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SMU theology dean: Rise against evil of racism portrayed by frat party
The Dallas Morning News
By William B. Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology.

Perkins students to attend the parliament of the world’s religions
SMU Daily Campus
(Robert) Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education at Perkins School of Theology, taught in Malaysia, Singapore, and Austria before coming to SMU in 2004. He is interested in crossing cultural boundaries and wants to help students do the same.

SMU’s Founder House continues to foster sense of community
SMU Daily Campus
When SMU first opened its doors, Mouzon continued to show his love for the university. He became the first dean of the Perkins School of Theology and he also helped with the creation of another Dallas institution: the Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Highland Park Methodist funds SMU professorship
The Dallas Morning News
Highland Park United Methodist Church has given $1.5 million to neighboring Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, to advance Methodist scholarship.

Faculty/Staff in the News

Living the Questions: How to Partner with Youth on Their Faith Formation Journeys
Circuit Rider Magazine
By Tonya Burton, Director of Youth Outreach at Perkins School of Theology.

Panel brings different perspective – Islam Myths and Facts
News-Register, North Lake College
A full house in the Student Life Center witnessed the “Islam: Facts and Myths” panel on Oct. 20. . . . four speakers included Dr. Robert Hunt, a Theology professor at SMU Perkins School of Theology; Nicole Queen, a celebrity event photographer and Muslim convert; Shaykh Omar Suleiman, world-renowned Islamic scholar from New Orleans, and Dr. Imam Zia, the author of Islam: Silencing the Critics.
Religious Emphasis guest speaker tells Stillman audience change comes through knowledge and commitment
The Advance, Stillman College
The Rev. Dr. Abraham Smith brought audience members to their feet with a rousing sermon Wednesday (Oct. 14), preaching on the theme, “What is your calling?”

Can I Love My Religion without Thinking It’s Better Than Yours?
Sojourners
By Jaime Clark-Soles, Associate Professor of New Testament and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Perkins School of Theology.

Greater Church of Lucifer plans Halloween opening
Houston Chronicle
The name “Lucifer” entered the Christian lexicon as the scriptures were translated into Latin - Lucifer being Latin for “light bearer,” said Jaime Clark-Soles, a professor at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology.

Ongoing Faculty Contributions

Religious Traditions: Destined to Compete? (Hebrews 7:23-28)
Huffington Post Religion
By Jaime Clark-Soles, Associate Professor of New Testament and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Perkins School of Theology.
And others, on the archive page

History of Hymns: “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”
General Board of Discipleship website
By C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music; Director, Master of Sacred Music Program, Perkins School of Theology.
Additional History of Hymns Articles:
“When Memory Fades”
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
And others, on the History of Hymns archive page

The Time of the End? Reflections on Daniel 12:1-3
Patheos
By John C. Holbert, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor Emeritus of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology.
Additional Opening the Old Testament Articles:
Fully a Woman’s Tale: Lectionary Reflections on Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Telling the Story: Reflections on Ruth 1:1-18
And others, on the Opening the Old Testament archive page

A Level Playing Field in Missouri?
Patheos
By Robert A. Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education at Perkins School of Theology.
Additional Interfaith Encounters Articles:
Do Unto Others . . . ? Not so much.
Activists versus Dialogue at the Parliament.
And others, on the Interfaith Encounters archive page

Too Old for Outrage? My Reaction to the Hospital Bombing in Afghanistan
Huffington Post Religion
By Jack Levison, W. J. A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew at Perkins School of Theology.
And others, on the archive page
How People of Faith Are Dealing With Conflict and Why the Truth Does Not Lie in the Middle
Huffington Post Religion
By Joerg Rieger, Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology at Perkins School of Theology.
And others, on the archive page

Alumni/ae in the News

The Empire Strikes Back (or Fear of a Black Planet)
Huffington Post Black Voices
By The Rev. Dr. Michael W. Waters (M.Div.’06, D.Min.’12), founder and Senior Pastor of Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, Texas.

Town hall meeting in Dallas will explore issue of mass incarceration
The Dallas Morning News
A high-powered panel and a passionate social advocate (Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr. (M.Div.’92)) plan to make “mass incarceration” a term and issue the public won’t easily forget.

New on the Website:  www.smu.edu/perkins
• Watch the 2015 Lyman Beecher Lectures with Dr. Alyce McKenzie
• Noted New Testament Professor Coming to Perkins as Visiting Scholar
• Video: Dr. Roy Heller, Assoc. Professor of Old Testament at Perkins, delivered a captivating sermon on Genesis 22

Upcoming Events
• Inside Perkins: November 20, 2015
• Alumni/ae and Friends Reception at American Academy of Religion & Society of Biblical Literature: November 22, 2015
• Christmas Worship Service: 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. on December 3, 2015

Continuing Events
• Bridwell Library Exhibition: The Shape of Content in Christian Books, Broadsides, and Devotional Objects: through December 18, 2015
• Bridwell Library Exhibition: Early Texas Methodism: through December 11, 2015

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