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## Perkins in the News

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### [Meditation: How it can help your health](#)

Dallas Morning News

“You just feel naturally more balanced and more wholesome and your blood pressure is decreased and you don’t get caught up in anger,” says Ruben L.F. Habito, professor of world religions and spirituality at Southern Methodist University’s **Perkins School of Theology**.

### [What Every Woman Should Know About Arizona’s Latest Abortion Politics](#)

Huffington Post Religion

On April 15, Arizona instituted warrantless surprise searches of abortion clinics, even though abortion is one of the safest medical procedures women use in the United States, with one-tenth the death rates as childbirth.

### [Christ, Coachella and a Call to Creative Cyphers: A Holy Week Contemplation](#)

Huffington Post Black Voices

Near the commencement of Outkast’s hour-and-a-half long performance at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival this past weekend, their first performance together as a group in a decade, a lone table occupied center stage.

### [Two UM Pastors Collaborate to Help Children Find Forever Families](#)

Texas Annual Conference News

Rev. Amy Bezecny and Seminarian LyAnna Johnson Smith share a passion for foster children, adopted children and all those who care for them. Knowing the sobering reality all too well, they are eagerly busting adoption myths, educating parents and congregations, and providing resources and encouragement in the process.

### [Dallas Methodist pastor’s case likely won’t go to trial](#)

Dallas Voice

Dr. Robert Hunt, professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations at Southern Methodist University’s **Perkins School of Theology**, doesn’t expect a trial to take place.

### [FALLEN AMONG THIEVES: A Meditation on the Parable of the Good Samaritan](#)

Patheos

One of my mentors is Ruben Habito, a former Jesuit priest who now teaches comparative religion at the **Perkins School of Theology** at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

## [Letters from U.S. Presidents](#)

UMNS Daily Digest

An exhibit featuring letters and White House invitations sent to Methodists from men who were, had been or once would be president of the United States continues through May 9 at Bridwell Library, part of **Perkins School of Theology** at Southern Methodist University. The dates of the documents range from 1854 to 1957.

## [Verbum Domini II: God's Word Goes Out to the Nations](#)

Verbum Domini

One of the thirteen Torah Scrolls from the Jewish Community in Kaifeng, China. On loan from Bridwell Library Special Collections, **Perkins School of Theology**, Southern Methodist University.

## [Bible exhibit opens in Vatican](#)

Vatican Radio

A new exhibition featuring Biblical texts and rare manuscripts is underway in the Braccio di Carlo Magno museum in the Vatican. Entitled "Verbum Domini II" God's Word Goes Out to the Nations: the exhibit brings together over 200 artifacts to tell the history of the Bible across the globe.

## [Vatican Library displays microchip Bible that travelled to the moon](#)

Catholic Herald

Showing the global reach of the Bible as well as the Jewish roots of Christianity is a copy – one of only three in existence – of a mid-17th century Torah that once belonged to the Jewish Kaifeng community in China. (3/31)

## ['Green Collection' Uncovers Journey of God's Word](#)

Christian Broadcasting Network

Steps from St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, a 5,000 square foot interfaith exhibit takes visitors on a dramatic journey of God's Word through the ages.

## [Edgy Exegesis: Saying No to Mrs. Bidemeier: Reflections on Luke 24:13-35](#)

Patheos

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

Additional *Edgy Exegesis* Articles

[My Favorite Angel: Easter Reflections on Matthew 28:1-10](#)

[Cowardice and Courage: Reflections on Palm/Passion Sunday](#)

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

## [TEXAS FAITH: In faith and gender politics, what does it mean to be submissive — as in submissive spouse?](#)

Dallas Morning News

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

Additional *Texas Faith* Articles:

[The Global South's influence on religion](#)

[How to balance between religious freedom and freedom from discrimination?](#)

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

## [History of Hymns: "Now the Green Blade Riseth"](#)

General Board of Discipleship website

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

Additional *History of Hymns* Articles:

["Easter People, Raise Your Voices"](#)

["Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"](#)

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

## New on the Website: [www.smu.edu/perkins](http://www.smu.edu/perkins)

- [Perkins Hosts Richard Heitzenrater for Symposium and Bridwell Exhibition](#)
- [Perkins School of Theology at TEDxSMU: Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles](#)
- Student-Faculty Blogs: [El Salvador](#) and [Cuba](#)

## Upcoming Events

- Houston-Galveston “[Lunch & Learn](#)”: May 12, 2014
- Bridwell Library Exhibition, “*In Honorem* Dr. Richard P. Heitzenrater,” May 16 – Aug. 22
- Celebration of Degrees & Academic Achievements, Highland Park UMC: 2:00 p.m., May 17, 2014
- UM Certification in [Music](#) and [Education](#): June 20 – 27, 2014

## Continuing Events

- Bridwell Library Exhibition, “[Presidential Documents at Bridwell Library](#)”: through May 9, 2014
- Bridwell Library Exhibition, “[Virtual and Real: Bridwell Library Special Collections and Archives](#)”: through May 17, 2014

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