Faith Calls: A Theological Perspective

In matters of faith, it is time to recover the idea of a “call” and “calling” again. Please understand that I am not referring to our current habits of texting and tweeting rather than talking with people on the phone. I have something more spiritual in mind.

While it is true that some denominations still “call” their pastors and that details about a placement in ministry are often listed in a statement of “call,” such language tends to be professional and business-like. What we need to recover is the theological understanding of “call” and “calling” and vocation.

After all, nobody studies religion for the notoriety that it will generate. Nobody enters the ministry in a pursuit of fame or fortune. We study the Bible and church history, or Christian doctrines and ethics, or learn to provide pastoral care and lead prayers, not because of the financial rewards that await us for such endeavors. We do it because we feel called into that way of life and quite possibly because we cannot imagine living without doing such things.

But we have neglected to talk about it. And, perhaps as a result of our neglect, others have been unable to hear that they, themselves, are being called.

Many ordained United Methodists, for example, have not discussed their calls to ministry in public since their last appearance before a board of ordained ministry, years or decades ago. The practice of scheduling a Sunday each year that focuses on a calling to full-time Christian service has fallen into disrepair.

From my perspective, it is time to reverse that trend. Since our mission at Perkins School of Theology is to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry, it is an aspect of our mission to help faithful leaders hear a call to such ministry. That includes helping persons discover how to discern whether one is called, and how to respond to a holy calling.

In rare cases, a call comes with great drama and unmistakable clarity. Along the road to Damascus, for instance, Saul – the persecutor of the church – was called to follow Jesus in a combination of blinding light and audible voice. In Philippi, a woman named Lydia experienced the Lord opening her heart to hear the word of faith. For the prophet Isaiah, the call was accompanied by a clear sight of the Lord, a mystifying vision of angels, the quaking of a great building, and the smell of smoke. And in a Galilean town called Nazareth, a young woman named Mary distinctly heard the voice of an angel. If she had some doubts about the content of the angel’s message, she knew unequivocally that hers was a call from the Lord.

In other cases, a call is curious and uncertain. Take the young man of faith named Samuel and an old man of faith named Eli, neither of whom dared to imagine that God was calling; it took three attempts by the Lord before they let the unimaginable become real. Or consider God’s calling of an old man of faith named Eli, neither of whom dared to imagine that God was calling; it took three attempts by the Lord before they let the unimaginable become real. Or consider God’s calling of Abraham and Sarah to be30 parents – they laughed at the idea! And when Jonah was called, he ran away as far as he could to escape the call from God, then he found that the end of the earth was not far enough – so he jumped into the sea!

Openness to the presence of the Spirit involves an awareness that faith calls us.

Some of us are called to specific forms of ministry. In my years as Perkins’ dean, I have enjoyed working with students who felt called to urban ministry, to the military chaplaincy, to service as a pastoral counselor, and to the life of a scholar, as well as to the ministries involved in leading a local church. Blended with all of those formal structures are callings to build ecumenical relationships, to generate interfaith reconcileation, and to engage intellectually with the critical questions of the day. Some feel called to minister in small towns or neighborhoods, while others – perhaps with a nod to Methodist founder John Wesley – envision their ministries on a global scale, with the world as their parish.

What all of us must do is encourage people to listen for their calling, describe to them the ways that we ourselves have felt called to faithful ministry in the service of Christ, and awaken them to the possibility that God is calling them to the ministry.
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We always pray for you, asking that God will make you worthy of God’s call and will fulfill by God’s power every good resolve and work of faith… — from Second Thessalonians 1:11

There are countless stories about how and where God’s call leads persons to serve. Whether the call is to full-time ministry, part-time or bi-vocational service, or more faithful leadership as a committed layperson, advanced theological education plays a vital role in Perkins’ mission “to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.”

This issue of Perspective celebrates a new initiative – “Faith Calls: Theological Programs for Young People” – that combines two important Perkins programs directed toward youth: the Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) and the Perkins Youth School of Theology (PYST). It also highlights a variety of other ways that Faith Calls women and men to respond.

The call may be for new students to focus on their own spiritual development through intense academic engagement. It may be a call for interns and other students to immerse themselves in social contexts or cultures that otherwise might remain unknown or unfamiliar. The sense that Faith Calls may lead some to consider a major gift, others to refer a prospective student, still others to make a courageous public witness or to pursue prayer and other spiritual disciplines more intentionally.

In that spirit, we invite your prayers: for those whose stories appear on these pages, for future students who may find that Faith Calls them to continue their journey at Perkins School of Theology, for all who have known or hunger to know in their own experience what God might accomplish through us when Faith Calls.

Faith Calls: Theological Programs for Young People

For more than a decade, Perkins School of Theology has invested in the lives of youth through the Perkins Youth School of Theology (PYST) and Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA). These programs were designed to foster an interest in young people for theological learning and inquiry, and nurture Christian youth in their vocational discernment and leadership development.

HYLA, an initiative of the Mexican American Program, has provided high school and college-age UMC Latinas and Latinos a place to discern a call to ministry through a long-term mentoring experience focusing on Christian discipleship, United Methodist polity, educational awareness, and leadership training.

PYST developed from a Lilly Endowment initiative, which supported the creation of theological programs by schools of theology to nurture and develop a new generation of Christian leaders for the church and society. PYST’s experiential approach to theological education created a space for underrepresented youth from diverse communities through an intensive yearlong program of theological study, service learning, mentoring, and leadership development.

The success of these programs has laid a foundation for theological education with youth at Perkins, and in fall 2013 Perkins will launch “Faith Calls: Theological Programs for Young People,” merging the work of PYST and HYLA into a single initiative.

“This is an exciting time for Perkins to create more opportunities for young leadership in our churches and communities,” says Rev. Tonya Burton, PYST Director. Burton will become the inaugural director of Faith Calls. “I have seen firsthand how their faith has been strengthened and passions ignited through these programs,” she continues. “Some of our program alumni have entered theological schools and are actively serving in mission settings around the world. I look forward to continuing and strengthening this work at Perkins.”

Rev. Jeannie Terwitsch-Todde, director of HYLA, echoes those sentiments. “In this last year of HYLA,” Terwitsch-Toddle observes, “I watched six HYLA alumni provide exemplary service and leadership in their congregations and communities. This is the work of faith calls.”

Several past participants in PYST and HYLA are continuing their journey as Perkins students. Maggie Jenkins, a member of First UMC in Garland, Texas, is one of two graduates of PYST who currently are enrolled in Master’s degree programs at Perkins. “Being in PYST gave me an inside look as to what Perkins might be like for me,” says Maggie, who starts work on her M.Div. in fall 2013. “I really feel like God is calling me to youth ministry. I love working with, teaching, and learning from young people, and am so excited to learn more and experience my faith grow in the beautiful setting that is SMU Perkins.”

Robert Aaron Perales first became involved with HYLA in July 2004. “Hayley has continued to participate in various supportive roles nearly every year. “HYLA was instrumental in my decision to attend SMU for both my undergraduate and graduate degrees,” says Robert, who earned a B.A. in Religious Studies from SMU in May 2009 and expects to graduate with the M.Div. from Perkins in December 2013. After graduation, Perales, a member of the Rio Grande Annual Conference, anticipates an appointment in the local church. “Serving as a pastor in a United Methodist congregation has always been the focus of my calling, and is something that I greatly look forward to,” he adds.

Robert Aaron Perales

Maggie Jenkins

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Fall Calls: Ensuring Excellence for Future Generations

A lead gift of $7.5 million from the J.S. Bridwell Foundation will help make possible a major expansion and renovation of Bridwell Library. The Bridwell Foundation gift is part of a $15.5 million campaign to fund consolidation of special collections, relocation of the special collections reading room, increased study carrels and small group study rooms for Perkins theology students, prayer, service, worship, and discernment to help them connect to God’s presence and activity in the world.

Faith Calls for Academic Inquiry

Richard D. Nelson, W.A. Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation

Faith is simple because it is a personal relationship with God. But it is not simplistic. Faith is child-like because it trusts spontaneously. But it is not childish. We know Jesus loves us because the Holy Spirit uses the Bible to tell us so, but the Bible is an amazingly complicated book. Bible stories are for children; the Bible itself is adult literature. Those called to interpret and promote God’s Word to the church and to the world must do so with their brains switched on. They cannot be huddled into intellectual torpor or passivity by a marketplace of easy answers, received dogma, or second-hand, pre-digested understandings.

The Bible is written in ancient languages. It emerged from long, past cultures with social systems and world views very different from our own. It took a thousand years to collect its components and write everything down. It was transmitted via an imperfect manuscript copying process that has to be untangled. Most challenging of all, what it has to say does not automatically transfer to present-day realities without some serious thought on our part.

Interpreting the Bible demands serious intellectual commitment. Understanding what its texts once said involves a discipline of study, history, past cultures, and unfamiliar literary practices. However, that is only half the battle. To understand what biblical texts say to us today requires us to construe and convert them in terms of our culture, to read them in concurrence with the faith of the church, and to bring them into relationship to the questions we are asking.

The words on the pages of our Bibles plainly tell slaves to obey their masters and to shun vain adornment, with the word of circumcision, promise us safety if we handle venomous snakes, and give advice about eating meat previously sacrificed to idolatrous gods. However, we are not likely to be interested in those things, but in what to do with our money, how to live our sexuality, ways to achieve a fair society, and how to find meaning in our lives. Most certainly, perhaps, we want to know how to navigate the paradox that God judges us on the basis of our deeds, but that we can live and remain in relationship with that same God only by divine grace. We look to our preachers to speak to us about these matters, but to do so they must dedicate themselves to a lifelong study of biblical interpretation, Christian theology, and human experiences.

It is easy to romanticize the apostles as uneducated fishermen, but it would be good to remember that Acts affirms that Paul was a student of the rabbis Gamaliel and could quote Greek poets at the drop of a hat. In his letters Paul employs rhetorical techniques that formed the foundation of Greco-Roman education. The author of Hebrews was versed in current philosophy and the latest in literary scholarship. It is no accident that the great reformers – Wesley, Calvin, Luther – were fervently committed to a well-informed and scholarly study of the Bible.

Faith Calls for Public Witness

World War II loomed large as Joe and Lois Perkins considered a major gift to the School of Theology at SMU. The endowment ultimately established by their generosity and foresight helped to assure that a vital concern for public witness would be foundational in the identity of Perkins School of Theology:

Actuated by the belief that the future Peace of the World is dependent upon the work and influence of all the Churches and all of Peoples and all of Nations, and knowing that there is not now an adequate number of Ministers in any of the Churches, and desiring to do all we can toward relieving this crisis, we, J.J. Perkins and wife, Lois Perkins, are creating the Perkins Endowment Fund for the purpose of developing and enlarging the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, on the hope that it will become one of the really great Theological Schools of our Nation.

– from “Establishing the Perkins Endowment Fund for the Support of the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas,” Hawk Papers, February 6, 1945

Perkins School of Theology’s commitment to a public witness included its historic racial integration in 1952 – two years before the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision and more than three years before the Montgomery bus boycott. The first five African American students enrolled in a degree program at SMU all received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in June 1955. Among them was Rev. Dr. Cecil Williams, longtime pastor of Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco, who went on to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Perkins in 1996, an honorary doctorate from SMU in 1997, and the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award – the highest honor the university bestows upon its graduates – in 2009. Also in 2009, the Williams Preaching Lab in Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall was named in honor of Dr. Williams.

The commitment to a robust public witness includes not only students and ministry professionals but also laypersons and the larger community. Two Faith and Business Luncheons per semester pair a prominent leader in the community and a Perkins faculty member, with the co-presenters sharing how personal and professional faithfulness birth competency out of their unique perspectives. The annual Public Life | Personal Faith Lecture and Symposium allows participants to engage scholars on topics related to why and how personal faith shapes public life. "Personal faith has practical consequences for the way we think, speak, make choices, and live our public lives," explains Rev. Dr. Todd Rubbery, director of Development at Perkins.

Students and faculty members extend Perkins’ public witness through multidisciplinary academic engagement across and beyond the SMU campus, including posts on the SMU website of analysis and opinion by Dean William B. Lawrence regarding recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions on the Defense of Marriage Act and voter registration. Internships, immersion courses, and countless additional experiences equip students for the diverse ways that Faith Calls for Public Witness.
Faith Calls: Brazilian Partnership
Isabel Docampo, Professor of Supervised Ministry

On a hot, muggy day in the São Bernardo district of São Paulo, Emily Everett, Perkins School of Theology intern, was teaching English to a small group of children at the Street Children’s Project.

Emily spent the 2012-2013 academic year working at the Project: a ministry that provides refuge from the streets and impresses on the children that they have dignity as human beings with basic human rights. She joined a cadre of Street Children’s Project educators – many of whom were street children themselves – who walk the city offering children in need the opportunity to participate in Project programs that provide food and activities such as music, percussion, computer classes, soccer, and recreation. It is difficult to convince these children that they deserve such support.

They represent the most vulnerable group in Brazilian society because they come from families who live as squatters in make-shift houses, or in the worst housing in the city. Those children who have a family are forced to take low-wage jobs in order to help support them. They present a problem to civic and business leaders by their sheer numbers. These children can be arrested and their civil rights are often violated. Woe, society communicates to them that they are not budget priorities for social programs that would ensure them education, food, and shelter. They receive the message that they are disposable human beings.

The efforts of the Project’s educators to build credibility and trust with the children are successful because of their own backgrounds. They stand alongside these children as advocates, mentors, and extended family week after week until trust is built. Some children beyond their reach die on the streets or get lost in the penal system. Others, however, do receive support and manage to rise out of deep-seated poverty and integrate into society. Many of the children who are helped go on to become community organizers, working for legislation to protect the street children and changing public perception of these children from delinquents to victims of economic and social/racial institutions.

The witness of these educators’ faithful advocacy on behalf of the street children prompted Emily to write, “Seeing these children and youth talking with educators and articulating their wants and wishes to better their community, I remembered the text from Luke 18:17. ‘Truly I tell you, whoever doesn’t receive the kingdom of God as a child will never enter.’ Countless times I have seen educators joining their lives with the lives of children and youth to fight for a better life for all. God is present in this. God is there.”

Emily’s presence allowed the Project leadership and its Methodist board members to engage in lengthy conversations with the educators about God, and to share how it is Emily’s understanding of God’s mercy and justice that propelled her to spend her internship advocating for street children.

During her internship, she listened attentively to the educators’ stories of how they have experienced the Christian church as inconsistent in its advocacy for street children because of the messiness of the intersecting institutions of race, economics, and religion. Yet Emily recognized in their stories a deep spirituality that pressed them forward in the hope that justice will prevail with or without the Church’s consistent partnership. These conversations and the relationships she built revealed God’s mercy and justice at work in the Street Children’s Project.

Emily’s reflection on her nine-month work with the Project also led her to a healthy self-critique of the institutional church as well as our broader, global society.

“I have had many opportunities to affirm the presence of God in the project and have had many theological conversations with people, showing them that [whether they are aware of it or not] they also have a theology and often the God they believe in looks a lot like the God that I (as a future pastor) also believe in. Also through various conversations, we have discovered that the criticisms that they have about the institutional church are precisely the same criticisms I have… Hopefully I have been able to be a bridge between the two worlds to show that God is much bigger than the walls of our institutions or the boxes we like to put God in.”

Emily’s on-site faculty supervisor, Dr. de Paula, praised the way that the Intern Program’s requirement for disciplined theological reflection tethered to ministry leadership helped to create a safe space for differing voices and beliefs. She affirmed the self-reflection in Emily’s final paper:

“I have also seen the importance of relationship and trust in the process of learning from each other. I think I have gained the confidence to express myself, even when I know that the other person will not agree with me. I’ve also gained the ability to listen to their point of view and at the end of the conversation we can still remain friends, find our points of commonality and work towards that which we both think is important.”

Emily’s reflections give a glimpse of what is possible when one says “Yes!” to God’s search for partners in the work of reconciliation:

“What has formed me the most is this experience of living life with Brazilians and allowing myself to be taught by them and receive hospitality. But living life together is always an exchange, a sharing… The more I let myself open up to show my vulnerabilities and use them to serve God, the more courage I give others to do the same. Ministry for me is simply to guide and direct the process of engaging our stories with the stories of others to participate in the story of God in the world – to participate in the creation of a church and society that reflects the values of love, justice, peace, reconciliation and all the values of the Kingdom of God. I know that this experience has formed me in ways that I’ll be discovering for a long time. Thank God the story is not over yet.”

Editors note: Emily Everett, a 2015 Perkins alumni, leads Perkins School of Theology graduates from Houston, Texas, and completed her master’s studies with a nine-month internship at Catedral da Sé in the center of São Paulo, Brazil, under a new partnership in 2012 between Perkins and The School of Theology of Methodist University in São Paulo. This collaboration was made possible through the efforts of Dr. Blanches de Paula, professor of the Practice of Ministry of The School of Theology of the Methodist University in São Paulo, who served as Ms. Everett’s on-site faculty supervisor, and Rev. Dr. Isabel Docampo, Emily Everett’s Intern Faculty Supervisor.
Bridwell Library Acquires Catechism Collection

A Bridwell Library exhibition from December 12, 2012 – May 10, 2013, featured selected items from a major acquisition of 115 catechisms dating between 1493 and 1830. In addition to providing essential religious instruction, these popular manuals of Christian doctrine were often the first types of texts used in teaching both children and adults how to read. Spanning five centuries, representing more than 50 authors, and published in 50 different cities, these catechisms were printed in 17 different languages including Latin, Greek, and Hebrew as well as European and world vernacular translations.

Developed by Bruce McKerritt Rare Books over the last two decades with items purchased from booksellers, auction houses, and private parties in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Europe, the collection was acquired by Bridwell Library with the assistance of a generous grant from the B.H. Breslauer Foundation of New York. This acquisition deepens the Library's Catholic and Protestant catechism holdings and will provide numerous opportunities for scholarly investigation, exhibitions, publications, instruction, and future acquisitions.

The number of unique and extremely rare titles makes this acquisition especially notable. Nineteen of the catechisms, including five Martin Luther editions and two 1570 printings of the Heidelberg Catechism, represent the only known copies. Sixteen of the catechisms are currently recorded as single copies (only three of which are in the United States) and an additional eleven catechisms are recorded in two locations each (seven of these titles are in U.S. collections). Particularly attractive for Bridwell Library, 64 catechisms, more than 50 percent of the collection, are not held in the U.S. In addition, only three institutions hold up to fifteen percent of any of these editions: British Library (seventeen titles), Harvard (fourteen titles), and Bibliothèque nationale de France (thirteen titles).

The exhibition can be viewed online at http://www.smu.edu/Bridwell/Exhibitions/Catechisms.html.
**“Early Methodists and Their Books”**

August 20 – December 14, 2012

This Bridwell Library exhibition featured 50 items that reveal how readers in the first century of the Methodist tradition (c. 1739–1839) acquired, read, inscribed, annotated, and treasured their books. The volumes included several owned by John or Charles Wesley, manuscripts used by early Methodist ministers, and numerous books and hymnals inscribed with the names of everyday Methodist pioneers, male and female, in England and America.

Online Exhibition:  
http://www.smu.edu/Bridwell/Collections/SpecialCollections

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London: William Strahan, 1740.

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John Wesley’s Journal from February 1, 1736–37, to his Return from Germany

At Kiffins Chappel, in the Country near London...

“I am from the Rev. Mr. John W[esley]...

An Extract of the Rev. Mr. John Wesley. Venice, 1740...

A Sermon deliver’d before theLearn’dGentlemen of the Royal Society at London ...

V. A Collection of Poems, for Every Day of the Year...

VI. The Human and Divine Character of Christ...  

VII. The Doctrine of Justification, Faith and Final...  

VIII. A Sermon on the 24th Psalm...

IX. The Nature of Love, in a Sermon...

X. The Christian’s Hope...

John Wesley. An Extract of the Rev. Mr. John Wesley’s Journal from February 1, 1736–37, to his Return from Germany. London: William Strahan, 1740.

“SHORTCUTS AND HIGH ROADS”

**Ethics Forum Brings Together Lawyers, Physicians, and Clergy**


Perkins School of Theology was a sponsor of this 27th annual Conference of the Professions, which was held in the T. Boone Pickens Training and Conference Center at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

“Most of us think of ourselves as moral human beings. Ariely challenges us to consider the everyday choices that chip away at our standards,” says Maguire Ethics Center Director Rita Kirk. Ariely, the James B. Duke Professor of Psychology & Behavioral Economics at Duke University, is author of *Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions* (2010) and *The Upside of Irrationality: The Unexpected Benefits of Defying Logic at Work and at Home* (2010). His 2009 TED Talk, “Are We in Control of Our Own Decisions,” has garnered more than 2.1 million views.

Joining Ariely was 14th Judicial District Court of Texas Judge Eric Moyé, who has served as an adjunct faculty member at SMU and the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop. Lynne M. Kirk, professor of Internal Medicine, associate dean for Graduate Medical Education and associate chief of the Division of General Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Perkins alumnus Clayton Oliphint (D.Min.’96, M.Div.’88), senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Richardson, Texas; and Rena Pederson (moderator), communications director for the National Math and Science Initiative and former vice president and editorial page editor of *The Dallas Morning News*.

as part of the celebration, attendees listened to one selection from the digital collection, Rabbi Olan's brief sermon titled "The First Anniversary of a Tragedy." Originally broadcast November 22, 1964, the sermon reflects on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Dallas’s response to it, and the need to eradicate hatred. Rabbi Stern praised Olan's preaching as "brilliant ... plainspoken and profound, impeccably reasoned and deeply passionate."

"How blessed we shall all be now," Rabbi Stern said of this historic digitization project, "to hear, in his own voice, Rabbi Olan's call for justice, for faith, for the healing of the human soul and the transformation of human society."

Campbell has been appointed to the Dallas widely distributed and cited. Additionally, Morris College,” has subsequently been Texas. The sermon, “A Requiem for Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, one of two Perkins professors awarded a Sam Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, associate professor of Sacred Music, was selected about Anderson’s journey to Perkins as a TU alumnus.

William Jennings Bryan, III, professor of Supervised Ministry and director, Intern Program and Professional Formation, was featured in a September 18, 2012, Dallas Morning News article about his research of the Daniel Family Cemetery in University Park.

Ted A. Campbell, associate professor of Church History, preached a sermon January 26, 2013, on the occasion of the closing of Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas. The sermon, “A Requiem for Lon Morris College,” has subsequently been widely distributed and cited. Additionally, Campbell has been appointed to the Dallas Landmark Commission.

Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, professor of Global Christianities and Mission Studies, is one of two Perkins professors awarded a Sam Taylor Fellowship grant from the Division of Higher Education, United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. His grant is for travel to Puerto Rico to study how cross-cultural partnerships related to mission trips affect congregational change. The will of the late Sam Taylor set aside funds to be used for continuing education and development for faculty members of United Methodist-related universities in Texas. Cardoza-Orlandi also

was awarded a grant from the Center for the Study of Latin America’s Christianity and Religion at Perkins, for “Cross-Cultural Mission Trips and Partnerships: Exploring the ‘Return Effects’ of Cross-Cultural Christian Engagement in Congregational Life and Mission,” in December 2012.

Jaime Clark-Soles, associate professor of New Testament, was a featured theologian in the documentary film “Hellbound”.

Robert Hunt, director of Global Theological Education and professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations, was one of 250 political and religious leaders from Macedonia and 25 other countries who met in Skopje, Macedonia, for the Third World Conference on Inter-Religious and Inter-Civilization Dialogue focusing on “Freedom and Dignity – Fundamental Values.” Hunt also attended the inaugural Christian Leadership Initiative Alumni Study Retreat in Los Angeles, California, February 8-10. The event was sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and Shalom Hartman Institute.

William B. Lawrence, dean and professor of American Church History, was one of two persons named “Notable UM Newman for 2012” by The United Methodist Reporter. Additionally, Dean Lawrence delivered the 2013 Perkins Lectures at First UMC, Wichita Falls, Texas, March 5-4, 2013.

C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Master of Sacred Music Program, will continue to produce the popular “History of Hymns” column on a regular basis. Follow discontinuance of the print edition of The United Methodist Reporter, the column will now be published online by The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church at gbd.org/lead-your-church/worship/resource/. Hawn performed on accordion March 2, 2013, for the nationally syndicated classical music radio program Pipe Dreams, a program that features organs and organists from all over the USA.

Elaine A. Heath, McCreedy Professor of Evangelism, was promoted to the rank of full professor in May 2013. Heath also was selected as “one of six . . . outstanding senior scholars” to be profiled and honored on the web page of A Foundation for Theological Education. She is a John Wesley Fellow for Life with AFTE.

Heidi A. Miller, assistant professor of Christian Worship, has been appointed to the Editorial Board of Devotions, a peer-reviewed scholarly journal promoting the corporate worship of the church.

Harold J. Recinos, professor of Church and Society, has again earned standing as a world-class competitor in martial arts. After nine hours of competition in 20 events at the June 8, 2015, International Chinese Martial Arts Championship Worldwide Circuit in Denver, Colorado, Recinos earned eight gold and two silver medals, while capturing the Internal Forms Grand Champion title. Recinos has earned numerous medals and titles in martial arts competitions for several consecutive years.

The Rev. Tamara E. Lewis joined the faculty of Perkins School of Theology as instructor in Church History effective August 1, 2013. An ordained United Methodist minister and clergy member of the Tennessee Annual Conference, Rev. Lewis is scheduled to receive the Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville in December 2013. Rev. Lewis earned an M.A. in Church History in 2011, and the M.Div. in 2000, both from Vanderbilt. She earned an M.A. in English from Tennessee State University in 1999 and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Central Arkansas in 1994.


“Tamara Lewis is engaged in groundbreaking research, examining issues in church life in England on the eve of the renewal movement that John Wesley founded,” said Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence. “After considering nearly 60 candidates for the position, she emerged as an exceptionally promising young scholar who has a profound commitment to the church as we express it in Perkins’ mission statement – to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.”

She was awarded departmental scholarships from 2006–2013 from the Vanderbilt University Graduate Department of Religion; was a participant and fellow in the Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning, March 2012; was named a dissertation fellow by The Fund for Theological Education; and was a Woman of Color Scholar – a program of The United Methodist Church’s General Board of Higher Education and Ministry – from 2006–2011. In addition, she received the Bettye B. Ford Graduate Student Service Award from the Vanderbilt Graduate Department of Religion and Divinity in May 2009, and was awarded the Kelly Miller Smith Scholarship from 1998–2008 by Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Within the field of Church History, Rev. Lewis will teach foundational and advanced courses at Perkins School of Theology on the history of Christianity, with particular emphasis on the Reformation. In addition, she will teach in the M.A. and Ph.D. curriculum of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University’s Dedman College.

In reflecting on the addition of Rev. Lewis to the faculty at Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University, Dean Lawrence added, “I look forward to introducing her not only to our students, alumni, and friends, but also to the wider community.”

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A lecturer in Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School during the 2012–2013 academic year, Dr. Marandiuc was a Teaching Fellow at Yale from 2006–2012. In addition, she has presented papers to conferences including the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (2012, 2009); the Jonathan Edwards and Scotland Conference (2009); and the Sixth European Association for the Study of Religions Conference and Special Conference of the International Association for the History of Religions in Bucharest, Romania (2006).

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of the Center for the Study of Latin America’s Christianity and Religions and associate professor of Christianity and Cultures at Perkins School of Theology, affirmed the importance of Sánchez Walsh’s time at Perkins. “Sánchez Walsh is one of only a few academic experts in Pentecostal studies,” Magullanes notes, “and Pentecostalism is one of the fastest-growing Christian movements.”

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of Pastoral Care, has been appointed a member of the Theological Education Committee of the American Academy of Religion for a three-year term (2013–2016).

Paula Dobbs-Wiggins, adjunct professor of the Practice of Pastoral Care, was recognized by the Faith & Philanthropy Institute as one of “twenty amazing women leaders that are trailblazers [who] have committed their lives to sellless and authentic leadership.” Dobbs-Wiggins was honored at a May 2, 2013, event in Dallas.

Recent Faculty Publications

Publications by members of the Perkins faculty have been written or translated into several languages, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic. Among many recent books and articles by Perkins faculty members are the following, selected from items published in the past 18 months:

### Ted A. Campbell

*associate professor of Church History*


### Jaime Clark-Solem

*associate professor of New Testament*


### C. Michael Hawn

*University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Master of Sacred Music Program:*


### Hugo Magallanes

*director of the Center for Latin America’s Christianity and Religions; associate professor of Christianity and Culture: Azcúnaga, Amor de Dios (Social Action: The Community of Believers Offers a Witness of God’s Love).* Abingdon Press, 2012.

### Alyce M. McKenzie

*George W. and Nell Ayers Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship and Alzheimer Distinguished Teaching Professor*


### Harold J. Recinos

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The Walk
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at the stars that know nothing
of what lies ahead, or a world
in need of heaven, or the crisis
on all the corners, or the need

PGU Celebrates Career of Renowned Christian Ethicist and Professor Robin W. Lovin

SMU’s Gay M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility hosted “A Celebration of Ethics” luncheon January 24, 2013, in honor of Robin W. Lovin, one of the nation’s foremost Christian ethicists. The event was held in the Great Hall of Perkins School of Theology’s Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. Lovin was honored on the occasion of his retirement as Cary M. Maguire Professor of Ethics at Perkins School of Theology.

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The Illinois native holds a B.A. in philosophy from Northwestern University as well as a graduate degree in Divinity and Ph.D. in Religious Ethics from Harvard University.

To see the original SMU announcement: www.smufe.edu/News/2013/robin-lovin-retires-24jan2013

James W. Lovin

Susanne Scholz, associate professor of Old Testament:


Theodore Walker, Jr., associate professor of Ethics and Society:


Carolyn Byrd

Penn State University Press

C an the Bible be used to support revolution? How about the American Revolution? On April 10, 2013, Vanderbilt University scholar James P. Byrd offered a lecture at Perkins titled “Sacred Scripture: Sacred War,” examining uses of the Bible in the American Revolution. Byrd pointed out that British clergy—like John Wesley—were utilizing biblical texts advocating obedience to established authorities as arguments against the revolutionaries. American patriots utilized biblical passages questioning the institution of kingship or generally denouncing tyranny to make their case. The American patriots also enlisted biblical passages on “liberty” in their cause. Someone should have tipped Byrd off to the fact that SMU’s motto is veritas liberabit vos: “The truth will make you free.” The lecture was sponsored under the auspices of Dedman College and the Religious Studies Department at SMU as the annual Scott Hawkins Lecture. Perkins co-sponsored the event and served as host, welcoming a large crowd of auditors into Prothro Hall.

James P. Byrd

Tod A. Campbell,
Associate Professor
of Church History
Dr. Evelyn L. Parker Named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Evelyn L. Parker, professor of Practical Theology, has been named associate dean for Academic Affairs, effective June 1, 2013. Additionally, Dr. Parker was promoted from associate professor to full professor in May 2013. She succeeds Dr. Richard D. Nelson, W. J. A. Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation, who served as associate dean for Academic Affairs from 2008-2013.

“I am excited about God's call to extend my service at Perkins as associate dean for Academic Affairs,” Dr. Parker says. “I believe my vocation as a theological educator will be enhanced by the opportunity to share my gifts in this way on behalf of students, faculty, and staff at Perkins.”

In announcing her appointment, Dean William B. Lawrence praised Dr. Parker’s qualifications and experience: “She will bring a superb array of gifts to this office in helping us to fulfill our school’s mission of preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. Evelyn’s research interests in the multiple areas of Practical Theology, her innovative work as a teacher, her creativity in helping cast the vision for our programs in theological education of youth, her ecumenical commitments emerging from her membership in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and her global involvements including but not limited to her service as member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, demonstrate that she will ably fulfill this vital office.”

An alumna of Perkins, Dr. Parker returned to join the faculty in 1998. She received her Bachelor of Science from Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee (1974) and the Master of Science from Prairie View A&M University (1983). Upon receiving her M.S., she served as a research scientist in the Department of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. After attending the annual two-week Christian Educators Seminar at Perkins School of Theology from 1986 until 1989 and receiving a Certificate as an Associate in Christian Education in June 1989, Parker felt called to further study in theological education. In the fall of 1989, she began her transition from a vocation in biological research to educational ministry as a full-time student at Perkins. She earned the Master of Religious Education degree in 1991, and in 1996 graduated with the Ph.D. from the Joint Program of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary/Northwestern University in Religious and Theological Studies, with an interdisciplinary emphasis in Christian Education, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society, and Human Development and Public Policy. While at Garrett Seminary/Northwestern University, she was a Fund for Theological Education Black Doctoral Scholar from 1994–1995.

Dr. Parker is the editor of The Sacred Selves of Adolescent Girls: Hard Stories of Race, Class, and Gender (Pilgrim Press, 2006) and Trouble Don’t Last Always: Emancipatory Hope Among African American Adolescents (Pilgrim Press, 2003); and co-author of In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church (Abingdon, 2002). Additionally, she has published several chapters and journal articles on adolescent spirituality. Her forthcoming book with Cascade Books is titled Just Between Sisters: Emancipatory Hope Out of Toxic Relationships. She is an active member of the American Academy of Religion, Association of Practical Theology, International Academy of Practical Theology, and Religious Education Association, where she has chaired groups, presented papers, coordinated segments of consultations and convened sessions. She served on the Board of Advisors for the Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry from 1995 to 2003.

A native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Dr. Parker grew up in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). She has served the CME church as a local and district director of Christian Education. She represented the CME Church on the World Council of Churches (WCC) Faith and Order Plenary Commission from 1996 to 2006. During the WCC Ninth Assembly in 2006 she was elected to the Central Committee, where she serves as co-secretary/reporter for the Nominations Committee. Additionally, she is a member of the 10th Assembly Planning Committee that will be held in Busan, South Korea in 2013. During the 10th Assembly she will serve as a Bible study leader and secretary for the unity statement subcommittee of the Policy Reference Committee. She is an active member of Kilkwood Temple CME Church in Dallas, Texas, where she serves as Christian Education Coordinator.

Dr. Jeannie Treviño-Teddlie to Retire December 2013

Jeannie Treviño-Teddlie had to be convinced to move from her ministry in the Central Texas Conference to a full-time position at Perkins School of Theology in July 2002. “Ed Syvast had asked me to apply sometime earlier,” she recalls. Then Dean Robin Lovin, and Marjorie Procter-Smith, who was associate dean for Academic Affairs at that time, came to Fort Worth to talk with me over lunch.” Advice from other mentors, including David Maldonado—who also served at Perkins for a number of years, played an important role as well. But in the end, it was her sense of God’s call that persuaded her to redirect her area of service as a General Board of Global Ministries Commissioned Missionary for Hispanic Ministries in the Central Texas Conference to fulfill dual responsibilities at Perkins: director of the Mexican American Program and co-director (and starting in 2006, director) of the Regional United Methodist Course of Study School. It is a decision she has never regretted.

When asked about favorite experiences in her career at Perkins, Jeannie does not hesitate. The best part, she explains, is “Working with students as a faculty advisor in the Hispanic Studies Certificate Program – seeing them grow and watching as they apply methodologies learned in the classroom into their ministries in the field.” She also finds special joy in visits from returning graduates who share about their ministry settings.

Her most difficult experience during her time at Perkins was a personal one – being diagnosed with breast cancer in early 2010. She remains grateful for colleagues like the Rev. Gary MacDonald who offered additional assistance during her treatments and recuperation through the summer month of Course of Study. Jeannie is thankful to have remained cancer-free since completing medical treatments in summer 2010.

Teddlie-Teddlie earned her B.A. in Spanish with a minor in French along with a Secondary Teaching Certificate from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas), in Denton, Texas. She later pursued graduate studies at the University of Texas at Arlington, earning a Master’s in Social Work. Upon graduation, she worked with United Community Centers, a United Methodist agency in Fort Worth, before becoming executive director of the UMC’s Metropolitan Board of Missions in Fort Worth.

It was in 1994, after devoting a number of years to being “a full-time mom,” that Jeannie accepted a position in the Central Texas Conference as part of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry, where she served until coming to Perkins.

Teddlie-Teddlie was consecrated a diaconal minister in the Central Texas Conference in June 1983, and ordained deacon in full connection in 1997. She was first elected as a delegate to General Conference in 1992, and has continued to serve as a delegate to Jurisdictional and/or General Conferences in each subsequent quadrennium. Her publications include Pentecost Journey: A Planning Guide for Hispanic Ministries (Nashville, TN: Discipleship Resources, 1999). Jeannie has been married to Jack Teddlie-Teddlie for 47 years. They have one adult son, Joel, who resides in California. Following her retirement, Jeannie looks forward to some leisure time before taking on whatever additional ministry opportunities the future may bring.

Craven Wilson Lectures

Dr. David Ramirez, assistant faculty, Latina/o Studies, Department of American Culture, University of Michigan, was keynote speaker for the 2012 Craven Wilson Lectures, October 8, 2012. Dr. Ramirez presented two lectures on “The Role of the Holy Spirit in Mission and Evangelism.”

The purpose of the Craven Wilson Evangelism Lectures is to bring leaders from across the church in the field of evangelism to Perkins and the Dallas area. The lectures are possible because of an endowed gift by Erv Jo Wilson of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Houston. Mrs. Wilson has long been noted for her support of higher education and the church. She is a recipient of the Southern Methodist University Distinguished Alumni Award.
Alumni/ae and friends are welcome to participate in Perkins Immersion Courses as auditors. Upcoming immersions include:

**January 2014**
- December 29, 2013 through January 14, 2014 – Palestine-Israel Immersion: Dr. Robert Hunt

**Spring Break 2014**
- El Salvador Immersion: Dr. Hal Recinos
- Venezuela Immersion: Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi

**Summer 2014**
- May 19 through June 2 – India: Dr. Suzanne Johnson and Dr. Susanne Scholz
- Korea: Dr. Ted Campbell
- Oklahoma Indian Conference: Dr. Elaine Heath

**January 2015**
- Latin America: Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi
- North India: Dr. Szekar Wan

For more information about Global Theological Education and immersion experiences, visit [www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/Global/Perkins_Immersions](http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/Global/Perkins_Immersions).
Celebration of the Degrees and Academic Achievements

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Awards Presented May 18, 2013

The Charles C. Seleman Award in New Testament Greek: Rebecca Tankersley
Given to the student who ranks highest in New Testament Greek scholarship.

The Charley T. and Jesse James Bible Awards: Melissa Collier, Elaine Culver, Reagan Lynn
Awarded to three students on the basis of academic achievement in biblical courses and overall scholastic performance.

The W.B.J. Martin Award in Homiletics: Benjamin Rigby, Brenda Wideman
Given in recognition of the most outstanding students in the introductory preaching class.

The W. B. DeJernett Award in Homiletics: Grant Barnes
Given to a senior student with the highest academic average in courses in homiletics.

The Paul W. Quillian Award in Homiletics: Carrie Leader, Ramsey Patton
Given to the student who has presented the best-written sermon.

The William K. McElvany Preaching Award: Todd Cooper, Eric Pugh
Given to a student who has presented the best written sermon on a public issue, which includes a social crisis, a controversial issue, or a chronic social problem.

The Robert Weatherford Prize for Internship Preaching: Billie Watts
Established to honor the distinguished service of Robert Weatherford to the United Methodist Foundation and given to a Master of Divinity student for excellence in preaching during internship.

The Bert Affleck Award: Mirabel Vasquez
Given to a student for creativity in ministry during Internship.

The Jerry W. Hobbs Award in Worship: JoAnne Pounds
Established in memory of United Methodist Layman Jerry Hobbs and awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in worship combined with personal commitment to the worship life of the Perkins community during his or her time here.

The Fellowship Seminarian Award: Rebecca Garrett
Established by The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts and given to a graduating seminary student who displays outstanding leadership in music and/or worship arts including, but not limited to, dance, drama, fabric art, and liturgical writing. Presented in 2013 by Joe Stobaugh, M.S.M.’03, president of The Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians and Worship Arts.

The Jane Marshall Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership in Christian Worship: Kelly Anderson
Funded by a gift from Jane and Elbert Marshall, and given to a Master of Divinity or Master of Theological Studies student who has demonstrated excellence in the study and practice of Christian liturgy and worship.

The Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship and Practice: Grant Barnes
Awarded by The Order of St. Luke to the graduating student who has demonstrated quality scholarship in the study of liturgy and is an effective leader of Christian worship.

The Master of Sacred Music Award: Lisa Hancock, Christopher Hoyt
Given to senior M.S.M. students who rank highest in scholarship and service to the community.

The Albert C. Outler Award in Theology: Ernest Bryson
Awarded to the students contributing the most outstanding essays in theology during the academic year.

The Phillip Schaff Prize in Church History: Jane Lenz Elder
Endowed by Klaus Penzel and given to students who have demonstrated excellence in the historical study of Christianity while participating in courses in church history. It is named after the founder of the American Society of Church History.

The Karis Stahl Fadely Award: Emily Everett, Billie Watts
Presented to students who exhibit the qualities which were exemplified by Karis Fadely: commitment to Jesus Christ and to the total ministry and mission of the Church; responsibility in assigned tasks; ability to excel in a wide range of ministerial functions; and use and management of time.

The B’nai B’rith Award in Social Ethics: Regina Franklin-Basye, Brandon Lazarus, Martha Valencia
Given by the Harold M. Kaufman Memorial Foundation to students on the basis of scholarly competence in the field of Social Ethics and personal commitment as shown in voluntary activity in support of worthy social causes.

The Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Flinn Senior Award: Emily Everett
Given to that member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of the faculty, best exemplifies the aims of the school and the church for its ministry.
"Walk and Roll" Prayer Service

Weekly worship services in Perkins Chapel went out of the box Wednesday, March 7, 2013, with a special “Walk and Roll Prayer Service” organized and led by Perkins students Jordone Pounds and Kelly Anderson. After beginning in Perkins Chapel with opening prayers, participants walked to three sites on campus – the Meadows School, the University Health Center, and the Cox School, reading scriptures and offering prayers at each site before returning to the chapel. The festive event couldn’t accommodate them,” Stamm said.

In between were faculty members and students, as well as young participants – approximately 18 months of age – who rolled along in a baby carriage. According to Mark W. Stamm, professor of Christian Worship at Perkins, the idea was well received. “I’m told that when JoAnne and Kelly went to the campus police department, the officer asked if we were coming to pray for them, and seemed disappointed when told that this route couldn’t accommodate them,” Stamm said.

For more information, including a brief video clip, http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/News/News_Archives/Archives%202013/WalkNRoll.

Staff News

Perspective Welcomes New Editor/Director

With this Summer 2013 issue of Perspective, we welcome a new editor, the Rev. Connie L. Nelson (M.Th.’84). Connie joined the professional staff of Perkins as director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations in August 2012, succeeding Roberta Cox, who was editor of Perspective and Director of Public Affairs at Perkins from 1985–2012. “Connie’s professional experience, augmented by her commitment to Perkins as an alumna and her knowledge of the connection as an elder in The United Methodist Church, ideally suits her for this key position,” said Dean William B. Lawrence upon welcoming Connie. “She was selected following a nationwide search that included consideration of more than 100 applicants, and we are pleased and delighted that she has joined us.”

Connie came to Perkins from The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, where she served for ten years as assistant director of the Office of Public Information. Previously, she was executive secretary for Communications and Training in the Mission Personnel Program Unit within the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

A native of Dimmitt, Texas, Connie earned a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism at The University of Texas at Austin before graduating from Perkins School of Theology in 1984. She held pastoral appointments in the Northwest Texas Annual Conference and in the British Methodist Church in Leeds, West Yorkshire. She was ordained an elder in 1988 in the Northwest Texas Conference. In August 2013, she was received by transfer of her clergy membership as an elder in full connection of the North Texas Conference, appointed by Bishop Mike McKee to Perkins School of Theology as an extension minister.

“It is a joy to introduce her to the Perkins community through this issue of Perspective,” said Dean Lawrence. “She is completing her first year of outstanding service and leadership as our director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations. We look forward to great things in the year to come.”

To extend a welcome and share feedback, contact Connie at 214-786-2335, clnelson@smu.edu.

Three Bridwell Staff Members Receive SMU Library Staff Recognition Awards

Three staff members of Bridwell Library were presented SMU Library Staff Recognition Awards at a May 6, 2013, ceremony. These awards are a recognition by their peers of the exceptional work library staff are doing across the campus.

Christina Adamson

Christina Adamson joined the Perkins staff as advancement associate in the Perkins office of Development and External Affairs in December 2013. She follows Amanda Barboue, who transferred to a different position at SMU. Christina is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University with an honors degree in Kinesiology and minor in Business Studies. She was the 2011 Player of the Year for the DBU Lady Patriots Volleyball Team. Christina’s husband currently is working on his Juris Doctorate degree at Dedman School of Law at SMU. “Christina is a wonderful new addition to our Perkins family,” says Todd Raderhuber, director of Development.

Connie L. Nelson

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Tim Binkley (Archivist)

Tim received the award for Outstanding Achievement. This is presented to a librarian or professional library staff member who has contributed significantly to the SMU community or to the information professions through personal service, leadership, scholarship, or involvement in professional associations.

Lara Corazalla

Lara Corazalla (Periodicals and Electronic Resources Librarian)

Lara was recognized, along with nine other persons, for service on the Electronic Resources Management Task Force. This task force was formed to evaluate currently available Electronic Resources Management Systems (ERMs) with the goal of finding the best system to enhance the management of SMU’s electronic resources.

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Rebecca received the award for Effective Use of Information Technology. This award is given periodically to a library staff member who has developed and/or implemented an effective use of information technology that enhances library services and/or operations.

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Charles Winslow (left, at piano) leads jazz worship. Winslow also provided leadership for a jazz worship service in Perkins Chapel last fall. [unitedmethodistreporter.com/2013/01/when-sundays-swing-um-churches-find-jazz-in-worship-moves-the-spirit/].

YeVette Blair-Lavallais

YeVette Blair-Lavallais (M.T.S. ’13) was featured in a Sunday, September 9, 2012, Dallas Morning News article, “Job losses in Great Recession spur North Texans to reinvent themselves.”

Natalya Andromeda Cherry

Natalya Andromeda Cherry is one of three United Methodists who have been awarded John Wesley Fellowships to support their doctoral studies by A Foundation for Theological Education (AFTE). John Wesley Fellowships – designed to promote the renewal of theological education by supporting promising scholars who are committed to Chist, the church and academic excellence – provide $12,500 per year for four years. A graduate of Georgetown University (B.A., English, 1998) and Wesley Theological Seminary (M.Div., 2001), this fall Cherry will be a student in the Graduate Program of Religious Studies, a cooperative venture of Perkins and SMU’s Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. Her primary area of interest is exploring “a robust 21st century Christian apologetic derived from parallels in Ignatius of Loyola and John Wesley.” She is a member of the Susquehanna Annual Conference. Because of a generous anonymous gift given to honor recently retired AFTE Executive Director Paul Ervin, Cherry will be designated a “Paul and Kitten Ervin Fellow.”

Tommy Heinrich, 2014 M.Div. candidate, has received the Chalice Press Book Award from Perkins. She was a 2012 recipient of the W.B.J. Martin Award in Homiletics.


Sunny Farley, D.Min. student in Missional Church Studies, is incarncating her education by starting a residential new monastic community with the Wesley Foundation at a junior college in Tyler, Texas. Sunny, from the Texas Conference, was featured in a video segment on KLTV.com earlier this year.

Brandon Lazarus, 2014 M.Div. candidate, was featured in a September 19, 2012, article in The Huffington Post: “47 Percent of Humanities and Sciences. Her primary area of interest is exploring “a robust 21st

real experience

Yvette Blair-Lavallais

Joseph Monroy

Joseph Monroy joined the Perkins community in December 2012 as assistant to the associate dean for Academic Affairs. Joe has worked in similar support positions at Brookhaven College for many years and enjoys a wide range of experience and skills. Joe succeeds Stephanie Carroll, who joined the Perkins community in December 2012 as assistant to the associate dean for Academic Affairs. Joe has worked in similar support positions at Brookhaven College for many years and enjoys a wide range of experience and skills. Joe succeeds Stephanie Carroll, who

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Two Perkins Students Graduate from GBHEM Mentoring Scholarship Program

Of six seminary graduates participating in a scholarship and mentoring program for racial-ethnic students who plan to be ordained as deacons or elders in The United Methodist Church, two – Analisa Trejo Barrington (M.Div.'13) and Paul Trejo (M.Div.'13) – are from Perkins.

Barrington shared how important the program, sponsored by the UMC’s General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, was to her. “One of the greatest things I learned,” she said, “is that no matter what your background, when your identity is [centered in] Christ, you have so much more in common than you ever realized.”

Read the full story on the GBHEM website: http://www.gbhem.org/article/mentoring-scholarship-program-has-six-graduates-year.

From the Mailbox...

As I read the Summer 2012 article on the Seminary Singers Reunion at the upcoming Christmas services, I remembered the 1974 Christmas services wherein then-director Sam Young (Carlton R.) premiered his Collage for Sheep, Shepherds and Angels. As the Seminary Singers (in the balcony) and the University Choir (in the chancel) sang to each other, a number of seminarians paraded up and down the chapel aisles, a few dressed as shepherds, a few bleating and braying animal sounds, and a few of their children playing hand and finger instruments gentle as a winter night’s wind; and pine air freshener was piped through the chapel’s ventilating system to suggest ‘essence of outdoors’. It was the only time in four years of Christmas services I attended that I can recall a burst of applause and cheering!

Cordially,
Bruce Sayre (M.Th.'76)
St. Paul’s UMC
Ridgeland, South Carolina

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.

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has effectively communicated faith values and who has worked at least part of that career in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is named for the late Norvell Slater, who was known as host for the Dallas-area radio broadcast Hymn We Love.

**Terry Price** (M.S.M.’85) was honored at the Each Moment Matters Luncheon on October 19, 2012, hosted by Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation and benefiting Faith Presbyterian Hospice. The Each Moment Matters Award recognizes individuals who exemplify the following attributes: compassion and excellence in daily living; faith in serving others with joy, gratitude, respect, kindness and love; courage in empowering, educating, and giving hope to others; integrity in maintaining high levels of ethics, reliability, trust and decency.

**Thomas B. Slater** (M.Th.’78, D.Min.’81) was the Bible study leader for the Sixteenth Pastors’ Conference of Phillips School of Theology, a member of the Interdinominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, January 2012. He also published a commentary on Ephesians in the Smyth & Helwys commentary series in May 2012. Slater, who received his Ph.D. from King’s College, University of London, is professor of New Testament Language and Literature, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University.

**Rev. Cynthia Wilson** (M.S.M.’86) was appointed dean of students at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2012. Wilson is an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church and a member of the Kansas West Annual Conference.

**Rev. Wesley Magruder** (M.Div.’96) received extensive local and international notice after observing the Ramadan fast in 2012, including interviews in Dallas on WFAA-TV and KERA-FM’s “Think” with Krys Boyd. Magruder, who observed the fast again in 2013, cited a desire “to develop the spiritual discipline of fasting and … to stand in solidarity with American Muslims who struggle for acceptance and community.”

**Rev. David Martinez** (M.Div.’02) has been appointed director of Specialized Theological Education for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Martinez will design and implement theological education programs to foster a new generation of racial/ethnic leaders committed to serve as ordained ministers in The United Methodist Church. Martinez will also supervise the implementation of the GBHEM’s responsibilities for the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries in matters related to ministry and theological education, including the development of training grants. Additionally, he will work with autonomous Methodist churches in Latin America and the Caribbean to create and implement theological education experiences for pastors and develop new contextual and online theological resources.

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Doretta Remy offers a blessing for aircraft, Fort Riley, Kansas

**Rev. Doretta Remy** (M.Div.’06), a U.S. Army Chaplain from the Texas Annual Conference, was featured in a July 4, 2013, Houston Chronicle article: “Faith deployed, Army pastor combines missions.”

**Rev. Michael Waters** (M.Div.’06, D.Min.’12) has been appointed chair of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board in Dallas. Waters has accepted an invitation to write two homiletical essays on John 13 for the Gospel project. A successor project to Feasting on the Word, his blog is now a regular feature on The Huffington Post (huffingtonpost.com/michael-w-waters/).

**Lisa Burkhardt Worley** (M.T.S.’08) announced completion of the first book project of Promise Ministries, Pearls of Promise, March 18, 2013, by Kudu Publishing Services. The book includes 120 devotions from 46 authors, including “Hug Series” creator LeAnn Weiss, award-winning Christian fiction writer Lisa Buffaloe, motivational speaker and evangelist Kristi Dhaman, and Worley — a former national television sports reporter who has appeared on HBO’s Inside the NFL, ESPN and the Madison Square Garden Network. In an effort to stop human trafficking, Pearls of Promise has indicated they will donate 10% of proceeds from the sales of the devotional to “Destiny House,” an organization based in Grapevine, Texas.

**Rev. Dr. Ellen Blue** (M.Div.’95) has been promoted to full professor at Perkins Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is the Mouton Biggs, Jr., Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies. Blue also has won the 2013 Women in United Methodist History Writing Award, given by the UMC’s General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH), for an essay on activist African-American women in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. The author of St. Mark’s and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965 (University of Tennessee Press, 2011) and co-author with Charles M. Wood of Attentive to God: Thinking Theologically in Ministry (Abingdon, 2008), Blue currently is completing a manuscript on the church in post-Katrina New Orleans.

**Faith Calls for Sustainable Stewardship**

Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall has been awarded LEED SILVER certification. Perkins School of Theology was informed of the certification by Trisha Memis — project manager for the construction of Prothro Hall along with related renovation and new construction in Selmon and Kirby Halls. While the project’s completion was celebrated in September 2009, the LEED SILVER certification was not official until July 2013.

SMU will be awarded two plaques for the LEED SILVER designation, one to be placed in SMU’s Office of Planning, Design, and Construction, and the other to be installed in Prothro Hall.

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED — Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design — is a third party certification program and nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings, based on points earned for satisfying specific green building criteria. LEED SILVER certification is a level above basic LEED certification.

Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall

**Perkins on the Boulevard**

O n Mustang Football home game days, Perkins joins in the SMU tradition of “Boulevarding.” Friends and alumni/ae are invited to gather with students, faculty, and staff at the table spread with goodies between Prothro and Selmon Hall. The 2013 home schedule includes Aug. 30, Sept. 7, Oct. 5 (Family Weekend), Oct. 26 (Homecoming — see below), Nov. 16, and Dec. 7.

Alumni/ae and friends are invited to mark your calendar now for the Perkins brunch during SMU Homecoming, Saturday, October 26, 2013, 9 – 11 am. You can find us, along with good food and good music, in front (north side) of the main entry to Kirby Hall.

Perkins faculty, staff, and friends enjoy “Boulevarding” during the fall 2012 Mustang football season.

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2012 Art & Soul Features Chanticleer

Perkins School of Theology’s Art & Soul 2012 presented the multiple Grammy Award-winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer, Sunday, October 28. The performance took place at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Avenue, in the Dallas Arts District.

In an October 29 review for The Dallas Morning News, Classical Music Critic Scott Cantrell writes: “… I can’t remember choral singing more drop-dead, chills-down-the-back elegant than that offered Sunday night by the male vocal ensemble Chanticleer.”

Chanticleer, based in San Francisco, is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices ranging from counter tenor to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venturesome new music.

The group gives approximately 100 concerts a year throughout the world, appearing regularly in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Chicago, and Paris. On a 10-country tour in early 2012 the ensemble returned to Europe’s most renowned concert halls, including the Musikverein in Vienna, Bela Bartok Concert Hall in Budapest, Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, and Philharmonic Hall in Vilnius. The New Yorker has described Chanticleer as “The world’s reigning male chorus.” Named for the “clear-singing” rooster in Geoffrey Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales, Chanticleer was founded in 1978 by tenor Louis Botto, who sang in the ensemble until 1989 and served as artistic director until his death in 1997. In 1999 Christine Bullin joined Chanticleer as president and general director.

Selections from the evening’s performance included music from the 16th century (Palestrina, et al.), the 20th and 21st centuries (Samuel Barber, et al.), as well as selected spirituals and gospel songs.

Art & Soul is a quadrennial program made possible by the Claudia and Taylor Robinson Lectureship at Perkins School of Theology. Claudia and Taylor Robinson, both graduates of Southern Methodist University, established the fund with the intention that it be devoted to surveying the arts as interpreters of religious belief and practice.

Fourth Annual Public Life | Personal Faith Luncheon, Lecture, and Colloquium

Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and contributing editor at Time, was speaker for the 2013 Bolin Family Public Life | Personal Faith Lecture and Luncheon at SMU, February 15, 2013. Meacham also spoke at a colloquium which preceded the luncheon lecture. Meacham’s address focused on the topic of his book, “American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation,” which explores how the founders of the United States—desiring to avoid establishing a state religion or being a secular society—developed a form of social religion that both makes a place for religion in the public square and constitutionally limits religious influence.

The annual PL|PF Lecture, Luncheon and Colloquium is a fundraising and outreach event of Perkins School of Theology in service to the larger community. The lecture and colloquium provide an opportunity for participants to engage scholars on topics related to why and how personal faith shapes public life. “We are called to know, love, and serve God and neighbor in our daily lives through sharing the Gospel of truth, mercy, justice, and love,” observes Rev. Dr. Todd Rasberry, director of Development at Perkins.

The 2013 PL|PF Lecture, Luncheon, and Colloquium was attended by more than 300 people and marks the fourth year for the event. This year’s lecture and colloquium were sponsored by the family of Pat and Jane Bolin. Pat Bolin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at EagleCorp and Eagle Oil & Gas Co. in Dallas, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University (B.A. ’73) and 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the SMU Cox School of Business.


For more information about the PL|PF Lecture and Colloquium, contact Rev. Dr. Todd Rasberry, director of Development at Perkins, trasberry@smu.edu, 214-768-3688.


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Linda Marr, Dr. Kenneth and Lila Foree Receive 2013 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award

Linda Marr of A&M United Methodist Church in the Texas Annual Conference, and Ken and Lila Foree of Highland Park United Methodist Church in the North Texas Annual Conference, were recipients of the 2013 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award. The awards were presented March 9, 2013, at a luncheon during the Perkins Theological School for the Laity.

Linda Marr has been an active layperson in A&M United Methodist Church, College Station, Texas, since 1990. Her leadership in the local church began in earnest after she and her husband Bill agreed to serve as youth coordinators. A passion for missions was ignited when A&M UMC took its first mission trip to Juárez, Mexico, in 2002; and Marr subsequently accompanied youth and college students on many trips to Juárez. Marr then joined two other women in the congregation to deliver books to schools in Conceídad, Belice, forming a bond with the pastor and congregation there that ultimately led to Marr’s important role in the construction of a high school by the Methodist Church in Belmopan. Speaking of Marr’s important role in a mission trip to deliver insecticide-treated mosquito nets to Côte d’Ivoire, Housmann Area Bishop Janice Riggle Huie cited Marr’s “exceptional leadership and willingness to give of herself,” adding: “Linda’s devotion to the work of the church, her compassion for the people we encountered, and her obvious love for every child she held were the markings of a Christian who was in her element serving God’s people.”

Back in College Station, Marr helped A&M UMC become a host church for Family Promise network, which houses homeless families in churches as those families seek to become self-sustaining, a ministry she supported as volunteer coordinator for four years. Her ministries at the local church level also included serving on the SPRC committee and leading the Missions Team for three years. She served beyond the local church for three years on the Core Leadership Team of the Texas Annual Conference.

Marr and her husband currently are on the President’s Advisory Council for the Texas Methodist Foundation and she serves on the recently formed Lay Leadership Team of the Texas Annual Conference, as well. In addition to supporting the ministries of the church, Marr is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster children. She works part-time in her husband’s ophthalmic practice and looks forward to his retirement when she will have time to travel more extensively and participate in medical mission trips.

Dr. Kenneth and Lila Foree are long-time members of Highland Park UMC in Dallas. Lila joined Highland Park UMC in 1967 and began working on staff there the next year. In 1975, she helped the congregation organize their first medical mission to Haiti, accompanying that first medical mission team to Haiti in October 1976.

Dr. Forre has been a member of Highland Park UMC since 1943. His mother was a Charter Member in 1916, and both himself and father and mother are alumni of SMU (Class of 1918 and 1919, respectively). After serving as an usher and member of the Administrative Board for many years, Dr. Forre – an ophthalmologist who enjoyed 40 years of private practice in Dallas – began working on the Haiti Medical Mission from Highland Park UMC in 1978. For the next 32 years he and Lila led teams and helped coordinate efforts of Highland Park UMC and the Methodist Church of Haiti to establish a permanent eye clinic in Petit Goave, Haiti. The ministry there grew to include three structures – a clinic, surgery building, and post-op facility. Thousands of people have had their eyesight restored or saved and their lives influenced through this couple’s dedicated service. Dr. Forre also served volunteer eye clinics for school children and others in need in the Dallas area, and gave time each week to help with surgery training for ophthalmology medical students at Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Forre and his team were in Haiti in January 2010 when an earthquake devastated the region. He was one of several team members trapped in the rubble as the clinic building collapsed. Tragically, one person did not survive.

After three years, a new building is going up and a set of dedicated leaders is committed to continuing this mission. Others, using this as a model, have started missions in a number of different areas throughout the world. Rev. Barbara Marcum, associate minister and director of Congregational Care at Highland Park UMC, praising the Forees for their many years of faithful service, comments, “There is probably not a finer servant couple in the United Methodist community.”

Editor’s Note: The Seals Award is presented annually to laypersons in the United States who embody the Christian faith and commitment of service to Christ in the church, community, and world as exemplified by Judge Woodrow B. Seals, a distinguished layperson whose interest and energy were instrumental in establishing the Perkins Theological School for the Laity. Selection for the award is made by a committee of the Perkins Lay Advisory Board.

Information about nominating candidates for the Seals Laity Award is available at www.smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/GetInvolved/LayAdvisoryBoard/Seals_Award. Nominations for 2014 must be submitted in writing by September 15, 2013. Contact Connie Nelson, clnelson@smu.edu, 214-768-2335.
Roberto Escamilla and William K. McElvaney receive 2013 distinguished alumnus awards

Roberto Escamilla and William K. McElvaney were named recipients of the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Perkins Alumni/ae Council. The annual award recognizes Perkins graduates who have demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support and involvement in the goals of Perkins School of Theology and SMU, distinguished service in the wider community, and exemplary character. The awards were presented February 4, 2013, during a banquet as part of Perkins School of Theology’s Ministers Week.

According to Rev. Suzanne Reedstrom, lead associate minister at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston and chairperson of the Perkins Alumni/ae Council, it is customary to select only one recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus/ae Award each year. “However,” Reedstrom explains, “after reviewing the outstanding nominations, it became clear that two exemplary alumni were deserving of this award for 2013.”

The Reverend Dr. Roberto Escamilla earned the S.T.M. from Perkins School of Theology in 1955, and currently is an instructor at the Perkins School of Theology Course of Study School (COSS), where he teaches classes on Evangelism, Worship and the Sacraments, and as Editor of the Upper Room (Spanish Edition). He currently is an adjunct professor at McCormick Theological School in Chicago. Escamilla served as a United Methodist pastor in Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin, and was chairperson of the Board of Discipleship in the Southwest Texas Conference. In addition to being elected a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conferences, he served on the Board of Missions of the Board of Global Ministries; with the Board of Discipleship as Associate General Secretary of the Division of Evangelism, Worship, Stewardship, and Upper Room; and as Editor of the Upper Room (Spanish Edition). He currently is President of the Board of Directors of the United Christian Ashram International. Escamilla is author of Priester de Esperanza: Escritos sobre la fe (1985); La Sed de Vivir (1970); Come to the Feast (Denman Lectures, 1998 Congregational Evangelism, Kansas City, Missouri); and editor of A Feast of Life (Tidings, 1972).

In addition to his degree from Perkins, Escamilla earned a B.S. from Parsons College and B.A. from Iowa Wesleyan College, an M.A. from Trinity University in San Antonio; an S.T.M. from Union Theological Seminary; and a D.Min. from Vanderbilt University. He holds honorary degrees from Huston-Tillotson College and Iowa Wesleyan College. He was the first E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and has been an adjunct professor at McMurrich Theological School in Chicago.

McElvaney served for 15 years as pastor of several United Methodist congregations. He then served for 12 years as president of the United Methodist-related Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, where the William K. McElvaney Chair in Preaching was established in his honor in 1988. He received the SMU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1980, and the William K. McElvaney Fund for the Advancement of Peace and Justice was established at SMU in 1993. “Bill McElvaney has been an outstanding leader in theological education for decades,” Dean Lawrence observes. “In his career, he has served as a professor, as a seminary president, and as a pastor. He is a model of integrity, with a passion for justice, who is always ready to labor for peace. But, in every step along the way, he acts with decency and respect for all of God’s children.”

In addition to his three earned degrees from SMU, McElvaney was honored with Doctor of Divinity degrees from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas (1972), and Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri (1978). Other honors include: Peacemaker of the Year Award, presented by the Dallas Peace Center to McElvaney and his wife Fran, for their lifelong dedication to peace, civil rights, and social justice (1997); Fitzpatrick Award for Ecumenical Leadership, presented by the Texas Conference of Churches (1999); and the Heroes of Hope Award (2001), presented by the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, for lifetime leadership in social justice issues and recognition of concerns that provide hope for all people.

McElvaney is author of numerous books, including: Christ’s Suburban Body (co-authored with Wilfrid M. Bailey, 1970); The Saving Possibility (1971); Concerns on Caring Alters (1973); Good News Is Bad News & Good News (1980, third printing 1987); first edition in Chinese, (1988); The People of God in Ministry (1981); Preaching from Camelot to Covenant (1989); Winds of Grace, Ways of Faith (1993); Eating and Drinking at the Welcome Table (1999); and Becoming a Justice Seeking Congregation (2009). He also has published a number of articles in professional journals and papers.

After being ordained an elder in the North Texas Conference UMC in 1957, McElvaney served as pastor of First Methodist Church, Elma, Washington (1957); First Methodist Church, Justin, Texas (1958–59); originating pastor of St. Stephen Methodist Church, Mesquite, Texas (1959–67); and Northaven United Methodist Church, Dallas (1967–73). He subsequently served as president of Saint Paul School of Theology (1973–85), and professor of preaching at Perkins (1985–93). Following his retirement from Perkins, McElvaney continued his service to SMU and the larger community as part-time assistant chaplain, SMU (1993–97); coordinator of the Dallas Area Ecumenical Jubilee Project (1997–2000); interim minister of Midway Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dallas (2001–2002);

Along with additional service to SMU as a Board member of the Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, McElvaney has served on the boards of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches; Pastoral Counseling and Education Center of Dallas; Salud y Paz, Guatemala; Dallas Peace Center; Dallas Wilkinson Center Advisory Board; and as a member of the Church in Society Committee, Human Development Fund Committee, and Faith Voices on Justice Committee at Northaven UMC.

McElvaney has been married to Frances Owens McElvaney since 1960. They have two children, Shannon and John; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Information about nominating candidates for the Distinguished Alumnus Award is available at www.smu.edu/perkins/alumniFriends/DistinguishedAlumnus. Nominations for 2014 must be submitted in writing by September 15, 2013. Contact Connie Nelson, cnelson@smu.edu, 214-768-2335.
“Common Tones” Revived

Plans are in the works to revive the Common Tones newsletter in a fresh, attractive format available both online and on paper. The “new” Common Tones will include alumni/ae news, photos, articles by professors and students, and news from the program. Watch for the first issue soon.

MSM-Leipzig Church Music Institute Partnership

In February, the MSM program hosted Prof. Christoph Krummacher, director of the Church Music Institute of Leipzig (Germany), for an exciting series of classes and lectures. This is one of several steps toward an enduring partnership with Leipzig that will result in an exciting series of classes and lectures. This is one of several steps toward an enduring partnership with Leipzig that will result in student exchanges and guest lectureships in coming years.

A Tribute to James Wharton by Dr. John Holbert

Ice Wharton was a dyed-in-the-wool Presbyterian who always said he felt a little like a Calvinist fish out of water at Perkins. Yet, he boldly went on as the first holder of the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics for 15 years. During that time, he brought his Hebrew Bible expertise to the task of the teaching of preaching for several hundreds of Perkins students. He was a robust colleague, an expert especially on the book of Job. It was an irony that I, the second holder of the Perkins Chair, was also a scholar of the Hebrew Bible especially interested in the book of Job. Jim and I had more than a few vigorous discussions about the old loud-mouth from Uz (Job, that is), since we saw many matters concerning the book from very different perspectives. Jim was pastor, scholar, and teacher, representing effectively what a significant member of the Perkins faculty should be like in training and practice. I visited Jim in his retirement home in Black Mountain, North Carolina, some years ago, a home designed by his wife, Charlotte. They loved it there, and Jim spent more than 15 happy years in that beautiful place. His life was a happy ministry and fully lived.

John C. Holbert

Lois Craddock Perkins Professor Emeritus of Homiletics (as was Jim Wharton)

Editor’s note: Dr. Holbert succeeded Dr. Wharton as Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics in 1997; and a Memorial Stone was dedicated to Dr. Jim Wharton by his students and friends on June 7, 2013.
Rev. Dr. James L. "Jim" Killen, Jr. (M.Th. '56, D.Min., '70), died June 13, 2013, after a long battle with cancer. He graduated from the University of Houston before studying at Perkins. Over the course of 45 years he served a succession of 10 United Methodist congregations. Jim was the author of nine books, including the recently published Come to the Edge. After retiring from Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas, in 2001, he continued in ministry through the Walk to Emmaus, KIarov Prison ministry, as a teacher in the Course of Study School, in short-term interim ministries, and through writing.

Rev. Louis Sada (M.Th.'52), 85, died October 7, 2012. He served churches as an ordained elder in the Texas Annual Conference for 60 years. A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church, Missouri City, October 11, 2012.

Dr. Roland T. "Bill" Scales (M.Th.'53), 86, died July 9, 2013, at his home. A memorial was held July 12, at First UMC, Bowie, Texas. Bill was a graduate of Concord College in Shreveport, Louisiana, before coming to Perkins. He served United Methodist Churches as a member of the Texas Conference for 45 years. Following his retirement, he enjoyed fine art photography, winning "Best Photography" blue ribbons in both the official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair in Kerrville and the Art Festival of Round Top, Texas. His contest photographs have been exhibited by Kodak in more than 30 cities around the world. In January, Bill shared with Ted Campbell, associate professor of Church History, that he remembered capturing Bernie Tiende (subject of the film "Bernie") at what was then St. Luke's Methodist Church (now UMC) in Kilgore, Texas, in 1957.


Rev. Thomas Otis McClung, Jr. (M.Th.'55, past president of Perkins Alumni/ae Council), 73, died July 16, 2012. He was ordained deacon in 1963 in the Northwest Texas Conference, transferring to Southwest Texas in 1965, where he was ordained elder in 1967. As a United Methodist pastor for 40 years, Tom served congregations in George West, Corpus Christi (Westley), Rockport, and Port Lavaca. In San Antonio, he was pastor of Windcrest, Coker and St. John's. In 1980, he was appointed superintendent of the Corpus Christi District, and later served as adviser for church connections at Methodist Healthcare Ministries for South Texas. Among other Methodist church responsibilities, Tom helped develop the Tri-Conference (tri-ethnic) youth events in the early years of his ministry, was president of the Perkins Alumni/ae Council, and was honored to be pastor emeritus of Windcrest United Methodist Church. Tom was a summa laude graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, before attending Perkins.


Rev. Al Jinnings (M.Th.'64), 81, died in December 2012. Services were held December 27, 2012, at Lashaddie UMC. Al was a retired member of the Texas Conference.

Rev. William Slack (SMU BA '49, M.Div.'60), 87, died November 6, 2012. He retired in 1992 after serving a number of North Texas churches, most recently Kavanagh in Greenville and Kesler Park in Dallas. Upon graduation from college, after working in local radio and theater, his talent and love of acting took him to Hollywood where he found roles in both film and television. Despite his success, a deeper calling led him back to SMU to attend Perkins starting in 1957. Over the next 40 years, he served congregations from Chiaco to Highland Park. A memorial service was December 15, 2012, in Highland Park UMC's Cox Chapel.


Mr. M.W. "Bill" Martin, II (B.Th.'70), 68, died December 15, 2012. Services were held December 27, 2012, at Lashaddie UMC. Al was a retired member of the Texas Conference.

Rev. Walter C. Quoetone (M.Div.'03), 58, died October 30, 2012, in Oklahoma City. A native of Lawton, Walter was a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and served on the tribe's election board. As a youth, he was president of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC) Council on Youth Ministries, the OIMC Youth Choir, and served as an officer of the Cameron University Interfaith Council. He was a founding member of the Norman First American UMC. Walter served as pastor of J.J. Menthin Memorial UMC in Anadarko for six years, Sherrwood Towigh Memorial UMC in Cache, and was pastor of Billy Holtum Memorial UMC in Oklahoma City at the time of his death. A prayer service was held November 2 at his church with the Rev. Alvin Dees officiating, and his funeral was held November 3 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, with the Rev. Phil Jones officiating.

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B.S. from the University of Houston before attending Perkins. He was a past president of the Lon Morris Ex-Students Association and past president of the Retired Ministers Retreat Association. A funeral service was held October 8, 2012, at Rose Hill United Methodist Church, Tomball, Texas.

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