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“Welcome!” The word conveys joy at the arrival of a stranger, guest or loved one. “Welcome” also expresses a commitment to reach beyond one’s own bounds and engage others with compassion and concern.

Perkins School of Theology is a place where students from all walks of life are welcomed at key moments in their spiritual journeys. It is also a place where faculty and staff offer a warm welcome to new colleagues, even as their own gifts in the form of scholarship, teaching, administration and other forms of service are welcomed. Most importantly, Perkins is a place where persons are equipped to further extend diverse ministries of welcome through “Higher Learning. Real Experience. Vital Ministry.”

The new and newly renovated facilities at Perkins School of Theology enhance immensely our capacity for welcoming and educating coming generations of church leaders, both clergy and laity. Doors of opportunity have opened for new and continuing faculty members, with advances in technology deepening and enriching their work. The resources of the school are now accessible to everyone, without limitations on their mobility. In short, Perkins School of Theology is welcoming students and scholars, professors and pastors, laity and lifelong learners, in ways that were not possible prior to the construction project.

Moreover, Perkins is poised to engage the larger community with new means of outreach and service. We have long engaged the world beyond the walls of the campus through our involvements with churches, our internship program, our investments in the theological education of youth, and the countless contacts that we have with public audiences through teaching in local churches and at denominational gatherings. Additional new doorways continue to expand our connections with other units of Southern Methodist University as well as to constituencies in the secular arena.

Here are just a few examples.

Our newly established “Faith and Business Luncheons,” held periodically in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall, consistently attract about 100 guests from business and professional circles in North Texas. Participants enjoy a meal made possible by generous donors and hear presentations – one from a business or civic leader in the community, and one from a member of the Perkins faculty – about the integration of personal faith with professional responsibilities.

A recent lecture featured a Houston-based scholar of Islamic history and art. Offered in cooperation with the Aga Khan Foundation, the lecture focused upon the anniversary marking 1,000 years since the publication of an illuminated text of an epic poem. Attendees came from a broad spectrum of ethnic, religious, and cultural constituencies and included persons from multiple departments in the academic units of the University.

We hosted a reception welcoming the Site Selection Task Force for the Parliament of the World’s Religions. Guests included SMU President R. Gerald Turner, Fort Worth Mayor Pro-tem Danny Scarth, then Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Sulaiman Hemani (chair of the DFW Interfaith Coalition Steering Committee), and other religious leaders and dignitaries from a number of nations. The Dallas-Fort Worth area was one of three locations vying to host the next Parliament of the World’s Religions in 2014.

Our annual Ministers Week sustains a tradition of welcoming clergy from across the nation for continuing education and renewing friendships. Additionally, this spring we welcomed two very different, but closely related, groups of visitors for public gatherings. One event brought a significant group of scholars to campus when the Wesleyan Theological Society held its academic meeting here. Another event was the Wallace Chappell Lecture, funded by the Foundation for Evangelism, which featured Dr. Elaine Heath of the Perkins faculty and Jeff Kirby, Minister of Discipleship and Men’s Ministry at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Perkins School of Theology remains committed to opening more accessible doorways for people with many ties to our mission of preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. We are a private institution with a powerful public witness.
On the west side of Perkins Chapel facing Hillcrest Avenue, matching plaques designate a paved area with benches as “Crosby Court in memory of Stanley W. Crosby, Jr.” Like the ubiquitous plaques sprinkled on everything from bricks to benches, fountains to faculty offices, and stadiums to student lounges across the SMU campus, the plaques identifying Crosby Court are often overlooked. Dr. William Lawrence, dean of Perkins School of Theology, inquired about the origin of Crosby Court. Research unearthed a treasure – a series of letters exchanged in 1950-51 between Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, then dean of Perkins, and Stanley W. Crosby, Sr. that reveals the remarkable tale underlying Crosby Court.

The letters, tucked away in a financial office file, are carbon copies imprinted on the onion skin paper used before the era of photocopiers. The delicate pages chronicle a philanthropist’s endowment for students interested in ministry, his son’s heroic death during the Korean conflict, a dean’s empathy, and the ensuing dedication of a chapel courtyard.

Bishop William C. Martin initiates the letter exchange by written introduction of Hawk and Crosby, Sr. Initially, the letters cordially discuss options related to a scholarship fund. Then Crosby shares with Hawk letters from soldiers serving with his son in Korea. The letters were written to his daughter-in-law and express great concern and confusion about Crosby, Jr.’s condition and whereabouts following a battle near Pongam-ni. After Hawk learns Crosby, Jr. was killed during an attempt to save other soldiers, he is so moved that he suggests naming the courtyard for Stanley Crosby, Jr.

The tale’s timelessness resonates with events today. Renovation of Kirby and Selecman Halls is complete – these very buildings were among those in the planning, construction, and dedication stages as Hawk writes in 1950. Today, a new building, Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall, has been dedicated – then, the theology quadrangle was a new addition to the SMU campus. Both eras are overshadowed by military conflict. The letters exchanged more than 50 years ago, excerpted in the following sequence, show some things don’t change – the need for equipped pastors, SMU’s ongoing growth, construction challenges, politics, war, self-sacrifice, grief, and generosity.
March 14, 1950

Dear Mr. Crosby:

... you expressed an interest in making an investment in some phase of religious and educational work that would continue to produce constructive results through all the years ahead. I proposed for your consideration the providing of ministerial scholarships for young men who will be preparing for the ministry in the Perkins School of Theology.

As you doubtless know, this School is in process of being relocated on the campus of Southern Methodist University in seven buildings which are now under construction—the chapel, the Library, the Administration building and four dormitories.

... I have conferred with Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, Dean of the School of Theology and Administrative Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, and he expressed genuine pleasure in knowing that you would be here and assures me that he will be pleased to give to you and Mrs. Crosby the opportunity of seeing what is in prospect at the Perkins School of Theology in the way of new buildings and an expanded program and of talking with you about the scholarship idea. ...

Cordially yours,

William C. Martin

March 15, 1950

Dear Mr. Crosby:

Bishop William C. Martin informs me that you and Mrs. Crosby are likely to be in Dallas April 6th and 7th, and he also says that you are considering an investment in the training of young men and women for Christian leadership, especially young men who are looking toward the ministry as a life work. ...

Sincerely,

Eugene B. Hawk, Dean

July 14, 1950

Dear Mr. Crosby,

... We have had a strike on among the workmen here since July 1. It has delayed our building program. All the laborers are at work now except the lathers and plasterers and we expect them back Monday or Tuesday. They struck for a 12½ cent raise per hour. I believe this gives painters $26 per day and others run along pretty much in line. Building is an expensive matter at the time. However, there is no indication that it will get cheaper in the near future. ...

We have had to close our enrollment in the seminary for September. We now have 125% more than we had in 1946. ...

Cordially,

Eugene B. Hawk, Dean

July 4, 1950

Dear Mr. Crosby,

Thank you very much for your letter relative to the location of the potash shaft and the encouraging word that payment of royalties may take place within two years. Of course we can never tell how these things are going to turn out, but I certainly appreciate your wonderful spirit and your desire to have a part in the training of ministers for the church. I feel that you and Mrs. Crosby will have a great satisfaction in this work as the years pass.

Our building is delayed somewhat because of a strike but we hope things will be under way again by the last of this week. I am enclosing a picture which was taken some three or four weeks ago. I thought you would like to see it. The world situation is looking pretty bad and I certainly hope we will not be involved in another world war. It almost ruined this country economically and every other way the last time. ...

Cordially yours,

Eugene B. Hawk, Dean

The letters do not indicate whether the Crosbys visited SMU in April. Crosby has offered assignment of a portion of the royalties from a potash mining venture in New Mexico as income to support a scholarship fund. In the next letter, Hawk thanks Crosby for a recent update on the status of the mining venture. He also maintains contact by commenting on the progress of construction in the theology quadrangle.

July 4, 1950

Dear Mr. Crosby,

In the midst of correspondence regarding the scholarship fund, the Crosby family receives news that Crosby, Jr. has been awarded the Silver Star for his courageous action in Korea.

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First Lieutenant STANLEY W. CROSBY JR, 050845, Infantry. Company B, 5th Infantry, United States Army. On 11 August 1950 Lieutenant Crosby was leading his platoon as advance guard of the company in the vicinity of Pongam-ni, Korea. When the platoon attacked a strongly defended ridge and came under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, Lieutenant Crosby, though seriously wounded, remained in the advance position and covered the withdrawal of his men. As the platoon withdrew Lieutenant Crosby was observed charging a machine gun position in an attempt to neutralize it. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by
Lieutenant Crosby enabled the members of his platoon to reach safety and are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service. Entered the military service from New Mexico.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEAN:
OFFICIAL:
JOHN W. CHILDS
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

The Crosbys receive notification that their son was killed in action rather than missing. Crosby, Sr. explains to Hawk why they will not attend the dedication of the Quadrangle.

Hawk writes to Crosby, Sr. about the endowment; apparently he does not know about the events involving Crosby, Jr.

Hawk replies promptly to Stanley Crosby, Sr.
recurrence of a brain hemorrhage such as he had suffered in France closed his life without a moment’s warning. He was a young doctor and had before him a very promising life. My second son was wounded three times … and because of his membership in the National Guard, is again in service stationed at Fort Sill. The third boy will likely be called back to service when the emergency is declared some time this week by our unfortunate president. I know you cherish many precious memories of your son and the fact that he was a worthy officer and did his best to protect his men and literally died in the line of duty. Well do I know your concern for his wife and child and your desire to make the gift here at the University a memorial to Stanley, Junior. It is something that ought to be done and we will be glad to cooperate in every possible way. The scholarship memorial is a very popular one and one that has real merit about it. … You have been very generous in making this gift. …

Sincerely,
Eugene B. Hawk, Dean

Correspondence continues about the particulars of the scholarship funding. Additionally, Hawk suggests naming a courtyard on the west side of Perkins Chapel in Crosby, Jr.’s memory. His description of the court is somewhat vague and creates confusion over the function of the court. In a follow-up to his initial proposal, he clarifies usage of the court to Mrs. Crosby.

April 24, 1951

Dear Friend:

… Back of the chapel here facing the street we have a paved court which is going to be very popular with the young people for various types of outside services. I have talked with President Lee and some others and we have the feeling that we would like to name this court in honor of Stanley. We would call it the Crosby Court. … I just wonder how you and Mrs. Crosby would feel about this. I think it is a very lasting memorial for your son. We could arrange the dedication service for some evening. It would not be an elaborate affair. Please let me have your reaction to this suggestion. …

Cordialy yours,
Eugene B. Hawk, Dean

May 29, 1951

Dear Mrs. Crosby:

… The court we are naming for Stanley, Jr. is not a tennis court. It is much more meaningful to our campus life than that. It is a court where young people can have their vespers services and outdoor musical programs, etc. We will send you some pictures of it a little later on. We are getting some white metal outside furniture for it. To me, it is one of the most interesting spots on the Quadangle. We have not dedicated it yet but will do so this summer and formally name it “The Stanley W. Crosby, Jr. Court.” …

Sincerely,
Eugene B. Hawk, Dean

Epilogue:

Ultimately, Stanley Crosby, Sr. originated three endowed funds: Stanley W. Crosby Theological Endowment Fund, established 1950 (for operations of the theology program); Stanley W. Crosby, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund, established 1951; and Eugene B. Hawk Endowed Scholarship Fund, established 1962. Numerous Perkins students have benefited from these scholarships. Stanley Crosby, III lives in Roswell, New Mexico.

– Barbara Whitehead
Former Associate Director of Public Affairs

Entry in the 1951-52 SMU Course Catalog in the Perkins section:

In 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crosby, of Roswell, NM, gave half their royalty on 22,170 acres of the potash land located near Carlsbad, NM to the Seminary. This will likely be one of the most valuable conveyances made to the school. It and an Endowed Scholarship are in memory of Stanley W. Crosby, Junior.
Eight Centuries of the Bible in Translation

Eric White, Curator of Special Collections

“Eight Centuries of the Bible in Translation,” a Bridwell Library exhibition from February 1 – May 14, 2011, traced the enduring effort, despite resistance on many fronts, to translate the Bible into the world’s native languages. Dating from the thirteenth century to the early twentieth century, the gallery exhibition of 60 Bibles from Bridwell Library’s Special Collections represented 55 different languages from five continents.

The Bible was born from two parent languages, Hebrew and Greek. Although St. Jerome’s Latin translation of the Bible shaped Christian theology and worship throughout medieval Europe, the development of regional languages and the rise of reform movements encouraged numerous vernacular translations during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. By the late eighteenth century, biblical translations had been produced throughout Europe and in selected regions beyond. During the nineteenth century, a period of widespread missionary efforts, the Bible was disseminated in hundreds of languages indigenous to Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas. Today, the Bible is available in more than two thousand different languages.

Bibles for the Americas

[Massachuset Bible]. Mamusse wunneetupanamatamwe up-Biblum God. Cambridge, [Massachusetts]: Samuel Green, 1680, 1685.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians in New England was responsible for one of the landmarks of early printing in the British colonies. The “Eliot Indian Bible” of 1663, completed by the Puritan minister John Eliot (1604–1690) with the assistance of native translators in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was the first Bible printed in the New World, and the first example in history of the translation and printing of the entire Bible into a new language (Massachusetts) as a means of evangelism. Eliot had produced the New Testament in the same language in 1661, with a revised second edition in 1680. The exhibited Bible was comprised of Eliot’s 1680 New Testament and his revised Old Testament of 1685.
**BIBLES IN ASIAN LANGUAGES**

[Chinese (High Wenli) New Testament].
Canton: British and Foreign Bible Society, 1815.

Based on an unpublished translation by the Jesuit Jean Basset (1662–1707), this translation of the New Testament into the classical Chinese literary dialect of High Wenli was prepared by Robert Morrison (1782–1834), the “Father of the Protestant mission in China,” with assistance from William Milne (1785–1822). Exhibited was the second edition, issued in eight parts. The first edition, printed in smaller type, had appeared at Canton one year earlier. The entire Bible was first published at Malacca in 1823.

[Urdu Gospel of Matthew].
Illuminated manuscript written in ink on paper.
[Pakistan: early nineteenth century].

Handsomely illuminated in a style typically found in manuscripts of the Qu’ran, this undated manuscript presents the Gospel of Matthew translated into Urdu, a form of the Hindustani language spoken in Pakistan. The first printed edition of this text appeared at Serampore in 1814.

[Biblical of the Reformation in Europe]

[Spanish New Testament].
El Nuevo Testamento de nuestro redemptor y solo Salvador Iesu Christo, traducido de Griego en Castellana.

The first edition of the scriptures in Castilian Spanish, this New Testament was translated from the Greek by Françisco de Enzinas (c. 1515–1552), who dedicated the work to Emperor Charles V in the hope of gaining official approval for circulation within Spain. However, Catholic censors found the translation highly objectionable and in 1551 it was placed on the first Spanish Index of Prohibited Books.

[BIBLES IN MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES]

[Armenian Gospels].
Manuscript written in ink on paper. [Turkey?], 1650.

This beautifully decorated manuscript is Bridwell Library’s earliest version of the Gospels in the language spoken in Armenia, a small kingdom to the east of Turkey. The text dates from the fifth century, when St. Mesrop Maštoc (c. 361–440) invented the Armenian alphabet and translated the Bible out of Syriac; later patriarchs revised the translation utilizing Greek sources. Written in traditional Armenian script, the manuscript also includes colorful bird-shaped initials. Dated 1650, the manuscript precedes the earliest printing of the Armenian New Testament by sixteen years.
Bridwell Extends Welcome on the Worldwide Web

Bridwell Library has launched a newly designed website. The website address remains http://smu.edu/bridwell.

ATLA Serials for Alums

Bridwell Library offers Perkins Alumni/ae free access to ATLAS, an online collection of more than 100 major religion and theology journals from as early as 1924 to the present. You can search ATLAS by title, keyword, author, subjects, scripture passage, journal name and language. While access is free, alumni/ae need to register in order to receive an assigned username and password to enter the database. To access this system visit http://www.smu.edu/bridwell/circulation/atlas.html.

Ten Texas Bishops: The Elmer T. Clark Portraits

From December 14, 2010 through May 8, 2011, the Bridwell Library Entry Hall featured a striking exhibit of 58 eight-by-ten black-and-white photographic portraits.

The portraits, which are part of Bridwell Library’s collection of papers from the office of Perkins School of Theology Dean Paul B. Kern, comprise all the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (MECS) prior to 1924, including the pre-1844 bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From the complete set of 58 photographs, this exhibition presented 10 portraits of bishops who served the Methodist faith community in Texas. These are not standard studio portraits, but photographs of similarly composed paintings or drawings with cloud-like backgrounds. The photographs were produced by Elmer T. Clark who may have created the original artworks. Each print is labeled with a name, biographical details, and a stamp mark declaring: COPYRIGHT 1924, BY ELMER T. CLARK NOT TO BE REPRODUCED.” Additional information, including a link to digital images of all 58 portraits, is available at www.smu.edu/Bridwell/Collections/SpecialCollectionsandArchives/Exhibitions/TenTexasBishops.aspx.

The South Central Jurisdiction UMC College of Bishops met with SMU President R. Gerald Turner (second from right) at Perkins on January 31, 2011.

John Wesley Letters Digitized

Roberta Schaafsma, director and J.S. Bridwell Endowed Librarian, has announced Bridwell Library’s first contribution to the SMU Digital Collections project. The collection includes digital photographs and transcriptions of the 133 letters written by John Wesley which are owned by Bridwell. This searchable collection may be accessed from http://digitalcollections.smu.edu/all/bridwell/ and is available to all researchers.
Honoring Marjorie Procter-Smith

When Marjorie Procter-Smith, who retired in June 2011 from her position as LeVan Professor of Preaching and Worship, came to teach at Perkins in 1983, she was only the third woman to be hired as faculty. “From the start,” she recalls, “I was very involved with the women faculty and administrators. There were so few of us at first,” she adds, “that we used to have lunch meetings in my office. Now there are so many women faculty and administrators we can’t all get in one office.”

Procter-Smith came to Perkins from graduate school at the University of Notre Dame, where she earned her Ph.D. A native North Texan and graduate of Dallas’ Kimball High School, she went on to earn her B.Mus. from the University of North Texas and the M.Div. from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. “The faculty took a leap of faith,” she says, “in that I had just finished my degree and was neither ordained nor United Methodist.”

Procter-Smith quickly came to appreciate the advantages of not being ordained: “When asked by students who sometimes seemed unable to imagine how a non-ordained person might be qualified for my position, I explained that I was a militant layperson and they should bear in mind that their congregation was filled with people like me. I also liked to remind them that there were laypersons in their congregation who were as well educated and as capable of understanding theological ideas and issues as any of us.”

Procter-Smith’s teaching specialties include the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship, and women’s studies. Her research interests encompass Christian feminist liturgy and ritual, performance theory and ritual studies.


In addition to contributions in her own fields of interest and expertise, Procter-Smith had a lasting impact on the Perkins community in other ways. She played a key role in the 1999 renovation of Perkins Chapel. Her duties ranged from assisting with the selection of an architect to sitting in on related meetings with university personnel and developing criteria to be evaluated for the renovation.

Procter-Smith was also associate dean for Academic Affairs from fall 2000 to spring 2005. She had many memorable experiences during the changes at Perkins in those years. “A memory that stands out was hiring seven new faculty in one year,” she recounts.

Retirement will find Marjorie, along with her husband, George, busy cultivating their vegetable and herb gardens while also taking care of rabbits, laying hens, and especially her beloved Tennessee Walker Horses on their 44-acre farm near Corsicana in rural Navarro County.

Knowing Marjorie over the years has been a divine gift. Through her work, mentoring, and friendship I have learned to love liturgy: its poetic, transcendental and emancipatory power that assures you of God’s presence in Worship. I’ve seen her model a balanced and holistic life as a feminist scholar, teacher, and activist. And lastly, I’ve learned to make delicious peach preserves from picking the right peaches to placing the lids on the jars. I’m looking forward to an annual fruit-preserve-making-day on the Procter-Smith Farm, perhaps?

– Evelyn L. Parker, associate professor of Christian Education
Alyce McKenzie has been appointed to the George W. and Nell Ayers LeVan Endowed Chair of Preaching and Worship at Perkins. The appointment of Dr. McKenzie, previously professor of Homiletics at Perkins, became effective in June 2011.

In announcing the promotion, SMU Provost Paul Ludden said, “The appointment of a faculty member at SMU to an endowed chair signals that the individual has attained the highest levels of accomplishment in scholarship and teaching. Alyce McKenzie is a tremendously accomplished scholar with a vast array of publications in Biblical studies and in preaching, and she is remarkably respected for her teaching within and beyond the University.”

Before joining the SMU faculty in 1999, McKenzie taught at Princeton Theological Seminary. An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, she has been the pastor of United Methodist churches in Pennsylvania and is currently a clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference, serving on its Board of Ordained Ministry.

As a scholar, McKenzie has become one of the nation’s most widely recognized authorities on the wisdom tradition in the Bible, particularly as it is expressed in preaching. Her recent research on the creative process of preparing and delivering sermons has resulted in a new book, Novel Preaching: Tips from Top Writers on Crafting Creative Sermons (Westminster John Knox Press, 2010), which examines the generative work that moves from images, ideas, and texts toward the proclaimed message.

After completing a Bachelor’s degree in religious studies at Bryn Mawr College and the M.Div.

Bruce D. Marshall has been appointed to the Edward and Emma Lehman Chair in Christian Doctrine at Perkins. The appointment of Dr. Marshall, previously professor of Historical Theology at Perkins, became effective in June 2011.

Marshall recently added an additional important administrative responsibility to his teaching at Southern Methodist University when he became director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies (GPRS). The GPRS combines the resources of Perkins School of Theology and the department of religious studies in Dedman College for students who pursue the Ph.D. in religious studies at SMU.

Dean William B. Lawrence expressed great confidence in Professor Marshall as he assumes new responsibilities. “Bruce epitomizes everything that we affirm in our mission statement as a school to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. He is a superb and challenging teacher. He is a globally respected scholar. And he contributes great leadership in the education of our Master’s and doctoral students.”

Marshall has been a member of the SMU faculty since 2001. A scholar of the history of Christian theology and doctrine, he is renowned for his work on the doctrine of the Trinity and is an expert on the theology of Thomas Aquinas. He has lectured widely throughout the United States and abroad on topics ranging from Trinitarian theology to Christology to the relationships between Judaism and Christianity.

A graduate of Northwestern University, where he earned his baccalaureate degree in religious studies, Marshall holds three Master’s degrees and a Ph.D. from Yale. He is a member of several distinguished academic guilds, and recently completed a term as president of the Academy of Catholic Theology. He has also served on the boards of five scholarly journals: Nova et Vetera, “Modern Theology,” Pro Ecclesia, “Ecclesiology,” and the “International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church.”
Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, professor of Global Christianities and Mission Studies, came to Perkins in 2010 from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, where he taught World Christianity for 16 years. He earned his Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in Mission, Ecumenics, and the History of Religions (1999); the M.T.S. from Princeton Theological Seminary (1990); the M.Div. from Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico (1987); and a B.A. from the University of Puerto Rico (1984).

Cardoza-Orlandi’s teaching specialties include the history of the movement of the Christian religion, with attention to the impact of colonialism and immigration; trends, movements and theologies in the global south; ecumenics and global Pentecostalisms; mission practices and studies, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean; and Afro-Caribbean and Amerindian religious encounters with Latin American and Caribbean Christianities.

An ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cardoza-Orlandi serves with the Board of Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ; the Hispanic Summer Program – as Chair of the Governing Board; and the editorial board of Apuntes, published by the Mexican-American Program at Perkins. He is a member of the board of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins and a mentor for the Hispanic Theological Initiative.

In addition to numerous other publications, his most recent book is História do Movimento Missionário (with Justo L. González, São Paulo, Brasil: Editora Hagnos, 2010).
HONORING CHARLES M. WOOD

“I had the good fortune to start out at the kind of place most folks would like to end up.” These generous words, summing up 35 years of distinguished service at Perkins School of Theology, aptly reflect the generous spirit of Dr. Charles M. Wood, Leeman Professor of Christian Doctrine, as he retired in June 2011.

A native of Colorado, Wood received his B.A. degree from the University of Denver, the Th.M. from Boston University School of Theology, and the M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University. A clergy member of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, he served pastoral appointments in Colorado and Wyoming before joining the Perkins faculty in 1976. In addition to his faculty appointment at Perkins, Wood served as associate dean for Academic Affairs from 1990 to 1993 and as director of SMU’s Graduate Program in Religious Studies (GPRS) from 2005 to 2010. Under Wood’s leadership, the GPRS completed a significant reorganization of the graduate faculty and curriculum. He was also instrumental in securing two grants from the Wabash Center to strengthen the program’s efforts to prepare its students for their work as teachers.


Wood has been an influential scholar and writer over the course of his career. His work on the character of theological study contributed to a major redevelopment of the accreditation standards of the Association of Theological Schools, and he chaired the self-study process leading up to the 2000 decennial accreditation review of Perkins. He has been involved in a variety of other collaborative projects for the advancement of theological study and theological education under the auspices of the American Academy of Religion, the Lilly Endowment, and other organizations. Wood is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Systematic Theology and the board of directors of Methodist Review, and has recently been appointed to the Committee on Faith and Order of The United Methodist Church. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Charles has been married for 44 years to Jean. They have one daughter, Leslie Rogers, who resides with her husband – whose name is also Leslie Rogers – in Japan. In retirement, Charles looks forward to writing and research without the distractions of administrative responsibilities. Still, he admits, he will miss his favorite part of Perkins School of Theology, “the company of teachers and learners.”

Charles Wood has a bedrock personal and intellectual integrity that has made him a highly respected member of the Perkins faculty, able to work effectively with all sides on the issues that faced the school. On the personal side, he is certainly quiet rather than flamboyant; but there are aspects of his life that are highly distinctive. As far as I am aware, for instance, he is the only member of the Perkins faculty ever to have a child (his daughter Leslie) who became a professional pool player. And, on a more serious note, it is well worth mentioning that the careful thought he has put into the teaching of theology in the context of preparation for ministry – as well as the careful thought he has put into theological education in general – has left a deep mark both on Perkins and on Protestant seminaries throughout the country. As for me, both when I was director of the GPRS and during my brief stint as SMU’s Provost ad interim, I regularly relied on Charles’ advice and counsel for its consistent good sense. It was his genius to provide notes of sanity in the midst of the prevailing insanity of the academic world.

William S. Babcock, Professor Emeritus of Church History and 1990-2005 director of GPRS

Charles M. Wood has recently been elected vice-president (2011-2012) and president-elect (2012-2013) of the American Theological Society. “Professor Wood’s election is a truly prestigious honor,” said William B. Lawrence, dean of Perkins School of Theology. “The decision by the Society to select him as its president recognizes his career of contributions to systematic theology.”

The CHARLES M. WOOD FELLOWSHIP has been established at Texas Methodist Foundation for the Graduate Program in Religious Studies. A Wood Fellow is a student who exhibits exceptional promise in teaching and research. Gifts may be sent to TMF, 11709 Boulder Lane, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78726-1808.
**Professor Hal Recinos Ranks Second at Kung Fu World Championship**

Harold J. Recinos, professor of Church and Society, was male runner up for Internal Grand Champion at the 2010 Legends of Kung Fu Taiji Legacy World Martial Arts Championship, earning 5 Gold Medals, 7 Silver Medals and 2 Bronze Medals.

In an interview with *Perspective*, Recinos shares his thoughts about what it means to be a world champion in martial arts as well as a theologian and anthropologist of religion.

**Q** What do you enjoy most about teaching at Perkins?

**A** I appreciate the wide range of thought represented among the faculty members. We don’t always agree, but we know how to be in conversation with each other.

**Q** How does your practice of martial arts relate to your spirituality?

**A** Both martial arts training and spirituality relate to balance and focus. My training has influenced my theological and anthropological study by cultivating a capacity to focus deeply. For me, training is a wonderful spiritual discipline. I have a passion for it. I think it sharpens your spirit in very different kinds of ways.

**Q** Do you ever struggle with the congruence of your theological views and the perception that the martial arts are violent?

**A** (Laughing) No. In fact, the contradiction is that I hate fighting. I am not a violent person. I’d rather avoid a fight. Kung Fu is a form of disciplined violence, certainly, but not in a negative sense. It is violence *qua* self-defense; it’s a last resort. And if you need to defend yourself in some situations, you have something to draw on. But it’s an act of self-defense. Martial arts is really more about overcoming yourself – issues of your weaknesses, your doubt, your capacity to talk yourself out of believing you can accomplish something difficult. It’s a very good discipline of the spirit.

**Q** Can you say a little more about how martial arts training has been enriching for you as a “discipline of the spirit”?

**A** I really do consider this practice as a part of my prayer life, my spirituality. For me, it’s like breathing: not to do this would be unusual. It’s a part of who I am. It is a vehicle to create the kind of clarity that helps you pursue understanding. It helps me to fully engage myself. It has given me a kind of resilience, perseverance that there is no kind of difficulty you can’t overcome.

**Q** Have you ever had to use your martial arts training in a dangerous situation?

**A** While I was seminarian, on the subway on the way back to Union some guy jumped me. I took a knife away from the assailant and injured him. I still have a scar from his knife. It was a really unfortunate situation; but at that point I was just defending myself.

**Q** Did you react in the way you expected, given your years of training?

**A** This type of situation is not like the movies. In real life you get cut. In a pinch, whether you’ve had martial arts training or not, you will defend yourself or run. Hopefully, you will defend yourself well. What’s interesting is that those situations are few and far between. In most situations, there is no need for confrontation. (I want to add a special word of appreciation for my coach, master Wuzhong Jia, who is also founder of the HeBei Chinese Martial Arts Institute where I train.)

**Q** You have shared that at 55 years of age you are typically the oldest person competing in the Grand Championship. And your recent running events include the Marine Corp Marathon and the Austin Marathon! What is your secret?

**A** (Laughing) I have no idea! But I’m grateful, and I keep going as long as I can.
David Maldonado Honored

Dr. David Maldonado, Jr. retired on May 31, 2011, as founding director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions. Reflecting on his service, Maldonado stated, “Engaging the faculty to look at the broader Latino reality has been one of the most satisfying elements of my work.” Associate Professor of Christianity and Cultures Hugo Magallanes, who has been named as Maldonado’s successor, praised the Center’s accomplishments under Maldonado’s leadership: “The Center has done an extraordinary work in promoting and providing excellent resources for theological reflection and by creating opportunities to discuss issues that are relevant not only to the Hispanic community but also to the U.S. society in general.”

Maldonado previously served at Perkins from 1984 to 2000 as professor of Church and Society, and as associate dean for Academic Affairs from 1993 to 1997. He was selected as president of the Iliff School of Theology in Denver in 2000, where he served until his “first retirement” in 2004. Maldonado has also taught at the School of Health and Human Services of California State University, Los Angeles, and the Graduate School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Arlington.

In 2009, Maldonado received the Perkins School of Theology Distinguished Alumnus Award. Other honors and awards include a Whitney M. Young, Jr. Foundation Fellowship and a W. K. Kellogg Foundation Fellowship. The Dallas Mexican Chamber of Commerce named him Educator of the Year in 1977.

Maldonado was elected to the University Senate of The United Methodist Church by the 2004 General Conference. A noted speaker, he has given the Glover Lectures at Southwestern University, the Sikes-Melugin Lecture in Religious Studies at McMurry College, and the Kellogg Lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served on the editorial board of “The Gerontologist” and as a reviewer for The Journal of Social Service Research.

A native of Seguin, Texas, Maldonado is an ordained elder in the Rio Grande Annual Conference. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Texas at El Paso and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Perkins (’68), Maldonado earned both Master’s and doctoral degrees in social work from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to his work in higher education, he served as pastor of a United Methodist congregation in Fort Worth, Texas; in the Social Program Department of the mayor’s office in San Francisco, California; as a community organizer for the Fort Worth Metropolitan Board of Missions; and as executive director of the Office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Project in Wichita County, Kansas.

He is the author of Crossing Guadalupe Street (University of New Mexico Press, 2001), as well as numerous articles, and has contributed chapters to several books. He is the editor of Protestantes/Protestants: Hispanic Christianity Within Mainline Traditions and co-editor with Paul Barton of Hispanic Christianity Within Mainline Protestant Traditions - A Bibliography.
Ted A. Campbell, associate professor of Church History, presented a report on the current status of the United Methodist-Episcopal bilateral dialogue to the United Methodist Committee on Faith and Order in Nashville, Tennessee, and brought the keynote address at an event on “Covenant in the Midst of Conflict” for the West Ohio Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Campbell was recognized by the dean, associate dean, and other colleagues at a spring faculty book reception celebrating his recently published book, Wesleyan Beliefs: Formal and Popular Expressions of the Core Beliefs of Wesleyan Communities (Nashville: Kingswood Books, 2010).

Campbell is also, with Russell E. Richey of Candler School of Theology, general co-editor of the Methodist Review: A Journal of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies. The Methodist Review, which will celebrate its second anniversary this May, is a peer-reviewed, open access electronic academic journal that publishes scholarly articles related to a wide range of Wesleyan and Methodist studies, including biblical, theological, philosophical, historical, social-scientific, biographical, ethical, and practical topics and methodologies. It is sponsored and financially supported by Candler School of Theology, Emory University; Perkins School of Theology; the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools; and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Elaine A. Heath, McCreless Associate Professor of Evangelism and director of the Center for Missional Wisdom, gave the keynote address at the 2011 annual meeting of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, meeting with the American Society of Missiology, in Chicago. Heath has also been elected president of the Wesleyan Theological Society for 2011-2012. Additionally, she has recently co-authored with Scott Kisker (in the New Monastic Library Series), Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2010).

William B. Lawrence, Dean and professor of American Church History, has been awarded an honorary doctorate from LaGrange College, the oldest private college in Georgia. The degree was conferred during graduation ceremonies on May 21, 2011. Dean Lawrence was also the speaker at LaGrange’s Baccalaureate service on May 20 (for sermon text, visit www.smu.edu/perkins/news). The honorary degree is presented on recommendation of the Education Committee of the LaGrange College Board of Trustees, which cites Lawrence’s outstanding achievements as a scholar, theologian and academic leader, and his unwavering commitment and service to The United Methodist Church and UMC-related higher education.

Rebekah Miles, associate professor of Ethics, was recognized at a faculty reception celebrating her recently published book, Georgia Harkness: The Remaking of a Liberal Theologian, Collected Essays from 1929-1942 (Westminster John Knox, 2010).

Ruben Habito, professor of World Religions and Spirituality, has co-edited (with David R. Brockman) and published The Gospel Among Religions: Christian Ministry, Theology and Spirituality in a Multireligious World (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2010).

William B. Lawrence, Dean and professor of American Church History, has just published Ordained Ministry in The United Methodist Church (United Methodist Publishing House, 2011).

Hugo Magallanes, associate professor of Christianity and Cultures, has been named director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins. Magallanes will be the Latino/a Center’s second director, following the retirement of David Maldonado, Jr.

Joerg Rieger, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology, was recognized at a faculty book reception celebrating his recently published book, Globalization and Theology in the Horizons in Theology Series (Abingdon Press, 2010).
Richard D. Nelson, associate dean for Academic Affairs and W. J. A. Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation, has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio. The award, which was conferred during the seminary’s Trinity Days festivities on September 30, 2010, is presented to Trinity graduates in recognition of their exemplary service to the church.

Additionally, Nelson was honored by 23 colleagues, friends, and former students with a *festschrift* unveiled at the November 2010 meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. “Raising Up A Faithful Exegete,” co-edited by Brooks Schramm and K.L. Noll, centers on such topics as Deuteronomy, the Former Prophets, priesthoods, social interactions, and theology. The hardbound collection of essays is published by Eisenbrauns Publisher, Winona Lake, Wisconsin. Richard Carlson, who taught alongside Nelson for 11 years, praised Nelson and his work through the years: “He has served as a fine model of what it means to be a dynamic and innovative teacher, an insightful mentor, a world-class scholar, a supportive friend, a dedicated leader in the church, and a person who takes sheer delight in all facets of his calling.”

Mark W. Stamm, associate professor of Christian Worship, will be the keynote speaker for the meeting of the North American Association for the Catechumenate (NAAC), August 1-3, 2011, at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, California. He will also be the keynote speaker for the national retreat of the Order of Saint Luke (OSL), October 17-20, 2011, at the Montserrat Retreat Center, Lake Dallas, Texas. Additionally, Stamm has published “What Are We Doing? Thoughts About a Seminary Chapel Program in an Ecumenical Setting” (*Worship* 84:2, March 2010).


Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of Pastoral Care, received “The Distinguished Achievement in Research and Writing Award,” at the 2010 American Association of Pastoral Counselors national meeting in Indianapolis. Additionally, Stevenson-Moessner has accepted an invitation to resident membership at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey, for the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year. Membership is awarded to outstanding scholars who are pursuing research that will advance the Center’s mission.
Sandwiched between a day-long new student orientation and the first day of classes, 14 new Perkins students and four current student leaders spent a day in mission to the greater Dallas community as a way of focusing the beginning of their theological education. Mission Day 2010, was jointly sponsored by the Perkins Office of Admissions and the Students for Missional Wisdom Organized Interest Group.

The students began their morning with a time of prayer and devotion in Perkins Chapel before departing campus. One team served at the Community Crossroads Services (CCS), an urban outreach of First United Methodist Church Dallas, where Perkins alumnus Rev. Cole (M.Div.’02) serves as executive director. The second team served at the Wesley-Rankin Community Center where Shellie Ross was a Perkins student intern. Both teams had an opportunity to experience firsthand the work, mission, and people of these two great United Methodist-related organizations.

After lunch, each group was led through a theological reflection on mission by Rev. Cole and Dr. Elaine Heath, McCreless Associate Professor of Evangelism.

“\textbf{I can think of no better way to welcome a new entering class of theology students than by engaging them with the real needs of people right here in our community.}”

\textit{— Tracy Anne Allred, Director of Student Services}
**Staff News**

**Lara Corazalla** joined the Bridwell Library staff on June 1, 2011, as Periodicals and Electronic Resources Librarian. Lara’s responsibilities relate to the management of Bridwell Library periodicals (print and electronic), e-books, electronic serials, and databases. Her work area is located in the Acquisitions Department.

Lara was previously employed for seven years in a similar position at SMU’s Fondren Library. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Government, with a minor in Religion, from Sweet Briar College. She earned the Master of Library Science degree at Texas Woman’s University.

Prior to his appointment to Perkins, Tim served as a pastor for 24 years in North Texas Conference United Methodist churches, most recently at Kessler Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.

A Perkins alumnus, Tim received the Master of Divinity degree in 1988. He subsequently earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Iliff School of Theology with a thesis on developing a strategy for postmodern preaching. He was invited to accept the position after an extensive search and with the affirmation of Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe of the Dallas Area.

In addition to his credentials for ministry, Tim is a veteran of the United States Air Force and was a professional musician for a number of years. He has been married for 29 years to Linda Perry McLemore, an artist and former pastor of ArtSpirit, a United Methodist ministry with artists in the Dallas area.

**Rev. Dr. Timothy McLemore** was appointed as associate director of Public Affairs at Perkins School of Theology effective June 2010. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Paul Escamilla, who was appointed as senior minister of St. John’s United Methodist Church in Austin.

**Teresa Rosado**, Master of Music Program Assistant and Perkins Chapel Coordinator, received an award from the American Association of Certified Wedding Planners on February 15, 2011, following the selection of Perkins Chapel as 2010 “Favorite Vendor – Ceremony Venue.” The four finalists included Highland Park UMC, Marie Gabrielle, and Rosewood Crescent Hotel.

Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Master of Sacred Music Program, praised Rosado’s leadership: “I have no doubt that the warm and professional spirit in which Teresa conducts herself has contributed to this award. Teresa is an example of the really fine staff people that we have at Perkins.”

**Robert Edwards** joined the Bridwell Library staff as Senior Building and Service Worker in May 2010. A native of Alexandria, Louisiana, Robert brings many years of experience to Bridwell, most recently as custodial supervisor at the Earle Cabell Federal Building and Courthouse in downtown Dallas. He retired from the U. S. Air Force as Technical Sergeant after twenty years, completing a special assignment from 1982 to 1985 to the Presidential Refueling Team at Andrews Air Force Base. Robert is father to four and grandfather to seven.

**David Widmer** retired in December 2010 following twelve years of service to Bridwell Library. His primary responsibility as Acquisitions Assistant was to manage the print periodicals collection including check-in, claiming, and binding of issues.

A celebration honoring Dave was held in the library’s Red Room on December 8.
**Student News**

**Brenda Brooks** (first-year, M.T.S.) was featured in the “Ennis Daily News” for her concurrent roles as mother, teacher, student, and pastor. Brooks is serving as pastor at Alliance of Faith UMC in Ennis, Texas.

**Larry T. Crudup** (first-year, M.Div.) was awarded a 2010 Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Congregational Fellowship. The award recognizes young leaders who demonstrate exceptional gifts for ministry and “see ministry as a compelling path to serve others, to renew the church, and to create change in the world.” In addition to a monetary award, Crudup will attend the FTE Leaders in Ministry Conference at Boston University School of Theology in June 2011.

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry’s Division of Ordained Ministry has selected **Andrew Dunning**, a student in the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, as recipient of a 2011-12 Dempster Graduate Fellowship. The award, made possible by the Ministerial Education Fund, carries a value of up to $10,000 annually with a maximum of $30,000 over five years, based on academic achievement, commitment to Christian ministry, and promise as an educator.

**Leah Suzanne Hidde-Gregory** (fourth-year, M.Div.) is a recipient of the 2010 Harry Denman Evangelism Award. The Denman Evangelism Award honors Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference laypersons, youth, laypersons and clergy who exhibit unusual and outstanding efforts for work in Christian evangelism by faithfully carrying out the mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ.”

The 2010 Scholarship Committee of the SMU Student Senate has named **Seung Woo Han** (second-year, M.T.S.) winner of a 2010 International Student Scholarship. **Kristen Melcher** (second-year, M.Div.) and **Chris Reed** (second-year, M.Div.) were each named winners of the 2010 Nancy Underwood Graduate Student Leadership and Achievement Scholarship.

**Reagan Lunn’s** (second-year, M.Div.) essay, “Because I Believe the Future Will Be Determined by the Ministry of the Church” (on the benevolence of Joe and Lois Perkins), was selected as winner of the 2010 Student Essay competition sponsored by the Texas United Methodist Historical Society. Lunn strengthens a new tradition, as previous winners also hail from Perkins: **Betty Brownsted** (M.Div.’10) and **Eric Nichols** (M.Div.’10).
Alumni/ae News

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Rev. Bill Matthews (M.Th.’63) received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Dallas Peace Center. Bill is past chair of the Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Square (2007 to 2010), current president of the Texas Division of United Nations Association USA, and regional representative to Steering Committee of national UNA USA CCD. He has served as president of the Board of the Dallas Peace Center (2004-06) and of the Dallas Chapter, United Nations Association – USA (2002-04).

The Institutional Review Board of The North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Missouri has recognized Rev. Dr. Roy H. Ryan (M.S.T.’67) for four years of service entailing “careful reviews of research protocols and keen insights to patient risk, benefit and safety issues.”

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Rev. Dr. Kim Cape (M.Th.’79, D.Min.’03) has been selected as general secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry by unanimous vote of the GBHEM’s Board of Directors. Dr. Cape, formerly executive director of New Church Growth and Transformation for the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, is a member of the Perkins School of Theology Executive Board.

Rev. Dr. Dwight H. Judy (M.Th.’72) has been promoted to professor of Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Dr. Judy served in various faculty and staff positions at Perkins beginning in 1952, most recently as director of Spiritual Formation from 1984-1987.


Dr. Michael McKee (M.Th.’78) was presented with the Bishop’s Award for Preaching Excellence at the 2010 Central Texas Annual Conference. Dr. McKee is the inaugural recipient of this award which was established in 2010 by Bishop Mike Lowry and the Cabinet of the Central Texas Conference. Dr. McKee serves as Senior Minister at First United Methodist Church of Hurst, Texas, and is Chair of the Perkins School of Theology Executive Board.

Dr. Vaughn W. Baker (M.Th.’80, D.Min.’82) opened the U.S. Senate in prayer as Honorary Senate Chaplain in 2010, upon the invitation of Sen. John Cornyn (Texas). Vaughn also opened the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C. in prayer as Honorary House Chaplain in 2009, upon the invitation of Rep. Kay Granger (Texas). Along with his wife Jacque and daughter Amanda, Vaughn was the personal guest of the then Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (California).

Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan (M.T.S.’86) was installed in January 2011 as Dean of Drew Theological School in Madison, New Jersey. He is the First Asian American to serve in this capacity. An active member of The United Methodist Church, Kuan has served on the board of directors of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry since 2004. He previously served on the faculties of the Pacific School of Religion and the Graduate Theological Union, both in Berkeley, California.

An article by John Thornburg (M.Th.’81) about experiences in African congregations, “Summoned to Cameroon by E-mail: The Report of a Rookie Hymnal Editor,” was featured as cover story for The Hymn Society’s quarterly journal, The Hymn. Thornburg is currently president of The Hymn Society and is founding director of A Ministry of Congregational Singing.

Jann Treadwell (M.R.E.’88) was honored at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference as 2010 Educator of the Year, in part for her role as Overture Advocate for Adolescent Resources at the 2008 PCUSA General Assembly to create new human sexuality materials for youth. She has been a director of Christian Education for 22 years, the last 16 at NorthPark Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas.

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Dr. Frank Alegria (M.Div.’88) has been named by Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe as the North Texas Annual Conference’s first Hispanic district superintendent. Dr. Alegria previously served as the senior pastor of First UMC in Beaumont, Texas.

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Keith Weber (M.S.M.’88) and Matthew Dirst (M.S.M.’85) received a Grammy nomination for Best Opera Recording. The nomination was for a recording of Johann Adolf Hasse’s (1699-1783) Marco Antonio e Cleopatra, produced by Weber with Dirst conducting the Ars Lyrica Houston. In addition, the Dallas Morning News offered these words of acclaim for a presentation of Monteverdi’s 1610 Vespers with Dirst conducting Ars Lyrica Houston in Dallas last November at Cathedral Guadalupe: “Dirst’s crisp but expressive direction yielded impressive precision, but also rhythmic buoyancy and rhetorical freedom. Lines were lovingly shaped, harmonic crunches viscerally felt, phrases elegantly rounded off.”

Rev. Mara Bailey (M.Div.’09) was featured in the October 9, 2010, issue of “Exploring God’s Call,” published by the General Board of Global Ministries, after beginning her first semester as university minister at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Bailey’s article includes this observation from Bailey: “I always felt called to work with young adults and campus ministry was intriguing to me. I experienced my own call to ministry through the campus ministry at my college. I’m excited to be able to share that with other students.”

Hutto (Discovery) UMC, served by Rev. Paul Gravley (M.Div.’06), was selected by the U.S. Commerce Association for the 2010 Best of Hutto Award in the Places of Worship category. In recognition of this achievement, a 2010 Best of Hutto Award was designed and displayed at the church.

Jim Laughlin (M.T.S.’08) published an article in the Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice. This prestigious journal, published by Kings College, London, is one of the few journals that the World Health Organization has chosen to put online. Laughlin was in good company when he presented the paper at the EPS Global International Trauma Forum in Chongqing, China, as a fellow presenter was a Nobel Prize winner.

Juan Silva (M.Div.’09) spoke at a Nashville retreat of mentors and seminarians of the Journey Toward Ordained Ministry Program, which provides support to racial-ethnic students pursuing ordination as a deacon or elder through scholarships, retreats, and mentoring. In addition to financial assistance, Silva said the program’s retreats and mentoring have helped him to get acquainted with fellow recipients “…who will help me on the journey and even beyond.”

“You Are What You Sing!” (Perspective Spring 2010) needs wider opportunities for others to share in its glory. It is hoped that it gets beyond Perspective thus giving an opportunity for it to hit others broadside. I am no accomplished musician, singer, or composer - just arise every morning singing all kinds of faith songs from my broad heritage. Being 79 years and very active, that allows for a broad range beginning in a conservative home church, experiencing black worship in North Wichita as all of my Dad’s relatives from northwest Arkansas and West Texas wanted to do when visiting what they could not, would not, do back home, and on and on the travels of faith singing goes.

The article gave cause for me to construct this Sunday’s service in my two small town churches on the very theme. Thank you!

D. Wayne Montgomery
Salina, KS

Your comments, compliments, or concerns are welcome. Send them to perspective@smu.edu, or mail to Perspective, Perkins School of Theology, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75275-0133.
JOYFUL GIVING – LASTING MEMORIES

“I’ve gotten more pleasure out of doing this than just about anything I’ve done in my life!” The satisfaction in his voice is palpable, as the Rev. Dr. James T. Garrett (B.S.’49, M.Th.’52) recalls his recent $100,000 gift to Perkins School of Theology. Thanks to Rev. Garrett’s generosity, the Jackie Garrett Morriss Endowed Scholarship Fund is now officially established.

The purpose of the fund is to provide a stream of income for the financial support of students in the Perkins School of Theology. “I’m a graduate of Perkins,” Rev. Garrett explained in an interview with Perspective. “I went to Perkins on work scholarships and the G.I. Bill. I could not have gone to Perkins otherwise, honestly. I wanted to enable someone else to have the opportunities I had.”

Rev. Garrett made the decision to establish the scholarship in memory of his daughter, Jackie Garrett Morriss, following her death from breast cancer. Rev. Garrett has been a longtime supporter of Perkins. “One reason I chose SMU,” he adds, “is that my daughter was a graduate of SMU, also. She loved it – was very fond of the school. I couldn’t think of a better memorial to do than something she enjoyed. She was a true Mustang!” The endowment is established not only in the name of Rev. Garrett but also in the name of his late wife, Frances – Jackie’s mother – who died from breast cancer as well.

One of the high points of Rev. Garrett’s time at Perkins was the move to its present location. “I was here in the transition period, when we went into the new buildings – up from the one building to the quadrangle where we are now.” He fondly remembers favorite professors like Robert Goodloe and John H. Hicks. He also learned a lot outside of the classroom, including his experience as a student worker in the office of then Perkins registrar Nell Anders. “She taught me a lot!” he notes with a light chuckle.

The most important part of Rev. Garrett’s experience, however, was the “community spirit” that continues to characterize Perkins School of Theology. “If you go on into ministry,” he observes, “you are with people with whom you’ll spend the rest of your life. Some of my best friends through the years were from Perkins.”

Rev. Garrett sums it up this way: “As a whole, it was a wonderful experience.” Thanks to the faithfulness of Perkins alumnus Rev. Dr. James T. Garrett and his late wife, Frances, The Jackie Garrett Morriss Endowed Scholarship Fund will allow scores of students for generations to come their own opportunity to experience the world-class faculty and vital community spirit of Perkins School of Theology.
The Charitable Remainder Trust: Reap Benefits Now While Giving Later

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is a trust funded with cash or other assets such as stocks, bonds, real estate, or other marketable assets (often appreciated assets). The trustee of the trust makes periodic payments to individual beneficiaries for a term of years or for the lifetime of the beneficiaries. At the end of the term, the remaining assets are distributed to Perkins School of Theology to be used as the donor designates. The trust may be irrevocable and provide current tax benefits, or may be a revocable trust such as one created in a donor’s last will and testament.

There are two basic types of CRTs. The Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust pays a fixed dollar amount to the individual beneficiaries each year. The Charitable Remainder Unitrust pays a fixed percentage of the trust’s assets to the individual beneficiaries each year.

What are some of the benefits of a CRT? When assets are placed in an irrevocable CRT, the donor is entitled to an income tax deduction based upon the estimated value of assets that are expected to pass to charity. Further, if appreciated assets are placed in the trust and then sold, the trust does not incur a capital gains tax. This may allow for a better diversification of assets and will allow the full value of the assets to work for the beneficiaries (without deducting what would otherwise have been paid as capital gain taxes). Also, because the assets in the trust are no longer included in the donor’s estate, the CRT may reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes.

While an immediate income tax deduction is not available upon the creation of a revocable CRT, such as one created in a donor’s last will, an estate tax charitable deduction would still be available. Perhaps more than any of the tax benefits available, the CRT provides a way to ensure the lifetime beneficiaries with a stream of income and to give to a charity that is meaningful to the donor.

Let’s look at an example. Jim and Susie Donor own stock with a basis of $25,000 and a fair market value of $250,000. Jim is 72 and Susie is 70. After working with their advisors, the donors created a five percent Charitable Remainder Unitrust. This means they will receive five percent of the fair market value of the trust assets as they are revalued each year. In the year the trust is established, the donors receive a charitable deduction of $106,997; and although they cannot use the full deduction this year, they may carry the deduction forward for five years.

Assuming the stock is sold in the first year of the trust and assuming the assets in the trust earn income of three percent and appreciate five percent annually, the estimated before tax benefit to the donors over their life expectancy is $313,961. The first year the donors receive $12,500 and that amount is increased each year. In fact, after 10 years, the amount distributed to the donors (or the survivor of the couple) is $16,799 that year. Then, when both donors die, SMU’s Perkins School of Theology receives a distribution of $438,337 to be used as directed by the donors in the trust agreement.

How to get started? We always encourage you to contact your tax advisors. You are also invited to speak to Todd Rasberry, Perkins’ Director of Development (214-768-2026; trasberr@smu.edu) or Sharon Seal, SMU’s Director of Planned Giving (214-768-1911; sseal@smu.edu) for more information on ways to give.
Twenty percent of the more than 300 Master of Sacred Music alumni/ae returned to campus September 26-28, 2010 for the 50th anniversary of the entering class of sacred music students in 1960. The Master of Sacred Music degree at SMU is a joint program between the Music Division of Meadows School of the Arts and Perkins School of Theology, administered through Perkins. One of the few graduate sacred music programs jointly accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the National Association of Schools of Music, the M.S.M. program counts among its graduates church musicians in most major Christian traditions, university professors, composers, performers, hymnal editors and authors.

The event was underwritten by a special gift in honor of Twila Farrell Stowe Bryan, who was herself a church musician at First Methodist Church, Longview, Texas, for many years. Many family members were present at the closing banquet to celebrate this honor bestowed upon Mrs. Bryan.

Special guests included the first graduate of the M.S.M. program, Claude Davison ('61), and Eugene Ellsworth, retired professor of music theory and composition at Meadows School of the Arts and one of two surviving participants in a conclave that met in November 1955 to form the program. Dr. Ellsworth celebrated his 100th birthday on October 2, 2010.

The theme of the reunion was Bringing Our Heritage into the Future: A Dialogue Between the Church and the Seminary. The graduates were challenged by three perspectives on the church presented by Dr. Eileen Guenther, associate professor of Church Music at Wesley Theological Seminary and President of the American Guild of Organists; Dr. Elaine Heath, McCreless Associate Professor of Evangelism at Perkins; and Dean William B. Lawrence.

One of the highlights was the inaugural presentation of the *Soli Deo Gloria* Awards for Excellence in Church Music, an honor bestowed on five alumni/ae who graduated at least 20 years ago and who have made distinctive contributions to some phase of the field of church music in the parish, academy, or publishing:

- Ann S. Ables ('83), Director of Music and Fine Arts, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, since 1994;
AND 300 GRADUATES

• Quentin Faulkner (’67), a noted author on church music topics and Larson Professor Emeritus of Organ and Music Theory/History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln;
• Carl W. Haywood (’73), composer and Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia, for 35 years;
• Donald Krehbiel (’83), founder and artistic Director of Orpheus Chamber Singers and the Director of Music and Organist at First Unitarian Church of Dallas, Texas, a post he has held for 21 years; and
• Raquel Mora Martínez (’89), composer, church musician, and editor of Mil Voces Para Celebrar (1996), the first official Spanish-language hymnal adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

In addition, two persons were awarded Honorary M.S.M. Alumni/ae Degrees for “having a significant, supportive and formative relationship with Perkins School of Theology and the Sacred Music Program for at least 35 years, and for having been recognized nationally for contributions to church music”:
• Jane Manton Marshall, a student of Lloyd Pfautsch, first director of the M.S.M. program. Ms. Marshall served as a composition teacher at Meadows School of the Arts, Director of Church Music Summer School at Perkins from 1975-1983 and was mentor to many sacred music students over the years. She is nationally recognized as a hymn writer and composer, including “My Eternal King,” one of the most significant and widely performed anthems written in the last half of the 20th century in the United States.

“THE REUNION WAS WONDERFUL! IT WAS SO GREAT TO HEAR CREATIVE AND CHALLENGING MUSIC/WORSHIP AGAIN. I WAS ALSO VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE CURRENT STUDENTS-THEY ARE SO TALENTED AND MATURE.”

— CARRIE WRIGHT (’02)

Todd Rasberry, Perkins’ Director of Development, has announced the establishment of a Master of Sacred Music Alumni Scholarship Endowment: “This 50th anniversary of the MSM program is the right time for inaugurating a scholarship endowment. As we look ahead to the next half-century of excellence in preparing leaders for sacred music ministries, our goal is to raise $1 million by 2015.”
From its earliest decades, Perkins School of Theology has been committed to formal and informal theological reflection with persons whose faith influences and shapes the good of both the church and the world. And Perkins’ mission to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry has always extended not only to students and ministry professionals but to laypersons and the larger community as well, including various opportunities for critical reflection on the intersection of public life and personal faith.

Faith and Business Luncheons emerged in large part from the inspiration of Perkins Executive Board members Dodee Crockett (M.T.S.’03), Managing Director-Investments and Wealth Management Advisor with Merrill Lynch, and John Castle, Dallas attorney and former Executive Vice-President of Electronic Data Systems (EDS), working with Dorothy Botnick, assistant director of Development. Ms. Crockett’s and Mr. Castle’s generosity first made it possible for Perkins to provide this venue in which Dallas business executives could explore how faith and business shape and inform one another. Reflecting on the inauguration of the Perkins Faith and Business Luncheons, Ms. Crockett recalls how meaningful four years of study at Perkins proved to be for her. “I realized very quickly,” she says, “that the engagement with other students – many were also professionals – and faculty enriched much more than my spiritual and intellectual life, it enriched my business life. It was during that time that I began meeting with others sharing the significant resource that the Perkins experience had become in my life and hoping for ways to spread those resources to others in the business community.”

Albert Black (l), CEO and President of On-Target Supplies & Logistics, Ltd., and presenter at the November 8, 2010 Faith and Business Luncheon greets Ruben Esquivel, VP for Community and Corporate Relations at UT Southwestern Medical Center and presenter at the September 20, 2010 luncheon.

Guests enjoy conversation over lunch in the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall.
Public Life / Personal Faith Lecture Welcomes Stephen Carter

Professor Stephen L. Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University, was guest lecturer for the second annual Public Life / Personal Faith Lecture on February 11, 2011. Carter’s lecture for the fundraising luncheon, attended by 250 people, was titled “Religion, Civility, and Public Discourse.” Carter is the author of four novels and seven critically acclaimed nonfiction books on law, ethics and politics, including *The Culture of Disbelief: How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion*.

Following the noon lecture, Carter participated in an academic symposium and exchange for the SMU community in Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. Panelists included Perkins faculty members Charles M. Wood, Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine, and Jessica A. Boon, assistant professor of Church History.

For the second consecutive year, the event was underwritten by Dr. Kim Carney and family in memory of Dr. Frederick S. Carney, former Professor Emeritus of Moral Theology and Christian Ethics at Perkins.
A memorial service was held December 30, 2010 in Lubbock, Texas, for **Rev. Dr. Bonner Earl Teeter** (M.Th.’48) and his wife of 71 years, Lenora Rackley Teeter. Rev. and Mrs. Teeter passed away on December 21, and December 25, 2010, respectively, in Pottsville, Arkansas. Rev. Teeter was a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II in both France and Germany, and for more than 50 years served various extension ministries and churches in the North Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico Conferences. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Oklahoma City University in 1970.

**Rev. Dr. James T. Clemons** (M.Div.’54), an ordained elder in the Arkansas Conference, died on January 14, 2011, in Gaithersburg, Maryland at age 81. He served at churches in Texas and Arkansas, as a staff member at Hendrix College, as chaplain and associate professor at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and for 28 years taught biblical studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Upon his retirement from Wesley in 1995, he was named Professor Emeritus of New Testament and continued to teach occasionally. Clemons was a lifelong advocate for civil rights and was respected as a groundbreaking leader in suicide prevention, having authored four books and more than 25 articles, as well as advising four Protestant denominations on writing compassionate policies on the topic. He continued his ministry by serving Severn UMC in Maryland as youth minister for middle and senior high school students until his death.

**Rev. Richard K. Heacock, Jr.** (M.Th.’51) died at his home in Fairbanks, Alaska, on August 2, 2010. Heacock’s ministry began at Ingleside Methodist Church across the bay from Corpus Christi, Texas. He was subsequently appointed to Alaska as an associate at Anchorage First Church and then as pastor of Juneau United Methodist Church at the state capital for 10 years. Heacock then took an appointment as program director with the Church Center for the United Nations. He later served at three churches in the Southwest Texas Annual Conference before returning to serve for seven years as pastor of Fairbanks First UMC. Following his retirement, he devoted 20 years of volunteer service as editor of the monthly newsletter, PREPARE.

**Rev. Dr. Asbury Lenox** (M.Th.’51) died January 18, 2011, in Houston. Upon graduation from Lon Morris College, he received the school’s highest honor, The Founders Award for leadership and scholarship, and in 1974 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Southwestern University of Georgetown awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree and in 1985 he received Southwestern’s Distinguished Alumnus Award. Upon graduation from Perkins he received the Paul Quillian Award in Homiletics. Asbury served seven United Methodist churches as well as two terms as district superintendent. He was Provost of the Texas Conference and administrative assistant under two bishops. Lenox was elected five times as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and was Chair of the Agenda Committee for the Bicentennial General Conference in 1984. After retiring, he served eight years as executive pastor and staff coordinator at Houston First UMC.


**Rev. Dr. Erwin Bruce Parks** (M.Th.’54) died January 7, 2011, at the age of 87, following a lengthy illness. Parks served 55 years in United Methodist churches throughout Northwest Texas, including Kelton, Vernon, Vega, Baird, Lorenzo, Slaton, Denver City, Tulia, Dumas and Spur. For six years he served as superintendent of the Plainview District. After retirement he served as interim pastor for congregations across West Texas.

**Rev. John Kenneth Shamblin, Jr.** (M.Div.’65) passed away on July 14, 2010. He was serving as associate pastor for pastoral care at Richardson First UMC at the time of his death. Shamblin served churches in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences, as well the North Texas and Central Texas Annual Conferences. He served on many boards and agencies during his more than 40 years of ministry.

United Methodist Bishop James Samuel Thomas died October 10, 2010, at the age of 91. Upon being elected to the episcopacy in 1964, his first assignment was a historic cross-racial appointment to a predominantly white annual conference. Reflecting on his pioneering leadership in racially charged times, Thomas observed, “I didn’t come to be a black bishop. I’ve always been black. I have come to be the best bishop I can be.” In an era when few areas of the church were open to Black leadership, Thomas served for 12 years as Bishop of the Iowa Area following their request that he be assigned there. He subsequently served 12 years as Bishop in the East Ohio Conference.

Bishop Thomas taught in the 1958 summer session of Perkins. “It is important to recall the context,” notes William B. Lawrence, dean of Perkins School of Theology. “Barely six years earlier, SMU had been desegregated by the enrollment of the first five African American students ever to be admitted to degree programs at the University. Yet, at that time, The Methodist Church was still formally a segregated institution.”

In 1988, after his retirement from active service, Bishop Thomas returned to Perkins for a year as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Practical Theology. “He was an extraordinarily fine man,” Dean Lawrence recalls. “His leadership in Methodism took many forms, not least of them chairing a commission that first began to study the church’s attitude toward and perspective upon homosexuality. He was a great and important figure.”

Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Jackson died January 26, 2011, at the age of 91. Dr. Jackson earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from Asbury College, his B.D. with distinction from Garrett Theological Seminary, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwest University where he was named Professor Emeritus of Sociology of Religion. While pursuing graduate studies he served Methodist pastorates in Indiana and Chicago. Jackson taught at Emory University from 1948-1954 before joining the Perkins faculty as professor of Sociology of Religion in 1954. His faithful service to the SMU community was recognized throughout his 31-year Perkins career by numerous awards and positions. A 1976 notice from the SMU Information Services Department describes Jackson as “…an effective leader not only of the University’s faculty, but also of academic affairs in three separate schools of the University.” In addition to serving as chair of the Faculty Senate for three years, Jackson received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the SMU Alumni Association in 1966.

Upon his retirement in 1986, Jackson was named Professor Emeritus. A Dallas Morning News article cited his work to improve race relations in Dallas. Jackson was a member of Highland Park UMC, where he formed two Sunday School classes.