Eastern University, Naw Susanna earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in zoology from Rangoon University in Myanmar. Her husband, **Rev. Dr. Yaha Lay Lay La, '96 D.Min.** is a graduate of Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University.



herman NYAMUNGA '05



Welcoming
Center *for*
NEW PENNSYLVANIANS

*Connecting immigrants, employers,
and communities*

AN M.B.A. WITH A HEART

By Herman Nyamunga '05 M.B.A.

I graduated with a Master's Degree in business administration and nonprofit management, but it might be more accurate to say it was an "M.B.A. with a heart." As a student at Eastern University, I was fortunate to receive an education grounded in the principles of justice and reason encompassed in nondiscrimination, universal opportunity, and stewardship.

Today, I serve as the Small Business Development Coordinator at the Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians (www.welcomingcenter.org). I work with dozens of small and emerging business owners from every corner of the world. On any given day I might be at an "English for Entrepreneurs" class for Dominican merchants, then provide an individual consultation to a Ukrainian restaurant owner, and finally facilitate a business meeting for West African street vendors.

I am fully utilizing principles I learned at Eastern, such as:

Fairness

At Eastern, we constantly discussed how to create the conditions that lead to fair and equitable distribution of resources and access to opportunities. At the Welcoming Center, part of my job is to make sure that business owners of every background and skill level have equal access to opportunities.

Stewardship

I often work with businesses in neighborhoods that are struggling to revitalize themselves. Being careful to recognize and capitalize on their existing assets to create environmentally sustainable businesses and communities is important.

Ethics and Accountability

At Eastern, we focused on how to help develop ethical and accountably run nonprofit organizations. One of the Welcoming Center's goals is to help organize business associations on commercial corridors. Today, I am working with a group of immigrant and American-born business owners on Woodland Avenue in Southwest Philadelphia, helping them to launch their own business association. I know it is a long journey, but I am excited about helping these men and women to build their new future.



Christ at the Checkpoint

By Andrew Bush, Professor of Missions and Anthropology

Traveling into Bethlehem in the Palestinian Territories from Jerusalem in Israel, it is necessary to pass through a formidable Israeli military checkpoint. This is the only way through the massive concrete wall that circles most of Bethlehem. This wall cuts off families from schools, places of work, and health care, and stifles tourism.



Left to right: Dr. Ron Sider, Dr. Tony Campolo '56, Paul Alexander, Shane Claiborne '97

In this difficult context of violence and frustrated hopes, Bethlehem Bible College sponsored the Christ at the Checkpoint Conference in March, which brought together more than 600 Palestinian Christian, Messianic Jewish, and international Christian leaders from 20 nations to seek bridges of understanding and new ways forward for peace and justice for all the people in the land. The theme of the conference was Hope in the Midst of Conflict.

Eastern University and Palmer Seminary played a strong role in the conference: **Dr. Tony Campolo '56**, professor emeritus; **Dr. Ron Sider**, professor at Palmer Seminary and founder of the Sider Center; **Paul Alexander**, professor at Palmer Seminary, and Eastern graduate **Shane Claiborne '97** all spoke.

Noting the wider importance of the conference, Tony Campolo said, "Tony Blair, the former Prime Minister of England, said that in his estimation 70% of all the tensions and causes of terrorism around the world are in one way or another related to what is happening in the Holy Land, especially to Palestinian Arabs. He feels that there can be no peace in the world until there has been a just settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli

problem. So all Christians who are interested in world peace, and I hope that is all Christians, should say, 'Let's look at what is going on; let's look at what is required for justice on both sides, and let's support a solution rather than aggravating it.'"

Several themes which emerged from the conference were the need for non-

violence in both attitude and action in pursuing justice, and the urgency for increased dialogue between Palestinian Christians and Messianic Jews. Shane Claiborne gave an impassioned plea for both Palestinians and Israelis to tear down walls, literally and figuratively, which divide them. Ron Sider encouraged participants to a commitment to non-violence as the only way to resist evil and pursue justice that is in accord with the teachings of Christ. Paul Alexander led a workshop on practical ways to seek justice.

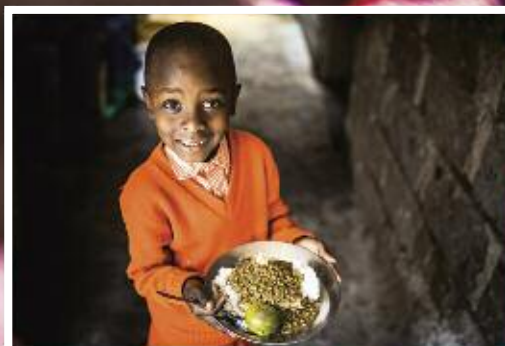
In the closing session, Tony Campolo acknowledged the suffering of Palestinians, but nevertheless urged Palestinian Christians to be healers to Israelis who have been traumatized by their national history. Bethlehem Bible College president, Bishara Awad, remarked on Eastern University and Palmer Seminary's exceptional contribution to Christ at the Checkpoint. He said, "We are thankful for the commitment of the University to provide for us exceptional speakers, each of whom made a tremendous contribution to the success of the conference. We look forward to closer cooperation in the near future."

Adam Gould '10 M.A., '05 B.A. is the co-founder (with friend and mentor Bob Kikuyu) and U.S. executive director of eduKenya and founder of the Kenya Children Project. Adam graduated from Eastern University with a B.A. in Youth Ministry, and an M.A. in International Development. He is married to Njeri.

Adam says, "While I was at Eastern, God touched my heart through different experiences and people and pushed me to think about global poverty, which nudged me in the direction of Kenya. Once there, I realized it would be helpful to pursue more education. I was drawn to Eastern's International Development M.A. program with the residency in South Africa. Eastern is a unique blend of the intellectual, practical, social and spiritual, composing one clear message – use the brain and heart God gave you and live out the Gospel."

From 2007 to 2010, Adam did fundraising in the U.S. and hosted trips in Kenya for donors. As Adam and Bob witnessed the success of the Kenya Children Project, they realized the potential for transformation of the Mathare slum area by duplicating their model. EduKenya was built to empower people. Starting in a very small village in one of the biggest and poorest slums in the world, eduKenya partnered with a small church. The goal was to build a school that would be run by Kenyans, and eventually be self-sustainable from any outside aid. It was a big goal. The school and the Mathare slum present big challenges. The village is lined with trash and human sewage. Whole families live in tiny, tin homes. Many children are orphans. But there is also hope. Programs like eduKenya and the school that Adam has helped create, Kwa Watoto, give these children hope. They also give them food, shelter, clothing and education. Find out how you can help at eduKenya.org

HOPE for KENYA



Photos: Hoffer Photography

Called to Love



By Emilie Eastman '12

She wasn't old enough to attend school. She couldn't reach the top shelf of the refrigerator. But **Natasha Yoder '14** wanted to live in Haiti.

It was 1993 and the scene unfolded at Natasha's church, where a group of missionaries from Chambersburg, PA, were speaking about their children's ministry in Haiti. At four years old, Natasha was mesmerized by the stories of this Caribbean nation. "It was then I felt God calling me to Haiti," she remembers.

Eighteen years later, Natasha is a junior at Eastern where she is majoring in social work. She still possesses a burning desire to minister to the Haitian people and feels called to serve God through missions work. She even chose to delay her education so she could respond to this call. She has visited Mexico, Nicaragua, China, India and Nepal and participated in four overseas missions trips.

Finally, in 2011, Natasha was able to visit the country she felt drawn to 18 years earlier. With a handful of students from Eastern University, she participated in a Transformational Travel Program in the city of Gwo Jan, Haiti. The trip was coordinated through Beyond Borders (www.beyondborders.net) and was led by **Dr. Anne Francois**, a Haitian-born Eastern professor. Natasha's reaction upon finally reaching Haitian soil was deeply

emotional. "When the plane landed...I felt like I was going to cry," she says. "It felt like home." During their 8-day stay in Gwo Jan, Natasha and her fellow students were able to learn about the history and culture of the country as well as visit with Haitians.

Since her return, she has learned to be more thankful for the blessings and freedoms of her own country. "What do I have to complain about?" she asks with a smile. Natasha also uses social media such as Facebook to raise awareness about suffering and third-world nations.

Eastern University has played an important role in maintaining Natasha's global perspective and servant's heart. She enjoys attending Windows on the World presentations to learn more about other cultures and perspectives, as well as volunteering with the student organization Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today (Y.A.C.H.T. Club).

Natasha is looking forward to returning to Eastern after a semester hiatus for an illness contracted during her last trip to India. She is not sure where the Lord will lead her after graduation, but her lifelong calling is unmistakably clear. "I believe in Jesus," she says. "When He was on this earth He loved everybody. I also want to love in whatever I do."

Sharing Food and Faith



By Melissa Schoonmaker '13

It was a Saturday afternoon a few years ago when **Dr. Julia Stewart** and her husband, Len, wandered into an Iranian Middle Eastern restaurant in Philadelphia. Len used the Farsi he learned as a missionary kid in Iran to order the meal. As it so happened, the Iranian family who owned the restaurant had just seen the film *The Passion of the Christ*. They wanted to understand Christianity. Why didn't God take Jesus off the cross? Why did He have to suffer so much? Dr. Stewart and her husband explained the Gospel to them in simple terms. Since then, Dr. Stewart and her husband have had Iranians over to their house once a month to share the word of the Lord.

Dr. Stewart, chair of the Language Department in the College of Arts and Sciences, has found her way to be used by the Lord through embracing other cultures.

Because of her cross-cultural experiences, she encourages her students to learn the customs and some of the language of another culture before speaking about Christianity to people of a different background. Dr. Stewart is learning Farsi, so that she may better communicate to those gathering at her house. Most of the Iranians speak at least some English. Everyone goes beyond the language barrier and enjoys one another's company.

During these meetings, Stewart spends most of her time preparing food, warming the food that was brought by others, and keeping the house arranged most comfortably. She serves Ahmad tea accompanied by barbari bread, sprinkled with white and black sesame seeds, as she warms the gourmet sabzie, a stew with beans, spinach, onions, and many seasonings. When she takes a break, she joins in singing praise songs and reading scripture in Farsi.

"Hospitality is just something that speaks to the Middle Eastern people," Dr. Stewart says. She has taken the time to learn their customs, serving the tea in a clear glass so that everyone sees the brewed color. It takes patience and love to develop a relationship with someone who comes from a Muslim background before you can talk to them about your faith.

While Len gives his sermon in Farsi, Stewart goes back into the kitchen to do more food preparation. She says, "You need to pray, 'Lord, use me today.' He will put people in your path."

Connecting with Christ through Music

By Kimberly Zayac '14

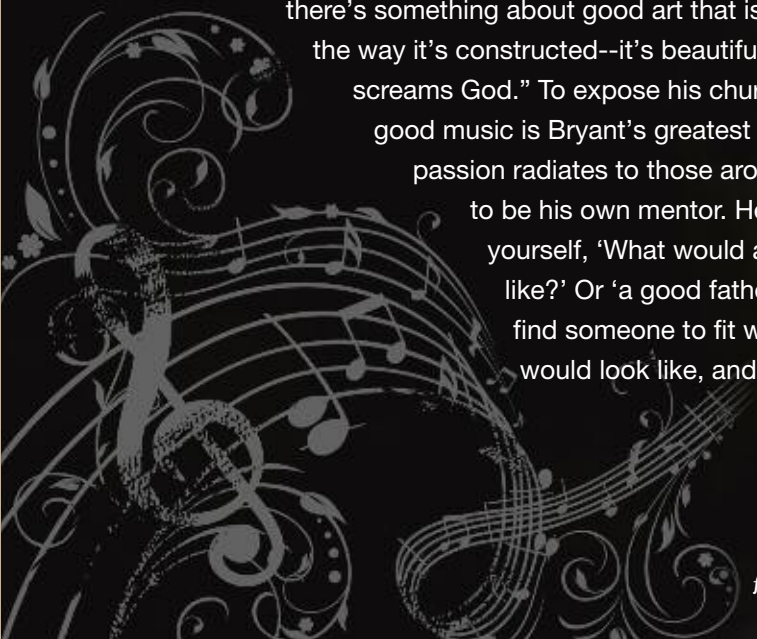
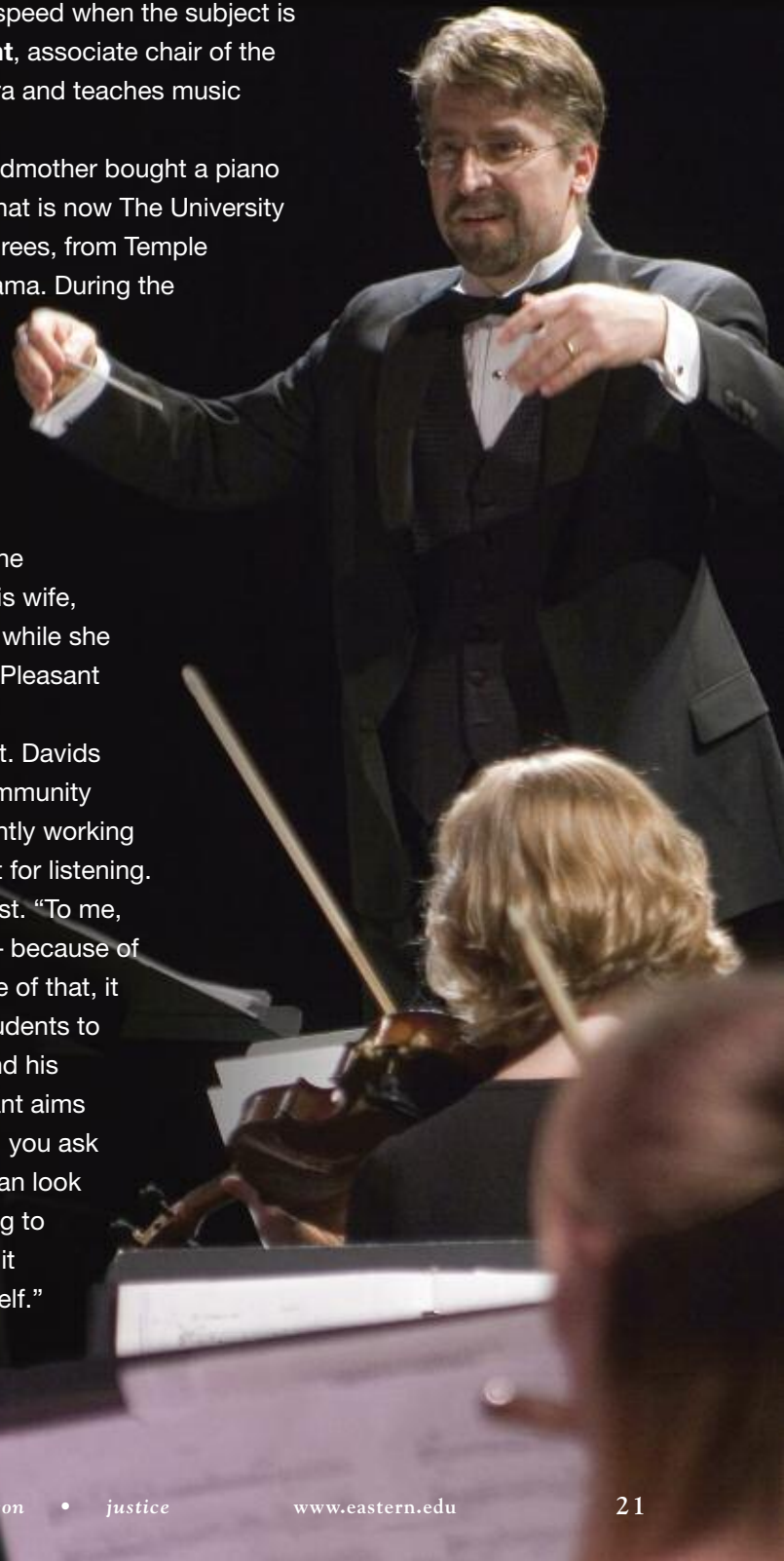
He gestures with his hands and talks animatedly at lightning speed when the subject is music. Clearly, music is a passionate subject for **David Bryant**, associate chair of the music department. He also conducts the University orchestra and teaches music history courses.

Bryant's interest in music started at a young age. His grandmother bought a piano on a whim, and Bryant immediately took to it. He attended what is now The University of the Arts in Philadelphia and has received two Master's degrees, from Temple University and The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. During the summer of 2011, he ventured back across the Atlantic to show his family where he studied 22 years ago.

Along with music, Bryant's family takes center stage. Bryant says he has designated Tuesday nights "boys' night out" to spend extra time with his sons, Nathanael and Noah.

In April 2010, Eastern's dance department performed *Terrific Twenty*, a show celebrating twenty years of dance at the university. During the show, Bryant was able to accompany his wife, **Janine**, an adjunct faculty member in the dance department, while she danced to a piece which he had composed titled "That Most Pleasant Tyrant of Emotions."

Bryant runs a small piano-tuning business. He leads the St. Davids Orchestra Society, which is comprised of members of the community as well as students. He is a published composer and is currently working on two musicals. It is evident that for Bryant, music is not just for listening. It is much more. Music is one of Bryant's connections to Christ. "To me, there's something about good art that is teleological – because of the way it's constructed—it's beautiful, and because of that, it screams God." To expose his church and his students to good music is Bryant's greatest wish in life, and his passion radiates to those around him. Bryant aims to be his own mentor. He says, "When you ask yourself, 'What would a good Christian look like?' Or 'a good father?' Stop trying to find someone to fit what you think it would look like, and be that yourself."



THE NEWMAN CLUB IS BACK

By Samantha Fichter '13

Laura Frances Veronica Haines Temons, third-year psychology major, is attempting to stay true to her Catholic faith while living among other faith traditions. "I chose Eastern because I thought it would be really important to have a faith approach to psychology, instead of a secular approach that I would have received if I went to a non-religious school," Laura says.

Now she is re-establishing the Newman Club, to give students the opportunity to meet and socialize in an unstructured and relaxed environment to practice Catholicism. The name "Newman" originates from Cardinal John Henry Newman, a prolific writer and educator. It was created to signify the Catholic Church's presence on non-Catholic campuses. The first Newman Club was established in 1888 at Oxford, England. A few years later, in 1893, the first American Newman Club was established at the University of Pennsylvania. Eastern University had a Newman Club but it went on hiatus. It was created around 2005-2006 by **Shawn Machia '08**, along with a few other students.

The Newman Club is not just for Catholics. People of all faith traditions are welcome; especially those interested in learning about Catholicism and its traditions. Laura says, "My hope is for the club to be a place for devotion, and a Christian community, ignoring our denominational differences. We are all Christians; we just celebrate it in different ways."

As you noticed in the first paragraph, Laura's full name consists of more than just a first, middle and last name. It includes her confirmation name, Veronica, the saint who risked her life to wipe the mud and spit from the face of Jesus while he was walking to Golgotha. For the same reason, my byline could read Samantha Croix Marie Fichter.

BOTH Teacher AND STUDENT

By Kayla Morson '13

Geraldine Remy, lecturer in nursing, is both a teacher and student. She is working on her Ph.D. in organizational leadership in education at Eastern. She is also a seasoned missionary with a heart for God.

Coming from a non-Christian family had a big impact on her as a young girl. "I felt a void in my heart," she says. This void caused her to seek adventure in all the wrong places. At age 18 she hitchhiked to Florida. A job at a dog kennel there was particularly significant. The owners were Christians and tried to interest Geri in Jesus Christ. Geri was not interested at first and ended up traveling to Texas for two months. However, the Holy Spirit began working in her heart. She started asking the people around her spiritual questions. One girl had a Bible and showed her some verses. "That day," she says, "I understood about Christ."

Christ has made Geri an active Christian and missionary, which has included service at a rescue mission for five years and as a nurse-teacher in Haiti for four years. While in Haiti, Geri worked in a clinic with nine Haitian nurses. They diagnosed and treated patients with illnesses such as malaria, cancer, tuberculosis, HIV and a variety of other conditions. "We in the U.S. take for granted that we can have common surgery,"



she says. "The people suffer and endure much more than most Americans could ever imagine." Geri also taught courses to Haitian non-medical workers at public schools and nonprofit organizations.

She has a desire for people to know Christ, especially teenagers. One of her most memorable experiences came while working in a teen mission. The group had Bible studies every night. One boy in particular, as Geri puts it, "looked like he was in left field." They were not sure if he understood what was going on, but they kept him in their prayers. "That summer changed my life," the boy would tell Geri a year later. "You have no idea what the outcome may be," she says. "Never give up." That has become her life motto.

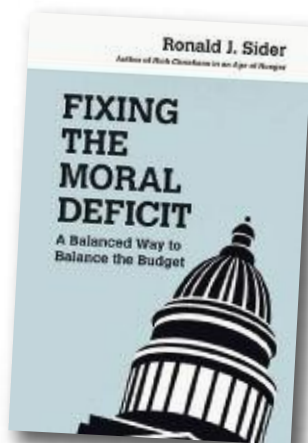
This is her sixth year at Eastern. Five of those six years she has worked as the coordinator for the Korean Nurse Track. "It took a long time to get to know their culture," she says. She has decided to do her dissertation research on the Korean Nurse Track to find out more closely what students' needs are as well as faculty assumptions. "I want to make sure we're bridging the gap."

Geri wants to use this next chapter of her life to publish the valuable things that she has learned from her nursing and missions experiences.

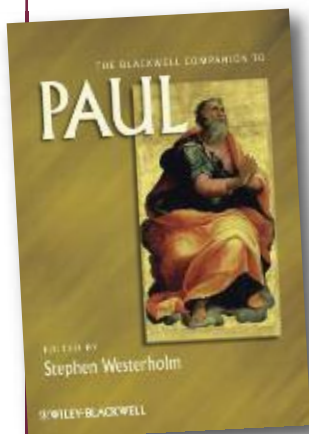


Publications

Fixing the Moral Deficit: A Balanced Way to Balance the Budget (Intervarsity Press) is **Ron Sider's** contribution to our current budget crisis in the U.S. Dr. Sider is a professor of theology, holistic ministry and public policy at Palmer Theological Seminary and president of Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA). He says, "America faces a historic choice. We have a deficit crisis, a poverty crisis and a justice crisis. And they are all interrelated." Dr. Sider's groundbreaking book, *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, was hailed by *Christianity Today* as one of the one hundred most influential books in religion in the twentieth century and has sold more than 400,000 copies.



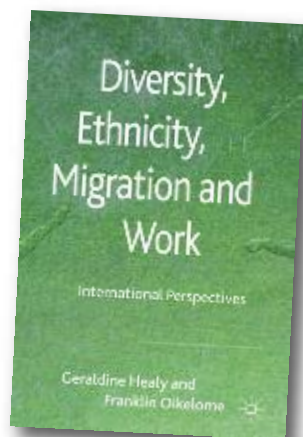
Dr. Chris Hall, Eastern University chancellor and dean of Palmer Theological Seminary, published "Evangelical Inattentiveness to Ancient Voices: An Overview, Explanation, and Proposal," in *Evangelicals and the Early Church: Recovery, Reform, Renewal*, edited by George Kalantzis and Andrew Tooley (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2012). He contributed "Chrysostom," in *The Blackwell Companion to Paul*, edited



by Stephen Westerholm (Oxford: Blackwell, 2011).

Dr. Hall also wrote "Ancient Christian Spirituality," in the *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011).

Dr. Franklin Oikelome, and co-author Geraldine Healy, have published *Diversity, Ethnicity, Migration and Work: International Perspectives* (Palgrave MacMillan). Dr. Oikelome is an assistant professor in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies.



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Bread for the World announces a new partnership with Eastern University and Asbury Theological Seminary of Wilmore, KY to produce an online curriculum for evangelical Christian seminaries and colleges on global poverty and foreign assistance. The coursework and its diverse resources will examine the connection between Christian advocacy and U.S. foreign assistance.

"We are thrilled to be working with these partners to assemble materials that will help graduate and undergraduate students think and pray through issues of U.S. foreign assistance," said **Dr. David Bronkema**, director of international development programs and chair of the School of Leadership and Development at Eastern University.

W.W. Smith Charitable Trust Scholarship Winners

Eastern University has received a grant of \$40,000 from the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust to fund students who are enrolled as full-time undergraduates. All recipients are permanent residents in the Delaware Valley including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. This year's recipients are: **Alex-Michael Alleva, Erin Baliles, Alea Rose Bechta, Edward Briggs, Ian Darwin, Timothy Ferrin, Louise Fox, Julia Kinbacher, Kimberly Kirk, Jenna Krause, Arielle Lopez, Christina Massaro, Paige Quill, Cathrynne Reynolds, Emily Silvestro, Jacob Slack, Cory Sockriter, Jessica Tack, Jordan Tarnoviski and Samantha Todorovich**. The Smith Trust is one of the largest private foundations in Philadelphia, awarding about \$4 to \$5 million annually to support medical research, college scholarships, and nonprofits that provide basic needs for children and the elderly.



Relient K Concert at Eastern



Photo courtesy Dave Christenson

The Gym at St. Davids was rocking on St. Patrick's Day when the popular group Relient K performed to a packed house.

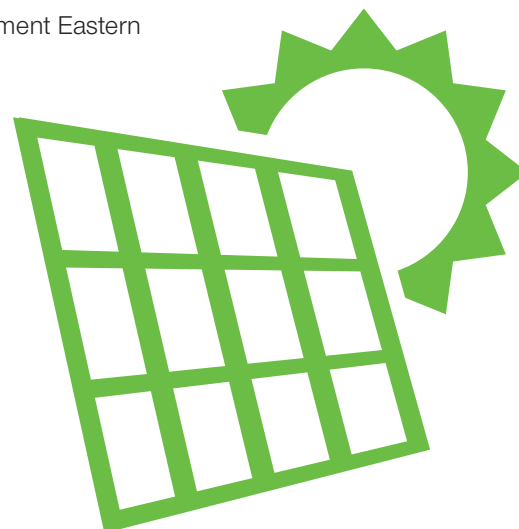
Eastern University Makes 7-year Commitment to 100% Clean Energy

Eastern University is partnering with Community Energy on the largest solar project in Pennsylvania through a seven-year commitment to 100% clean energy for the campus at 1300 Eagle Road in St. Davids, PA. Community Energy will supply a portion of the clean energy generation from the Keystone Solar Project that Community Energy plans to build this year in Lancaster, PA.

Long-term commitments to purchase Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs), such as the one made by Eastern University, enable new solar development and with this agreement Eastern University has made a substantial seven-year commitment to solar in PA.

"Eastern University has been a champion of renewable energy for many years. They have been purchasing wind power from Community Energy since 2006 and installed a solar system on campus with us in 2009. We are now expanding our partnership to support the development of large scale solar in Pennsylvania. We are proud to work with such a visionary and forward-thinking academic institution," said Jay Carlis, Vice President of Community Energy. The Keystone Solar Project is a 6 megawatt (DC) ground-mounted solar project that will produce approximately 7,500 MWh of electricity annually, the equivalent of powering 950 homes or avoiding 4,200 tons of carbon dioxide each year.

For more information, visit www.CommunityEnergyInc.com.





EU Partners with Women of Faith

The Women of Faith Cares program offers a fun and easy way to raise funds for Eastern University. The Women of Faith Conference is coming to a city near you with the 2012 Celebrate What Matters Tour. For every ticket purchased anywhere in the country by an Eastern University alum, \$20 will be donated to Eastern University. Full details at: www.eastern.edu/womenoffaith. To ensure that the Women of Faith organization makes the \$20 donation, you must enter the following code at checkout: WC-EU. Already purchased a ticket? No problem! Visit the Web site for directions.

Dance Students Participate in ACDFA Conference



Performing (left to right) are Kristin Gianoukas, Stephanie King, and Kayla Davis (choreographer)

Eastern University Dance participated in the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) Northeast Regional Conference this March at Penn State University. Representing Eastern University were **Dr. Karen Clemente**, chair of the Dance and Theatre Department, **Affiliate Professor Saleana Pettaway**, **Adjunct Professor Janine Bryant**, and students **Jazmine Bailey**, **Julianne Baratta**, **Caroline Butcher**, **Kristen Davies**, **Kayla Davis**, **Laura Diestler**, **Theresa Ford**, **Kristin Gianoukas**, **Stephanie King**, **Angela Littlefield**, and **Emily Lynn**. Senior Kayla Davis's piece, — *Words* —> was one of 12 selected for the Northeast Regional Conference Gala Concert. The piece first debuted in Eastern University's 2011 Winter Dance Concert and is remembered for its imagination, vitality, energy and spirit, in addition to its artful and well-executed performance. Professor Saleana Pettaway served as the faculty advisor for the piece.

Earthkeepers and SIFE Create Community Garden



Eastern University student Ricky Barnett drills a hole for a fence post with the assistance of Home Depot volunteers .

By Brooke Proffitt, SIFE

Eastern University's **Earthkeepers Club** dreamed of creating a community garden that would provide fresh produce while delivering hands-on nutrition education.

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) joined Earthkeepers in this endeavor and applied for a \$3,900 grant from Home Depot. On March 2, employees from the King of Prussia Home Depot came to St. Davids in trucks loaded with building supplies. They were met by an enthusiastic group of students. Home Depot workers guided students through using heavy equipment, building the fences and raised beds. Other students sowed seeds in the greenhouse and created concrete mosaic garden stones that would enhance the appearance of the garden. After about eight hours of learning, laughing, and constructing, the garden was built.

The harvest will go towards **Y.A.C.H.T. Club** (Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today) programs, as well as other social food distribution organizations. Eastern's garden will also provide internships and credit opportunities for students. We have been truly blessed by the willingness to help from Eastern's grounds crew, Sodexo, the Eastern student body, and the generosity of Home Depot.

Academy Charter School Students at Model UN

Ten students from the Eastern University Academy Charter School participated in one of the premier Model United Nations (UN) conferences in the world this March. The Academy Charter School is located at the Falls Center in Philadelphia, PA. The students traveled to New York City to represent the Republic of Kazakhstan at the National High School Model United Nations Conference. This was truly the best in real world learning. Students sat at the same conference table as Ambassador Aitimova of Kazakhstan at the Consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and spoke about the water crisis in the Middle East to 200 delegates.

To prepare, the delegation represented Australia at the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference in Philadelphia. Eastern was the only urban, minority, low-income school in attendance. Over 2000 students participated in the conference with the largest delegation, 800 students, coming from China.



Wheels for Wells



Last August, 10 riders and 7 volunteers began an adventure called Wheels for Wells. The goal: bike 392 miles from Nags Head, NC, to Ocean City, NJ, over the course of 6 days. The purpose: raise \$20,000 for clean water projects in Africa. In 2009, Chris Carr, Web designer and marketing director for Compassion Corps, traveled to Timbuktu, Mali, and saw for himself the dire circumstances where women walk for two hours in one direction to find a well where they can draw water for their families to drink and use to cook, wash, and water their animals. That's how this project got started.

Eastern University was fully involved with Wheels for Wells, as one of the title sponsors for the ride. Three of the ten riders are Eastern graduates **Ben Ruegsegger '01, Clare (Ruegsegger)**

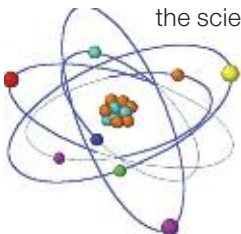
Oestreicher '04, and Austin Davco '09, while alumni **Jim '99, '03 M.B.A. and Rita (Orlando) Henderson '00, '07 M.A. and Brian '01 and Katie (Mannion) Dennstaedt '08** served as support staff before and during the event, and at least seven other Eastern students, interns, and graduates all helped to make Wheels for Wells happen. The next ride is scheduled for the summer of 2012. Visit www.wheelsforwells.org.

Counseling Psychology

Dr. Walter Chung and adjunct faculty member **Stephanie Chung** co-presented a research paper, "Secondary to Postsecondary Transition of a Student With High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Case Study" at the 2012 Autism Conference in Philadelphia, PA. They also co-authored an article "A Life of Celebration" published in November, 2011 by the *Ambassador*, a Christian magazine circulated worldwide among Chinese readers.

Chemistry Club at Science Fairs

This February, Eastern's Chemistry Club participated in the science fairs at Ithan Elementary School and Wayne Elementary School. The children enjoyed the hands-on experiments presented by **Liz Vaughan, Melvin Thomas, Chelsea Merkel, Alyssa Goggins, and Cameron Tough**.



Athletic News



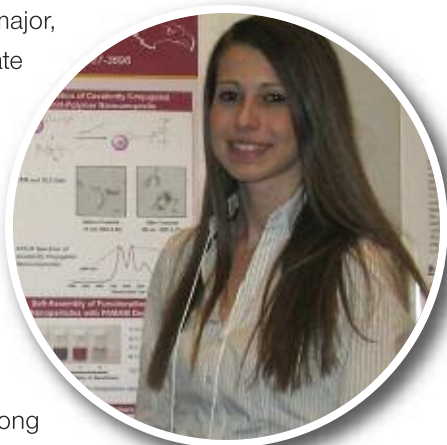
Men's Lacrosse played their first NCAA Tournament game in program history.

Forty-four Eastern University student-athletes were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Academic Honor Roll for fall 2011 sports.

For more on Eastern Athletics, visit www.goeasterneagles.com.

Senior Wins Poster Award at American Chemical Society

Lyudmila Kravets, a biochemistry major, has won the 1st place Undergraduate Poster Award at the 12th Annual Student Poster Session of the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The poster session was held at Temple University on February 23, and 96 student posters were presented. Lyudmila (Luda) won the 1st place award among 32 undergraduate poster presenters. Her poster title is *Investigation of Self-Assembly of Functionalized Gold Nanoparticles and Denrimers*. This is the second year that an Eastern University student won, since chemistry major **Tara Schisler '11** won in 2011. **Dr. Joon-Seo Park**, assistant professor in the department of chemistry, accompanied students to the ACS session.



Junior's Poster Wins at Sociological Conference

Ryan Byrne, a junior sociology major, presented a poster at the Eastern Sociological Society meeting in New York City this past February. His poster presentation, *Masculinity and the 'Disabled' Body*, was based on his senior thesis research, currently under way with **Dr. Mike Roberts** as thesis adviser. There are five undergraduate poster sessions at the conference, with a total of about 160 presentations. One winner is chosen from each session. Ryan was the winner of his session, and one of the five winners for the conference. He said, "I wouldn't have been able to

pull this off without the theoretical and methodological foundation I acquired from our sociology professors. While it is an honor to be selected as a winner, the real prize was being able to network with graduate students and professors, as well as receive critical insights from seasoned academics."

Dr. Joao Monteiro, sociology department chair and associate professor, accompanied Ryan to the conference.



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Larry '60 and Nancy (Kinsman) '62 Curtis have two children and seven grandchildren. He and Nancy have enjoyed playing guitar, piano, and singing together in churches throughout Indiana. They have traveled to many countries. Larry's hobbies include climbing most of the major mountain peaks in the U.S., racing motorcycles, and serving on local boards and agencies including the Boys and Girls Clubs. Larry's most memorable thing about Eastern is "without a question or doubt, learning to learn and becoming a student for life." His greatest experience was meeting Nancy who has been his wife, helper, and best friend for 50 years.

David Bevington '62 is married to Doris and they have two children and four grandchildren. He has published 11 e-books and is a musician. He is pastor of Riceville Community Church and East Concord Community Church. David's hobbies include music, poetry, the harmonica, nature photography, and gardening. His favorite memory from Eastern is being a part of the touring choir.

William Chegwin '62 is married to Leigh and has six children. He is a retired Presbyterian minister after 46 years in churches in PA, NJ, and FL. He is also a retired Civil Air Patrol chaplain. Currently, he is an adjunct professor in the Behavioral Science Department at Daytona Beach State College. William's hobbies include flying his airplane, kayaking, hiking, oil painting, woodworking, reading, and traveling in the U.S. and abroad. His memories of Eastern include having fun, dating the girls, playing tennis, playing soccer all four years, and enjoying the excellent faculty.

Lucille (Myers) Litman '62 has been married for 42 years and is a retired systems analyst. She is a Zen Buddhist and a member of the Zen Community of Corvallis, Oregon. She enjoys gardening, quilting, ikebana, and cooking.

Walter Swank '62 has been married to Sandy for the last 15 years. She has two children and he has two children from his first marriage to **Isabel (Liston) '62** who passed away in 1994. Together they have seven grandchildren and another on the way. He has ministered at small United Methodist churches and retired in 2010. Walter's hobbies include reading about theology, history, and philosophy, playing tennis, golfing, and biking at the shore. His time at Eastern was a very positive experience. The teachers, classes, friends, and teammates were all enjoyable. Two of his most memorable events were his years of basketball under the tutelage of **Tommy Byron** and the camaraderie of his teammates. The other was the "senior sneak" to Split Rock Lodge in the Poconos without anyone knowing it.

Joyce (Hamilton) Wik '67 is teaching eighth grade learning support in the Coatesville Area School District. Instead of retiring, she added two more areas to her teaching certification. She also keeps busy with visits to her children and grandchildren.

Melissa McBain '69 has written a play featuring the love story of her parents **L. Doward '43 ABTHB** and **Ann (Fountain) '39 BRE McBain**, both of whom attended the Seminary at its original location on Rittenhouse Square. The one-hour, solo show was featured in Sept. as part of the Philly Fringe Arts Festival.

1970s

Ross Duncan '72 from Ringler Associates in Blue Bell, PA, has been re-elected to serve on the Ringler Board of Directors.

Dr. David Bradstreet '76 was featured on RadnorPatch.com about Christmas traditions. These traditions are a focus of the popular Planetarium Christmas show presented at our Julia Fowler Planetarium.

1980s

Janice (Hilbert) Sebring '86 is married to **Tom Sebring '86**. "We started chatting on Facebook in June 2010, had our first successful date the end of July...married 4/9/11." She works for Keystone Answering Service. She didn't use her degree in French history, but did work for people with special needs for 20 years. Her memories of Eastern include the ambience, the Rock, and primal scream night.

1990s

Rebecca Irwin-Diehl '95, MTS '99 has been married to **Nathan Irwin-Diehl '95** since the summer of graduation. They have three sons. Rebecca was ordained in the American Baptist Churches USA in 2009. She works as an editor for Judson Press, publishing ministry of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, ABC-USA, and serves as associate minister at Second Baptist Church of Germantown. After teaching in the Philadelphia Public Schools for 15 years, Nathan now works as grants compliance monitor for the School District of Philadelphia and directs the Gospel choir at Second Baptist Germantown.

Susan Davis '96 lives with Tommi "Smiley" Byrum and their yellow lab, Riff. In 1998 she received a master's from Rosemont College. Her professional accomplishments include writing and publishing. Her favorite memory of Eastern is her mischief-making with **Julie Palmer**.

In June 2011, **Rev. Dr. Tony Sundermeier '97** completed his doctor of ministry degree from Biblical Seminary in Hatfield, PA. Tony serves as senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, PA.

Thang (Joseph) Sum '97 was installed as the pastor of the Exton Community Baptist Church in Exton, PA on Nov. 13, 2011. He is the first Burmese ordained Baptist pastor from Myanmar to serve as a solo pastor of an American congregation affiliated with ABC-USA.

2000s

Sandra (Cruz) Tracy '00 works as an administrative assistant to an orthopedic surgeon and has a five-year-old son. 2009 was a challenging year as she battled and defeated Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma – and is a SURVIVOR!! She completed her first half-marathon with Team in Training in May 2010 (13.1 miles completed on her 6 months remission date). She married Brett Tracy on Nov. 20, 2011. Her favorite memories from Eastern include Doane Hall, Angels of Harmony, Latinos Unidos, the dear and awesome friends she made, and the entire music department.

Amy (Wise) Shumoski '01 was named the Volunteer of the Week by the *Main Line Media News*. She volunteers for an organization called Daddy's Spirit Moves Me Forward.

Rod Snyder '02, YDA President, appeared on C-SPAN's *Washington Journal* on March 17, 2012, to debate the president of the College Republicans and to take questions from viewers about the 2012 election cycle.

Doris (Lilly) Grazulis '05 CCGPS is a laity leader at Paoli United Methodist Church, PA. She is also the administrative assistant to the athletic director at Eastern University.

Anthea (Sholander) Ramirez '06 was featured in an article in the *Washington Times* on Feb. 5, 2012 about adoption. Thea founded Adoption-Share, a Web site that provides networking and information services for adoptive parents and those considering adoptions.

Andrew Bradstreet '08 became a Naval aviator June 4, 2011 and married Ana Ward Nov. 5, 2011. He is completing his intensive training to fly MH-60S helicopters. When he completes training, they will be stationed in Guam for the next three years.

Jonathan Bradstreet '09 was hired in January 2012 to teach high school math at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, PA.

Grace Ciak ('09) and Patrick Linton ('09) were married June 4, 2011 at Boldt Castle in the Thousand Islands, NY. They are now the Ciak-Lintons.

Nathan Trunfio '09 has just launched a new techno accessory - an iPhone case that carries a 9.5-inch USB cord making it convenient for users to recharge their 4 and 4S smart mobile phones.

Birth Announcements

Jeb Shore '88 and wife Laurie welcomed daughter Evelyn on Oct. 5, 2011.

Angela Schroll '91 and husband **Jude Fernando '89 CCGPS** welcomed son Jadon in July 2011.

Adam '01 and **Colleen (McClure '02) Shute** welcomed their second child, Brynn Annabelle, on Nov. 16, 2011.

Jeremy '05 and **Jennifer (Booz '05) Basom** welcomed daughter Olivia Lynne, on July 29, 2011.

Ethan '02 and **Monique (DiPiano '02) Magness** are the proud parents of Cora (born in 2008) and Ella Grace (born in 2010).

These future alumni babies received an EU bib from the Alumni Office. If you would like a bib, please update your information with the Alumni Office at alumni@eastern.edu

In Memory

Walter Maiensein '55 - Jan. 2012

Carol (Hill) Tatta '58 - Mar. 2012

Vivan Martinez-Vidal '65 - Jan. 2012

William C. Vaughn '66 - Nov. 2011

John "Bruce" Mellinger '69 - Feb. 2012

David Chandler '80 - Oct. 2011

Donna (Meeks) Alberici '80 - Nov. 2011

Theodore Hadde '85 - Oct. 2010

Grace (Dunbar) Wert BSN '90 - Nov. 2011



2012 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Donna Gillenardo Duffy '83



Educator and entrepreneur **Donna Duffy '83** owns and operates three Delaware businesses: Academic Connections Tutoring Services LLC, 3E Marketing Solutions and Memorable Milestones LLC, an event planning company. With over 20 years of experience empowering, motivating, and inspiring others, this natural leader has had the unique experience of living in Israel for almost two decades.

Donna is a 1983 graduate who earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She says, "Receiving this award is such a wonderful honor. Though I only spent two years at Eastern, the great impact of those years was the foundation for a lifetime of ministry, service and preparation for the marketplace. I am so grateful to God for leading me to Eastern and surrounding me with such a caring community and circle of lifelong friends."

After completing her degree, she worked as floor manager of a restaurant and was soon offered area manager over 6 chains of the restaurant in Central PA. However, because of her intense desire to minister to those from a Jewish background, she joined a ministry organization and headed to Israel for a short-term mission trip that was to last 6 months. Those 6 months ended up being 18+ years of living, working, ministering, giving birth to 3 children, raising her family and starting a school in Israel.

When Donna first arrived in Israel, she lived among Israelis and learned Hebrew, leading teams of women as they ministered to individuals in towns and villages. After she married, she moved with her family to Nazareth to a small Arab community and switched her focus to working with those from an Arabic background.



As a mother, she was active in her neighborhood implementing community summer camps, art classes, and a library for the children, as well as an exercise group for moms. During that time God prepared her and then opened the door for her to help start and run a school for Arab-American students called Bridging the Gap, located in Christ Church Episcopal School in Nazareth. She was privileged to watch the school blossom and grow. In her preparation to return to the U.S. in 2002, she passed the baton to a national teacher/administrator at the school, which is now in its fifteenth year.

Back in the U.S., Donna became a tutor, rising to assistant director and education director. After working there for four years, she started an event planning business, Memorable Milestones, LLC, with her business partner in 2006. Just six months after that, they launched Academic Connections Tutoring Services, LLC in southern Delaware.

Out of her desire to build community and help others develop to their full potential, she organized a weekly marketing mastermind group of small business owners. 3E Marketing Solutions was born out of the desire to educate, equip and engage them with the numerous, affordable and practical marketing tools.

Donna also has a heart for young entrepreneurs and works with two teachers at a technical school, where her children attended, as an industry advisor to digital media students.

She also has taught an event planning certification course at Delaware Technical Community College and has helped several women start their own event planning companies or secure jobs in the event industry. Donna hired Katherine Coulter '10, as an executive assistant.

This past year Donna contributed to two books: *Inspired Women Succeed* and *Smart Women Know Their Why*. She has many more potential book ideas, so stay tuned!

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