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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Justice is in Eastern's DNA. But it is a passion for what is right according to scripture rather than a well-intentioned form of political correctness. It is merged inseparably with Christian faith and reason. We believe strongly but humbly that students' optimal formation into the likeness of Christ demands it, and that this University is distinguished from other institutions because of its prominence in the Eastern experience.

The need for justice often cries out most loudly from our cities where poverty, unemployment, crime, exploitation and homelessness persist. Eastern students, faculty and alumni can be found working alongside our urban brothers and sisters to help combat these evils. I hope you will read about the good work they are doing in this issue of *Spirit* which focuses on some of our urban initiatives.

Whether it's nearby in Philadelphia, or across the globe in Bangkok, Thailand, Eastern is making an important impact in city neighborhoods. Armed with the knowledge and skills that have proven effective in urban communities, and their biblical commitment to justice, our students and alumni are often in the forefront of social change and transformation.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of the Kingdom-building and life-changing education we provide in all of our programs that are rooted in faith, reason and justice.

In His Service,



David Black

ON THE COVER: First-year student **Alyson Gilmore** in Philadelphia with the YACHT Club (Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today) which hands out sandwiches twice a week to homeless people. Students also sing, pray and just listen. For a list of all student activities at Eastern University, visit: [www.eastern.edu/campus/student\\_activities/clubs\\_orgs.html](http://www.eastern.edu/campus/student_activities/clubs_orgs.html)



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# *Innovative Urban Education at Falls Center*



*By Kimberly Ely*



**E**astern University's Falls Center in Philadelphia opened its doors in August of 2009. It was renovated from the Women's Medical College into a fully functioning home to Eastern's accelerated adult learning programs, graduate studies, and Charter Academy (grades 7-12). Majors offered to undergraduate and graduate students at the Falls Center include early childhood education, business administration, organizational leadership, and urban studies. The entire WiFi friendly campus offers two libraries, computer labs, bookstore, café, accessible parking, and the safe feel of a place removed from more hectic city life.

The Eastern University Charter Academy was developed to help urban high school students prepare for college learning. It provides a dual enrollment program called Cross Boundaries in which students take college-level coursework through Eastern while still enrolled in high school. In fact, students must accrue a minimum of three college credits as a graduation requirement.

The 'drive for success' is a theme which carries into the Eastern University college building at Falls Center. Its entryway holds the prominent bust of Campolo College Professor Emeritus **Dr. Tony Campolo '56**. His quirky smile beams through the electronic sliding lobby doors, offering a reminder of the faith that bonds Eastern University students. One student smiles as she says, "I always dreamed of coming to Eastern. When I see Dr. Campolo here, I think of his commitment to Christianity. I know that I have to work hard to achieve my dreams and follow God's plan. Eastern is a great place to get started."

The site services coordinator, **Darlene Smith '08**, welcomes every student who enters the Falls Center building. Metallic speckled glasses, Mary Jane pumps, and a contagious laugh personify a woman who assures students that they have chosen to become a part of a special community. "I am a person of harmony. I just want to make everything easy and stress-free for the students here," she says.

What further captures the attention of students is the vibrant community. The East Falls Development Center calls this up-and-coming neighborhood "a unique and exciting place for families, the young at heart, outdoor enthusiasts, artists, and professionals." The surrounding village offers affordable living, a booming industry, bike paths along the river, and friendly eateries.

Eastern's Falls Center offers a diverse faculty and student body, rich in culture, identity, learning methodologies, and perspective. However, one thing unites everyone: Eastern is the place to combine faith and education.

Urban Studies Recruiter **Whitney Monn '08** says, "Students join in town projects, accept job opportunities, and help economic development through arts reformation works."

An Esperanza College graduate, Angela, hopes to take classes towards her bachelor's degree. She says, "I really love Eastern and want to come to the Falls Center because this school believes in helping us to show compassion and teach respect to others. I want to be a teacher so that I can show children love and patience. This school believes in those things."

Monn agrees and says, "Eastern is different because we are not just theologically driven. We are practice driven. We show people how to bring their faith into their work, their studies, and every aspect of their lives."

With so much to offer, it is no surprise that the Falls Center site has grown since its conception. Further development seems to lie in Eastern's future, especially since the community engages students to bring awareness to social issues, make a difference, and drive Eastern University's mission of faith, reason and justice.



*Kimberly Ely is a recruiter in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies.*





# PREPARING CHANGE AGENTS

*By Whitney Monn '08*



**D**eeply rooted in Eastern University's commitment to justice, the M.A. in Urban Studies (MAUS) program prepares students to bring about real, sustainable change in urban communities. Students come from Atlanta, New York City, Knoxville, Chicago, and, of course, Philadelphia. There are a growing number of students enrolling in the program from overseas, including several students from Canada and two from Malawi.

The program offers three areas of specialization: the Arts in Transformation, Community Development, and Youth Leadership. Program Director **Dr. Kimberlee Johnson** lauds its graduates who have "exemplified Eastern University's mission to prepare students for thoughtful and productive lives of Christian faith, leadership and service. A fall 2010 MAUS alumni survey revealed that 90% of our graduates were working in an urban community, and some commented on a 'concrete impact' they have had in their community as a direct result of the education received in our program."

For example, **Aleea Slappy '09** is the education programs manager at The Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation. Aleea has implemented The Education Initiative, which is an innovative approach to improving 15 West Philadelphia public schools through enrichment programs, increased community involvement, and partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Aleea partnered with University City High School to develop a model for a project based on a summer enrichment program for 65 high school seniors. Through this program, students identify a need in their community, locate resources, develop relationships with stakeholders, and create

community projects addressing the identified need. Due to the success of this program in the summer of 2010, the Enterprise Center has continued the project throughout the school year.

Most MAUS students are working full or part-time, so the program blends online learning with on-ground residencies at Falls Center. Residencies include classes, community meals, worship services, community walk-through assessments, and visits to City Hall. Guest lecturers include Eastern authors and alumni **Dr. Tony Campolo '56** and **Shane Claiborne '97**; and Philadelphia city officials such as Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds-Brown; Jordan Harris, executive director of the Philadelphia Youth Commission; and Kevin Dow, chief operating officer of the Philadelphia Commerce Department.

**Katherine Hargrove** is starting her second year in the program. Before that, she participated in Mission Year, a MAUS partnership organization, where Christian young people live in an urban neighborhood volunteering, worshiping, and loving their neighbors. According to Katherine, "I have also been able to incorporate what I am learning into the mentoring and training of young men and women from the colleges in my community so that the work I wish to see accomplished is multiplied. As Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, there is a season for everything and I am so grateful for the season I have at Eastern University and the incredible impact it is bringing to my community."



*Whitney Monn '08 is a program recruiter in the Urban Studies Department*

**"If you are looking for a program that goes beyond typical church models and small-minded solutions, then Eastern University's Master of Arts in Urban Studies is the program for you."**

**- Joshua Hilliard '11**



# Thailand: the Look of Transformation

By J. Nathan Corbitt



What does transformation look like? How can visitors to a place of injustice positively reflect on justice and restoration? What process do we go through in finding hope and healing amidst life's most difficult problems? These were some of the questions a team of Eastern University Arts in Transformation students considered this past June in designing a reflective prayer garden in the Red Light district of Bangkok where trafficking and human exploitation persist.

A required course in the Arts in Transformation Concentration of the M.A. in Urban Studies Program, Cultural and Community Contexts for Art-Making is an intensive cross-cultural travel residency course that introduces students to the meaning and function of artistic expressions within the communities of a host country.

In collaboration with NightLight International, and as part of BuildaBridge International's Artist on Call, the graduate students constructed a creative prayer garden on the sixth floor of NightLight's ministry center in Bangkok. Student **Julia Crawford**, as part of her Eastern University practicum and leadership internship with BuildaBridge, coordinated the project. Student **Bethany Reiff** remained with NightLight through August as part of her internship. Prior to the experience, students

communicated online with each other and NightLight staff to design the reflective prayer garden involving a mural and garden stations.

Human trafficking, sexual exploitation and child labor are major scourges of social injustice in our world. Through guided participation in service learning projects with organizations combating these injustices, students are able to contribute to solutions and learn effective methods in transforming our world. As so often happens in cross-cultural experiences, the students learn as much, or more, about themselves as their host culture.

Bethany Reiff says, "I am certain this has broadened my worldview to understand a little more of a culture quite foreign to my own. No longer will I be able to just think abstractly about the sex industry and prostitution. It will always have faces and names for me now, which will affect me for the rest of my life."

Crawford says, "The lasting message from observation and research on Thailand is that social problems grow exponentially when the conditions are ripe for the problem."

**Jamaine Smith** observes, "I believe the role of men in the healing and restoration of men, women, and children who were involved in the sex industry, whether involuntarily or voluntarily, is extremely important."

**Ginene Szczepanski** says, "I will make a more conscious effort, because of this class, to look more closely at the root cultural causes of suffering (as well as the systematic causes that I may have already been familiar with), and therefore more directly combat the issue."



*Dr. J. Nathan Corbitt is professor of Cross-Cultural Studies and coordinator, Arts in Transformation Concentration, M.A. in Urban Studies*



# The Challenges of urban research

Every student in the M.A. in Urban Studies (MAUS) program completes a research thesis/project. Students are given the option of completing their thesis as traditional research, a program/business development plan, an event, or developed curriculum. For example, **Rebekah Welch '11** developed a health and fitness curriculum for middle-school girls that she taught through a local organization. **C. Heather Phillips '11** planned and implemented an art-based event that addressed community attitudes and identity.

Students often face “bumps in the road.” For some, there is the matter of finding research to support their novel idea or project. For others, challenges arise from securing the approval of the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Approval from IRB ensures that research is ethically sound and conducted in a manner preserving human rights.

**Josh Hilliard '11** says, “Thesis writing is not simply a task of the mind; it is a task of the heart. In the field of Urban Studies, students are investigating the lives of living, breathing human beings. The subjects are often those whom many throughout society have cast aside, stripping them of all value. The challenge in our program is to investigate with class.”

Challenges can also occur in the process of collecting data from an urban community. Two of 2011's Thesis Award winners faced particular challenges in gathering their qualitative research. Their research required them to go places that may be considered uncomfortable and overcome difficult interpersonal barriers.

Josh Hilliard wrote his thesis on the barriers inhibiting fathers during the process of reconnecting with their

children after release from prison. Josh conducted multiple interviews with several imprisoned fathers about this sensitive topic. He approached each interview with the aim of treating, “each subject with the inherent respect and dignity which they deserve.”

**Katie McDougall's '11** thesis was entitled *Selling Sex: A Study of Adult Women Who Exchange Sex for Money or Drugs on Toronto's Moss Park Stroll*. For her qualitative research thesis, Katie was required to meet with these women for guided one-on-one interviews. The purpose of her research was to provide insight for social services and advocacy groups and how the surrounding community can seek both change and social transformation around this issue. She had to venture to Moss Park, an area known for prostitution, drugs, and incidents of violence, to meet these women and build relationships with them. Katie was able to overcome this challenge because of her relationship with a trusted community organization that reaches out to those in Moss Park.

Most MAUS alumni agree that the results of their work far outweigh any challenges faced. **Ginene Szczepanski's '11** thesis project examined Philadelphia's art policies as well as Camden's city government and state of public arts through a mapping project. She concluded with policy recommendations for Camden to engage the arts in urban redevelopment. Ginene says, “I thought my thesis was challenging, but that made understanding the data and information I had gathered all the more rewarding, because you know that what you're learning makes a difference.”

# HOPE & HELP

for  
Homeless Mothers and Children

*By Dr. Kimberlee Johnson*

My advocacy for juvenile justice, coordination of a fellowship for women clergy, promotion of the positive youth development model for youth ministry, and education of young people about sex, sexuality and sexual health issues are the areas of outreach for which I'm most known. But also close to my heart is serving a segment of the population that is often forgotten or written off as hopeless—homeless families.

For the last four years I have served on the Board of Directors of Bridge of Hope National, a ministry designed to empower homeless and at-risk single mothers. According to the 2007 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, 84% of homeless families are headed by a woman. According to the National Center on Family Homelessness, 1.5 million children experience homelessness each year. These women and their children live in urban, suburban and rural areas and are at greater risk of family separation, hunger, inability to complete high school, and of being trafficked. Chronic sickness is also common.

Given these odds, it is great to be part of an organization like Bridge of Hope whose vision it is to end and prevent homelessness in the United States by calling churches to action. And churches are acting. Under the leadership of Executive Director Edith Yoder, our goal is to help homeless moms attain permanent housing, financial stability through employment, life-changing friendships, and increased self-esteem and growth in areas of holistic living. And it is happening! Primarily, we use a three-way mentoring model that incorporates a professional social worker, a network of 8-12 trained and committed church-based support persons representing different denominations, and a homeless mother. We are currently serving 59 moms and 125 children in 15 locations around the country, and these numbers are steadily increasing.

I am consistently moved by the testimonies of mothers who have received hope and help through the various churches and mentors trained through Bridge of Hope. You'll find many of their stories at [www.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://www.bridgeofhopeinc.org). They are evidence that this is a model that works across diverse communities and cultures. Moms are achieving economic self-sufficiency and increased self-esteem because of the long-term commitment of those affiliated with Bridge of Hope.

I rejoice with these women.



*Dr. Kimberlee Johnson is director of Urban Studies, coordinator of the Youth Leadership Concentration, and director of the Center for Urban Youth Development*



# ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY CITY SCHOOLS

*By Dr. Drick Boyd*

In September I attended the opening ceremonies for the new West Philadelphia High School (WPHS), which is best known to the Eastern University community as the alma mater of **Dr. Tony Campolo '56**, emeritus professor. The school has had a long and, more recently, a troubled history characterized by violence, revolving-door leadership, and low test scores. At the same time it has been nationally recognized for its innovative Auto Mechanics academy, and the Urban Leadership academy which involves students in addressing local issues such as vacant lots and abandoned buildings. Despite these positives, the public image of WPHS has been persistently negative. However, as one who has met students and teachers, I have come to know it as a place where committed teachers have struggled to provide a quality education in an environment of political rancor and declining resources.

For the past four years I have been part of the West Philadelphia Community Partners, a collection of parents, community members and others working to assure that the students of WPHS get the quality education they need and deserve. While the opening ceremonies featured political luminaries such as Mayor Michael Nutter, Councilwoman Jamie Blackwell, State Senator Vincent Hughes, and acting superintendent Leo Nunnery, the real heroes were the students, alumni, parents and neighbors who had labored for years to get the new state-of-the-art school built.

While I do not live in the community, I am a member of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship, which meets just a few blocks from the school. I helped organize a breakfast of local faith community leaders and offered my expertise and input when necessary, but mostly I simply “showed up” in what some have called a “ministry of presence.” Currently, I am a member of the School Advisory Council, a group of community people who work closely with the new principal, Mary Dean, to keep the lines of communication between the school and the community open.

At the opening ceremonies I sat next to a woman whose 11th grade son was transferring from a private school to West Philadelphia High School. She sounded so proud as she told me that he had joined the football team and was excited to be in a new school building. As the students filed into the gym with their new uniforms and took their places in the bleachers, she beamed with joy. In that gym there was a feeling of hope and a sense that a new chapter in the 100-year-old school's history was about to begin. I felt privileged and excited to be part of that process. I continue to serve in this way, seeking to come alongside those folks so long denied privileges I can too easily take for granted (like a quality public education) by joining with them in seeking the justice they deserve.



*Dr. Drick Boyd is associate professor, Urban and Interdisciplinary Studies*



**West Philadelphia High School**

# eastern university academy charter school

## A Transformative School for Future Leaders

*By Kimberly Ely*

When I pull up to Eastern's Falls Center, I hear the laughter of school children. With their plaid backpacks, maroon blazers, and smiling faces, they romp towards the corner bus stop. It's 3 p.m. as I find the office of the University Director for the Early College High School Program, **Yvonne Turner '02 M.B.A.**, who has been with Eastern since 1993. Sitting behind her cherry wood desk, Turner finishes a conversation with a colleague, only to receive a phone call and unexpected visit from another colleague. Her fast-paced work revolves around Eastern's innovative Academy, which came to fruition in August of 2009.

Turner is excited to talk about the Academy and Cross Boundaries, a program that allows high school students to take college courses and earn college credits. Students from as many as 35 high schools around the Philadelphia area have been participating in Cross Boundaries since 2003.

The Academy offers the same college course opportunities. "What makes us unique is that we have combined two

learning models into one. We have drawn from the Early College and Big Picture models," Turner explains. "Students do not receive traditional grades here. They receive comments on their work such as 'met expectations,' 'met expectations with distinction,' or 'shows little evidence of work.' There is an intensive rubric to support the grading system."

In order to implement such a system, there needs to be buy-in from teachers, administrators, parents and students. The school asks children to step outside their comfort zones and 'think big, live on purpose, and excel at life.'

Immersed in multicultural learning, community orientation, and a sense of fellowship, the students are thriving. They have surpassed last year's PSSA scores, and hope to continue the climb upwards. This summer, the PA Department of Education confirmed that the Academy Charter School has met Adequate Yearly Progress for the 2010-11 school year.

The students are full of life and curiosity and often entrepreneurial. Some students have taken as many as 30 college credits from Eastern during their time at the Charter Academy. Others have developed projects exploring medicine, law, civil service, and mechanics. And this year a cheerleading squad has been launched.

Turner laughs as she says, "We don't have any extracurricular activities or sports yet. We are focused on the academic side of things for now because we are still in the start-up phase. But the students wanted a cheerleading team, so they created one. They wear Eastern's colors and they recognize an Eagle as their mascot. They don't have anyone to cheer for yet, but they keep cheering."

*For information about the  
EU Academy Charter School,  
call 215.769.3123.*





## Eastern University Partners with City Year



Eastern University has a new scholarship partnership with City Year, a national organization that unites young people for a year of service in high-need urban schools. **Tom Ridington '78**, Senior Vice President, and **Mumia Parham '09**, Director of Enrollment and Partnerships, represented Eastern at the City Year ceremony in October. Through the partnership, called Give A Year, Eastern will offer substantial tuition scholarships to each admitted City Year alumnus.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter; Joe Banner, President of the Philadelphia Eagles and Co-Chair of City Year Greater Philadelphia's Advisory Board; Vice President of Comcast Charisse Lillie; Congressman Chaka Fattah; Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell; and Representatives Tony Payton and Kenyatta Johnson joined Loree D. Jones and Wyneshia Foxworth, Co-Executive Directors of City Year Greater Philadelphia, and the 230 corps members at Drexel University to kick off the service year.

In its 15 years in Philadelphia, City Year has tutored, mentored, and engaged nearly 200,000 Philadelphia youth, as well as led 50,000 community volunteers in service. High school dropouts are three times more likely than college graduates to be unemployed and eight times more likely to be incarcerated than high school graduates. In Philadelphia, just 56% of students graduate high school on time. City Year corps members help keep students in school and on track to graduate.

Learn more at [cityyear.org](http://cityyear.org)

## A CITY FOCUS



**Dr. Susan Edgar-Smith** (left), associate professor of Counseling Psychology, along with a Counseling alumna, **Erin Seroock**, co-authored an article on "School-Based Intergenerational Programs" in the September 2011 issue of the *Pennsylvania School Psychologist Journal*. The

article highlights the practice of partnering school-aged children with adult seniors in a mentoring capacity with elementary students in Philadelphia. Over the 2011-2012 academic year, Dr. Edgar-Smith is presenting workshops for mental health professionals employed by Lakeside Educational Network. The workshops focus on the assessment and treatment of adolescent depression, suicidal behavior and anxiety.



**Dr. Randolph Walters**, associate professor of Counseling Psychology, was featured in an article in the July 22, 2011 edition of the *Philadelphia Tribune* in which he discussed Christian marriage and divorce. In March and June 2011, Dr. Walters presented

workshops at two Church Conferences in Philadelphia on "Mental Health and the Church."

## Esperanza College Named Education Champion of the Year



*Dr. David Black, Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, and Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr., President, Esperanza*

The Hispanic Choice Awards were presented in Philadelphia on October 11 and Esperanza College of Eastern University received the Education Champion of the Year Award.

**Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier**, Dean of Esperanza College, said, "It's a humbling honor for Esperanza College to receive this award from the Hispanic Choice Awards. We accept it with great gratitude, on behalf of those whose visionary work founded this institution, and we understand that with this award comes the challenge for us to continue to strive for excellence in serving the students of Philadelphia. We accept both the honor and the challenge and we look forward to continuing to build on the positive impact we've been able to have over the past ten years."

The Hispanic Choice Awards honor and celebrate Latino professionals, organizations and businesses across all sectors throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Esperanza College is located at 4261 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. Visit [esperanza.eastern.edu](http://esperanza.eastern.edu).







# Teaching English in the Inner City

**Dawnielle Klopp '99 M.Ed.** (left) is a senior career ESOL (English as a Second Language) teacher with the Philadelphia School District at Warren G. Harding Middle School in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. In the interview below, she reflects on her experiences there over the past ten years.

## What is the best part of your work?

It's seeing growth in my students whether it is academically, socially, personally, or emotionally. Everything I do is all about the students. What is amazing about being an ESOL teacher is that I can see tremendous growth in students' speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. When my beginner English speakers come to me they know absolutely no English, but by the end of one year they are able to carry on a basic conversation. By the end of three years they are reading and writing in English.

## Did your M.Ed. at Eastern prepare you for what you are doing now?

Yes! My major was Multicultural Education which exposed me to many different cultures and teaching environments. I was required to attend multicultural events and record my observations. I also chose to observe in various teaching environments for students with physical and learning challenges such as blindness and autism. I had the opportunity to shadow one of my fellow grad students at Kensington High School which solidified the fact that I wanted to teach in the inner city where students are a myriad of shades of black and white from many different cultural and economic backgrounds.

## What challenges do you face?

The biggest challenges are social injustices such as prejudice and bias toward my students. People have expressed to me that my students and their families are in this country and "need to speak English." Some believe that this is a change that can happen overnight. This is impossible. Research has proven that it takes a student five to six years to successfully learn a second language. Students can converse using social language in less time, but in order for them to understand the academic language, they need time and exposure to cognitive academic language used in various school subject and contexts.

An additional challenge is educating students who have interrupted formal schooling. Many of my students come to me with reading and math skills in their native language that are below grade level, so not only am I responsible for teaching them English, but also catching them up on their basic skill set. Another huge hurdle is diagnosing students who have both special education needs and second language needs. It is sometimes very difficult to get a bilingual psychologist in the student's native language to properly evaluate their educational challenges.

## What has been your biggest accomplishment since you started teaching?

Learning how to listen to my students and their families, and developing ways to communicate with them to help them adjust to a new culture and country.



## Playwright Calls Eastern Collaboration a Smashing Success

Eastern has teamed up again with playwright Richard Kalinoski on the development of his new play, *Front Room*. Supported by the 2011 Provost's Fellowship, Eastern's Director of Theatre **Mark Hallen**, along with faculty members **Sandy Bauer**, **Landi Turner**, **Chris Jackson**, former Dean of Arts and Sciences **Betsy Morgan '65**, and over 16 students, alumni and professional guest artists came together this summer for this work in progress.

"It was a smashing success," said, Kalinoski, playwright in residence at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. "I've been able to return to the play with the ideas, energy and creativity of the team assembled at Eastern to begin revisions toward the next draft."

Kalinoski added, "Because we have worked together on many projects which have found homes in professional theatres, I am hopeful that our concentrated and thoughtful work together will again have glowing results."

Mark Hallen's relationship with Kalinoski dates back to the 1995 world premiere of *Beast on the Moon* at Venture Theatre in Philadelphia. The play has

since gone on to win awards in professional productions all over the world, including an Off-Broadway run in NYC as well as acclaimed productions in Moscow, Buenos Aires, Athens, Los Angeles and Paris, where it won the prestigious Moliere Award for best play. *Beast on the Moon* was produced at Eastern Theatre as part of its 2001-2002 season.

Hallen and Kalinoski collaborated on *Between Men and Cattle* in 2000, which focused on the relationship between two men across the racial divide in America. They collaborated on the development of *My Soldiers* produced at Eastern in 2009. The play tells the story of Angi, a young woman returning from military service in Iraq as a medic with severe PTSD, and how she comes to reclaim her sense of humanity and heroism. The play had its world professional premiere at Detroit Repertory Theatre.

*Front Room* (working title) deals with the tangled relationship between a middle-aged daughter (Sandra) and her geriatric mother (Abby) who has become a hoarder. While thwarting her daughter's attempt to help her, Abby forces Sandra to confront her own loneliness and the

complications of mixing her personal and professional life as a theatre director and professor.

Students **Gabby Woodward** and **Brent Liebman** and professor Sandy Bauer provided research into the phenomenon of hoarding and the social work and psychological responses to it. Alumni **John Schultz**, **Kaylee Goodwin '10** and **Betsy Morgan '65** (who made her home available for the readings) along with professor Landi Turner, gave voice to the characters during the two readings.

In addition, the ten-day workshop included professionals who responded to the script. Set designer Andy Deppen and Matthew Allar were joined by Ameera Ansari, a costume designer, most recently of EU Theatre's production of *Carousel*. Local playwright, director and teacher Randy Petersen and Yes! And... Executive Director and playwright Brooke Sexton also responded to the work-in-progress.

Kalinoski concluded, "I am grateful for the chance to have once again benefited from the terrific intelligence and energy that informs Eastern Theatre's approach to new play development."

Photo by Bryon Calawa '10



## Eastern Down Under

The Loeb School of Education has taken a bold new step. From the end of July until Thanksgiving, five sophomore education majors are taking their classes at Laidlaw College in Auckland, New Zealand. **Annie Baranik, Megan Bates, Emily Fisher, Sarah Reist** and **Guilia Voletto** are joined by senior **Collin Whipple**, who is majoring in theology and is a student in the Templeton Honors College.

Beginning next fall, the exchange will include Laidlaw students coming to St. Davids for their classes. Unlike American colleges where courses are offered two or three times per week for an entire semester, at Laidlaw courses are administered in a block format. Students take one course at a time for four weeks each. One of the courses they will take is Field Experience where students spend five days per week for a month serving in a local public school.

The Laidlaw partnership has been led by **Stephanie MacTavish**, Associate Provost for International Relations and **Harry Gutelius**, Associate Dean of the Loeb School of Education, who have worked with the Chair of the Education Department at Laidlaw, Dr. Dianne Scouller. Our students have truly enjoyed the experience at Laidlaw, which is a small Christian school with a mission very similar to Eastern's. Auckland is a city of about a million and a half residents; the country's largest metropolitan area, for the entire nation has only about four million residents. This year has been an especially exciting one for New Zealand, since they hosted the Rugby World Cup in September. Schools closed down for a week, giving our students the opportunity to be part of a very special experience in Auckland.

Student Annie Baranik says, "The people at Laidlaw are so friendly and welcoming and our accommodations are so nice." Megan Bates adds, "It is wonderful to see that Christ is the center of the environment at Laidlaw." Emily Fisher says, "I love the education at Laidlaw and the entire way they teach." Sarah Reist says, "It's so exciting being halfway around the world and finding people who share similar beliefs. The Sunday services have been amazing." Guilia Voletto agrees and says, "It's been great to share about life and faith with my Kiwi friends."

Gutelius has been impressed with the support our students have received from both the staff and students at Laidlaw. He believes that the benefits of such an exchange will stay with our students throughout their lives, and it is his hope that others will take advantage of this opportunity in the future.

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## A Mom, Her Music, and A Miracle

By Joyce Munro

The life of **Theresa Noye** changed dramatically in 2004 when her two-year-old son, Regal, was diagnosed with a form of autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). At that time she and husband Henry also had a newborn daughter, Nia.

Theresa is resident director of Kea-Guffin Hall on the St. Davids campus and Chapel Worship Team advisor. Her first tearful response was, "How can I help Regal?" Theresa's friend knew someone with a child like Regal, and so the world of the Noyes expanded to include other families, therapies, actions, and communities. They learned about the Son-Rise program begun by Barry and Samahria Kaufman, parents of an autistic child. Its key concepts are "Joining" and "Celebration." Instead of training their autistic son to imitate their notions of civilized behavior, they decided to join him, doing what he did, in an effort to build a bridge of love to his world. And when he did connect, looking them in the eye at first for only a moment, they celebrated with big gestures, big smiles.

The Son-Rise home program meant a huge commitment of time, but Theresa and Henry were convinced about its effects and decided to try it. Eastern students responded to Theresa's request for volunteers. She was not surprised, saying, "Eastern attracts students who have a passion to connect with others. It's in the expressed and lived mission of the school."

For 40-60 hours a week, Theresa and student volunteers would copy Regal as he meticulously placed blocks in a row. Next to him they placed their blocks, doing exactly what he did. They fluttered their hands at their heads like he did. If he stopped even for a moment and looked at them, they made a big fuss, hoping that he would glance their way again, hoping to extend his time of connection with them. They measured their success at first in seconds and in their own endurance while they were building the bridge of connection. Regal and sister Nia have over 200 big brothers and sisters because they live in Kea-Guffin Residence Hall.

The Noyes also began to address other detractors to Regal's development. This led them to change their family diet. There were nights when she and Henry stayed up late hammering open coconuts, a whole case of them, to make coconut milk kefir. Theresa invited students to join them for dinner, eating as they did—a diet rich in fresh vegetables and unprocessed foods.

"Do life with us," she tells students, who often ride with her to the grocery store just for a chance to talk. Joining. Celebration. These are now concepts of Theresa's spiritual life, and the Noyes' life as a family.

In 2006 the Noyes created a fundraiser called Regal's Walk. In 2010 they began using this walk to raise monies to take their message to the urban poor who may not know of the options to help their own autistic children. Just before the walk every year, someone usually speaks and prays. Regal signaled that he wanted to do that this time. For the first six years of his life he never left the apartment; they never went anywhere together, not even to church, as a family. Taking the mic in his hands, Regal thanked people for coming; he prayed and wished them well. This skinny, beautiful boy smiled at the crowd. Tears were shed as they often are in a miracle.

"Regal's love for me and my enjoyment and acceptance of him, I think, mirror God's love," Theresa says. "I wouldn't have asked for this weakness, but I have learned so much." Theresa has recorded a CD called *You Saw Me* that celebrates her experiences with Regal and spiritual journey.

Regal is in school for a half day now, and says his goal is to be in 4th grade all day come January 2012. Nia is in second grade at Delaware County Christian School. Brother and sister are best buds, Theresa says. So, like all journeys, Theresa's is changing. You stand a chance of catching her, smiling and chatting with students, who clearly admire her for so many reasons. Or you might catch her singing somewhere. "It's the journey God has put us on."

For more information, visit [www.regalswalk.org](http://www.regalswalk.org) and [www.theresanoye.com](http://www.theresanoye.com)



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# "SHAKESPEARE IS DEAD"

By Evan Hewitt '10  
Recipient of the  
William E. Simon Fellowship



Evan Hewitt '10 and Twagirimana Eugene



For over a month I had been in Rwanda, serving an internship for Eastern's Chancellor **Christopher Hall**. My purpose was simple: learn as much as possible about the Anglican diocese of Gahini, Rwanda—social initiatives, schools, hospitals—and find out where our university can best serve. I went to visit the Gahini Secondary School for the third time. In past visits I had gotten away with silently observing from the back, as inconspicuous as a white American in an African schoolroom can be, but not this time. Only a few minutes into the class, the teacher strode through the aisles of desks and took me by the hand. Then standing me before his students he asked with that winsome African accent, "Mr. Hewitt, would you please tell the students about America?"

Thirty minutes of lively classroom conversation followed. Then one student stood up, not to ask a question like all the others. He declared, "Shakespeare is dead." I waited for more. So did his classmates. In that brief moment before he continued I considered not just the words but also the one who spoke them. It hit me. His meaning occurred to me as he spoke more, "He was a great writer, but he is dead. And he knew nothing of Rwanda, or what we have suffered." That word "suffered" brought what I imagine is a very familiar silence over the room. Every mind in that room was quietly recalling personal memories, pains and horrors of what is the national misery - the Genocide of 1994. But this brazen student before us moved on, saying, "I want to be the new Shakespeare."

Amazing. Before me stood a young man of my own age, Twagirimana Eugene, who had spent the last six years on a steady diet of water and beans, getting what by Western standards is a third-rate education in a third-world nation—a nation which had only sixteen years ago been torn apart from the inside out, robbed of nearly one million lives only to be left with a long-standing culture of fear and distrust—and he managed to not only pierce through the language of Shakespeare, but to also discern his ideas and love them. What is more, he knew Rwanda needed its own Shakespeare even while it is yet to develop a culture of reading and writing. He believed it could have one, and most courageously of all, he took the challenge upon himself.

As it turns out, our new Shakespeare only had three copies of *Julius Caesar* in his school library to share with 850 peers. Nor does he have any bookstores in the country selling a copy, nor a library lending him one. Starting with those words from that student an idea came. That idea led to some conversations which led me to apply for the William E. Simon Fellowship, a competition for undergraduate seniors to propose projects of noble purpose, and that application led me to the first prize of \$40,000 for the proposal to establish one of the first public libraries of Rwanda, possibly the first public library. Call it the Gahini Library Project.

The project is well underway. The Gahini diocese donated a building to serve as the library. Farotech Designs volunteered to build and host a Web site for the project: [www.GahiniLibrary.org](http://www.GahiniLibrary.org). The nonprofit Friends of Gahini has provided advice, assistance and tax-deductions for donors. The **SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise)** group at Eastern University has adopted this project as their own, along with a number of other students.

Young Rwandans are preparing to inherit a nation. Their education is centered on information technology, engineering and management but will they be able to recognize and reckon with the ethical dilemmas of such fields? Yes, Rwanda needs a new Shakespeare and more. It will need citizens. It needs its own philosophers to help consider and preserve the good. It needs historians telling their own history, poets to capture their common experiences. To have any of this, Rwanda needs lovers of words and thoughts; and for that Rwanda needs books.

## Honors College Student Receives SIMON FELLOWSHIP



The William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose is an award designed to recognize a college senior in pursuit of honor, generosity, service and respect. The purpose of the Simon Fellowship is to promote an appreciation for the moral and spiritual aspects of life for all. Previous recipients of the Simon Fellowship include students from the College of William and Mary, Harvard University, Princeton University, University of Michigan and Yale University. In the case of this year's prize, **Evan Hewitt's** winning proposal is to establish Rwanda's first public library. All the books will be collected through a donation campaign in the United States, then shipped to Rwanda where he will oversee the renovations of a building donated for the project, train a librarian, and inaugurate the institution with the help of the local government and Anglican diocese.



## Reflections on 9/11

*Presented at the Commemorative Candle Lighting Service by Senior **Brianna Hall**, president of the Student Government Association*

Every generation has a defining moment. For our great grandparents, it was WW1. For our grandparents it was the great depression, WW2, and Pearl Harbor. For our parents it was the civil rights movement, Woodstock, and Vietnam. For us, it was 9/11.

Ten years ago I was sitting in my 6th grade math class watching the TV. The first plane had just hit and as everyone frantically tried to figure out what was going on, I saw the second one slam into the south tower. Next came reports that a plane had hit the Pentagon and another one crashed in a field somewhere. In that moment, everyone sat there in stunned silence, not just in that class but also across the whole country.

Do you remember what you were doing that day? Do you remember what you were thinking? I remember asking my mom questions like, "If their religion says they should do it, who can stop them, and why would someone want to hurt us?" I remember for the first time feeling deeply unsafe. And wondering what would happen next.

We can ask who did it and why and how, but really the important thing to ask is "What do we do now?"

In an event that changed the world, how do we as a nation move forward, how do we allow it to shape us and change us?

As a nation, has it made us more loving, more charitable, more humble, more beautiful in the ways that we choose to live? As Christians has it made us more in the image of the living Christ? Or have we chosen a different path in its aftermath? Events like this change us and SHOULD change you. The question is how?

Every generation is defined by a moment. But for us, the meaning of that definition is still being decided. Partly by the last 10 years and partly by the years to come. So I have to ask again, how have we reacted? With violence or with love, with humility or with hubris, with a coming together or a tearing apart? After the great destruction, have we moved with the actions of a healing Gospel or a fearful world?

May we come to grips with whatever the last 10 years have made us, and may we choose that which holds the beauty of Christ over the next 10 years. May we no longer be fearful, but courageous in the truth of the Gospel.



## Ph.D. Student Works to Improve Life in Ecuador

**Catherine Sensenig** is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in the northern Andes of Ecuador as part of her doctoral studies. Catherine was given an opportunity to conduct an embedded case study on an NGO (non-governmental organization) biointensive organic agricultural project called “Tierra Viva” in Ecuador’s rural farming communities. Objectives include better nutrition and greater income as well as conservation of land and seeds through rational management of natural resources.

“Like the Ph.D. program in Organizational Leadership for which it is being done, Catherine’s dissertation is wonderfully interdisciplinary, bringing together the tools of anthropology with the literature of leadership in NGOs within the context of Latin American community development. We hope to further encourage and generate this kind of border-spanning work,” said **Dr. Tony Blair**, professor of Leadership Studies at Eastern.

The “Tierra Viva” project is a natural progression of Sensenig’s education and career. As a graduate student in a community psychology and social justice program, she studied the conditions of people living in the majority world and how NGO’s impact their lives and communities. Then, as a doctoral student exploring nonprofit organizational leadership, she became interested in the importance of effective leadership in working with people, understanding their needs and developing culturally-appropriate methods to carry out objectives. While completing Ph.D. courses, she taught sociology at a community college and is well-versed in the teaching of human interaction and group dynamics.

“Catherine’s dissertation flows out of her faith commitment. It is the result of intense academic inquiry and is directed toward improving life for those who have been marginalized,” said Dr. Blair. “It is a marvelous illustration of the integration of faith, reason and justice, themes that characterize our university.”



*Catherine (left) packs seeds for distribution.*

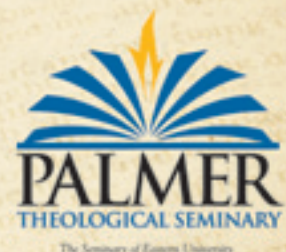
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The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) honored **Christina Jackson PhD, RN, PNP, AHN-BC** at their 31st annual conference with the 2011 Holistic Nurse of the Year Award. She was recognized for her contributions in furthering the practice of holistic nursing and bringing caring and healing to the forefront of nursing practice. Dr. Jackson is a professor of nursing at Eastern University, where she has taught since 1985.

"Helping patients with holistic approaches to healing is extremely rewarding as is teaching and modeling holistic philosophy to energize nurses who have begun to feel weary, isolated or cynical," she explains. Dr. Jackson has helped to advance holistic nursing practice through her numerous activities, teaching, research and publications. Her most recent article, "Back Pain in Children: A Holistic Approach to Diagnosis and Management," appears in the September/October 2011 issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Healthcare*. Since 2009, Dr. Jackson has been the associate editor for the professional journal *Holistic Nursing Practice: The Science of Health and Healing*. In addition, she serves as an editorial review panel member for the *Journal of Holistic Nursing*.

**Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen**, chair of the Psychology Department, was the featured speaker at the 2011 summer lecture series sponsored by the West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies in Leeds, U.K. Her lectures were based on her book, *A Sword Between the Sexes: C.S. Lewis and the Gender Debates* (Brazos Press, 2010).

**Jim Sauer**, director of the Warner Library, completed his third master's degree in April. He received a master of religion through a distance learning program with Reformed Theological Seminary. His thesis was "Friends of Narnia: C.S. Lewis Organizations as Instruments of Mere Christianity."

**Dr. Anne Francois** reports that her book, *Rewriting the Return of Africa: Voices of Francophone Caribbean Women Writers*, has been published and is available at Amazon.com.

In May, **Dr. Ruth Palmer**, associate professor of counseling psychology, was interviewed for the documentary film, *Through a Lens Darkly: Grief, Loss, and C.S. Lewis*. The film was written and directed by Amy Dallis and produced by Ensign Media in partnership with Christian History Institute.

Palmer Theological Seminary faculty member **Diane G. Chen** and Esperanza College Dean **Elizabeth Conde-Frazier** are contributors to *Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B, Featuring 22 New Holy Days for Justice* (Westminster John Knox Press). This work is unique in that it helps the preacher focus on the implications for social justice in every biblical reading in the *Revised Common Lectionary*. In addition, this series introduces *22 Holy Days for Justice*. These Days enlarge the church's awareness of God's call for justice and the many ways that call comes to the church and world today. Dr. Conde-Frazier



wrote the commentary for Christmas Day on passages from *Isaiah*, the *Psalms*, *Titus* and *Luke*. Professor Chen writes eloquently from *1 Samuel*, the *Psalms*, *Deuteronomy*, *2 Corinthians* and *Mark*. [www.wjkbooks.com](http://www.wjkbooks.com).

**Dr. Phillip Cary**, professor of philosophy, has published an article in *Confessions of Love: Ambiguities of Greek Eros and Latin Caritas*, editors Craig J.N. de Paulo et al. (New York: Peter Lang, 2011). His article is, "Love and Tears: Augustine's Project of Loving without Losing." Another article, "Philosophical and Religious Origins of the Private Inner Self," is in *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, (March 2011).

During his one-semester sabbatical, **Dr. Eric Flett**, associate professor of theology and culture, completed his book *Persons, Powers, and Pluralities: Toward a Trinitarian Theology of Culture*, which was released in April 2011 by Wipf and Stock in their Princeton Theological Monographs series. His book was endorsed by Jeremy Begbie at Duke Divinity School, Christian Smith at the University of Notre Dame and Paul Metzger at Multnomah Seminary. It was recently reviewed in the journals *American Theological Inquiry* and *Colloquium*. He reviewed William T. Cavanaugh's book *Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire* (Eerdmans, 2008) for the journal *Cultural Encounters*. The review will be published this fall, along with a review his wife **JoAnn Flett**, lecturer in business in EU's Business Department, did on Jeff Van Duzer's book *Why Business Matters To God: And What Still Needs to Be Fixed*.

**Dr. Mike McFee**, associate professor of counseling psychology, presented a paper at CAPS International Conference in Indianapolis, in April. The title of the paper was "Translating EFT to Christian Psychology." Emotion Focused Therapy illustrates exciting developments in both attachment theory and emotion science. This model provides a map for utilizing experiential methods for change, yet is entrenched in a humanistic and existential worldview. The presentation explores how Christian practitioners translate key techniques into a Christian worldview while maintaining the integrity of the theoretical model.

**Dr. Al Tizon**, associate professor of holistic ministry at Palmer Seminary, taught a class in social ethics and mission at St. Frumentius Theological College, an institution of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Ethiopia this summer. Dr. Tizon is also director of the Word and Deed Network of the Evangelicals for Social Action.

**Dr. Lindy Backues MBA '93**, co-chair of the Business Department and associate professor of economic development, returned to Indonesia this summer to follow up on missions work he began there 15 years ago. In the city of Yogyakarta he met with officials from Interfidei, an interfaith organization trying to promote cooperation and understanding between Muslims and Christians. The director there is excited about providing internships for Eastern students. Dr. Backues also met with a community empowerment artist collective called Taring Padi who are eager to explore ways they can work with groups from the Philadelphia area (like Mural Arts). Eastern alumni **Daniel '99** and **Jeanne (Zimmerly) Jantzi '99** are Mennonite Central Committee representatives to Indonesia, and **Nick Armstrong '89** is an Indonesian country representative for Christian Reformed World Relief Committee.

## EU NAMED TO GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP CLUB

Eastern University has been awarded membership in the 2011 Green Power Leadership Club by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Robyn Liska, Green Power Partnership Account Manager, said, "By meeting the Leadership Club clean energy purchase requirements, Eastern University has again joined an elite group of Green Power Partners who are demonstrating exemplary environmental leadership."

The Green Power Leadership Club's purchase requirements are ten times the purchase requirements for the Green Power Partnership. Eastern University has been a member of this prestigious Leadership Club since 2004, based on its commitment to wind energy at the St. Davids campus. In addition, Eastern now produces clean energy from solar panels on the roof of the Eagle Learning Center at St. Davids. These panels produce from 10-20% of the Eagle Learning Center's electricity each day.







Our @eastern e-newsletter has won a 2011 APEX Award of Excellence in the 23rd Annual Competition for Communications Professionals. There were more than 3,300 entries from across the country, from corporations, universities, nonprofits and other organizations. We are in good company! Other winners in our category include the American Institute of CPAs in NY, the Secaucus Public Schools in NJ, the PA Breast Cancer Coalition, and several professional communications consulting firms.



## COMMUNION SERVICE



A Holy Communion Service at the St. Davids campus was lead by Archbishop Malkhaz Songulashvili from Tbilisi, Georgia. He is the Presiding Archbishop of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia and senior pastor of the Cathedral Baptist Church in Tbilisi. A gifted author, Archbishop Malkhaz has written textbooks of Old and New Testament stories approved by the Georgian Ministry of Education and translated scripture into modern Georgian language for the United Bible Societies.

## MICROBIOLOGY AWARD

**Aiswarya Thomas** (right), daughter of **Phillip Thomas M.B.A. '95**, adjunct professor in the department of Business, placed first in Microbiology at the Pennsylvania State finals for the PA Junior Academy of Sciences. Her project was entitled *A Study of Sunblock and Its Role in Harboring E. coli Bacteria*. Aiswarya worked under the direction of **Dr. Maria Fichera**, chair of biology.



## HELPING RADNOR LIBRARY



Eastern University student **Kendel Jackson** (from left) presents a check for \$500 to Radnor Library Executive Director Kathy Mulroy and Stephen Paolantunio, President of the Board of Trustees of Radnor Library. On hand for the presentation was **Bettie Ann Brigham '74**, Vice President for Student Development at Eastern University. Students in the Eastern University Leadership Fellows program raised the money at a car wash held earlier this year in Wayne.

## VFMC VISIT

On May 13, Valley Forge Military College Cadet Joshua Negron (left) and Cadet Sydney Estes (right) visited Eastern University and invited **President David Black** to the VFMC graduation. Dr. Black spent time with Col. Church, USMCR, President of VFMC, and the cadets to review how each institution could best serve one another.



## New Look and Partnership for Athletics



Eastern University Athletics has a new visual identity package and an agreement to make Under Armour the official outfitter for the entire department. With the four-year agreement, Eastern becomes one of the first Division III schools to sign an all-sport agreement with Under Armour.

Eastern Athletic Director **Brad Fields** said, "As one of the world's fastest growing and most recognizable brands, Under Armour continues to turn heads with its growth and success, and thus we felt was a good match for where we are heading."

The decision for Under Armour became clear as the department explored options of companies that would be able to serve the needs of all teams and provide a level of service and availability that would equip Eastern programs to succeed at the next level.

A new visual identity package was a primary goal for Fields in his first year at the helm of the department.

The process of creating the new brand was a lengthy one. The eight-member committee worked closely with Francis Santaquilani of FS Designs over a six-month period to identify goals of the visual identity program and to work out the details of the package. The committee sought to build a family of logos that would be distinctive and project the qualities of integrity, focus, determination, passion, purpose and excellence.

The new package presents a variety of graphic options to represent the teams and programs in the department. Fields presented key elements of the design at the department's honors banquet. The response from the nearly 300 student-athletes was overwhelmingly positive.

The goal of both initiatives was to bring about cohesiveness and unity, and Fields believes that the uniformity across the department will lead to a strengthening of all their programs.



# Class Notes

## 1950's

**Patricia (Ling) Magdamo '53, MRE '55** has been retired for 12 years and is enjoying spending time with her six grandchildren. Before retiring, she taught at a university in the Philippines (her husband's homeland), but came home in order to pursue her doctorate, which she earned from Columbia University. She worked with the American Baptist Churches Division of Communication and later with the Board of International Ministries. In 1988, she took a position with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia as the vice president. Pat currently attends the Valley Forge Presbyterian Church. She has many wonderful memories of Eastern including being part of a small women's group. Pat worked in the Registrar's office and remembers preparing transcripts in photo chemical baths using the enormous bathtub the Waltons had made for President Taft's visit to their estate.

**Neal Bigham '56** attended the Graduate Intern Program of U.C. Berkley and taught high school English and drama in San Mateo, CA. He previously served as president of the District Teachers Association. Neal's activities include UNITY, Church of Religious Science of Mind, reading non-fiction, Scientific American Mind, and singing in barbershop quartets. He was a member of B's Harmony Society for 39 years. Neal's memories of Eastern include touring with the college choir and managing the snack bar in the Log Cabin.

**Tony Campolo '56** is married to **Margaret "Peggy" (Davidson) Campolo '58**. Tony received his PhD from Temple University, and is the Founder and President of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He is also a professor emeritus at Eastern. Tony attends the American Baptist Church, and he enjoys creating programs for at-risk children in third world countries and in cities

across North America. His favorite memories of Eastern include playing basketball.

**Edward Heist '56** earned a MS from the University of Scranton in educational psychology, and a BD from Andover Newton Theological School. He has served three churches in Pennsylvania, and after retiring in 1996, he served seven interims. Edward belongs to the First Baptist Church of Woodlawn in Aliquippa, PA, where he is a pastor emeritus. He enjoys reading and gardening. Edward's favorite memories of Eastern include spiritual vision week with Roger Fredrickson, being president of student council in 1956, and many lasting friendships.

**James Meek '56** was married May 15, 2010, to Beverly Meek after the loss of his first wife, Martie, in 2007. James has served as a field minister for the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, the secretary/treasurer for the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce, and coordinator of a Together in Ministry group. He is a member of the American Baptist Parish of North Creek, NY and enjoys collecting stamps. His favorite memories of Eastern include **Dr. Lee Allen's** history classes, the basketball team, and rooming with **Tony Campolo '56**.

**Marcel Remy '56** lost his wife, Mary Louise Perkins Remy, on December 22, 2009. Marcel is a retired teacher from the Philadelphia School District and a member of the Union Baptist Temple in Atlantic City, NJ. He enjoys reading. One of Marcel's favorite memories of Eastern was when some of his dormitory friends threw him his first birthday party.

**John Ruth '56** has published six books on Mennonite history and just completed a memoir, with two new books in progress. He is a member of the Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville, PA. John occasionally speaks at historical anniversaries, and is a board member of two historical associations. One of John's favorite memories of Eastern

was when he moderated a social event the night that Hurricane Hazel hit.

**Andrew F. "Fred" Thompson '56** completed work for his MDiv at Regent College in Vancouver. While teaching at Trinity Western University, he won an award for excellence in teaching. Fred serves as chairman of the English Dept. at Prairie Bible College. He has been a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Abbotsford for 20 years where he was an elder. Fred is also a visual artist (watercolor and pastel) and was a leader of the Federation and Canadian Artists (local chapter). His great memories of Eastern are all centered on his friends **Skip Baker '55**, **Willard Everitt MDiv '60**, **Dr. Sayles**, **Pat Codman '57**, and **Diane Krikorian**.

**Marylou (Bailey) Wheeler '56** is married to **Harold Wheeler PTS '45**, who has been in Christian ministry for many years. She is on the Christian Education Committee at New Hope Baptist Church of Dexter, ME. Marylou enjoys cross stitching, correspondence, and yard sales. Her favorite memories of Eastern include sharing talks with her roommate, **Mary (Stotsenburg) Allen '56**, her Christian education classes with **Dr. Alessi**, and music classes with **Esther Todd Stevenson**.

**Clement Neal '59** has served as a new church development pastor in California, Hawaii, and New York. Clem also served as a facility planning consultant for National Ministries with ABC/USA and worked as a capital fundraising consultant. Clem is now retired. He owns two Studebaker cars and is on the board for the Studebaker Family Association. He is also the board president for the Habitat for Humanity Re-Stor Recycling Project. He is active in his church and edits their newsletter. Clem enjoys traveling and do-it-yourself projects. Clem fondly remembers rooming with his classmates, especially **Milt Ryder '59** and **George Daniels '59**.

# Class Notes

## 1960's

**Vinton Ash '61** served as an organist and choir director with his Presbyterian Church for 20 years, and taught math at Lower Merion Schools for 21 years. He worked at Harrisburg Community College for five years. Vinton enjoys decorating his friends' homes. His favorite memories of Eastern include singing in the college choir and living one year in the dorm with the 1961 class representative **Calvin Best '61**.

**Judith (Shankle) Bartine '61** is married to **Dave Bartine '59**. Judith earned her Master's Degree in music from the University of Tennessee. She taught at a community college as well as Knoxville College, and has served as a director of music in several churches. She gives private piano and voice lessons. Judith attends the Riverside Presbyterian Church, and enjoys music, fitness, yoga, and bridge. Her favorite memories of Eastern include painting the rock, friends, choir, and the beauty of the campus.

**Calvin Best '61** has served as a captain in the Air Force, an insurance claims supervisor, and a computer guru. He has worked with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and as the manager of a Little League baseball team. Cal enjoys wood-working, home repairs, model railroading, and gardening. His favorite memories of Eastern include basketball games in the new gym.

**Nancy (Chilcoat) Fagan '61** earned her M.Ed. from Temple University, and worked as an elementary reading specialist for 31 years. She attends Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA, and enjoys traveling, reading, and knitting. Her favorite memory from Eastern is the close-knit community.

**Samuel Hill '61** is married to **Gail (Reckless) Hill '63**. Sam earned his Ph.D. in General Psychology from SUNY at Albany and taught Psychology at Eastern for two years before

teaching at The Sage Colleges in Troy, NY for 37 years. He served as department chair for 14 years and won the Sage Distinguished Professor Award. Sam attends Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany, NY, and is chair of the board of trustees. He enjoys golf, bridge, stamp collecting, visiting his grandchildren, and traveling. His favorite memories of Eastern include the beautiful campus, his favorite professors, sports and **Coach Byron**, Rungs, KAG, and the Wayne Diner.

**Ronald Hogeland '61** attended Princeton before earning his Ph.D. from the University of California. He has had several books published, including *The Vicinity of God* in 2011. He enjoys tennis, reading, and collecting wooden ramp-walkers. His favorite memories of Eastern include the Rungs, and the theme song *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*.

**Donna (Comstock) Ince '61** is a retired teacher who specialized in teenagers and adults with learning disabilities. For the last six years, Donna has worked at a district office helping to guide reading. She has been a student of yoga for 25 years, and an avid sea kayaker. She enjoys gardening, reading, and volunteer tutoring. Her favorite memories from Eastern include her great friends, Intro to Literature, Shakespeare class, and the beautiful surroundings.

**Harold Johnson '61** earned his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and was ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia

in 1964. He served as a pastor in northern NJ for 40 years and retired in 2003. He continues to volunteer part-time within the Newton Presbytery in NJ, and provides leadership to a 15-year international mission partnership between Newton and Kenya PCEA. Harold serves as the president of trustees for the Boonton Main Street Organization, which revitalizes the historic business district in Boonton, NJ where he resides. In 2010 he received the Boonton Citizen of the Year Award, and he frequently travels within the US and abroad. His favorite memories from Eastern include the camaraderie and competition in intercollegiate sports, and choosing with his teammates to drive to West Philly for Jim and Millie's cheesesteaks and shakes over the family-style dinner in the dining hall.

**Jean (Bartholomew) Kim '61** worked at Eastern as a professor of chemistry from 1971-1989 and as Academic VP from 1981-1989. She has served as the executive director for the Board of Educational Ministries for American Baptist Churches from 1989-2001. Jean is a member of Grace Baptist Church in Blue Bell, PA, where she serves on the Missions Board. She previously served as the chair of the board of Christian education.

**Nancy Lee Mack '61** worked as assistant editor of *Missions Magazine*, assistant professor of communications at Bacone College, for the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for study at the

### ALUM RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S AWARD

**Tim O'Donnell '08**, president of the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA), received a Special Governor's Award from the National Solid Wastes Management Association. PWIA represents private-sector waste haulers, recyclers and landfill operators. An Altoona native, he holds a B.S. in mining engineering from Penn State and an MBA from Eastern University. The award, which was given for O'Donnell's five-year record of outstanding service as PWIA president, was presented in May.



# Class Notes



University of Michigan and Northern Arizona University, as a communications specialist, and as a board member for the Montgomery Library District. Nancy spent 17 years working with Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries and was the recipient of the 2001 Patricia A. Dobbins Memorial Award for Library Service. She has also served as a Smithsonian traveling exhibits coordinator. Nancy enjoys doing research into the Christian heritage of her early Pennsylvania family, writing, and photography. She also enjoys travelling to American Indian communities, the Holy Land, China, Russia, Europe, and to visit former students. Her favorite memories of Eastern include going out to churches with the Gospel Teams, Sadie Hawkins Day, May Day, and Fall Banquets.

**Robert Moffitt '61, M.Div. '64**, served 26 years on active duty as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. Robert is retired and serves as an interim minister for Fairhope Christian and Pensacola First Christian Church. Robert enjoys looking through his family history and gardening. His favorite memories of Eastern include **Lee Allen's** history class, **Joel Anderson's** speech class, **Joe Bowman's** fine art class, **Bob Stinn's** class on the *Book of Proverbs*, and being told by Bob Stinn "You have to take fine arts or you'll not graduate."

**Edgar A. Moore '61** is married to **Cherrie (Ginther) Moore '62**. Edgar earned his Ph.D. in health care, and worked as a certified speech/language pathologist for the ASHA for 40 years. He worked as a fellow with the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging for ten years, and spent four years as a First Lieutenant in the US Air Force. Edgar has served in the bass section of Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational church choirs. His favorite memories of Eastern include operating the snack bar in the Log Cabin and going to Chinatown to eat.

**Beverly (Clark) Morris '61** earned her master's degree in counseling from Marshall University Graduate School, and her lay ministry

degree with American Baptist Churches. She works as a tutor in an after school program, and as a chaplain at Medical Center in Ohio where she lives. Beverly is the choir director and organist of the Faith Lutheran Church where she teaches weekly Bible Study and adult Sunday school. Beverly enjoys traveling, and has been to Ireland, the Canadian Rockies, and England, among other places. Her favorite memories of Eastern include making good friends and being able to talk one-on-one to her professors.

**Margaret (Fry) Shickley '61** earned her M.S.L.S. from Clarion University in 1991 and spent seven years as the librarian at Manahath School of Theology. She then served 16 years as technical services librarian at Lancaster Bible College. Margaret attends Tri-City Baptist Church in Westminster, CO. She enjoys reading, needlework, cryptograms, and music. Her favorite memories of Eastern include working in the library with **Miss Ethel Klingerman** when it was in Walton Hall.

**Kathy Shope '61** is married to **Donald Shope '62**. She received her master's degree in learning disabilities from Rowan University. Previously, she worked as an educational diagnostician and on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. Kathy attends Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville, SC, and participates with the Chancel Choir and as an alternate organist/pianist. Her favorite memories from Eastern include 'studying' at Valley Forge, spring time on Eastern's campus, the musical *Salute to Rogers and Hammerstein*, and her husband Don singing *This Nearly Was Mine*.

**Paul Vigyikan '61** earned his M.A. in sociology from Western Reserve University in 1963, and his MSW from Case Western Reserve University in 1971. He has published two books. Paul serves as a tenor soloist and choir member at local churches and temples in Cleveland and Buffalo, NY. He enjoys using his home recording studio, traveling, birding, and working as a guide at a nature preserve. His favorite memo-

ries of Eastern include a social gathering in the Log Cabin with his classmates.

**Gordon Andersen '64** lives in Ocean Park, ME. This past August, he and his wife, Marietta, celebrated their 45th anniversary. For six months out of the year, Gordon works at the Waves Ocean Front Resort. He and Marietta are members of the Sea Strokes Decorative Painters and Gordon enjoys caning old chairs. The Andersens are members of the First Parish Congregation Church in Saco, ME where Gordon does interim preaching on occasion. Gordon's most cherished memory from his time at Eastern was meeting Marietta.

**Theresa (Hickling) Church '66** is married to **Roy Church '65**. Until her retirement, Theresa worked at the public library in Wabash, IN, for 21 years as the system and circulation manager. Theresa enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, decorating, and reading. Her favorite memories of Eastern include meeting her husband and the night that classes and finals were postponed due to a snowstorm, so everyone hung out at the gym, talking and playing basketball.

**Susan (Trotter) Cianci '66** and her husband Nick are retired and living in FL. Susan was a teacher for 32 years in Great Valley School District in Malvern, PA, and taught first grade for 21 years. Susan belongs to Village View Community Church, and serves as a greeter. Her favorite memories of Eastern include classes with **Tony Campolo '56**, sunning on the roof of the dorms, and walks around the beautiful campus.

**Richard Field '66** has served as an adjunct professor at Saint Mary's University, a research associate at Gorsebrook Research Institute, and a member of the scientific committee of the Greenlines Institute. He enjoys basketball, gardening, reading, traveling, and working with at-risk youth. His favorite memories of Eastern include the great professors, the beautiful campus, and his 1966 classmates.



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**Edwin Flexer '66** is married to **Karen (Haviland) Flexer '66**. Edwin is semi-retired from 42 years of full-time ministry which included 15 years in the Philadelphia Baptist Association overseeing new church development. He is serving his third Interim Pastor position at First Baptist Church Mount Holly, NJ. Edwin is a member of Seaview Baptist Church in Linwood, NJ, and enjoys photography and wood-carving. His favorite memories of Eastern include meeting Karen, Gospel Team with **Bill Zulkner '53**, having **Tony Campolo '56** as his advisor, his roommate **Marty Nelson**, and the Senior Sneak to Blue Ridge Mountain.

**Cyril Johnston '66** retired from pastoring and doing several kinds of ministry, including music, preaching, life coaching, and retreat leadership. He lives on a farm in the hills of West Virginia. Cyril has soloed in many major oratorios and other works, and has written several hymns. Additionally, he has published a choral anthem, and continues to perform, compose, and record. He is an interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Buckhannon, WV. Cyril enjoys farming, house repairs, and model trains. His favorite memories of Eastern include meeting Mary Jane, choir tours to Puerto Rico and Haiti, and voice lessons with Frosty Anderson.

**Alice "Candy" (Crockett) Rutter '66** is retired after teaching French and Spanish for 29 years. Candy is a member of the Southern Baptist Church where she is a Prayer Ministry Team leader and Sunday school teacher for Hispanic Missions. She is an area coordinator for Moms In Touch International, and participates in mission trips to Honduras, Mexico, and Guatemala. Her favorite memories of Eastern include friendships made in the dormitories, cheerleading, basketball games, and Alpha Sigma Phi.

**John E. Simpson '66** served three northern counties of New Hampshire for in-job training and economic development. He enjoys doing biblical and historical research. John's favorite memories of Eastern include finding his wife Terry, and his friendships with Al and Murray.

## EU ALUM WRITES BOOK ON DRUG-FREE APPROACH TO ADHD



**Nicky Ockeloen-VanValkenburgh '87** has written *Train Your Brain, Transform Your Life: Conquer ADHD In 60 Days, Without Ritalin*. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a behavioral disorder that affects up to 1 in 20 children in America (according to World Psychiatry, 2003.) Other statistics suggest that 4 out of 6 adults have ADHD (USA Today, 2011.)

The "brain training" is called the ALERT 60-day home-based brain training program, and it promises to help you conquer Attention Deficit Disorder, with or without hyperactivity. It's used by children and adults, and it's a natural alternative to drugs such as Ritalin, Dexedrine and Adderall.

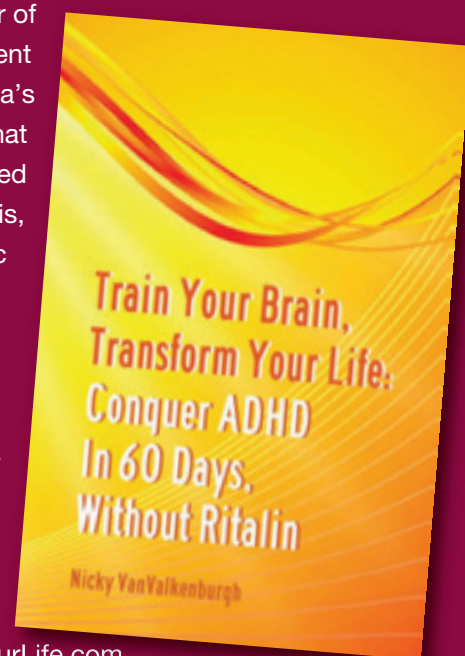
"The system uses mild flashing lights and synchronized heartbeat sounds. It's audio-visual and it works to stabilize, fine tune, and normalize brainwaves," contends VanValkenburgh, who majored in psychology at Eastern.

VanValkenburgh explains that her brain training system teaches the Rhythm of Peak Performance, which was discovered by UCLA neuroscientist Dr. Barry Stermann. "It's the rhythm of a person who is optimally listening, focusing, remembering, tuning out distractions, and getting things done."

Her brain training system was invented by a school psychologist, Michael Joyce, and a technician, Dave Siever, who also manufactures the device in Canada for Mind Alive, Inc. VanValkenburgh is a licensed retailer of the brain training system.

VanValkenburgh, who is a wife and mother of two boys, has fond memories of being a student at Eastern. She says, "Taking Dr. Marty Shalitta's Senior Thesis class gave me the foundation that I needed to write this book. Dr. Shalitta is retired now, but she taught us how to develop a thesis, test it, and support our research with scientific references."

After Eastern, VanValkenburgh earned her master's degree in journalism at Regent University, and has been writing for newspapers and magazines ever since. Her new book was voted "Outstanding Self-Improvement Book of 2011" by the Mom's Choice Awards and "Best Motivational Book" by the Reader's Favorite Awards. It is available at online retailers and [www.TrainYourBrainTransformYourLife.com](http://www.TrainYourBrainTransformYourLife.com)



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**John Taylor '66** has served pastorates in the United Methodist Church for 39 years. He retired from active service in 2002, and is now finishing eight years as an interim pastor at Mountville UMC in Lebanon, PA. He serves as President of Erma Camp Meeting in Cape May, NJ. John enjoys fishing and riding his motorcycle and is a member of two motorcycle clubs, The Christian Motorcyclist Association, and The Eastern Pennsylvania Retreads. His favorite memories of Eastern include meeting with his fellow commuting students for coffee, and his encounters with **Dr. George Claghorn BD '44**, **Dr. Ruth '56**, **Dr. Tony Campolo '56**, **Dr. John Thomas EBTS '41**, and **Dr. Grigollia**.

**Kent Walmsley '66** has been a pastor at Hope Memorial Baptist Church in Camden, NJ, for the past 23 years. Kent is a founding member of Camden Churches Organized for People, as well as Cramerhill Community Development Corporation. His favorite memories of Eastern include meeting in the Log Cabin and basketball games.

IN MEMORIAM **William J. Eberwein '68**: On April 1, 2011, the offices of Children's

Choice in Bellmawr, NJ were dedicated and named Rev. Dr. William J. Eberwein, Sr. Administrative and Training Center in ceremonies at the site. Dr. Eberwein, who went home to be with the Lord September 30, 2010, co-founded Children's Choice, a private nonprofit foster care and adoption agency.

**Melissa McBain '69** recently debuted a solo stage production at the *Philly Fringe 2011*. The show, entitled *Going Back Naked*, tells the story of her mother. It was shown in the historic Plays and Players Studio Theater in Philadelphia, just steps away from her mother's former residence in Rittenhouse Square.

## 1970's

**Gary Alnor '71** recently retired from a career in public education. He spent 35 years at Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne, NJ where he taught history, sociology, and was a guidance counselor and administrator. He attended Grace Church in Ridgewood for 20 years where he served as a Sunday school teacher, superintendent and deacon. He now

attends Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC. Gary is a hospice volunteer and enjoys traveling, working on his home, and spending time with his grandchildren. He says, "Eastern was truly one of the best things that ever happened to me... Great friends, including my roommate **Charlie Dimsha '71**, challenging classes - especially **Tony Campolo's '56**, everyday life in the dorm and dining hall, and special times like Homecoming (I was Class President), painting the Rock, and Senior Sneak."

**Carol (Cuffe) Anzelmo '71** has supported Catholic primary and secondary education throughout her career. She attends St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Parish where she is a member of the Parish Council and a funeral lunch baker. Carol enjoys yoga and reading. Carol's favorite memories of Eastern include the beauty of the campus, getting to know and be known by all her instructors because of how small the school was, and the close relationships she formed with her classmates and teachers.

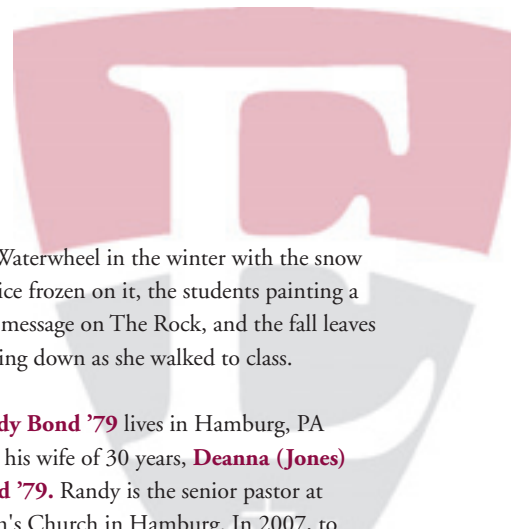
**George Blank '71** is retired from the Presbyterian Church, and retired from Bell Labs. He is a professor of computer science at NJIT. Formerly, he was a certified management accountant and project management professional. He enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. George's favorite memories of Eastern include hearing a woman student with a spectacular voice practicing *Oh Jerusalem* one afternoon in Walton Hall.

**Albert "Bill" Clayton '71** received his M.Ed. from Beaver College and works as Vice President of Corporate Training for a financial nonprofit. He attends Grace Episcopal Church where he is a vestry/lay minister. His hobbies include photography, fly fishing, and long-distance cycling. Bill's memories from Eastern include Hainer Hall, wearing a tie for dinner, and painting The Rock.

**Richard Loudon '71** is married to **Karen (Sprague) Loudon '71**. Richard served eight years in the US Air Force as a navigator. He earned his MBA, and worked for Specialty



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Minerals Inc. for 28 years, before retiring in 2009. He is active in his church, and volunteers in community service projects. Richard enjoys playing tennis. His favorite memories of Eastern include many hours in the chemistry lab.

**Dave '71** and **Jean (Morse) McIntire '71**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in May. Dave works as an administrator at First Presbyterian Church in Moorestown, NJ. Jean retired from teaching music in the Haverford, PA School District this past June. Jean also teaches in the Music Department at Eastern.

**Stan Murray '71** and wife **Marty (Bowman) Murray '71** have four grown children, all of whom were adopted from Japan. They also have three grandchildren and are raising one of them. The Murrays served with International Ministries ABC in Japan as missionaries for 22 years. Stan is now the area director for SE Asia/Japan. They are members of the Royersford Baptist Church and their hobbies include traveling, family gatherings, swimming, gardening, and motorcycle riding.

**Douglas Scott '71** was in nonprofit fundraising development and is the director of leadership gifts at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He is a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and his memories of Eastern include friends and faculty.

**Donald Beck '72** was recently inducted into the Hatboro-Horhsam High School Hall of Fame, due to his business accomplishments. Don is the author of the book *Down to Earth Landlording* and owns Debek Management Co., oversees Multi-Media Productions, Legend Travel Services Inc., and MMP-ATM Inc.

**Gretchen (Sayles) Dunneman '74** and her husband Reg traveled up and down the east coast and in the mid-west with their music ministry. To find out more or to read their newsletter, check out [www.thedunnemans.net/](http://www.thedunnemans.net/). **Shelly (Lamkin) Bell '76** is a sales/marketing manager at R&M International Corp. Shelly attends Abington Presbyterian Church and

enjoys writing, bird watching, and travel. Shelly's memories of Eastern include painting The Rock, Spring Fling, and film class with **Dr. Cherry**.

**Lauren Casey '76** earned a master's degree. She attends a Methodist church, and her favorite memories of Eastern include her friendship with her dorm mates.

**David Thomson '76** is engaged to **Dorothy Lowery '76**. They reunited 34 years after graduation. David is retired from GM. He attends Village Baptist Church. His favorite memories of Eastern include assuming the role of "teacher" with **Dr. Genco** on the basketball court. Dorothy is a licensed psychologist who works as a school psychologist and counselor. She also has a private practice at Wayne Counseling Center, and works with cadets at Valley Forge Military Academy. She received the Terry Muzzy Award. Her favorite memories of Eastern include American Literature class with **Dr. Ruth '56** and working on the school newspaper. David and Dorothy enjoy tennis, golf, literature, theater, and travel.

**Thomas Tomlinson '76** returned to active service as the director of the Department of Spirituality three years after retiring from full-time ordained ministry with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2005. He has restored several historic homes in PA and NJ, and collects, restores and exhibits vintage garments in FL where he lives. His favorite memories of Eastern include his plaid bell-bottoms, his platform shoes, and his mutton-chop side-burns, as pictured in the yearbook

**Kristel (Delp) Tomlinson '76** has been working as a vocational special education teacher since 1999. She attends St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and her hobbies include collecting, repairing and selling antique dolls from the 19th and early 20th centuries. She is a member of Central Pennsylvania Doll Collectors Club and United Federation of Doll Clubs. Her memories of Eastern include

the Waterwheel in the winter with the snow and ice frozen on it, the students painting a new message on The Rock, and the fall leaves floating down as she walked to class.

**Randy Bond '79** lives in Hamburg, PA with his wife of 30 years, **Deanna (Jones) Bond '79**. Randy is the senior pastor at Zion's Church in Hamburg. In 2007, to celebrate his 25 years of service, the congregation surprised him by holding church in an "undisclosed location" and sending him on a hunt to find it. He was then asked to re-create one of his most famous children's sermons. Randy also began woodworking recently and the church gifted him with tools for his 25th anniversary celebration. At Eastern, he enjoyed being a part of Turning Point, creating an obstacle course through **Eric Sortore's '79** tube tent, and getting to know his roommate and good friend.

**David Ray '79** recently began working with the Points of Light Institute as the chief of strategy and public policy. Points of Light "inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world." Ray earned a Master's Certificate in International Development from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts in religion from Western Kentucky University. Ray served as a volunteer rebuilding houses destroyed by a hurricane in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He worked and traveled extensively throughout Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe. Ray lives in Atlanta with his wife, **Gail Vogels '79**, a nationally-recognized artist.

**Evelyn (Shegog) Stupp '76** is an ordained United Methodist pastor and a licensed marriage and family therapist. She works as a hospice chaplain. Evelyn's hobbies include walking and collecting *Peanuts* memorabilia, and lighthouses. Her favorite memories of Eastern include the beauty of the campus, and the professors and staff who nurtured and challenged her to grow in knowledge and faith.

# Class Notes

## Birth Announcements



80's  
90's  
2000's  
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*The Eagle's Nest* at  
[www.alumni.eastern.edu](http://www.alumni.eastern.edu)

**Paul '97** and **Joy (Poelma) Bronkhorst '98** welcomed daughter Maiya Joy July 13, 2011.

**Rob '08** and **Katie (Brenneman) Caruso '06** welcomed son Caleb Robert August 23, 2011.

**Sarah (Clayton) Coakley '02** and husband Matthew welcomed daughter Rebekah Grace November 2, 2010.

**David Coyle '98** and wife Kim welcomed son Blake Patrick June 14, 2011.

**Mike '01, MBA '05** and **Lori (Anderson) Dziedziak '01, MA '07**, welcomed son Andrew Paul July 12, 2011.

**Doug '00** and **Kathryn (Sale) Eagles '01** welcomed son Noah Christopher March 7, 2011.

**Dave '99** and **Michelle (Nuss) Forsythe '02** welcomed son Carter James Forsythe June 1, 2011.

**Raymond '00, M.Div. '08**, and **Michelle (Thomas) Garcia CCGPS '09** welcomed son Nathan Michael March 28, 2011.

**Rick Hansen '98** and wife Stephanie welcomed son Benjamin Peter July 24, 2011.

**Kyle '07** and **Sara (Helinsky) Herman '05** welcomed son Maxwell Aiden May 31, 2011.

**Elijah '06** and **Erin (Bond) Jung '05** recently welcomed daughter Heidi SunAh.

**Eric Keller '96** and wife Heather welcomed son Malachi Paul May 16, 2011.

**Joshua '98** and **Karryn (Del Manto) Loveland '99** welcomed son Zachary.

**Lori (Billups) Marston '04** and husband Rodney welcomed son Coen.

**Bradford '98** and **LeAnn (Ludwig) Miles '98** recently welcomed daughter Aliyah Faith.

**Jim '03** and **Leah (Welding) Mulhearn '03** welcomed daughter Violet Frances.

**John '98** and **Lynette (Hoy) Mullins '99** welcomed daughter Sophie Elizabeth July 19, 2011.

**Chris Nickels '97** and wife Sarah welcomed son Benjamin Thomas July 27, 2011.

**Luanna (Garcia) Palazzolo '98** and husband Phil welcomed daughter Alessandra Sophia July 20, 2011.

**Amy (McGranahan) Schaeffer '96** and husband Chris welcomed son Aaron Christopher April 9, 2010.

**Elliott '08** and **Rachel (Stephan) Simko '05** welcomed daughter Gwendolyn Shiloh June 21, 2011.

**Derek '05** and **Stacey (Nelson) Smith '05** welcomed daughter Kyra Jade.

**Nathaniel '05** and **Marianne (Behnke) Stutzman '05** welcomed daughter Maleah.

**Graham Thorpe '01** and wife Deanna welcomed daughter Libby.

**Carleen (Layman) Wenger '98** and husband Evan welcomed son Owen Burl September 11, 2011.

**David '01** and **Julie (Schrock) Wicklund '01** welcomed daughter Ellie in May 2011.

**Brandon '05** and **Rebecca "C.C." (Smith) Zimmerman '08** welcomed daughter Anastasia Alberta April 16, 2011.

## In Memory

**Martha (Riesen) Metcalf '60**

**William J. Eberwein '68**

**Professor Terry Weathersby**



# Class Notes

Devcon® Security, the 13th largest home security monitoring



and business alarm company in the U.S. has named **Michael Murray '10** general manager of its Sacramento branch. Murray joined Devcon Security in 2011 after working for four years in management at MW Investments, Inc. Murray earned a bachelor's degree in business from Eastern University. He currently lives in Roseville, CA.

## Alum Creates Web Site for the Socially Conscious Shopper

Last December **Lindsey Markelz '04** scoured the Internet for unique and meaningful gifts. Frustrated with buying the standard gifts for family, she started searching for more charitable options. Lindsey searched for charities that sell products to generate support for their work, an appealing hybrid of traditional Christmas gift exchange plus the meaningful notion of supporting charitable work around the world.



She soon realized that there are many charities selling products, a wide variety of items supporting everything from cancer research to feeding children in the rural villages of Africa. She was inspired to make these products easily accessible to the public.

Her Web site, [www.CharityGiftMarket.com](http://www.CharityGiftMarket.com), acts as an online marketplace for charities, inviting 501(c)3 charities to post the products that they sell and providing one site for an easy shopping experience. Shoppers can see the charities, the products they sell, and what that purchase will support. 100% of net proceeds for every purchase goes back to the charity.

Browsing on CharityGiftMarket.com, you'll find beautiful purses made by survivors of slavery and sex trafficking, necklaces made by women in Kenya to support their children through school, or a water bottle that provides 25 years of clean water for five people.

With each purchase, CharityGiftMarket sends a printable card that explains the gift to the recipient, inviting them to read the story behind their gift.

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS and SCIENCES GRADUATION REPORT CLASS OF 2010

Of the most recent traditional  
undergraduate graduating class,

**98%**

are involved in post-graduate education, working,  
full-time volunteers, or not looking within  
**six months** of graduation.\*

*\*180 members of the class responded.*

**69%**  
are working

**6%**  
are full-time  
VOLUNTEERS



**23%**  
are in graduate school  
or post-graduate education

Of those working, **2/3** are employed in a field  
directly related to their majors.

### Quotes from the Class of 2010

I AM WORKING AS A  
MARKETING CONSULTANT  
IN THE INTERNET STRATEGY  
DEPARTMENT. MY KNOWLEDGE  
FROM COURSES AT EASTERN  
WAS A HUGE HELP.

I am teaching in a gifted  
program at a christian  
elementary school and  
I am loving it.

I'm living in Spain where I am  
teaching English to children  
between ages 3 and 12.

I'm working at  
Big Brothers Big Sisters,  
a job that came out of  
an internship that I did for  
them while I was at Eastern.

**I AM IN INDIA**  
working with a group that  
rescues women and children  
from the red light districts  
of Eurasia.

I have a wonderful job that I love.  
I work for Catholic Charities and  
run an after school and teen program  
for kids with developmental disabilities.

I'm learning the world  
of medical sales and  
enjoying every day.

I AM WORKING AS A FITNESS SPECIALIST,  
PERSONAL TRAINER AND WELLNESS  
PROGRAM DEVELOPER AT A CORPORATE  
FITNESS CENTER AND I LOVE IT.