

Fall 2015-  
Spring 2016

July 19, 2016



We did Service with the Deans as part of WELCOME WEEK and made placemats for inmates as part of Kairos Prison Ministry. Artwork by Katie Pryor, 2nd year M.Div.



Students attended the Parliament of World Religions, and **Dr. Habito out-dressed Jonathan Allen.**

Pictured above: Jonathan Allen, 2nd year MTS, and Dr. Ruben Habito, Professor of World Religions and Spirituality and Director of Spiritual Formation

# PERKINS NEWS

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## PERKINS IN REVIEW

Hello Perkins People!

The Office of Community Life hopes your summer is going well!

For the first time in Perkins News history, we are doing a “Perkins in Review” in which we highlight some of the year’s best moments. We hope that you will enjoy this little walk down memory lane—we sure did!

We would also like to introduce Laura Figura, Coordinator for Admissions, Financial Aide, and Community, who joined our staff this summer. She helped to edit this edition of the Perkins News, and will be part of the editing process for all the editions to come!

May the summer bring you peace and rest.

Until the fall,  
The Office of Community Life



**WE WELCOMED A  
NEW CLASS!**

**AND WE HAD A RECORD NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS FOR  
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION!**





We prayed together, focusing on uniting behind the common cause of righting social injustices everywhere. [#SMUnited](#)



Father, if you are willing,  
take this cup from me

Luke 22:42

We laughed about the “Starbucks Christmas Cup Controversy.”

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me.  
(Luke 22:42)”

-Matt Bell, 4th year M.Div.



### WE CELEBRATED HALLOWEEN!

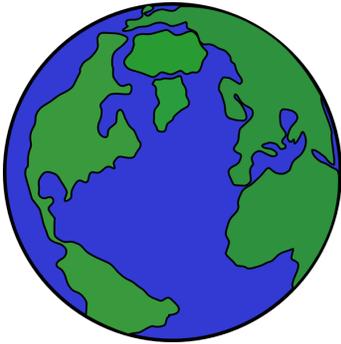
Left to right: Katie Newsome, M.Div. '16, Sadie Brink, 4th year M.Div., Kevin Patrick, Heather Moore's boyfriend, Heather Moore, 4th year M.Div., and Kallie Green, 4th year M.Div.



### WE STARTED COMMUNITY BRUNCH!

Left to right (clockwise): Robin Murray, 3rd year M.Div., Joyce Brooks, 3rd year M.Div., Garth Fletcher, Bryant Phelps, 3rd year M.Div., and Joshua Manning, 3rd year M.Div.

**STUDENTS WENT ALL OVER THE WORLD THROUGH THE GLOBAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM!**



**Perkins in Israel!**



**Perkins in Cuba!**



**Perkins in China!**



**Perkins in El Salvador!**





**We had STAR WARS lunch!**

**Pictured:**  
Ryan Klinck,  
2nd year

M.Div., poses with his R2-D2 socks.

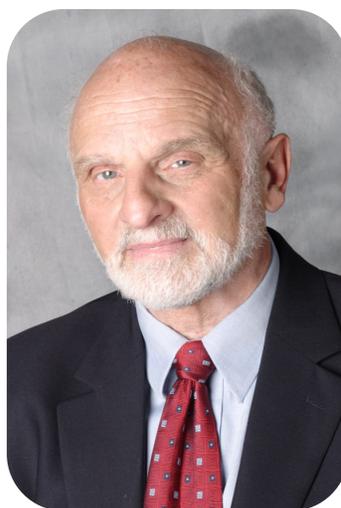


In Fall 2015, a new OIG was born at Perkins: Perkins Intramural Sporting Society, otherwise known as P.I.S.S.



## **Feminist Friday BECAME A THING!**

**Pictured left to right:** Hannah Sutton, 2nd year M.Div., Amanda Price, 3rd year M.Div., Courtney Webb, 3rd year M.Div., and Emily Eubanks, 2nd year M.Div.



Walter Bruggemann lectured at Highland Park on Monday, February 1. His lecture was titled, "The Peculiar Gift of the Old Testament."

Dr. Sze-Kar Wan, AKA "Panda-Wan," Professor of New Testament, donned a panda hat for his journey to the Great Wall of China, while simultaneously making all of our lives better than ever.





### **WE GAVE BLOOD.**

Pictured on right: Jonathan Allen, M.T.S. '16.



### **WE MARCHED TOGETHER.**

**Marching in Solidarity: (left to right)** Rev. Dr. Michael Waters, SMU Alumni & founding pastor of Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church, Heidi Miller, Assistant Professor of Christian Worship, Steve Rankin, University Chaplain and Minister to the University, Robin Murray, 3rd year M.Div. , Forest Turner, 3rd year M.Div. & Christian Watkins, 2nd year M.Div, and Dr. William Lawrence, former Dean of Perkins School of Theology.

**Photo credit Sheron C. Patterson.**



### **WE BROKE BREAD TOGETHER AT THANKSGIVING LUNCH.**

**From left to right:** Ronnie Wilson, 2nd year M.S.M., and Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music Director, Master of Sacred Music Program.



### **WE WENT TO A RANGER'S GAME TOGETHER!**



**WE PLAYED WHIRLY BALL!**



**WE CONQUERED AND SUBMITTED CREDO!**

Pictured: Pavielle Jenkins and Katie Lewis, 3rd year M.Divs.



The MSMs, class of 2016, gave a fantastic graduate recital. Pictured left to right: Taylor Vancil, Kristi Hassell, Corrie Hermans, Gabe Edwards, and Donté Ford.



**WE PARTICIPATED IN RELAY FOR LIFE!**



**STUDENTS & FACULTY PLAYED IN THE ANNUAL WESLEY CUP!**

**(FACULTY LOST, OF COURSE.)**



## HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLASSES



Dr. Billy Abraham teaches a class at the Houston-Galveston Extension Program.



Dr. Abraham Smith teaches New Testament in Houston.



## WE HAD AMAZING WORSHIP SERVICES!

**Picture above, back row:** Bishop Max Whitfield, Kristi Hassell (M.S.M. '16), Richard Grey (2nd year M.S.M.), Trey Burns (4th year M.Div.). **Front Row:** Heather Moore (4th year M.Div.), Sadie Brink (4th year M.Div.), Tom Webster (M.Div. '16), and Patricia Lund (4th year M.Div. )



## WE SANG KARAOKE TOGETHER!

At the Fall Banquet, Dr. Ruben Habito, Professor of World Religions and Director of Spiritual Formation, gave us a performance we will never forget!



We studied HARD (and fell asleep under desks at Bridwell). **Pictured:** Emily Robnett, 4th year M.Div.



We had an awesome **SPRING BANQUET & FOLLIES**, thanks to the Three Musketeers: Courtney Webb, Cassie Wohlfarth, and Amanda Price, 3rd year M.Div.'s.

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