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“Perkins in the News,” distributed by the Office of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations, provides an overview of recent local, regional, and national media coverage of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Links to media/Web items, new content posted to the Perkins website (www.smu.edu/perkins), and upcoming events are listed below.

Perkins in the News

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[In Church, a Taboo Topic](#)

Dallas Morning News

Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of pastoral care at **Perkins School of Theology** at Southern Methodist University, cautioned against blaming victims for not coming forward.

[Connecting With Canada: Celebrating the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto](#)

Art and Seek, KERA

The Ismaili Center and Aga Khan Museum in Toronto celebrated its grand opening Friday. And a group of students, faculty, and guests gathered at Southern Methodist University’s **Perkins School of Theology** to watch a live telecast of the event.

[Let Us Now Praise Wealthy Men? Structural Poverty, Religiously \(Re\)Considered](#)

Religion Dispatches

RD’s Peter Laarman . . . asked Rieger, the Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology at **Perkins School of Theology** in Dallas, to unpack structural poverty and to address religion’s stake in the dramatic growth of economic inequality in American society.

[Intentional Christian communities provide a test kitchen for human flourishing](#)

Faith & Leadership

The Missional Wisdom Foundation, based at White’s Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake, Texas, founded its first house in 2008 with students from SMU’s **Perkins School of Theology**.

[Bishop Martin McLee Passes Away](#)

United Methodist Reporter

Trained as a lawyer, he enrolled in SMU’s **Perkins School of Theology** where he received his Master of Divinity Degree.

Also: [Bishop McLee, ‘champion’ for marginalized people, dies](#)
[UMC Bishop Martin McLee, former St. Luke’s minister, dies](#)

[Dallas church’s sermon offers dangerous distortions of Islam](#)

Dallas Morning News

Robert Hunt is a professor at Southern Methodist University’s **Perkins School of Theology** and author of numerous books on both Christianity and Islam.

[“Houston: Confronting Poverty from the Heart of Faith” event promotes economic justice](#)

The United Methodist Reporter

The inspiring and energizing presenters come from across the United States and include world-renowned experts such as . . . Joerg Rieger (Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology, **Perkins School of Theology**, Southern Methodist University, scholar and author).

[TEXAS FAITH: Falling into Sin](#)

Dallas Morning News

By Bill McKenzie / Editorial Columnist; Comments by William B. Lawrence, Dean and Professor of American Church History, **Perkins School of Theology**, Southern Methodist University.

Additional *Texas Faith* Articles:

[TEXAS FAITH: Why should the government say whether churches can preach politics from the pulpit?](#)

And others, on the [Texas Faith Blog archive page](#)

[The Rapture is here \(at the movies and on TV\)](#)

Dallas Morning News

Ted A. Campbell, associate professor of church history at Southern Methodist University's **Perkins School of Theology**, points out that the idea of the Rapture didn't gain major traction until the 1800s with "a big division in 19th-century society."

[A Changed Woman](#)

D Magazine

In 2008, she took an administrative job at SMU, at the **Perkins School of Theology**.

[Columbaria appeal to a growing number of church members](#)

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Ted Campbell, associate professor of church history at **Perkins School of Theology** in Dallas, said in the Anglican tradition members were often buried in a crypt within the church and in the Middle Ages it was the norm for churches to have burial grounds.

[Any Negro Will Do](#)

Huffington Post

By Michael W. Waters, an alumnus of **Perkins School of Theology** and the founder and Senior Pastor of Joy Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas.

[Bill McElvaney, Methodist minister who pushed for social justice, dies at 86](#)

Dallas Morning News

He received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from SMU in 1980 and from **Perkins School of Theology** in 2013.

Also: [William McElvaney, social justice advocate, dies at 86](#)

[Activist Pastor Dies](#)

Previously: [Pastor under complaint enters hospice care](#)

[Robin Williams: What Good May Come](#)

Lake Highlands Today

By Dr. Harold Recino, Professor of Church and Society at **Perkins School of Theology** and an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church.

[Scholar takes his turn with John Wesley's letters](#)

United Methodist News Service

The Rev. Ted A. Campbell, associate professor of church history at Southern Methodist University's **Perkins School of Theology**, gets a similar glow whenever he learns of a previously undiscovered letter by Wesley, who founded the Methodist movement in 18th century England.

[Seminary welcomes Mexican, Colombian pastors](#)

United Methodist News Service

This summer, some Methodist pastors from Colombia and Mexico have engaged in distance learning the old-fashioned way — traveling to Dallas for classes at Southern Methodist University's **Perkins School of Theology**.

[Group to bishops: Enforce rules on homosexuality](#)

United Methodist News Service

Among those who spoke at the Atlanta meeting was the Rev. William J. Abraham, the Albert Outler Professor of Wesley Studies at **Perkins School of Theology**.

[Perkins School of Theology announces appointment of John R. \(Jack\) Levison to Endowed Chair in Old Testament and Hebrew](#)

United Methodist News Service

As a tenured full professor at **Perkins School of Theology**, Dr. Levison also will be a faculty member of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, a cooperative venture by Perkins and the Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences at SMU.

['My Eternal King' launched top Methodist composer](#)

United Methodist News Service

She served as choir director at Dallas' Northaven United Methodist Church in its early years. From 1975 to 2010, she led the summer Church Music Summer School at SMU's **Perkins School of Theology**.

[Glory days? The myth of the mainline](#)

The Christian Century

By Ted A. Campbell, Associate Professor of Church History, **Perkins School of Theology**.

Ongoing Faculty Contributions

[History of Hymns: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"](#)

General Board of Discipleship website

By C. Michael Hawn, Director, Master of Sacred Music Program, **Perkins School of Theology**.

Additional *History of Hymns* Articles:

["Close to Thee"](#)

And others, on the [History of Hymns archive page](#)

[Well...Is YHWH with us or Not? Reflections on Exodus 17:1-7](#)

Patheos

By John C. Holbert, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor Emeritus of Homiletics at **Perkins School of Theology**.

Additional *Opening the Old Testament* Articles:

[On Having More Than Enough: Reflections on Exodus 16:2-15](#)

And others, on the [Opening the Old Testament archive page](#)

[Fear and Analysis](#)

Patheos

By Robert A. Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education at **Perkins School of Theology**.

Additional *Interfaith Encounters* Articles:

[When Dialogue Must Stop](#)

And others, on the [Interfaith Encounters archive page](#)

[Level with Me: Reflections on Philippians 2:1-11](#)

Patheos

By Alyce M. McKenzie, George W. and Nell Ayers Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship at **Perkins School of Theology**.

Additional *Edgy Exegesis* Articles

[Smile, Though Your Heart Is Aching: Reflections on Philippians 1:21-30](#)

And others, on the [Edgy Exegesis archive page](#)

[Who's Got the Power? Reclaiming the Authority of the Bible](#)

Patheos

By Joerg Rieger, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology at **Perkins School of Theology**.

New on the Website: www.smu.edu/perkins

- [Perkins Launches New Website, Social Media Outreach](#)
- [New Center for Preaching Excellence Focuses on “Telling the Story”](#)
- [Perkins, Houston Methodist to Host Sept. 17 Faith & Medicine Luncheon](#)
- [Perkins Seeks Nominations For 2015 Distinguished Alumnus/a Award](#)
- [Perkins Offers “Master of Arts in Ministry” Degree, Expands Student Options](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Inside Perkins](#): September 25
- [Leadership Certificate in Preaching and Worship](#), *High Anxiety/High Hopes*
Healing Congregational Conflicts through Preaching, Prayer & Worship: September 29
- [Inside Perkins](#): October 3
- [Perkins Fall Banquet](#): October 9
- [Perkins on the Boulevard](#): October 18

Continuing Events

- Bridwell Library Exhibition, [Missionary Presses](#): through December 5, 2014
- Bridwell Library Exhibition, [Welcome Additions](#): through December 12, 2014

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