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Next Century:
What Does It Hold?





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THE PROMISE OF OUR SECOND CENTURY

This article marks the final “Letter from the Dean” written by William B. Lawrence, who will retire as dean of Perkins School of Theology effective May 31, 2016. His retirement was announced in July by Harold W. Stanley, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost ad interim at Southern Methodist University.

AT A MEETING of the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees one day, President R. Gerald Turner announced that a donor to the University had established what he called a “Bicentennial Endowment.”

I am familiar with endowments, of course. They are commitments made and paid in the present to undergird promises for the future. Endowments are wholly invested for the purpose of generating perpetual earnings in the years and decades to come. And only a designated share of the annual earnings may be spent. The rest must be used to help the endowment principal grow, providing a stronger and more secure foundation for untold years to come.

We have endowments of various kinds at Perkins School of Theology. Some are permanently established funds for student scholarships and graduate-student fellowships. Others support the growth of the library resources and operations at Bridwell. Still others provide professors with salaries and research funds. Each endowment is a declaration of confidence and trust God will call women and men to Christian ministry in the future. So, each endowment is a promise that Perkins will have a permanent place in preparing men and women to do whatever God summons servants to accomplish in the name of Christ.

But a Bicentennial Endowment is an exceedingly long-range promise. It expresses confidence in reaching a horizon that is too distant to see.

Apparently, it was Benjamin Franklin who conceived the idea of the Bicentennial Endowment. In the early and uncertain days of the American Revolution, nobody could be sure whether the vision of the nation’s founders would become a reality. Franklin did more than inscribe his name on the Declaration of Independence. He was so confident in America’s future that he funded an endowment and insisted that its earnings not be used for 200 years. He believed in the gleaming promise of a distant future.

One hundred years ago, the founders of Southern Methodist University opened the doors for the first classes on campus. In the fall of 1915, they could not possibly have known what the University would have to face in its first century of service. Within two years, some of the young people who

might have come here to study found themselves instead on bloody battlefields in Europe’s Great War. Within 20 years, the Great Depression cast such a cloud over

the campus that members of the faculty agreed to take a one-third cut in pay just to keep the budget from breaking. Within 15 years after that, so many students were enrolling in the University and its School of Theology as World War II veterans with the benefit of the GI Bill that they had to be housed in what looked like Quonset huts because there was no time to build suitable dormitories.

In the winter of 1945, while the end of the war in Europe was still months away



from a conclusion and while the outcome of the war in the Pacific was still very much in doubt, the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University – as it had been called since opening day in 1915 – was blessed with another reason to believe boldly in God’s promise for the future. Joe and Lois Perkins of Wichita Falls provided magnificent gifts that included endowments because they were confident that theological education was essential in preparing future generations of ministerial leaders not only for the work of the church but also for “the peace of the world.”

Within seven years after that, in 1952, Perkins led the way in desegregating the previously all-white student body. Within a few years after that, Perkins sent one of our premier faculty members to Rome as an official observer at the Second Vatican Council. And in the decades that followed, we appointed an increasingly diverse faculty, recruited an increasingly diverse student body, launched increasingly multicultural programs for study, created new degrees like the Doctor of Pastoral Music, invented the finest field education program in any theological school – the Perkins Internship – and found more ways to prepare women and men for more forms of ministry as leaders in the church and the world.

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On September 24, 2015, Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology officially declared that we have completed our first century of preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.

On September 25, we started our second century. And the only thing that we know for sure is that we cannot be sure what challenges we will have to face in the next hundred years.

What I know is that I will not be serving as the dean of Perkins beyond the first eight months of that second century. As the provost announced during the summer, this academic year will be my 14th and final one as dean.

The future is in God's hands. So, we will have to learn how to think theologically if we are to play an effective role in the future. With that in mind, here is my perspective on our second century.

First, men and women preparing for leadership in Christian ministry will have to be prepared to be Christian leaders in a context where many religions thrive and where the absence of religion is a widely accepted practice.

In North America and in much of the Western Hemisphere particularly, some form of Christianity has held a privileged position in society. In Perkins' second century, we will experience a radical deviation from that privilege. Christian leaders increasingly will have to learn how to be effective on the margins of society, among the people who do not hold the reins of worldly power. Perkins faculty will have to teach and students will have to learn how to be creative and entrepreneurial and imaginative in developing relationships with people who do not share our faith.

Second, men and women preparing for leadership in Christian ministry will have to rediscover the importance of building and sustaining institutions.

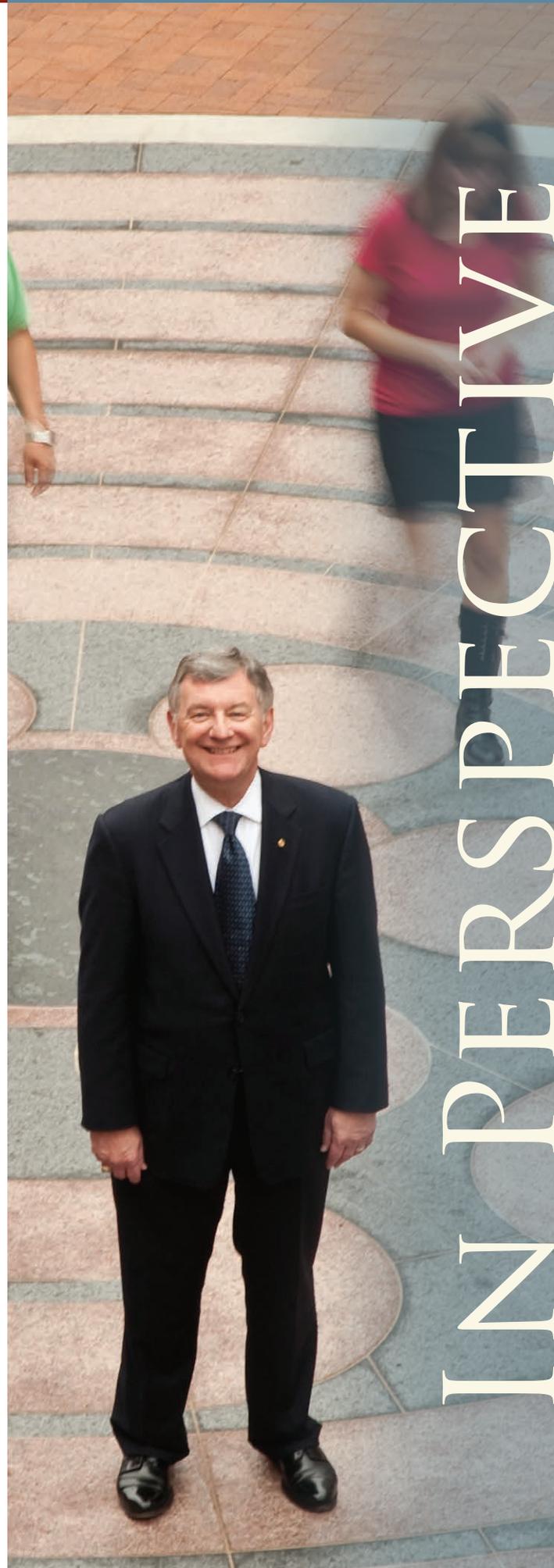
Some of us who are current leaders at the conclusion of Perkins' first century have spent most of our adult lives criticizing institutions because we wanted them to change but believing that they would always endure. Southern Methodist University arrived on the scene when Methodism generally was a growing, progressive presence. Abundant evidence exists that Methodist institutions are in a dramatic state of change, quite possibly on the verge of fragmentation. In 1915, Methodists were deeply and seriously connectional in their approach to such Christian missions as higher education. In 2015, Methodists are deeply and seriously congregational or parochial in their views about mission, including higher education. Individual congregations and conferences want to decide whether their ministerial leaders need higher education at all and, if so, what kind.

The institutions that stayed close to us in our first century will be more distant from us in our second. We will have to learn again how to create new institutions. We need to learn how to renew declining ones.

Just as when Bishops Atkins and Mouzon laid the cornerstone of Dallas Hall so that the building would be ready for the first students when the doors opened in September 1915, we need to behave as if we believe in the promise of what is to come. They believed that the 20th century would be a great first one for this new institution of higher learning to provide leaders for the church and the world.

Now, we stand at the beginning of our second century. More than anything else, we have to embrace the promises of the second one and lay the foundations for a third!

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE



LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE

SMU President R. Gerald Turner and Bishop Michael McKee – episcopal leader of the North Texas Annual Conference and chair of the Executive Board of Perkins School of Theology – reflect on the tenure of Dean William B. Lawrence, who has led Perkins since 2002.

A Letter from SMU President R. Gerald Turner



Dear Bill:

Your decision to retire as dean of Perkins School of Theology in May 2016 leaves me with mixed feelings. You richly deserve an opportunity to pursue interests beyond the pressure of administrative responsibilities. But your strong leadership will be greatly missed as dean of Perkins School of Theology and as a valued citizen of our university.

During nearly 14 years of your leadership, Perkins School of Theology has made significant advancements. You can take satisfaction in the increased diversity of the School's faculty in areas ranging from ethnicity to academic specialization. A 60 percent increase in the number of endowed faculty positions supported a major goal of SMU's Second Century Campaign. Also supporting the campaign, major expansion and improvement of your School's facilities included construction of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall and extensive renovations to Kirby and Selecman halls.

Recognition of academic progress came when the Ph.D. program in religious studies, offered jointly with Dedman College, was ranked among the top 10 in the country. These and other advancements during your tenure have supported the mission of Perkins School of Theology to prepare women and men for vital leadership in Christian ministry in the 21st century.

You have provided an eloquent voice at ceremonial occasions of the University through the years. Your strong leadership also has had an impact beyond the SMU campus through your service as the University liaison to The United Methodist Church, president of the Church's Judicial Council and president of the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools. As you retire from an active leadership role in higher education, you should have a sense of satisfaction for the long-term contributions you have made to this important endeavor. I wish you great enjoyment and fulfillment as you enter a new stage in your life.

Sincerely,

R. GERALD TURNER

A Message from Bishop Michael McKee



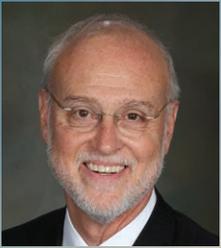
The tenure of William B. Lawrence as dean of Perkins School of Theology will forever be visibly present in the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall and the renovation of Kirby and Selecman halls. The renovation was long past due when Bill arrived at Perkins. The most striking feature of the renovation is that the two buildings are now linked via a labyrinth.

The facilities for teaching, learning, and community life were inadequate. Bill's leadership galvanized the Perkins community, including the administration, the staff, faculty, students, and alumni. The larger community of The United Methodist Church also responded to Bill's vision. I remember the groundbreaking in September 2007; it was a time of rejoicing! Two years later, the dedication and opening of the new and renovated buildings were a glorious celebration. Bill deserves much of the praise for the completion of this long-awaited improvement. It is difficult to imagine that it would have come to reality without his passion and energy.

Bill also embraced the critical need for students to understand and experience the religious and cultural life in the global community. While Perkins School of Theology had offerings in global theological education, Bill had the foresight to guide the expansion of this program. Many members of the faculty were involved in this important work of the education experience. The appointment by Bill of Robert Hunt as the director of the Global Theological Education Program solidified Perkins' commitment to a diverse education of its students as they prepare for ministry in the varied communities in which they live and serve.

Perhaps lesser known of Bill's work has been his involvement in the interfaith community of Dallas. With persons of other religious faiths, Bill's conversations and work with people of diverse traditions model for all of us the needs and challenges of a continuing interfaith dialogue that includes the articulation and living of the Christian faith. We are grateful for Bill's leadership and friendship.

MICHAEL MCKEE



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT CENTURY

By John A. Martin
Director of Development

SINCE SEPTEMBER 24, 1915, what we now know as Perkins School of Theology has been a vital part of Southern Methodist University. The original 13 students who took classes on the east wing of the third floor of Dallas Hall were a far cry from the hundreds of students now studying in spacious modern facilities on the south end of the Southern Methodist University campus. Perkins is situated across the street from the world-renowned Meadows Museum and just north of the vibrant Highland Park United Methodist Church. The legendary Bridwell Library is a short walk across the quad, providing students with the latest electronic offerings as well as ancient manuscripts.

Over the last century, thousands of Perkins graduating students have been prepared for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. We have a wonderful legacy of which to be proud. We celebrate what has gone before and are grateful for the women and men who have paved the way for us, sometimes during difficult times.

However, we are not sitting on our laurels – we are looking to the future. Under the remarkable 14-year leadership of Dean William B. Lawrence, the campus has expanded in both scope and vision and is prepared to take on the challenges of our next century of progress. Our buildings have been remodeled and enlarged. Our programs have been honed and reexamined for both content and length. Our administrative structure has been streamlined for efficiency and effectiveness.

During The Second Century Campaign, which draws to a close on December 31 of this year, Perkins has raised nearly \$65 million in operational, capital, endowment, and planned-giving funds! That total illustrates the confidence that Perkins enjoys in the eyes of our donors and friends. Our portion of the highly successful Southern Methodist University capital campaign positions us to tackle a number of challenges that face theological seminaries, including:

- The rising cost of higher education on both the seminary and undergraduate levels;
- The importance of technology in theological education;
- Comparatively low salaries for graduates of seminaries in a variety of ministries;
- A culture that places less value on theological education than in previous generations;
- Increased competition from other theological schools and training programs; *and*
- The urgent need to train women and men from a variety of cultures and traditions in multiple languages.

As we experience a change of leadership over the next year, we will continue to grow, adapt, and change. Undoubtedly, the 13 original students in 1915 would have had a difficult time imagining what Perkins would be like 100 years later. We can't imagine what Perkins and Southern Methodist University will be like 100 years from now. But we do know that we will need friends and donors to partner with us in the important task of educating women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. The need is the same from generation to generation and even from century to century. As we enter the second century of our existence, we seek to redouble our efforts to fulfill our mission. ■

FACULTY LOOK FORWARD

For this forward-looking issue of *Perspective*, we drew on Perkins faculty members from a range of specialties, asking them to respond to one or more of the following three questions:

- 1) What's happening in your field, in research or teaching or anything else, that might surprise those who have been out of seminary for a while?
- 2) Do you think your field will change in methods and focus over the next 10-15 years, and if so, briefly how?
- 3) Perkins' primary mission is "to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry." How will Perkins need to keep changing in order to fulfill that mission going forward?

Here, by subject area, are their responses:



Theological Studies

William J. Abraham, Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies

Thirty years ago, the prevailing vision of philosophy was that of the Process tradition, brilliantly represented by Schubert Ogden.

My own philosophical orientation was different. Trained in the Anglo-American Analytic tradition, I put that training to work in evangelism, systematic theology, and Wesley Studies. This was strange because analytic philosophy had been hostile to all things theological for years. Theological discourse was meaningless for it was unverifiable by sense experience. I have in my lifetime witnessed two revolutions. First, even before I got to Oxford, the veto on theological language as non-cognitive had been lifted; the race was then on to figure out the appropriate warrants of theological proposals. Since then, that debate has led to deeper developments in the epistemology of theology – which will be visible in the *Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* that I am co-editing with Professor Frederick Aquino. Second, once philosophers were prepared to allow the truth of Christianity, the next step was to walk into the very citadel of theology and start doing theology.

So we now have a thriving new movement committed to the development of analytic theology. In this case theology is pursued deploying the rich tools and resources of analytic theology. I am not sure if Perkins is ready for these developments; the crucial partner in current theological studies is cultural studies. However, I am sure that theology without these developments will be seriously impoverished. We need them for the crucial task of witness in the next generation.



Homiletics

Alyce M. McKenzie, Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship, and Director of the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence

The field of homiletics, since the early 1970s, has focused on narrative preaching based on the premise that

people like stories and that stories are a good way to engage and hold attention. They assumed that listeners could do the work of applying it to their own lives. But in 2015, many people don't have the basic biblical and theological knowledge to apply a narrative

sermon's message to their lives without significant direction from the preacher. People need more teaching now than they did in the early 70s. So, the field of homiletics in both research and in practice is underscoring the need to enhance the educational component of preaching while still honoring the power of story. Back in the 400s, Augustine of Hippo taught preachers that their sermons should "teach, delight and persuade." By delight, he did not mean entertain, but engage through imaginative approaches that gained and maintained listener attention. In our Perkins preaching classrooms, we are equipping students to preach sermons that are deep, delightful and challenging, that contain important teachings in engaging, imaginative forms.

A key means by which Perkins will fulfill its mission in the area of preaching is the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence at SMU, launched in 2013. With the motto "*Share the Story, Shape the World*," the Center connects students with gifted practitioners in the community to enhance their preaching through the Hardin Family Preaching Mentor Program, made possible by a gift from Louise Bray and Nancy Hardin, daughters of Grady and Rowena Hardin. Grady taught preaching and worship at Perkins from 1957 to 1981. Another focus of the Center key to equipping leaders for future years is its formation of peer groups of pastors, many of them Perkins alumni, to work together to enhance their preaching. By these means, Perkins is training students and equipping pastors to continue to grow in their ministry of preaching that teaches, delights, and persuades.



World Christianity Studies

Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, Professor of World Christianities and Mission Studies

The demographic shift of the Christian religion is probably one of the most surprising facts for those who have

been out of seminary for a while. World Christianity studies focus on the growth and vitality of the Christian religion in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the movement of these growing Christian groups into what used to be called the "Christian lands."

Out of this demographic shift, I identify two important ministerial implications, one in the field of mission studies and the other in



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the field of theological studies. In the field of mission studies, as short-term mission trips continue to be a tool for youth Christian formation, the question of “who is the missionary?” is critical. Youth in the “sending community” experience the gospel in unique ways challenging the notion that our “host community” is a “receiving the gospel community.” The intercultural exchange in cross-cultural short-term mission trips challenges assumptions about who is the receptor and the transmitter of the gospel and who experiences the readiness for change after rediscovering the gospel in a different context and among different Christians.

In theological studies, Christian communities in the global south – Africa, Asia, and Latin America – raise questions that are similar to the questions raised by the Christian communities during the early, medieval and early modern periods. This means that theologians and practitioners of the faith such as Justin Martyr, Abelard, St. Teresa of Avila, Las Casas, and Pedro Claver speak to our global south communities stronger than ever.

I strongly believe that the next step for our school is an intentional formation in cross-cultural ministry. This means, among many things, that as faculty members we need to teach our courses making cross-cultural connections with our students’ experiences. For example, we need to integrate our immersion courses and our students’ cross-cultural formation with our courses in history, Bible, practical theology, etc.

I also believe that our theological formation needs to be increasingly global, ecumenical, and inter-religious. As a historian of the Christian movement and the theological contributions of the global south, I need to expose our students to the theological vitality of the Christian communities and leaders of the global south.

For example, I was recently teaching a course on world religions and Christianity. I had a significant number of evangelical students who were exposed to the rich theological insights and proposals of evangelicals from Africa and Asia – evangelicals whose daily life is shaped by encounters and engagements with people of other faiths, including their own family members. It was exciting to see these students discover that their evangelical traditions are broader and richer than what they thought and that they offered theological proposals that were deeply evangelical without a shallow dismissal of the complexity of religious diversity.



Pastoral Care

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Professor of Pastoral Care

It is a frightening time; it is a fortuitous time in the field of pastoral care. In the “next century” of Perkins’ leadership, we shall see the “kissing

cousins” of pastoral care and spiritual care find more profound ways of collaboration. Second, pastoral care will be a standard-bearer for respect of differences among people, whether that involves gender, sexual orientation, abilities, age, ethnicity, race, or belief system. The dexterity and hospitality of pastoral care will promote *acceptance-of-differences* in a similar way to that of a healthy family constituted through adoption: through awareness

and regard for the individual. At the same time, differences among us will be seen through the evolving research on *intersectionality*, an approach that offers cognizance of the ways our complex lives are crisscrossed with influences and, therefore, may offer a crossway for connection. Third, religion and medicine are renewing their vows. In certain indigenous cultures, the religious leader and the healer were the same. In recent periods, religion and medicine have endured a civil divorce. Now, there is a renewed partnership between the two.

Peter Berger spoke of an “otherness that lurks behind the fragile structure of everyday life.” The fragility is frankly frightening whether speaking of the family structure or the current financial situation. Pastoral care will be in increasing demand as we face the glass houses of our lives, whether through a mirror or the windows of Wall Street. As Perkins makes pastoral care courses available to a wider constituency, we bear witness to an Otherness, our Triune God, on whom our ultimate stability rests.



Liturgical Studies

Mark W. Stamm, Professor of Christian Worship

The liturgical studies field seems considerably broader than it did when I began my doctoral program in 1989. As more historical sources have come to light

and we understand other ancient texts better, the claims that we make tend to be more modest. For example, a text such as *First Apology of Justin Martyr* (Rome, circa 150) tells us something of what occurred in the author’s community at that time ... but not necessarily more than that. We cannot claim that it was universal. We realize better, that just as worship patterns are diverse in our time, they have been so at every stage of the church’s development. That insight is becoming more clear, and so we should always speak of histories of worship.

In like manner, many of us realize that the worship patterns and liturgical families that deserve scholarly attention are part of a considerably larger set than we seemed to understand a generation or two ago, and so the worship wars are over (or they should be). Thus, we need to do critical reflection on contemporary worship forms and from a sympathetic point of view. Indeed, that is beginning to occur. Similar work must be done on charismatic and Pentecostal worship forms. Just as earlier encounters with Eastern Orthodoxy brought us to a broad reclaiming of the *epiclesis* for Eucharistic prayers, so deep scholarly encounter with our Spirit-filled sisters and brothers may bring us to a deeper and more sympathetic understanding of other expressions of liturgical pneumatology.



Theological Libraries

Roberta A. Schaafsma, Director of Bridwell Library and J.S. Bridwell Endowed Librarian

In 1931, S. R. Ranganathan wrote five laws of library science: Books are for use, Every reader his/her book, Every book its reader, Save the time of the reader, and The

library is a growing organism. These “five laws” continue to undergird the service philosophy of librarians as the rapid pace of technological change, explosion of information and a shrinking world push us to examine and interpret these basic tenets in new ways.

Bridwell Library staff members are continually in conversation with users on the ways in which they access and acquire information as well as services the library can provide to them now and in the future. Acting on these conversations, we currently offer:

- Access to more than 7,000 digital books related to religion and theology.
- Enhanced online exhibitions and digitization of our special collections.
- Information about collections, programs and services through Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter and YouTube.
- A Collaborative Study Room, offering a variety of technologies, where students can study or work together on class assignments.
- A program of writing support for students through workshops and individual consultation.
- Alumni access to full-text journal articles through *ATLA for Alumni*.

Libraries are not the only institutions affected by technological change, overabundance of information, and a shrinking world. Perkins has the ability to prepare leaders to minister in a variety of settings during times of rapid change. Finding new ways to engage with and listen to our users (current students, alumni, church leaders) on their needs in this rapidly changing world will be key to successfully fulfilling the school’s mission in the future.



Practical Theology

Evelyn Parker, Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor of Practical Theology; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Practical theology seeks to promote critical discourse that integrates theological reflection and practice. While disciplines of

preaching, religious education, pastoral care, church administration, worship and the liturgical arts, and congregational/cultural studies are usually placed under the umbrella of practical theology in theological education as ministerial subdisciplines, as a form of discourse practical theology offers a method(s) of reflecting on practices in everyday life. Trends in practical theology include engagement with and reflection on clergy leadership in current social movements such as the #BlackLivesMatter and the Ferguson, Mo., movements; migration and immigration; religion; and violence.

The key next step to Perkins fulfilling its mission is to form new partnerships with institutions that hold similar values, that is, the care of the soul, body and mind of the people of God. Perkins must partner with institutions that will help us train leaders in Christian ministry who want to see their constituents flourish in the abundance of life that God promises. Theological education of this nature will help our students understand that the spirituality of individuals in their future congregations is intertwined with the health care of individuals in congregations. Stated another way, the hope a member believes in and articulates is directly related to her or his healing and physical well-being.



Biblical Studies

John L. “Jack” Levison, W. J. A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew

Stifle that yawn, and I’ll tell you what’s gone on in biblical studies since you were a student at Perkins School of Theology. Let’s

begin with what’s not gone on. No one has figured out the meaning of justification in Paul’s letters since you graduated. I’m delighted by the lack of consensus because it takes us right back to where we belong: to the cross and resurrection. In those years since Perkins, what with the distractions and details of Christian leadership, you may occasionally have lost sight of your primary role as herald of the resurrection. So I’m glad we academics haven’t solved this, since the discussion anchors us – and you – to where all of us need to be. Now what has gone on? The desire of biblical scholars to tie ancient text to ancient text. Call it intertextuality. Call it midrash. Whatever we call it, I’m glad for this impetus because it keeps us looking for the meaning of scripture in scripture. We are, after all, people of The Book, and this kind of study keeps our noses, and our parishioners’ noses, in The Book. Finally, many biblical scholars are currently riveted by the history of interpretation of texts throughout the history of the church. This is good, too, I think, because past mistakes and successes can be a healthy mirror for us. Whether good guides or bad, our predecessors provide us with perspective, and God knows we need that as we approach the tremors at the foundation of each new day.



Church/Sacred Music Studies

C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music; Director, Master of Sacred Music Program

From my perspective in the fields of church music and worship, we have revised the Master of Sacred Music curriculum to

develop a broader range of musical and theological skills that enable our graduates to take music ministry to the community beyond the walls of the church building. In many, perhaps most, places of ministry, it is no longer sufficient to build a “music department” within the confines of the church building (the “attractual” model), but rather to develop ministries in music and the arts that permeate the walls of the church into the community (“missional” church). In addition to choirs at various age levels, this ministry also may include drum circles in community centers. In addition to handbell ensembles that play for worship, dance and artistic ensembles may be nurtured in after-school programs in underserved public schools where the arts are nonexistent. In addition to a variety of worship services that use the resources of the organ or a band to lead the congregation in worship on Sunday morning, music ministers may take a portable keyboard and a small ensemble to lead liturgies in places where evil and injustice pervade the community. In many places, church musicians of the future (now!) may find themselves spending 50 percent of their time beyond the church building nurturing the body of Christ in the community. ■



DEGREE CHANGES

By Sam Hodges, Special Contributor

AS PERKINS MOVES INTO A NEW CENTURY, it's adapting to meet the needs of students and the churches and other ministries they will be serving. New degrees, reshaped degree programs, a streamlined path to the Master of Divinity, a relocated extension program – all are in place or in the works. Here are the basics on these key changes:

Introducing the D.P.M.

Perkins will debut a first-of-its-kind degree, the Doctor of Pastoral Music (D.P.M.), in 2016.

“We have witnessed many changes in music ministry in such a short period,” said C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of Church Music Programs. “This program will allow those in the profession to broaden their understandings of church music and the role it plays in a social context as well as identify opportunities to expand music ministry into the community.”

To be admitted, one must have earned a Master of Sacred Music degree or its equivalent. Participants will be on campus for intense, nine-day sessions in the summer and January, allowing them to keep working in their congregations.

About half of the required 39 semester hours will be taken alongside pastoral candidates in the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) program, which will allow candidates to grow the skills needed to emphasize the pastoral aspects of music ministry in their home parishes.

Areas of focused study will include liturgy, congregational song, worship leadership, performance skills and the theological basis of church music.

For this program, Perkins will draw on

its own faculty as well as professors from SMU's Meadows School of the Arts. Requirements include a project practicum and thesis.

Applications for the program, accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, are being accepted through March 15, 2016. The incoming class of five students will begin coursework in June 2016, and an additional cohort of five will follow in 2017.

Another new degree option

Another new degree at Perkins, the Master of Theology (Th.M.), began to be offered this fall.

“The Th.M. is an advanced master's degree that provides freedom for focused study,” said Dean William B. Lawrence. “It can enrich an individual's goals in lifelong learning through a degree program that is tailored to a person's interests.”

The degree is for those wish to enhance their practice of ministry through advanced study of a particular theological or pastoral discipline; engage in scholarly examination of a specific aspect of the Christian tradition or function of Christian ministry; or prepare for study at the doctoral level.

Students may focus within one of four divisions: the Biblical Witness; the Heritage & Context of Christianity; the Interpretation of the Christian Witness; and the Theology & Practice of Ministry.

Name change; new tracks

What had been the Master of Church Ministries (C.M.M.) degree is now the Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.), with three new tracks. The program offers training for specialized ministry and provides the basic educational requirements for ordination as deacon in The United Methodist Church.

Under this degree, Perkins already offered a Christian Education Track, preparing graduates to be directors or ministers of Christian education, and an

Urban Ministry Track, for those planning to work in community ministries in urban settings.

The new tracks are:

- Theology and Social Justice, for graduates who want to address systemic injustice by working through congregations, communities, the public realm or other creative opportunities.
- Christian Spirituality, offering engagement with and critical reflection on Christian spirituality, and preparing graduates to work in ministries with that focus.
- Evangelism and Mission, for graduates who want to enter evangelistic ministries and/or focus on missional outreach.

All tracks share required courses in theology, Bible, church history and the social context of ministry, with additional specialized requirements and a supervised internship.

Streamlined M.Div.

Perkins has redesigned its Master of Divinity degree program to let full-time students finish in three years and a lower overall cost in tuition and other expenses.

“Students in the M.Div. program will now be able to complete their theological education in a timely and efficient way, while being extremely well-prepared to pursue their vocations,” Lawrence said.

The degree will now require 64 term hours of course work and nine term hours earned through a supervised internship.

Changes allowing for the streamlined approach include modifications to some courses, a redistribution of certain core requirements, and letting students complete classes as they intern in places of ministry.

The revamped curriculum also offers greater flexibility in areas of ministerial focus.

“Our students will not only complete the M.Div. degree in a more timely way and reduce overall indebtedness, they will enter their full-time ministries with an even stronger foundation in the areas to which they have been called,” Lawrence said.

Making a move

Perkins' Houston-Galveston Extension Program relocated this summer to Houston's Medical Center and is now in partnership with St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Houston Methodist Hospital, and St. John's "Downtown" United Methodist Church.

Perkins' move to the Medical Center affirms our mission of preparing women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry in relationship to the greater setting of the southwestern United States that includes hospitals, clinics, and biomedical research laboratories," said Evelyn Parker, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor of Practical Theology at Perkins.

Associate Dean Parker added: "Our vision is to prepare imaginative leaders who will shape relevant theological questions and create appropriate practices that flow out of biomedical research and patient care."

The program will be headquartered at St. Paul's, and library reserves and reference books also will be housed there.

The program will also see a new course format of concentrated one-month modules. Classes will meet in Houston on Thursday evenings and two Friday evenings per month, with one Saturday in Houston and one in Galveston per course per semester. Spiritual Formation will take place on Monday evenings.

Since 1994, the Houston-Galveston Extension Program has been based at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Classes also have taken place in Galveston at Moody Memorial United Methodist Church, which will continue its partnership with Perkins.

"We are thankful for 20 years of hospitality offered by the congregation and leaders of St. Luke's UMC to Perkins students and faculty," Associate Dean Parker said. "Their countless gifts of facilities and resources helped us realize our mission." ■

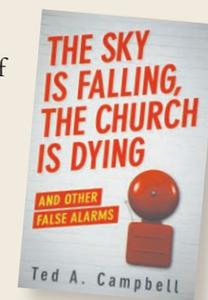


WITH TED CAMPBELL

By Sam Hodges, Special Contributor

His new book sees 'false alarms' in gloom about mainline church

Ted A. Campbell is professor of church history at Perkins and stays busy with both teaching and scholarly research, including editing a new edition of John Wesley's letters for the Wesley Works Editorial Project. But Campbell recently found time to write a short, fervently argued book aimed at a general audience. *The Sky Is Falling, the Church Is Dying: and Other False Alarms* (Abingdon Press, 106 pages) holds that mainline denominations, including The United Methodist Church, were never the powerhouse they were understood to be, and aren't as bad off now as many believe. Campbell answered questions about the book from Sam Hodges.



You don't buy the idea that the mainline denominations are in free fall or anywhere close. And one reason is you don't believe those churches were ever as "mainline" as advertised. Why?

I think we had a bloated understanding of ourselves in the 1950s and 1960s. We started becoming aware of the decline in the 1970s, especially with Dean Kelley's book *Why Conservative Churches Are Growing*. But he only tracked statistics from the late 1950s to 1972. He didn't see the big picture of the whole 20th century. I'm using statistics that go back to 1925, from the Association of Religion Data Archives. Their numbers show not a steady decline but rather a kind of hump in the middle of the 20th century. Those are just membership figures, but what I take away from that is that, from about the mid-20th century, all of our old mainline churches had an exaggerated membership that was basically a whole lot of inactive members.

I can tell a story about how I learned that personally. In the summer of 1976, my pastor in Pasadena, Texas, gave me an assignment. He told the church secretary to find the names of families that had not attended more than twice a year for the last five years. He sent me off to visit those families. They were wonderful people, I loved them, but they had absolutely no intention of coming back to church. They basically said, "We joined that church when our kids were little, and it was basically a social thing."

So, it's not like we had a really strong membership in the middle of the 20th century. We had a bloated set of membership figures, and a lot of the loss Kelley and others have tracked was inactive members.

You acknowledge there really has been decline in membership and attendance among these denominations in the United States. But you are wary of those metrics. Why?

Again, as far as membership in the mid-20th century, we took on a whole lot of people who were not really committed, and we made it extremely easy to be a church member. In looking at attendance, we have to recognize that the culture has changed. Sunday morning was a kind of sacred time for worship in the '50s and '60s. It simply is no longer. Soccer practices on Sunday morning are just one example of that. We have a lot of active members of churches who do not come weekly.

What I really wish is we had a metric that we could agree upon and apply, something like, "How many people attend church at least 18 times a year?" I'm not sure I'd call that active, but I'd call it fairly active. Pastors could use that if they wanted to know the core group in the church. I know it sounds like we're setting a lower standard, but a lot of faithful people can't come weekly.

What are a couple of signs of vitality among mainline churches that get lost in the shuffle?

One of them is strong participation in very serious adult formation, such as Disciple Bible Study

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GRADUATE PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

IN THE LATE 1950s, Perkins School of Theology Dean Merrimon Cuninggim wanted to grow and improve his school's faculty. His vision was twofold: to fill a need for new professors who could teach at seminaries and universities across the country, but also to attract and retain a nationally recognized faculty base at home on the Hilltop.

The SMU Board of Trustees and key Perkins faculty members took heed and, in 1958, began formal planning. Members of the internal planning committee – chaired by Albert Outler – visited the country's top graduate programs in religion to surmise what SMU would need to develop a world-class Ph.D. program of its own. In 1959, formal work on building the program began in earnest: preparing the course of study and exams, gathering library resources and forming the faculty.

The initial faculty had only seven members: Frederick Carney, John Deschner, Van Harvey, Richey Hogg, Shubert Ogden, Albert Outler and Herndon Wagers. Dean Joseph Quillian was the first director of the Graduate Program in Religion, and Van Harvey was the chair.

The initial course of study was limited to two areas: Philosophy of Religion and History of Christianity, with the following subfields: Patristic thought; history of Christian missions; history of Protestant ethics; origins and development of Methodism; Protestant thought since Kant; and contemporary ecumenical movement.

In the fall of 1965, Ed Sylvest and William Gentry enrolled as part of the first class in SMU's new Ph.D. program in religion. When they arrived at SMU, tuition was only \$500 a semester plus \$50 in fees. That initial cohort graduated in 1970, and Sylvest – a specialist in Hispanic studies – joined the Perkins faculty and taught the History of Christianity. He served at Perkins and in the GPRS until he retired in 2008. Gentry spent his career on the faculty of Henderson State University in Arkansas, where he started the Honors College and the Master of Liberal Arts program. Gentry was a United Methodist clergy member of the Little Rock Conference, and Sylvest was a part of the Rio Grande Conference.

Lloyd family influence

The Lloyd family name is synonymous with the growth of SMU's Graduate Program of Religious Studies.

Charles L. Lloyd Sr. and his wife, Gladys, took a personal interest in the program when their son, Charles Lloyd Jr., was among the first students in the Perkins program that preceded the GPRS. The Lloyds, along with the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, provided the seed money for the GPRS program.

The elder Mr. Lloyd ensured that his family's involvement with SMU would be in perpetuity by stipulating in his will a significant endowment for the GPRS program. Charles Lloyd Jr. and his wife, Sandy, have continued the tradition as benefactors to the program – and Lloyd Jr. also sits on the Perkins School of Theology Executive Board.

"It is now one of the highest-ranking Ph.D. programs at SMU."
– Rebekah Miles, current GPRS director



Charles L. Lloyd Jr.

GPRS: BY THE NUMBERS

- 42 Number of faculty today – diverse in nationality, ethnicity, theology and politics
- 6 Fields of study – Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, History of the Christian Tradition, Religion and Culture, Religious Ethics, and Systematic Theology
- 125 GPRS scholars who have earned Ph.D. degrees at SMU
- 7 Directors of the GPRS program – Van Harvey, Herndon Wagers, Shubert Ogden, Bill Babcock, Charles Wood, Bruce Marshall, and Rebekah Miles
- 6 GPRS graduates who have had regular, long-term appointments at SMU after graduation – Ed Sylvest, John Holbert, Scott Jones, George Atkinson, Ted Campbell, and Paul Barton

KEY DATES

Nov. 11, 2015 – A panel discussion featuring historians Kevin Kruse (Princeton) and Grant Wacker (Duke) took place in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. A reception followed marking the 50th anniversary of the GPRS program.

March 31 to April 1, 2016 – The GPRS will sponsor a two-day conference celebrating our 50th anniversary and featuring GPRS graduates, students and faculty, including Schubert Ogden.

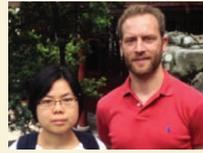
WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

Ángel Gallardo *“The GPRS has provided me with opportunities to learn from experienced professors, interact with motivated students, research subjects that are personally and intellectually significant, and acquire the necessary skills to excel in academia and contribute to my faith community.”*

Adam VanWart *“The GPRS has allowed me to explore and expose common ground between Catholics and Protestants on the knowledge of God – common ground that has usually been assumed not to exist. My work is helping to show those assumptions inadequate while likewise assisting in forging new possibilities for ecumenical harmony.”*

Spencer Bogle *“The tools that I have gained from the GPRS are helping me to engage theological discussion at a very high level. The program has oftentimes pushed me far beyond what I imagined were my limits.”*

Courtney VanLacy *“GPRS has allowed me to finally devote my creative energies toward exploring religious history in the nineteenth century. I am getting paid to create and research something I love and see it in new lights while getting to know other religious scholars who inspire and support me. What is better than that?”*

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**SHANGHAI**

Jing Cheng (Ph.D. '13, Systematic Theology) is now doing postdoctoral research at Fudan University in Shanghai. Her dissertation was titled “God’s being and God’s act – a dialogue with Karl Barth.” Jing is pictured here with **Josh Maudlin** (Ph.D. '14, Ethics) during a stop on his travels in China this summer. Josh writes that she is engaged in the “much-needed work of bringing together theology and church life in China.”

MOSCOW

Sergei Nikolaev (Ph.D. '07, Systematic Theology) was a member of the first graduating class of the Russian Theological Seminary (M.Div. '97) and has now returned there as president and the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism. Sergei is a specialist in ecumenism and a leader in the global United Methodist Church.

SYDNEY

Jione Havea (Ph.D. '00, Biblical Studies), a native Tongan, is Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies, United Theological College and School of Theology at Charles Stuart University in Australia. He specializes in cross-cultural theologies and postcolonial biblical hermeneutics and also has an active interest in prison chaplaincy.

DALLAS

Paul Barton (Ph.D. '99, History of Christianity), a specialist in Hispanic Protestantism in the Southwest, was recently appointed as Professor of Christian History and Missiology and the Director of the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program at Perkins. Barton’s dissertation was written under the supervision of Ed Sylvest, a member of the 1965 entering class of Ph.D. students.



Ted Campbell (Ph.D. '84, History of Christianity) was promoted this spring to Professor of Church History at Perkins. Ted specializes in ecumenical theology, Wesleyan and Methodist history, and, more recently, the history of Dallas and Texas Methodism.

ATLANTA

Kevin Watson (Ph.D. '12, History of Christianity) recently joined the faculty at Candler School of Theology as Assistant Professor of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies. Kevin, an ordained elder in the Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church, has written three books on Wesleyan small groups.

WINSTON-SALEM

Simeon Ilesanmi (Ph.D. '93, Ethics) is the Washington Wingate Professor of Religion at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. A native of Nigeria, Simeon wrote his dissertation on Religious Pluralism and the Nigerian State. He specializes in human rights, ethics of war and peace, and religion, law and politics in Africa.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Amy Oden (Ph.D. '83, History of Christianity) was recently appointed as Professor of Early Church History and Spirituality at Saint Paul School of Theology after many years as a professor and dean at Wesley Theological Seminary. Amy specializes in early Christianity, Wesleyan history, hospitality, spirituality, and women’s contributions in Christian history.



PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY-SMU TO OFFER SPANISH-LANGUAGE TH.M. DEGREE

Landmark program to welcome first students in fall 2017

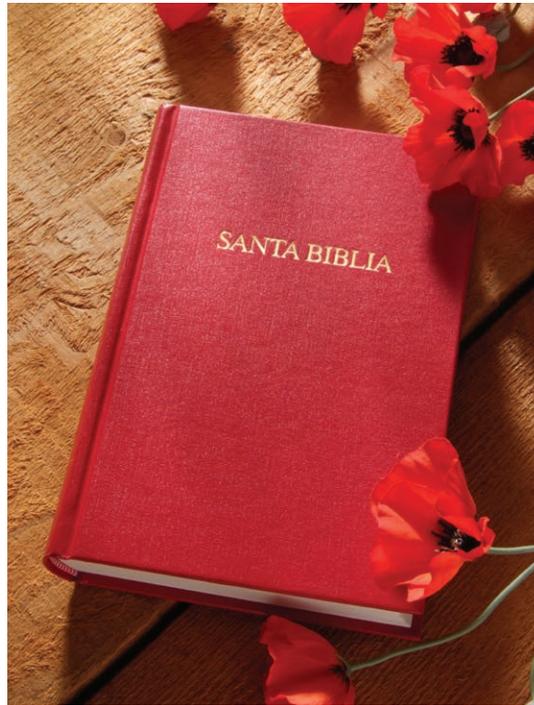
Perkins School of Theology-Southern Methodist University will offer a Spanish-language Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree beginning in fall 2017.

The degree, the first of its kind among the 13 United Methodist-related schools of theology, will be a nonresidential program designed for experienced full-time pastors or church/academic leaders. It is anticipated that the intensive cohort-based courses will be held in Dallas and on-site in Latin or South America, and also will include online courses, class contact, and mentorship.

The Spanish-language Th.M. degree – like its English language counterpart – will be a two-year, 24-hour program designed for those who want to enhance the practice of ministry through advanced study of a particular theological or pastoral discipline; undertake scholarly examination of a specific aspect of the Christian religion/traditions or function of Christian ministry; or prepare for more advanced study at the doctoral level.

The Hispanic population of the United States is increasing rapidly, and it is anticipated that the non-Hispanic white population of the United States will be a minority by 2040. One of the fastest growing segments of the Protestant Church in America is made up of denominations with Spanish-speaking ministries, and the Protestant Church is expanding exponentially in Latin America.

Although there are many Hispanic and Latino/a pastors and



church leaders who have Master of Divinity degrees, further advanced training is rare.

“The need for trained theological leadership in Spanish-speaking churches and communities has never been greater,” said Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence.

“We have the resources and the faculty to host this important initiative, which will prepare recipients of the Spanish language Th.M. for the professorial, decanal (dean), and presidential positions in theological education that are essential in preparing faithful leaders in Christian ministry within the Hispanic and Latino/a constituencies,” he said.

Four full-time Perkins faculty members are Hispanic, and three administrators are bilingual in English and Spanish. In addition, a significant collection of Spanish language biblical and theological materials

are included in the world-class collection at Bridwell Library.

The new degree program will be open to Hispanic or non-Hispanic students who are living and ministering in Spanish-language settings and who have fluency in Spanish. Six students in the initial cohort will receive funding as part of a three-year, \$500,000 grant made recently to the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins by the Henry Luce Foundation’s Theology program.

Applications for the Spanish-language Th.M. degree will be accepted starting Aug. 1, 2016. ■

URBAN CONSULTATION



Isabel Docampo

Perkins School of Theology hosted the Revitalizing Urban Ministry in Theological Education Consultation IV, “**Cities on the Move: Migration and Global Urbanization**” on April 8-9, 2015.

A project of the Center for the Study and Practice of Urban Religion (C-SPUR) at New York Theological Seminary, the three-year study includes consultations that gather theological educators, other scholars, and practitioners from regional settings and the national group.

Panelists from the Dallas area, led by **Isabel Docampo** – professor of Supervised Ministry at Perkins – discussed “**We Are the World, We Are the Church: A Community of Immigrants of Every Era.**”

Co-convenors of the consultation were **Hugo Magallanes**, director of the Perkins Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions and associate professor of Christianity and Cultures, and **Lori D. Hartman**, director of C-SPUR Development and Administration. ■

EFRAÍN AGOSTO AT PERKINS AS VISITING SCHOLAR



Efraín Agosto

Efraín Agosto, a professor of New Testament Studies at New York Theological Seminary, has written extensively on Pauline Epistles and Latino/a theology and ministry. He was a visiting scholar at Perkins School of Theology from Nov. 2-13, 2015.

Agosto's visit and lectures were sponsored by the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins, which is committed to academic research and its engagement with Latino/a realities through educational programs, immersion trips, and publication of scholarly works.

"It is an honor for us to host Dr. Agosto, as he embodies and represents the mission and commitments of the Center," said **Hugo Magallanes**, director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins. "His teaching experience and publications demonstrate that Dr. Agosto is not only an excellent New Testament scholar, but also show his strong commitment to the Hispanic community in the U.S. and his desire to prepare current and future Christian leaders as they serve a diverse and changing society."

During his time at Perkins, Agosto led and participated in multiple events open to students and the public, including:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 3** Met with students during Community Hour at Perkins (CHAP), speaking on the topic "A Career in Theological Education: Some Reflections"
- **Thursday, Nov. 5** Preached in Perkins Chapel
- **Tuesday, Nov. 10** Keynote lecture titled "Metaphors for Ministry in Paul: Commendation, Hardship and Reconciliation in 2 Corinthians." **Abraham Smith**, Professor of New Testament at Perkins, offered a response.

Since 2011, Agosto has been a Professor of New Testament Studies at New York Theological Seminary. He previously held teaching and leadership positions at Hartford Seminary, where he directed the Programa de Ministerios Hispanos for 16 years, and at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where he was director and dean of the Center for Urban Ministerial Education. Agosto earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Columbia University, his Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (with a concentration in New Testament and Urban Ministry) and his doctorate from Boston University (with a concentration in New Testament and Christian Origins). ■

BRIDWELL COLLECTIONS

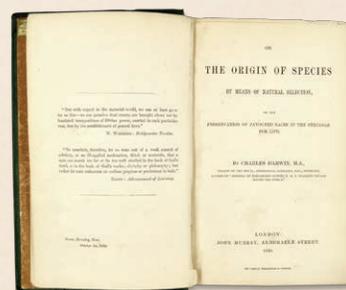
Bridwell Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Ruth and Lyle Sellers Medical Collection, transferred to SMU from Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC) in Dallas. The collection of 600 printed books and manuscripts was originally assembled by Dr. Lyle M. Sellers (1894-1964), chief of the otolaryngology department at BUMC from 1946 to 1963. The volumes were donated to the medical center in 1963. One hundred of the earliest and most precious items were placed on long-term deposit in 2001 at Bridwell Library, and, since then, many of the works have been utilized in exhibitions and presentations. The transfer agreement provides for Bridwell Library to be the sole owner and caretaker of the collection, and the library will continue to conserve and promote the use of the collection.

One of the finest private libraries created in Dallas, the Ruth and Lyle Sellers Medical Collection includes works in the fields of early medicine and science, religious ceremony and private devotion, and 19th-century English and American literature. Including 20 manuscripts and 13 books printed before 1500, significant works include the Venice 1476 first edition of Aristotle's *De animalibus* on living creatures, the Basel 1555 second edition of the illustrated anatomical work *De humani corporis fabrica libri septem* by Andreas Vesalius, and the London 1859 first edition, first issue of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. The collection also includes volumes of Judaic, Christian, and Islamic scripture, prayers, and personal devotion as well as first editions of literary works by Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Lewis Carroll. An exhibition of highlights will be on display in the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries from Feb. 1 to July 1, 2016. ■



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FACULTY NEWS

William J. Abraham, Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies, delivered a two-evening lecture titled “Terrorism and Theology” at First United Methodist Church in Missouri City, Texas, as part of the Judy Matthews Lecture Series.

O. Wesley Allen Jr., Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics, was selected president of the Academy of Homiletics

Chris Anderson, associate professor of Sacred Music, moderated the panel “When Art and Religion Collide” at First United Methodist Church Dallas in September 2014.

Ted Campbell, professor of Church History, was promoted to full professor at Perkins School of Theology.

Ruben Habito, professor of World Religions and Spirituality and director of Spiritual Formation, was elected to membership in the American Theological Society.

Elaine Heath, McCreless Professor of Evangelism, published a new book, *Missional. Monastic. Mainline: A Guide to Starting Missional Micro-Communities in Historically Mainline Traditions* (Cascade Books: Eugene, 2014). She also received an FTE grant for Clarify, a Missional Wisdom Foundation initiative in vocational discernment. The project will provide a structure for vocational discernment that can be used over a two-year period of time by Wesley Foundations.

Robert Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education, Professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations, and Director of The Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies, spoke at “Inside SMU Powered by TEDxSMU” during the 2015 Founders’ Day events at the University.

Dean William B. Lawrence, professor of American Church History, and **Evelyn Parker**, Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor in Practical Theology and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, were among the presidents and deans of United Methodist seminaries who issued a letter on race and the fabric of faith. Parker also was named the first recipient of the newly established Susanna Wesley Centennial Chair in Practical Theology at Perkins.

James Kang Hoon Lee, assistant professor of the History of Early Christianity, presented a paper titled “If You Have Died with Him, So You Will Rise with Him: Death and the Resurrection of the Body” at the Korean American Catholic Forum on March 21, 2015.

Alyce McKenzie, Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship and Director of The Center for Preaching Excellence, delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School on Oct. 21-23, 2015. It is the leading lecture series on homiletics in the country.

Heidi Miller, assistant professor of Christian Worship, presented a two-hour session on “Values Based Leadership” on July 26-31, 2015, at the JC Penney Retail Academy. This conference brought together top leaders from throughout the organization and was the brainchild of former JC Penney CEO Michael Ullman. Participants worked on case-study development for the week and, at its conclusion, pitched new ideas to the company’s leading executives.

Harold Recinos, professor of Church and Society, won the Grand Champion title at the World Star Chinese Martial Arts Championship on March 21, 2015. Out of 11 events, he won three gold, seven silver and one bronze medal. Recinos also wrote a series of poems following the police killing of Freddie Gray in Baltimore – *Freddie Gray, Gravestone and Light* – published by The Anabaptist Witness. Here is the text of one of those poems:

Light
*without applause we march
in the dark amid protest noise
loosened by heaven above seeking
justice below, in this nightmare
where the innocent stopped living,
we walk the streets carried by
a light inside that persuades us
with blessings of peace to find
in all this sorrow the pitched
light of a magnificently merciful
God. the evening vespers where
defiant prayers are loudly recited by
the faithful now in despair tell the
story of the city’s fall that will never
figure dimly or curve out of sight.
when morning breaks we will still
cry with palms raised in the air beside
those who have seen death already
in black and brown faces wearing closed
eyes and names the police in their darkest
hour never knew, through it all we
bear witness even in our sorrow to
God crucified and with us.*

Joerg Rieger, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology, published a new book, *Across Borders – Latin Perspectives in the Americas Reshaping Religion, Theology, and Life* (Lexington Books: Lanham, 2013). Rieger also was presented the 2015 John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award from the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies.

Susanne Scholz, professor of Old Testament, was appointed to serve as the Series Editor of “Feminist Studies and Sacred Texts,” published by Lexington Press.

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of Pastoral Care, published a new book, *Portable Roots: Transplanting the Bicultural Child* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014). Stevenson-Moessner also was elected vice president of the SMU Faculty Senate and will serve as president during the 2016-17 academic year. ■

BRUCE WEAVER FUND

Members of the Wesley Study Group along with family and friends honored **Bruce Weaver**, a longtime North Texas Conference pastor, with a new scholarship fund in his honor on Feb. 11, 2015.

The Bruce Weaver Fund will be administered through the office of the Professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations at Perkins.

Weaver, a Perkins Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2001, is a pioneer in United Methodist Missions both domestic and international. Notably, in 1991, he was called to be interim director of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This led quickly to a call for Weaver to spearhead the United Methodist initiative with a Russian Methodist church that was beginning to emerge after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Weaver led the Russian Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministry, which established partnerships between congregations and seminary in Moscow. Today, The United Methodist Church in Russia has five annual conferences.

The Bruce Weaver Fund will allow individuals and congregations to honor Weaver and to continue building the bridges of mission partnership for which he laid the cornerstone. ■



Bruce Weaver, center, is joined by friends and former colleagues at the scholarship reception.

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ENDOWED CHAIRS PRESENTATION

Three faculty members of Perkins School of Theology were presented “endowed chairs” Oct. 6 during a dinner of the school’s Executive Board in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. Master of Divinity candidates Eric Markinson and Katie Lewis joined Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence in presenting the chairs – gifts from Perkins, engraved with the SMU seal and the faculty member’s name and chair title. ■

Front row (from left) Evelyn Parker (Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor in Practical Theology and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs), Jack Levison (W. J. A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew) and O. Wesley Allen Jr. (Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics).

SMU ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF EVELYN PARKER TO SUSANNA WESLEY CENTENNIAL CHAIR IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY



Evelyn Parker, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Perkins School of Theology, has been named as the inaugural holder of the Susanna Wesley Centennial Chair in Practical Theology.

A member of the Perkins faculty in the field of practical theology since 1998, Parker’s appointment became effective June 1, 2015.

The new chair was established in 2014 by a \$2.5 million gift made by an anonymous donor through the Texas Methodist Foundation. It honors Susanna Wesley, frequently referred to as “the mother of Methodism.” Her sons, John and Charles Wesley, led a revival within the 18th-century Anglican Church that sparked the emergence of global Methodism generally and the Methodist Episcopal Church in the American colonies. Historians point to her “practical theology” as a source of inspiration for her sons.

Perkins School of Theology Dean William B. Lawrence expressed gratitude to Harold W. Stanley, vice president for academic affairs and provost *ad interim*, and to the former provost Paul Ludden, for Parker’s appointment.

“Evelyn Parker is an exemplary scholar, leader, and practitioner in both the academy and the church. Her knowledge and expertise, which bridge theological reflection and real-life issues and ministry, are unparalleled and we celebrate her appointment to this new role,” Dean Lawrence said.

Parker earned the Ph.D. degree in 1996 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 education and public policy. She received the Master of Religious Education degree in 1991 from Perkins School of Theology, the Master of Science degree from Prairie View A&M University in 1983, and the Bachelor of Science degree in 1974 from Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn.

She represented the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the World Council of Churches (WCC) Faith and Order Plenary Commission from 1996 to 2006. Parker was elected to the Central Committee during the WCC 9th Assembly in 2006 and served as co-secretary/reporter for the Nominations Committee. She was also a member of the Planning Committee for the WCC 10th Assembly held in Busan, South Korea, in 2013, where she led Bible study and served as delegate representing the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Following the 10th Assembly, Parker was elected to serve an eight-year term on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, where she moderates the Statelessness and Migrants’ Rights Working Group.

Parker is an active member of the American Academy of Religion, the Association of Practical Theology, the International Academy of Practical Theology, and the 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 and served as a member of the grant writing team for the Perkins Youth School of Theology, a \$1.4 million theological program for high school youth funded by the Lilly Endowment. ■

O. WESLEY ALLEN JR. NAMED LOIS CRADDOCK PERKINS PROFESSOR OF HOMILETICS



O. Wesley Allen Jr. has joined the faculty at Southern Methodist University to serve as the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, effective fall 2015.

Perkins School of Theology Dean William B. Lawrence expressed enthusiasm for Allen's appointment.

"Dr. Allen is widely regarded as a very compelling preacher who is also an extremely effective teacher of preaching,"

Dean Lawrence said. "His teaching and research at Perkins School of Theology and the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences will strengthen the academic discipline of homiletics and enrich the ministries of our students for years to come."

Allen was professor of Homiletics and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary, and is president of the Academy of Homiletics. He earned the Ph.D. from Emory University in 1996; M.Div.,

summa cum laude, from Yale Divinity School in 1990; and B.A., summa cum laude, from Birmingham-Southern College in 1987.

He is the author and editor of numerous books on homiletics and interpretation of the New Testament, as well as many scholarly articles and published sermons.

An ordained elder in the Indiana Annual Conference, Allen has previously been a local church pastor and has served as a campus minister at the Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation and as dean of the Chapel at DePauw University. Prior to his faculty appointment at Lexington Theological Seminary, he taught homiletics at Drew Theological School and Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Drew University.

Allen becomes the fourth appointee to the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics. Previous appointees include James Wharton, John C. Holbert, and Brad R. Braxton. The Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics was established in 1985 through the generosity of The Joe and Lois Perkins Foundation, Perkins-Prothro Foundation, and Charles N. and Elizabeth Prothro. ■

HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GIFT HONORS FORMER PASTOR, SMU PRESIDENT AND ALUMNUS UMPHREY LEE

\$1.5 million to fund faculty endowment, provide for Future Church Leaders Program

Highland Park United Methodist Church (HPUMC) provided a \$1.5 million gift to SMU that will allow its longtime University neighbor to endow the Umphrey Lee Professorship in Methodist History, as well as support the HPUMC Future Church Leaders Program.

HPUMC is giving \$1 million to establish the faculty position in the Perkins School of Theology, and \$500,000 to support educational opportunities for individuals aspiring to serve in church leadership roles. Recipients of "future leaders" funding may include students enrolled in graduate, undergraduate, certificate or continuing education programs or courses across the University, with students identified and recommended by HPUMC.

The announcement of the gift fell on the date of SMU's centennial, allowing the University to celebrate its long-standing relationship with the church that held its first service on the SMU campus in 1916, as well as to underscore the legacy of a storied leader.

"When it comes to Umphrey Lee, it's hard to know where SMU ends and Highland Park United Methodist Church begins, because

Rev. Lee served us both for so many years," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Our HPUMC neighbors are part of the SMU family, and we feel a special sense of pride that this gift will support us in teaching the rich Methodist history that we share and help to prepare future church leaders. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our combined centennials."



Umphrey Lee

Said Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence: "Umphrey Lee was a scholar of Methodist history who believed that the liberal arts should make students think about their responsibilities in society, and that a successful experience at Southern Methodist University would help instill personal and social values. This gift from the congregation that Rev. Lee loved to the University that he also loved is a wonderful tribute to a man whose influence on SMU was transformational." ■



POPE-LEVISON NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR EXTERNAL PROGRAMS



Priscilla Pope-Levison was named associate dean for External Programs at Perkins School of Theology, effective Aug. 1, 2015. Pope-

Levison comes to Perkins from Seattle Pacific University, where she was a professor of Theology and assistant director of Women's Studies.

Perkins School of Theology Dean William B. Lawrence expressed appreciation for Pope-Levison's experience as a scholar and an administrator.

"We are very pleased to announce the appointment of this outstanding scholar and leader to our senior staff at Perkins School of Theology," Dean Lawrence said. "At the outset of our search for the best possible candidate to fill this new position, Pope-Levison emerged quickly as a superb candidate."

The new position of associate dean for External Programs was created as part of the reorganization that SMU initiated under the project known as Operational Excellence for the Second Century (OE2C). The University authorized the position when the Executive Committee of OE2C approved a reorganization plan for Perkins.

As associate dean for External Programs, Pope-Levison will supervise

all of the program directors and units at Perkins School of Theology with areas of responsibility for non-degree continuing education, certification, outreach to youth, and other initiatives. In addition, she will be an important liaison with church leaders including United Methodist Bishops and the Boards of Ordained Ministry in annual conferences, as well as with ecumenical church leaders in other denominations and traditions that include nondenominational church bodies. She will lead the program staff and develop the vision for such continuing education ventures as the Theological School for the Laity and Ministers Week. She also will oversee the personnel who direct such vital programs as the Course of Study School, the Mexican American Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program, Faith Calls, and the various Centers that Southern Methodist University has established at Perkins. She will teach one course per year in Perkins' degree programs as well, in courses related to areas of her scholarly expertise and specific curricular needs at Perkins.

In addition to her responsibilities at Seattle Pacific University, Pope-Levison was an affiliate faculty member at the University of Washington in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies. An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, she is a member of the West Ohio Annual Conference. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Music from DePauw

University, a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University, and a Ph.D. from the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

She is the author or editor of six books and has published many scholarly works in academic journals as well as professional resources for lay and ordained constituencies. Her most recent book, *Building the Old Time Religion: Women Evangelists in the Progressive Era* (NYU Press, 2014), received the Smith/Wynkoop Book Award by the Wesleyan Theological Society and was listed as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2014 by *Choice* journal.

With Ted Campbell, associate professor of Church History at Perkins, Pope-Levison co-chairs the Wesleyan Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion and serves on the editorial boards of the Ashgate Methodist Studies Series and *Methodist Review: A Journal of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies*.

Currently, she is president of the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church and second vice president of the Wesleyan Theological Society. She is renowned as a teacher and as a scholar in the fields of evangelism, holiness movements, and the leadership of women in Christianity.

Pope-Levison is married to Jack Levison, W. J. A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew at Perkins. They have one daughter, Chloe, and one son, Jeremy. ■



PERKINS SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

Prospective students, alumni, friends, and members of the Perkins community can engage online with the Perkins story in real time via our new website and robust social media presence.

PAUL BARTON NAMED DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN AMERICAN AND HISPANIC-LATINO/A CHURCH MINISTRIES PROGRAM AND REGIONAL COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL



Perkins School of Theology named **Paul Barton** director of the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries

Program. In addition, Barton was named to serve as director of the Regional Course of Study School, under the auspices of The United Methodist Church. Both appointments became effective July 1, 2015. As an aspect of being director of the two programs, he will also have the title of Professor of Christian History and Missiology.

Barton previously was an associate professor in the history of American Christianity and Missiology and director of Hispanic Church Studies at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin since 1999. He is a noted expert in the history of Hispanic Protestantism in the southwestern United States. A scholar and teacher, he has authored numerous works, including the book *Hispanic Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists in Texas* and several theological commentaries and articles, and he currently is working on a new history of the Rio Grande Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church under the auspices of the denomination's General Commission

on Archives and History.

He serves as vice president of the Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana, which promotes theological education for the Hispanic community, and has been co-chair of the American Academy of Religion's Evangelical Studies Group since 2012. An ordained United Methodist minister and clergy member of the Rio Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Barton has also served as pastor of four Latino/a congregations and as a campus minister.

He has close ties with Perkins School of Theology, earning the M.Div. degree from Perkins in 1988 and the Ph.D. degree in 1999 through the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, a cooperative effort of Perkins and SMU's Dedman College. Barton has previously taught in both the English and Spanish language Course of Study Schools at Perkins. In addition, his late parents – Roy Barton, director of the Mexican American Program and the Spanish-language Regional Course of Study School from 1974-1995, and Rosa Marina Barton, an employee of the Intern Program and Course of Study School from 1974-1990 – were longtime members of the Perkins community.

Barton was selected through a national search process, chaired by Perkins Professor Hugo Magallanes. Among the members of the Search Committee was United

Methodist Bishop Michael McKee, who is a member of the SMU Board of Trustees and who chairs the Perkins Executive Board. Barton succeeds Philip Wingeier-Rayo, who accepted an appointment to the faculty of another theological school.

“Paul Barton is known throughout the denomination for his expertise in Hispanic and Latino/a Christianity,” said Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence, “and I am confident that he will make an outstanding contribution to the mission of Perkins School of Theology as director of two programs that are crucial for effective theological education and ministry in this region of the United States and beyond.”

The Mexican-American and Hispanic Latino/a Church Ministries Program, founded in 1974, prepares church leaders for effective ministry in Spanish-speaking contexts and cultures. In addition, the program recruits, prepares, and provides continuing education for people in ministry with Hispanics-Latinos/as. The Regional Course of Study School – offered in both English and Spanish tracks – is a program of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. The five-year curriculum of the Basic Course of Study provides theological education for all licensed local pastors not enrolled in a seminary degree program. ■

Social Media

Something exciting is happening at Perkins School of Theology every day, and now – thanks to our social media program – our many constituencies can interact with our students, faculty, and staff in real time. In early 2014, Perkins launched an institutional Facebook page and Twitter feed, with daily “posts” and “tweets” including photos, updates, and news.

Spread the word! Be sure to invite your friends and family to join Perkins on social media.

Join the conversation!

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STAFF NEWS



Julie Bice

Julie Bice joined the Bridwell Library staff in May 2015 as Administrative Assistant. Julie has a B.A. degree in English Literature with Technical Writing

Certification from the University of North Texas. Positions she held prior to joining the Bridwell Library staff included Digital Project Manager at Boxcar Creative and Assistant to the Instrumental Studies Division and the North Texas Jazz Studies Division in the College of Music at the University of North Texas.



Brennan Blair

Brennan Blair became assistant to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She joins the Perkins community after years of experience as a program coordinator at the

University of North Texas in Denton. After graduating from Boston College, she served in the Peace Corps for two years in San Patricio, Paraguay.

Four Perkins staff members – **Susan Buchanan** (Director of Recruitment & Student Service, Houston-Galveston Exchange Program), **Joyce Hull** (Annual and Class Giving Coordinator), **Jim McMillin** (Associate Director, Bridwell Library) and **Rebecca Payan** (Assistant Director, Course of Study School) – were feted at a farewell celebration March 27.

Ellen Frost, head of technical services at Bridwell Library, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Theological Library Association. Her three-year term began in June 2015.

Jesse Hunt, a conservation technician at Bridwell Library, was awarded a Library School Scholarship funded by the Friends of the SMU Libraries.

Matt Jacob has joined Perkins as Associate Director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae



Matt Jacob

Relations. He is a graduate of SMU (B.A. '98) and received his Master of Arts in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2000. He formerly was a reporter

at *The Dallas Morning News* and also has worked in public relations and marketing capacities at Children's Medical Center, Golin and Allison+Partners. Matt also is an adjunct professor in the Communication Studies department at SMU. His wife, Alison, is curriculum coordinator for children's ministries at Highland Park UMC, and they have three children: Carter, Molly and Margaret. In his spare time, Matt is a competitive tennis player and volunteers with the U.S. Tennis Association as a board member at the local, state and national levels.

Jon Speck, director of facilities and exhibition designer at Bridwell Library, and **Charles Baker**, cataloging assistant at Bridwell Library, were recognized for 25 years of service at SMU.

Eric White, Curator of Special Collections at Bridwell Library for 18 years, left this position on July 31, 2015, to become Curator of Rare Books in the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at Princeton University Library.

At Bridwell Library, Eric curated 20 and co-curated eight major exhibitions in The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries. He also organized 45 Entry Hall exhibitions. Highlighting rare and unique Bridwell materials, these exhibitions explored and promoted major areas in Special Collections including Bibles, Wesleyana and Methodistica, faith history and theology, the Reformation, worship and devotion, popular piety, incunabula, historical books and documents, and the book arts.

Eric's outreach on behalf of the library since 1997 has also included scores of presentations to classes and other groups, dozens of exhibition tours, and public lectures on campus. He also served as

STUDENT NEWS

Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Art History at SMU, teaching courses in art history and the history of books and manuscripts.

Beyond his curatorial responsibilities at Bridwell Library, Eric is widely acknowledged for his expertise on 15th-century printing in Europe. He has lectured at national and international conferences and published articles, essays, and reviews on early printing in conference proceedings and highly regarded bibliographic journals. Eric White's service to the faculty, students, and staff of Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University is deeply appreciated. We are grateful for his work over these 18 years and wish him well in his new position. ■

Johnnie Brinson (M.Div.) completed Chaplaincy Training for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Her field-service office covers Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Oklahoma.

Natalya Cherry (Ph.D.) was recognized as a Dempster Scholar by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Kristi Hassell (M.S.M.) had an essay on the hymn "What Feast of Love" published by the General Board of Discipleship.

Lael Melville (M.Div.) was awarded the Emmett Conrad Minority Scholarship by the SMU Student Senate.

Geoffrey Moore (Ph.D.) traveled to the University of Cambridge in July 2015 to deliver a plenary address at the joint meeting of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Internationale Arbeitsgemeinschaft fur Hymnologie. This joint meeting occurs every six years. Moore also was elected to the North American Academy of Liturgy.

Charles (M.Div.) and **Kantrice Robinson** (M.Div.) were profiled by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for their work as a clergy couple who are part of SMU's Resident Community Chaplains program. ■

Attention alumni/ae: We enjoy hearing about you and your endeavors! Don't forget to update your contact information online: <http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/UpdateRecords>

PASTORAL CARE CERTIFICATION

Thirteen students celebrated the successful completion of their oral examinations, the last requirement of the Pastoral Care Certificate Program at Perkins, at a reception on May 1, 2015. **Paula Dobbs-Wiggins** and **Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner** passed "mantle of pastoral leadership" stoles to the students as part of the ceremony. ■



Photographed from L-R (Front): Michael Flynn, Regina Franklin-Basye, Katherine Kennedy, Kayla Mangrich, Tolli Macalik, Rachel Rigdon, Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, and Paula Dobbs-Wiggins. (Back): Les Chandler, Glenn Luhrs, Lael Melville, Freedom McAdoo, Charles Robinson, Peter Norton, and Vanessa Sims.



2015 COMMENCEMENT *Awards*

May 16, 2015 | Highland Park United Methodist Church



The Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Bray Award in Hebrew: Andrew Elrod
Given to the student who ranks highest in Hebrew scholarship.

The Charles C. Seelman Award in New Testament Greek: Courtney Schultz and Daniel Carter McCain
Given to the student who ranks highest in New Testament Greek scholarship.

The Charley T. and Jesse James Bible Awards: Rebecca Tankersley, Deanna Hollas, Lisa Reece, Brenda Wideman
Awarded to students on the basis of academic achievement in biblical courses and overall scholastic performance.

The W.B.J. Martin Award in Homiletics: Rachel Rigdon and Joyce Campbell
Given in recognition of the most outstanding student in the introductory preaching classes.

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

The Paul W. Quillian Award in Homiletics: Rebecca Rochte and Alexander Zeisig
Given to students who have presented the best written sermon.

The William K. McElvaney Preaching Award: Jessica Williams and Scott Gilliland
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: Joyce Campbell, Todd Cooper, Rebecca Tankersley
Established to honor the distinguished service of Robert Weatherford to the United Methodist Foundation and given to Master of Divinity students for excellence in preaching during internship.

The Bert Affleck Award: Leslie "Les" Chandler
Given to a student for Creativity in Ministry during Internship.

The Jerry W. Hobbs Award in Worship: Clint Bordelon
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: Benjamin Anderson David Hensley
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.

The Jane Marshall Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership in Christian Worship: Lisa Hancock
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: John Stephenson

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 Roger Deschner Prize in Sacred Music: Gabriel Edwards and Francis Taylor Vancil

Established in memory of Roger Deschner, longtime professor of Sacred Music at Perkins and given to continuing M.S.M. students who excel in academic work, musical abilities, and overall achievement in the M.S.M. program.

The Albert C. Outler Award in Theology: Tamara Galloway and Lisa Hancock

Awarded to the student contributing the most outstanding essays in theology during the academic year.

The Phillip Schaff Prize in Church History: David Ray Luckey and Daniel Carter McCain

Established by Klaus Penzel and awarded 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: Joyce Campbell, Lacie Lincoln, Broderick Morris

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: Cathy Sweeney and Rebecca Tankersley

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: Rebecca Tankersley

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 in its ministry.

The John Harrison Ness Award: Tami Galloway

Given by the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church to the students enrolled in the Master of Divinity program (or its equivalent) in United Methodist or other seminaries accredited by the Association of Theological Schools who submit the best papers on some aspect of United Methodist history broadly conceived.



ALUMNI/AE NEWS

'50s

The Central Texas Conference honored two Perkins alumni by naming two departments of its new conference center after them. The conference center is located on the Texas Wesleyan University campus in Fort Worth.

The area of Leadership Development will bear the name of the late **William Sydney Roberts** (M.Th. '53) because of his remarkable record of leadership in the conference. Roberts had 44 years of active service in 13 difference local-church appointments.

Lamar Edward Smith's name will be given to the area of Evangelism and Church Growth because of his work in evangelism and his distinguished career in broad areas of ministry. Smith (M.Th. '53), a native of Mineola in the Texas Conference, became a member of the Central Texas Conference after graduating from Texas Wesleyan. He first served as a Field Representative and Chaplain of that institution before becoming associate pastor of First Methodist Church of Fort Worth, where he was assigned to the area of evangelism. He served at churches in Wichita Falls, Texas, Baton Rouge, La., and Conroe, Texas, before becoming superintendent of the Houston North District and later Assistant to Bishop Woodrow Hearne and was the Conference Provost.

Thomas Oden (M.Th. '56) published a new book, *A Change of Heart: A Personal and Theological Memoir*, in which he describes his faith journey.

'60s

Loy Williams (M.Th. '66) published a series of images on the 50th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery march.

'70s

Osmond A. Lindo Sr. (M.Th. '75, D.Min. '77) published the book *Real Men Read Jesus' Parables: A Twenty-First Century Study of Jesus' Parables for Men*.

Kim Cape (M.Th. '79, D.Min. '03), General Secretary of the Commission on Higher Education and Ministry, preached at the Communion Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 25, 2015, celebrating the Eucharistic Sharing Agreement between The United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Minerva Carcaño (M.Th. '79) received the Ann L. Reskovac Courage Award from Scarritt Bennett Center on Dec. 6, 2014, in recognition for her work as an immigration activist.

'80s

Sidney G. Hall III (M.Th. '84, D.Min. '88) published a new book – *Three Mystics Walk into a Tavern: A Once and Future Meeting of Rumi, Meister Eckhart and Moses de Leon in Medieval Venice* – that is available for purchase on Amazon (<http://amzn.to/1GtbG7a>)

Nerses Balabanian (M.Div. '87) delivered the keynote address at the 2015 Men's Retreat of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno, Calif.

J. Wayne Clark (M.Div. '89) has been named Associate Vice President for Development and Dean of the Chapel at Hendrix College.

'90s

Jeff S. Matsler (M.Div. '93), assistant director of the Summer Institute in Bioethics at Yale University, published the cover story ("War Torn") in the June 2015 issue of *Christianity Today*. The article deals with Matsler's research into traumatic stress, combat and recovery as spiritual issues, focusing on a historic model of healing for use with contemporary veterans.

'00s

Rochelle Carr (M.Div. '01) spoke at "Inside SMU Powered by TEDxSMU" during the 2015 Founders' Day events at the University.

Two Perkins alumni joined the staff at Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church. **Jackson Henry** (M.Div. '03) is the new Director of Music Ministries, and **Jacqui King** (M.Div. '04) is the new Director of Congregational Vitality. Both joined the staff on Sept. 1, 2014.

Paul Rasmussen (M.Div. '04), senior minister at Highland Park UMC in Dallas, was named to the board of trustees of the Methodist Health System Foundation.

Carla Cheatham (M.Div. '05) is the author of *Hospice Whispers: Stories of Life*, which is available for purchase on Amazon (<http://amzn.to/1RxIjlf>)

Anna Kaydor Labala (M.C.M. '05) was profiled in a story by the United Methodist News Service for her work in bringing hope to families infected by Ebola in Liberia.

Yatta Young (M.T.S. '05) was named dean of the new graduate school of theology at United Methodist University in Liberia.

David Brockman (Ph.D. '06) was hired by the Texas Freedom Network as a scholar consultant. He also was interviewed about the Texas social studies textbook controversy on the radio show "Education Town Hall."

Genevieve Razim (M.Div. '06) has joined the board of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Michael W. Waters (B.A. '02, M.Div. '06, D.Min. '12) was a recipient of a 40 Under 40 Award by the *Dallas Business Journal*. His book *Freestyle: Reflections on Faith, Family, Justice, and Pop Culture* also was named a finalist for two USA Best Book Awards in the Social Change and Religion categories.

Claudia Lovelace (M.Div. '07) was named a Distinguished Alumna by the Wimberly School of Religion at Oklahoma City University.

D. Anthony Everett (M.Div. '08) was appointed to serve on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners.

Josh Mauldin (M.Div. '08, Ph.D. '14) accepted the position of Assistant Director for Program and Outreach at the Center for Theological Inquiry in Princeton, N.J.

Virginia Wall (M.Div. '08) was awarded the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award for her work in and outside of Wesley McCabe UMC in Longview, Texas.

Lisa Burkhardt Worley (M.Th. '08) has co-authored a new book titled *If I Only Had ... Wrapping Yourself in God's Truth During Storms of Insecurity*.

'10s

Megan Davidson (M.Div. '10) was named Director of Spiritual and Religious Life and Chaplain at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

Brian Hehn (M.S.M. '12) is the first Director of the Center for Congregational Song, a virtual center that is part of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

Edgar Bazan (M.Div. '14) and his wife, Evelyn Garza, welcomed their second son, Santiago Bazan, on Dec. 31, 2014.

Phil Hodson (M.Div. '14) is lead pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Lawton, Okla.

Lainie Allen (M.Div. '15) received an Episcopal Grant from the Evangelical Education Society of the Episcopal Church to pilot an eight-week summer program of service in an intentional community for young adults.

Sunny Brown Farley (D.Min. '15) was honored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry with the Bishop James C. Baker Award, a scholarship designated for United Methodist campus ministers who are pursuing advanced training.

Ailey Pope (M.T.S. '15) was chosen by the SMU Student Senate as an "Outstanding Senator." ■

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or Walk to Emmaus. These kinds of activities indicate intense commitment and regular Bible study and prayer. That, I think, is a really good measure.

Yesterday, Dale, my wife, went out to Parish Episcopal School to stuff meals together for (the organization) Feed My Starving Children. They succeeded in putting more than a million meal kits together. That too is a sign of commitment, when people are willing to go and do something like that.

You mention in your book that some religion scholars see a “two-party system” in American Protestant culture. What does that mean, and why are you skeptical of such an analysis?

It's from Martin Marty, one of the most prolific scholars of historic Protestantism. And the idea was that basically you had post-millennial liberals and pre-millennial conservatives. The post-millennial liberals were more the social activists, while the pre-millennial conservatives were more concerned, when Marty formulated this, with spiritual salvation and making sure they were saved before Jesus returned.

There's truth to an extent, but it also contains misunderstandings. For example, a lot of people who support progressive social reforms have traditional theological beliefs and even traditional views of worship. A lot of Civil Rights activists in the 1960s, for example, espoused Neo-Orthodox theological positions.

Your book is about the Protestant mainline generally and doesn't dwell on the United Methodist Church's tensions over homosexuality. But does the history of Methodism offer any guidance on whether the denomination will hold together or break apart over this issue?

The book doesn't make any predictions — I'm a historian! It does discuss the fact that other old-line Protestant bodies (Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian) have had divisions over these and other issues. I make the point that these divisions have not changed the overall numbers of old-line Christians, even if we're divided into different groups.

My own view is that some degree of division is already happening among United Methodist groups and likely will continue, though I wouldn't venture to guess on what scale.

One point I do emphasize in this discussion is that it does not fall neatly along theologically liberal and conservative lines. There are many folks who maintain traditional theological and liturgical views and are at the same time more open to issues about homosexuality. There's a parallel to the way in which more conservative Christians have become open on the issue of remarriage after divorce despite the strong biblical evidence and the weight of long Christian tradition against the practice of remarriage after divorce.

This is a short and informal book — one might even say punchy and combative. Who is your target audience?

Contemporary people in mainline historic Protestant churches who have just felt beat up for 40 years. I've chosen to use a blogger's voice. That's a way in which I can speak with more passion than I do with historical prose, though it has led to some misunderstandings. For example, I have used the convention of marking as struck-through certain over-the-edge words and phrases to suggest that they reflect my real sentiments in contrast to more modest phrases. But some readers took those to be production errors! ■



James V. Lyles, a recipient of the Perkins Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015, helped integrate SMU as one of the first five African Americans admitted to the university in 1952.

PERKINS NAMES JAMES V. LYLES AND TED DOTTS 2015 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

JAMES V. LYLES (M.Th. '55) AND TED DOTTS (M.Th. '64) were named 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients by the Alumni/ae Council of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. The awards were presented during a special banquet held Feb. 2, 2015, in the Great Hall of the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall.

This 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.

Doctor James Vernon Lyles earned the Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology in 1955. With four fellow students – John Wesley Elliott, Arthur Hawkins, Negail Rudolph Riley, and Cecil Williams – Lyles helped Perkins School of Theology lead the way in the desegregation of the University as the five became the first African Americans to be admitted as degree candidates and to graduate from SMU.

“Dr. Lyles has been a true leader in ministry,” said Perkins School of Theology Dean William B. Lawrence, who introduced the recipient at the awards banquet. “He has ministered in almost every kind of setting to which Methodist preachers can be appointed,” Dean Lawrence added. Noting the breadth of Lyles’ ministry, he listed the following: pastoring churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Wisconsin, and California; serving as a denominational and annual conference staff executive with programmatic responsibilities in mission, evangelism, and church renewal; serving as a military chaplain with the U.S. Air Force; serving in campus ministries and teaching at the college level.

Lyles published a memoir in 2014, *Hard Trials, Great Tribulations: A Black Preacher’s Pilgrimage from Poverty and Segregation to the 21st Century* (XLibris). Besides his degree from Perkins, he earned a B.A. from Philander Smith College, where he graduated at the head of his class with distinction, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Ted J. Dotts Jr. earned the Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology in 1964, and was elected Perkins student body president during his senior year. He taught for 28 years in the United Methodist Regional Course of Study School at Perkins, and was named a Bridwell Scholar in 2010. Over the course of more than four decades, he served in positions as varied as church



Ted J. Dotts Jr.

pastor and district superintendent, medical ethicist and hospital administrator, and an elected delegate to four consecutive UMC General Conferences. He presented lectures in medical ethics at the School of Medicine and the School of Law, Texas Tech University, and was named senior vice president of Ethics and Faith for Covenant Health System. He served on the Boards of Trustees for numerous institutions, including McMurry College (now McMurry University), Abilene; Southwestern University,



Betty Dotts, wife of the late Ted J. Dotts Jr., delivers a poignant speech – written by Dotts – on his behalf at the Perkins Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner

Georgetown; and the Lubbock Methodist Hospital System Board. Dotts hosted “Faith Matters,” a weekly program on the Lubbock public radio affiliate, and served in retirement as chaplain for the Carillon Senior Life Care Community, where he has lived for the past seven years.

Dotts, who was in the final stages of cancer at the time of the awards banquet, was unable to attend. His wife, Betty Dotts, delivered the speech he wrote especially for the occasion.

“Throughout his life and ministry, Ted Dotts has chosen always to serve, but never to be served,” said Bobby J. McMillan, a colleague and friend of Dotts since they entered Perkins together as first-year students in 1961, who introduced the recipient at the awards banquet. “He epitomizes servanthood wherever he encounters any human need or suffering.”

Lubbock District Superintendent Richard W. Edwards (M.Th.’78), who served as a Perkins Intern under Dotts’ supervision in 1976-77, praised Dotts’ selection as Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient. “He represents everything which Perkins stands for,” said Edwards, “and over his more than 40 years of ministry [he has] demonstrated what ministry is really all about.”

Ted J. Dotts died just six days following the ceremony, on Feb. 8, 2015. ■



PERSON OF FAITH AND SEALS AWARDS

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY honored **Dr. Hind Jarrah** as the inaugural recipient of its Person of Faith Award and **Kay Prothro Yeager** as the 2015 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award winner at a luncheon on March 7, 2015, during the three-day Perkins Theological School for the Laity.

The Perkins School of Theology Person of Faith Award was created in 2015 to recognize a woman, man, or young person who – through their own religious institution or the wider interfaith community – is making a significant contribution as a peacemaker or reconciler. The award is open to persons of all religious traditions.

Dr. Hind Jarrah is executive director of the Texas Muslim Women’s Foundation, a nonprofit, educational, philanthropic, outreach and social service organization dedicated to empowering Muslim women and their families. The organization was established to end misconceptions about Islam and Muslim women. On its launch in August 2005, 300 Muslim women attended from 29 different countries and 22 different careers.

Born in Beirut to Palestinian parents, Dr. Jarrah has been engaged in the promotion of understanding and respect for multicultural diversity since 1982, when she co-founded the Arabic Heritage Society, a nonprofit, educational organization. Dr. Jarrah served on the Faith and Feminism Committee at the Dallas Women’s Foundation and on the Board of Trustees from 2006–2009.

She graduated from the American University of Beirut with a B.Sc. in Pharmacy (1974) and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas (1980). Jarrah received her master’s degree in Neuroscience and Cognition from University of Texas at Dallas in 2000.

Almas Muscatwalla, chair of the Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Foundation in Dallas, praises the selection of Dr. Jarrah as the Person of Faith Award recipient.



Dean William B. Lawrence (left) and SMU President R. Gerald Turner (right) are shown with Dr. Hind Jarrah (second from left), recipient of the 2015 Perkins School of Theology Person of Faith Award, and Kay Prothro Yeager (third from left), recipient of the 2015 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award.

“Dr. Jarrah is an active member of the civil society, who considers diversity as a strength and pluralism as a way forward,” Muscatwalla said. “She is an example of what it means to live your faith daily by extending your time and knowledge towards the good in the society.”

The Woodrow B. Seals Laity 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 Seals Award is made by a committee of the Perkins Lay Advisory Board.

Kay Prothro Yeager is a community volunteer, civic leader, and the former mayor of Wichita Falls, Texas (1996–2000). Her connections to Perkins School of Theology span three generations. She is the granddaughter of J.J. and Lois (Craddock) Perkins, for whom Perkins School of Theology is named; daughter of the late Elizabeth Perkins Prothro, for whom Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall at Perkins School of Theology is named; and sister-in-law of Caren H. Prothro, former chair of the SMU Board of Trustees (2010–2014).

Ms. Yeager currently serves as president of the board of Presbyterian Manor, an elderly-care residence in Wichita Falls; as vice president of the Perkins-Prothro Company; and as vice president and a trustee of the Perkins-Prothro Foundation. Ms. Yeager has been a member of the Perkins School of Theology Executive Board since 2000.

Ms. Yeager’s work in the larger community includes serving as chair of the board of the Yellowstone National Park Foundation. She previously served as chairwoman of the board of the Multi-Purpose Events Center (MPEC) in Wichita Falls, where the Kay Yeager Coliseum is named in her honor. Ms. Yeager is a 1961 graduate of Sweet Briar College. She spent her junior year at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Ms. Yeager attended SMU during the summer of 1959 and was enrolled in English American literature courses.

“Kay has always put God, her family, and her church first in her life,” says Paul Q. Goodrich, senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, where Ms. Yeager has been an active lifelong member. “She somehow has also been able to find the time and energy to serve The United Methodist Church at large, her community, and her country. ■

LUCE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$500,000 GRANT TO CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LATINO/A CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGIONS



Hugo Magallanes

The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins School of Theology was awarded a three-year grant of \$500,000 by The Henry Luce Foundation's Theology program. The grant will significantly expand the Center's work in promoting an understanding of the different religious expressions within the Latino/a communities in the United States and in Latin America.

Hugo Magallanes, Director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions and Associate Professor of Christianity and Cultures at Perkins School of Theology, expressed his gratitude for the award.

"I am grateful for the generous support of The Luce Foundation and for the opportunities to expand the work of the Center as we continue to promote Latino/a research, and particularly for the opportunities to work with persons in Latin America," he said.

Magallanes will administer the grant, which runs from Jan. 1, 2016, through Dec. 31, 2018.

The proposed outcomes of the Luce Grant include:

- Enhancement of collaborative cross-cultural and inter-religious engagement in research trips and projects;
- Support for the first cohort of students in the Th.M. degree program in Spanish;

- Preparation of pre-tenure theological school faculty and Ph.D. students to teach Latino/a students;
- Sponsoring continued interdisciplinary discussion among scholars of Latino/a religion within Southern Methodist University and additional regional interdisciplinary conversations on topics related to Latino/a religion; and
- A capstone international event, to take place in Dallas at the culmination of the three-year grant cycle. The 2-3 day gathering will include the Center's international ministerial and academic partners who will join together for dialogue on the nature and character of theological education in the U.S. and in Latin America.

The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions, established July 1, 2007, builds upon the rich history of Perkins School of Theology's Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program. The purpose is to strengthen Perkins' engagement with Latino/a realities through its educational programs, the generation and conduct of research, and the dissemination of knowledge. The Center addresses topics and issues related to the Latino/a religious experience within a broader ecumenical and religious context, as well as with attention to international dynamics and realities. ■

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MEMORIAMs

Rosa Marina Barton, 90, died Nov. 29, 2014. She was a longtime staff member at Perkins School of Theology.

Twila Farrell Stowe Bryan, 96, died Nov. 25, 2014. A Christian educator, choir director, faithful volunteer and outspoken advocate for social justice, she was married to Bishop William McFerrin Stowe, longtime bishop-in-residence at Perkins, and later to Bishop Monk Bryan.

Jackie Strange, 87, died Feb. 1, 2015. After a distinguished career with the U.S. Postal Service, Strange became President and CEO of the Bob Dole Foundation for the Employment of People with Disabilities. She also received the Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award from Perkins School of Theology in 2011.

David K. Switzer, 89, Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology at Perkins, died May 11, 2015. He was a member of the Perkins faculty from 1967 until his retirement in 1993. During his tenure, he served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and was Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology.

'50s

Kenneth McIntosh (M.Th. '52, D.Min. '78), 87, died Dec. 13, 2014. He served as a missionary in Hong Kong and Macau with his wife, Iweeta, and later as the GBGM representative to the South Central Jurisdiction. A clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference and a U.S. Army chaplain for 25 years, he was founding pastor of Lake Highlands UMC in Dallas and of a church in Hong Kong named for Bishop Ralph Ward – the first American bishop in China.

Frank Jones (M.Th.'55), 85, died June 15, 2015. An undergraduate of Hendrix College, Jones was a Methodist minister for more than 50 years, with multiple pastorates in Arkansas and Missouri.

Ardith O. "Art" Ernst (M.Th.'57), 87, died April 22, 2015. Ernst was a member of the Great Plains Conference and served at numerous churches throughout Nebraska.

William K. McElvaney (M.Th. '57), 86, died Aug. 24, 2014. He pastored at First UMC Justin prior to serving as founding pastor of St. Stephen UMC in Mesquite (1959-67). He also served as pastor of Northaven UMC (1967-73) and was president of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City (1973-85) before becoming the Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship at Perkins from 1985-93.

Louis H. Johnsen (M.Th. '59), 81, died March 11, 2015. He was ordained in the Missouri West Conference in 1959 and served in numerous Missouri churches for 42 years before retiring to Spring, Texas, where he taught an adult Bible study class at Faith United Methodist Church.

'60s

Travis Theo "Doc" Benson (B.Div. '60), 85, died March 21, 2015. He was a member of the Oklahoma Annual Conference, serving at numerous churches throughout Oklahoma, and was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from Perkins in 1998.

Ira Leon Gallaway (M.Th. '60), 91, died March 16, 2015. He pastored at churches in Hutchins, Irving and Dallas before becoming district superintendent of the Fort Worth East district and General Secretary of the Board of Evangelism in Nashville. Gallaway also had a 17-year appointment as senior pastor of First UMC in Peoria, Illinois.

Charles Owen Butler (M.S.T. '64), 87, died Oct. 29, 2014. He served as a missionary in Panama and later pastored at United Methodist churches in Alabama and Iowa.

Larry Bailey (M.Th. '66), 74, died Sept. 25, 2014. He served in the Southwest Texas Methodist Conference for 35 years and last served as an Associate Pastor at St. Luke's UMC in Midland, Texas.

'70s

Raymond D. Hennigh (M.Th.'70), 75, died Oct. 7, 2014. He pastored at numerous churches throughout North Texas before, in 1999, becoming Director of Camp and Retreat Center for the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Edwin E. Sylvest Jr. (Ph.D. '70), 78, died Dec. 21, 2014. He was in the first class of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at SMU and became Professor Emeritus of Church History at Perkins.

John W. Tatum Sr. (M.Th. '70), 74, died March 13, 2015. He served at numerous churches throughout the Metro District and was the founding director of Methodism Breadbasket.

'80s

Charles Stanley LaRue (M.Th.'80), 77, died Aug. 7, 2015. After a career in the construction and oil industries, LaRue pastored at numerous churches in Nebraska while a member of the Great Plains Conference.

Gale Izard (M.Th. '81), 76, died Dec. 12, 2014. With a career in banking and finance, Izard also was an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.

Maynard Hofer (M.Th. '83), 67, died Feb. 19, 2015. He pastored at churches in Huxley, Cambridge and Williamsburg, Iowa, before becoming an Army chaplain and chaplain recruiter.

Michael R. Proctor (M.Th. '85), 62, died May 20, 2015. He was senior pastor at St. Mark's UMC in Baytown, Texas.

'90s

George A. Lewis Jr. (D.Min. '91), 85, died April 3, 2015. He served churches throughout the Southwest Texas Methodist Annual Conference before coming to North Texas in 1968, where he served at University, Wichita Falls, Commerce, Argyle and Highland Park UMC. He retired in 1995.

Bishop Sarah Frances Davis (D.Min. '95), 65, died Nov. 9, 2013. Davis was elected a Bishop in the AME Church in 2004, making her at the time only the third woman elected to the highest level of service in that denomination.

Bishop Martin D. McLee (M.Div. '98), 58, died Sept. 6, 2014. He was consecrated as a bishop in July 2012 and was the resident bishop of the New York Area. He previously pastored in New York and Dallas. ■



M.S.M. REUNION DRAWS NEARLY 100 ALUMNI

NEARLY 100 ALUMNI of the Master of Sacred Music program at Perkins returned to campus Sept. 27-29, 2015, to celebrate the 55th year of the M.S.M. program. The theme was *"Keeping the Song Alive: Renewing our Vocation."*

Thomas Troeger – former AGO National Chaplain and J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor of Christian Communication Emeritus, Yale Divinity School and Yale Institute of Sacred Music – joined as hymn festival leader and preacher. **Stefan Engels**, Professor of Organ and Leah Fullinwider Centennial Chair (Artist Certificate, Meadows '95), who joined the Meadows faculty in 2014, played a recital.

Participants also sang the anthems by Jane Marshall, Lloyd Pfautsch and Carlton Young, the "golden era" of Dallas anthem composition, and honored several alumni with Soli Deo Gloria Awards:

- **William P. Carroll** (M.S.M. '78), choral conductor, professor, editor, and church musician
- **Judy Dardaganian** (M.S.M. '83), children's choir director, clinician, and church music organizational leader
- **Brad** (M.S.M. '80) and **Jane** (M.S.M. '83) **Kisner**, church musicians, educators, civic musicians and community leaders

- **Roy Alvin Redman** (M.S.M. '64), church musician, organ builder and restorer
- **Gary Alan Smith** (M.S.M. '75), composer, editor, denominational service and church musician

Additionally, three persons who have made substantial contributions to the M.S.M. program over the years were honored with an honorary M.S.M. degree:

- **David Davidson** (posthumous): Director of Music at Highland Park United Methodist Church and the Dallas Symphony Chorus, who taught choral conducting, handbells and served as the field supervisor for a number of M.S.M. students for more than 20 years.
- **Susan Ferré**: Director of the Texas Baroque Ensemble (now retired) who offered seminars for M.S.M. students in Baroque Performance Practice for more than 20 years, including conducting early music instruments.
- **John Holbert**: Emeritus Preaching Professor, singer, translator of the psalms for the United Methodist Hymnal, frequent presenter at church music conferences, teacher of biblical studies for M.S.M. students. ■





PERKINS LAUNCHES “HARDIN FAMILY PREACHING MENTORS”



Grady Hardin (center) began teaching at Perkins in 1957 at the invitation of Dean Merrimon Cuninggim. He was a professor of preaching and worship at Perkins until 1981.

A GRANT FROM LILLY ENDOWMENT, INC., in January 2014 launched the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence, designed to enhance the teaching of preaching in our seminary preaching classes and to form peer groups of preachers designed to move good preachers to the next level.

One of the original programs was called the “Metroplex Mentors Initiative,” which pair Introduction to Preaching students at Perkins with seasoned, effective preachers in the Dallas/Fort Worth community. Mentors attend class, coach their mentees on content and delivery of sermons, and join in class discussion of sermons, developing ongoing mentor relationships with their mentees.

As of this fall, “Metroplex Mentors” will have a name change. They will become the “Hardin Family Preaching Mentors.” Louise Bray and Nancy Hardin have generously given support to the preaching mentor program at Perkins as a way of honoring their parents, Grady and Rowena Hardin, and their legacy of commitment to preaching and worship at Perkins.

“We are convinced that the Perkins community is filled with creative ideas about preaching and worship for this era and the future, and we are delighted to support their work,” Hardin and Bray said.

The Hardin family has a long and rich relationship with Perkins. Grady Hardin taught preaching and worship at Perkins from 1957 to 1981, and his commitment to social justice was reflected in his teaching, preaching and writing. He was a contributing author of *The Celebration of the Gospel: A Study in Christian Worship* (1964) and was the author of *The Leadership of Worship* (1980).

One of his sermons is featured in *Sermons from Duke Chapel: Voices from a Great Towering Church* (2005). The sermon he preached on the evening of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which is featured in this article, is as relevant today as it was 50 years ago. Rowena Hardin managed the Perkins bookstore for several years.

“When I devised this mentoring concept,” said Alyce M. McKenzie, director of the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence, “I was thinking in terms of what my students could learn from these mentors. A positive, unintended consequence has been how the experience has energized the mentors in their preaching ministries.”

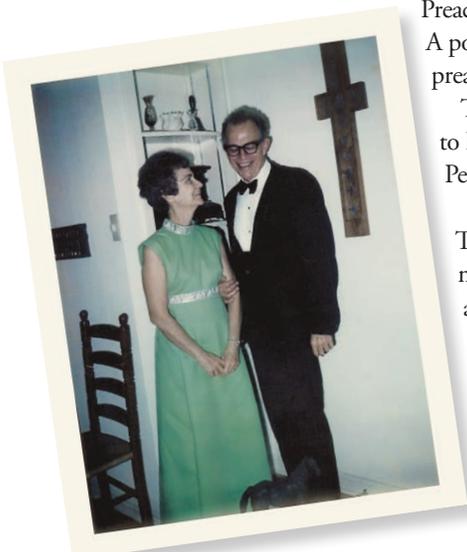
This fall, Hardin Family Preaching Mentors will work with students in two of Perkins’ Introduction to Preaching Classes – both taught by O. Wesley Allen Jr., who is the newly appointed Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins.

Allen, a prolific author and sought-after teacher and preacher, comes to Perkins from Lexington Theological Seminary. “I am grateful to Louise Bray and Nancy Hardin for their support of this mentor program,” Allen said. “The mentors will help us at Perkins cultivate a culture of excellence and collaboration in preaching that will continue to benefit our students throughout their preaching ministries.”

Mentors gathered at Perkins on Aug. 19 to receive training in the learning goals for Perkins’ Introduction to Preaching classes and their mentoring roles. At that gathering, McKenzie joined Allen in greeting the mentors and thanking them for their participation.

A common reaction when pastors are asked to be a mentor is the comment, “I am honored to be asked.”

They feel the privilege of their service even more keenly when they learn that they are being asked, specifically, to be a Hardin Family Preaching Mentor. They realize that they are extending the legacy of commitment to preaching and worship in the Perkins community begun by Grady and Rowena, underscored by the generosity of their daughters.



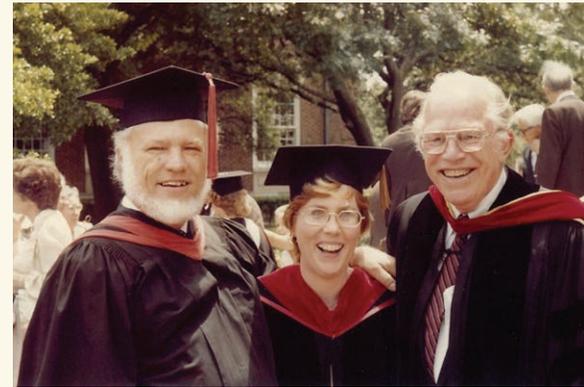
Rowena and Grady Hardin married in 1940 and were together until his death in 1987.



For many years, Rowena Hardin managed the Cokesbury Bookstore at Perkins.



Grady and Rowena Hardin touched the lives of students and professors alike during their time at Perkins.



From left, Dr. Richard T. (Dick) Murray, assistant professor of Christian education (1965-1993) and Rev. Betsy Alden

About the Hardin family

Grady and Rowena Hardin were from the Carolinas. In the late 1940s, they moved to Houston, where Grady served as an Associate Pastor at First Methodist Church. He was the first minister of Chapelwood Methodist Church in Houston, where he stayed for eight years. In 1957, Dean Merrimon Cuninggim invited Grady to teach at Perkins.

When the Hardin family came to Perkins, Louise was 16 and Nancy was 11 years old. Nancy and Louise both graduated from SMU. As their parents stayed in Dallas for another 20 years, they moved northeast carrying a deep appreciation for the life their family had at Perkins. As they considered a way to honor their parents, they had a strong sense that both Grady and Rowena would be delighted with supporting a program focused on preaching and worship.

Nancy lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and is married to Carol Brainard. Louise lives in Cambridge, Mass. She was married to David Bray, who also went to SMU. He loved and revered Rowena and Grady. David, who died in 2004, is an integral participant in this endeavor. Their children are Louisa Bray Creamer and Andrew Hardin Bray.

In their own words

Nancy Hardin and Louise Bray: “Our family has deep ties to SMU. It was quite a change for our family when, during the daring deanship of Merrimon Cuninggim, we moved from a cozy church community to the Perkins community. Moving from ‘preacher’s kids’ with our Dad’s every-Sunday-in-the-pulpit life was a change for all of us.

“Our mother found the Perkins community exhilarating as she stepped out of the ‘pastor’s wife role’ into a new community of women. The school permeated their lives and ours. There is no way to think of our parents lives without remembering the rich relationships with the characters and stars in the ‘Perkins Crown’ of their almost 30 years at Perkins. It is entirely appropriate that their names be on this Preaching Mentor Program.”



Nancy Hardin



Louise Bray

What others are saying

Joe Allen, Professor of Ethics, Emeritus, Perkins School of Theology: “Grady and Rowena came to Perkins at the same time as my wife and I. We enjoyed getting to know them and spending time with them. I don’t know anyone who didn’t like Grady. Rowena was a humble, gracious person, with a keen, sharp intellect. I team taught a course on Preaching on Ethical Issues with Grady. He was easygoing in his manner but had strong principles.”

Victor Furnish, University Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Perkins: “Grady had the rare capacity to communicate well – whether in his personal relationships or in his public speaking – with a broad range of people. I include here his ability to engage people on important and consequential issues. He was well-read, a deep thinker, and fully committed to the kind of theological inquiry that was front and center at Perkins in those days. There was nothing superficial about his thinking or preaching; but unlike some of the rest of us, he never forgot that the pulpit was not a place to expound theology, but to speak the ‘truth of the gospel,’ and ‘in love.’ And he believed that preaching needs to address the issues and possibilities not only of individuals but of society, the social order.” ■



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