Facility Essays on Faith, Reason and Justice

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A Legacy of Service

Caring for Creation
Environmental Stewardship
EASTERN UNIVERSITY REUNITES WITH EASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The boards of Eastern University and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (EBTS) of Wynnewood, PA, have voted to reunite. This merger, effective July 1, comes 15 years after the two institutions officially separated in 1989. Dr. David Black, president of the newly expanded Eastern University, says, “The union is a very good fit because our faculties and boards share a common Christian heritage and strong commitment to faith, reason and justice. We both emphasize spiritual formation, rigorous academics, and social action in learning communities that are highly contextualized and diverse.”

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary was established in 1924 by a group of socially progressive but theologically conservative professors. Twenty-eight years later, the Seminary’s collegiate division moved to suburban St. Davids and was chartered as a residential liberal arts college dedicated to the integration of faith, reason and justice in its curriculum and student formation program. In 1999, Eastern College was encouraged by the Middle States Association, its accrediting agency, to seek university status because of Eastern’s complexity and extensive graduate programs in the third world. University status was granted the following year, when Eastern University and the Seminary began conversations about reuniting. With the affirmative vote of the University Board on May 17, 2003, and the Seminary Board on May 23, 2003, that union was achieved.

Students will now have greater access to a shared faculty of distinguished scholars, authors, theologians and activists as well as combined library resources and research databases. They will also share several institutes that embody the combination of rigorous reason, lively faith, and proactive justice for which both institutions have been known. A description of three such institutes follows.

Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA), based at the Seminary, promotes Christian engagement, analysis, and understanding of major social, cultural and public policy issues. ESA is led by Dr. Ronald J. Sider, Seminary professor and author of Rich Christians in a Hungry World and other books and articles on social justice.

The Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE) is a group of ministries committed for the past 30 years to the poor in urban America and the third world. EAPE was founded and continues to be led by Eastern professor, Dr. Tony Campolo, sociologist and activist-evangelist, who has authored 30 books and more than 500 articles on Christianity and social issues. The Institute for Global Engagement (IGE), located on Eastern’s St. Davids campus, was founded by Ambassador Robert Seiple (former Eastern College president) to be a “think tank with legs” reporting on and promoting religious freedom worldwide. IGE publishes a journal and conducts the Brandywine Forum, which brings scholars from around the world to discuss and publish their findings on religious conflict in the context of geopolitical realities. Both Eastern University and the Seminary are affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., but welcome students from a variety of denominations.

The Seminary’s 700 students are enrolled in Doctor of Ministry programs, the Master of Divinity, and the Master of Theological Studies. The University, prior to merger with the Seminary, enrolled 3050 students in the following schools: a traditional undergraduate School of Arts and Sciences that includes the Templeton Honors College; the Campolo School for Social Change in Philadelphia that offers graduate studies in an urban context; the School of International Leadership and Development that offers graduate studies in five countries in the two-thirds world; and the School of Professional Studies that offers accelerated undergraduate and graduate degree programs for working adults.

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**President's Message**

**Eastern has always been** a place where important commitments are made. Alumni I meet often describe the time and place on campus where they answered the Lord’s call to a life’s work, or agreed to marry the person who is now their spouse.

The University’s very mission is founded on seven particular commitments. The first is our commitment to scholarship and teaching. The next three are our commitments to Scripture, to the church, and to evangelism. The last three are commitments to justice, to the world, and to community.

These published commitments are values embraced by the University, values we attempt to instill in Eastern’s students. When articulating what we mean by our commitment to the world, we state in the University catalogs, “We seek to encourage each other as ‘ambassadors for Christ’ and ‘agents of reconciliation’ in a world torn apart by conflict...but also for the earth itself as stewards of the environment and other physical resources.”

This issue of Spirit tells the story of how Eastern and her students have absorbed the value of a commitment to our world, particularly as it relates to environmental stewardship and third world development. Please enjoy the articles as you think about your own commitments and values in life.

Finally, join this community in reflecting on Harold Howard’s stewardship of Eastern. We benefitted greatly from his wisdom and charity. We miss him.

In Christ,

David R. Black  
President
Environmental stewardship has long been a part of Eastern University’s commitment to faith, reason and justice. Environmental studies courses, Windows on the World presentations, summer biology camps, and student-led Earth Keepers Club have provided opportunities over the years to apply God’s mandate to “take care of the earth (Genesis 2:15).”

This September, Eastern University was selected to receive two 2003 Governor’s Awards for Environmental Excellence from Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. One is in the Education and Outreach category, based on our students’ Sustainable Peace Initiative. The second award is in the Watershed Stewardship category, based on our ongoing improvements to campus lakes, storm water runoff, and the Gulph Creek Watershed. Both awards were presented at a ceremony in Harrisburg.

Gulph Creek Watershed

Eastern University considers its three lakes a vital educational and community resource. In the early 1990s, these lakes were severely stressed by sediments and nonpoint source pollution from Gulph Creek Watershed. Part of Pennsylvania’s 83,000 miles of free-flowing surface waters and publicly accessible lakes, Eastern’s lakes are subject to the input of dissolved and alluvial materials. The upstream area along the watershed is heavily suburbanized and partly urbanized, and directly affected by the runoff from dense development.

In his book, How to Rescue the Earth Without Worshipping Nature, Tony Campolo states, “Creation is a trust from God . . . God expects us to care for [it] . . . to be faithful servants who attend to [it].”

Under the direction of John Munro, class of 1973, initial construction for Phase I began in 1995. The restoration work of Phase I has improved both Lower Lake and Willow Lake. The reedbed nutrient removal system installed adjacent to Willow Lake has helped resolve our annual algae bloom problem, and the sediment trap constructed on Willow Run continues to prevent a significant volume of sediments from reaching this lake. The restoration work and construction for Phase I was completed with private and institutional contributions totaling $154,000. Phase I of Eastern’s waterway master plan enabled the University to use its lakes as a demonstration site for new techniques in wetlands management.

In the fall of 2000, the condition of Upper Lake was deteriorating rapidly. This fact and an invitation from Governor Tom Ridge to apply for a watershed protection and restoration grant compelled Eastern to begin planning for an Upper Lake restoration project, Phase II of the University’s waterways master plan to eliminate the continuing siltation of Upper Lake and to significantly upgrade water quality in all of the campus waterways. The restoration of Upper Lake has reduced the capture of

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SCOTT ALTHOUSE ’99 WORKS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS

IT’S A LONG WAY FROM ST. DAVIDS to Moscow, Idaho, but that’s where Scott Althouse’s journey has taken him, with a threeyear detour in Oregon to attend Lewis & Clark Law School. Within 24 hours of taking (and passing) the Oregon Bar Exam, Scott received an offer to work for the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho. He now works for the Tribe’s Fisheries Department (over 150 employees), where he provides legal and policy support to fisheries managers and serves as liaison to the Office of Legal Counsel. The Tribe is extensively involved in the recovery of salmon and steelhead throughout the Columbia and Snake River Basins, with numerous habitat restoration projects. The Tribe has treaty reserved fishing, hunting, and gathering rights over an area exceeding 13.5 million acres across north central Idaho, southeastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, and western Montana. Many of these lands are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, and the Tribe has an important role in co-managing these forests.

He says, “The most satisfying part of my job is working with people as passionate as I am about protecting creation. The Nez Perce are leaders in the Northwest on complex and politically charged issues, such as the recovery of endangered species and protection of their habitat. My work with the Tribe is on the forefront of some very significant natural resource and Indian law issues.”

When asked what he hopes to accomplish in this position, Scott says, “This work is never done, but I would consider my time with the Nez Perce a successful accomplishment by working myself out of this position. This requires educating all agencies of the United States government and other regional stakeholders that it’s important to continually honor the Tribe’s sovereignty, treaty rights, and to recognize the Tribe’s present and future role of managing the resources upon which their culture so closely depends.”

Scott feels well prepared by Eastern University for his present assignment. He explains, “I think the greatest lesson I learned at Eastern was to trust God and follow my heart. My experience at Eastern was all at once a frenetic journey in faith, mixed with love and hard work, and an increased awareness for social justice. Professors and students taught me the importance of asking the right questions, equipped me with ears to hear, and cultivated my passion to then turn around and put my skills into action.”

When asked to comment on how he thinks we are doing as a country in our treatment of our environment, Scott concedes that this is a very difficult question. He says, “Now more than ever the American public — and Christians in particular — have increased their awareness and support for the importance of individual and governmental responsibility when it comes to our collective ability to restore degraded lands and to protect our natural heritage. The timely question, however, has become whether our political leadership will continue to represent this clearly expressed public interest in the context of our foreign policy crisis and economic recession. I also think there are regional trends and key differences between improving environmental quality as compared to public land management. For example, the Bush Administration should be commended for securing increased funding to address the cleanup of abandoned urban sites that are contaminated by toxic and hazardous waste. This is a sound policy for East Coast cities. However, I am greatly disappointed with the trend of this Administration’s apparent obsession to roll back the clock on progress our society has made when it comes to our commitment to endangered species protection and responsible public land management, particularly with respect to timber harvest and oil and gas development across the West.”

Scott concludes, “I continue to follow my calling to protect and restore environmental quality, and to advocate for responsible stewardship of our natural resources. Currently I am doing just that with the Nez Perce Tribe. God may call me to other places in the future, but for now I am keenly aware of my duty to utilize my legal training and political skills to advance these efforts.”

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PHOTO: Scott Althouse (left) with a colleague in the Fisheries Dept.
sediments from upstream, returning the lake to a more natural off-stream condition and normal stream flow. The removal of nutrients via pumped reedbed systems, like the one on the island across from the University’s Gatehouse, can take up to four years to catch up to the quantity of nutrients in the pond. [See the biology Web pages at www.eastern.edu for the University’s waterway master plan.]

**Sustainable Peace Initiative**

Last fall, a group of sociology students formed the Sustainable Peace Initiative (SPI), a campus organization dedicated to addressing issues of Christian responsibility, environmental justice and sustainability. They entered the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Rush to Recycle Challenge, a nine week competition against other member colleges and universities of the Pennsylvania Consortium for Interdisciplinary Environmental Policy, including Villanova, University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore, and Temple-Ambler. Bins donated by the DEP were set up across campus to collect paper and plastic, and in February, Eastern won second place, having collected a total of 3.59 tons of recyclable materials. The $1,000 award was presented to the Student Government Association.

Also on campus, SPI has held environmental forums with guest speakers such as Enele Sopoaga, Ambassador of Tuvalu to the United Nations; Don Brown (left), former head of the Environmental Protection Agency; and Jim Ball, head of the Evangelical Environmental Network. They addressed issues such as renewable energy, global warming and transportation alternatives. SPI has partnered with Urban Promise and Mission Year to donate clean energy to families in the inner city and will help convert brown fields into working urban farms in partnership with Greensgrow, an urban farm in Philadelphia.

**Rural Malawi Project**

Eastern is also reaching out to the rest of the world through its Rural Malawi Project. The project, begun last February, involves collecting used printer cartridges from Eastern’s campus, local businesses and neighbors, then recycling them to raise money for an educational community development project in South Eastern Africa.

Each year, more than $750 million worth of printer cartridges are thrown away, and because they do not decompose easily, they become an environmental hazard in our landfills. Eastern sells these cartridges to a company that cleans, refills and resells them, and all of the funds raised will introduce solar power to the rural areas of Malawi as an alternative renewable source of power, replacing wood. These efforts will make impoverished areas of the country more efficient for income-generating activities and also control deforestation. To donate used printer cartridges, contact Professor Mike Mtika, project director, at 610-325-5684 or RuralMalawiProject@hotmail.com. Students are available to pick up cartridges from places of business, and drop bins are located throughout the St. Davids campus.

**WORKING WITH OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL**

By Jesse Johnson

I’m an international economic development student working as a graduate assistant in partnership with Opportunity International drafting an environmental policy for their microfinance clients. Microfinance has the potential to impact the environment positively. Since they are already engaged in the informal sector, microfinance’s leadership in introducing environmentally sustainable business activities can have significant influence on its clients’ practices. Through an adoption of this policy, I believe, Opportunity International is setting the standard that says: microfinance should be about financial and environmental sustainability.

Christians (especially seminarians) too often live in an idealistic bubble that isolates them from the problems of the real world. This partnership has given me the chance to struggle with some of the real issues that Opportunity International and many microfinance organizations wrestle with on a day-to-day basis. For example, in the highly competitive market of microfinance, Opportunity International seeks to be both financially sustainable and provide a social and spiritual impact for their clients. Although it is a difficult tightrope to walk (and by no means perfect), I’m excited to be learning from an organization bold enough to take steps in that direction.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY**

AuSable Institute, with sites in the Great Lakes, Pacific Rim, Chesapeake Bay, Africa and India, offers courses that combine academic content, field experience and practical tools for stewardship of natural resources.

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

Honors Research Program at the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago provides junior and senior biology, chemistry and math majors an opportunity for advanced research at a nationally recognized laboratory.

By Jesse Johnson
The relationship between faith and truth can be a sticky one. When we speak of truth, for instance, what kind of truth do we have in view? It seems that both believer and non-believer can recognize, study, and comprehend many truths. The atheist as well as the believer can perceive that two plus two equals four. As far as I can tell, an atheist who is well trained in biological science can analyze an amoeba’s structure on a microscope slide just as effectively as the biologist who possesses a Christian worldview. Indeed, an atheist who has disciplined herself in the rigors of biology will understand certain biological truths better than the believer grounded in Scripture but unversed in the rigors of biology. Many truths underlying the physical universe, then, appear to be available to all who possess reason and use it in a disciplined fashion to explore topics as varied as mathematical formulas, the nucleus of a cell, and the habits of cheetahs in the south of Kenya.

Faith, however, immediately comes into play when we begin to ask certain kinds of questions: What or who is the source of the breathtaking beauty of the crystalline structures discernible to us only through the lens of an electron microscope? What is beauty itself? What sets beauty off from ugliness? Why does creation possess the perceptible rhyme and reason accessible to us only through the lens of an electron microscope? What is beauty itself? What sets beauty off from ugliness? Why does creation possess the perceptible rhyme and reason accessible to both believer and atheist?

Why do humans possess a nagging sense of “ought,” of right and wrong? Why do signposts toward meaning mark the world in which I live? If these signposts are only figments of the human imagination, a misguided quest for meaning, why do humans continue to mark the landscape with ethical and metaphysical signals?

Why do I have such a hard time facing the truth about myself? Why am I constantly tempted to lie about the true state of affairs in my own life? Why, as Jesus puts it, do human beings “love darkness rather than light”? Why do we run from the “truth” about ourselves? Why is it that, as Professor Gatlin says on page 7, “Most things worth knowing cannot be reckoned with mathematical, geometrical, precision – such as the words of our Lord...” As Gatlin observes, some truths fit “what philosophers of science have called ‘ordinary language.’” Other truths, however, “the messy language of real people in the real world,” demand a different vocabulary.

It is at this specific juncture, when we move from the world of Homo scientia to that of Homo sapien, that faith performs a unique role in shaping human thinking and living. Or, to borrow a helpful expression of Princeton theologian Ellen Charrny, certain truths can only be grasped through the use of, and search for, “sapiential knowledge.” Take, for example, the desire to interpret and understand the Scriptures more clearly. Early church fathers such as Athanasius and Gregory of Nazianzus insist that one’s ability to understand biblical truth entails more than the exercise of reason alone. Both affirm a deep connection between the spiritual health of biblical interpreters and their ability to comprehend and live the Bible well. Athanasius and Gregory argue that the Scriptures must be studied, pondered and interpreted within the context of worship, reverence, and holiness. The fathers consider the Bible a holy book that opens itself to those who are progressing in holiness through the grace and power of the Spirit. The character of the exegete determines in many ways what is seen or heard in the biblical text itself. Character and exegesis are intimately related.

In Athanasius’s work On the Incarnation, he insists that “the searching and right understanding of the Scriptures [demands] a good life and a pure soul... One cannot possibly understand the teaching of the saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life...” Gregory offers much the same advice in his theological orations. Theological study “is permitted only to those who have been examined, and are past masters in meditation, and who have been previously purified in soul and body, or at the very least are being purified.”

Neither Athanasius nor Gregory envisioned exegesis or theology as the academic activity of biblical scholars or theologians divorced from the life of the church or personal spiritual formation. Hence, some truths can only be learned as we willingly ground our reason on certain tenets grasped by faith, and as we act consistently on the truths we contemplate.

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IN PLATO’S EUHYRYPHO

we are presented with

a young man who is about
to charge his father with
murder. Socrates views the young
man’s actions as precipitous, ill-advised, and unnatural. Richard
Weaver in the ninth chapter of his book Ideas Have Consequences
appropriates Plato’s dialogue to indicate something crucial about
the nature of modern science and technology, whose primary modus
operandi is reason, and he cautions us that reason must be governed,
seasoned, matured, in order to remain within the bounds of piety.

That is, reason must not be “puffed up,” excessively proud
of its accomplishments, lest it violate its proper place in the scheme
of nature — of God’s wondrous [largely mysterious?] creation.
Reason without such government leads to what romantics,
of its accomplishments, lest it violate its proper place in the scheme
the latter, have called
the nature of modern science and technology, whose primary
scientific, rational, knowledge. The error sometimes travels by
other names — positivism, materialism, naturalism. All denote
an imbalance, a misevaluation, of the nature of reason — what
it can and can’t do, as well as what it should and shouldn’t do.

Modernists and postmodernists have traveled a similar path
in their manifold and troubled revolt against Reason and Rationality
over the course of modernity. It has been a long-standing revolt,
beginning in the early 18th century and culminating in some practical ways with the relativist philosopher
of science, Paul Feyerabend, who hailed “farewell to reason” some
years ago in a book by the same name. But, as another philosopher
of science, Stephen Toulmin, has argued in his book Cosmopolis,
Feyerabend was actually saying farewell to what we might say is
an impious Reason (of the ilk impugned by Richard Weaver), one
that has overstepped its boundaries over the past three centuries.
Feyerabend, argues Toulmin, is not bidding farewell to “being
reasonable.” He is bidding farewell to the worship of reason.

Toulmin’s [postmodern?] conception of reason places it in
the lower case, where it belongs, he believes, and where it
is moderated by a humane reason of the variety we have always
found in the humanities — in, say, Shakespeare, who has his
Hamlet declare in words that reverberate across the centuries:
“There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are
dreamt of in your philosophy.” Such injunctions against the
improper use of reason abound in the western tradition. Prometheus, Faust, and Frankenstein hover nearby. Thomas
Mann’s incomparable treatment of this theme is hammered home
in his novel Doctor Faustus [1947]. Amid the convulsions of
Germanic irrationalism, Mann, not unlike his contemporary C.
S. Lewis, defends a Christian orthodoxy that embraces both the
limits of reason and the numbing persistence of (original) sin.

Stephen Toulmin, then, regards the mainstream triumph of
Reason in the 17th century as a betrayal of the original and humane
richness and reasonableness and abundance of the early modern
period. Most things worth knowing cannot be reckoned with math-
ematical, geometrical, precision — such as the words of our Lord,
usually cast in the form of narratives, fraught with metaphor
— what philosophers of science have called
“ordinary language,” the messy
and often irrational language
of real people in the real world,
and not the language of abstract science.

Only Cartesian presumption would separate the heart and the head
in such a militant and onerous way. Postmodernism today is pushing
the envelope of a long-standing cultural complaint that has its origins
in the Cartesian effort to overcome the religious and intellectual
quagmire of the Thirty Years’ War.

So, Toulmin’s concept of “being reasonable” within context is
historically akin to C. S. Lewis’s understanding of sapienita — of
the Homo sapien, the wise creature as opposed to the expert creature,
the Homo scientia. Lewis promotes the tradition of “Godly common
sense” as opposed to the expertise of the intellectuals. Indeed, Lewis
“fought the good fight” in his all-too-modernist times. When his
contemporaries were promoting the “isms” — fascism and communism—he was, along with G. K. Chesterton, promoting
the common sense and dignity of the common man. And his Christianity
avoids thereby the perverse attempts to deploy reason in ways
incommensurate with human decency and the fundamental
preciousness of all peoples, irrespective of race or nationality or
intellectual attainments. Lewis preached a form of reason that was
“under judgment” and hence made way for faith and God’s peace,
which passes all understanding, as well as for justice — what we
practice when we temper our minds in ways that are consistent with
the words of Christ, who WAS reason, faith and justice in the flesh.

Although it may seem quaint for (some, many) philosophers,
I persistently ask myself the question: how did our Lord reason?
What was his “epistemology”! And when I ponder the words of
Christ, I do not find Descartes’ posture of systematic doubt — for
“sure and certain knowledge” via abstract reason. Rather, I find
the fountainhead of all real truth and all right reason, just as St.
Augustine taught long ago. Our faith must precede our reasoning.
I find also modesty, quietness, chastening, humility, all of which
look and feel very unlike the “human-all-too-human” reason that
has in modern times run amuck — so twisted has it become in the
ways of scientism and utopianism. I think Richard Weaver
knew what he was about when he equated impiety with modern
science and technology. They can be good servants. But they are
bad masters. Responsible science and technology, with Godly
VALUES, we cultivate. Such a project can make for a rich reason
that knows where it stands and stands where it knows. The early
20th century is a terrifying reminder of just how far we can go
wrong when we reason outside the fear of God.

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One of the major preoccupations in our society is with the issue[s] of justice. So many TV shows are dedicated to the presentation of how justice [law] works in our society. Judge Judy, Texas Justice, and Judge Joe Brown, fill the TV screens of America with images of the American public seeking and receiving justice. Various social bromides assail us regarding the individual pursuit of justice; lawyers offer their services in commercials guaranteeing justice and a large settlement for your pain and suffering. Our political leaders debate how justice must be brought to the Iraqi people, Palestinians, and North Koreans. However, an attorney once shared the following cliché with me, “The law is what you get here, justice is what you get in heaven.”

Obviously, we don’t live in heaven (yet) but, at Eastern, we are concerned about kingdom building and how to mortar the bricks of justice into our masonry of faith and reason. Our earthly kingdom is built on all three core values; whereas, faith may inspire the building and reason may lift the bricks to the correct height and position, it is justice that compels us to build our Christian edifice in the right way. In keeping with our building metaphor, I introduce the warnings against architectural malpractice described in C.S. Lewis’s book, The Abolition of Man. His warnings stem from an overview of an evolving educational system where values are replaced by objective facts rendered by the instinct of “innovators.” These innovators propose to teach knowledge without emotional substance so that the students will be free from cultural biases (i.e. faith, reason and justice), thus creating “men without chests” (The Abolition of Man, p. 25). The new values are those of the “innovators” who later become “conditioners” of men, who lead them to think and act in a prescribed way.

Lewis’s objection to this new type of educational innovation is based on his view of the need for the establishment of objective values common to all people/cultures. Lewis blends all major cultural core belief systems into one “way” or “Tao” that defines the best human values. He states, “It is the doctrine of objective values that certain attitudes are really true and others really false, to the kind of thing the universe is and the kind of things we are” (The Abolition of Man, p.18). In essence, if we are to build a just society, our educational building cannot be left to innovative masons who build with un-dried bricks [no value base] and inferior mortar [no traditional method]. Our values define who we are and, as such, we rely on biblical principles, cultural beliefs and some universal ideals to define our “way” in the world. We build with the bricks and mortar of tradition and experience coupled with our faith and reason.

If the innovators or conditioners of humankind were to dominate, as some fear in our postmodern society, the foundation of our Judeo-Christian world [and other societies based on the “way”] would fall. Regarding the conditioners of humanity, Lewis points out that “we have no instinctive urge to keep promises or to respect individual life: that is why scruples of justice and humanity in fact the Tao [way] – can be properly swept away when they conflict with our real end...” (The Abolition of Man, p. 33). In other words, even in a postmodern 21st century society where rights are protected by law, if given free reign, the selfish instinct would topple our civilization. If we have no basis for value judgments based on the Natural Law, Traditional Morality, the First Principles of Practical Reason or the First Platitudes, we will simply allow the conditioners to effectively abolish man and therefore the need for justice (The Abolition of Man, p.43). Our building collapses. However, man has not been abolished and the building of the kingdom continues.

How do we promulgate justice at a Christian university? We are called to witness as men with chests, or as men with hearts, despite the efforts of the innovators to condition us to a postmodern application of justice. I believe the ubiquitous solution is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must be prayerful in seeking the wisdom of God who will direct our actions in this fallen world. Micah 6:8 states, “He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” [Holy Bible, NIV].

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For the graduating class of 2002 (traditional undergraduates), a total of 99% were employed, full-time volunteers, not looking, or involved in post-graduate education within six months of graduation. The comparable percentage for the class of 2001 was also 99%. Of those employed, 67% are working in a field directly related to their major.

The first graduating class of Templeton Honors College.

Campolo School for Social Change

DR. VIVIAN NIX-EARLY, dean of the Campolo School for Social Change at Eastern University, was invited to deliver the 2003 Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture at the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry in Mt. Hermon, CA. These lectures are part of a broad initiative at Princeton Theological Seminary designed to help the church reclaim and integrate ministries with young people into the total mission of the church. Dr. Nix-Early’s lecture series was entitled “ART: A Natural Resource for Building Bridges to the NU JERUZ.”

J. Nathan Corbitt, professor of cross-cultural studies in the Campolo School, presented at the Music and the Church: Relevance in a Changing Culture Conference sponsored by the Baylor University Center for Christian Music Studies last October. His paper was, “Marching to Zion: Evangelicals, Sanctuary Music and the NU JERUZ.”

Both of these lectures preview an arts model of transformation developed from a national research project funded by the Louisville Institute and excerpted from a new book, Taking it to the Street: Using the Arts to Transform Communities, co-authored by J. Nathan Corbitt and Vivian Nix-Early (Baker Books, Sept. 2003).

BuildaBridge International

As part of their ministry to communities in need, Drs. Corbitt and Nix-Early have formed a nonprofit organization, BuildaBridge International, dedicated to fostering youth development, strengthening families and congregations, and building community through the arts. Last year, the Campolo School hosted BI’s Institute for the Church and Community Arts, a four-day training experience for students, pastors, teachers, community leaders and artists. The second Institute was held at the Campolo School, May 14-18, 2003. For more information on the Institute, go to buildabridge.org, click on Training.
CAMPOLO SCHOOL continued

YOUNG LIFE AT EASTERN
By Dr. Vivian Nix-Early

They could have gone anywhere but they came to Eastern! Young Life, that is. For the last two years, at the impetus of Dr. Tony Campolo, we have been working on a strategic partnership with Young Life to meet the educational needs of the organization’s urban youth workers. The fruit of our labor has come in the form of 1) a formal Memorandum of Understanding between Eastern and Young Life; 2) a new graduate degree, the MA in Urban Youth Leadership, in which students from Young Life will enroll each year; and 3) a bi-annual training institute.

The first of these two-week institutes has been completed. Fifty-nine committed urban youth ministry staff from 20 different states, ranging in age from 23 to 50-something, and representing Mexican, Puerto Rican, African-American, Anglo-American, Philippine and Chinese cultures, received certificates of completion.

Through the Institute, the CSSC offered three courses contained in the proposed new Master’s degree: “Biblical & Theological Basis of Urban Youth Ministry” taught by Calenthia Dowdy and K-Lee Johnson; “Apologetics for the Urban Youth Context” taught by associate faculty member Bob Hepburn; and “Personality Dynamics & Psychosocial Assessment: Understanding Urban Youth” taught by Sheldon Nix and Randolph Walters.

Special Guests

The Institute featured a number of practitioners from diverse backgrounds including: Ben Chan, Area Director of International Ministries of American Baptist Churches; Brady Goodwin, Christian Rap Artist also known as “The Phanatik,” from The Cross Movement; Linda Hernandez, Communications Director of the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia; Danny Kwon, Youth Pastor at Young Sang (Korean) Church; Dickie Robbins Founder of Life in Christ Cathedral of Faith Church & Generations of Destiny Youth Ministry in Chester; James Mosely, Founder of Restoration Inner City Ministries; Maher Salhani, Converted (American) Muslim undergoing persecution. The Institute also had a terrific line-up of chapel speakers from Eastern and from around the city for their daily worship.

Special Project

Students in the Biblical & Theological Foundations of Urban Youth Ministry course were afforded the opportunity to explore some ministries in the Greater Philadelphia area. They learned much from organizations such as Teen Haven, Covenant House, Generations of Destiny, Asaph Studios and Bethel Temple Community Bible Church, and Nueva Esperanza. As they implemented tools for theological reflection, their perspectives on youth ministry were broadened by these varied approaches to community outreach. “There is no perfect model. There is no one model that works everywhere;” was the conclusion. The development, therefore, of relevant youth outreaches must take into consideration, not just theological foundations and ministry techniques, but the context of the ministry.

We look forward to continuing a relationship that is truly living out the mission of the CSSC and Eastern. We’ll be taking additional degree courses to other locations around the country as the new degree comes online and as Young Life students apply for degree candidacy.
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School of Professional Studies

SPS WELCOMES A NEW DEAN
Efrain Rivera was installed as dean of the School of Professional Studies at the Spring Honors Convocation. President David Black says, “Efrain is well prepared for this strategic leadership role. We welcome him with enthusiasm to our learning community.”

Efrain comes to Eastern from Bausch & Lomb where he was corporate vice president of Canada and the Latin American Division. Prior to joining Bausch & Lomb in 1987, he served as a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

A graduate of Houghton College (B.S. in psychology) and the University of Rochester (M.B.A.), Efrain Rivera earned his juris doctorate degree from New York University. He is currently completing an executive doctorate in management from Case Western Reserve University. Efrain’s desire to help others grow academically, professionally, and spiritually led him to accept the dean’s position at Eastern University. His responsibilities have since been expanded, and he was named Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in October.

Eastern University’s School of Professional Studies provides accelerated undergraduate and graduate degree programs designed to meet the needs of working professionals. Since it began in 1989, over 2,000 adults have successfully completed their bachelor’s degrees or earned their MBAs through this well-received format. Eastern’s adult programs integrate ethical leadership, communication, a global outlook, and team building.

For more information about the School of Professional Studies, call 800-732-7669 or visit www.eastern.edu/spst.

School of International Leadership and Development

PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD VISION EXPANDS TO WELCOME HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL

Eastern University’s School of International Leadership and Development has been engaged in a unique leadership development initiative with World Vision International since 1999. These two organizations work together to deliver a graduate leadership program focused on developing the competence, character, and vision necessary to be effective general managers or senior leaders in Christian nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

The organizations involved share a passionate commitment to serving the poor and their Christian faith. “Partnerships are

windows on the world

Ambassador David Rawson, professor of political economy at Spring Arbor University and distinguished visiting professor of political science at Hillsdale College, shared his thoughts about the response Christians should have to global conflict.

Rawson used his experience as an ambassador to Kigali, Rwanda during the Rwandan civil war as an example to compare various conflict resolution modes with Christ’s mandate for peace, justice and mercy. He emphasized Christ’s love in action as more important than coming up with simple solutions to complicated problems. “I have to be extraordinarily humble and realize I don’t have the answer. It’s important for all of us as Christians in engaging the world.”

Angela Gustafsson ’92, Mrs. United Nations 2001 and motivational speaker, used examples from her own life to encourage listeners to discover who God created them to be by first believing they are worthwhile because God loves them, instead of trying to earn acceptance from other people.

Dr. Stephen L. Carter, William Nelson Cromwell professor of law at Yale University, spoke on the separation of church and state, the theme of his bestseller, The Culture of Disbelief: How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion. Carter explained that the separation of church and state was initiated to protect the Church, but has instead become a tool to negate the voice of people of faith in the public arena. “It is the job of Christians to raise the public’s consciousness, and the job of politics to resolve the details,” he said. “Christians should provide a powerful, prophetic, outsider voice while patiently accepting that we might not see changes in our lifetime.”

Patricia Kaurouma, researcher of the African-American Experience, spoke about Duke Ellington, calling him “a well-respected human being as well as a well-respected musician.”

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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

By Dr. Mike Mathambo Mtika, professor of sociology and faculty in SILD’s graduate programs

It is late afternoon of April 15, 2000. Thembi approaches her aunt respectfully and asks, “Aunt, why am I getting ill frequently?” Knowing that Thembi is suffering from HIV/AIDS but taken by surprise, her aunt mumbles an answer, that her body may not be as effective in fighting off infections as other children’s. Thembi, 10 years old at the time, was experiencing frequent fevers, chronic coughs, worsening oral thrushes, and was losing weight. Her beautiful body was undergoing abhorring change. Thembi’s father died when she was eight years old; her mother followed a year later. Since then, Thembi and her brother Matembo came to live with their uncle. Her aunt was visiting the family when Thembi raised the question. Thembi died in 2002, only 12 years old and after struggling with the disease for most of her life.

Thembi is one of the millions of victims of HIV/AIDS. The United Nations and World Health Organization Joint Program on AIDS keep the world abreast of the epidemic. The December 2002 report shows that 42 million people in the world are living with HIV/AIDS; 3.2 million are children less than 15 years old. During 2002, AIDS claimed 5 million lives; about 800,000 of them were children less than 15 years old. The spread of HIV/AIDS is increasing at a higher rate in Asia and the Pacific region, which had a million new infections during 2002, bringing the total of people living with HIV/AIDS in that region to 7.2 million and claiming 490,000 lives in the year. The worst affected region, however, is still sub-Saharan Africa, which had 3.5 million new infections in 2002 bringing the total of people living with HIV/AIDS to 29.4 million and claiming 2.4 million lives in the year.

On a hopeful note, there is evidence of some progress in fighting the epidemic. Many countries are pooling resources and experience, mobilizing commitment, and forging regional initiatives to reduce HIV/AIDS-risky behavior. On the other hand, Thembi would have been able to live a much longer life if she had access to antiretroviral treatment. UNAIDS remarks in its December 2002 report that fewer than 4% of people in need of antiretroviral treatment in low- and middle-income countries were receiving the drugs at the end of 2001 and less than 10% of people with HIV/AIDS have access to palliative care or treatment of opportunistic infections. For sub-Saharan Africans, a tiny fraction of the millions in need of antiretroviral treatment are receiving it. Hospitals have turned into hoards of AIDS patients with the epidemic only aggravating the budgetary constraints for drugs endemic in sub-Saharan Africa nations.

Meanwhile the world watches. It has resources but has not mounted a response that would match the scale and severity of the epidemic. What could be the reason? Packard and Epstein, in their article: “Epidemiologists, Social Scientists, and the Structure of Medical Research on AIDS in Africa” published in Social Science and Medicine in 1991, observed that efforts to understand and prevent AIDS in Africa resemble similar approaches on understanding why Africans suffered from higher rates of morbidity and mortality from infectious diseases in general and tuberculosis and syphilis specifically in the early 1900s. These efforts focused on the peculiarities of Africans’ behavior. Such a perception is not only derogative but compromises investment of western resources into the problem. At the root of such a problem is bankrupt social justice ethos. Social justice embodies moral claim virtues and actions to transform the world of the suffering. These moral claim virtues and expected action over the rights to life for those caught in the HIV/AIDS tragedy have been rationalized and compromised. As Douglas Porpora remarks in his 2001 book, Landscapes of the Soul, the very moral meaning of life is being lost. A main reason for this is that we have mobilized the sacred dimensions of life off the agenda of international concerns. To effectively attack HIV/AIDS demands acting upon the moral claim virtues; it demands seeking answers to why our hearts are not troubled when we see Thembi die from something we could have prevented.
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complex” says Beth Birmingham, assistant dean, “and most of the literature around alliances and partnerships tells us that less than half succeed. We believe that partnering is a good biblical model for the work we do and the challenges we have overcome are evidence of God’s hand on this relationship.”

The curriculum content is developed collaboratively utilizing the best of World Vision’s practitioner experts from each of the regions coupled with Eastern University faculty. The program enrolls 250 students, representing 57 countries.

This summer, SILD signed a new partnership covenant that includes both World Vision International and Habitat for Humanity International. This next phase of the program will equip 200+ World Vision and Habitat for Humanity International and other NGO staff worldwide in an MA in Organizational Leadership program. For more information, contact Beth Birmingham, bbirming@eastern.edu

EXPERIENCES OF WAR MOTIVATE PEACE THROUGH ECONOMIC JUSTICE

BY MARKO VUKOSAVOVIC, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDENT

I was born in Bar, a coastal city in Montenegro. From there I moved as a child to Belgrade, the capitol of Serbia and former Yugoslavia. I spent six years at Belgrade University majoring in economics, finance and accounting. From 1997 to 2000, I researched the motivations, financial and social aspects, of starting and maintaining small businesses. At that time, Serbia was under the dictatorship of Slobodan Milosevic and was isolated from the rest of the world by the sanctions imposed by the United Nations. The sanctions resulted in the tremendous increase of crime and poverty, which further worsened the economic conditions of the country. The Kosovo crisis in 1999 resulted in NATO’s intervention and three months of bombing on Serbia and Montenegro. My presence in Belgrade during those three months of bombing reaffirmed my desire to work towards the improvement of the conditions of societies affected by war and poverty.

My time at Eastern University studying international economic development and my graduate assistantship researching anti-human trafficking action in Serbia and Montenegro, have helped sharpen my knowledge and skills of what is needed to improve the difficult conditions in these countries. I believe in Jesus Christ with all my heart. I believe that we, as true Christians, have an obligation to spread the Gospel not only through our words but also through our actions. As the book of James states that faith without works is useless (James 2:20) so I believe that by building roads, houses, and other infrastructures along with improving economical conditions and the overall quality of life, we can create opportunities for further development of third world countries.

SILD HAS MOVED
SILD moved its offices from Eastern University’s Library to the National Christian Conference Center in Valley Forge, PA. For more information, contact Sharlene Joseph-Brown at sjosephb@eastern.edu

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

BRANDYWINE FORUM

Eastern University and the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) presented the third Brandywine Forum May 16-18 on the Eastern campus in St. Davids, PA. The conference theme was Religious Freedom: The Missing Dimension of Security. Ambassador Robert A. Seiple, founder and president of IGE, says, “Since the Enlightenment, the West has divided state from religion in the name of good governance. The result has been admirable, but the casualty has been holistic analysis. We have forgotten that much of the non-Western world, to a large extent, views religion and state together. This year’s forum explored the hypothesis that states that do not foster religious freedom are vulnerable to a number of significant security threats.”

Contact IGE at 610-225-5672 or e-mail: cseiple@globalengage.org
KRESGE FOUNDATION CHALLENGES EASTERN UNIVERSITY

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, MI has awarded Eastern University a $750,000 challenge grant to help fund the Center for Information and Technology, a part of the University’s 50th Anniversary Campaign, Linking Today’s Visionaries/Equipping Tomorrow’s Leaders.

As we move into the fifth and final year of this capital campaign, we are pleased to report that $22.8 million has been raised in gifts and pledges. That means we are 91% of the way towards meeting our campaign goal of $25 million. We are very gratified by the response to this campaign, because it demonstrates a profound commitment on the part of those dedicated to supporting the Eastern traditions of academic excellence, moral clarity and global justice.

Although we are very close to a successful completion of this campaign, we still need your help. Over the next two months, we need to raise $1.45 million in gifts and pledges if Eastern is to receive this generous $750,000 project completion grant from the Kresge Foundation. Every gift or pledge Eastern University receives between now and December 2003 counts towards this challenge.

Because you believe in the purpose of Eastern and its value in our global community, we hope you will prayerfully consider helping us with this special challenge. We would be so pleased if you would make a two-year monthly financial commitment to Eastern’s remaining campaign priorities in support of the Student Aid Fund and the Center for Information and Technology. Your gift, whatever its size, will ensure the continued educational quality of Eastern University. Please take a moment to review the convenient ways to make your contribution on the back of this magazine. Give online or send your gift in the envelope included in this issue.

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If you would like to help celebrate the birth of a new family, please consider a gift to Eastern. Family is an important role. It is a great way to help classmates reconnect and only takes about 30 hours a year.

- Keep Eastern University and its faculty, staff and students in your prayers.
- Help plan a reunion for your class, sports team or other group.
- Attend Eastern’s events and fine arts productions and concerts.
- Make an unrestricted gift to the Student Aid Fund.
- Encourage your child/children to attend Eastern University.
- Talk to school guidance counselors about Eastern University.
- Invite the Angels of Harmony or Turning Point to perform for your church, school or civic group.
- Come home for Homecoming! Always the 2nd weekend in October.
- Request a faculty, staff, or student speaker from Eastern for your church, school or civic group.
- Keep your address, phone number and e-mail address up-to-date in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Top Ten Ways to Support E. U.

Seeking Nominations for the Alumnus/ae of Year 2004 Award

This award is presented at the annual Homecoming Alumni dinner to an Alumnus/ae of Eastern University to express appreciation for outstanding service and dedication to serving Christ in their chosen field. The criteria for this award includes outstanding service through church, community and/or vocational excellence coinciding with the mission of Eastern University.

For each nominee, prepare a statement outlining the general reasons for the nomination. Include information and a listing of achievements which respond to the above statement. Be specific and give dates. Nominations must be submitted in writing and are accepted by mail, e-mail, fax or in person. All nominations must be received by September 29, 2004. E-mail nomination to sbarnes@eastern.edu.

Current students who are children of alumni

Jeffrey Amos, Alicia Anselmo, Kelvin Bach, Brian Barnes, Erin Bond, Lindsey Eib, Kimberly Fey, Zane Bruce, Emily Hargis, James Mellon, Daniel Baker, Mercy Obeng-Appau, Christopher Seifarth, Catherine Smith, Benjamin Davis, William Kehler, Boubacar Sacko, and Andrew Bradstreet.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Homecoming 2004. It’s not too early to plan! October 8-10. Join the Alumni Association Board all or part of the day on Saturday. Help with managing the Registration Tent, giving directions, setting up for the Alumni lunch or dinner (alternates from year to year).

Fall Future Alumni Networking Reception. Help our newest alumni move a step ahead. Share information about your particular career/employer and provide an opportunity for our graduates to learn how to network within their field of interest.

Join the Alumni Association Board. If you would like to help Eastern Alumni make a difference for Eastern University, join us.

Become the Class Representative for your Class.

If your class does not yet have a Class Rep., consider this important role. It is a great opportunity to help classmates reconnect and only takes about 30 hours a year.

For more information about these volunteer opportunities contact Susan Barnes ’99 in the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-600-8057 or sbarnes@eastern.edu.

Susan Barnes ’99 is the new director of the alumni office.

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER HIGHLIGHTS

Held on Homecoming ’02 Saturday evening, it was a great time with over 300 alumni, parents and friends attending. Alumnus Bruce Buell ’79 was a terrific MC and performances by the Eastern University Choir and Angels of Harmony topped off the evening.

Deborah (Knauss) Hackman ’80 and her husband, David, announce the birth of Abigail on October 11, 2002. She joins her sister Rachel.

Donna (Porter) Williams ’88 and her husband, Rob, welcomed their third child, Abigail, on August 31, 2002. She joins siblings Stefanie and Meaghan. Donna is Christian Education Director, Holden Chapel, Holden, MA.

Dave ’90 and Laura (Armbruster) ’90 Fuguet rejoice in the birth of their third boy, Samuel David, on November 2, 2002. The other brothers are Joseph (5) and Nathan (2).

Krissy (Nichols) Dunlop ’90 and her husband, Greg ’90, have a growing family with the birth of William in December 2002. He joins sister, Courtney, who is 2. Kris and Greg is a stay-at-home mom.

David Urban ’90 and his wife, Carolyn (Spath) ’94, added a second child to their family. Annika was born on May 16, 2002. Sister Madison is three.

James Weyand ’90 and his wife, Melissa, are the proud parents of three children; the most recent, Isabella, was born on September 18, 2001. Brooke and Joshua are the other siblings. The Weyands reside in Bowie, MD.

Camrin (McDonough) Azzarano ’93 and her husband, Mike ’94, have two children. David was born on April 14, 2001, and Eliza continued on next page.
was born on January 16, 1999. They are residents of Wayne, PA.


Joy (Knopp) Greer '96 and her husband, Steve, welcomed their first child, Victoria Ann "Tori," on December 31, 2002. Joy is in the second year of her OB/GYN residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, VA.

Laurie Ann Michael '84 became the bride of Don Eugene Myers on April 27, 2002. Laurie, also a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, is an accountant at Foremost Industries Inc., Greencastle, PA. The newlyweds live in Greencastle.

Barbara J. Sierp '91 married Yu-ling Shiao in September 2001. Barbara works in the Behavioral Psychology Department at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore, MD. The couple resides in Ellicott City, MD.

Colleen Allison Pysher '96 married Timothy Robert Koehler on June 23, 2002. She is employed by Middle Smithfield Elementary School in East Stroudsburg School District, PA. He works for the Galco Company in Florham Park, NJ. The Koehler's reside in Hackettstown, NJ.

were united in marriage on November 15, 2002. The couple resides in New Jersey. Michael is assistant youth pastor at Aldine United Methodist Church.

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Rev. Dave Bevington '62 serves as Protestant chaplain at Angela Health Care, Livonia, MI, specializing in hospice care. Bevington has also developed a unique ministry based on his 37 years as a pastor. In the last eight years, he has written a variety of works, including poetry, for use in weddings and funerals. His writings are designed to elicit responses from audiences, and emphasize hope and celebration.

Arlin Hunsberger '62 has retired and lives in Goshen, IN. Prior to his retirement, Arlin served on the faculty of Goshen College where he started a new program called Study Service Trimester. The program required all graduates to spend a trimester in a developing country, or to complete a trimester of study on campus covering non-western studies. For 20 years, he served as director of international education at Goshen College, and traveled extensively to set up and manage programs in such countries as Nicaragua, Jamaica, South Korea, Poland and China. Hunsberger also spent ten years in Haiti where he directed a USAID funded environmental program that included tree planting and erosion control projects. He directed a job creation project that provided up to 60,000 jobs daily for four years for needy persons throughout the entire country.

Rev. Aurelia (Ree) Hale '62 is the general secretary of North American Retreat Directors Association, part of the World Council of Churches. She also serves part-time as associate pastor of Windsor United Church of Christ that is near Madison, WI.

Rev. Floyd Meredith '62 has retired after serving as pastor at Leiper Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore, PA for 29 years.

Lucretia (Towle) Spence '62 has retired after 31 years of teaching elementary school. She is an active member of Fellowship Bible Church in Sewell, NJ where she serves as Sunday school superintendent.
Donald Inazu ’63 and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 25 years. Don began his career in education, serving as a teacher and a principal. He left the education field and became involved in healthcare insurance, working as a consultant and administrator for over 20 years. He retired three years ago. In his retirement, Don went back to school to become recertified in education. He is presently an eighth-grade world geography teacher. Inazu also serves as a part-time commissioned lay pastor in the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Larry Thoren ’64 gave the keynote address at the 2002 Veteran’s Day program in the auditorium of Canton High School, Canton, PA. Prior to his retirement, Thoren taught reading, psychology, world events and verbal SATs at Canton Area High School.

Paul Bolster ’66 and his wife, Livija ‘Riki’ (Rieksts) ’67, have been married for 35 years. They have three grown children. Paul is president of St. Joseph’s Mercy Care Services, Atlanta, GA. Riki is a retired journalism teacher/freelance writer. Their lives have been focused on service in various ways including coaching soccer, leading community organizations, running political campaigns, serving in elected office, and managing a program that provides health care to the poor and underserved. Paul also served as a representative in the Georgia State Legislature.

Richard Haviland ’68 has authored a number of business articles on assessment in employee selection published in John Wiley and Sons’ employee relations periodical. He has also written a number of short stories that will appear in the Abbeywood Press anthology, Wings and Walking Dreams, available in bookstores in Fall 2003. Haviland’s first novel, Did You Ever Get To Edinburgh? will be published in early 2004. Dr. Scott Rodin, former president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Haviland are co-authoring a book on leadership for Christians which is expected to be published in 2004.

Susan Anderson ’69 was elected to the National Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. at the national convention held in Long Beach, CA in 2001. Anderson also has served as president, board of directors of Girl Scouts of Southeastern, PA. In April 2001, she received the Thanks Badge recognizing outstanding and unusual service that benefits the entire Girl Scout movement. Anderson has been active with the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. She also serves on the board of the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Ray Naylor ’69 released his first CD entitled Slow Cooker in March 2003. The CD includes 12 original songs and one cover of a Phil Ochs song. Ray has been performing since 1980. He has been involved in the local Philadelphia folk music scene as a performing songwriter, manager of other songwriters, concert promoter, venue broker and open mic host. Naylor is also a social work professional, and has supervised an Eastern University student intern. He is employed by Baptist Children’s Services in Collegeville, PA.

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Brenda Joyce Fortes ’72 was selected as Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2000 and 2002. She was also a 2002 nominee for Disney America's Teacher Awards.

Beverly (Houck) Funk ’73 is a part-time secretary and wedding coordinator assistant at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Randolph, NJ. Her husband, Fred ’72, has retired from the Prudential Insurance Company where he served as a vice president, client management.

Albert M. Johnson, Jr. ’72 is an itinerant evangelist, AI Johnson Evangelistic Ministry, Ogunquit, ME. He is a member of Bethany Church, Greenland, NH, where he works with young people and is involved with a street ministry.

Linda Ralph Kern ’72 is the chief administrative officer of Renaissance Charter School in Philadelphia, PA.

Rev. David Laquintano ’72 is the rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ocean City, NJ. He led a mission team to Honduras, and also engaged in a project in Ecuador. David is married to the former Christine Hadley ’72.

Patricia Ann (Lewis) McHale ’72 was a secondary English teacher for 17 years. She was honored as the Teacher of the Year in 1984. At the present time, she is teaching journalism and public speaking. McHale also served as a travel coordinator for two of Bruce Springsteen’s tours.

Alice (Turner) Olson ’72 taught English/math for three years in Montana. She also served as a vice president at U.S. Bank for 18 years. She is presently a claims manager at Primera Blue Cross, Seattle, WA.

Susan (Johnston) Owen ’72 has retired after teaching special education for 25 years. She also started the first class for socially and emotionally disturbed children (K-9) in Delaware County, PA. Since 1997, Owen has been engaged in a vocal career, and has recorded three professional jazz CD’s.

Dr. Lawrence Torquemita ’72 is the co-director of Grove Center for Counseling, Mt. Prospect, IL. He has practiced as a licensed clinical professional counselor for 25 years. He is a member of Arlington Heights, IL Evangelical Free Church.

Karen (Osterberg) Warriner ’72 has worked as a medical/geriatric social worker for several years.

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For 14 years, she has coordinated the Mexican mission vacation Bible school program at the First Baptist Church of the Woodlands, TX. Karen also holds a master’s degree in social work from the University of Tennessee.


Jane Cocks ‘77 is the purchasing and facilities manager at PDI in Fort Washington, PA.

Dr. Scott A. Davis ‘77 holds the rank of full professor and president of the Faculty Senate at Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA. In addition to teaching chemistry to science and non-science majors, Davis also teaches forensic science courses. Davis’ wife, Carolyn (Brown) ‘76, works for the Loyalsock Township School District, Williamsport, PA.

Lisa (Learsch) DeNardo ‘77 is a facility coordinator and grant specialist at Collagen Matrix, Inc. in Franklin Lakes, NJ. Prior to her current position, Lisa was an employee of several companies in the biotech industry for 15 years.

Vernon Keesey ‘77 is a financial consultant with Lincoln Financial Advisors.

Rev. Fred McCloskey, Jr. ‘77 is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, PA. Prior to his 17 years as a pastor, McCloskey served for three years as a math teacher and four years as a supervisor with UPS. He is married to the former Robin Sleicher ’76.

Sylvia (Merriken) Metzler ’77 obtained an MSN degree from Yale University in 1984. She is a family nurse practitioner, and currently serves as director of APM Community Health Centers in Philadelphia, PA. She has also served for two years as a volunteer in Nicaragua with Brethren Volunteer Service.

Mark Moore ’77 has been a member of the United States Air Force Reserve, serving as chaplain since 1982. He was called to active duty in December 2001, and presently is the deputy command chaplain at Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA. Moore has also pastored several churches in Pennsylvania between 1977 and 2001.

Juliet Young ’77 holds a master’s in counseling degree from the University of Vermont. In 2001, she was recognized by the climate committee of the President’s Commission on Racial Equality for efforts to improve the racial climate at UVM.

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Wendy (Milne) McCleary ’80 is the wife of Dr. Jeff McCleary who became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wellsboro, PA in November 2002. In addition to her bachelor’s degree in social work from Eastern, Wendy also holds a master’s degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. She has established her credentials in the field of aging. She previously worked as a counselor in the mental health department of a hospital in Lewistown.

John Camp, Jr. ’82 is president of Light Lines, Inc., Frazer, PA. He is also a member of the board of governors of the American Lighting Association in Dallas, TX.

Margaret (Cranson) Carson-Gable ’82 works in vaccine planning for Merck & Co., West Point, PA.

Becky (Berry) Dixon ’82 is the executive director of an outpatient substance abuse treatment agency in New York State. She is also president of the local coalition of substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. The Dixon’s live in Mechanicville, NY.

David Ellis ’82 is the owner/general manager of an Acura dealership near Albany, NY. He is also active on a number of boards, including a social services agency that helps people with AIDS, victims of substance abuse and children with learning disabilities.

Bonnie (Rhone) Hansen ’82 has appeared in Walmart, Best Buy and other national TV ads. She has also appeared as an extra in Robert Altman’s ‘Kansas City’, a movie called Silence and another named The Painting. She is scheduled to play the mother of the groom at the opening of the wedding scene in the Ang Lee Civil War movie Ride with the Devil which features Toby McGuire and the singer “Jewel.”

Holly (Melanor) Jones ’82 has completed the requirements for her permanent teaching license (Pre-K-6th grade) in New York State. She teaches fifth grade.

Susan (Burroughs) Mallory ’82 received a master’s degree in counseling psychology in 1985. She worked for several years as a counselor in private practice. Later, she was the director of a counseling center.

Dr. Bill Nasuti ‘82 is a family physician with the Pinnacle Health System in Harrisburg, PA.

Cynthia (Castner) Tidwell ’82 is a licensed independent clinical social worker. She is employed by the Counterpoint Mental Health Association (a group of Christian counselors) in Deerfield, NH.

Robert Burns ‘85 is pastor of Troy Presbyterian Church, Troy, MO. Prior to his move to Missouri, Robert was manager of Logos Bookstore in Richmond, VA and served as the Presbyterian Campus Minister at the University of Richmond. His wife, Janice (Kimball) Burns ’85, served as youth ministry assistant at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Richmond. They have a daughter, Rachel (11).

Margaret (Thomas) Foote ’88 retired as office manager at the Library of Congress in December 2002.

Laura (McManus) Hunter ‘89 and her husband are providing care for a foster child, Damon. They are interested in possibly adopting Damon in the near future.

Liz Mercogliano ’88 is marketing “Grove Point”, a community in Montgomery County, PA built by Cornerstone Communities. She is on the staff of Long & Foster Real Estate Inc. in Devon, PA.

Keith Avellino ’89 is attending Westminster Theological...
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Heather (Thompson) Taylor ’91 and her husband, Glen Alan ’92, have formally adopted two children, Linda Ann (12) and Ben Alan (13). Their dream of a family has finally been fulfilled. The Taylor’s reside in St. Joseph, MO.

Arden Thomas ’91 is pursuing a doctorate in theater at Stanford University in California. Arden’s parents are Dr. Ardell and Peg (Parker) Thomas ’63.

Rodney Arters ’92 serves as the youth pastor at Christ Church in Irmo, SC. He and his wife, KarenAnne have a son, Rodney (4) and a daughter, Emily (2).

Peter Bartolini ’92 is a residential and commercial mortgage broker in Scottsdale, AZ. He is also an active member at Scottsdale Bible Church where he leads children’s worship. He and wife, Julie, are the parents of Rose, born on July 30, 2001.

Tara Lee (Yadav) Burdick ’92 works in the legal affairs department at Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation. She is also considering a possible career with the FBI. She and husband, Geoff, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary in 2003 by taking a trip to Hawaii.

Danielle Delgado ’92 holds a master of art’s degree with a concentration on dance/movement therapy from Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, PA. She was recently named the Coordinator of Settlement Music School’s Therapeutic Arts Program. In this position, Danielle will work with children and adults with disabilities to utilize the arts to address individual needs and enhance overall development. She has also been a member of the Pazaz Sacred Dance ensemble for ten years.

Joanne Gillespie ’92 works as a nurse at Paoli Memorial Hospital, Paoli, PA. In September 2002, she participated in a rota mission to Barquisimeto, Venezuela. In 2001, Gillespie went on a pilgrimage to Quebec with a youth group. Other pilgrimages were taken to Israel, Jordan, Turkey and Greece. She also serves as a lay elder of women in the Episcopal Church.

Alice Leary Heckman ’92 retired from nursing after 26 years of service at Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, PA. She and her husband, Kenneth, also retired, now live in Plymouth, MA.

Kathleen (Hart) Kennedy ’92 was employed as a special education teacher in middle and high schools in New Jersey for over six years. She and her husband, Christopher, are completing a one-year internship with the Assembly of God Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship in Tallahassee, FL. They will then serve as missionaries on a secular university campus, reaching students with the Gospel. The Kennedy’s will return to New Jersey in fall 2003.

Erika (Musselman) King ’92 and husband, Kirby, are the parents of two children. Prior to the birth of their daughter, Meredith, Erika was a kindergarten teacher at Penn View Christian School in Souderton, PA. She also coaches field hockey at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School.

W. Scott Layer ’92 graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in May 2002 with a Master of Divinity degree and a master’s degree in pastoral counseling. Layer plans on pursuing pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church in Tennessee. He and his wife, Kate (Odiome) ’93, are the parents of three children, and reside in Wilmore, KY.

Elizabeth (Boden) Mazzochi ’92 is the director of music for contemporary worship at Trinity United Methodist in Bridgeton, NJ. She and husband, Paul, have a son, Steven, who is four years old.

Mary MacNeill ’92 married Thomas Salvo on July 13, 2002. For five years she worked as a certified manager/supervisor in rehabilitation case management for Quality Rehab Services, Montgomery County, PA. Future employment plans include possible work as a hospice, parish or rehab nurse.

Kevin Maness ’92 is currently in a Ph.D program at New York University.

Mark Nelson ’92 is an intern auditor for the Vanguard Group, Malvern, PA.

Debra (Davidson) Sharpe ’92 holds a master’s degree in social science from Bryn Mawr College, PA. In 2001, she was promoted to supervisor of admissions and family development at Bethanna, Inc. in Southampton, PA where she has been employed for ten years.

Rev. David Winner ’94 is a pastor to students and young adults at Baptist Temple in Blue Bell, PA.

Katrina Gierman ’96 was named the 2002 Walmart and Sam’s Club regional teacher of the year for Burlington and Mercer Counties, NJ.

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**Holly (Hinrichs) Smith ’00** and her husband have two children, Cameron (2) and Carter (1). They reside in Columbus, GA.

**Karl Smith ’02 (MBA)** is the executive editor for PhillyBurbs.com, the Web site for three Calkins newspapers: The Bucks County Courier Times, The ( Doylestown) Intelligencer and the Burlington County NJ Times. A major redesign was completed in December 2002. Since assuming his position in October 2001, Smith and his staff have more than doubled their audience. Their ultimate goal is to become the top regional portal in their area.

**SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

**Allyn Starry ’99** (Group No. 172) has been admitted to the Schuylkill County Bar Association, PA. She has a law degree from Widener University School of Law.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

**Rev. Rothangliani Rema Chhangte ’87 (MBA)** is the director of Ecumenical Formation for American Baptist Churches, USA. She has also provided leadership for the office of Cooperative Christianity in promoting the ecumenical relationships and ministries of ABCUSA. In her newly created position, Rev. Chhangte will develop and encourage ecumenical involvement at the regional and local church levels of American Baptist life.

**Alexander Aroutlouian ’92 (MBA)** is the deputy General Director of the Investment Company RUSS-INVEST, Moscow, Russia.

**Dan Preston ’98 (MBA),** a registered professional engineer, has been appointed to the Skippack Planning Commission, Skippack, PA. Preston has worked in the water utility industry for 15 years. As a member of the planning commission, he will help to monitor the water supply needs for 15 years. As a member of the planning commission, he will help to monitor the water supply needs.

**Gretchen Mary Schmidt ’01 (MBA)** married William Andrew Reasner on July 13, 2002. Gretchen is a teacher at Tredyffrin Easttown Middle School in Berwyn, PA. The couple lives in New Holland, PA.

**Kirk Stanford Thompson ’94** (MBA) is now a business office manager at Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Lima, PA.

**Since 2001, he has worked with DAWN Ministries to oversee the process dispersing funds and requiring reporting from indigenous church planters. Contact Harold at DawnHaroldO@aol.com.**

**IN MEMORIAM**


**Mary Jane (Holeman) Johnston ’65** died on November 19, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer. Mary Jane was a highly accomplished organist and pianist. She was also an elementary school teacher for many years. She is survived by her husband, Cyril, ’66 who is senior minister of Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, WV; two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Thomas E. Wisniewski ’76** died on November 4, 2002. He had worked as a business office manager at Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Lima, PA. His wife, Ruth, and two children survive him.

**Lorelei (Goodreau) Huntington ’90** died of cancer on November 28, 2002. Her survivors include her husband, Gene, and four daughters. The family resides in Hillsborough, NJ. Lori was a stay-at-home mom.

**Wolfgang Riedner’97 (EDEV)** and his family returned to the US after 12 years in Uganda, where he served for the last four years as head of the Department for Management, Business and Development of Uganda Christian University. He is now educational director with Development Associates International (DAI), a ministry committed to leadership development in the two-thirds world. He says, “If you would like DAI help in training leaders in your country, just e-mail me at wriedner@dainl.org.”

**Harold Overstreet’96 (EDEV)** reports that after leaving Pennsylvania in 1996, his family moved to Colorado Springs where he worked with Mission Training International for two years, then with his wife, Jane, in Development Associates International, a leadership development ministry birthed at Eastern University.

**Lindy Backues’93 (EDEV)** and his wife, Donna, have called Indonesia home since 1989, and relocated to Tasikmalaya in 1997. They inaugurated a micro-credit program and the resulting local NGO, Sumbangsa Nuansa Tasikmalaya (SNT), now boasts a total staff of about 16, united to alleviate poverty and suffering in the city where they live. SNT employs both Muslims and Christians, with the belief that by working together to help others, a spirit of cooperation and understanding and witness can be engendered.

**Lindy, who was Eastern’s Outstanding Graduate Scholar in economic development for 1993-94, has been working on a PhD from Leeds University in the United Kingdom. For more information on Lindy and his colleagues’ work, visit http://www.mrdls.org/indonesia/snt.**

**Bill Innes’90 (EDEV)** has started the Good Samaritan Orphanage in Africa with six clergy and lay people. Their objective is to raise support and create partnering relationships between people and churches in the US for parentless children in Africa. They are focusing on locating funds for African orphanages, raising children whose parents have died from AIDS. Joe Njoroge’99 works with them as their webmaster. Visit www.goodsamorph.org.

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Julia Aguilar, associate professor and chair of the foreign language department, had her multimedia anthology of Spanish-American literature “Textos en contexto” reviewed by The Modern Language Journal, which said, “It deserves praise for its conceptualization, structural organization, and pedagogical goals, but even more for the way it points toward the next generation of multimedia applications in the teaching of literature.”

Mary Boylston, associate professor of nursing, wrote two chapters for Nursing Fundamentals: Reviews and Rationales Textbook for Prentice Hall Publishers. She also reports that Lauren’s House, started by BSN grad Mike McGarrigle, was awarded the Reaching Out Award for Pennsylvania on behalf of the Special Kids network. Lauren’s House provides skilled nursing for special needs children.

Darrell Boyd, instructor of organizational management, presented, “A Mentoring Program for New Associate Faculty,” at the meeting of the Adult Higher Education Alliance in October.

David Bradstreet, professor of physical science, reports that he and David Steelman plan to release an updated version of Binary Maker this fall. Originally written in 1993, this software for studying binary stars grew from Dr. Bradstreet’s doctoral work at the University of Pennsylvania. It is now used for teaching, research and modeling around the world. Binary Maker 3.0 has been completely rewritten in Java so that it will run under platforms that support that language, i.e., PC’s, Mac’s and Unix/Linux workstations. For more information, visit http://www.binarymaker.com.

Thomas Dahlstrom reports that his ECON 200 Personal Stewardship class hosted several campus speakers and outside guests including Leonard Galloway, from the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Philadelphia Office of the Attorney General of PA; Steve Carpenter, Vice President of Business Banking for Citizens Bank; Stephen DiOrio, State Farm Insurance; and Jerry Barr, GMAC Mortgages.

Jeanne Bundens reports that Eastern was listed in a large table of colleges granting chemistry degrees in Chemical & Engineering News, February, 2003. She says, “It is most interesting to see the vast number of small chemistry programs around the country graduating just a few chemistry majors per year. We graduated three in 2000 and seven last year.”

Harry A. Dorian, Esq., part-time professor of business and economics, participated in the conference on “Armenia: Recent Economic Trends and Growth Prospects” sponsored by the Armenian International Policy Research Group. The conference brought together specialists from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the U.S. Congress, the Treasury Department, and the Federal Reserve Bank, among others.

Enrique Fernandez, professor emeritus of Spanish, received the Cross of the Order of Isabella the Catholic from His Excellency the Ambassador Don Emilio Cassinello.

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Eastern University Honors the Life of Dr. Harold C. Howard (1926-2003)
The Eastern University community mourns the passing of Senior Vice President Dr. Harold C. Howard on Friday, September 5. University President David Black said, “With a heavy heart and a deep sense of earthly loss my words come to inform you our colleague and friend, Dr. Harold Howard, passed away. Amidst the loss, join also with me in gratitude that Harold suffers no more and that he has been warmly greeted as a humble and faithful servant of the heavenly Father. Our community has been deeply and richly blessed by Harold’s presence among us.”

Funeral services were held at the Lower Merion Baptist Church in Bryn Mawr, PA, on September 9. A campus memorial service was held at Eastern University on September 10. The Harold C. Howard Student Leadership Center has been established in honor of Dr. Howard at Eastern University. The family has requested that memorial donations be made payable to Eastern University, with “Howard Leadership Center” written on the memo line. Send them to: Eastern University, Office of Development, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA, 19087.

A graduate of Kings College in Delaware, Harold Howard earned his Ph.D. in history at Loyola University. Dr. Howard joined Eastern University as a history professor in 1965 and was quickly named vice president and academic dean. He served in this position for 13 years. In 1978, Dr. Howard started a consulting business, teaching strategic planning to organizations in the U.S., Canada, and France. In the late 1980’s, Dr. Howard was invited back to Eastern to help shape the plans that would eventually transform Eastern College into Eastern University. Shortly after his return, he started the Degree Completion Program which helped working adults complete their college degrees. The first of its kind in the Delaware Valley, this program has greatly expanded at Eastern and has been adopted by over a dozen other colleges and universities in this area.

Dr. Howard later served as provost, writing and disseminating numerous scholarly publications called “Provost’s Perspective” on trends in higher education, leadership, ethics and the Christian worldview.

A faithful Christian, Dr. Howard began his life’s work as pastor of Cypress Avenue Baptist Church in New York City. He and his wife, Gladys, the church organist, were active in various church ministries. When Gladys passed away in 1992, Dr. Howard established a music scholarship at Eastern University in her honor. During the last 10 years of his life, Dr. Howard took several pastoral internships at American Baptist Churches in southern New Jersey. Dr. Howard is survived by a son, Mark Howard, and a daughter, Carol Joy Jackson.
in January, Dr. Fernandez received this award for “his meticulous research, passionate dissemination and scholarly publications” about Spain’s contribution to the independence of the United States and the first three Spanish diplomats in this country. The Order of Isabella the Catholic was established by King Ferdinand VII in 1815.

Dr. Allen Guelzo was invited to the White House as a member of the Commission Advisory Committee with Harry Jaffa, another member, on either side of a statue of Lincoln’s political idol, Henry Clay.

Dr. Guelzo was invited to the Templeton Honors College and member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Advisory Committee with Harry Jaffa, another member, on either side of a statue of Lincoln’s political idol, Henry Clay.

Dr. Matthews is in his second season as conductor for the Jubilate Deo Chorale and Orchestra, a part of the Archdiocese of Camden, NJ. “I felt overwhelmingly honored and humbled at the same time by this immense privilege of conducting music for such an important occasion,” Ron Matthews said. “As I stood in the Conductor’s Suite before the performance, I noticed the pictures hanging on the walls and I realized that I was being watched over by the faces of some of the world’s greatest conductors.”

“Equally touching was knowing that among the audience were 30 of Matthews’ students and colleagues from the music department at Eastern who had traveled to New York to share in his experience. There was a sense of lingering fear in the people of New York City as I stood in the Conductor’s Suite before the performance, I noticed the pictures hanging on the walls and I realized that I was being watched over by the faces of some of the world’s greatest conductors.”

“Smooth Approximation of Singular Perturbations,” which was accepted for publication in the refereed *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*.


The nursing department is pleased to announce a $10,000 grant from the McLean Contributionship for the purchase of physical assessment equipment to be used off-site at the Seminary. Josey Banner, director of development, was instrumental in formulating the proposal with Dr. Lacey.

Sara Miles, Dean of NECHE, is co-author of a chapter on gender in a new book from Johns Hopkins University Press, *Science and Religion: An Historical Introduction*.

Julie Morgan, assistant professor and chair of the communication department, delivered a paper at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans, LA, “Teaching Students that Communication is Action.”

Elvira Ramirez, assistant professor of Spanish, edited the January-June 2003 *Encuentro con Dios* publication, the Scripture Union Spanish version of daily devotions. Professor Ramirez has been the editor of this publication since 1996.

Scott Robinson, music instructor, had a premiere with Philadelphia’s Voces Novae et Antiquae chamber choir with his piece, “Heart of Singing Light,” a five-movement cantata for choir, soprano solo, flute, clarinet, violin, cello, and percussion. He received a grant from Meet the Composer, and participated in outreach activities. Dr. Robinson was also in residence at Northwestern College in Iowa, last March. The Northwestern choir performed Robinson’s “Psalms 42” on their spring tour.

Dave Unander, associate professor of biology, participated in the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization Agricultural Missions Conference in Ft. Myers, FL.

Randolph Walters, assistant professor of counseling, successfully completed the National Board for Certified Counselors Exam.


Sandra Bauer, associate professor of social work, along with six senior social work majors, attended the conference of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work in Rochester, NY. Dr. Bauer presented a workshop, “Family Rituals: Clues to Restoring Families.”

Calenthia Dowdy, assistant professor of youth ministry, gave a presentation on dismantling racism at the Race Relations Program held at Holsey Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Germantown, PA.

Van Weigel, professor of economics, wrote an article, “The Loading Dock Model of Education Meets the Broadband Virtual...

In early January, Dr. Weigel gave a keynote address, “E-Learning — The Next Generation” for an education conference at Bowling Green State University, and presented, “Discovery-based Learning: The Key to Deep Learning and Learning Communities” at a conference at Kent State University.

William Yerger, associate professor of education, presented two workshops to educators. “Using Instructional Games to Enhance Achievement” was presented to teachers in Brigantine, NJ, and focused on the use of “pizza wheels” as instructional tools (see photo).

Dr. Yerger says, “They are by far the most powerful hands-on tool I’ve ever used. I presently have about 250 of them for all subject areas and add about 15 more a year. About 20 are versatile enough to use in kindergarten through adult settings.” His workshop, “Creatively Implementing the Theory of Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom” was presented to 20 college educators in Hershey, PA.

Dr. Yerger also presented at the 48th Annual International Reading Association conference at Orlando, FL in May. The focus of his presentation was “Creatively Implementing the Theory of Multiple Intelligences in Narrative and Content Materials.” Dr. Yerger has had training with Dr. Howard Gardner and Dr. Thomas Armstrong, both leaders in the field. In addition, Eden Enterprises asked Dr. Yerger to write a booklet, “Twelve Fundamentals for Student Success on the State-Mandated Tests.”

Dr. John E. Stapleford, professor of economic development, was interviewed on Larry Burkett’s “Money Matters,” WFIL and a radio station in Pittsburgh, WPTT, about his new book, Bulls, Bears & Golden Calves: Applying Christian Ethics in Economics (InterVarsity Press).

HONORS CONVOCATION
Kenneth Frazier, senior vice president and general counsel with Merck & Co., Inc., addressed students, faculty and staff about the importance of morality in leadership at the Spring Honors Convocation.

He emphasized the need for corporations to address the deeper and tougher issues of morality, such as fighting AIDS, which is a key contributor to poverty in the developing world. Merck is doing research for a safe and effective AIDS vaccine and free medicine has been provided, but besides supplying goods and services, companies need to partner with churches and other institutions to meet needs in practical ways.

Quoting Secretary of State Colin Powell, Frazier said, “Plans are good, but only action can put food in the mouths of little boys and girls. Stopping HIV must be one of our highest goals and priorities.”

SHAKESPEARE’S ENGLAND
What better way to learn than by immersing yourself in the subject of study? After studying Shakespeare, a group of 21 students and ten parents and alumni spent Spring Break touring “Shakespeare Country” (Oxfordshire and Warwickshire) and London.

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GLADYS M. HOWARD CHRISTIAN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS
This fund was started by Dr. Harold Howard and friends of the University to honor Mrs. Howard’s strong affection for music and its place in Christian worship and service. Our current Gladys M. Howard Christian Music Scholars are:

Front row, (left-right): Liesel Schuchart, Brenna Shevlin, Brianne Dunkleberger, John Messner
Center: Kate Wood, Amy Tapper
Back Row: Wei-Hsuan Hsu, Anja Altgroth, David Mack, Ashleigh Henderson, Melissa Keyser, Jon Frost

Anita Marland ’92, Eastern’s director of Student Health Services for 15 years, passed away March 27, 2003. She was formerly a staff nurse at Bryn Mawr Hospital and Bayada Nurses. She is survived by husband Al, and daughters Andrea and Alyssa.

Donations are encouraged to the American Cancer Society, 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 201, Media, PA, 19063.
One highlight of the trip was going to the Old Vic to see a production of "The Tempest," starring the noted British actor Sir Derek Jacoby as Prospero. Another highlight was worshipping in Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford; built in the 12th century, it is the smallest cathedral in England, and also part of the setting for the first Harry Potter movie. Other sights included Warwick Castle, Westminster Abbey, and the reconstructed Globe theater where Shakespeare’s plays were first performed.

A similar trip is planned to Italy in Spring 2004. Students, relatives, and alumni are welcome to participate. Write Dr. Caroline Cherry at Eastern University for more information, or e-mail her at ccherry@eastern.edu.

Dr. Cary previously taped three lecture series, which are "Augustine: Philosopher and Saint" (1997), "Philosophy and Religion in the West" (1998), and part of the Great Minds of the Western Intellectual Tradition series (2000). When he was at Villanova, Dr. Cary was asked to do the Augustine series by a former student who now works for The Teaching Company. Dr. Cary is preparing his fourth lecture series which will focus on Luther and the spiritual crisis in his life that was not resolved until he found the Gospel, not only the law, of Christ. The lectures will explain why Luther was so willing to defy everyone for his beliefs. They’re scheduled for release around Christmas, 2004.

Contact Dr. Cary at 610-341-5928 or e-mail: pcary@eastern.edu

New Dance Studio

Professors Josellie Deans (center) and Karen Clemente (right) celebrate through dance the opening of their new studio. Dance is now a major field of study at Eastern. Visit www.eastern.edu/academics for more information.

First Graduating Class of Nueva Esperanza

Front row, l. to r.: Gabriel Valdes, Brendalis Diaz, Miguel Hernandez, Olga Quintana, Bethsaida Butler.
Back: Marion Alvarez, Angelia Segarra, Madeline Perez, Illana Santiago, Carmen Torres, Iraisda Rivas, Felix Espino, Luis Cortes, President of Nueva Esperanza.

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Service Awards

Eastern honors the following individuals for their years of service to the University:

5 Years of Service
- David Black
- Anthony Blair
- Steve Brennen
- Darrell Boyd
- Melinda Buurma
- Heewon Chang
- Kevin Comber
- Markeva Corey-McCoy
- Ed Groce
- Mark Hallen
- Nancy Hartsook
- Gilda Jean-Louis
- Leonard Jamison
- Gary Jenkins
- Kimberlee Johnson
- Lisa Lamson-Scribner
- Francisco Milan
- Connie Minnich
- Robert Mueh
- Rob Nash
- Donna Pinkney
- Jean Rines
- Dave Seapy
- Wendy Valentino
- Gary Wissinger

10 Years of Service
- Wesley Bryan
- Nathan Corbitt
- Jackie LeRoux
- Ron Matthews
- Eloise Meneses
- Teresa Nevola
- Mary Anne Peters

15 Years of Service
- Thelma Gray
- Stephanie MacTavish
- Patti McHugh
- Jim Rogers
- Robert Smith
- George Zampetti

25 Years of Service
- Sandra Bauer
- Wendy Bryant
- Beverly Long
- Pat Root

30 Years of Service
- Kenneth Maahs

Retiree at 35 Years
- Helen Loeb

Office Dedication

The Student Government Association Office in Walton was named in honor of Dr. Harold Howard. Shown from the left are President David Black, Dr. Howard, and Senior Class President Robin Weinstein. (Please see tribute to the late Dr. Howard on page 21.)
PAC CHAMPIONS VOLLEYBALL

Head coach Mark Birtwistle was named Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year as he led the Lady Eagles to their 6th PAC Conference Championship and 4th NCAA Tournament appearance. Birtwistle was one of only eight coaches in the country to receive this honor. He also marked the season by leading his team to the most wins in program history with a total of 32 in the 2002 season. The team was led by junior Kate Adams, who was named PAC Championship MVP, and Erin Meredith, who earned two all-tournament honors, PAC Conference Rookie of the Year, and Mid-Atlantic Freshman of the Year. The team ended the season with an overall record of 32-6.

PAC HONORS WOMEN’S TENNIS 2002

Junior Angela Sprock was the first Eastern women’s tennis player to be named PAC Player of the Year. She was second in the PAC finals for the #4 singles and finished the season with a perfect 11-0 PAC record. Other season highlights include PAC wins for singles champion Jen Brunner for #5 singles, and doubles champions Sara Robertson and Sheri Mease for #1 Doubles.

WOMEN’S SOCCER 2002

Senior forward Katie Horning was named PAC Player of the Week after scoring four goals to lead her team to a 2-0 week. Overall, Horning posted 14 goals during the season, leading her team to finish second in the PAC.

MEN’S SOCCER 2002

Senior forward Chris Hammacher earned the honor of PAC Player of the Week three times and ended the season as the team’s lead scorer with a total of 20 goals and 6 assists.

Sophomore forward Kent Metzler also earned the honor of PAC Player of the Week for men’s soccer.

News compiled by Alicia Perry ’03

EASTERN WELCOMES TWO NEW COACHES

Brian Burke, a graduate of Delaware Valley College, joins Eastern as head coach for the baseball team. He was the assistant coach at Delaware Valley for the past five years. Brian is hard at work recruiting players and hopes to have 40 prospective players by the time the season starts.

Gershwin Sandberg ’00 is back at his alma mater as coach for the women’s tennis team. Originally from Capetown, South Africa, Gershwin has big plans for the season and says, “Personal growth in the team and as individuals is a goal, too. Winning is important, but that’s not how we want to define the season.”

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