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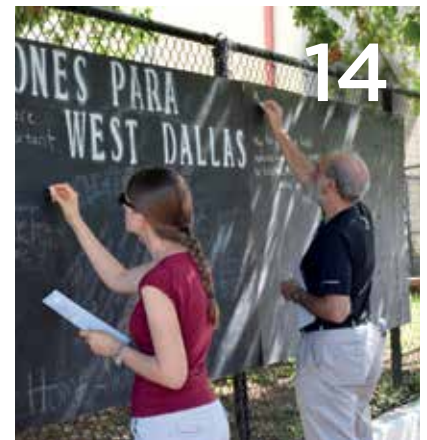
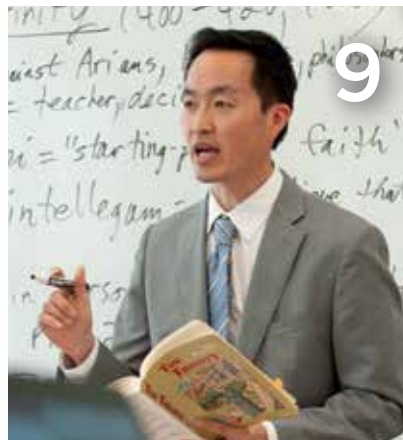
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## Servant Leadership

Christian faith is paradoxical in so many ways. The early church preached “Christ crucified” (1 Cor. 1:23), a declaration that must have seemed an oxymoron. The Christ, the Messiah, was expected to be a victor, not a victim. The pre-Christian Paul himself appears to have regarded the crucifixion as proof that Jesus was cursed by God (Gal. 3:13). It would have seemed self-evident that a crucified Jesus could not be the Christ. And yet, as Paul came to learn, he is.

There is much discussion today about servant leadership. The concept embraces what must also appear to many to be a self-contradiction. Isn't a leader one who is served, not one who serves? All of us can think of public figures who operate according to that model. This was also the popular view in the time of Jesus. “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them” (Mark 10:42) To be a servant in the ancient world was to have little or no social standing. It is not a role many would assume voluntarily. Nevertheless, Jesus goes on to say, “But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all” (vv. 43-44).

It is fascinating that here as elsewhere, Jesus does not reprimand the disciples for wanting to have significant lives. He does not tell them to become nothing. What he does do is redirect them toward a wholly different source of significance. The same phenomenon occurs in Mark 9:33-35:

*Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”*

That this was a hard lesson for the disciples is unsurprising. It is just as hard for believers today. Like most of us, the disciples were egocentric, jostling with others for prominence, looking to others for affirmation. Egocentrism is a profoundly weak state of being. Indeed, it is a kind of bondage. Jesus, by contrast, was strong enough to serve. We see this most movingly in the story of the foot washing in John 13. “Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart... Jesus, knowing that the Father

had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God...poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet.” Jesus was the only one in the room who knew who he was, and therefore the only one *free to serve*.

Christian service springs from such strength — strength of faith, strength of identity in God — and not from self-centered weakness. This helps to counter the understandable concern that a call to service is actually a veiled means of domination. The service Jesus undertook was a choice made in love and was directed primarily at the weak, the marginalized and the dispossessed — in other words, those in no position to command his service. Moreover, Jesus was remarkably unconcerned with human opinion, especially the opinion of those who might advance him. Again, this demonstrated great strength of faith and of character, ultimately expressed in the victory of the cross.

So it is that we speak at Perkins of being both *called to serve* and *empowered to lead*. In the paradox of Christian faith, serving and leading go together, as do calling and empowering. As is so often the case, what is required is the maintenance of a creative and healthy tension.

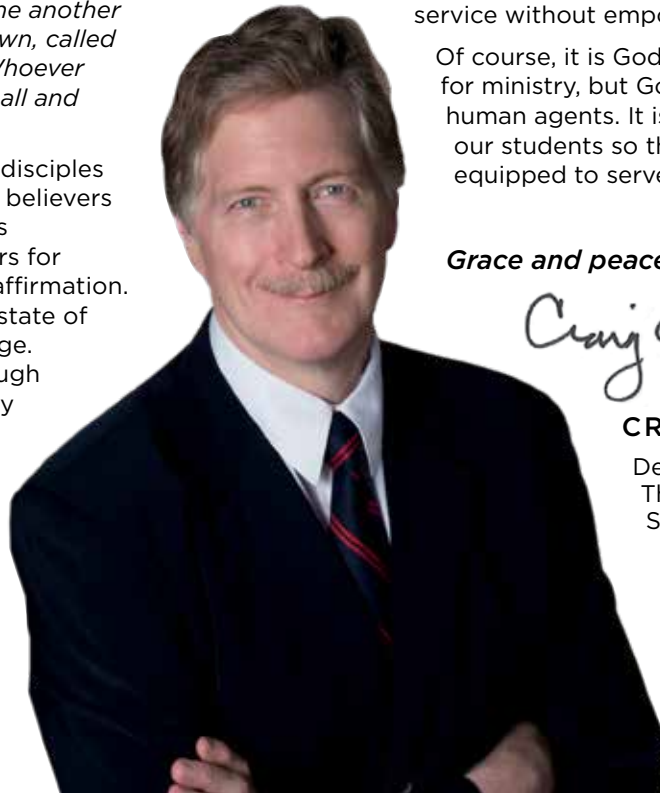
Empowerment without service is destructive, just as service without empowerment is oppressive.

Of course, it is God who calls and empowers for ministry, but God works in part through human agents. It is our great privilege to serve our students so that they in turn might be equipped to serve the church and the world.

*Grace and peace,*

**CRAIG C. HILL**

Dean, Perkins School of  
Theology  
Southern Methodist University





Religious art of Jesus the Christ washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper in Sevlievo Orthodox Church, Bulgaria | Alamy Stock Photo

# Called to Serve

## EMPOWERED TO LEAD

### Q&A with Dean Hill

Dean Craig C. Hill's *Servant of All: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus* (Eerdmans, 2016) has found a readership among United Methodist church leaders, church members more generally, and in the secular world. Hill talked to Sam Hodges about the book and about nurturing servanthood at Perkins.

#### WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO WRITE ABOUT SERVANTHOOD, AMBITION AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

Both personal and professional reasons. I've been reading the Bible most of my life and therefore was aware of Jesus' admonitions about humility and servanthood. I also had a career, first in ministry and then in the academy. So, personally, I wanted to explore what this means in terms of: Do I apply for jobs? Do I seek promotions? Do I try to advance? How as a Christian do I think faithfully about such matters?

Professionally, I've taught in doctor of ministry programs, including directing the one at Duke Divinity School. The more I worked with mid-career pastors, the more I realized that servanthood, ambition and the Christian life presented a pressing issue for many of them. A number had reached career plateaus and were frustrated, even disillusioned. After being in ministry a while, they saw who got attention, who got promoted and who got the more desirable church appointments. So it was easy for their early vocational mindset to shift imperceptibly into a careerist mindset.

If you do that, you're likely to be disappointed because the opportunities for "advancement" in ministry are increasingly slim. Even if you succeed, you're going to be egocentric — your thoughts and efforts will be focused on yourself. Everyone I've known who is chronically unhappy has one thing in common: they are scorekeepers. They are keenly aware of who is getting what, and whether they're being slighted. We have to remember that service isn't *fair*. (Of course, neither is grace.) It's not about advancement, at least not in the way we usually imagine it.

As a New Testament scholar, these things jumped off the page at me. If the standard is what Jesus gave us, which is that the greatest is the servant of all, then how are we to live? That became of increasing interest to me over the years.

Another piece of this is my lifelong interest in science. So, for me, one of the default questions is: Why are

we the way we are? Why do we care what anybody thinks of us? There's a simple answer: It's because we are social animals. It is deeply embedded in our DNA to concern ourselves — consciously but even more unconsciously — with where we fit in the group. The fact that we have ambition and that we think about how others perceive us isn't abnormal. But, as with any other natural impulse, we need to discern how to deal with it faithfully.

#### HOW SHOULD WE DEAL WITH AMBITION, IN LIGHT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT?

When Paul says in Romans 12:10, "outdo one another in showing honor," he is offering a perspective in line with that of Jesus but radically opposed to that of the wider culture. What one sought to do in the Roman world was outdo others in *receiving* honor. The person who outdid everyone in showing honor was a slave. Life was seen as a continual competition for honor. One of the goals of *Servant of All* is to show just how countercultural the teaching of the New Testament on this subject actually is. That is why I quote a number of Greco-Roman authors, such as Cicero, Seneca and Dio Chrysostom. Human nature being what it is, these writers sound remarkably contemporary.

The core story of the book is that of the foot-washing in John 13. In the ancient world, persons who washed someone else's feet acknowledged by that act their own low status. Understandably, the disciples, who were continually jockeying for position, did not want to do this. Jesus flips the normal order: the leader takes the place of the servant, but in so doing, continues all the more to lead.

That's an essential lesson for us — to believe enough in God, to believe enough in our own justification by God's grace, that our identity is so fundamentally established that, like Jesus, we can be free to serve without our service being dependent on public reward. We should ask ourselves, "What would we still do if no one could give us credit for doing it?" If you find that strong purpose, you've found your true ministry.

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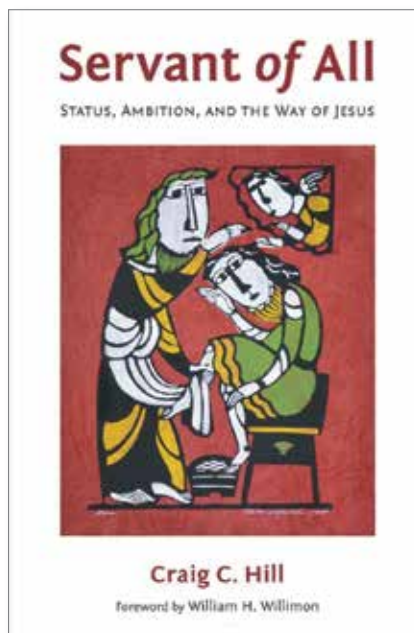
**WE LOVE TO LOOK TO HEROES, INCLUDING IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. WHERE OUGHT WE TO LOOK FOR CHRISTIAN HEROES, THE TRUE SERVANT LEADERS?**

Among others, I think of a priest I know who has a phenomenal ministry. He’s not particularly attractive in conventional ways, but he is so given over to his mission that you can’t help but be drawn to him. There’s a deep authenticity about him. His care for his mission and for the people whom he serves allows him to be remarkably unselfconscious, even self-forgetful. That’s the kind of leader we need, one who is invested in something more important than themselves. Such a person is a light in the darkness.

**WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY IN HELPING CHRISTIANS LIVE INTO SERVANTHOOD?**

As Christians we want to create communities where the things God honors are honored. A key New Testament story for me is that of the widow’s mite. Here is a woman who was invisible to everyone; she wasn’t significant in the world’s eyes, but it was she whom Jesus singled out and honored. *He* saw her. In the economy of God, she was the greatest. That story should haunt us all, especially those of us in positions of visibility.

You can tell a lot about a church by how it distributes its attention. Are people valued according to the standards of the wider society, or is that order somehow challenged, even inverted, so that people who aren’t good looking, who don’t have impressive job titles or make a lot of money, are recognized as being significant and encouraged to have real ministries? To the extent that happens, we model



what the New Testament authors themselves labored to produce in their own communities.

**HOW ARE YOU STRESSING SERVANTHOOD IN THE PERKINS COMMUNITY?**

The on-campus seminary community is composed of three main groups: faculty, staff and students. It is not unusual for staff in such institutions to feel undervalued, like cogs in the machine. The faculty are the stars. What would it look like if the staff were seen as being equally valued partners in the mission of the school, as having ministries of their own? There will be students for whom an assistant in the library or some other staff member turns out to be the most important person in their seminary experience.

So, we’ve been doing things like creating a staff council, trying to give staff more opportunities, including a more formal voice in the school, and more intentionally caring for them.

More broadly, we have been working to create community across these groups, so that we all get to know each other better, so that we see each other first as people and not as positions. When you do that, you enable a different kind of conversation.

One of my great hopes for Perkins — and it’s a hope already realized, to a large extent, before I came — is that it be one of the rare places where people with substantial disagreements can actually be together in community, learn from one another, even love one another. The bar Jesus set wasn’t that we were required to tolerate each other but that we were required to love each other, even our (real or, more often, imagined) “enemies.”

**DO YOU SEE A SERVANTHOOD ELEMENT TO ANY OF THE INITIATIVES YOU'VE UNDERTAKEN, SUCH AS HAVING PERKINS STUDENTS TAKE COURSES WITH PROFESSORS FROM THE COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS?**

It's out of service to the church that we listen to the church and ask, "What are things we could do that would be more useful, more helpful?" Most of the initiatives we're undertaking, and still more that are under discussion, come directly out of conversations with church leaders.

Also, we're looking not just to send students to other parts of the University but to have students from other parts of the University come here. I think this is a vital part of the future of Perkins — we'll have more and more students who are earning a degree at Simmons [School of Education] or Meadows or Cox, who are people of faith and who say, "I'd like to integrate my faith into my educational or my arts or my business career." We want to provide opportunities for those students to do that.

In this and other ways, we are seeking to serve the wider University. The environment within SMU right now is very conducive to this kind of shared purpose and shared work, which I find exciting. One of the very best things about Perkins is in fact SMU and all the opportunities that exist here for our students.

**YOU WROTE *SERVANT OF ALL* WHILE A PROFESSOR AT DUKE, AND BEFORE IT WAS EVEN PUBLISHED, YOU BECAME DEAN OF PERKINS. THEN YOU ADDED A PREFACE ACKNOWLEDGING THE IRONY OF AN AUTHOR OF A BOOK ABOUT SERVANTHOOD TAKING A SEMINARY'S TOP JOB.**

There are a few places in the book where I make reference to deans specifically — one in comparison to gorillas! I didn't want to excise those from the book, so I thought it was necessary to write a little preface to say these weren't actually meant to be self-referential!

But, yes, I had to wrestle with my motives, as anyone would as a Christian when something like that comes along. You have to ask yourself: How much of this is calling and the desire to serve, and how much of this is ego and the desire to be seen? I suppose in a move like this, one's motives are never likely to be absolutely pure, but you need to test them and try your best to be brutally honest with yourself and with God. Of course, it helps if you can laugh at yourself, especially at your foolish pretensions.

I am grateful for the chance to do this work, but I will in time hand the baton on to another, and the memory of what I have done here will rapidly fade. When a new pope is installed, the master of ceremonies repeats three times the phrase *sic transit gloria mundi*: "the glory of this world passes away." It is good for us all to remember that fact and so not take ourselves too seriously. It is for and in God that what we do has lasting value.

— As told to Sam Hodges



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# A Great Need

Developing personal finances for the future is an ongoing task. We set aside money in our 401(k) or 403(b) accounts. We look forward to taking Social Security rather than simply paying it. And we hope that our financial obligations shrink. In the midst of our long-range plans, we have bills to pay, unexpected car repairs and other expenses to which we must attend — a roof, a water heater, a lawnmower or whatever.

Schools of theology are no different. We build for the future by procuring endowment funds, keeping our buildings in top shape and acquiring planned gifts. But in the meantime, we have bills to pay, employee salaries to disburse, unexpected expenses and intriguing opportunities to pursue and fund.

Perkins is fortunate to be part of SMU's three-year, current-use giving initiative called *Pony Power*. The University is seeking to raise an average of \$50 million per year over three years in money that can be expended right away for current initiatives. Having \$50 million in current-use funds is the equivalent of a disbursement from a \$1 billion endowment! Funding of that magnitude allows us to take advantage of even greater opportunities than we have up to this point.

As you probably know, SMU recently completed an extremely successful \$1.15 billion SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign. Perkins raised almost \$65 million of that total. Those gifts to Perkins transformed some of our facilities, endowed four faculty positions and afforded us significant money for scholarships. The campaign allowed us to move ahead on many fronts.

In the current *Pony Power* initiative, we are asking all Perkins donors to consider making a three-year pledge to a current-use project at Perkins. While we value endowment, capital and planned gifts and will continue to seek those, we are emphasizing current-use gifts during these three years.



John A. Martin  
Director of Development  
Perkins School of Theology

Dean Craig C. Hill has remarked on a number of occasions that our greatest needs are:

- Student financial aid.
- The SMU Fund for Perkins, an unrestricted fund that can be used by the dean where needed most.
- The rejuvenation of the Perkins Houston-Galveston Extension Program.

All three of those priorities impact the number and quality of students attending Perkins. We want to help our students avoid the burden of great personal debt as they follow God's call to study at Perkins.

As Margot Perez-Greene, associate dean for enrollment management, notes, "It is imperative that we make scholarship funds available to our incoming students. They are stretched to the maximum between study, ministry, work and family. We want to help these leaders get well-trained and out into ministry settings."

Hugo Magallanes, director of the Houston-Galveston Program, said, "The opportunity in America's fourth-largest city is immense. I am eager to see what progress Perkins can make in theological education over the next several years in the Houston-Galveston region."

We need your help. I am asking that we stretch ourselves financially so the dean's priorities can be realized.

With a thankful heart,

John

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# Diversity at Perkins

**Perkins School of Theology is renowned for the depth of the scholarly training it provides. Equally impressive is the breadth.**

Perkins prides itself on being an inclusive community of people sharing diverse, respected viewpoints. That's evident in the wide array of classes offered, and the rich variety of research being done by faculty members.

From queer Bible studies to care of the poor, from immigration to the treatment of women in ministry, from promoting interfaith dialogue to preserving Christian ideals in a religiously pluralistic world, the range of topics explored at Perkins is dizzying.

School leaders say a diverse, inclusive portfolio of learning opportunities is critical to the school's mission of training students to be effective, empathetic ministers who will serve an ever-expanding universe of Christian constituencies.



Evelyn L. Parker (M.R.E. '91)  
Associate Dean for  
Academic Affairs

"The motto of Perkins is Called to Serve, Empowered to Lead," noted Evelyn L. Parker (M.R.E. '91), associate dean for academic affairs.

"If we are to fulfill that ideal, we must be attuned to all aspects of spiritual abundance, to the spiritual thriving of all individuals.

"An institution of learning must embrace the needs and aspirations of all people. That means we have to make space for difficult subjects, for tough conversations. We may passionately disagree, but we must invite conversation about our differences as well as the many things we have in common."

Her own work embodies that ethos. Parker's latest book, *Between Sisters: Emancipatory Hope out of Tragic Relationships* (Cascade Books, 2017) examines the difficulties that black-white, mixed-race young women encounter in dealing with women and girls of all ethnicities.

James Kang Hoon Lee



Parker, the Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor of Practical Theology, explores what she calls “the tragic mulatto myth.” An outgrowth of the “one drop rule” that originated in the Old South, the myth holds that anyone with a single drop of black blood — if it shows up in pigmentation or physical features — is “destined for a tragic end,” never fully welcome among whites or blacks.

As a counterpoint to the myth, which persisted in movies, fiction and memoirs well into the 20th century, *Between Sisters* offers readers, and particularly mixed-race young women, the promise of “emancipatory hope through forgiveness, femalship, fortitude and freedom.”

Parker said diverse academic explorations are vital, alongside what may be considered more “traditional” lines of study, if Perkins students are to develop a full appreciation of John Wesley’s (and United Methodism’s) “championing of universal human dignity.”

“We live in a world that’s multi-ethnic and multi-cultural,” she said. “If our students are going to be effective church leaders, they must be able to relate to the cries of pain, as well as the joys, of all people in our global society.”

A quick glimpse of recent Perkins course catalogs provides ready evidence of the school’s dedication to intellectual and theological diversity. (Note: Not all courses are taught every semester. Consult the 2018-19 roster of classes for offerings in the coming academic year.)

Parker said she’s never heard a complaint about the eclectic and, some would say, occasionally edgy subject matter. Nor would she expect to.

“We’re a community of scholars,” she said. “That’s the essence of what a university is. At Perkins, we value continuous dialogue, both within our scholarly community and in the larger community in which we all live.”

“We honor academic freedom. We encourage a rich array of scholarship, and we offer a rich array of classes, a rich array of ideas, for our students to explore. But we don’t force-feed anyone.”

“That’s the best way to celebrate diversity and inclusiveness.”



Karen Baker-Fletcher



Susanne Scholz

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EVELYN L. PARKER (M.R.E. '91), ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## A RICH ARRAY OF CLASSES

**QUEER BIBLE HERMENEUTICS**, taught by **Susanne Scholz**, professor of Old Testament, examines “historical, political, cultural and religious-theological discourses about gender and sexuality” in the Hebrew Bible, with emphasis on “sociocultural practices related to LGBTQ communities.”

**FEMINIST, WOMANIST AND MUJERISTA THEOLOGIES**, taught by **Karen Baker-Fletcher**, professor of systematic theology, explores contemporary theology from women’s perspectives. (“Mujerista,” a term coined by the Cuban-born scholar Ada Maria Isasi-Díaz, refers to a theological approach grounded in the experiences and struggles of Latina feminists.)

**THE THEOLOGY AND ETHICS OF 19TH-CENTURY HOLINESS WOMEN** is taught by Baker-Fletcher and **Rebekah Miles**, professor of ethics and practical theology and director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies. The course is “an

exploration of the knowledge and experience of God” in the writings of 19th-century women called to ministry, emphasizing their understanding of social justice issues.

**THE POOR IN JOHN WESLEY’S ETHICS**, taught by **Hugo Magallanes**, associate professor of Christianity and culture, looks at Wesley’s response to the needs of the poor and other marginalized groups of his time.

**SPORTS AND SPIRITUALITY**, an elective seminar taught by **Mark W. Stamm**, professor of Christian worship (and a passionate baseball fan), offers a theological perspective on cheating and corruption in professional and collegiate sports, racism and the obstacles that female and gay athletes face. At the same time, it celebrates the joys of playing or watching sports.

**EARLY CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND THE BIBLE**, taught by

**James Kang Hoon Lee**, assistant professor of the history of early Christianity, explores the role of mysticism in the early church, when Christian spirituality was in its formative stages.

**RACE RELATIONS AND THE CHURCH**, taught by **Harold J. Recinos**, professor of church and society, addresses the experiences of black, white, Hispanic, Asian-American and Native American Christians as they interact through the church.

**MINISTRY IN THE BLACK CHURCH**, taught by **Thomas Spann**, professor of supervised ministry and director of the Intern Program, looks at ways the African worldview shaped the development of American black churches, at the modern-day challenges that those churches face and at ministerial responses to pressing social issues, such as broad access to health care.

## DIVERSE RESEARCH PURSUITS

In addition to Perkins’ classroom offerings, the research pursuits of faculty reflect a diverse inclusiveness:

**Karen Baker-Fletcher** writes extensively on “womanist theology,” a conceptual framework that examines religious traditions, practices and Scriptures from a perspective that emphasizes the empowerment and liberation of women of color who seek to overcome violence, oppression and prejudice based on race, class, gender or sexuality.

**Robert A. Hunt**, director of global theological education and of the Center for Evangelism, is a scholar of world religions, interreligious dialogue, contemporary Muslim movements, world Christianity and Christian identity in a pluralistic world.

**Tamara Lewis**, assistant professor of the history of Christianity, has researched ways Protestant doctrine was used in 16th- and 17th-century England to shape “racial ideologies” that sought to justify such practices as slavery and colonialism.

**Hugo Magallanes**, director of the Houston-Galveston Extension Program and associate professor of Christianity and cultures, has studied John Wesley’s views on the poor, the church’s moral responsibilities (on, among other issues, immigration) and multicultural ministries.

**Harold J. Recinos** counts among his areas of research expertise Latino theology and Latin American immigrants and refugees. (He’s also a published poet whose verse, one

reviewer wrote, “moves readers to develop a compassionate awareness for the hopes, struggles and suffering of the most vulnerable members of society.”)

**Susanne Scholz** has written about feminist hermeneutics, violence against women in sacred texts and the Hebrew Bible in film.

**Abraham Smith**, professor of New Testament, has studied African-American biblical hermeneutics.

**Theodore Walker Jr.**, associate professor of ethics and society, has written and lectured on liberation theology, black theology, the theological ethics of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the writings of Stokely Carmichael and Malcolm X.



**AMBER OXLEY**



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TO LEAD**



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**ROBIN MURRAY**



**FLOR GRANILLO**



**PHILLIP CLAY**

# Students reflect on their Perkins experience:

“Perkins strives to assist students in discovering and empowering their voices as they define and refine their theology and understanding of their roles as faith leaders and pastors. Perkins empowers its students to lead by giving them a safe space to explore and fail and learn as they discover their voice — their identity as faith leaders and pastors through worship, course work, internship and student organizations.”

**Amber Oxley (M.Div. '18)**

“Perkins is unique because it truly does provide a welcoming space for non-United Methodists. This can be seen throughout the diversity of faculty, staff and students. Perkins is shaping my call to service by providing tools that constantly remind me of...the One who called me and those to whom I am called. Perkins' diversity, inclusivity and accessibility are embodied in the passion with which the faculty and staff serve. Simply put, Perkins is showing me how to lead by empowering rather than simply providing 'right' answers.”

**Donte Ford (M.S.M. '16, M.Div. '18)**

“By choosing Perkins, which is both affordable and accessible, I receive an excellent (part-time) theology education while continuing my full-time job in Dallas. The fact that 50 percent of Perkins students are women and more than 30 percent are ethnic minorities was also important. Perkins is shaping my call to service by allowing me, an older female student, to attend, study and grow into my calling at my own pace. Studying and interacting with diverse students and excellent faculty supports me as I grow into my own faith leadership. I am so glad to have chosen Perkins!”

**Claudia Stephens, Associate Professor, Division of Theatre, Southern Methodist University (M.A.M. '20)**

“I visited seven seminaries, and out of them all, Perkins had the most welcoming community. I felt like I was a welcomed student before I even applied. Through Perkins connections, I have been able to work as a classroom leader in a nonprofit after-school program. This experience invites me to connect my theological education with a ministry in West Dallas. I feel led to start a nontraditional church in my home conference, and my classes at Perkins have provided a space of open discernment for what that could look like.”

**Kristina Roth (M.Div. '20)**

“Classes aren't just lectures and notes; they are holistic experiences. Being challenged by professors who dedicate themselves to the growth of theologically and critically minded ministers, while examining various aspects of our sacred texts and voices contributing to

the evolution of Christianity and society, is empowering. They foster communal engagement and care that extends throughout our campus. Since my first week of classes, I maintain that just as 'it takes a village to raise a child', it takes a community to get through seminary. And, I have been and will be continuously blessed by relationships cultivated through Perkins. Classmates, professors and administrators whose mere presence encourage me to be a better man and minister, to keep loving, learning and fighting for justice, and to stay grounded in prayer.”

**Christian Watkins (M.Div. '19)**

“I knew Perkins School of Theology was the place for me when I felt the strong sense of community among the students, faculty and staff. The quality of education and encouragement of faculty to help students find our authentic voices was an important factor. The diverse faculty and genuine relationships with them, access to resources and opportunities to develop leadership skills have made Perkins unique for me. These things and more have helped me discern my call to service and have empowered me to lead in ministry. Individuals considering Perkins should prepare to be challenged academically and uplifted spiritually.”

**Robin Murray (M.Div. '18)**

“I was thrown into the wilderness when I moved to the USA as a single mother with an urgent need of a closer relationship with God. In the midst of these circumstances — a new language, new culture, a sojourner in a land that was not mine — I heard God calling. 'Where do I go?' I asked, and God's response was 'Go to Perkins!' During my time here, I have witnessed the grace of God in all aspects of my life. Perkins is equipping me well and I feel secure, confident, embraced, acknowledged, empowered and part of a loving Christian community. Certainly, God is guiding me to the promised land.”

**Flor Granillo (M. Div. '19)**

“Perkins is unique for me because I am not a number or a face — I am a member of the family. The wide variety of perspectives is exactly what I need. Perkins is truly a place where academia weds spirituality — it's real. Each lecture proves itself to be a profoundly spiritual experience, pushing me both forward into my ministry and deeper into my relationship with God. I finally understand just how deep, wide, immense ministry can be. Now that my own future is coming into focus, I'm grateful for having the freedom to explore what that looks like through conversations and through practice.”

**Phillip Clay (M.Div. '19)**

# Perkins Students Take 'Servant Leadership' Into the Community





Through a new Perkins initiative, students, faculty and staff are discovering fresh, meaningful ways to both learn and serve throughout North Texas.

Dean Craig C. Hill launched the effort in 2017 with the appointment of Tracy Anne Allred as assistant dean of student life and director of community engagement.

Her mandate, she said, was to seek new opportunities for Perkins “to engage in meaningful ways with a wide range of creative, entrepreneurial and vital ministries.”

Under her guidance, Perkins students have volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank, the Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center, the Aberg Center for Literacy at Casa Linda United Methodist Church in East Dallas and the Wesley-Rankin Community Center, a nonprofit that promotes education in underserved neighborhoods of West Dallas.

And on Jan. 15 of this year, Perkins students, staff and faculty joined their SMU peers by marching in the city of Dallas’ 36th annual parade honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (They didn’t just march; they also handed out information about King’s celebrated 1966 visit to SMU.)

It’s one more example, Hill said, of Perkins leading by serving.

“There is great wisdom available to the church in Perkins, but there is also great wisdom available to Perkins in the church,” he said. The greater Dallas area — like that of Houston, where Perkins operates an extension program — includes “an extraordinary number and range of vibrant, innovative and fruitful ministries,” the dean said.

“This is a phenomenal asset for our students, who can benefit enormously from these examples. But first they have to make the connection, to become aware of what is out there, and to find ways to engage with it.”

Allred added: “If prospective students knew they could enroll in a world-class school of theology with an outstanding faculty and top-notch library resources and, on top of all that, understand that they will have the chance to experience the church working in the ever-changing world in so many dynamic ways, it may make their decisions to join the Perkins student body easier.”

And more fruitful.

“Already,” Hill said, “this work has begun to make a vital contribution to our students’ experience at Perkins.”

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DEAN HILL



# 2017 Fall Convocation: 'The Power of the Story'



Bestselling author Anne Lamott enthralled the Fall Convocation with her observations on the power of mercy.

**Almost 2,500 present and future church leaders – students, laity and clergy – filled SMU’s McFarlin Auditorium for a public lecture by acclaimed American author Anne Lamott, and a record 220 registered participants attended the Perkins School of Theology Fall Convocation on Nov. 13-14, 2017.**

The two-day event also included lectures and workshops by Perkins faculty members and other leading theologians, teachers and ministers.

The annual Fall Convocation is a continuing education program that includes lectures, workshops and symposiums, as well as worship services and social gatherings. The 2017 theme was “The Power of the Story.”

“Through events such as this, Perkins is committed to further strengthening our partnership with the religious community in the Dallas area and beyond,” said Dean Craig C. Hill.

Lamott discussed her newest book, *Hallelujah Anyway*, an extended personal essay on the power of mercy.

“Mercy, grace, forgiveness and compassion are synonyms,” she writes. Mercy helps us cope with messes, especially “the great big mess of ourselves – our arrogance, greed, poverty, disease, prejudice.”

Other featured speakers were the Rev. Dr. Amos Yong, professor of theology and mission at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.; and the Rev. Dr. N.T. Wright, professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Yong spoke about “the soundscape of preaching,” how the sound of a homily can illuminate its message. Wright, a retired Anglican bishop, urged his audience to rely on what he called “the three I’s”: the inexhaustibility of Scripture, the irreplaceability of family love and “the indispensability of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.”

“Through this year’s Fall Convocation,” Hill said, “Perkins brought together three very distinct theological voices and stories in a powerful way.”



**Above: A record number of students, laity and clergy attended the 2017 Fall Convocation. Bottom: The Rev. Dr. Amos Yong (left) and the Rev. Dr. N.T. Wright were featured scholars addressing the Convocation.**



## PERKINS LAUNCHES HYBRID HOUSTON-GALVESTON DEGREE PROGRAM

Students in Perkins School of Theology's Houston-Galveston Extension Program will be able to earn the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.) degree completely on-site through a groundbreaking distance-education program scheduled to launch in fall 2018.

Through intensive and hybrid courses, students from the Houston-Galveston region — or those who travel to Houston — can earn the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree in three years or Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.) degree in two years. This new model, approved by the Association of Theological Schools in February 2018, waives the Dallas campus residency requirement, which included completion of at least one year of the M.Div. and one-third of the M.A.M. on the Perkins-SMU campus, in place since the program's inception in 1995.

The program, which enables students to attend seminary while still employed full- or part-time, will reduce the strain on students' time and money while providing quality instruction from Perkins' full-time faculty.

"Students who are called to service will receive the same outstanding education as those on the SMU campus," according to Perkins Dean Craig C. Hill. "Our world-class faculty will commute to Houston-Galveston from Dallas for the intensive courses and will also have regular and substantive interaction with students during the face-to-face portion and through online forums."

Many Perkins faculty, through SMU's Center for Teaching Excellence, have completed the University's course in online teaching, and the program will receive ongoing technological support from SMU. Residential classes, spiritual formation and community engagement take place in the program's four partner sites: St. Paul's UMC, Houston Methodist Hospital, and St. John's UMC in Houston, and at Moody Memorial UMC in Galveston.

"This enhancement of the Houston-Galveston Extension Program is great news for United Methodists in this region," said Bishop Scott Jones of the Texas Annual Conference.

"We are committed to raising up a new generation of leaders for the church, and Perkins is an important partner in our efforts. This new form of education will give many more students the opportunity for a world-class theological education close to home," he said.

Director of the Houston-Galveston Extension Program is Hugo Magallanes, associate professor of Christianity and cultures at Perkins School of Theology and former director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions. A member of the Perkins faculty since 2007, Magallanes was named as the program's first director in June 2017. Campus manager is Dallas Gingles, a Ph.D. graduate of Southern Methodist University.

"We are convinced that there are many prospective students in the greater Houston region and beyond who have been waiting for this moment," Magallanes said. "Obtaining a seminary education from Perkins while maintaining the stability of work, home and family is an option we know many will want to take advantage of."



**The M.Div. and M.A.M. degrees can be completed in their entirety in Houston-Galveston by following this plan:**

- Students must take all courses offered: three courses per semester (Fall, Spring, Summer);
- The basic M.Div. and M.A.M. degree (no standard concentrations or certificates) is offered. Completion of standard concentrations may require travel, although students may build customized concentrations;
- Students are required to be physically present for 20 hours of face-to-face instruction — 10 hours at the beginning and end of each semester — per class;
- All residential classes will include a community meal;
- Some courses will be offered in one-week intensives, typically in the January Term or Summer.

**For more information about the Houston-Galveston Extension Program, contact:**

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# INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES EXTEND PERKINS' MISSION

Committed to those called to serve so that they might be empowered to lead



## DEGREE CONCENTRATIONS

In partnership with Cox School of Business and Meadows School of the Arts, two new concentrations — in Church/Nonprofit Management and Social Innovation and Nonprofit Engagement — are now offered to M.Div. and M.A.M. students. Perkins is also in conversation with Simmons School of Education about a joint degree offering.



## TECHNOLOGY

A number of Perkins faculty members have now been trained to teach in the hybrid format, even as the Houston-Galveston Extension Program and Course of Study School are shifting increasingly to this pedagogy. “The expectation is that the great majority of classes taught on the Dallas campus will continue to utilize more traditional forms of pedagogy,” said Dean Craig C. Hill, “but that they will be supplemented where helpful by the thoughtful use of technology.”



## UNDERGRADUATE PARTNERSHIPS

Memoranda of Understanding have been signed between Perkins and eight United Methodist-related colleges and universities in the South Central Jurisdiction during the 2017-18 academic year. These new agreements provide preferred consideration and early decision for admission to graduates who have completed all the prerequisites for admission to SMU and gives qualified students early consideration for scholarships and other financial aid at Perkins. The agreement, which also includes provisions for annual visits by Perkins admission staff to the partner colleges and universities and reciprocal visits by interested students to SMU, is expected to also include new collaborative academic and enrichment opportunities for faculty and students.

The colleges and universities include Centenary College, Shreveport, La.; Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.; Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.; Austin College, Sherman, Tex.; Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Tex.; McMurry University, Abilene, Tex.; Wylie College, Marshall, Tex.; Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

In addition, Perkins is also actively reaching out to Wesley Foundations at various regional universities to build new partnerships.



## PERKINS STAFF COUNCIL

With the goal of building community, offering care and support for one another, and enhanced communication across the school, the Perkins Staff Council was formed during the 2016-17 academic year. The council, composed of staff nominated and elected by their peers, coordinates regular all-staff gatherings, organizes outreach to staff in times of personal or family need and works closely with the Perkins representative to the SMU Staff Advocacy Council.



Perkins Dean Craig C. Hill (left) and author Joseph Jaworski discuss servant leadership at the Bolin Family 2018 Public Life Personal Faith Lecture and Luncheon.

## BOLIN FAMILY LUNCHEON RAISES \$73,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bolin Family 2018 Public Life Personal Faith Lecture and Luncheon, featuring bestselling author and leadership expert Joseph Jaworski of Austin, filled SMU's Mack Ballroom to capacity on Feb. 2. The annual event, which included an engaging dialogue on servant leadership between Mr. Jaworski and Perkins Dean Craig C. Hill, raised approximately \$73,000 in financial aid for the new Perkins Scholars initiative.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Bolin Family 2019 Public Life Personal Faith Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019. The featured guest will be Judy Woodruff, anchor of *PBS NewsHour*, who will be interviewed by Peggy Wehmeyer, former national news religion reporter for ABC's *World News Tonight*. For table sponsorship, information and registration, contact John Martin at [johnma@smu.edu](mailto:johnma@smu.edu) or 214-768-2026.



The inaugural class of Perkins Scholars, recognized during the luncheon, includes (from left): Madison Garcia of Longview, Tex.; Benjamin McCoy of Catoosa, Okla.; Anna Bundy of Trinity, NC; Chase Burns of Sherwood, Ark.; Nick McRae of LaFayette, Ga.; Kristina Roth of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and Ashley Smith of Irving. Not pictured are Brandy Stevens of Nederland; Susie Morales of Houston; and Ellen Thornburg of Houston.

## BRIDWELL LIBRARY SUMMER-FALL 2018 EVENTS

### HELEN WARREN DEGOLYER BOOKBINDING COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

**June 8 – July 13**

Every three years, Bridwell Library hosts a bookbinding competition named in honor of the late Helen Warren DeGolyer, an esteemed patron of the Dallas arts and education. The triennial event is made possible through an endowment established by her family in 1996.

American bookbinders seeking to enter the competition must submit their proposals for rebinding a specific book from the Bridwell collection, as well as a recent example of their work.

The person who submits the winning entry receives the 2018 DeGolyer Award for American Bookbinding, which carries a commission to bind the book according to the terms of the winner's proposal. In addition, the competition judges select award winners for excellence in fine binding and artistic design.

This year's panel of judges includes Tish Brewer of the Center for Art Conservation; Bexx Caswell-Olson, special collections conservator for the libraries of Michigan State University; R. Arvid Nelsen, rare books and manuscripts librarian at Bridwell Library; Ellen Buie Niewyk, a special collections curator at SMU's Hamon Arts Library; and Priscilla Spitler, the owner of Hands On Bookbinding of Truth or Consequences, N.M., and the recipient of the 2015 DeGolyer Award.

The Bridwell book to be bound in this year's competition is Volume 4 (The Apocrypha) of *The English Bible: containing the Old Testament & the New*, published by the Doves Press of Hammersmith, London, between 1903 and 1905.

On display in conjunction with the competition will be the contestants' submitted designs, as well as other examples of fine bookbinding, including winners of past DeGolyer competitions. The Doves Press Apocrypha, bound as issued, will also be displayed.

Bridwell Library Special Collections houses two complete sets (and one incomplete set) of the Doves Press Bible printed on paper — and one of only two sets printed on vellum. The vellum set belonged to Emery Walker, one of the founders of the Doves Press.

### THE PIETISTS

**Aug. 20 – Dec. 14**

Pietism was a reform movement in 17th and 18th century Dutch and German Protestantism which eventually spread to Great Britain, North America and around the world. The rise of Pietism can be traced to a war of words between theologians, and to a real war, one of the most devastating in European history.

After the deaths of Martin Luther (in 1546) and Jean Calvin (in 1564), the focus of Protestantism began to shift from fomenting change to consolidating gains. The early Protestant reformers had championed a belief in salvation by faith through grace. The next generation, however, undertook a heavy-handed effort to define the limits of acceptable belief — to establish a Protestant Orthodoxy. By the early 1600s, critics of this effort complained that Christianity was being reduced to little more than competing sets of exclusive, rigid intellectual propositions.

Others countered, however, that while the Reformation had succeeded in reformulating church doctrine and polity, it had done little to improve the spirituality and morality of society.

Concurrent with this scholarly

wrangling, the Thirty Years' War (1618-48) left Europe decimated and demoralized. An era of religious disillusionment followed. Within Protestantism some who yearned for a more vital, experiential and ethical approach to faith began looking back to the teachings of Christ, the early church and later mystics for guidance. The result was Pietism, a new "religion of the heart" based on faith in transformative inner experience, expressed in a life of Christian commitment.

Pietism stressed love of God and neighbor over doctrinal purity. It viewed evangelism and good works as the tools through which God would transform society. While Pietists valued Bible study for spiritual guidance, they also believed inspiration and empowerment could come through the Holy Spirit.

"The Pietists" features works from Bridwell Library Special Collections written by precursors to and leaders of the Pietist movement in Holland, Germany, Great Britain and the United States. These writings illustrate the theological and geographic diversity of the movement during its period of greatest influence, from the late 17th century to the early 19th century.

### MANDALAS: JOSEPH QUILLIAN

**May 4 – Aug. 19**

Joseph D. Quillian, Jr. (1917-1992) served as dean of the Perkins School of Theology from 1960 until his retirement in 1981.

He was a pastor, a professor, an administrator — and a talented amateur artist.

As a youngster, he would doodle in notebooks and on scraps of paper. Many of his drawings featured geometric shapes, sometimes

enclosed in circles. As he got older and honed his artistic skills, the designs became more intricate.

Many years later, through the writings of Carl Jung, Quillian learned that his “circles by a square” had a name: They were mandalas, an ancient Hindu and Buddhist graphic art form representing the cosmos.

In Jung’s view, the mandala was a symbol of order brought forth from universal chaos. But for Quillian, drawing meticulous geometric shapes over and over was a just way to relax, to burn off excess energy while at his desk or in meetings.

The Bridwell exhibition features drawings by the dean dating back to the 1940s, along with other items from his papers, which are preserved in the library’s archives.



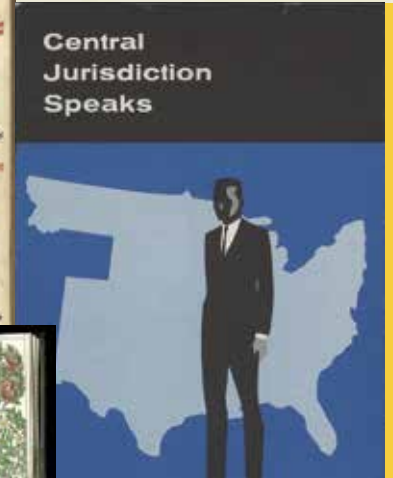
## THE UNITING CONFERENCE OF 1968 AND THE BIRTH OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Aug. 24 - Dec. 7

The United Methodist Church was created in 1968 through two unions, one internal and one external. The internal union was the joining of black and white Methodists into a racially integrated denomination. The external union was the merging of two Wesleyan bodies: The Methodist Church and the much smaller Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Negotiating the mergers took years. The effort culminated with a Uniting Conference that took place in Dallas in April and May of 1968.

This exhibition commemorates the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Methodist Church. It includes documents and images that chronicle the union of black and white Methodist churches, the merger with the Evangelical United Brethren and the Uniting Conference that produced the second-largest Protestant denomination in the United States.





Beverly E. White (left), Libba Richardson (center) — on behalf of her mother, Kathryn S. Stream — and Lydia Bean (right), 2018 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award recipients.

### 3 DEDICATED LAY SERVANTS EARN WOODROW SEALS AWARD

**Perkins School of Theology announced three recipients of its 2018 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award: Lydia Bean, Kathryn S. Stream and Beverly E. White.**

The award is presented annually to U.S. laypersons who embody the Christian faith and a commitment of service to Christ in the church, community and world.

The 2018 winners were honored on March 22, during the opening worship service of the three-day Perkins Theological School for the Laity in Perkins Chapel.

Bean is the founder and executive director of Faith in Texas, a multiracial interfaith movement dedicated to developing social-justice leadership in faith communities. She is the author of *The Politics of Evangelical Identity* and a contributor to *The Washington Post*, the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* and other publications. She is active in Life in Deep Ellum, an ecumenical Christian faith community and cultural center in downtown Dallas.

Stream is a retired senior vice president of the Texas Medical Center in Houston, the largest medical complex in the world, with more than 60 collaborating institutions. A pediatric audiologist and Ph.D. in preventative medicine, she worked at Baylor University

Medical Center at Dallas and Texas Woman's University before joining the Texas Medical Center. She's a member of First United Methodist Church of Denton, where she's active in several ministries.

White is a physician at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas and a member of Highland Park United Methodist Church, where she serves on the Haiti Partnership committee. Her dedication to treating the underserved has taken her on medical and humanitarian mission trips around the globe. In Dallas, she volunteers with Meals on Wheels, and in congregational care and the children's ministry at Munger Place United Methodist Church.

The award is named for U.S. District Judge Woodrow Bradley Seals of Texas, who died in 1990. Known for his humanitarianism, Seals received the World Methodist Peace Award in 1987, and he was the first non-Catholic to be awarded a papal medal for his work with the needy. The judge was instrumental in establishing the Perkins Theological School for the Laity.

**Nominations for the 2019 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award will be accepted through Dec. 1, 2018. For more information, contact [theoexternalprograms@smu.edu](mailto:theoexternalprograms@smu.edu)**

## THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY

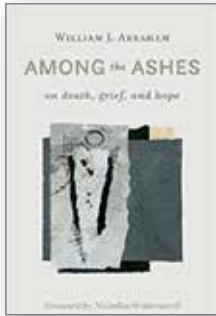
The 2018 Perkins Theological School for the Laity, a three-day event focusing on the Bible, theology and spirituality, was held March 22-24 on the Southern Methodist University campus. The Rev. Dr. Mark Teasdale, Associate Professor of Evangelism at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. graduate of Southern Methodist University, delivered the keynote Wallace Chappell Lecture: *Stewards of God's Mystery, Leaders for the World*.

Six Perkins faculty conducted full and half-day courses during the event, which included more than 140 registrants from across the United States.

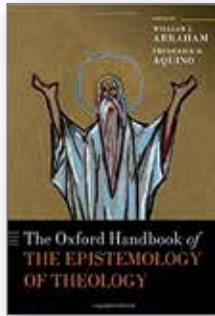
The 2019 Perkins Theological School for the Laity is scheduled for March 28-30. Request updates at [smu.ed/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.ed/perkins/oepupdates)



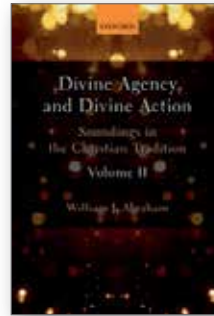
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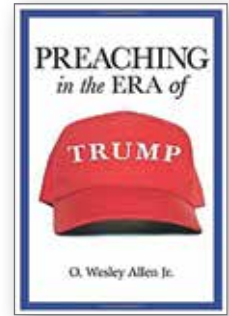
**WILLIAM J. ABRAHAM**  
*Among the Ashes: On Death, Grief, and Hope*  
Eerdman (2017)



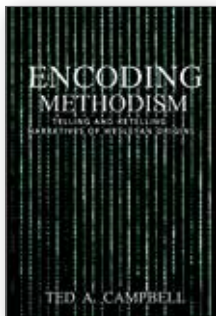
**WILLIAM J. ABRAHAM**  
*The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*  
Oxford University Press (2017)  
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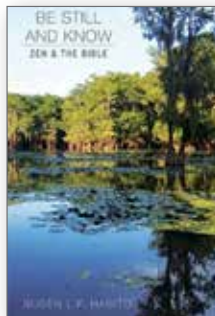
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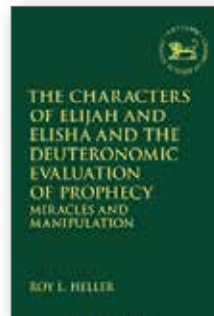
**O. WESLEY ALLEN JR.**  
*Preaching in the Era of Trump*  
Chalice Press (2017)



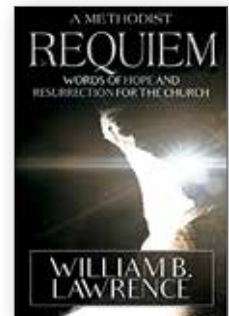
**TED A. CAMPBELL**  
*Encoding Methodism: Telling and Retelling Narratives of Wesleyan Origins*  
New Room Books (2017)



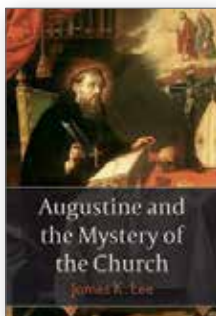
**RUBEN L. F. HABITO**  
*Be Still and Know: Zen and the Bible*  
Orbus Books (2017)



**ROY L. HELLER**  
*The Characters of Elijah and Elisha and the Deuteronomistic Evaluation of Prophecy: Miracles and Manipulation*  
The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies (2018)



**WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE**  
*A Methodist Requiem: Words of Hope and Resurrection for the Church*  
Foundry Books (2017)



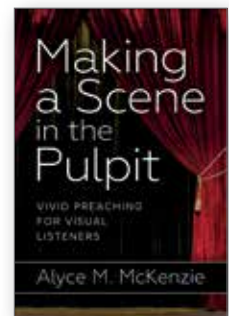
**JAMES KANG HOON LEE**  
*Augustine and the Mystery of the Church*  
Fortress Press (2017)



**NATALIA MARANDIU**  
*The Goodness of Home: Human and Divine Love and the Making of the Self*  
Oxford University Press (2018)

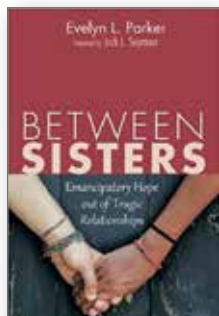


**ALYCE M. MCKENZIE**  
*Wise Up! Four Biblical Virtues for Navigating Life*  
Cascade Books (2018)



**ALYCE M. MCKENZIE**  
*Making a Scene in the Pulpit: Vivid Preaching for Visual Listeners*  
Westminster John Knox Press (2018)

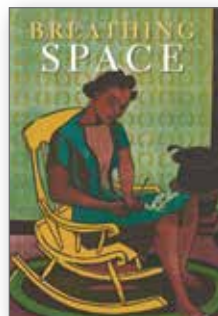




**EVELYN L. PARKER**  
*Between Sisters: Emancipatory Hope out of Tragic Relationships*  
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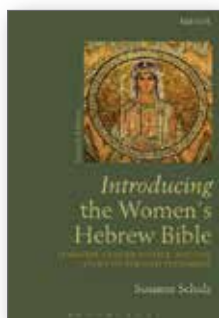
**HAROLD J. RECINOS**  
*Word Simple*  
 Resource Publications (2017)



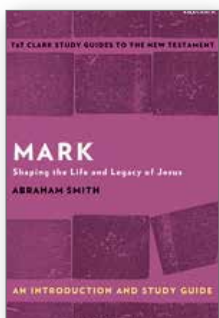
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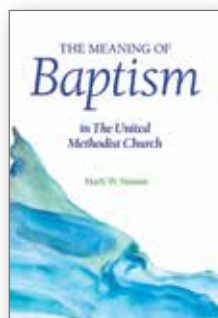
**SUSANNE SCHOLZ**  
*The Bible as Political Artifact: On The Feminist Study of the Hebrew Bible*  
 Fortress Press (2017)



**SUSANNE SCHOLZ**  
*Introducing the Women's Hebrew Bible: Feminism, Gender Justice, and the Study of the Old Testament (2nd edition)*  
 T&T Clark (2017)



**ABRAHAM SMITH**  
*Mark: Shaping the Life and Legacy of Jesus: An Introduction and Study Guide*  
 T&T Clark (2017)



**MARK W. STAMM**  
*The Meaning of Baptism in the United Methodist Church*  
 Discipleship Ministries (2017)



## Perkins Offers Innovative Th.M. Program for Spanish Speakers

In fall 2017, Perkins School of Theology became the first United Methodist seminary to offer an advanced theology degree (Th.M.) in Spanish. Funded by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation and administered by Perkins' Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions, the program is allowing eight native Spanish speakers who already have a master of divinity or master of theological studies degree to go further in their studies. Students are on-site each fall and spring for intensive courses with Spanish-speaking Perkins faculty and will graduate with the 2019 class.

Spanish-language Th.M. students, joined by Perkins faculty and students, led worship in Perkins Chapel on Oct. 12, 2017. From left: Grace Vargas, a student in the SMU Graduate Program in Religious Studies; Paul Barton, director of the Hispanic/Latin@ Ministries Program; Betsey Careaga, Perkins M.Div. student; Wellington Santos of Brazil; Jonathan Sanchez of Venezuela; Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, director of the Doctor of Ministry Program; Fernanda Casar-Marfil of Mexico; Hugo Magallanes, director of the Houston-Galveston Extension Program; Fany Quesada-Escobar of Peru; Harold Recinos, professor of church and society; Jose Martinez of Puerto Rico; Soledad de la Cerda of Chile; Pablo Oviedo of Argentina; Rebekah Miles, director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies; Isabel Docampo, director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions; and Ruben Olivares Garcia of Cuba.

# Faculty News

**William J. Abraham**, Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies, received SMU's 2018 Faculty Career Achievement Award, presented by Provost Steven C. Currall on May 7.

**O. Wesley Allen Jr.**, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics, served as the 2017 president of the Academy of Homiletics. As past president, he remains a member of the academy's 2018 Executive Committee.

The Rev. **Tamara E. Lewis**, assistant professor of the history of Christianity, received the University's HOPE (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence) Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication Inside and Outside of the Classroom for 2017-18. She was also appointed to the Program Committee of the American Society of Church History and the Executive Committee of the Women and Religion Unit of the American Academy of Religion for 2018-19.

**Steve Long**, Cary M. Maguire University Professor of Ethics, received the University's HOPE (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence) Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication Inside and Outside of the Classroom for 2017-18.

**Natalia Marandiuc**, assistant professor of Christian theology, received the Yale Center for Faith and Culture Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant funded by the John Templeton Foundation. She was also a Sam Taylor Fellowship recipient, awarded by SMU, which allows faculty in many fields to pursue research projects.

**Abraham Smith**, professor of New Testament, was appointed as a principal representative of the National Council of Churches to the Editorial Board of the Society of Biblical Literature. The Editorial Board will propose an update to the New Revised Standard Version, based on the most recent biblical scholarship.

**Theodore Walker Jr.**, associate professor of ethics and society, delivered the SMU Maguire Public Scholar Lecture on Feb. 7, 2018. The title of his lecture was "Don't Call King a 'Civil Rights' Leader: Toward abolishing poverty and war by correcting our fatally inadequate remembering of Martin Luther King Jr."



**C. Michael Hawn** (second from left in photo), distinguished professor *emeritus* of church music and director of the Doctor of Pastoral Music Program, was honored with the 2017 Roger Deschner Award for contributions to church music.

The award, named for the late director of the Master of Sacred Music Program at Perkins, was presented to Hawn on July 24 at the convocation of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts in Little Rock, Ark.

"His creativity in worship as a professor of sacred music at Perkins ... and around the world has been celebrated by many," said Brad Kisner (M.S.M. '80), in introducing Hawn as the Deschner Award winner. Kisner, director of music, worship and arts at First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi, is a former student and graduate assistant of Deschner's at Perkins.

Hawn said of the award: "I am honored to receive it and particularly pleased since I shared Roger's office in Kirby Hall for the last 25 years, having been hired to assume his former position when he died in 1991."



**Priscilla Pope-Levison**, associate dean for external programs and professor of ministerial studies, is the 2018 president of the Wesleyan Theological Society. She was also appointed to a five-year term as a participant in the Methodist/Roman Catholic International Dialogue on the theme, "The Practice of Reconciliation." In October 2017, Pope-Levison (left) met Pope Francis at the Vatican.



**Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner**, professor of pastoral care, concluded her tenure in May 2018 as president of the SMU faculty senate. Her final official act was carrying the ornamental mace during the 2018 Commencement (pictured here in 2017).

# Perkins Names Anthony Elia Director of Bridwell Library

Anthony Elia has been named J.S. Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian and director of Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology, effective June 1. He succeeds retiring Director Roberta Schaafsma, who has served in that role since April 2007.

Elia, director of library and educational technology at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis since 2013, will be responsible for providing vision, strategic direction and operational leadership for Bridwell Library. In addition, he will promote the development of collections and oversee the library's public service and user education efforts.

"Bridwell Library is an extraordinary institution, both in the theological library world and the greater global community of research and scholarship," Elia said. "It is a great honor to join such an exceptional staff and inclusive community, where students, teachers, scholars, lay community members, ministers, alumnae/i and many others are able to work with world-class collections. The vision for Bridwell will be a vision of partnerships, engagement and community participation, where all will continue to feel welcome to find inspiration and spirit in their work, life and vocations," he said.

Elia earned a B.A. degree in religious studies from St. Lawrence University, M.A. degrees in religious studies from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and in history of Christianity from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and the Master of Science in Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois.

He brings significant expertise in library science and educational technology, which he has utilized in both U.S. and global contexts. From 2010-13, he served as head public services librarian at Burke Library, Columbia University and was a lecturer in theological writing at Union Theological Seminary, both in New York City. In addition, he has held positions at the JKM Library of McCormick Theological Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the American Theological Library Association and the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago.

The author of numerous publications, he will present "The Theology of Cybersecurity" at the June 2018 American Theological Library Association conference in Indianapolis. Elia has held numerous leadership positions in his field, including membership on the Directors' Committee of



the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana, where he also served as secretary of the Executive Committee. He was chair/president of the New York Area Theological Library Association from 2011-12 and vice-president of the Chicago Area Theological Library Association in 2010. In addition, he was chair and past co-chair of the International Relations Round Table IVC Committee, American Library Association from 2013-15.

Elia has also been awarded a number of grants, including a 2015-16 Wabash Center Grant for "Pedagogy of the Archive."

A composer, Elia participated in the Religion, Spirituality and the Arts Seminar at Butler University and was also invited by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to deliver a pre-concert lecture on Olivier Messiaen and Theology in 2016.

"Anthony Elia brings extraordinary energy and intellectual curiosity to this position," said Perkins Dean Craig C. Hill. "In addition to his academic degrees, he has studied some 20 languages, including work in Prague, Rome and Nairobi. Just as important, he has demonstrated the ability to forge connections between a theological library and the wider university and community."

The J.S. Bridwell Library — among the best theological libraries in the nation — includes a full range of theological, biblical and historical materials relating to the development of Christianity. In addition to the material available in the basic lending collection of the library, which is strong in Methodist materials, Bridwell Library contains a number of special collections that are valuable for the study of topics related to the background, rise, development and present status of Methodism.

With total holdings exceeding 370,000 volumes, Bridwell Library's Special Collections contain over 50,000 printed books dating from the 15th to the 20th century. Most of the printed works in these holdings, often in first and early editions, are in the fields of theology, church history, scripture, liturgy and philosophy. Many of these editions are distinguished by fine illustration and typography, notable provenances and historically significant bindings. Holdings also include manuscript correspondence by John Wesley and other important figures in early Methodism, archival collections of American Methodism and private presses and a small group of Medieval and Renaissance manuscripts.

# New Faces at Perkins



**Rev. Dr. Charles Aaron (M.Div. '85)** is co-director of the Perkins Intern Program and an associate professor of supervised ministry. He holds a doctorate from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va., and is an ordained United Methodist elder in the North Texas Annual Conference.



**Jazmin Cabrera** joined the Perkins staff in January 2017 as assistant director of the Hispanic-Latin@ Ministries Program, which recruits and trains church leaders to minister effectively to Spanish-speaking and bilingual worshippers.



**Anthony Elia** is J.S. Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian and Director of Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology, effective June 1, 2018. (See *article*.)



**Reba Gram** is a program specialist in the Intern Program, having transferred from within SMU. She serves as assistant to the director of the Intern Program.



**Mark Greim** is business manager for Perkins School of Theology. He previously worked as a finance manager, controller and staff accountant for a wide range of private-sector companies.



**Bridget Anderson Oswald** is the school's associate director of public affairs and alumni/ae relations, assisting Rev. Connie L. Nelson, director.



**Sandy Oswald** is financial aid coordinator and administrative assistant to the Rev. Dr. Margot Perez-Greene, associate dean for enrollment management



**Rev. Dr. Margot Perez-Greene (M.Div. '11)**, is associate dean for enrollment management. A clergy member of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, Perez-Greene holds an M.A. degree in Counselor Education from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. degree in Educational Administration from The University of Texas at Austin.



**Christina Rhodes** is an advancement associate in the Office of Development. She assists John Martin, director.



## RETIREES WE'LL MISS

**Judy Gibbons**, assistant to the director of the Intern Program.

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**Michael C. Hawn**, distinguished professor of church music, director of the Sacred Music Program and author of "History of Hymns," a longstanding weekly column for *The United Methodist Reporter*.

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**William B. Lawrence**, Perkins dean from 2002 to 2016, who retires as professor of American church history effective May 31. He was recognized as Professor *Emeritus* of Church History at Perkins School of Theology-Southern Methodist University during the 2018 SMU Commencement ceremony.

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**Roberta Schaafsma**, director of Bridwell Library and J.S. Bridwell Endowed Librarian, from 2007-2018.

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**Thomas Spann (D.Min. '83)**, director of the Intern Program and professor of supervised ministry.

# Staff-Faculty Appointments

**Tracy Anne Allred** was appointed to the new position of Assistant Dean of Student Life and Director of Community Engagement. (*Related article, page 14.*)

**Herbert Coleman**, director of admissions since 2015 and an admissions staff member since 2007, has been named to the new position of Director of Retention and Student Success, effective June 1. His portfolio resides within the office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and he will report to Evelyn Parker.

**Isabel Docampo**, professor of supervised ministry, has been named co-director of the Perkins Intern Program. In addition, she is director of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions. She succeeds Hugo Magallanes.

**Roy Heller**, associate professor of Old Testament, has been named director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies (GPRS). He succeeds Rebekah Miles, professor of ethics and practical theology, who led the program from 2013-2018.

**James Kang Hoon Lee** has been promoted to the position of associate professor of the History of Early Christianity (with tenure) by Southern Methodist University. In addition, he is the new director of the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program. He succeeds Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, who led the program during 2017-18.

**Hugo Magallanes**, associate professor of Christianity and Cultures, was named the first director of the Houston-Galveston Extension Program.

## 2017 SMU Faculty Senate Outstanding Staff Award



**Pamela Goolsby (center right)**, associate director of facilities and events in the Office of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations at Perkins, was awarded the 2017 SMU Faculty Senate Outstanding Staff Award. Recognized for her exemplary work with both internal and external groups who hold events at Perkins, she was one of five award recipients who were nominated by faculty and staff of their respective schools. *Congratulations, Pam!*

## STUDENT NEWS

Perkins students and alumni/ae were honored last spring for their research and writing on church history.

**Deborah Creagh** (M.Div. '20) won the prestigious John Harrison Ness Memorial Award, presented annually by the General Commission on Archive and History of the United Methodist Church. She wrote about Dr. Clara Swain, the first medical missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

**Mark Grafenreed** (M.Div. '18) won the Walter Vernon Essay Contest sponsored by the Texas United Methodist Historical Society. He wrote about Nat Lacy, Perkins' first African-American faculty member. It was the second consecutive award for Grafenreed, the chaplain at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. In 2016, he won for his essay about the desegregation of Houston Methodist.

**Emily Robnett** (M.Div. '17) was invited to present a paper at the annual meeting of the Texas United Methodist Historical Society in Richardson. Her subject: Christine Allen, a Methodist missionary to the Congo in the early 20th century.

**Heather Moore** (M.Div. '17) had a paper published in the April 2017 edition of *Methodist History*. She presented the paper, "Migration, Theology, and Long's Barn: A Heritage to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ," at a meeting of the American Academy of Religion in San Antonio.



From left: SMU President R. Gerald Turner; Perkins Alumni/ae Council Chair Brandon Dollarhite; Bishop Michael McKee, Perkins' 2017 Distinguished Alumnus; and Perkins Dean Craig C. Hill.

## BISHOP MCKEE HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED ALUM

Michael McKee (M.Th. '78), bishop of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, was the 2017 recipient of the coveted Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Perkins School of Theology.

The bishop was recognized at an awards banquet Nov. 13, 2017, at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

"I'm simply honored that this happened," he told those attending. "I'm delighted. ... Thank you for honoring me in this way. God bless you."

The award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna who has shown effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support for and involvement in the goals of Perkins and SMU, distinguished service in the wider community and exemplary character.

"Bishop McKee is an outstanding choice for the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award," said Dean Craig C. Hill. "Throughout his ministry, he has been a faithful servant of both the United Methodist Church and Perkins School of Theology, and I, like so many others, have come to rely on his judgment and to count on his assistance."

In his acceptance comments, McKee stressed the importance of the strong bond between SMU and the United Methodist Church.

"The academy and the church belong together," he said. "Not only do they have things to teach each other, but things which they can learn from each other."

The bishop serves on the Executive Committee of the

United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops and is a past president of the South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops. He is a member of the SMU Board of Trustees as well as the boards of the Texas Methodist Foundation, Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and Harris Methodist Health Systems.

Elected to the episcopacy in 2012, McKee previously served as senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Hurst; Overton Park United Methodist Church and Meadowbrook United Methodist Church in Fort Worth; and First United Methodist Church in Joshua. He was an associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth and Richland Hills United Methodist Church.

McKee chairs the Perkins Executive Board and was co-chair of the successful SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, which increased financial aid and faculty chair endowments for the school.

He and his wife, Joan, have two grown children, Erin McKee Chidsey and Meredith McKee.

**Here are some of the tributes paid to the bishop in the announcement of his winning the Distinguished Alumnus Award and at the banquet held in his honor:**

**SMU PRESIDENT R. GERALD TURNER:**

*"Mike has been a great addition to our Board of Trustees. It's great to have somebody that you can work closely with, because there are a lot of opportunities for us to work together. This is a well-deserved recognition of an outstanding alumnus."*

# Alumni/ae News

## DEAN CRAIG C. HILL:

*"What a kindred spirit I've found in Mike. Mike could not possibly be, in any way, a better champion for Perkins. It is truly one of the great privileges of the role that I have now that I get to work with him."*

## JOHN ROBBINS, SENIOR PASTOR OF MEMORIAL DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HOUSTON AND A LONGTIME FRIEND AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATE OF MCKEE'S:

*"He served the local church with distinction, with every congregation he led experiencing significant growth. His strong leadership created an exceptional level of respect from his clergy colleagues, as well as countless lay people. He has never shied away from challenges or conflicts."*

*"He has an extraordinary passion for the marginalized."*

*"Bishop McKee is a foodie. ... A year or two ago, the Dalai Lama was on campus, and former President George W. Bush was on campus, and Bishop McKee had lunch with them. Later that day, I called him and said, 'How was it?' I promise you, the first thing he said was, 'Man, that chicken was just as dry as a bone!' Who in the world has lunch with the president of the United States and the Dalai Lama and talks about the chicken being dry?"*

*"He tells it like it is. My first Sunday as his associate pastor, I wore a striped shirt. He informed me that on Sunday morning, you wear a white shirt. He put it like this as were about to go into the sanctuary: 'Is that the shirt you're going to wear today?' I am now 54 years old. I wear a white shirt every Sunday."*

**Watch the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award banquet video at:**  
[smu.edu/Perkins/News/News\\_Archives/Archives\\_2017/DAA-Video-2017](http://smu.edu/Perkins/News/News_Archives/Archives_2017/DAA-Video-2017)

**Nominations for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award are being accepted through Sept. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Connie Nelson at [clnelson@smu.edu](mailto:clnelson@smu.edu)**

**The Rev. Emily A. Everett** (M.Div. '13) is helping at-risk children and teens in Brazil through a missionary outreach of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries.

Last October, she accepted a commission to work with Shade and Fresh Water, a Brazilian network of after-school programs focusing on character development and social responsibility. The ministry is sponsored by the Methodist Church in Brazil.

Previously, Everett was an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, Texas, near Houston, her hometown.

As part of her divinity training at Perkins, she spent nine months as a student intern in São Paulo, Brazil. That experience, she said, helped set the course for her career in ministry.

"I have long had a heart for the people of Brazil and thought one day I might end up living and working there again," she said.

"Much of my faith journey is identical to my call to mission, because I see them as one and the same — with me discovering who God has uniquely created me to be."



**Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan** (M.T.S. '86) has been elected to the board of directors of the In Trust Center for Theological Schools, a nonprofit group representing more than 230 North American seminaries, divinity schools and theological colleges.

Kuan is president of Claremont School of Theology in Southern California. Previously, he was dean of the theological school at Drew University in Madison, N. J.

The mission of the In Trust Center is to strengthen theological schools by connecting their leaders to one another and to vital resources. The Delaware nonprofit is governed by a diverse board of men and women, ordained and laity, from a variety of church traditions.

Kuan was one of three new directors elected in December 2017.

Known in academic circles as an ardent defender of religious pluralism and social justice, he has long been an advocate for LGBTQ equality in churches and society.

Kuan is an ordained United Methodist elder. In addition to his master's degree from Perkins, he holds a doctorate in Old Testament studies from Emory University in Atlanta.



**Swee Hong Lim** (M.S.M. '96) co-authored *Lovin' on Jesus* (Abingdon Press, 2017), a history of the contemporary worship form. The book traces the roots and evolution of the contemporary worship movement, which blossomed in North America in the late 20th century and has spread across the globe, winning broad acceptance among mainstream Protestant denominations.

Lim is an associate professor of sacred music at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. Previously, he taught church music at Baylor University. He wrote *Lovin' on Jesus* with Lester Ruth, a research professor at Duke Divinity School.

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**MOVED? Update your contact information online: [smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/UpdateRecords](http://smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/UpdateRecords)**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Save the dates for these exciting Perkins opportunities in 2018-19

### COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL

**July 8-Aug. 17, 2018**

Perkins Regional Course of Study School is a program of The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church in partnership with and administered by Perkins School of Theology. It provides a basic theological education, as prescribed by the United Methodist Book of Discipline (par. 1421.3d), to licensed local pastors. It also provides Advanced Course of Study. For more information, visit [smu.edu/coss](http://smu.edu/coss)

### CERTIFICATION IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Aug. 1, 2018**

The Perkins Certification in Spiritual Direction Program is devoted to training participants to serve as mentors in the Christian way of life. This three-year, noncredit adult and continuing education training program is held during weekend sessions in the months of April, August and December. For more information, call 214-768-3664 or visit [smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/CSD](http://smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/CSD)

### HOUSTON LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**Aug. 25, 2018**

A daylong seminar at St. Paul's UMC, "Keeping Faith in a Multifaith Society," will feature an excellent cadre of multifaith speakers, including Robert Hunt of Perkins, Rev. Gregory Han of Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston and local representatives from four different religions. Learn together with multifaith neighbors how to build healthy relations across religious boundaries while maintaining your own religious identity and faith. Request email updates for this program at [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates)

### AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE

**Oct. 15, 2018**

The ABC's of Theology and Criminal Justice Reform on the Lives of School Children of Color. Theology shapes the ethical practices of its religious institutions working for cultural, economic and social change for the common good. Criminal Justice Reform shapes how our society's institutions uphold the protections to all of its citizens

promised in the U.S. Constitution. How do theology and criminal justice reform influence the systemic conditions that set a path from school to prison for many children of color today? Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions/Perkins School of Theology-SMU. For more information, contact Isabel Docampo at [idocampo@smu.edu](mailto:idocampo@smu.edu)

### THE SECOND ANNUAL ARKLATEX LECTURE

**Oct. 22, 2018**

The lecture is cosponsored by The Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence and Williams Memorial United Methodist Church of Texarkana, Tex. This year's speaker is renowned preacher and author Rev. Frank A. Thomas. Rev. Thomas currently serves as the director of the Ph.D. Program in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric and the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. He authored the classic preaching book *They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration in Preaching*. For more information, please contact the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence at [shulem@smu.edu](mailto:shulem@smu.edu).

### PERKINS FALL CONVOCATION: "JUSTWORSHIP"

**Nov. 12-13, 2018**

Come to this two-day event featuring author, speaker, activist and public theologian Brian McLaren along with Sandra Maria Van Opstal. A second-generation Latina, Van Opstal is a liturgist and activist dedicated to re-imagining worship that mobilizes for reconciliation and justice. The two keynote speakers will be joined by additional workshop leaders, panelists and musicians addressing the intersection of worship and justice. To receive email updates about this event, please visit [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates) and click on "Fall Convocation for Church Leaders" after completing the registration form.

### 2018 ANNUAL ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE

**Dec. 6, 2018**

An Advent Service will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at 4 and 8 p.m. in Perkins Chapel, 6001 Bishop Boulevard, on the Southern Methodist University campus. The event is free and open to the public.



## UNITED METHODIST STUDIES HYBRID COURSE

Jan. 3-5, 2019

This hybrid course is geared for a wide audience — confirmation class leaders, new and longtime United Methodist church members and United Methodist certification students. Featuring Perkins faculty, it will cover the basics of United Methodist History, Theology. Request email updates at [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates)

## UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Jan. 5-11, 2019

This program is open to laity and church professionals seeking United Methodist Certification in Christian Education and/or Children's Ministry through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). Request email updates at [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates)

## PERKINS SCHOOL OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Jan. 7-10, 2019

Youth ministry has a rhythm. Find yours at PSYM 2019. Visit [smu.edu/perkinsyouth](http://smu.edu/perkinsyouth) for more information.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Jan. 6-11, 2019

Certification applications will open August 1. Early Registration for PSYM and Certification will open August 22. For more information, visit [smu.edu/perkinsyouth](http://smu.edu/perkinsyouth)

## THE BOLIN FAMILY 2019 PUBLIC LIFE PERSONAL FAITH SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Feb. 8, 2019

Featured guest Judy Woodruff, anchor of *PBS NewsHour*, will be interviewed by Peggy Wehmeyer, former national news religion reporter for *ABC's World News Tonight*. For table sponsorship, information and registration, contact John Martin at [johnma@smu.edu](mailto:johnma@smu.edu) or 214-768-2026.

## HOUSTON LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Feb. 16, 2019

"Praying with the Desert Fathers and Mothers," a daylong course, will be taught by Tamara Lewis, assistant professor of the history of Christianity, Perkins School of Theology. Request email updates for this program at [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates)

## PERKINS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY

March 28-30, 2019

Join us for three days of study focusing on the Bible, theology and spirituality with Perkins faculty and guest speakers. Request email updates at [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates)

## 2019 COMMENCEMENT AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

May 18, 2019

Perkins School of Theology will honor graduating seniors during the University-wide Commencement ceremony at 9:30 a.m. in Moody Coliseum. Following Commencement, Perkins will hold its annual Celebration of Degrees and Academic Achievements at 2 p.m. at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

## PERKINS FALL CONVOCATION

Save the Date: Nov. 12-13, 2018

The next Fall Convocation, focused on the theme of creative worship, will feature Brian McLaren, an internationally known author, speaker and public theologian; and Sandra Maria Van Opstal, a liturgist and advocate of worship forms that promote reconciliation and social justice.

For email updates about the 2018 Convocation, visit [smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates](http://smu.edu/perkins/oepupdates) and check "2018 Fall Convocation for Church Leaders" after completing the registration form. (While there, check out the many other informative Perkins email lists for which you can sign up.)

# Friends We Will Miss

**James David Bales** (B.D. '59), died Feb. 10, 2018, in Lubbock. He was 85.

During his lifetime, Bales was a United Methodist minister, a minister of pastoral care at Lubbock's First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a teacher and a coach. He was born in Dewey, Okla., graduated from Borger High School in the Texas Panhandle, and played football for McMurry University, a United Methodist institution in Abilene.

**The Rev. Dr. Salatheia Bryant-Honors** (M.Div. '09, D.Min. '14), a journalist-turned-minister who helped save a historic Galveston church, died Nov. 10, 2017. She was 52.

After earning her journalism degree from Auburn University in 1987, Bryant-Honors worked for newspapers in Florida, her home state, before moving to Houston, where she joined the staff of the *Houston Chronicle*.

In 1999, while reporting for the *Chronicle*, she answered the call to ministry. A few years later, she and her husband, the Rev. Reginald Honors, were appointed co-pastors of Reedy Chapel in Galveston, Texas' oldest African Methodist Episcopal church.

In 2008, Hurricane Ike nearly destroyed Reedy Chapel, whose roots trace back to the late 1840s, when it was a place of worship for Galveston's slaves. Bryant-Honors and her husband presided over a yearlong restoration effort, which included tireless fundraising.

"She wasn't afraid to get on the phone and ask for what we needed," Deborah Feaster, president of the Reedy board of trustees at the time, told the *Chronicle*. "She was so resourceful. She would not ask you to do anything that she did not do. She would roll up her sleeves and work right next to you."

While attending classes at Perkins, Bryant-Honors juggled taking care of her two young children in



Houston, pastoring in Galveston and commuting to Dallas for graduate school.

In 2014, months after receiving her doctorate, she learned that she had breast cancer.

For her last five years, Bryant-Honors was senior pastor of Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Houston. Through the church, she served as a mentor pastor for students in the Perkins Intern Program.

**The Rev. Donald G. Coke** (B.D. '59), a socially active pastor who served more than a half-dozen United Methodist congregations in the greater Dallas area, died Aug. 21, 2017. He was 90.

Coke was a proud member of a group of United Methodist ministers, affectionately nicknamed "the Dirty Dozen," who pushed for social justice through the church. He supported the civil rights struggles of minorities, women and members of the LGBTQ communities.

According to *The Dallas Morning News*, in the early 1970s he was pastor of the first racially integrated congregation in the North Texas Conference.

In a ministerial career that spanned more than 30 years, he served congregations in Dallas, Hutchins, Grand Prairie, Duncanville, Plano, Celina and Wichita Falls. His last full-time appointment as pastor was at St. Andrews United Methodist Church (now Camp Wisdom UMC) in the South Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas. He retired in 1992.

**James Walter Donaldson** (B.D. '57), a longtime United Methodist chaplain and civil rights advocate, died Jan. 7, 2017, in Brewster, Wash. He was 82.

As a young chaplain in Louisiana in the late 1950s, Donaldson helped integrate one of that state's first public colleges. In the mid-1960s, as theologian-in-residence at a United Methodist congregation in suburban Los Angeles, he organized an alliance to aid an underserved black congregation in South Los Angeles.

He was one of the California faith community's leading supporters of Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. When Kennedy was assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Donaldson led the grieving crowd in prayer.

In later years, he turned his attention increasingly to environmental issues and to promoting sustainable farming methods in Washington's Methow Valley, where he grew garlic. His friends gathered for a memorial on April 22, 2017 - Earth Day.

**The Rev. Robert "Bob" Eades** (Th.M. '61), a chaplain to the sick, the aging and our military, died Dec. 4, 2017. He was 88.

The Kansas native was a Navy chaplain for 20 years, and a chaplain at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita for 28. He helped found the National Institute for Business and Industrial Chaplains. In his later years, he was the chaplain for Larksfield Place, the Wichita retirement community where he lived since 2015.

## 'The consummate pastor'

### BISHOP JOHN WESLEY HARDT (1921-2017)

#### Bishop John Wesley Hardt

(B.D. '46), the Perkins School of Theology's longest-serving bishop-in-residence, died June 18, 2017. He was 95.

Hardt's illustrious career in ministry touched eight decades. It began with his service as a supply pastor in 1942, the year he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from SMU. The following year, he succeeded his father, the Rev. Wesley Hardt, as pastor of a United Methodist congregation in Malakoff, a town in Henderson County, Texas.

The San Antonio native was ordained as an elder in 1944. Two years later, he earned a bachelor's degree from Perkins.

He pastored four congregations in Texas, overseeing a major building program at each, and was a district superintendent in the Houston area before his election as a bishop in 1980.

He became Perkins' bishop-in-residence in 1988, and he never left.

Gracious and engaging, earnest and insightful, he grew to be a revered figure on campus, an adviser to presidents and provosts, a comforting counselor to homesick freshmen.

Upon his retirement in 2000, he became bishop-in-residence *emeritus*, maintaining an office in Bridwell Library so he could stay in touch with the Perkins community.

"With the death of Bishop John Wesley Hardt, Perkins School of Theology has lost a dear colleague, pastor, mentor and friend," said Dean Craig C. Hill. "His interest in Perkins was evident from the beginning of my deanship in July 2016, when he made a point of visiting me in my office."

The two men spoke often, the dean said, adding: "I am very grateful

to have had those opportunities, which were always both delightful and informative, and only wish I could have more. Bishop Hardt is irreplaceable, but his contributions will live on at Perkins and throughout the denomination. He will be greatly missed."

William B. Lawrence, Hill's predecessor as dean, said: "John Wesley Hardt was the consummate pastor. He was entirely devoted to the well-being of others."

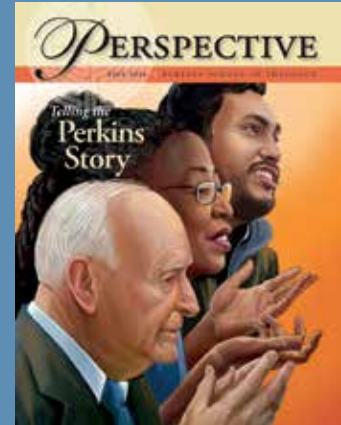
Lawrence recalled Hardt's "legendary" knack for remembering not just names but details about individuals' families, interests, involvement in church and community. "It demonstrated how deeply he was focused on other people," the former dean said.

SMU President R. Gerald Turner said, "Bishop Hardt epitomized what it means to be a servant-leader. The value of his contributions to SMU is immeasurable. ... I will personally miss the times we spent together and our friendship."

Richard Ware, an Amarillo banker and a member of the SMU Board of Trustees, said, "The bishop's warm personality, strong moral compass and dedication to the University inspired all. ... He was such a true friend to so many of us."

Hardt served as an SMU trustee from 1980 to 1988. From 1960 to 1980, he was a delegate to all General Conferences of the United Methodist Church. In 2008, he received Perkins' Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The Bishop John Wesley Hardt Award, established by the Perkins Student Association in 1998, is presented each year to an exceptional student entering his or her last year of study at Perkins.



In 2014, Bishop John Wesley Hardt was interviewed by *Perspective* for "Telling the Perkins Story," a collection of remembrances from people whose lives and vocations were shaped by – and helped shape – the Perkins School of Theology.

Here's what he said:

*"I started at SMU's School of Theology in 1942. The imminent death of my father forced me to drop out for a few weeks, but I returned for the summer session and continued without a break until December 1944, finishing just after it became 'Perkins School of Theology.'*

*"For 74 consecutive years, I have had the privilege of attending at least one day of Ministers' Week every year – an expanding blessing. As a bishop, it was my privilege to see Perkins from another perspective, as an SMU trustee. I continue to have a study carrel at Bridwell Library, as bishop-in-residence emeritus.*

*"I was blessed to be on campus as an undergraduate in 1940 for the 25th anniversary of SMU's founding. Now we have the Centennial anniversary, with SMU having developed beyond anything we could have dreamed.*

*"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Christ."*

Teacher, minister,  
goodwill ambassador  
**THE REV. H. NEILL MCFARLAND**  
(1923-2017)



**The Rev. H. Neill McFarland** (B.D. '47), professor *emeritus* of history of religion, died July 14, 2017. He was 93.

In his long and extraordinary career in education and ministry, McFarland served as a United Methodist pastor in three states, as a visiting professor in Japan and as vice president and provost of SMU.

The Dallas native, a 1941 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University, where he played basketball, before pursuing his religious studies, first at Perkins, then at Columbia University, where he earned his doctoral degree in history of religions in 1954. That year, he joined the Perkins faculty.

Before turning to academia, McFarland was assistant pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dallas, associate pastor of Crown Heights United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City and pastor of Goodsell Memorial United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

In 1956, while at Perkins, he accepted a visiting professorship to Kwansai Gakuin University in Japan. Finding the people and culture of Japan profoundly fascinating, he would return to the island nation more than a dozen times.

He founded the Japan-America Society of Dallas in 1970 and helped promote interfaith and international cooperation through leadership roles with the Dallas United Nations Association and the Thanks-Giving Square Foundation.

In 1986, the Japanese emperor presented him with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, for his contributions to mutual understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan.

McFarland wrote two books about Japan: *The Rush Hour of the Gods: A Study of New Religious Movements in Japan* (Macmillan Publishing Co, 1967); and *Daruma: The Founder of Zen in Japanese Art and Popular Culture* (Kodansha USA Inc., 1987).

He became associate dean of Perkins in 1966. The next year, in recognition of his vision and administrative skills, he was promoted to vice president and provost of SMU. In his five years in that role, he was credited with overseeing major reforms of the University's curriculum, contributing significantly to SMU's rise in academic prominence.

From 1975 to 1979, he was director of SMU's international programs.

He retired from teaching in 1988, assuming the title of professor *emeritus*.

**The Rev. Adrian George Edgar** (M.Th. '59), a retired clergy member of the Great Plains Annual Conference, died Jan. 27, 2018. He was 86.

A graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan, he was the first certified chaplain at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. He worked as a mental health administrator in Lincoln, North Platte and Omaha. A Master Gardener and member of the Lincoln Garden Club, he was well-known in the gardening community for his gardening call-in radio show and news column (which he co-authored). He had a special connection to Camp Comeca, founded by his father.

Rev. Edgar is survived by his wife, DeEtta, and sons Jay Dan and Marc.

**The Rev. Burton L. Hoag** (M.Div. '59) died March 10, 2018, in Rochester, Minn. He was 86.

After earning his master's degree from Perkins, Hoag became an ordained United Methodist minister. He and his wife, Sonja, left Dallas for the Minnesota farm country of his youth. There, he served as pastor to a series of rural and small-town congregations. In 1989, retired from active ministry, he and his family settled on a hobby farm in Racine, Minn., near Rochester.

**Marion "Scottie" McIntyre Johnson** (M.Div. '13), an educator called to ministry in retirement, died Oct. 26, 2017, in Austin. She was 70.

In 1984, she helped found a Montessori School in Sherman, Texas, where she worked for 20 years as a teacher and administrator. Her husband, Jim, was a longtime professor of classics at Austin College. When he retired, the couple moved to San Marcos to be close to family.

She enrolled in Perkins, and in 2016, three years after earning her divinity degree, she was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

**The Rev. Samuel Richard Marion** (M.Div. '81), an Oklahoma pastor, died June 7, 2017. He was 64.

He was ordained as an elder in the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1981, the year he completed his studies at Perkins. A native of Bartlesville, Okla., he served as a pastor to congregations in Nicoma Park (where he met his wife of 24 years, Linda), Vici, Enid, Watonga, Henryetta and Oklahoma City.

Marion was known for his spiritual outreach to prison inmates and their families. He chaired the Oklahoma Conference's Criminal

Justice and Mercy Ministries and served as a chaplain inside a state prison in Helena.

**The Rev. John Pershing Miles** (B.D. '54), a distinguished Arkansas preacher for nearly 70 years, died Nov. 2, 2017. He was 87.

His daughter Rebekah Miles is professor of ethics and practical theology at Perkins and served as director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies from 2013 to 2018.

From an early age, John Miles displayed a gift for storytelling — and for athletics. As a high school student in Hot Springs, he won the Arkansas Golden Gloves featherweight boxing championship. He was a standout football player at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., winning all-conference honors as a nose guard — at 135 pounds.

In 1952, he and his newlywed bride, JoAnn, moved to Dallas so he could pursue his theological studies at Perkins. Returning to Arkansas, he served congregations across the state, culminating with his appointment as pastor *emeritus* at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

In a 2014 interview, he talked about what drew him to Perkins.

“First,” he said, “Perkins was where preacher boys from Arkansas went. (And, unfortunately, they were all preacher boys back then.) Second, there was financial aid.”

Another thing Texas had going for it, he said, was oil. “When I ran out of money, I could work in the oil fields and make some more. That’s what I did.”

He added: “I left Perkins with a broader view of the church and the world and the world’s needs. ... You need a good seminary that will help you grow.”

**The Rev. Ben Read** (Th.M. '76), a minister in the North Texas Conference for 45 years, died April 19, 2018. He was 67.

Known to friends as “Gentle Ben,” the Odessa native retired from active ministry in 2016. He spent his final years in Wichita Falls, where he faithfully attended First United Methodist Church.

**Debra Yaniko Rogers** (M.T.S. '13) died May 9, 2017, at her home in Aledo, Texas. She was 48.

Her lifelong love of learning was evident in her varied and stellar academic career. Before enrolling in Perkins, she earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Texas Christian University. She also held a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. Rogers served as an assistant district attorney in Tarrant County and as a Parker County court of law judge in Weatherford. As an attorney in private practice, she did volunteer work on immigration cases through Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

At the time of her death, she was pursuing a second Perkins master’s degree, in theology.

**The Rev. Charles Runk** (Th.M. '52) died July 11, 2018, at his home in Mason, northwest of Austin. He was 91.

## ‘A faithful follower of Jesus Christ’

**THE REV. DR. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN III**  
(1951-2017)



The Rev. Dr. William Jennings Bryan III (M.Th. '77, D.Min. '86), an eminent North Texas pastor and former associate dean at Perkins, died Aug. 27, 2017. He was 65.

Before joining the Perkins faculty in 1998, Bryan pastored some

of the region’s best-known United Methodist congregations: First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Arapaho United Methodist Church in Richardson, Grace United Methodist Church, East Dallas Cooperative Parish and Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

As a professor of supervised ministry, he directed the Perkins Intern Program from 1998 until his promotion in 2015 to associate dean for student affairs.

The seventh-generation Texan was an institution in the North Texas Conference — and the son of an institution in the Dallas restaurant world. Before heading off to attend Rice University in 1970, young Bill worked at his dad’s famous barbecue stand, Sonny Bryan’s Smokehouse.

His long career in ministry began even as he completed his studies at Perkins. He earned his master’s degree in 1977, his doctorate nine years later.

Bryan retired from SMU and the North Texas Conference in March 2017, less than two months after learning that he had advanced pancreatic cancer.

At the time of Bryan’s death, Bishop Michael McKee of the North Texas Conference told *The Dallas Morning News*: “There was a kindness and an even keel about him. I think his whole ministry has shown that. He was well-respected among his peers, colleagues and the clergy.” The two men knew each other more than 40 years, dating back to their days as Perkins students.

“He was just deeply involved in what it meant to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ,” the bishop said.

## A focus on service to others

### MATTHEW BURROUGHS

(1984-2018)

**Matthew Burroughs**, a Perkins M.Div. student and immediate past president of the Perkins Student Association, died March 8, 2018. He was 34.

Burroughs had spina bifida, a congenital spinal defect.

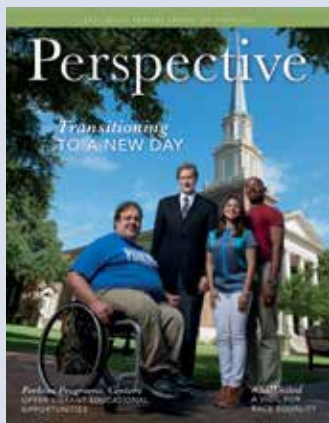
The Bossier City, La., native was a graduate of the law school at Louisiana State University and a practicing attorney for six years. He worked mostly in child advocacy before answering the call to ministry and enrolling in Perkins. He was to graduate with the Class of 2018.

Burroughs was an Eagle Scout and a nationally ranked wheelchair tennis player.

In ministry as in law, friends say, his focus was on service to others. He taught business law at a community college in Louisiana and volunteered at a homeless shelter.

At SMU, he worked with the administration to ensure campus-wide accessibility for people with physical disabilities. In May 2017, he told *The Daily Campus* that of the three universities he'd attended (his undergraduate degree was from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.), SMU was best at promoting accessibility.

At the time of his death, he was on a pastoral internship through Perkins, serving at Grace Community United Methodist Church in Shreveport, La.



**Matt Burroughs** (left in photo above) shared the cover of the Fall 2016 issue of *Perspective* with **Dean Craig Hill**, **Jessica Aziz** (M.Div. '17), and **Christian Watkins** (M.Div. '19). Photo by **Hillsman Jackson**

## Beloved Colleague

### MARY ANN MARSHALL

(1931-2017)



**Mary Ann Marshall**, an administrative assistant who was a fixture at Perkins for nearly 40 years, died March 6, 2017. She was 86.

The longtime University Park resident began her career as an assistant at Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas. There, she worked for the Rev. William Holmes, whose sermon about the assassination of

President John F. Kennedy – denouncing extremism and calling for reconciliation – made national headlines.

In 1966, she found her home at Perkins, where she worked until 2014.

**Richard Russell Smith III** (B.Div. '49), a United Methodist minister in Central Texas in the post-World War II era, died Oct. 22, 2017, at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was 97.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, enrolling in Perkins after his discharge. He ministered to congregations in Georgetown, Salado and Eastland, Texas, before embarking in the early 1960s on a career in textbook sales and publishing.

**Milo Lancaster Thornberry** (S.T.M. '62), a well-traveled United Methodist pastor and missionary, died in Bend, Ore., on March 8, 2017. He was 79.

A native of Breckenridge, Texas, he was a missionary to Taiwan from 1965 to 1971. His vocal support for the human rights of political dissidents drew the wrath of Taiwanese authorities, who deported him and his family back to the United States.

Thornberry later directed an Atlanta nonprofit that promoted simple living. He taught at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He was a pastor to United Methodist congregations in Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska, before his appointment in 2001 to First United Methodist Church in Bend. He retired in 2005.

**The Rev. Allen Zugelter** (M.Div. '13), a lawyer and United Methodist minister, died Jan. 3, 2018, of complications from acute myeloid leukemia. He was 38.

He graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2004. As a young lawyer in the Kansas City area, he met his wife, Ashley, and discerned his calling to ministry.

While studying at Perkins, he served at First United Methodist Church of Dallas, directing UrbanLife, the church's outreach ministry to young professionals. Upon his return to Missouri, he was ordained as a United Methodist elder, and in June 2013 he became lead pastor of Liberty United Methodist Church in Liberty, a Kansas City suburb.



## DEDICATION OF THE WILLIAM BRYAN ROOM

Long used by directors of the Perkins Intern Program, room 304 Kirby Hall was dedicated on April 24, 2017, as the William Bryan Room in honor of the Rev. Dr. William J. Bryan III. The conference room was made possible by members of the Wesley Study Group — a clergy group including Rev. Bryan, which met together regularly for decades to study and pray and support one another — along with the support of additional friends and colleagues.

Located in the Intern Program office suite, the space is decorated with photographs of churches where interns supervised by Rev. Bryan were assigned and also includes an image of a stained-glass window from Grace United Methodist Church in Dallas, where he served as pastor for 12 years.

The dedication included the following comments and prayer by Thomas W. Spann, director of the Perkins Intern Program:

*The room that we dedicate today was also the office space of two other directors of the Perkins Intern Program. With thanks for the past, joy for the present and hope for the future, we remember the first director of the Intern Program, Claus Rohlf, whose hard work, perseverance and commitment to theological field education brought into being the Perkins Intern Program. Claus Rohlf is a part of our dedication today.*

*We call the name of Bert Affleck, the second director of the Intern Program, whose office was also in the space we dedicate today. Both Claus and Bert were the primary*

*movers behind securing various Conference Internship endowments, which make it possible for us to subsidize many internship placements.*

*As the third director of the Intern Program, William Bryan continued the mission in the same space once occupied by Claus Rohlf and Bert Affleck.*

*Bill's office number was 304. If 304 were chapter and verse, I would look to Psalm 30, verse 4, which states, "Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name."*

*In the spirit of Psalm 30, verse 4, let us pray.*

*Gracious God, in your name we dedicate 304 Kirby as the William Bryan Room.*

*May all who enter it love history — your mighty acts in and through the Church — as Bill loved history.*

*May all who look out its windows see beyond the present moment to your holy future as Bill continues to teach us to see you at work in the world.*

*May all who sit at the conference table be reminded of the mission of this School, as Bill so often reminded us that the mission of Perkins is "to prepare women and men for faithful Christian leadership."*

*We give thanks for all whose hearts were moved to support the idea of dedicating 304 Kirby as the William Bryan Room.*

*In your name, we sing praises and give you thanks. Amen.*

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