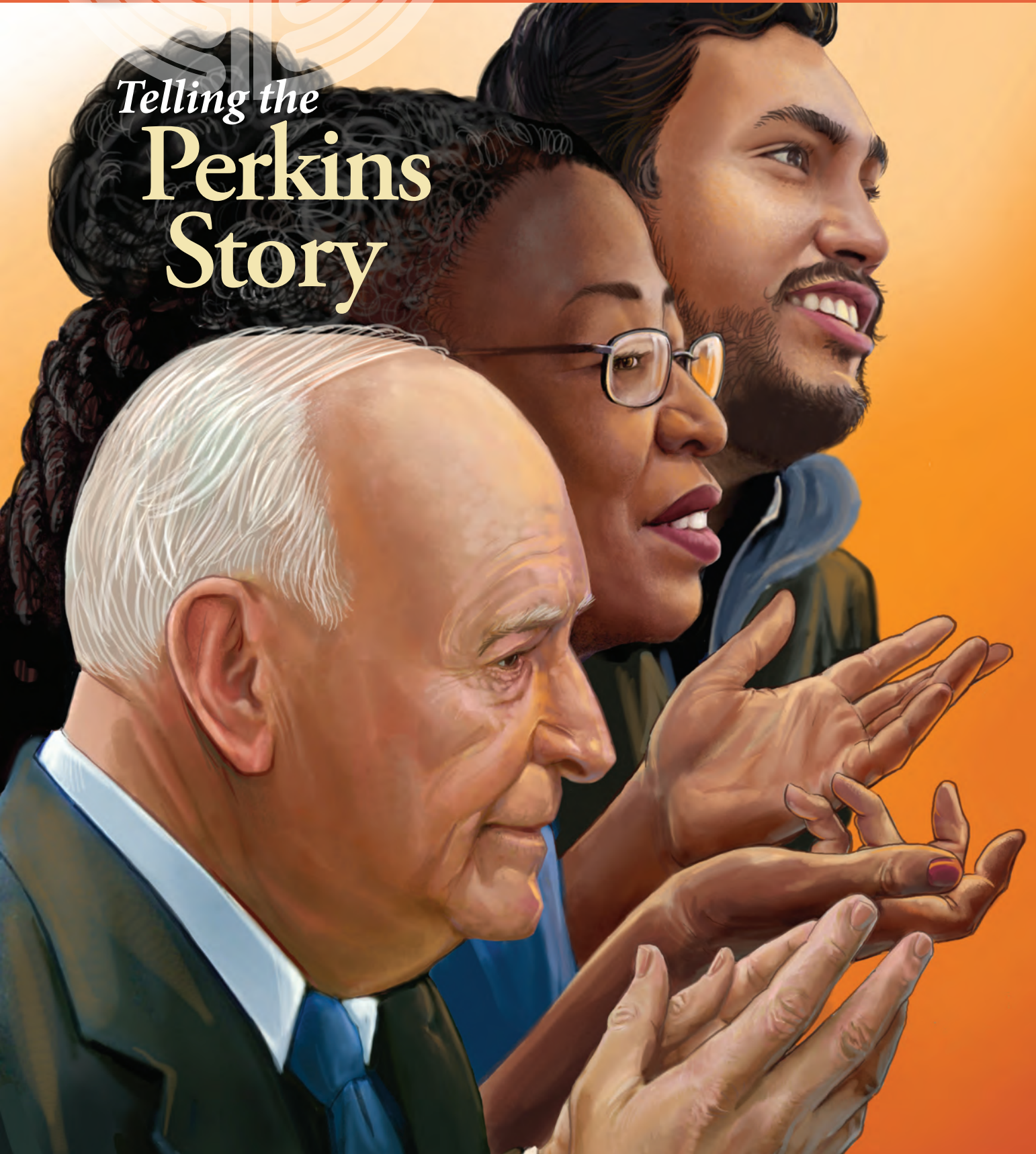


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## TELLING THE STORY: PERKINS LEADS THE WAY

AT A LUNCHEON for Perkins alumni and friends during one of the United Methodist annual conferences this year, there was a lively discussion on the role of theological education in preparing persons for 21st-century ministries. Like many other such discussions, this one evoked comments about the degree to which a school of theology can make its programs of study more accessible, more adaptable, and more affordable.

Then one ordained elder in the group of alumni offered a word of thanks. First, she confessed that she was one of the persons who, during her days as a student, often complained about being pushed by the school to take courses that were required of her and to engage in studies that did not seem immediately relevant to her. Second,

no further delay was permissible. So Perkins led the way in desegregating the school, the campus, and the community.

One of those five students, James Lyles, has spent part of his retirement writing a memoir of his ministry, including his experiences until he graduated from Perkins in 1955. His memoir recounts how it felt to be received, but not welcomed, in a major Methodist congregation of white worshipers in Dallas. He also reminisces about the way that an African-American congregation of Methodists not only welcomed him and his fellow students in worship but also recognized that there were no cafeterias on campus where Black students could get a meal on Sundays. So the church found ways to see that they were fed.

*We are serious about the theological education of leaders for the future.  
We have to push our students and ourselves.*

she confessed that only from the perspective of several years in ministry, after completing studies for a degree at Perkins, did she realize how important it was for her to have us make those intellectual and spiritual demands upon her.

Actually, that is a rather common story. Education in general and theological education in particular are the processes that force us to ponder questions we might not choose to ask, encounter differences we might not feel ready to face, accept challenges that we doubt we have the courage to tackle, and seek help where we did not realize we had a need.

At the middle of the twentieth century, for instance, Perkins School of Theology dared to insist that the University provide an answer for a question that many Americans did not want to ask. *When are we going to end racial segregation in the University and the Church?* The President, the Dean, several Trustees, and five courageous young African-American students made the decision that

Now we are preparing students whose ministries will stretch to the middle of the twenty-first century. A young woman or young man who completes a degree at Perkins in the coming academic year will still be active in ministry in 2055. The theological education that we offer at Perkins for women and men preparing for faithful leadership in Christian ministry cannot be confined to whatever we consider convenient or current for the present. We are serious about the theological education of leaders for the future. We have to push our students and ourselves. We have to demand the deepest dives into tough issues. We have to expect the highest standards of excellence. We have to understand the global church if we are ever going to be able to lead a local church. We cannot remain comfortable in the contexts with which we are familiar as long as we are uncomfortable with the contexts that remain unfamiliar. We have to face the questions church leaders are reluctant to ask. We have to



critique those who are unwilling to ask hard questions. We have to push one another not only to face the questions but also to find the answers.

When Southern Methodist University opened its doors to students in 1915, there were two candidates who enrolled for a master's degree in theology. One of the two was Umphrey Lee. Thirty-five years later, having served as a pastor and a seminary dean on another campus, he was the President of Southern Methodist University who approved the process that Perkins took to desegregate the institution.

In 2015, some future pastors and presidents, musicians and ministers, chaplains and church lay leaders will begin writing the next chapters of the Perkins story. Nobody can know what the details of that story will be. But we are determined that, before they start to write the story, they will have thought about the faith deeply, learned to love the Lord dearly, and discovered new ways to follow the will of God clearly. We do not know where they will need to lead us. But we will have made sure that they are ready to lead. ■

*William B. Lawrence*

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE  
Dean



# IN PERSPECTIVE



Connie Nelson with daughters Anna and Katherine, at Katherine's celebration of marriage, August 2013, in Carlisle, England

*From the Editor...*

## MY STORY, YOUR STORY, OUR STORY: THE PERKINS JOURNEY

Rev. Connie L. Nelson,  
Director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations

*This article is a condensed version of a November 13, 2013,  
"Dean's Breakfast Roundtable" presentation.*

IN AUGUST 2011, I made a pilgrimage to this, my alma mater, with my daughters Katherine and Anna. We toured Martin Hall, where I previously lived; witnessed the vacant, flattened lot where my Binkley apartment once stood, just razed to make room for the George W. Bush Presidential Center; saw the new Prothro Hall and Habito Labyrinth; and went into Perkins Chapel together. At that moment, as we snapped pictures and I told stories, I had no idea that just one year later I would return to Perkins as director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations. That I would look out of my third-floor Kirby office window at the very apartment in which I lived for two years. That I would come full circle.

In the fall of 2013, I spoke at a breakfast for Perkins alumni and friends. The Dean's Roundtable is an opportunity for friends of Perkins to get to know each other in a more informal way. And so, my presentation was personal, focusing on a theme that holds great importance for me: *My story, your story, our story – The Perkins Journey*.

But first... Have I mentioned that August 2013 was a very important month for our family? Did you see the photo on the previous page? But we'll come back to this later.

I first became aware of Perkins School of Theology in the summer of 1972. I was 13 years old, and a member of the junior high youth group of First UMC in Dimmitt, Texas. I remember my Dad telling me that our church was to receive an intern. He was a member of the newly formed Intern Committee, and so – from the outset of the launching of the first class of Perkins interns – I had a front-row seat.

Rev. Larry Altman, now a clergy member of the Southwest Texas Conference, was sent to Dimmitt – the first in a succession of Perkins interns who became a familiar and important part of the life of our congregation and small Panhandle community.

It was 1972. I completely wore out one *Godspell* album and two *Jesus Christ Superstar* albums, listening at home and with Larry and other youth at the church. It was the summer of the so-called “Jesus Movement” – with young evangelical Christians proudly wearing the title “Jesus Freaks” or “Jesus People.” The movement focused on evangelicalism and the second coming of Christ. And I was part of it.

Perhaps the largest event of that decade-long movement was held here in Dallas that summer: Explo '72. I was one of those 80,000 young people from across the United States who gathered at Fair Park, led by Billy Graham and Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ. We came to explore our faith. But really, we were here to save the world.

I was an adolescent, consumed by the urgency and passion of my new “born again” faith, and thanks to Perkins and its new Intern Program, I had a safe place to unpack the theology to which I was being exposed. A place to ask questions. A place to dig deeper, beyond the surface emotion to the larger questions. A place where scholarship and tradition and reason were brought into the conversation along with experience.

Because his Perkins education had given him a solid foundation upon which to “do” theology, Larry Altman was able to sit with me – hour after hour – and help shape my young faith. He engaged me theologically and heard my questions. He had what it took.

Fast forward to church camps and conference and jurisdictional youth events: the counselors, the leaders – many from Perkins. Fast forward again to my years at The University of Texas at Austin, where I first met Perkins admissions director J.B. Holt whose favorite phrase, whether you were male or female, was, “Hey, man!” – and where I attended campus ministry programs with one of the first clergywomen I had ever met – Rev. Janice Riggle Huie (now bishop of the Texas Conference), a Perkins graduate (M.Th.'73).

So really, from the time I felt a call to ministry at age 17, there was no other choice but Perkins.

I began the M.Th. program in fall 1980, and all it took was my Intro to Theology class with Dr. Joseph Allen to confirm I was in the right place. My professors included both Deschners (John and Roger), theology with Schubert Ogden, preaching with Virgil Howard, Old Testament with Bill Power, and an internship at Lovers Lane UMC.

Immediately after graduation, I was one of 13 from Perkins who served as pastors in the British Methodist Church as part of the UK Intern Program. Imagine this: from Lovers Lane UMC, at that time the second-largest and one of the most affluent United Methodist congregations in the world, to inner city Leeds, England, within the space of a month. These folks lived in back-to-back tenements and public housing, yet knit blankets for the orphans and lepers in Mother Teresa's communities in Calcutta. They felt rich compared to those whom they served.

Perkins made this life-changing experience possible. Perkins equipped me for ministry in each of the contexts within which I found myself. My story wouldn't be *my story* without Perkins.

So, that's my story. What about *your* story?

Do you remember the first time you heard of Perkins School of Theology? Were you influenced by a Perkins alum? A Perkins professor? Did that influence lead you to pursue theological education in this place?

What do you love most about this place? How would your life have been different without Perkins? Who are you because of Perkins School of Theology?

We are all here because we have a story to tell, a relationship with Perkins School of Theology. We were influenced by others who once walked these halls, and now it's our turn.

I invite each of you to think of one person in your life whom you know to be asking the questions, ready to explore theological education. And tell your story, the Perkins story: to potential students; to business associates; to members of your congregations; to those who want to explore theological education for their own growth, or as a response to their call to ministry.

There are stories waiting to be shaped by Perkins School of Theology, by you, by me. *Tell your story.*

And now, back to that photo. Without Perkins, this photo – this event, *my daughters* – would never have happened. They are the progeny of two Perkins graduates (and also the great-granddaughters of SMU theology alums Rev. Uel D. Crosby and Opal Bailey Crosby). This photo was taken August 24, 2013, in Carlisle, England, at the blessing of Katherine's marriage to Dave – yes, a Brit.

So, Perkins has shaped my life theologically, professionally, and personally. I wouldn't be who I am without Perkins School of Theology. ■

# Telling the Perkins Story



**DR. HELEN BETENBAUGH**  
(D.Min.'97; M.Div.'93)

*When I received my first Perkins degree, I said no one could have had a richer, more fulfilling, more challenging, more heaven-and-hell combined experience there, or love it more than I. Before long I was back, earning the D.Min. I've completed pledges that were outlandish, given my finances, and Perkins is a beneficiary in my will.*

But there was always one nagging negative, the failure to make any adaptations for wheelchair accessibility. Students carried me up from Selecman auditorium to the "1st floor" bathroom and right back down. Imagine my pride, then, when I came to campus as chaplain and lecturer for the 2014 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability. Ramps, electric door openers, Brailled signage, healthy snacks in the Refectory, the Chapel's rusty lift replaced by a brick ramp that harmonized with the building's Colonial architecture, all made the campus welcoming for the entire 115 of us. This alumna, who thought she could never love Perkins more, found herself filled anew with pride and renewed gratitude. *Deo gratias.*

**DR. RUBEN L.F. HABITO**

Professor of World Religions and Spirituality  
Director of Spiritual Formation

*My Perkins story began* when I was in Japan, sent as a missionary from my native Philippines. Already an ordained Jesuit priest, I was teaching philosophy and theology at Tokyo's Sophia University. I loved my work, but after prayerful reflection and discernment, decided to ask leave from the Jesuits. It was then, in early 1989, that



a letter came from Dean James Kirby, inviting me to Perkins to teach for a year. I have been here ever since. Looking back, my heart is filled with gratitude.

**BISHOP JOHN WESLEY HARDT**

Bishop-in-Residence Emeritus  
(B.D./M.Th.'46; SMU B.A.'42)

*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."

**DR. JAMES V. LYLES**

(B.D./M.Th.'55)

*In August 1952 I was notified of my acceptance as the fifth of the first five black students to be admitted to Perkins as regular students, on the same basis as Perkins' white students. Perkins led the way as the first major seminary in the South to eliminate the barriers of segregation. The decision was a major step forward for its becoming the "church as social pioneer," in the words of social ethicist Richard Niebuhr.*



Perkins made a difference in my life by equipping me to serve my church and community as a scholar-pastor throughout our connection and the world community. I was equipped to serve rural churches in Arkansas and Tennessee, and to serve my country as a U.S. Air Force chaplain. I was prepared to be a college pastor and teacher, and to teach and preach in Anglo churches in 48 of the 50 states as a staff member of the Board of Evangelism. I was equipped to lead urban congregations in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Los Angeles; to serve as a conference mission executive; and to extend the ministry and mission of the UMC as a general agency's area secretary for Africa.

**BISHOP MICHAEL MCKEE**

Episcopal Leader of the Dallas Area/North Texas Conference (M.Th.'78)

*My first date with the woman* who would become my wife was the Friday evening after the first week of Perkins' orientation. It was a good thing I didn't go out of state to seminary.

Having been a political science major, my first semester at Perkins was quite a challenge. I worked very hard to master the language and concepts. That began my keen interest in and passion for lifelong learning.

One of my greater privileges has been to be a mentor pastor to several Perkins interns. The supervision of interns was a part of the preparation for my current calling in The United Methodist Church. Over the last several years, I also have benefited from my participation on the Executive Board at Perkins.

Dallas is an exciting place, with civic leaders, non-profits, and faith groups collaborating on such issues as education, community wholeness, and poverty. Perkins is uniquely positioned to form persons for Christian ministry and to be a partner in the region's public life.



**WILLIE BANZA**

(M.T. S. student, Democratic Republic of the Congo)

*I came to Perkins* to develop spiritual and intellectual potentials to serve both local churches and new institutions of higher learning put in place by the UMC Central Conferences in Africa. In this process, I was encouraged by the North Katanga Annual Conference UMC and by the performance of SMU alumni who demonstrated academic excellence.

Perkins/SMU is helping me build a better society through research, innovation, and community interaction.

Perkins provides quality learning and teaching that leads students to a faithful, coherent, and responsible articulation of Christian faith.



**DR. EVELYN PARKER**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Professor of Practical Theology (M.R.E.'91)

*After graduating from Perkins*, I worked as director of children and youth ministries at Dallas' Northaven UMC. While I enjoyed my work, I knew I would pursue a doctoral degree. Upon graduating from Northwestern University, I took my first teaching job. During my third year, Perkins contacted me about applying for a faculty position. It was confidence that God had called me to serve at Perkins that assuaged my anxieties. My vocational journey here has challenged me to grow as a teacher/scholar, affirmed my gifts, and transformed my life.



**REV. JOSÉ SÁNCHEZ-PERRY**

(M.Div.'14)

*What I found at Perkins* was an excellent balance. I was looking for a professor who understood the intricacies of world Christianity. When I came for *Inside Perkins*, Professor Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi spoke at our evening event. After hearing his lecture on missiological movements during the climax of Protestant missions across the globe, I knew Perkins was perfect for me.



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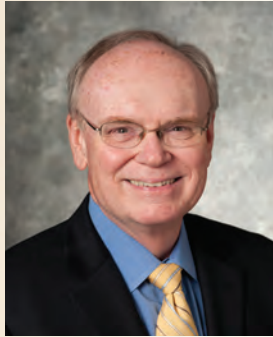


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### DR. C. MICHAEL HAWN

University Distinguished Professor of Church Music  
Director, Master of Sacred Music Program

*Perkins has been the best teaching place for me for a variety of reasons: the rich heritage for the study of congregational song; emphasis on the study of worship; global outreach, allowing me to lead 10 “immersions” involving more than 100 students as well as do research, lead events and teach in some 30 countries; and the privilege to work with vocationally engaged and musically talented students. I have a lot of gratitude.*



### DR. SWEE HONG LIM

(M.S.M.'95)

*I needed further training in worship and church music, so I came to Perkins on the recommendation of Dr. Ho Soon Kang, a Perkins alumnus and pastor of the church I served as music director. One of Perkins’ great gifts is its high-caliber faculty. Their courses helped me to think critically and independently. Anyone considering Perkins should prepare for rigorous work and a challenge to preconceived ideas.*



### STEPHEN P. RILEY

(M.Div.'07, GPRS Ph.D. candidate)

*As I was serving in ministry, I sensed a need for further education. When I came to an Inside Perkins event, the sense of community along with the vision of learning that former Dean Robin Lovin offered convinced me Perkins was the best option. ... Life occurs at such a fast pace and often we fail to slow down enough to encounter God, each other, and ourselves in the moment. Perkins helped me identify ways to “become the non-anxious presence.”*

### DR. JOHN MILES

(B.D./M.Th.'54)

*A couple of things brought me to Perkins. First, Perkins was where preacher boys from Arkansas went. (And, unfortunately, they were preacher boys back then.) Second, there was financial aid. I also thought it would be easier to go to Perkins because it was in Texas and there were oil fields nearby – so when I ran out of money I could work in the oil fields and make some more. That’s what I did.*

*I left Perkins with a broader view of the church and the world and the world’s needs, including for civil rights. You need a good seminary that will help you grow. Perkins will do that for you.*



### What’s your Perkins story?

Tell us how Perkins has made a difference in your life. Share a photo, too!

Visit [smu.edu/perkinsstory](http://smu.edu/perkinsstory) and *Tell Your Perkins Story.*



### DR. REBEKAH MILES

Professor of Ethics and Practical Theology; Director, GPRS Program

*I had been teaching happily in a Disciples of Christ theological school when I was approached about a position at Perkins. As a United Methodist elder, I wanted to fulfill my vocation in this very Wesleyan/United Methodist environment. I remember attending a Perkins Chapel service when trying to decide whether to accept the job offer. The service felt like coming home. My father, brother and many friends had attended Perkins so it was like coming home in more ways than one.*





## SUPPORTING THE PERKINS STORY

John A. Martin, Director of Development

IT IS ONE THING to *tell* the story, it is a different matter to *support* it.

When my now adult children were young I loved to tell them stories at bedtime. It was wonderful to be physically close and feel the love and acceptance between dad and sons. What they, as little boys, didn't know, was that dad also committed himself to feed and clothe them, to provide for them a place to live, and give them experiences which would develop them into mature men.

Telling a story is important...supporting it is vital! The Perkins story does not begin with "...once upon a time." Our story is rooted in history. People of faith and vision have supported the important work of Perkins School of Theology for one hundred years.

As we begin our second century we have much for which to be thankful. Perkins alumni have supported our school at the highest rate of any of the schools of the University, a testament to the devotion which graduates feel for their place of training. We have superb facilities and a world-class faculty.

We also have an exceptional library which should be enlarged and made more accessible. We have remarkable Ph.D. students who are choosing Perkins over other highly valued places of study – but those students need stipends to support themselves while they do their scholarship. We continue to seek endowed professorships which take the pressure off our annual operations while allowing us to support our premier echelon faculty members. And, of course, student scholarships always remain as one of our highest priorities. We want our graduates to face the world of ministry with minimal debt.

Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University are finishing the vitally important *Second Century Campaign* over the next 17 months. Perkins is part of the first chapter of that important story which has been carefully penned throughout 100 years.

I am pleased to join the "authors" of this rewarding story as we begin to write the next chapter. Join me in increasing our efforts so that the next generation of Perkins students and faculty members can have the same experience as those who before us have labored so faithfully. ■

## SMU APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



Dr. John Martin, Director of Development at Perkins

Dr. John Martin has been appointed by Southern Methodist University as director of Development for Perkins School of Theology. Dr. Martin formally assumed his duties at Perkins on July 1. He succeeds

Dr. Todd Rasberry, who resigned in early 2014 to accept a position as vice president for Institutional Advancement at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Dr. Martin recently returned to Dallas from Rochester, New York, where he completed a 12-year term as president at Roberts Wesleyan College. Before that, he was provost and chief operating officer for Roberts Wesleyan for six years. He also has served as president of Central College in McPherson, Kansas.

In announcing the appointment, Perkins School of Theology Dean William B. Lawrence praised Dr. Martin's qualifications. "He has an outstanding educational background, having earned two doctorates, one from Dallas Theological Seminary in Hebrew and Semitic Languages, and a second from the University of North Texas in Higher Education Administration," Dean Lawrence said. "His experience as a higher education president means that he will bring exceptional skills in major gift fund-raising that will effectively support our strategic vision for Perkins School of Theology and for the University."

"John's accomplishments, background, and success in leading fundraising campaigns at his previous institutions will be a great asset to SMU and to the development team at Perkins," Dean Lawrence added. "I am confident that he will be effective in achieving SMU's Second Century Campaign fundraising priorities for Perkins School of Theology." ■



## Perkins School of Theology:

# 100 YEARS OF TELLING THE STORY

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**1911:** The Texas Methodist Education Commission voted to establish Southern Methodist University in Dallas, with the intention that it include a theological school.

**1915:** When classes began on September 22, the School of Theology had four faculty members and 25 graduate theological students.

**1923:** R. Harper and Annie Kirby of Austin gave SMU \$100,000 to erect a building for the School of Theology – Kirby Hall, which is now Florence Hall in the Law Quadrangle.



Moving books to the first Theology Library at Kirby Hall, 1924

**1924:** Mrs. Kate Warnick was named the first theological librarian of the School of Theology, and in 1925 she oversaw establishment of a separate theological library in Kirby Hall.



Former Kirby Hall library

**1927:** The first Hispanic to receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree from SMU, Oscar Machado da Silva, graduated in September 1927.

**1936:** The first Ministers Week was held in January, with three sets of lectures attended by 395 ministers from 11 states.

**1944:** Joe and Lois Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas, announced their intention to give a large gift to the School of Theology. The initial commitment on June 13 was for \$1,000,000.

**1945:** On February 6, SMU announced that Joe and Lois Perkins had established the Perkins Endowment Fund. Their intention was to fund the construction of three new School of Theology buildings and to provide a permanent endowment. That day the Board of Trustees changed the school's name to Perkins School of Theology.



(from left) President Umphrey Lee, Joe and Lois Perkins, Bishop A. Frank Smith, c. 1945

**1945–51:** With funds from the Perkins endowment, Dean Hawk was able to increase the Perkins faculty by 75 percent, from eight to 14 full-time faculty.

**1948:** Joseph S. Bridwell of Wichita Falls decided to fund construction of a theological library as part of the new Perkins quadrangle. He and his daughter, Margaret Bridwell Bowdle, initially gave \$250,000 for the building.

**1949:** On February 8, SMU broke ground north of Highland Park Methodist Church for the new Perkins quadrangle.



Perkins groundbreaking

**1950:** On September 1, Decherd Turner came as the first theological librarian for Bridwell Library, a post he held for nearly 30 years. Turner established the foundation for the library's collecting in both scholarly theological materials and special collections of rare books and manuscripts. Bridwell Library opened on December 18.

**1950:** In November, on request of SMU President Umphrey Lee, the Board of Trustees approved in principle the admission of African-American students to Perkins when the administration deemed it "timely and proper."

**1951:** The new Perkins quadrangle was dedicated on February 8. It included Perkins Chapel, Kirby Hall, Bridwell Library, and four dormitories – Smith, Perkins, Martin, and Hawk. On September 1, Hawk retired and Merrimon Cuninggim came as the new dean. Albert C. Outler joined the faculty as professor of theology. Under Cuninggim's leadership from 1951–1960, the size of the Perkins faculty was doubled.

**1952:** In September, two years before the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, the first five African-American students to enroll in a degree program at SMU entered Perkins.

Historic Photos courtesy of Bridwell Library Special Collections  
Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University



In January 1954 the desegregation of the Perkins student body was reaffirmed after it had been challenged. All five African-American students received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in June 1955. Numbered among those five students was Rev. Dr. Cecil Williams, longtime pastor of Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco, who went on to receive the Perkins School of Theology Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996, an honorary doctorate from Southern Methodist University in 1997, and the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award – the highest honor the university bestows upon its graduates – in 2009. Also in 2009, the Williams Preaching Lab in Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall was named in honor of Dr. Williams.



The first five African Americans admitted to SMU all graduated from Perkins in 1955: (right to left) James Vernon Lyles, Allen Cecil Williams, Negail Rudolph Riley, John Wesley Elliott and James Arthur Hawkins.

**1954:** In February, Selecman Hall was dedicated. In the fall, Perkins introduced its “new curriculum” in the Bachelor of Divinity program and initiated the Master of Religious Education program.

**1959:** Perkins and the SMU School of Music jointly introduced the Master of Sacred Music program, directed by Lloyd Pfautsch. On December 17, the first in the tradition



Seminary Singers, 1957

of Christmas Worship Services was held in Perkins Chapel. Pfautsch directed the Seminary Singers, Konnie Konecki led the University Choir, H. Grady Hardin was the liturgist, and Claude Evans read a classic Christmas sermon.

**1965:** The Graduate Program in Religion admitted its first Ph.D. students and opened in the fall with Dean Joseph D. Quillian as chair and Perkins Professor Van Harvey as director.

**1968:** With Dean Quillian’s leadership, the Uniting Conference of The United Methodist Church established the Ministerial Education Fund, which since then has provided major financial assistance to Methodist seminaries.



Before the Intern Program – Field lab car

**1968–69:** Perkins conducted a comprehensive self-study of its curriculum, administration, and community life. Out of it came a revised curriculum, including the Intern Program.

**1970:** Perkins added to its faculty Nathaniel Lacy, its first African American, and Alfredo Nañez, its first Hispanic. Nañez, followed by Roy Barton in 1974, established the Mexican American Program at Perkins.

**1972:** Phyllis Bird became the first woman to join the Perkins faculty.



Dr. Phyllis Bird, first female faculty member

**1973:** On September 27, Perkins dedicated the Bridwell Library annex, which doubled the size of the building. Perkins introduced its Doctor of Ministry program for those desiring advanced competence in ministry beyond the Master of Divinity degree.

**1974:** Schubert M. Ogden became director of the Graduate Program in Religion, which in 1977 became the Graduate Program in Religious Studies – a title more “appropriate to the goals of advanced teaching and scholarship in religious studies, as distinct from Christian theology.”

**1982:** Perkins introduced the Master of Theological Studies degree, a two-year program designed for students not seeking ordination.

**1989:** On October 19, Bridwell Library was rededicated after a major renovation including additions of quiet reading rooms, compact shelving, and enhancements to the display, security and preservation of the special collections.

**1990:** On January 14, Perkins dedicated The Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries with the inaugural exhibition titled “The Bible:

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100 Landmarks from the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Collection.” Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins Prothro donated her significant collection of nearly 500 Bibles and *bibliana* to the library in 1996.

**1995:** Perkins initiated its extension program in Houston-Galveston, where students could complete up to two-thirds of their Master of Divinity studies, taught by Perkins faculty, and then come to the Dallas campus to finish their degree work.

**1999:** On September 7–8, Perkins rededicated Perkins Chapel after a major renovation made possible by large gifts from the Prothro family.

**2006:** The Perkins faculty voted to create the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions. David Maldonado became its first director.

**2007–09:** On September 7, 2007, Perkins broke ground for the building program that included the construction of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall and the renovations



Completed Theology Quad, 2009

of Kirby Hall and Selecman Hall. The dedication of the new and renovated buildings came on September 11, 2009.

**2010:** The faculty approved establishing the Center for Religious Leadership, with the mission of preparing students, clergy, and laity to lead congregations and other organizations in effective participation in the practice of the Christian life.

**2013:** The Center for Missional Wisdom, established in 1991 as The Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of Evangelism, became The Center for Evangelism and

Missional Church Studies, with Dr. Robert A. Hunt as director.

**2014:** The Center for Preaching Excellence was established with a \$500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Dr. Alyce McKenzie, Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship, is its inaugural director. The Master of Church Ministry degree was replaced by the Master of Arts in Ministry, which includes five specialized ministry tracks: Christian Education, Urban Ministry, Theology and Social Justice, Christian Spirituality, Evangelism and Mission. The name of the Mexican American Program (MAP) was expanded to The Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program, reflecting Perkins’ continuing emphasis on ministries with those who self-identify as Mexican Americans while being inclusive of the enormous diversity within Spanish-speaking or Hispanic-Latino/a populations. Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo succeeded Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddle as MAP director. ■

## THE LATE DEAN JOSEPH D. QUILLIAN, JR. FEATURED AS MANDALA ARTIST IN WASHINGTON STATE



Dr. Joseph D. Quillian, Jr.

Joseph D. Quillian, Jr., dean of Perkins School of Theology from 1960 until his retirement in 1981, was posthumously honored as featured artist for the January 24–26, 2014, art show of the Chewelah (Washington) Arts Guild. Quillian died in Chewelah in 1992, at the age of 75.

Susan Chamberlain of the Chewelah Arts Guild reports that programs associated with the art show “met with overwhelming enthusiasm.” According to Chamberlain, “Many remember Dean Quillian from his decade here after his retirement. School children and adults alike were invited to create and display their own mandalas, while those in the community who own Dean Quillian’s mandalas were given

an opportunity to share them at the show and share their stories.”

Dr. James Kirby, a student of Quillian’s who succeeded Quillian as dean of Perkins in 1981, shared with *Perspective* that one of Quillian’s mandala designs was silk-screened by Stanley Marcus onto Italian silk scarves which, as Kirby recalls, were listed in the Neiman Marcus catalog for \$1,000 each. “He was a remarkable individual,” Kirby says, “one of a kind, for sure! He meant a great deal to a lot of us, and made a real contribution to theological education – both as dean of Perkins for 21 years and as a past president of The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS). Perkins was fortunate to have him for a leader at a critical time in the life of the school.” ■



“Social Circle, Georgia” – a Quillian Mandala dated October 28, 1974 (courtesy of Susan Chamberlain, Chewelah Arts Guild)

# THE TRUTH ABOUT STORY

Alyce M. McKenzie

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Dr. Alyce M. McKenzie

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER I have craved stories. As a teenager in the 70s I sat in church listening to sermons that were “three points

and a poem,” wondering why, when life was so exciting, preaching could sometimes be so boring. I now recognize the arrogance of youth and the fact that preaching is a whole lot harder than anyone who has never done it realizes. Still, in my dissatisfaction with predictable, static, I was experiencing a yearning for story. And I wasn't the only one.

While I was daydreaming in church, off-roading between points two and three, a religion professor named Stephen Crites was writing an article that, in scholarly circles, “went viral” over the next several years. It was entitled “The Narrative Quality of Experience” (*Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 39, 1971). The central claim of the essay was that “The formal quality of experience through time is inherently narrative” (p. 291).

“Even when it is largely implicit, not vividly self-conscious, our sense of ourselves is at every moment to some extent integrated into a single story” (p. 302).

“Stories...infuse the incipient drama of experience with a definite sense of the way

its scenes are connected. They reveal to people the kind of drama in which they are engaged, and perhaps its larger meaning” (pp. 304-05).

In 1971, Fred Craddock, a young New Testament scholar and teacher of preaching, self-published a slim volume about preaching with a very 70s title: *As One Without Authority*, a critique of propositional preaching. He described traditional preaching as analogous to a preacher going on the whitewater rafting trip of biblical interpretation and bringing the congregation back a keychain. His challenge to preachers was, “Where is the story?”

Throughout the 1980s and 90s, other homileticians joined Craddock's move to recover story in preaching. Henry Mitchell, from his immersion in the already storied art of African-American preaching, asked mainline white Protestant preaching, “Where's your emotional logic?”<sup>1</sup> David Buttrick, in his classic book *Homiletic: Moves and Structures*, demanded of static, outline sermons, “Where are your moves?”<sup>2</sup> Eugene Lowry, author of *The Homiletical Plot*, a jazz pianist, and a homiletician who for many years taught at St. Paul School of Theology, asked, “Where is your plot: your conflict and resolution?”

Narrative became the new buzz word in the 80s and 90s as the recognition spread that story was a common thread that wove through multiple fields, among them literary criticism, theology, medicine, legal interpretation, and psychotherapy. There was a confidence that narrative was the central way that we human beings make sense of our experience, a conviction that our lives are a continuous attempt to connect the dots of our daily experiences and discern a coherent plot from them.

Preachers, naturally, embraced this recovery of story and used it to shape their understanding both of the purpose of preaching and the form of individual



sermons. Back in the early 80s, preacher and professor David Buttrick claimed that in preaching we invite people to place their stories in the context of the sacred story, the biblical story of salvation. He argued that it was a story with a more reliable protagonist, a better opening and a whole lot better ending than the small, self-centered stories we're writing on our own.

In 2014, confidence in that sacred story is not as firm under many people's feet as it seemed to be in the fourth quarter of the 20th century. In these days of “spiritual but not religious,” there is widespread suspicion of the big story (the metanarrative) of salvation as portrayed in Scripture. Many people, especially those under 35, have lost the will to shape the events of their lives to the contours of that metanarrative, that sacred story of salvation.

What's more, it may be that many of us have lost not only the will but also the fundamental skill of storymaking, of continuously crafting a connected narrative from the disparate events of our lives. Our screens have shrunk from panoramic to the size of our palms. We experience a condition some social media analysts refer to as CPA (Continuous Partial Attention), able to be simultaneously present to so many scenarios and so much information that no present situation has our undivided attention. In a recent essay, preacher, author and homiletics professor Thomas Long questions whether people in our attention-deficit, high-tech, visual culture, whom some call “episodics,”

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<sup>1</sup>Henry Mitchell, *Black Preaching: The Recovery of Powerful Art* (1990).

<sup>2</sup>Buttrick's magisterial homiletical tome published in 1987 was entitled *Homiletic: Moves and Structures*.

David Buttrick is Drucilla B. Moore Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics Emeritus at Vanderbilt Divinity School.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in a heaven of better days Lela shouts your name daily from the corner where she preaches from a Bible with all manner of reports about you to a people who tell the sadness of death, illegal work, hunger, jail, and lack. they gather every morning to listen to some finished feature that will help make your kingdom come, and place your residence in heaven into their daily strife. with worn goodness they pray for daily bread on earth, moan for life without debt, and cry about the impossible, ahead. abuelas who wear crosses around wrinkled necks, rub their calloused hands to pray along to the memory of equal days, rescue from evil, and the world a meeting place of friends.

– Harold J. Recinos

*Editor's note: When asked by Perspective to reflect on the background of this poem, Dr. Recinos, professor of Church and Society at Perkins, described it as a reflection on "the experience of marginality in the barrio and how it images the Christian life in terms of calling upon God for aid." Dr. Recinos added, "I wanted another framework to aid in thinking about relationship with God and forgotten people."*

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have the skills or the will to be engaged in an ongoing process of making a story of their lives. He suggests, rather, that many people are living in "random bursts," "our attention fleeting from American Idol to the troop movements in the Middle East to the desire to purchase a more powerful cell phone, a kind of cultural attention deficit disorder."<sup>3</sup>

Rather than give up on trying to communicate the Story and leave people to their own disjointed devices, it's all the

truth telling. This movement is often referred to as "The American Storytelling Renaissance" and encompasses the art of storytellers from a variety of ethnicities and backgrounds shaping stories out of their unique life experiences. What is old – the art of storytelling – is new again, as story festivals, story slams, and story radio programs like Snap Judgment, Moth, Radiolab, and This American Life abound.

There are lots of good reasons to participate in the renaissance of Story, to revive our

*Rather than give up on trying to communicate the Story and leave people to their own disjointed devices, it's all the more important in the second decade of the 21st century for religious communicators to invite people to allow the Story to shape their stories."*

more important in the second decade of the 21st century for religious communicators to invite people to allow the Story to shape their stories. We may just have to invite people into smaller portions of the bigger story – setting the scenes of everyday life in the context of scenes from Scripture. We know people love scenes – witness the high volume of YouTube videos uploaded each hour and the number of hits they get. I myself have watched "dog helps puppy down the stairs" four times.

Since the years I sat in church as a teenager craving stories there has been a resurgence of storytelling – not only in preaching but, more broadly, as a form of public entertainment and

communal skills at storytelling and story making and our will to connect scenes and stories from our daily lives with sacred story. One reason we have already mentioned, the anthropological reason: people shape their lives by stories. There is also a theological reason: the relationship of God with humankind comes in story form. There is, specifically, an incarnational reason – God came to earth to enter into the story with skin in the game. Finally, there is a biblical reason: the Scriptures are a story from alpha to omega, from start to finish.

An old Yiddish tale expresses the truth about story well:

Once upon a time Truth went about the streets as naked as the day he was born. As a result, no one would let him into their homes. Whenever people caught sight of him, they turned away and fled.

One day when Truth was sadly wandering about, he came upon Story. Now, Story was dressed in splendid clothes of beautiful colors. And Story, seeing Truth, said, "Tell me, neighbor, what makes you look so sad?" Truth replied bitterly, "Ah brother, things are bad. Very bad. I'm old, very old, and no one wants to acknowledge me. No one wants anything to do with me."

Hearing that, Story said, "People don't run away from you because you're old, I too am old. Very old. But the older I get, the better people like me. I'll tell you a secret: Let me lend you some splendid clothes like mine, and you'll see that the very people who pushed you aside will invite you into their homes and be glad of your company."

Truth took Story's advice and put on the borrowed clothes. And from that time on, Truth and Story have gone hand in hand.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Thomas G. Long, "Out of the Loop: The Changing Practice of Preaching," *What's the Shape of Narrative Preaching*, eds. Mike Graves and David J. Schlafer (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008), 126. Long sees the contemporary trend toward preaching as instruction as symptomatic of this episodic quality of daily life. <sup>4</sup>In the original tale "story" is rendered "parable." *Yiddish Folktales: The Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library Series*, edited by Beatrice Silverman Weinreich, Leonard Wolf, translator (Pantheon Books, New York).



## PERKINS LAUNCHES REDESIGNED WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

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

### New Website

Launched in August 2014, the goal of the updated website is to both inform and inspire, with greater ease of navigation.

Designed in partnership with SMU's Integrated Marketing department, the site is visually engaging – with strong rotating images anchoring the home page – and content reorganized into a user-friendly structure. The main sections include:

- About
- Academics & Faculty
- Admissions
- Student Life
- Alumni/ae & Friends
- News & Events
- Programs & Resource

The home page also includes a new “Resources For” feature at the top right, which expands into quick links for prospective students, current students and alums, and also includes easy-access Perkins contact information.

In addition, a standing section for prospective student events and news, a new daily calendar of Perkins events, and the latest Perkins news are included in the redesigned home page. Testimonials from Perkins students, faculty, and alums are featured in the “Perkins Story” section, and a video anchors the bottom left of the page. The visual backdrop for all pages on the website is the Habito Labyrinth.

The new Perkins site mirrors the look and feel of SMU's overall marketing and design goals, elements of which are incorporated into all websites of the University's individual schools.

### Social Media

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

### Join the conversation!

Follow Perkins School of Theology/Southern Methodist University on:

 Like us on Facebook <a href="#">PerkinsTheologySMU</a> Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University	 Follow us on Twitter <a href="#">@PerkinsSMU</a>	 Subscribe to our videos on YouTube <a href="#">Perkins School of Theology SMU</a>
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*Spread the word! Be sure to invite your friends and family to join Perkins on social media.*

## BRIDWELL LIBRARY ANNOUNCES REDESIGNED WEBSITE

Bridwell Library launched a newly updated website July 21, 2014. The website address, [smu.edu/bridwell](http://smu.edu/bridwell), has not changed.

Roberta Schaafsma, director of Bridwell Library and J.S. Bridwell Endowed Librarian, expressed appreciation for all who made the improvements possible. “Updating a website involves efforts from many people,” she said, “but the Bridwell Library staff who did the majority of the work on the improved website are Rebecca Howdeshell, Brittany Morgan and David Schmersal. We hope you will appreciate the results of their efforts!”

For assistance with the new website, please contact Reference and Digital Services Librarian David Schmersal, 214-768-7379 or [dschmersal@smu.edu](mailto:dschmersal@smu.edu)





# PERKINS OFFERS “MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY” DEGREE, EXPANDS STUDENT OPTIONS

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/Southern Methodist University has changed the name of the “Master of Church Ministries” (C.M.M.) degree to “Master of Arts in Ministry” (M.A.M.), and added three new tracks. The goal of the program is to increase students’ knowledge about the church and its ministries and to foster their ability to work meaningfully and creatively in a specialized area of ministry.

The M.A.M. includes two specialized ministry tracks previously associated with the C.M.M., while adding three new options:

1. **The Christian Education track** is intended primarily for those preparing for professional leadership as directors or as ministers of Christian Education.
2. **The Urban Ministry track** is intended for those preparing to work in community ministries in urban and peri-urban settings.
3. **The Theology and Social Justice track** is intended for those preparing to lead ministries in congregations, communities, the public realm, and other creative situations addressing systemic injustice.
4. **The Christian Spirituality track** is intended to prepare graduates to engage and reflect critically on Christian Spirituality and to walk with others in ministries of spiritual formation.
5. **The Evangelism and Mission track** is intended for those preparing to lead congregations and Christian organizations to engage in evangelistic ministries and missional outreach.

All five tracks share a common core of required courses in theology, Bible, church history and the social context of ministry, with additional specialized requirements and a supervised internship appropriate to the area of specialization. The program provides the basic educational requirements for ordination as deacon in The United Methodist Church.

The M.A.M. – a two-year degree program – is one of several curricular and scheduling steps taken by Perkins to make coursework and degree programs more accessible to a variety of prospective students. Students may now choose from daytime or evening classes, enter more easily in the spring and summer terms, and transfer more online hours from other ATS accredited schools.

Other degree programs offered by Perkins include the Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry, as well as the Ph.D., in cooperation with the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at SMU’s Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. For more information about the M.A.M. and other degree programs at Perkins, visit [smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/degrees](http://smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/degrees). ■



Perkins students and guests at a recent lecture in a Prothro Hall classroom.





# BRIDWELL LIBRARY'S 17TH-CENTURY CHINESE TORAH SCROLL EXHIBITED AT THE VATICAN

Sam Hodges

Bridwell Library's 17th-century  
Torah Scroll from Kaifeng, China

TO SPEAK OF THE BACK STORY of the 17th-century Chinese Torah scroll at Bridwell Library seems inadequate.

Back *saga* is more like it.

And recently there was one more plot twist. The Torah scroll went on a visit to the Vatican, as part of an exhibit organized by The Green Collection/Museum of the Bible.

It was on display at the Braccio di Carlo Magno museum, adjacent to St. Peter's Square, from early April through June 22, 2014.

The riches of Bridwell Library are well known to Bible scholars. But this apparently was the first time a Bridwell Library item has been displayed at the seat of the Roman Catholic Church.

Daniel J. Slive, Bridwell's Head of Special Collections, called it "a great opportunity

for us to be represented in this exhibit and at the Vatican."

## A sleuthing quest

Exactly how Judaism came to Kaifeng, China, remains unclear. Speculation centers on the Silk Road or some other trade route.

Whatever brought it about, the existence of an active Jewish community in Kaifeng from the 12th through mid-19th centuries is well-documented.

In 1642, Kaifeng was besieged by a rebel army, and the Yellow River was diverted as a defensive military measure. Flooding ensued, claiming thousands of lives and destroying the Kaifeng synagogue and its sacred texts.

The faithful there undertook to make new Torah scrolls, copying the first five books of the Hebrew Bible in brown ink on parchment skins. The scrolls were in service by 1653, according to historical accounts.

By the mid-19th century, at least some of the Torah scrolls had been sold. One was purchased in 1851 by the London Society for Promoting Christianity Among Jews.

The society apparently sold the scroll sometime after 1929. In the early 1950s it was sold again, this time

by a Pennsylvania bookseller to Thomas J. Harrison, a Pryor, Oklahoma, businessman, Methodist, and collector of rare Bibles.

But the scroll's Chinese origins had become obscure.

"It was a scroll, in good condition," said Eric White, Bridwell's Curator of Special Collections. "[Harrison] had no idea it was Chinese. This dealer didn't even offer it as Chinese."

Soon after Harrison's death, in 1963, the scroll came to Bridwell Library with Harrison's Bible collection as a bequest of the trust established in his name.

Bridwell's staff knew the scroll was unusual, but was as unsure as Harrison had been about its background. The Bridwell Library director at the time, Decherd Turner, eventually turned to Michael Pollak for help.

Pollak was the Jewish owner of a Dallas printing company and a self-taught authority on Judaica and early printing. Bridwell Library was one of his research haunts, and in 1972 he made the mysterious Torah scroll a sleuthing quest.

In his reading, Pollak learned of the Kaifeng scrolls, including the fact that some were missing. He met in New York with a dealer in antiquarian Hebrew manuscripts, who encouraged him to visit Menahem Schmelzer, librarian of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. That

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Eric White (center), with representatives from Unified Fine Arts of Dallas, preparing the scroll for a journey to the Vatican



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seminary, also in New York, is home to one of the Kaifeng Torah scrolls.

Schmelzer identified the calligraphic style of the Bridwell Torah as that of the Chinese Jews. Further evidence came in the discovery of the Hebrew word *yod-bet*, or “twelve,” on the Bridwell scroll, numbering it among the thirteen produced in Kaifeng.

The positive identification made *The New York Times* on March 10, 1973, under the headline “The Discovery of a Missing Chinese Torah Scroll.” The identification of the scroll was included in Pollak’s feature obituary in *The Dallas Morning News*, after his death in 2008.

### ‘Wow, that’s different’

Since its identification, the Chinese Torah scroll has been a standout of the Bridwell Library collection. Because of its age and the risk of deterioration when exposed to light, it’s rarely on display. But it’s often brought out from the vault and protective box where it’s kept.

“We show it all the time to classes and visiting groups,” White said.

Descendants of the Kaifeng Jews have come from China to see it. Rabbis locally, but also from Israel, have made their way to Bridwell Library for a viewing.

“A rabbi or anyone who has read Torah scrolls their whole life opens this one and says, ‘Wow, that’s different,’” White said. “The script is small, delicate and spidery, and it’s in this kind of brown ink. We’re used to larger, bolder, black, blocky letters.”

Slive added, “But it’s clearly Hebrew. People who read Hebrew today would not have any trouble reading this script.”

### Special journey

Last November, the Bridwell Torah scroll was shown to a special guest – Jennifer Atwood, Curator of Manuscripts at the Museum of the Bible.

One of the activities of the Museum of the Bible, a non-profit organization, is to organize traveling exhibits of items from The Green Collection, one of the world’s largest private collections of rare biblical texts and artifacts. The Green Collection, assembled by Steve Green and his family, of Oklahoma City, includes more than 40,000 items.

In 2012, the Museum of the Bible organized an exhibit titled *Verbum Domini*



Jesse Hunt, Conservation Technician at Bridwell Library, with the 17th-century Torah Scroll from Kaifeng, China

(“The Word of the Lord”) mounted at the Vatican’s Braccio di Carlo Magno museum. It included 150 rare biblical texts and artifacts from The Green Collection as well as other institutions.

When visiting Bridwell Library, Atwood was scouting for items beyond those in The Green Collection to be part of a larger sequel exhibit titled *Verbum Domini II: God’s Word Goes Out to the Nations*.

She fell hard for the Bridwell Torah scroll.

“Not only is it visually interesting due to its provenance, but it has been extremely well-preserved,” Atwood said. “To find a Torah scroll that is almost 400 years old, and was being actively used by a religious community for at least half that time, and yet remains in such pristine condition, is remarkable.”

Atwood made a formal request for a loan of the Bridwell Torah, offering to pick up all expenses related to having it in the exhibit. Bridwell Library officials agreed.

“We are so grateful to be able to partner with the Bridwell Library and SMU through their loan of the Kaifeng Torah scroll,” Atwood said last spring. “The library’s special collections house some truly



Workers from Unified Fine Arts of Dallas assist with the first steps of the Torah Scroll’s journey from Bridwell to the Vatican

magnificent pieces, and we hope that this is the beginning of a wonderful relationship between our two institutions.”

On packing day, March 6, Unified Fine Arts of Dallas arrived with a specially-built box and crate. With White and Slive observing, the Torah Scroll was loaded for transport.

“They’re very good,” White said of the team. “They were in and out in about an hour.”

From Dallas, the Torah Scroll was sent to Oklahoma City, then to Atlanta for a flight to Rome.

Members of the Green family had an audience with Pope Francis on March 31, in connection with the April 2 exhibit opening. The exhibit included fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls; a double-page from the Vatican’s Codex Vaticanus, believed to be the oldest surviving manuscript of the complete Christian Bible; and the Bath Old English Gospels, a full translation of the gospels into Old English, from the 11th century.

The latter was on loan from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and was on display outside of England for the first time.

On the first day, the free exhibit drew 7,414 visitors, with than 136,000 visitors during the three-month run.

The better known and better-traveled Torah scroll arrived safely back at Bridwell on July 14, concluding the most recent chapter in an ongoing tale of faith and endurance.

“Chinese Jews at the Vatican, via Texas and Oklahoma,” White said. “It’s kind of fun.” ■

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## IN HONOREM DR. RICHARD P. HEITZENRATER: PERKINS SYMPOSIUM, HONORARY SMU DEGREE, BRIDWELL EXHIBITION

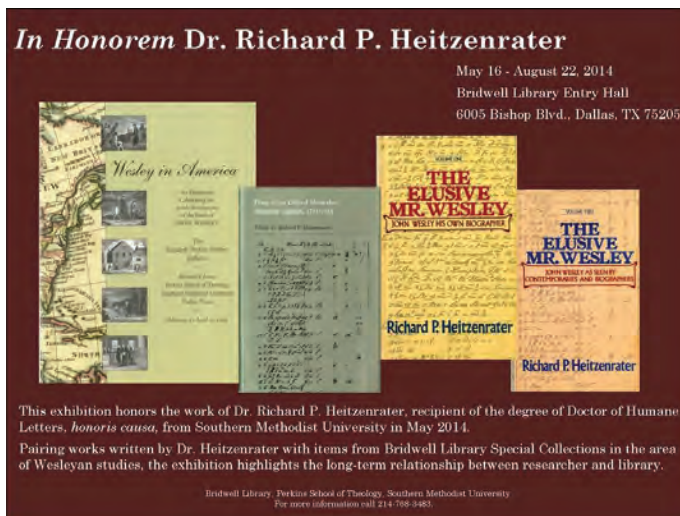


Dr. Richard P. Heitzenrater

Perkins welcomed **Richard P. Heitzenrater**, an eminent scholar on the works of John Wesley, for a symposium on his works, May 16, 2014, in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. Dr. Heitzenrater – a faculty member at Perkins for 16 years and William Kellon Quick Professor *Emeritus* of Church History and Wesley Studies at Duke Divinity School – is renowned

for his research and writing in the area of Wesleyan studies and early Methodism, and has the distinction of being the person who broke the shorthand code of John Wesley's diaries.

Dr. Heitzenrater also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Southern Methodist University, in recognition of his scholarly achievements and his service to SMU, as part of the University's commencement ceremony on May 17.



Symposium panelists with Dr. Heitzenrater: (l-r) Andrew C. Thompson, Ted A. Campbell, Sharon Grant, Richard P. Heitzenrater, Tamara Lewis

In conjunction with the symposium at Perkins, Bridwell Library hosted an exhibition honoring the works of Dr. Heitzenrater, May 16 through August 22. Dr. Heitzenrater utilized rare books and manuscripts held by Bridwell Library throughout his distinguished career. Pairing works written by Dr. Heitzenrater with items from Bridwell Library Special Collections, the exhibition highlighted the long-term relationship between researcher and library.

The symposium, "Grace Works: Reflections on Divine Grace, Human Works, and John Wesley – Celebrating the Scholarly Contributions of Richard P. Heitzenrater," included remarks by **Dean William B. Lawrence** and featured four panelists: **Ted A. Campbell**, associate professor of Church History at Perkins, and a clergy member of the Texas Conference; **Sharon Grant**, adjunct faculty in the Religion and Philosophy Department at University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, and an elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church; **Tamara Lewis**, assistant professor of the History of Christianity at Perkins, and a clergy member of the Tennessee Conference; and **Andrew C. Thompson**, assistant professor of Historical Theology & Wesleyan Studies at Memphis Theological Seminary, and a clergy member of the Arkansas Conference. ■

## DR. FERNANDO F. SEGOVIA AT PERKINS AS VISITING SCHOLAR

The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins School of Theology sponsored the residency of **Dr. Fernando F. Segovia** as the Center's visiting scholar March 31 through April 11, 2014. Dr. Segovia, a noted expert on Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Hispanic theology, preached, lectured, and participated in a number of public and academic events during his tenure.

Dr. Segovia is the Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Vanderbilt University's Divinity School, where he has taught since 1984. He is also a member of the faculty of theology of Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

"It was a privilege to welcome Dr. Segovia to Perkins School of Theology and to SMU," said the Rev. Dr. Hugo Magallanes, director of the Center. "He is a world class scholar, and the current president of the Society of Biblical Literature. His teaching and writings are quite influential in general, and in particular in the area of Biblical interpretation from a post-colonial perspective," he said.

The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions hosts a visiting scholar each academic year. The central mission of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions is to promote a deeper understanding of the varieties of religious life and expression within the Latino/a communities in the United States and in Latin America. ■



Dr. Fernando F. Segovia



Eric White, Curator of Special Collections at Bridwell, with the Czech Memorial Scrolls from Temple Emanu-El (foreground) and Bridwell Library



Rabbi David Stern shares reflections



Dean William B. Lawrence with Rabbi Heidi Coretz, director of SMU Hillel, at a reception in the Refectory following the presentations

## PRECIOUS LEGACY: A CELEBRATION OF CZECH MEMORIAL TORAH SCROLLS

Bridwell Library sponsored a Celebration of Czech Memorial Torah Scrolls Sunday, February 16, 2014, at a special event in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. Rabbi David Stern from Temple Emanu-El in Dallas shared reflections for attendees from Temple Emanu-El, Perkins and SMU, and the larger community.

Two scrolls, one from Bridwell Library and one from Temple Emanu-El, were exhibited, in observance of the 50th anniversary of the 1964 dedication of the Czech Memorial Torah Scrolls in London. A total of 1,564 scrolls, including the two exhibited at this event, were recovered in Prague after World War II. ■

## BRIDWELL'S WILLIAM E. MUSE LANTERN SLIDES DIGITAL COLLECTION

With assistance from grant money made possible by Perkins School of Theology, Bridwell Library made available in early 2014 a collection of 118 lantern slides of Japan digitized by SMU's Norwick Center. The entire collection includes 1,458 slides dating from the early decades of the 20th century. A number of the slides feature individual annotations, and several slides relate to the missionary "Gospel Ship" *Fukuin Maru*.

View the William E. Muse Lantern Slides digital collection at <http://digitalcollections.smu.edu/all/bridwell/muse/index.asp>. ■



Lantern slide No. 12: The Ceremonial Tea Observance in Japan



The old *Fukuin Maru* at auction

## JOHN R. (JACK) LEVISON APPOINTED TO ENDOWED CHAIR



**Professor John R. (Jack) Levison** has accepted an invitation from Southern Methodist University to serve as William Joseph Ambrose Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation, effective January 1, 2015. As a tenured full professor at Perkins School of Theology, Dr. Levison also will be a faculty member of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, a cooperative venture by Perkins and the Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences at SMU.

Dr. Levison earned the Ph.D. in 1985 from Duke University, producing a dissertation titled “Adam in Major Authors of Early Judaism.” He earned the M.A. from Cambridge University (1980) and a B.A. from Wheaton College (1978). He comes to Perkins from Seattle Pacific University, where he has been professor of New Testament since 2001.

Dr. Levison has authored nine books, including *Inspired: the Holy Spirit and the Mind of Faith* (2013), and *Fresh Air: The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life* (2012), as well as numerous articles in professional journals, books, and reference works. A featured blogger for the *Huffington Post*, his articles have appeared in *parade.com*, *relevant.com*, *beliefnet.com*, and on Patheos, the world’s largest independent religion site, which hosts his column, *spiritchatter*. Dr. Levison has been awarded grants from the National Humanities Center, the Lilly Fellows Program, the Louisville Institute, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, the International Catacomb Society, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In announcing the appointment, SMU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Ludden said, “An appointment to an

endowed position at SMU recognizes that a professor has achieved an extraordinary level of academic accomplishment. Dr. Jack Levison’s work and leadership exemplify the excellence of the University, and he is a most worthy recipient of this distinctive appointment.”

William B. Lawrence, dean of Perkins School of Theology, expressed gratitude to Provost Ludden for the appointment of Professor Levison to the W.J.A. Power Chair of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament. “Jack Levison was selected from a large pool of highly-qualified candidates after a thorough nationwide search. He is an outstanding teacher with a distinguished record of achievement as a scholar in Old Testament Interpretation and in Biblical Hebrew,” Lawrence said. “Jack will enhance the mission of Perkins School of Theology as we seek to prepare women and men for effective leadership in the church, not only by his work in the classroom but also through his continuing scholarly contributions to theological research and reflection on the church’s faith, life, and mission in the world.”

The William Joseph Ambrose Power Chair of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation was established in 1991 through the generosity of the friends and former students of *Emeritus* Professor Power. Dr. Levison becomes the third appointee to the W.J.A. Power Chair, following Dr. Power’s inaugural appointment to the chair named in his honor (1991), and Richard D. Nelson (2001–2014).

Dr. Levison and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison, are the parents of two adult children. Their daughter Chloe lives in Austin. Their son Jeremy will be a first-year student at Seattle Pacific University in the fall. ■



## DR. PHILIP WINGEIER-RAYO NAMED DIRECTOR OF MAP/COSS

Perkins School of Theology has named **Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo** to be director of the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program (MAP). In addition, Dr. Wingeier-Rayo has been appointed to serve as director of the Regional Course of Study School (COSS), under the auspices of The United Methodist Church. Both appointments were effective June 1, 2014.

Dr. Wingeier-Rayo, previously professor of Religion at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, succeeded Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddle, who retired January 1, 2014, after more than a decade at Perkins. As an aspect of being director of the two programs, Dr. Wingeier-Rayo will also have the title “Professor of Christian Mission and Intercultural Studies.”

Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence praised the scope of the new director’s expertise. “Dr. Wingeier-Rayo has a wide range of experience in and beyond the United States,” Dean Lawrence said. “His work both in the academy and in the mission field ideally suits him for leading the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Ministry Program as well as the Regional Course of Study School at Perkins. His diverse gifts will enhance Perkins’ mission to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry.”

Besides his faculty responsibilities at Pfeiffer, Dr. Wingeier-Rayo has taught as an adjunct professor at several theological schools. He is a 1988 graduate of Earlham College with a double major in Human Development/Social Relations and Spanish. He earned Master’s degrees in theology from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and *Seminario Evangélico de Teología* in Matanzas, Cuba. He earned a Ph.D. in theology, ethics and culture from Chicago Theological Seminary.

A commissioned missionary of the UMC’s General Board of Global Ministries for 15 years, Dr. Wingeier-Rayo has served in Nicaragua, Cuba, Mexico, and the Rio Grande Valley in southwest Texas.

In addition to numerous articles, Dr. Wingeier-Rayo has published two books: *Cuba Methodism: The Untold Story of Survival and Revival* (2006) and *Where are the Poor? An Ethnographic Study of a Base*



Dr. Phil Wingeier-Rayo at the opening worship service of the first Course of Study School summer session

*Christian Community and a Pentecostal Church in Mexico* (2011). Philip is married to Diana Wingeier-Rayo, an elder in the Western North Carolina Conference UMC, and together they have three children. Rev. Diana Wingeier-Rayo currently is appointed in the North Texas Conference at First UMC in Denton.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to serve God, the church and the world through the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Ministry Program and the Regional Course of Study at Perkins School of Theology,” Dr. Wingeier-Rayo said. “As we face declining church membership as a denomination, there are opportunities to reach different population groups in the changing demographics in the United States. Given the dramatic growth of the Hispanic

population over the last few years, Perkins’ Mexican American Program with its strong reputation and valuable resources is well-situated to offer leadership to the church and society.”

“My family and I are grateful for this opportunity to re-locate and be part of the rich heritage of the Perkins/SMU community in the southwest,” he added. ■

The **Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program** was founded at Perkins School of Theology in 1974 as the Mexican American Program. The name has been expanded to “The Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Ministry Program” as a way of reflecting Perkins’ continuing emphasis on ministries with those who self-identify as Mexican Americans while being inclusive of the enormous diversity within Spanish-speaking or Hispanic-Latino/a populations. MAP prepares church leaders for effective ministry in Spanish-speaking contexts and cultures. In addition, the program recruits, prepares, and provides continuing education for people in ministry with Hispanics-Latinos/as.

The **Regional Course of Study School** – offered in both English and Spanish tracks – is a program of the UMC’s General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The five-year curriculum of the Basic Course of Study provides theological education for all licensed local pastors not enrolled in a seminary degree program.



Pastors from Mexico and Colombia attending the 2014 Perkins Course of Study School were featured in a July 30 United Methodist News Service article by Sam Hodges: [umc.org/news-and-media/seminary-welcomes-mexican-colombian-pastors](http://umc.org/news-and-media/seminary-welcomes-mexican-colombian-pastors). ■

Month-long training at Perkins School of Theology equips Hispanic Methodist clergy with new knowledge and skills.

## RICHARD D. NELSON RETIRES FROM W.J.A. POWER CHAIR

**Dr. Richard D. Nelson** retired from the Perkins faculty in 2014 after serving as W.J.A. Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation since 2001. Dr. Nelson also served as associate dean for Academic Affairs from 2008–2013. Dr. Nelson was honored by Perkins at a May 2013 reception following the completion of his duties as associate dean and anticipating his 2014 retirement.

Dr. Nelson was the first person to occupy the Power Chair following Dr. W.J.A. Power's inaugural appointment to the position in 1991. "Closing out a forty-year career of ministry and teaching as a member of the Perkins faculty has been a wonderful privilege," Dr. Nelson said. "My best reward remains news I get about the faithful ministries of former students."

Dean William B. Lawrence praised Dr. Nelson's career as a scholar and teacher. "Rich Nelson's contributions to Perkins covered every facet of the dedicated service provided by truly outstanding faculty members," Dean Lawrence said. "He maintained an active life as a scholar, engaged in research and writing, as well as participating in the academic guild of his Old Testament peers. He taught classes with a superb devotion to his



(r-l) Dr. Rich Nelson at a retirement reception in his honor, with Dr. Evelyn Parker, his successor as associate dean of Academic Affairs, and Dean William B. Lawrence

students, and showed them how to place the texts of scripture under careful, contextual scrutiny as a way to open their many layers of meaning. He exercised extraordinary judgment administratively, working with students and faculty, and guiding us through years of accreditation reviews. In every way, Rich gave his very best to Perkins and to the University."

Prior to teaching at Perkins, Dr. Nelson was Kraft Professor of Biblical Studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary (Gettysburg), and assistant professor of Religion at Ferrum College (Virginia). Dr. Nelson also served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1973 through 1977.

Dr. Nelson earned the Ph.D. (1973) and Th.M. (1971) from Union Theological

Seminary, as well as an M.Div. (with honors, 1970) from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and a B.A. (*summa cum laude*, 1966) from Capital University.

Dr. Nelson was translator for "Joshua" and review translator for "1 and 2 Kings" in the Common English Bible (2011). In addition to numerous other publications, he is author of seven books including, most recently, *From Eden to Babel: An Adventure in Bible Study* (2006), *Deuteronomy: A Commentary* (2002), and *The Historical Books* (1998).

In retirement, Dr. Nelson enjoys fishing at his home on Loon Lake in northeastern Indiana, while also finishing his latest book, *Historical Roots of the Old Testament*, published by the Society of Biblical Literature Press and due to appear in November 2014. ■

## PASTORAL CARE AND FAMILY SYSTEMS EVENT FEATURES BISHOP TERESA SNORTON



Guest preacher Bishop Teresa Snorton (l), with Perkins Bishop-in-Residence D. Max Whitfield, and Dr. Stevenson-Moessner

**Bishop Teresa Elaine Snorton** was preacher and presenter for an October 22–23, 2013, event at Perkins. The event, "Family: Theological and Cultural Constructs," was organized in large part by Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of Pastoral Care at Perkins. In addition to Perkins faculty, staff, and students, attendees included area pastors and lay leaders, as well as students and supervisors from several Clinical Pastoral Education programs.

October 22 presentations included "Redefining Family in a Changing Society," as part of a Community Hour at Perkins (CHAP) gathering; and "Family Systems from an African-American Perspective." Dr. Snorton preached a sermon, "Brothers and Sisters by Other Mothers," in Perkins Chapel on October 23, followed by a luncheon sponsored by the Perkins Black Seminarians Association.

In 2010, Dr. Snorton became the first female elected bishop in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church. Prior to her election to the episcopacy, Bishop Snorton served as executive director of the National Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., for 12 years. She is a former executive director of the Emory Center for Pastoral Services in Atlanta, Georgia, and has taught Pastoral Care at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, the Virginia Commonwealth University, and the School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

Bishop Snorton is the author of several articles, chapters and book reviews on topics related to pastoral care and ministry. Her writings include a co-edited book with Dr. Stevenson-Moessner, *Women Out of Order: Risking Change and Creating Care in a Multi-Cultural World* (2009). Drs. Snorton and Stevenson-Moessner were jointly awarded the American Association of Pastoral Counselors' Outstanding Leadership Award. ■



# FACULTY NEWS

A nationwide search is underway for a senior scholar and teacher who will be eligible for appointment to the Lois Craddock Perkins Chair in Homiletics, following Dr. **Brad Braxton's** acceptance of an offer from the Ford Foundation to join their staff as a program officer for Religion in the Public Sphere.

**Chris Anderson**, associate professor of Sacred Music, led the University of Iowa Organ Colloquium on late German Romanticism and Karl Straube (January 2014); delivered the Dallas Opera Joy and Ronald Mankoff Pre-Opera Talks: *Lectures on Erich Wolfgang Korngold's Die tote Stadt* (March and April 2014); presented the opening keynote address for the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada at its Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio (July 2014); and presented the opening keynote address at the Big Moose Bach Fest, in Gorham, New Hampshire (August 2014). He also accepted an invitation by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs to serve on the Cultural Operations Program Grant Review Panel (May 2014); and an invitation to membership on the Founding Executive Committee of the Friends of the Organ Historical Society Library and Archives. His numerous recent publications include articles and reviews written in German and in English.

**Ted Campbell**, associate professor of Church History recently published "The Myth of the Mainline" in *The Christian Century* (June 2014, [bit.ly/U1cAAd](http://bit.ly/U1cAAd)), and has been widely quoted by a number of national publications, including *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The New York Times*. He was lecturer and preacher for the Judy Matthews Lectureship Series at First UMC, Missouri City, Texas (March 2014).



**Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi**, professor of Global Christianities and Mission, received the 2014 book of the year award from the American Society of Missiology, for his most recent work (with Justo L. Gonzalez), "To All Nations from All Nations: A History of the Missionary Movement." Additional recent articles by Dr. Cardoza-Orlandi include "Postcolonial Insights for Religious Leadership," chapter in *Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook*, Volume 2 (SAGE Reference Series); and «Una pastoral intergeneracional: Misión y ministerio en un contexto de transición cultural e intergeneracional» *Revista El Discípulo* (Bayamón, Puerto Rico: Iglesia Cristiana).



**Charles E. Curran**, Elizabeth Scurlock University Professor of Human Values (SMU faculty member affiliated with Perkins), was featured in a May 12, 2014, United Methodist News Service article ([bit.ly/1iOF4WW](http://bit.ly/1iOF4WW)) on the occasion of his retirement, including highlighted comments from Dean William B. Lawrence: "Charlie Curran is not a footnote in the history of American religion; he's in the body of the main text of any writing anybody might do on important figures in American religious life."

**Isabel Docampo**, professor of Supervised Ministry, was one of three keynote speakers for the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education's Racial, Ethnic and Multicultural Network on February 6, 2014, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her lecture, "Exploring Identity within the Process of Theological Reflection," utilized Latino/a perspectives to explore the way theological reflection on the practice of ministry is shaped by race, gender and class.



**Paula Dobbs-Wiggins**, adjunct associate professor of Pastoral Care at Perkins, has been named to Parkland Memorial Hospital's seven-member Board of Managers.

**Ruben L.F. Habito**, professor of World Religions and director of Spiritual Formation, was featured in a Summer 2014 magazine article, *Other Fingers Pointing to the Moon: An interview with Zen master and former priest Ruben L. F. Habito*, on Tricycle.com (<http://www.tricycle.com/interview/other-fingers-pointing-moon>). Habito's book, *Zen and the Spiritual Exercises: Paths of Awakening and Transformation*, was published by Orbis in 2013.

**Elaine A. Heath**, McCreless Professor of Evangelism, published a new book, "Missional.Monastic.Mainline" (Cascade), co-authored with Perkins alumnus Larry Duggins (D.Min.'13, M.Div.'11). Heath was quoted in an extensive article for *The Dallas Morning News*, "Dear God: Is Dallas society ready for Fellowship Church's



sex-loving, million-dollar minister?” (November 28). She presented the opening address at the Episcopal House of Bishops gathering in Nashville last fall.

**Roy Heller**, associate professor of Old Testament, presented the Stalcup Lecture on “The Book of Judges as Tragedy” (based on Heller’s recent book), as part of a series sponsored by Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. He is a writer and presenter for Covenant Bible Study, produced by the United Methodist Publishing House.

**Robert Hunt**, director of Global Theological Education, professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations, and director of the Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies at Perkins, has been named to the Board of Advisors of the Southwest Center for Interreligious Dialogue. He was



Dr. Rebekah Miles, new director of the GPRS, with Dr. Bruce Marshall, at a May 2014 reception honoring Marshall’s previous years of service as director

**Dr. Rebekah Miles**, professor of Ethics and Practical Theology, has accepted additional responsibilities as **director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies (GPRS)**, a cooperative program of Perkins School of Theology and the Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences at SMU. Dr. Miles is the first woman in GPRS history to direct the Ph.D. program. She succeeds **Bruce D. Marshall**, Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine, who will go on research leave in fall 2014 before resuming his full-time duties at Perkins.

prominently featured in a television news segment relating to Hindu traditions and cultural factors in the case of a woman accused of murdering her son in Frisco, Texas. He also has made guest appearances as a clergy officiant on the current television series, *Dallas*.

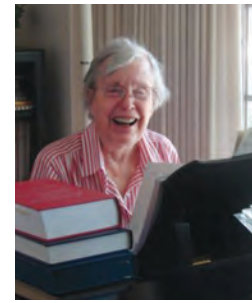
**James Kang Hoon Lee**, assistant professor of the History of Early Christianity, was awarded a grant from the University Research Council, to conduct research at the University of Notre Dame for a manuscript on Augustine’s ecclesiology.



Dillard University President Walter Kimbrough and students, with Dean William B. Lawrence, Connie Nelson, and Herbert Coleman

**William B. Lawrence**, dean and professor of American Church History, released a revised edition of his latest book, *Ordained Ministry in The United Methodist Church*. He spoke at Dillard University in New Orleans (October). Dillard, which was nearly destroyed by effects of Hurricane Katrina, is one of the historically black colleges in the country. Dean Lawrence continues to publish blog entries several times each month for the weekly Texas Faith entry on DallasNews.com’s Opinion Blog.

**Tamara Lewis** earned her Ph.D. in May 2014 from Vanderbilt University and has been promoted from instructor in Church History to assistant professor.



**Jane Marshall**, SMU alumna (B.M.’45), SMU Distinguished Alumna Award recipient (1965), and a former adjunct professor of Music Theory

and Conducting in the Music Division of Meadows School of the Arts and Perkins, was featured in a July 9, 2014, United Methodist News Service article. The article, which highlights Marshall’s beloved anthem, “My Eternal King,” can be viewed at [umc.org/news-and-media/my-eternal-king-launched-top-methodist-composer](http://umc.org/news-and-media/my-eternal-king-launched-top-methodist-composer).

**Alyce McKenzie**, Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship, was one of four SMU faculty members to be named a 2014 Ford Research Fellow by SMU’s Board of Trustees. Established in 2002 through a \$1 million pledge from trustee Gerald J. Ford, the fellowships help SMU retain and reward outstanding scholars. Each recipient receives a cash prize for research support during the year.

**Heidi Miller**, assistant professor of Christian Worship, was featured speaker for a Mennonite Church Eastern Canada winter youth retreat in Ontario, Canada. She recently published an essay, “And God Saw that It Was Very Good: Towards a Theology of Good Worship,” for *Liturgy: The Journal of the Liturgical Conference*.

**Harold Recinos**, professor of Church and Society, published “Obamacare and Christian Ethics: a plea to stay in love” as a guest contributor to the Washington-Baltimore Conference UMC website last fall. In 2014, his poetry – in addition to being featured in the current issue of *Perspective* – has been published in *Weavings* and in *Anglican Theological Review*.

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Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles at TEDxSMU, April 11, 2014

**Jaime Clark-Soles**, associate professor of New Testament, received an SMU Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor Award for 2014. The Altshuler Award annually recognizes four SMU faculty members for their notable commitment to and achievements in fostering student learning. Recipients receive a \$10,000 award and membership in SMU's Academy of Distinguished Teachers. "This makes Jaime one of the rare few at SMU who have won both of these two major faculty awards – the Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Award and a Ford Research Fellowship," said Dr. Rebekah Miles, director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies and professor of Ethics and Practical Theology.

Dr. Clark-Soles is New Testament editor and a video presenter for *Covenant Bible Study*, produced by the United Methodist Publishing House. She recently accepted an invitation to serve on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health*, ed. by Hans Reinders, as well as authoring a number of scholarly works and articles. She is a popular writer on *The Huffington Post*: [huffingtonpost.com/rev-dr-jaime-clarksoles/](http://huffingtonpost.com/rev-dr-jaime-clarksoles/) and on [patheos.com/blogs/generousochristianity/author/jclarksoles/](http://patheos.com/blogs/generousochristianity/author/jclarksoles/), as well.

Dr. Clark-Soles was a featured TEDxSMU speaker in April 2014, with a presentation subsequently selected as a TEDx Editor's pick of the week. For more information and a link to Dr. Clark-Soles' presentation, "Dying to Live": [www.smu.edu/Perkins/News/TEDxSMU-Perkins](http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/News/TEDxSMU-Perkins).

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**Joerg Rieger**, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology, in addition to publishing numerous scholarly articles, edited two books in 2013: *Religion, Theology, and Class: Fresh Engagements after Long Silence* ("New Approaches to Religion and Power" Series, Palgrave Macmillan) and *Across Borders: Latin Perspectives in the Americas Reshaping Religion, Theology, and Life* (Lexington Books).



**Susanne Scholz**, Perkins faculty member of Old Testament, was promoted to the rank of full professor, effective June 1, 2014. With

the support of a summer 2012 SMU University Research Council Travel Grant, she presented a paper for the European Society of Translation Studies at the University in Mainz, Germany. Among a number of recent publications, Scholz edited *Feminist Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Retrospect, Volume 1: "Biblical Books"* (Sheffield Phoenix Press), a book for which she also contributed an essay, "Eve's Daughters Liberated? The Book of Genesis in Feminist Exegesis." Additionally, she edited and published *God Loves Diversity & Justice: Progressive Scholars Speak about Faith, Politics, & the World* (Lexington Books), based on a one-day conference at Perkins in 2011.

**Abraham Smith**, professor of New Testament, published "Cultural Studies" in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*, Vol I. (Oxford). He was lecturer and preacher for the Dr. Robert E. Hayes Lecture Series of Wiley College last fall in Marshall, Texas.



**Thomas Spann**, professor of Supervised Ministry, was honored by SMU for 25 years of service.

**Mark W. Stamm**, professor of Christian worship, was named a 2014 Distinguished Alumnus of the Clearfield Area High School in Pennsylvania. The award has been



given annually since 2009 to alumni who have made exceptional contributions to society through their careers and/or activities. Stamm, a member of the CAHS class of '76, is one of two inductees in 2014; there have been only 12 inductees since the inception of the award. Also, a recently published update of Stamm's *Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church* has been made available online from the website of the General Board of Discipleship: [www.gbod.org/resources/our-membership-vows-in-the-united-methodist-church](http://www.gbod.org/resources/our-membership-vows-in-the-united-methodist-church); and an article by Stamm on holistic stewardship was included in the July/August issue of *Interpreter*, the ministry magazine of The United Methodist Church.

**Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner**, professor of Pastoral Care, published *The Elephant in the Church: What You Don't See Can Kill Your Ministry*, co-authored with Mary Lynn Dell, M.D. (Abingdon). The book was selected by *The Christian Century* as an outstanding book in the field of practical theology. She led a workshop, "Good and Self-Differentiated Life: Family Systems Engagement with Positive Psychology," for the Society for Pastoral Theology, in Atlanta, Georgia, in June 2014. ■

## PERKINS HOSTS SUMMER INSTITUTE ON THEOLOGY AND DISABILITY

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, in partnership with the Bethesda Institute of Watertown, Wisconsin, Highland Park UMC in Dallas, and the Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND), was a sponsor of the Fifth Annual Summer Institute on Theology and Disability. The Summer Institute was held on the campus of Perkins and at Highland Park UMC June 16-20, 2014.

The theme of the 2014 Summer Institute was “Caring Theologically and Thinking Pastorally: Disability as a Critical Question and Questioner.” William Gaventa, director of the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, described the event as “an exploration of the intersections between disability and theology, which calls for thought-full and care-full negotiation, grounded in the real lives of people with disabilities and their families.” The need for the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability is vital, Gaventa added, “because research and writing in theology and disability needs to come from and address all of the theological disciplines.”

With engaging speakers, rich times for interaction, discussion, and networking, the 2014 Summer Institute encompassed a wide diversity of participants, including theologians, clergy, congregational and ministry leaders, disability leaders, people with disabilities, family members, professionals in other disciplines, and seminary students. In addition to a variety of presentations, the Institute included morning and afternoon reflection and meditation, a Cooperative Resource Exhibit, and shared meals.



Justin Hancock (C.M.M.'08) leads worship in Perkins Chapel during the 2014 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability.



Jaime Clark-Soles, keynote speaker at the 2014 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, greets participants.

Plenary speakers for 2014 included Jaime Clark-Soles, associate professor of New Testament at Perkins, along with Amos Yong, Helen Betenbaugh, Darla Schumm, Ben Conner, Judith Snow, and Stanley Hauerwas. The Summer Institute faculty included Hans Reinders, John Swinton, Erik Carter, Jeremy Schipper, Tom Reynolds, and Bill Gaventa.

More information about this event is available at [smu.edu/Perkins/News/News\\_Archives/Archives\\_2014/Theology\\_Disability](http://smu.edu/Perkins/News/News_Archives/Archives_2014/Theology_Disability). ■



**Dr. Tamara Lewis**, assistant professor of the History of Christianity, invites Project Transformation Interns visiting the Perkins campus to reflect on the face of God.

## CENTER FOR EVANGELISM AND MISSIONAL CHURCH STUDIES HELPS CHURCHES AND SCHOLARS



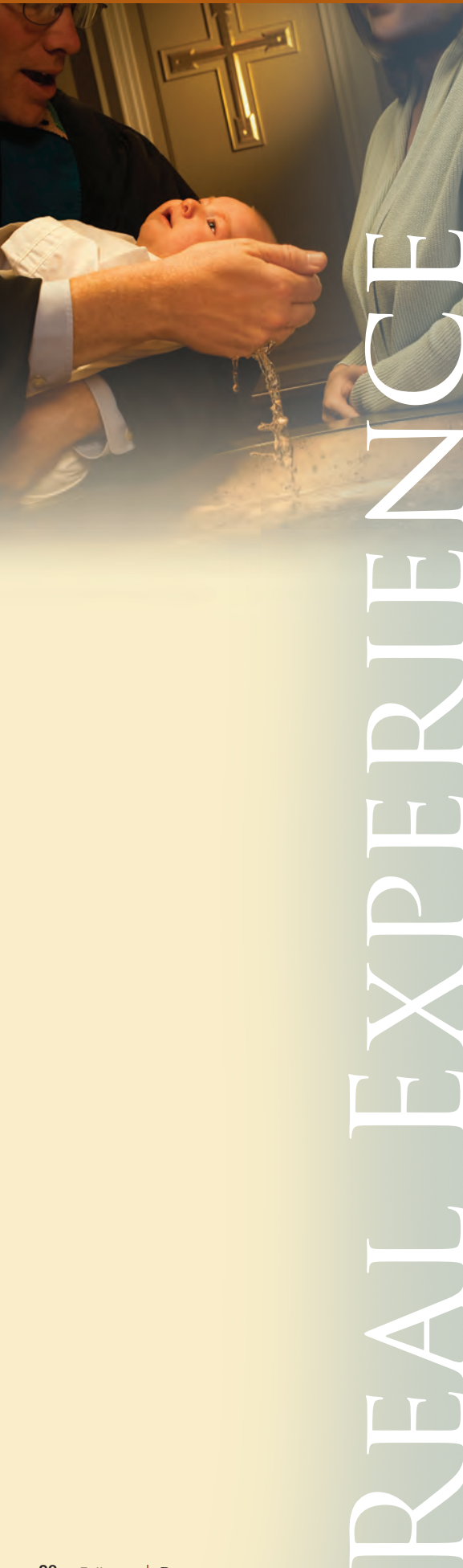
Dr. Robert A. Hunt, director of the Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies, also serves Perkins as director of Global Theological Education and professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations.

In 1991, Professor William J. Abraham, then McCreless Professor of Evangelism, founded the Perkins School of Theology Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of Evangelism to give new focus to the work of the church in evangelistic witness. His successor, Dr. (now Bishop) Scott Jones, expanded the work of the Center

to focus on congregation-based evangelism and church growth through seminars for local churches. In 2005, Dr. Elaine A. Heath was appointed to the McCreless Chair and became director of the Center. After a period of discernment, the Center took the new name “Center for Missional Wisdom,” incorporating perspectives on holistic evangelism coming from emerging and “new monastic” communities.

In order to highlight an emphasis on evangelism and to place it in the growing body of missional church studies, the Center for Missional Wisdom became the Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies in 2013. Later that year Dr. Robert Hunt was appointed director of the Center, assuming responsibility for a vigorous program that studies the challenges faced by local churches in mission and offers resources to local churches seeking a more effective evangelistic outreach.

The Center continues to engage the fresh challenges for the witness of the Church posed by a rapidly changing society. The Center’s Executive Board and director look forward both to expanding its educational mission and renewing its commitment to research, “that the world might know.” ■



REAL EXPERIENCE

# NEW CENTER FOR PREACHING EXCELLENCE FOCUSES ON “TELLING THE STORY”

Sam Hodges

WHEN THE REV. DR. ALYCE MCKENZIE says she wants preachers to make a scene in the pulpit, she’s not kidding.

Scenes are building blocks for stories. And telling a good, meaningful story – one that engages first, and then challenges – is a skill McKenzie believes can and should be learned by all who preach.

“Preaching continues to be the first thing that church personnel committees say they value in a new hire,” said McKenzie, George W. and Nell Ayers Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship at Perkins School of Theology. “They want someone who can preach the word, and they often say things like, ‘Can you connect scripture with contemporary life?’

“Story is a beautiful way to do that.”

Under McKenzie’s direction, and with \$500,000 in Lilly Endowment funding, Perkins recently established a Center for Preaching Excellence that will emphasize storytelling in seeking to improve the preaching of both students and working pastors.

The grant runs through 2018, and will directly involve nearly 400 students and pastors over that time.

Teaching preaching and worship have long been a priority at Perkins, and the Center for Preaching Excellence will draw on McKenzie and her four colleagues in this area, namely: Dr. Christopher S. Anderson, associate professor of Sacred Music; Dr. C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Sacred Music Program; Dr. Heidi A. Miller, assistant professor of Christian Worship; and Dr. Mark W. Stamm, professor of Christian Worship and coordinator of Perkins Chapel community worship.

McKenzie credits them with helping to shape the concept that won Lilly’s support.

“I’m grateful to my colleagues in preaching and worship for their support and guidance in this process, and their expertise will be an invaluable resource for the Center,” she said.



Mentor Dr. Michael Waters (D.Min.’12, M.Div.’06, SMU B.A.’02), and David K. Johnson (I), student in an introduction to preaching class that kicked off the Center For Preaching Excellence’s work in spring 2014, at Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. in Dallas



Dr. Alyce McKenzie offers the benediction at Christ UMC, Plano, Texas  
(Photo by Ben Chamness, Christ United Methodist Church)

The Center for Preaching Excellence also will draw on a range of other Perkins faculty members, as well as other SMU professors who use storytelling in their writing and teaching.

“We have such a deep bench,” said McKenzie, project director for the Center.

### Giving and gaining

The Lilly Endowment has long had religion as a focus area for its philanthropy, and specific goals include helping seminaries and churches to strengthen pastoral leadership. Perkins is among eight institutions recently awarded a major Lilly grant aimed at bolstering preaching instruction.

McKenzie said Lilly favors peer learning groups and mentorships, and the Center’s work got underway this spring by having several Dallas area pastors – varied in gender, race and denomination, but all known for strong preaching – serve as mentors to students in an introductory preaching course.

The pastors attended some of the classes, joined in small-group critique sessions of sermons, and worked one-on-one with a student assigned by McKenzie, who taught the course.

And while they were the mentors, they didn’t just sit back and pontificate. They had to preach one of their recent sermons in a small-group setting, and hear what others had to say.

“I told my wife that I was more nervous preaching to those five people than I was to the crowd at church,” said the Rev. Todd Harris, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Allen, Texas.

For Harris, who earned his Master of Divinity degree from Perkins in 1990 and served as mentor this spring to Perkins student Emily Miller-Todd, the critiquing tools provided by McKenzie offered him a chance to reflect on his own preaching.

“I gained far more than I gave,” he said.

The Rev. Alexandra Robinson, pastor of Walnut Hill United Methodist Church in Dallas and a 2001 Master of Divinity graduate from Perkins, felt the same about her work with student Rebecca Tankersley.

Robinson had studied preaching at Perkins with the Rev. Zan Holmes, well known in Dallas and beyond for his preaching and social and political work. She called his course “a wonderful experience.” But she said she welcomed getting to share about the life of a female pastor with Tankersley and to hear “the feminine touch” in McKenzie’s teaching.



David Johnson and mentor Michael Waters

For Robinson, like Harris, the chance to be back at Perkins, sharing impassioned talk about preaching with students and pastors alike, proved renewing.

“When you’re in the pulpit week after week, you might lose connection with your intentionality,” she said. “It was really nice to reconnect with that intentionality in a scholarly setting. . . . I hope (McKenzie) asks me again.”

For students, a first preaching course that would ordinarily be a stretching experience became even more of one with the addition of mentors. David K. Johnson, for example, is a Caucasian and a United Methodist who got to work with the Rev. Michael Waters, an African American who leads Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church.

“It’s another layer of education,” Johnson said. “You’ve got someone who’s not your professor, someone who’s not giving you a grade, but someone who’s practicing homiletics every week . . . He gave me feedback about eye contact, gestures, tone of voice.”

Mentors were working with students on the basics of preaching. But storytelling was championed even in this first course.

“A sermon has its greatest impact when it begins with the human experience and leads out from there,” Waters said.

### Digging for stories

The second phase of the Center’s work begins this fall, and involves four groups of 10 working pastors – two in Texas, one in Arkansas, and one in Louisiana. These “Perkins Preaching Peers” will meet regularly over two years, guided by a facilitator, to explore the theme “Preaching the Story: Storytelling as a Vehicle for the Gospel.”

While they’ll be working to improve their skills as storytellers, they’ll also be investigating the human need for stories, reading such books as “Wired for Story,” by Lisa Cron, and “The Storytelling Animal: How Stories Make Us Human,” by Jonathan Gottschall.

McKenzie said she’ll encourage the groups to dig into their personal stories, family stories, community stories, and stories of the churches they serve, for pulpit material.

Each year will begin and end with a plenary session, the latter amounting to a debriefing on insights and best practices that may eventually be shared via e-books or website.

Training the facilitators will be the Rev. Craig Gilliam who directs the Center for Pastoral Excellence in the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church and is an adjunct

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faculty member of the Perkins Doctor of Ministry program.

“When Alyce told me about (the peer groups), I thought it was a wonderful idea, a profound idea,” Gilliam said. “Clergy are out there looking for support, looking for resources, and this is a way for Perkins to offer them the resources they’re looking for.”

Another major aspect of the Center’s work will be collaborating with Perkins’ Office of Advanced Ministerial Studies in offering one-day continuing education events for pastors. This year’s line-up includes “Dealing with Conflict through Preaching and Worship” and “Planning for Easter Sunday and Beyond.”

Then there are the new preaching electives. For example, in fall 2015 the Center will sponsor a course, team taught by McKenzie and colleague Mark Stamm, titled “Proclaiming the Story of Holy Week,” and using mentor pastors from the Dallas area.

Other electives will draw on a range of professors from Perkins and also from the broader SMU faculty.

McKenzie notes that faculty beyond Perkins have been guest speakers in preaching courses before, gaining rave reviews from students. She’s excited by the prospect of involving theater professors, film professors, anthropology professors, and even advertising professors in a more substantive way, with a focus on storytelling.

### ‘A risk that God takes’

McKenzie is quick to say that a good sermon can be given with no narrative component, and that over a year pastors might well employ a

range of sermon types, including the venerable “three points and a poem.”

But she believes that for preachers not to respond to the human need for story is a huge missed opportunity.

“One of my favorite definitions of preaching is that it’s a risk that God takes,” McKenzie said. “So that’s part of my passion for this whole process – that preaching is crucial, and a unique opportunity, and then that storytelling is a kind of generational-transcendent, time-transcendent, way that we perceive and make sense of life.”

McKenzie’s interests in preaching and storytelling are no surprise, given her background. She holds a Ph.D. in homiletics from Princeton Theological Seminary and spent several years as a church pastor before shifting to an academic career. She’s a frequent guest preacher, and serves as preacher in residence at Christ United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas, where she’s in the pulpit about once a month and coaches the church’s full-time pastors in preaching. She’s a past president of the American Academy of Homiletics.

McKenzie also is the daughter of the late Robert H. Fowler, a historical novelist, and sister of Wade U. Fowler, who has published in the same genre. She herself is the author of the book *Novel Preaching: Tips from Top Writers on Crafting Creative Sermons*.

This year, she was named an SMU Ford Research Fellow (a program started by trustee Gerald J. Ford to reward and retain top scholars), and plans to use the support to expand an article she has written into an advanced elective course in preaching and a book to go with it.

Her working title is – perhaps you guessed it – “Making a Scene in the Pulpit.” Stay tuned. ■

## KARIS STAHL FADELY AWARD: TOTAL MISSION AND TIME MANAGEMENT

Bill Bryan, Director, Perkins Intern Program

KARIS STAHL FADELY is remembered in an annual award given to Perkins interns who excel in “commitment to Jesus Christ and to the total ministry and mission of the Church, a sense of responsibility in carrying out assigned tasks, ability to excel in a wide range of ministerial functions, and the use and management of time.”

Karis was a 1969 Perkins Master of Sacred Music student married to a minister sent in mission to Liberia. She struggled with her call, saying, “God, isn’t it enough that I am a wife, a mother of four, a music teacher, and a missionary?” *Time management*. For her, God’s response was, “No, I need you to help train more African ministers of the Gospel, and to train them you need to be one.”

Karis returned to Perkins and completed a Master of Theology degree in 1976. She was ordained deacon in North Texas and elder in Liberia, West Africa. She was appointed associate pastor of the S. Trowen Nagbe UMC in Monrovia and director of District Ministerial Training for the annual conference.

Karis died in Africa on April 16, 1978, from complications following surgery. In obedience to her careful instructions, her heart was buried at the Conference Retreat Center in Liberia as a continuing witness to her ministry. *Total mission*. Her family buried her body in the Swisher Cemetery in Lake Dallas, Texas.

The Karis Stahl Fadely Award for 2014 is given to Perkins graduates Tracy Huselton,

Alex Latu, and Carrie Leader. Their stories of ministry, mission, and time management on internship share faithfulness with Karis Fadely.



Headstone of Karis Stahl Fadely, Swisher Cemetery near Lake Dallas, Texas

## 2014 FADELY AWARD RECIPIENTS TELL THE STORY



Carrie Leader, a 2014 Fadely Award recipient

### **Telling the Story: Carrie Leader**

*My role at Mission Bend UMC as deacon intern was to connect the church family to Holmquist Elementary, a pre-K through 4th grade school with almost 1200 students. Almost all the students rely on the free/reduced lunch program, and about 700 of these students came to Holmquist at some point during the school year. We became aware that over 200 children were not being fed except at school, which meant they were going hungry over the weekend. Through our relationship with a nearby food pantry, children finally got food for the Christmas break. With almost 230 children on the list to receive food, and the food bank only providing 50 bags, the church decided to “create” more bags each week. A wonderful cadre of volunteers donated food, money, time to assemble backpacks each week. The church bought enough backpacks for each child on the list.*

### **Telling the Story: Alex Latu**

*While working as an intern I also continued as pastor at Tongan First UMC. My time at Perkins and at Tongan First UMC has been immensely helpful. I have been able to see some things that many people will not have the opportunity to experience. My goal was to give back to my Pacific Islander and Tongan community, during and after my internship. Poverty is a very real issue in our community and it has been proven that in order to lift people out of poverty there has to be education in the community.*

### **Telling the Story: Tracy Huselton**

*I was blessed to be the missions minister in a congregation with a genuine desire to be in service. It is a large and growing congregation with many gifts to offer, both in terms of personal talents and material wealth. With these gifts comes great responsibility. One of the most valuable lessons I’ve learned has been the realization that all people, no matter where they live and no matter their circumstances, view the world through a lens that is particular to their own context. As we grow in discipleship, the refraction of these lenses changes and our vision becomes broadened. We begin to see the world, in all of its diversity, a little more like God sees it.*



Alex Latu, wearing congratulatory money lei in the Tongan tradition, and Tracy Huselton, two of the three 2014 Fadely Award recipients

*I struggled with my calling throughout my time at Perkins and the internship provided an excellent space to explore this struggle in a deep and sincere way that provided clarity. The guidance I had from my mentor pastor, professor, internship peer group, lay teaching committee, and counselor was invaluable. In the midst of this struggle, my internship also allowed me to gain vast experience in many different ministry contexts ranging from my main responsibility as missions minister, to leading a bible study, to walking alongside a family in the midst of grief and loss. Internship allowed me to put my classroom knowledge to practical use. I gained experience in ministry that has changed me for the better and I will carry forward in ministry, regardless of whether it is as ordained clergy or a lay person. ■*

Contributions to the Karis Stahl Fadely Memorial Fund may be sent to Linda Hervey, Financial Officer, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75275-0133.



# Celebration OF THE DEGREES AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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## AWARDS PRESENTED MAY 17, 2014

**The Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Bray Award in Hebrew: Shawn Seguin**

*Given to the student who ranks highest in Hebrew scholarship.*

**The Charles C. Selecman Award in New Testament Greek: Katie Newsome**

*Given to the student who ranks highest in New Testament Greek scholarship.*

**The Charley T. and Jesse James Bible Awards: Ramsey Patton, Amy Spaur, Misty Farris, Tracy Huselton**

*Awarded to students on the basis of academic achievement in biblical courses and overall scholastic performance.*

**The W.B.J. Martin Award in Homiletics: David Schuler**

*Given in recognition of the most outstanding student in the introductory preaching classes.*

**The W. B. DeJernett Award in Homiletics: Amy Moore**

*Given to a senior student with the highest academic average in courses in homiletics.*

**The Paul W. Quillian Award in Homiletics: Emily Miller-Todd, Rebecca Tankersley**

*Given to students who have presented the best written sermon.*

**The William K. McElvaney Preaching Award: James Woods**

*Given to a student who has presented the best written sermon on a public issue, which includes a social crisis, a controversial issue, or a chronic social problem.*

**The Robert Weatherford Prize for Internship Preaching: Kevin Johnson, Evelyn Kelly, Brandon Lazarus**

*Established to honor the distinguished service of Robert Weatherford to the United Methodist Foundation and given to Master of Divinity students for excellence in preaching during internship.*

**The Bert Affleck Award: Joan Wu**

*Given to a student for Creativity in Ministry during Internship.*

**The Jerry W. Hobbs Award in Worship: Marie Fuhrken**

*Established in memory of United Methodist layman Jerry Hobbs and awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in worship combined with personal commitment to the worship life of the Perkins community during his or her time here.*

**The Fellowship Seminarian Award: Lindsay Smith**

*Established by The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, and given to a graduating seminary student who displays outstanding leadership in music and/or worship arts including, but not limited to, dance, drama, fabric art, and liturgical writing.*

**The Jane Marshall Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership in Christian Worship: Rebekah Rochte**

*Funded by a gift from Jane and Elbert Marshall, and given to a Master of Divinity or Master of Theological Studies student who has demonstrated excellence in the study and practice of Christian liturgy and worship.*





**The Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship and Practice: *Cara Ellis***

*Awarded by The Order of St. Luke to the graduating student who has demonstrated quality scholarship in the study of liturgy and is an effective leader of Christian worship.*

**The Roger Deschner Prize in Sacred Music: *Benjamin Hensley***

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

**The Albert C. Outler Award in Theology: *Josefrayn Sánchez-Perry***

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

**The Phillip Schaff Prize in Church History: *Frances Allington, Lori Evans***

*Established by Klaus Penzel and awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in the historical study of Christianity, while participating in courses in church history. It is named after the founder of the American Society of Church History.*

**The Karis Stahl Fadely Award: *Tracy Huselton, Alex Latu, Carrie Leade***

*Presented to students who exhibit the qualities which were exemplified by Karis Fadely: commitment to Jesus Christ and to the total ministry and mission of the Church; responsibility in assigned tasks; ability to excel in a wide range of ministerial functions; and use and management of time. (See related article, pp. 30-31.)*

**The B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics: *Charles Barker, Lisa Hancock, Lael Melville***

*Given by the Harold M. Kaufman Memorial Foundation to students on the basis of scholarly competence in the field of Social Ethics and personal commitment as shown in voluntary activity in support of worthy social causes.*

**The Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Flinn Senior Award: *Larry Crudup***

*Given to that member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of the faculty, best exemplifies the aims of the school and the church for its ministry.*



## JANELLE HAMPTON TO RETIRE AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Janelle B. Hampton** will retire as registrar/director of Academic Services at Perkins effective October 1, 2014, following 28 years of service to SMU.

Janelle's current position at Perkins has comprised the dual roles of registrar and building manager. In an announcement of Janelle's retirement, Dean William B. Lawrence expressed appreciation for Janelle's varied responsibilities, noting that "she has counseled with students, summoned technicians to fix leaks, organized emergency drills, managed the storage of furniture and books during our property renovation, negotiated with university housekeeping, collaborated with a succession of associate deans for Academic Affairs, brought lists of students for 'candidacy' to faculty meetings, and read the names of graduates at our diploma presentation services." Dean Lawrence added that Janelle has been "a friend and servant leader to all of us here at Perkins."

Janelle began her service at SMU in March 1986, as registration supervisor in the University Registrar's Office. She transferred to Perkins as assistant registrar in October 1988 and was named registrar and director of Academic Services at Perkins in September 1995, later accepting additional responsibilities as building manager.

Amid the many joys and challenges Janelle recalls, serving as logistics chair for the 2009–2011 building renovations and Prothro construction – while maintaining all her responsibilities as registrar – was particularly demanding. But, she adds, the press of such duties was more than offset by her appreciation for years of collegiality among staff and faculty.

At a May 13 reception in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall, Janelle was surprised by the presentation of four commemorative pavestones, each inscribed in her honor, to be installed as part of the planned SMU Centennial Promenade. The gift, organized by Judy Gibbons, assistant to the director of the Perkins Intern Program, included pavers on behalf of students, faculty, and staff members from Perkins and Bridwell Library.

Rebecca Payan, assistant director of the Course of Study School at Perkins, speaks highly of Janelle both as colleague and friend. "Janelle is always looking for ways to improve the school," Rebecca said. "I will miss seeing her, but I know she will enjoy her retirement."

Janelle expressed appreciation for friendships and shared labors with colleagues, along with gratitude for the privilege of working on behalf of the students at Perkins. "I've enjoyed this ministry in pursuit of the school's mission to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry," Janelle said, "and will miss the interaction with students and the wonderful staff and faculty who make this all happen." ■

## STAFF NEWS



Greg Dawson

**Gregory Dawson** joined the Bridwell Library staff as Access Services Manager, effective January 13, 2014. Greg has a Bachelor of Arts degree, with majors in history and business administration, from Austin College and a Master of Library Science degree from the

University of North Texas. Before coming to Perkins, Greg was Adult Services Supervisor at Farmers Branch Manske Library for three years. From 2007–2010 he held the position of Evening and Weekend Circulation Supervisor at Hamon Arts Library, SMU.

When announcing Greg's selection, Roberta Schaafsma, director of Bridwell Library and J.S. Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian, expressed appreciation for Greg's experience. "Greg brings to us a wealth of public service experiences," she said, "including circulation, interlibrary loan, reserves and reference."

Greg is enjoying his experience at Bridwell Library and at Perkins. "Perkins as a whole is a special community," he said. "Everyone here at Bridwell, and in the entire Perkins community, has been so very kind and welcoming." When he is not at work, Greg enjoys running, hiking, and other outdoor activities, as well as traveling.



Amanda Rodenberg

**Amanda (Barbour) Rodenberg** became assistant to the director for the Perkins Office of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations June 2, 2014. Amanda, who previously was on the staff of the Perkins Office of Development, served in

a temporary capacity for several weeks. She succeeds Alicia Skinner, who celebrated the birth of a daughter, Abigail Grace Skinner, on Amanda's first official day at work.

Amanda's story of life events leading to her courtship with – and June 19 marriage in Boston to – Perkins alumna Heather Rodenberg (M.Div.'14) was featured May 5 as part of "The Whole Enchilada," a special event in the Wyly Theatre in Dallas, and will be the subject of a forthcoming article in *D Magazine*.

Amanda enjoys working at Perkins again. "It's like working with family," she said.

"Amanda's outstanding skills, knowledge, drive, and enthusiasm easily made her the top candidate for this position," said Rev. Connie Nelson, director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations. "I am very glad she has joined us, and celebrate her return to the Perkins family."

**Frances Allington**, Special Collections student assistant at Bridwell Library, received an SMU Libraries Staff Recognition Award for *Outstanding Student Assistant*. The award, presented May 1, 2014, is given to a student employee who has demonstrated exemplary continuing performance during the period of employment. Consideration is given to work habits, knowledge of work, quality and quantity of work, judgment, initiative, adaptability and reliability.

**Tim Binkley**, Bridwell Library archivist, became a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists, an independent, non-profit organization for certifying professional archivists, in 2013. He is one of approximately 1,200 Certified Archivists in the U.S. and 25 international members. SMU boasts one other Certified Archivist on staff: Cynthia Franco at DeGolyer Library. Certification requires professional work experience and study beyond a Master's degree along with successful completion of an examination, and signifies advanced

knowledge of archival history, theory, and practice. Additionally, an article Tim submitted to *RecordedSound*, newsletter of the Society of American Archivists, was recently published: [www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/RecordedSound\\_Summer2014.pdf](http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/RecordedSound_Summer2014.pdf).

**Mary Gallegos-Rubio**, admissions specialist for Student Services, and her husband Robert Rubio, celebrated the birth of their son, Sebastian Rubio, on November 5.

**Judy Gibbons**, assistant to the director of the Intern Program, was chosen to receive the Outstanding Staff Award for Southern Methodist University by the SMU Faculty Senate. The award was presented during the April 30 meeting of the Faculty Senate by 2013–2014 Faculty Senate President Santanu Roy.



(Photo by Steven B. Vik)

**José De Haro**, assistant director of the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program, has been appointed Perkins representative on the Staff Advocacy Council at SMU. The Council, an extension of the SMU Staff Association, participates in campus dialogue on community issues and initiatives at the University. The Council also acts in partnership with administrators and other members of the campus community on behalf of the staff of the University.

**Geneva Hoffman** has been promoted to coordinator of the Spiritual Formation Program at Perkins, effective June 1, 2014. She previously was assistant for the Spiritual Formation Program and the Intern Program.

**Jesse Hunt**, conservation technician at Bridwell Library, received an SMU Libraries Staff Recognition Award for *Rookie of the Year*. The award, which was presented May 1, 2014, is given to a new library staff member (employed full-time by SMU libraries less

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## CAROLYN SANTINGA RETIRES AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Carolyn Santinga**, assistant for the Financial Office at Perkins School of Theology, retired July 31, 2014, after 24 years of service. Carolyn began her career at Perkins in acquisitions at Bridwell Library before transferring to the Financial Office.

Dean William B. Lawrence expressed appreciation for Carolyn's outstanding service. "Through her work with Linda Hervey in handling our financial services," Dean Lawrence said, "we have all benefited from her careful attention to detail, her kind spirit when letting us know about the importance of precision, and her gracious way of helping us get things accomplished in a timely manner."

Linda Hervey, financial officer at Perkins, reflected on some of the things she will miss about Carolyn. "Her warm spirit brightened our office," Ms. Hervey said, "and her capable work kept things running smoothly in numerous ways. The Financial Office at Perkins is stronger because of Carolyn's contributions to our work through these many years."

At a July 11 reception, two inscribed commemorative pavestones for the planned SMU Centennial Promenade were presented to Carolyn as a gift from faculty and staff members who wished to express their appreciation for her faithful service to Perkins. A generous contribution to the Perkins Student Scholarship Fund was made in her honor, as well. Additionally, C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Master of Sacred Music Program, sang a lighthearted song composed for the occasion.

When asked about a favorite moment at Perkins, Carolyn

remembered a time when a piece of furniture for Linda Hervey's office arrived in a box. "Dr. Jim Kirby volunteered to put it together for us," she recalled. "Here he was – a retired dean of Perkins who even was an interim president of SMU; yet he was willing to sit on our floor to put this piece of furniture together for us! There is a picture of this proudly posted in our file room."

Carolyn plans to enjoy her new status as a retiree. "I will be volunteering at the church, playing bingo with my Mom and her friends, helping our kids, playing with my grandkids and traveling with my husband and Mom," she said.

Carolyn expressed appreciation for the opportunities she found at Perkins. "I have always considered my jobs at Bridwell Library and Perkins a gift from God," she said. "I had not worked outside my home when Ellen Frost hired me in acquisitions and certainly had no accounting experience when Ken Black offered me the position in the Financial Office. I am thankful that I was able to learn so much from Ellen, Ken, and especially Linda Hervey over these years to hopefully make a difference at Perkins, because it has been a real joy." ■



Carolyn Santinga enjoys a retirement gift presented by Geneva Hoffman, Rebecca Payan, Carolyn Douglas, and Mary Gallegos-Rubio.



## DOROTHY BOTNICK RETIRES AFTER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Dorothy Botnick** retired as assistant director of Development at Perkins effective May 31, 2014, following 10 years of service to SMU. Dorothy first came to Perkins as development officer for the newly established Perkins Youth School of Theology.

Dorothy was instrumental in helping to develop Perkins' Faith and Business Luncheons and annual Public Life | Personal Faith Lecture and Colloquium, in addition to her responsibilities relating to cultivation of capital gifts and donor relations.

At a May 15 reception in Kirby Parlor, Dorothy was honored by tributes from colleagues at Perkins and SMU, including Brad Cheves, vice president for Development and External Affairs at SMU; Dean William B. Lawrence; Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of Pastoral Care; and Dr. Jim Laughlin, an alumnus (M.T.S.'08) and longtime supporter of Perkins.

Dorothy appreciated working both with internal and external constituencies at Perkins. "All my truly caring colleagues made Perkins a wonderful place to be," she said, "and working with the school's generous donors was an uplifting experience." In retirement, Dorothy is enjoying time spent working out at the SMU fitness center and going to yoga, Pilates, and tai chi classes. But mostly, she says, "I enjoy having time to myself." She also looks forward to upcoming travels with her husband Ben in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere.

Joyce Hull, coordinator for Annual and Class Giving at Perkins, worked closely with Dorothy in the Perkins Development Office for many years. "Dorothy was a consummate professional and a dear colleague," Joyce said. "Her commitment and experience will be missed!" ■



Dorothy Botnick at a May 15 retirement reception in her honor

## SAM TAYLOR FELLOWSHIP SUPPORTS GUTENBERG BIBLE RESEARCH BY DR. ERIC WHITE

**Eric White**, curator of Special Collections at Bridwell Library, was awarded a \$2,000 Sam Taylor Fellowship in fall 2013 for research on a Gutenberg Bible project.

This funding made it possible for Dr. White to conduct two weeks of research at five libraries in the United Kingdom that hold problematic copies of the Gutenberg Bible and pertinent archival resources, letters, and inventories: the British Library in London, the Archbishop's Library at Lambeth Palace in London, the Rylands Library at the University of Manchester, the Bodleian Library at Oxford, and Eton College Library in Windsor. The research, in turn, will become part of a proposed book by Dr. White, *Editio princeps: A History of the Gutenberg Bible*.

"We are very excited about Dr. White's project," said Kathleen Hugley-Cook, director, Office of National Fellowships and Awards at SMU. "His work will make a great difference."

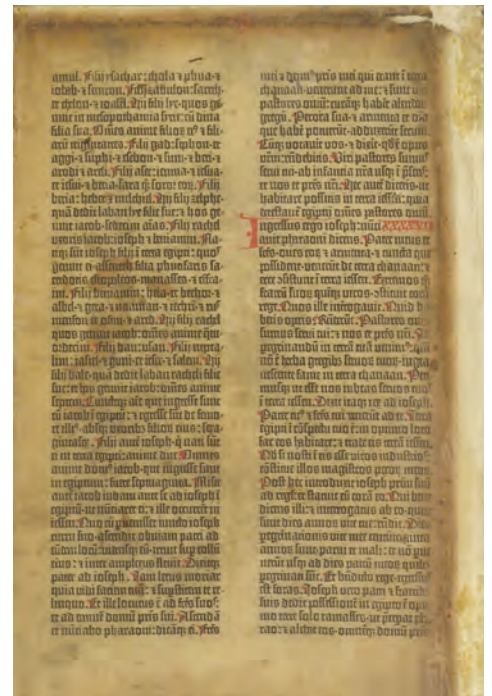
"The Gutenberg Bible has been my passion since the moment I came to Bridwell Library in 1997 and became Curator of the Trier II fragment and Mrs. Prothro's vellum leaf," Dr. White said. "I conceived of my book project in 2011 and have poured my thoughts and research into it just about every night ever since."



Dr. Eric White speaking at a 2014 presentation in Prothro Hall

White's Gutenberg Bible expertise was subsequently acknowledged in an April 2014 Hungarian news article ([magyarkurir.hu/hirek/gutenberg-biblia-toredeket-talaltak-vacott](http://magyarkurir.hu/hirek/gutenberg-biblia-toredeket-talaltak-vacott)), crediting the research of Dr. White and another authority, Falk Eisermann of Berlin. "Many Gutenberg Bibles fell out of use during the 16th–17th centuries, and were put to use as scrap material by bookbinders," Dr. White explained. "In 2009, on the basis of their initials, chapter numbers, and other decorations by hand, I arranged all of the surviving Gutenberg fragments saved from old bindings into groups representing lost Bibles. A group of five of these included fragments discovered long ago in Budapest and in archives near the Austrian-Hungarian border at Sopron. When Istvan Boros [author of the Hungarian news article] discovered this new one from Vac, Hungary, used as the cover of a book from 1629, Dr. Eisermann referred him to me, and his photos of the new fragment fit right into the Sopron group, offering further evidence that this Bible was in that part of the world before bookbinders cut it up for scrap vellum."

Dr. White expressed appreciation to Dean Lawrence, for his support for his project. "Each applicant for the Sam Taylor Fellowship is required to get his/her academic Dean to write a letter of support for the project. Dean Lawrence had just departed for his summer vacation when I proposed this to him, but he really came through for me. That was the key to getting the fellowship, and I'm very grateful." ■



A vellum leaf of the Gutenberg Bible, from the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Bible Collection. Other leaves from the same lost Bible are preserved at the St. Louis Art Museum, and at archives in Coburg and Karlsruhe, Germany. (Photo courtesy of Bridwell Library Special Collections)

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than three years) who has demonstrated the initiative, creativity and ability to make a significant contribution to the library in a short time. Hunt joined the Bridwell staff March 2012.

**Joe Monroy**, assistant to the associate dean for Academic Affairs at Perkins, has been promoted to the position of registrar and director of Academic Services. “Joe’s outstanding work and past experiences in managing curricular affairs are among the reasons for his promotion,” said Dr. Evelyn Parker, Joe’s supervisor. Joe will begin his duties as registrar on October 1, 2014, upon Janelle Hampton’s retirement from Perkins. A search for a successor to staff Joe’s position as assistant director is underway.

**Brittany Morgan**, administrative assistant at Bridwell Library, and her husband Jason Morgan, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Sarah Morgan, May 5, 2014.

**Staff Members Recognized for Decades of Service at SMU**

Four staff members from Bridwell Library and Perkins School of Theology were among employees of SMU honored at a Staff Association Assembly and Recognition Ceremony, March 6, 2014:

- **Jane Lenz Elder**, reference librarian at Bridwell, was recognized for **30** years of service.
- **Linda K. Umoh**, head of cataloging at Bridwell, was recognized for **29** years of service.

- **Ellen Frost**, head of acquisitions at Bridwell, was recognized for **28** years of service.

- **Janelle Hampton**, registrar and director of Academic Services at Perkins, was recognized for **27** years of service (see page 34 for additional article announcing Janelle’s retirement).

**Jane Elder** also was honored in spring 2014 as recipient of the Warren P. Nettles Award, which is given to a staff member each academic year for outstanding contributions to the Perkins community. ■



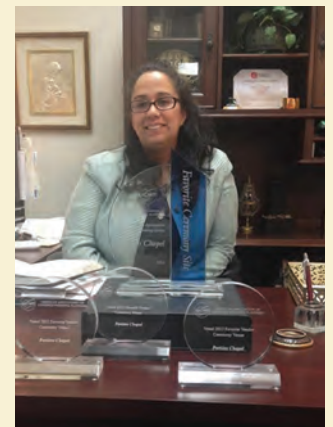
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**IMMERSION BLOGS SHARE EXPERIENCES, INSIGHTS FROM STUDENTS AND FACULTY**

Student and faculty blog posts from Global Theological Education immersion courses are available at [smu.edu/Perkins/News/Student-Faculty\\_Blogs](http://smu.edu/Perkins/News/Student-Faculty_Blogs). Recent blogs include posts by Dr. Lael C. Melville (2016 M.Div. candidate and past president of the Perkins Black Seminarians Association), writing from El Salvador; Dr. Tim McLemore (associate director of Public Affairs and Alumni/ae Relations), writing about the faculty immersion trip to Cuba; and multiple posts from Israel and the Palestinian Territories. ■

**PERKINS CHAPEL NAMED “BEST WEDDING CEREMONY SITE” IN DFW; TERESA ROSADO LAUDED**

Perkins Chapel was designated as the best wedding ceremony site in the DFW Metroplex for the fourth consecutive year. The American Association of Certified Wedding Planners presented the award at the Seventh Annual Vendi Awards on February 18, 2014, in Dallas. Perkins Chapel was one of five venues nominated in the DFW area, including Highland Park UMC, Marie Gabrielle Restaurant and Gardens, Marty Leonard Chapel, and Robert Carr Chapel at TCU.



Teresa Rosado with AACWP Awards

Dr. Michael Hawn, director of the Master of Sacred Music program at Perkins, praised the role of staff members such as Teresa Rosado, assistant to the M.S.M. program director, in the selection of Perkins Chapel. “While the award indicates that Perkins Chapel is a desired place to have a wedding,” Dr. Hawn explained, “it also reflects highly on the work of Ms. Rosado, as well her staff, including organist Benjamin Kolodziej – who balances upholding the Perkins Chapel wedding policies with an open and welcome spirit of hospitality.”

“Working with brides can sometimes be difficult, but Teresa is extremely skilled in conflict management,” Dr. Hawn added. “She has earned a Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution from SMU and this has paid off. However, Teresa very naturally creates a relaxed environment. This and her attention to organization and detail assure that virtually all of our many weddings each weekend come off flawless.”

Ms. Rosado expressed appreciation for the wedding coordinators who submit nominations for their favorite venues. “These nominations are not just votes,” she explains. “Each nominee has been written in by AACWP members. It’s nice to get nominated by these wedding coordinators,” Ms. Rosado adds, “because they handle so many weddings every year and they see ‘The Good, The Bad and the Ugly’ in the wedding industry.” Perkins Chapel has received a total of five awards from AACWP. ■



# STUDENT NEWS



**Regina Franklin-Basye** (M.Div. candidate) led a “Cultural Grieving Differences” workshop during the 37th National Conference of The Compassionate Friends, July 11–13, in Chicago, Illinois. Chaplain Franklin-Basye is director of Spiritual Care and Psycho-social Services at Esteem Hospice in Dallas, where she serves and prepares patients and their families during the dying process. Certified in thanatology, death, dying and bereavement, she is working toward completion of a Fellowship. She expects to receive the M.Div. from Perkins in May 2015 with a certificate in Pastoral Care. The mission of Compassionate Friends is to provide support to families after a child dies.

**Fred Bates, Jr.** (M.Div.) received the Chalice Press Book Award at the 2014 Perkins Spring Banquet. This award is



Perkins M.Div. student Kevin Brown offers the invocation for a Faith and Business Luncheon, November 2013.

given each year to an outstanding student answering God’s call to lead churches in challenging times.

**Mark Beggs** (M.S.M.) was selected as a 2014 Lovelace Scholar by the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. As one of 10 first-year scholars chosen from applicants in the United States and Canada, Beggs traveled to Columbus, Ohio, in July for the Society’s annual conference.

**Michelle Rushing** (M.Div.) received the Bishop John Wesley Hardt Award. The award, named in honor of Bishop-in-Residence *Emeritus* Hardt, recognizes Michelle’s involvement at Perkins in community life, worship, student government, and within the local church.



A living cloud of witnesses from Perkins surrounds Rebecca Tankersley in celebration of her consecration as Deacon

**Rebecca Guldi Tankersley** (M.Div.) was consecrated deacon, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, June 14, 2014.

**Bobby Wilson** (M.Div.) and wife, Cheryl Lynn, celebrated the birth of a son, Jon Luc Wilson, April 2, 2014. Mom, Dad, baby brother Matthew, and baby Jon Luc were all reported to be doing well. ■

*“All I can tell you is that God changed me at Perkins.”*

– **Mak Young**, participant in the Perkins Youth Ministry Certification program, in a February 2014 article for *Youthworker Movement* ([ywmovement.org/one-year-down-a-um-youth-ministry-certification-journey/](http://ywmovement.org/one-year-down-a-um-youth-ministry-certification-journey/))

## FAITH CALLS: THEOLOGICAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Faith Calls** has had a busy start in 2014, successfully completing a vibrant Spring Forum and Summer Academy.

“*SoulCare: Practices to Nurture the Mind, Body, & Soul*,” was the theme of the annual Spring Forum, held April 12, 2014. The event, especially for young people ages 15–22, focused on various dimensions of wellness – spiritually, physically, and socially. Keynote speaker was Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins, adjunct associate pastor of Pastoral Care at Perkins. Additional speakers included Lisa Joyner, Grant Skeldon, Froswa Booker-Drew, and Neeki Bey.

The *Faith Calls* program held its annual Summer Academy, July 5–19, 2014. Twenty high school students from diverse Christian traditions gathered on the SMU campus for a two-week residential program which included taking basic theological courses from Perkins faculty, planning and participating in worship, prayer and discernment practices, plenary sessions, community immersions and recreational activities. “I’m glad this program is here for us, young theological scholars, to further our knowledge about God, ourselves and others,” said Troy Nalls, a participant in the Summer Academy. “The fun we are having is just an added bonus.”

*Faith Calls: Theological Programs for Young People* formed in 2013, incorporating the former Perkins Youth School of Theology into a new initiative to expand Perkins’ work in theological education with young people. The program, operating under the aegis of the Office of Advanced Ministerial Studies, is designed to foster an interest in young people for theological learning and inquiry, and to nurture Christian youth in their vocational discernment and leadership development. Tonya Burton is director of Youth Ministry Education at Perkins, including *Faith Calls*.

Read more about *Faith Calls*, including student blogs from the Summer Academy: [faithcalls.wordpress.com/](http://faithcalls.wordpress.com/) ■



*Faith Calls* Young Scholars from the 2014 Summer Academy

# ALUMNI/AE NEWS

## 1955

**Rev. Dr. James V. Lyles** (M.Th.'55) published a book, *Hard Trials, Great Tribulations: A Black Preacher's Pilgrimage from Poverty and Segregation to the 21st Century*, July 1, 2014. Dr. Lyles was one of the five African-American men who enrolled at Perkins in the fall of 1952 as the first Black students ever admitted to a degree program at SMU.

## 1963

**Dr. Sam Hopkins** (M.Th.'63) appears in a documentary film, *The Tomato Republic*, about the 2013 mayoral election in Jacksonville, Texas.

## 1972

**Bishop James E. Dorff** (M.Th.'72), a member of the Perkins Executive Board, was awarded an honorary doctorate by Oklahoma City University. The degree was conferred in a May 10 ceremony. Bishop Dorff serves the San Antonio Episcopal Area.

## 1974

**Rev. L. James Bankston** (M.Th.'74) was featured in a July 4, 2013, *Houston Chronicle* article (<http://goo.gl/kP6zdw>), on the occasion of his retirement and St. Paul's UMC (Houston) naming their newly-expanded labyrinth garden the "Bankston Green" in his honor. Rev. Bankston currently serves as a member of the Perkins Executive Board.

## 1975

**Rev. Eston Williams** (M.Th.'75) and the members of Aley UMC were the subject of an August 5, 2014, United Methodist News Service feature story ([umc.org/news-and-media/i-can-do-can-reflects-aleyan-spirit](http://umc.org/news-and-media/i-can-do-can-reflects-aleyan-spirit)) after the congregation of about 100 members raised more than \$10,000 for *Imagine No Malaria*. The article by Rev. Joan LaBarr quotes Judge Ron Chapman: "Eston does a marvelous job of balancing the many requests we get for help to present us with the challenges we can realistically meet,

sometimes with just a little effort and other times with something as big as a Connections Band fundraising concert where little Aley United Methodist Church leads the way in promotion and contributions. Sometimes, I secretly wish the 'bigger' churches would match our efforts, but we all do what we can."

## 1976

**Rev. Dr. William H. (Bill) Wilson** (M.Th.'76) was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College. The degree was conferred May 4, 2013, following nominations by four bishops – S. Clifton Ives, Ernest S. Lyght, William Boyd Grove, and Sandra Steiner Ball – with whom Dr. Wilson worked as assistant through the years. He retired July 1, 2013, following 45 years of ministry.

## 1986



**Rev. Dr. Cynthia A. Wilson**

(M.S.M.'86) was featured in an article in the Winter 2014 Africa University publication *Today*, with a Japanese honorific, "Nūngen Kokuhō, living national treasure."

## 1995

**Rev. David Daniel** (M.Div.'95) received the 2014 Denman Award for Evangelism. Rev. Daniel is currently enrolled in the D.Min. program at Perkins. In a July 18, 2014, article in the Oklahoma Conference UMC's *Contact Digest*, District Superintendent Greg Tener said, "We recognize the visionary leadership and dynamic preaching of a truly dedicated servant of God."

## 2004

**Rev. Enrique Gonzalez** (M.Div.'04) was appointed director of Congregational Development for the Wisconsin Conference, effective July 1, 2014. He is



Members of "Make It Happen" – the first all-woman UMW Assembly band, which celebrated diversity in race and ethnicity, musical style, and age (20s to 60s) – rehearse before the opening of the UMW Assembly. (r-l): Rebecca Garrett, Martha McGuin Stevenson, Suzi Byrd, Amanda Powell. (Photo by Mike DuBose, courtesy of UMNS)

**Suzi Byrd** (M.T.S.'11) and **Rebecca Garrett** (M.S.M.'13) were among the music leaders for the United Methodist Women's Assembly, April 25–27, 2014, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ms. Byrd, an opera singer, church musician, and certified candidate for deaconess, was a song leader and choral conductor for the event, which drew more than 6,000 women from around the world. The final communion service included music she co-wrote with Perkins alumnus **John Thornburg** (M.Th.'81). Ms. Garrett is a percussionist and director of music at First UMC in Gainesville, Texas. ■

the first person to fill this new conference leadership position.

**Rev. Javier Leyva**, a graduate of the 2000 and 2004 Course of Study Schools at Perkins, was appointed director of the United Methodist Immigration Ministries of South Texas in July 2014. Of Rev. Leyva's appointment, Bishop James Dorff, bishop of the San Antonio Episcopal Area, wrote: "He is the right leader for such a time as this. This appointment is for a six-month period. It is our hope and prayer that the current situation on the border will somehow be resolved or dramatically improved during this time." (Full text of Bishop Dorff's announcement: [umcswtx.org/um-immigration-ministries](http://umcswtx.org/um-immigration-ministries).)

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**Rev. Paul Rasmussen** (M.Div.'04), Highland Park UMC in Dallas, was featured in a July 4, 2014, article in *The Dallas Morning News* ([bit.ly/1oBte4k](http://bit.ly/1oBte4k)) focusing on the first anniversary of his experience as senior minister of the 15,000-member congregation.

## 2006

**Rev. Dorothy Budd** (M.Div.'06) and Russell Budd gave \$2.5 million to endow the newly named Budd Center for Involving Communities in Education in SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

**Rev. Ben Trammell** (M.Div.'06) and **Rev. Dr. C. Chappell Temple** (SMU B.A., B.F.A.'74) were featured in a July 10, 2014, United Methodist News Service story (<http://bit.ly/1oq4K1e>) about their call for churchgoers to join with Jews and Muslims on July 15 for fasting and prayers for peace between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors. Rev. Trammell, pastor of Faith UMC in Richmond, Texas, and Dr. Temple, newly appointed to Christ UMC in Sugar Land, are clergy members of the Texas Conference.

**Rev. Marie Mitchell** (M.Div.'06) has been appointed to the Methodist Charlton Medical Center Community Advisory Board.

## 2008



**Rev. Anthony Everett** (M.Div.'08, SMU B.S.'85), accepted an invitation to serve on the Executive Board of Perkins School of Theology and was preacher in Perkins Chapel for a February 26, 2014, worship service led by the Board.

**Rev. Adam Hamilton** (M.Div.'08), 2010 Perkins Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, has released a new group study, *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*.

**Rev. Alina Somodevilla Williams** (M.Div.'09) and **Rev. Jared Williams** (M.Div.'09) celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Rebekah Ann, April 8, 2014.

## 2012

**Rev. Dr. Michael Waters** (D.Min.'12, M.Div.'06, SMU B.A.'02) has published a book, *Freestyle: Reflections on Faith, Family, Justice, and Pop Culture*, for which he was recognized as 2014 "Best Author" by *Dallas Weekly*. Dr. Waters, founder and senior pastor of Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, is a frequent writer for *Huffington Post* and other publications, and preached at the Perkins School of Theology 2014 Celebration of Degrees and Academic Achievements.

## 2013

**Dr. Larry Duggins** (D.Min.'13, M.Div.'11) has published a new book, "Missional. Monastic.Mainline" (Cascade), co-authored with Dr. Elaine Heath, McCreless Professor of Evangelism at Perkins.

**Dr. Richard Newton** (M.Div.'09) has completed his Ph.D. at Claremont and been appointed to the faculty of Elizabethtown College (Pennsylvania).

**Pastor Michael Roberts** (M.T.S.'13) announced the formation of a new ministry, "Pastors Hope Ministries: a Pastoral Alliance of the U.S. & Zambian Christian Church," February 2014.

## 2014

**Rev. Larry Terrell Crudup** (M.Div.'14) has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Interdisciplinary Studies at Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Rev. Crudup plans to focus on Ethical and Creative Leadership.

**Josefrayn Sánchez-Perry** (M.Div.'14) was selected by the Religion faculty of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, to be featured for a religion department alumni profile on Northwestern's website ([nwciova.edu/religion/graduates](http://nwciova.edu/religion/graduates)).

**Barbara Lord Watkins** (M.T.S.'14) was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of Medical City Dallas Hospital in 2014.

### Perkins School of Theology celebrates the recent ordination/commissioning of alumni/ae:

*Commissioned for work of an elder, UMC:*

**Edgar Bazan** (M.Div.'14), North Texas Annual Conference

**Patrick Michael Hoffman** (M.Div.'14), North Texas Annual Conference

**Justin August Miller** (M.Div.'08), North Texas Annual Conference

**Jenna Nicole Morrison** (M.Div.'14), North Texas Annual Conference

**Deborah Linda JoAnne Pounds** (M.Div.'14), North Texas Annual Conference

*Ordained elder, UMC:*

**David Andrew Forrest** (M.Div.'11), North Texas Annual Conference

**Jason Robert McConnell** (M.Div.'12), North Texas Annual Conference

**Mary Ncurubi Miriti** (M.Div.'11), North Texas Annual Conference

**Penny Lynn Mitchell** (M.Div.'10), North Texas Annual Conference

**Matthew A. Tuggle** (M.Div.'10), North Texas Annual Conference

**Kirk Watson** (M.Div.'14), Northwest Texas Annual Conference

**Anthony Everett** (M.Div.'08), Kentucky Annual Conference

*Ordained priest:*

**David M. Browning** (M.Div.'13), Anglican Church in North America

*Consecrated deacon:*

**Leslie Stewart** (M.Div.'14), Episcopal Diocese of Dallas



## EIGHT STUDENTS RECEIVE PASTORAL CARE CERTIFICATES

Eight students celebrated the successful completion of their oral examinations, the last requirement of the Pastoral Care Certificate program at Perkins, at a reception on April 28, 2014. Drs. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins and Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner passed “mantle of pastoral leadership” stoles to Cara Goedecke Ellis, surrounded by fellow students and guests, as Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner (left) shares reflections



Paula Dobbs-Wiggins (with stole) prepares to present a “mantle of pastoral leadership” to Pastoral Care Certificate recipient Cara Goedecke Ellis, surrounded by fellow students and guests, as Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner (left) shares reflections

Lincoln, Lisa Reece, Amy Spaur, Barbara Watkins, Kirk Watson, and Brenda Wideman.

Former certificate recipients gave charges, as friends and family members along with Clinical Pastoral Education supervisors and mentors gathered in Kirby Parlor to share the joy of these gifted students.

The Pastoral Care Certificate program is generously supported by Dr. Richard Hunt. For more information about the program, contact Dr. Jeanne Stevenson, Moessner professor of Pastoral Care, 214-768-2433, [jmoessne@smu.edu](mailto:jmoessne@smu.edu). ■



(l-r): Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Dr. Richard Hunt, Dr. Paula Dobbs-Wiggins

## PERKINS HOSTS NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUNG PREACHERS, JANUARY 2015

**National Festival Theme: “Tell Me a Story”**



Larry Terrell Crudup (M.Div. '14) speaks with peers at the 2014 National Festival.

Perkins School of Theology and Highland Park UMC in Dallas will co-host the 2015 *National Festival of Young Preachers*, January 2–5. The Festival is a multi-denominational event to encourage young people (ages 14–28) who aspire to be preachers.

The Academy of Preacher’s mission is to identify young

people interested in preaching while cultivating within them the conviction that preaching is a vocation of great social and spiritual significance and is worthy of their very best. Rather than a competition, the Festival of Young Preachers is a place where young preachers can be celebrated, inspired, encouraged, and edified by peers and mentors. In addition to the annual National Festival, the Academy of Preachers offers regional festivals at different times throughout the year.

Perkins students have participated in several of the most recent annual Festivals, and Perkins faculty and staff members have been involved, as well. You are encouraged to refer young people who might enjoy participating.

More information about the Academy of Preachers, parent organization of the Festival of Young Preachers: <http://academyofpreachers.net/festivals/>. ■



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## ISLAMIC LAW EXPERT LECTURES AT PERKINS

Perkins’ Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies hosted a lecture by Dr. Mohamed Keshavjee of the Ismaili community in London on March 20, 2014, in Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall. Dr. Keshavjee discussed Ismaili understandings of contemporary Shari’ law. The Institute of Ismaili Studies was established in 1977 with the object of promoting scholarship and learning of Muslim cultures and societies, historical as well as contemporary, and a better understanding of their relationship with other societies and faiths. The Keshavjee lecture and related activities were offered as part of its ongoing program to encourage dialogue. (Full article: [smu.edu/Perkins/News/News\\_Archives/Archives\\_2014/IsLAMic\\_Law\\_Expert](http://smu.edu/Perkins/News/News_Archives/Archives_2014/IsLAMic_Law_Expert)) ■



# REAL EXPERIENCE: CREATIVE WORSHIP

WORSHIP AT PERKINS, planned by students and faculty, takes place at a variety of times and in diverse expressions. Worship in Perkins Chapel includes services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters. Perkins Chapel is the heart of the SMU campus, and services are open to all.

Some of the creative worship experiences during the spring 2014 semester included:



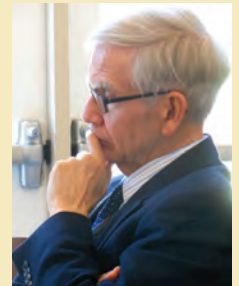
### Bluegrass Mass and Dinner on the Grounds *April 30, 2014*

“Celebration of Holy Communion with a bluegrass twang,” worship leaders included Dr. Rebekah Miles preaching and presiding with Dr. Michael Hawn and a diverse assortment of fellow musicians leading in song. The service was followed by a classic dinner on the grounds.

### Anniversary of the Martyrdom of El Salvador Archbishop Oscar Romero

*April 2, 2014*

Each year, Perkins observes the anniversary of the martyrdom of El Salvador Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was killed March 24, 1980. This year, the guest preacher was Dr. Fernando Segovia, visiting scholar hosted by The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins.



Dr. Fernando Segovia, in a moment of reflection during his time as visiting scholar at Perkins



### A Service of Silence and Reconciliation

*April 10, 2014*

Led by the Affirming Religious Community of Perkins, this service included stoles provided by affirming clergy from many denominations. The stoles were carried by worship leaders in procession and placed on the chancel rails at the front of the Chapel, to symbolize solidarity with silenced clergy who have been unable to pursue their calls to ordained ministry because of their sexual identity. Rev. Eric Folkerth (M.Div.'90), pastor of Northaven UMC in Dallas, was guest preacher.



### Lenten Taizé Prayer Service *March 26, 2014*

Three brothers from the Taizé Community in France, Br. Emmanuel from France, Br. John from the United States, and Br. Emile from Canada, were present. The Seminary Singers, directed by Dr. Michael Hawn, led the service. The Global Theological Education program at Perkins includes regular immersion courses in Taizé.

### Blessing of Shoes

*March 27, 2014*

Sponsored by Justice in Action, this service included a blessing of donations that provided new or used shoes specifically to families in which single parents are struggling to provide for their children in the midst of stress, red tape, and harsh realities.



Dr. Heidi Miller, assistant professor of Christian Worship, celebrates Holy Communion as part of the *SNAP Challenge*

### Solidarity with the Hungry: The SNAP Challenge *February 27, 2014*

An experiential worship service encouraged worshipers to reflect on ways in which we are all hungry and in need of the transfiguring process of purification, communion and resurrection. The service included an invitation to take the *SNAP Challenge* and experience what it is like to live and eat on the equivalent of food stamps for one week – or for the entire Lenten season. ■

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Founding Pastor of Dallas' Joy Tabernacle AME Church  
Author of *Freestyle: Reflections on Faith, Family, Justice and Pop Culture*

**Rev. Alexia Salvatierra**

Special Assistant to the Bishop for Welcoming Congregations  
Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

**Dr. Leicester Longden**

Associate Professor of Evangelism and Discipleship  
University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Iowa

**Rev. Trey Hall**

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**Barry Hughes**

Associate Professor of Supervised Ministry  
Associate Director, Intern Program

**Hugo Magallanes**

Associate Professor of Christianity and Cultures  
Director, Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity  
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Rev. Karen Greenwaldt shares words of appreciation at the award banquet.

## KAREN GREENWALDT NAMED 2014 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA; SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

**THE REV. KAREN GREENWALD**, General Secretary of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship from 2001–2013, was named 2014 Perkins School of Theology Distinguished Alumna. A clergy member of the Central Texas Conference, Rev. Greenwaldt earned the Master of Theology degree from Perkins in 1977. The Distinguished Alumna Award was presented February 3, 2014, during a banquet as part of Perkins School of Theology’s Ministers Week.

The annual Distinguished Alumnus/a Awards recognize Perkins graduates who have demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support and involvement in the goals of Perkins School of Theology and SMU, distinguished service in the wider community, and exemplary character.

Additionally, an endowment has been established to provide scholarships for women clergy candidates from the Central Texas Conference attending Perkins School of Theology, in recognition of Rev. Greenwaldt being the first woman ordained by the Central Texas Conference.

Rev. Greenwaldt served as general secretary of the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) from her election in 2001 through her retirement in December 2013. GBOD is one of 13 councils, boards, and commissions that carry out the work of The United Methodist Church. As general secretary, Greenwaldt served as chief executive officer of an organization tasked with providing training, support, and resources for clergy and laity leaders in the areas of spiritual growth and development, devotional literature, curriculum resources, Christian education, evangelism, worship, stewardship, and ministry of the laity.

Bishop D. Max Whitfield, bishop-in-residence at Perkins School of Theology, praised Greenwaldt's selfless leadership. "Rev. Greenwaldt always places the advancement of the Kingdom of God above her own personal dreams and achievement," Bishop Whitfield observed. "She was the individual from whom the other General Secretaries and many of the Council of Bishops members sought direction when major issues and the future direction of the denomination were needed."

Rev. Greenwaldt first came to the General Board of Discipleship as an elected member of GBOD's Board of Directors from 1980–1981. She joined the GBOD staff in September 1981, serving as director of Church Leader Development and director of Education and Ministries with Young Adults and Single Adults, and later as associate general secretary, administrator and team leader of the Discipleship Ministries Division. Before serving with



(from left) SMU Provost Paul Ludden, Perkins Alumni/ae Council Chairperson Suzy Reedstrom, Rev. Karen Greenwaldt, Dean William B. Lawrence

GBOD, Rev. Greenwaldt was the associate council director for the Central Texas Conference. She also served as an associate pastor and a hospital chaplain.

"Karen was the first female ordained as an elder in the Central Texas Conference," said the Rev. Jeannie Treviño-Teddle, a clergy member of the Central Texas Conference and former director of the Mexican American Program and United Methodist Regional Course of Study School at Perkins. "She is highly regarded in the Central Texas Conference, as evidenced by her election as a clergy delegate to the 2004 and 2008 General Conference and South Central Jurisdictional Conference. In 2012 she was elected as a reserve clergy delegate to the General Conference and South Central Jurisdictional Conference."

Kim Simpson, lay leader of the Central Texas Conference, echoed Treviño-Teddle's expression of esteem. "I have found Karen to possess wonderful leadership skills. She has been able to grow the service of GBOD in creative and productive ways."

Prior to earning the Master of Theology degree from Perkins, Rev. Greenwaldt received her B.S. from McMurry University, Abilene, Texas. She is author of *Singles Care One for Another*, *For Everything There is a Season*, and *Organizing in the Small Membership Church*, as well as numerous articles on the vision and mission of the church.

Rev. Greenwaldt is married to Russell Harris, a full-time studio potter. They are active members of their local United Methodist congregation. ■

Gifts to the Karen A. Greenwaldt Endowment may be sent to the Texas Methodist Foundation Karen A. Greenwaldt Endowment, 11709 Boulder Lane, Austin, TX 78726. For more information, see the blog of Central Texas Conference Bishop Mike Lowry: <http://www.bishopmikelowry.com/celebration-and-reflection/>.



Dean Lawrence and Rev. Greenwaldt with previous Distinguished Alum Award recipients: (from left) Bruce Weaver (2001), Bishop John Wesley Hardt (2008), and (right) William K. McElvaney (2013)

Information about nominating candidates for the Distinguished Alumnus/a Award is available at [www.smu.edu/perkins/AlumniFriends/DistinguishedAlum](http://www.smu.edu/perkins/AlumniFriends/DistinguishedAlum). Nominations for 2015 must be submitted in writing by October 1, 2014. Contact Connie Nelson, [chnelson@smu.edu](mailto:chnelson@smu.edu), 214-768-2335.



# BLISS DODD NAMED 2014 WOODROW B. SEALS LAITY AWARD RECIPIENT

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY named **Bliss Dodd** 2014 Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award recipient. Ms. Dodd, a member of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, in the Central Texas Conference, received the Seals Award at a March 8, 2014, luncheon during the three-day Perkins Theological School for the Laity.

The Seals Award is presented annually to laypersons in the United States who embody

the Christian faith and commitment of service to Christ in the church, community, and world, as exemplified by Judge Woodrow B. Seals, a distinguished layperson whose interest and energy were instrumental in establishing the Perkins Theological School for the Laity. Selection for the award is made by a committee of the Perkins Lay Advisory Board.

Bliss Dodd has been an active layperson for many years at First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth. In addition to a wide variety of leadership responsibilities in the local church, she has served at the district and conference levels in the Central Texas Annual Conference and as a representative to several South Central Jurisdictional Conferences as well as three successive General Conferences – quadrennial gatherings of representatives elected to the highest legislative body of The United Methodist Church from across the globe.

“Bliss exemplifies the ministry of the laity at every level in the church,” said Dr. Tim Bruster, senior pastor at First UMC, Fort Worth. “Bliss lives out her commitment to Christ and the church in so many ways: in her worship attendance, her full participation and leadership on boards and committees, her stewardship, her own spiritual disciplines and her excellent teaching. She has held many offices at the local church level and beyond; ways that are too numerous to list.”

In appreciation for her extensive leadership in the Central Texas Conference, Ms. Dodd received the Morris DeLaney Walker award from the Central Texas Conference Board of Laity in 2012. The Morris



Bliss Dodd shares words of appreciation at the award luncheon

Walker award recognizes “above and beyond” service of laity and clergy to their local church, community and the annual conference. Her duties in the Central Texas Conference included chairing a committee on mental health education and issues, a task for which she was ideally suited because of her professional experience as Special Education Director for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District.

“Bliss is one of the most giving and supportive laypersons that I know,” said Rev. Gena Anderson, associate pastor at First UMC, Fort Worth. “She is a mover and shaker; she is always getting wonderful things done in our church community. She is also a very gifted teacher of all age groups.” Anderson adds, “She is a connector; this is her greatest spiritual gift. She connects to other people, she connects people to one another, and she connects people to God. Bliss is an amazing woman who works tirelessly to make our church and our world a better place.” ■



(from left) Perkins Lay Advisory Board member Helen Williams, Dean Lawrence, Central Texas Conference Bishop Mike Lowry, Bliss Dodd, Fort Worth First UMC Senior Pastor Tim Bruster

*Information about nominating candidates for the Seals Laity Award is available at [www.smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/GetInvolved/LayAdvisoryBoard/Seals\\_Award](http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/GetInvolved/LayAdvisoryBoard/Seals_Award). Nominations for 2015 must be submitted in writing by December 5, 2014. Contact Connie Nelson, [chnelson@smu.edu](mailto:chnelson@smu.edu), 214-768-2335.*



Barry Hughes (upper right) looks upward as a frame wall is secured

## “KATY’S CORNER” DEDICATES NEW HOME IN HONOR OF BARRY HUGHES

Michael Whitley Graves,  
guest contributor

REV. DR. BARRY HUGHES, a member of the Perkins Intern Program faculty, stood proudly with volunteers from Asbury United Methodist Church, the Fuller Center of Northwest Louisiana and other citizens of Bossier City, Louisiana, as the entire group erected four frames that now make up Lonnie and Rosalyn Carmack’s first home.

The couple shares “Katy’s Corner,” a plot of land dedicated to the late Katy Watkins’ continuous service to God and her community, with the Brown family.

The Watkins family, Asbury United Methodist Church and the Fuller Center agreed to honor Rev. Hughes alongside Katy with the construction of the Carmack’s home, the 50th built by the Fuller Center in the region. The homes provide decent, affordable housing for those who are unable to secure adequate housing through conventional means.

Regarding the project, Rev. Hughes says, “It is a humbling, rare, and wonderful thing for a pastor to have such a concrete affirmation that what they preached and lived for made a lasting difference.”

Rev. Hughes, or “Brother Barry” to those he pastored during his days at Asbury UMC, boasts a long history of service with Asbury. He served alongside youth (including Katy Watkins) and adults alike to work on houses in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and participated in the Northwest Louisiana Interfaith group during his tenure. To Angela Pfanner, Asbury UMC’s program director, having two homes honoring both Katy and Rev. Hughes just makes sense. The two are still models for the church, whose service and love of Christ continue to inspire hope, discipleship and spiritual transformation in the life of Asbury UMC and the Bossier City community. ■

## PERKINS ALUMNI/AE RECRUITMENT TEAM REACHES OUT IN HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA

Members of the new Perkins Alumni/ae Recruitment Team (PART) gathered May 1 for a day-long training session on the Perkins School of Theology campus in Dallas. These alums, all from the Houston area, will reach out to potential students – particularly for the Houston-Galveston Extension Program – as part of the pilot program developed by the Office of Student Services at Perkins.

The team of alums, comprising United Methodist laity and clergy, and members of other denominations, received updates from Dean William B. Lawrence and other faculty and staff. In addition, the group attended the Service of Sending Forth in Perkins Chapel and a luncheon for graduating seniors. ■



Perkins Alumni/ae Recruitment Team (PART) – pictured, from left: Jacqui King, Carrie DeLeon, Curtis Matthys, Jack Womack, Salatheia Bryant Honors, Emily Everett, Kim Mabry, Lynette Ross, Frank Coats, Michelle Hall, and Corky Fowler (not pictured: Colin Taylor)



# MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS AND EVENTS

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



Marj and Sam Young (former director of the M.S.M. program), and Edie and Lloyd Pfautsch (founding director of the M.S.M. program), enjoy sharing food and fellowship with other participants



Jackson Henry (M.S.M.'03) and Joe Stobaugh (M.S.M.'03) jam during a reception

## Perkins Alums in Leadership: 2014 Annual Conference of the Hymn Society in the USA and Canada

More than 30 students, alumni/ae, and faculty members of the Perkins Master of Sacred Music program, including M.S.M. Program Director **Michael Hawn**, attended the 2014 Annual Conference of the Hymn Society in the USA and Canada, July 13–17, 2014, in Columbus, Ohio. A number of presentations were led by Perkins faculty and alums, including **Lisa Hancock** (M.S.M.'13), **DeAndre Johnson** (M.S.M.'08), **Joe Stobaugh** (M.S.M.'03), and **Christopher Anderson**, associate professor of Sacred Music at Perkins.

**Geoffrey Moore** (M.Div.'10, M.S.M.'03, current Ph.D. candidate), was elected president-elect of the Society, and **Swee Hong Lim** (M.S.M.'96) was elected director of Research. They join **Brian Hehn** (M.S.M.'12), on the Executive Committee. **John Thornburg** (M.Th.'81) retired from the Executive Committee after serving in presidential roles for six years.

## Hawn's "History of Hymns" column available on GBOD website

Michael Hawn's popular "History of Hymns" feature is available on the website of the UMC's General Board of Discipleship: [gbod.org/worship/hymns-hymn-singing-hymnals-hymnology](http://gbod.org/worship/hymns-hymn-singing-hymnals-hymnology).

## "Our Heritage and Hope" Reunion scheduled for 2015

A Reunion for Master of Sacred Music alumni/ae is scheduled for **September 27–September 29, 2015**. The special event, which runs from Sunday evening through Tuesday evening, will highlight the M.S.M. program's *Heritage* (celebrating 55 years and more than 350 graduates) and *Hope* (anticipating new sacred music curricula and looking to the future of church music in the 21st century).

The reunion theme is *Keeping the Song Alive: Renewing Our Vocation*, with keynote speaker **Thomas Troeger**, J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor of Christian Communication, Yale Divinity School.

The reunion also will include:

- A special introduction of **Stefan Engels**, recently appointed Artist in Residence and Leah Fullinwider Centennial Chair of Organ Performance at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts;
- Worship led by **Christopher Anderson**, associate professor of Church Music; **Michael Hawn**; and current and recent M.S.M. students;
- Awarding of the *Soli Gloria Deo Alumni/ae Award* for outstanding service in the field of Church Music;
- Sharing of creative offerings of alums, fellowship, and renewals of friendship.

Please be sure that we have your most recent contact information. Visit [smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/UpdateRecords](http://smu.edu/Perkins/AlumniFriends/UpdateRecords), or send information to Teresa Rosado, [teresar@smu.edu](mailto:teresar@smu.edu) or 214-768-2502.



Perkins alumni and current M.S.M. students at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Hymn Society

**SMU's Meadows School of the Arts recently was named top music school in the country** in a study published in *USA Today College*: [smu.edu/Meadows/NewsAndEvents/News/2014/140620-SMUMeadowsNamedTopMusicSchoolinUS](http://smu.edu/Meadows/NewsAndEvents/News/2014/140620-SMUMeadowsNamedTopMusicSchoolinUS).



## LEADING AND SERVING GLOBALLY IN ASIA AND EUROPE

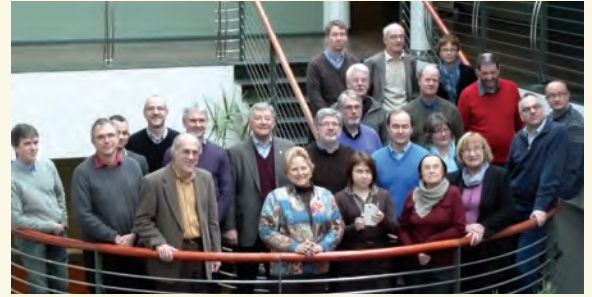
As the President of the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools for 2012–2014, Dean William B. Lawrence attended the biennial gathering of Methodist Theological Schools in Europe (MTSE) at Tallinn, Estonia, in early 2014. The meeting was held at the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary, which shares a building with one of the United Methodist churches in Tallinn. MTSE includes leaders of Methodist-related institutions ranging from Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the continent. Scholars and theological school administrators, as well as church leaders including two United Methodist Bishops, came from many countries, including Russia, the Czech Republic, Germany, and Estonia. One participant was Dr. Sergei Nikolaev, president of the United Methodist theological school in



Dean Lawrence leading a workshop in Malaysia, January 7, 2014

Moscow, who earned his Ph.D. ('07) through the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, a cooperative venture of Perkins and SMU's Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College.

As a scholar and pastor, Dean Lawrence has been invited on multiple occasions to teach and to preach globally. In January 2014, he traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he preached and co-presided at Holy Communion during worship on January 5 at Wesley Methodist Church, with approximately 1,200 persons in attendance. The pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, the Rev. Ricky Ho, is a student in Perkins' Doctor of Ministry program. In addition to preaching and leading in worship at the church, Dean Lawrence led a continuing education program, "From Good to Great Preaching," for ordained ministers and licensed pastors in the Trinity Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Malaysia. ■



Dean Lawrence with leaders from MTSE in Tallinn, Estonia, February 1, 2014

## PERKINS AWARDED LILLY GRANT TO STUDY INDEBTEDNESS OF FUTURE MINISTERS

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY has received a \$249,981 grant as part of Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Theological School Initiative to Address Economic Issues Facing Future Ministers. Perkins is one of 67 theological schools across the U.S. and Canada to receive grant funding.

Personal financial pressures can limit the ability of seminary graduates to accept calls to Christian ministry and undermine the effectiveness of pastoral leaders. To help address this issue, Lilly Endowment created the research initiative to encourage theological schools to examine and strengthen their financial and educational practices to improve the economic well-being of future pastors.

All theological schools fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the North America were invited to submit grant proposals. Perkins will use its funding in three ways: to analyze how indebtedness impacts future ministers' job satisfaction and longevity, and develop guidelines for predicting and addressing economic issues for Perkins students; to develop financial literacy

programs for Perkins students preparing for ministry and track the impact of these programs; and to explore ways to assist ministers with debt reduction and repayment.

Dean William B. Lawrence emphasizes the importance of this initiative to help gain a greater understanding of the financial issues facing future ministers and developing strategies for reducing debt. "By examining the debt load of Perkins students and alumni/ae, we will be better equipped to analyze the impact of indebtedness on their future careers," he said. "We will help our students become financially literate—both personally and institutionally—and assist them with creative methods for addressing their educational debt."

Christopher L. Coble, vice president for Religion at the Endowment, underscores Lilly's commitment to addressing this critical issue. "Pastors are indispensable spiritual leaders and guides, and the quality of pastoral leadership is critical to the health and vitality of congregations," he said. "Theological schools play a critical role in preparing pastors and are uniquely positioned to address some of the economic challenges they face," Coble added. "The Endowment hopes that these grants will support broad efforts to improve the financial circumstances facing pastoral leaders so that pastors can serve their congregations more joyfully and effectively." ■

### About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment exists to support the causes of religion, education and community development. Lilly Endowment's religion grantmaking is designed to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes. More information can be found at [www.lillyendowment.org](http://www.lillyendowment.org).



# TELLING THE STORY THROUGH GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The varied ministries of Perkins faculty, staff, alumnae, and students reach far beyond the classroom and the campus. Many events organized or hosted by Perkins have become regular features in the life of the larger community, while others are one-time opportunities to engage diverse persons and organizations beyond the bounds of the academy. Some events bring members of the community onto the campus; others take place in a range of venues – locally, nationally, and internationally. In addition to events highlighted throughout this issue of “Perspective,” here are a few additional examples of Perkins at work in the classroom, community, and across the globe.



Dr. Evelyn Parker (third from right) assisting with morning prayer at the 2013 World Council of Churches 10th Assembly, Busan, Korea. (Photo by Peter Williams/WCC)

A Perkins faculty member and alumnus were among the leaders during the **10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan, Republic of Korea** (October 30 – November 8). Perkins Alumnus **Swee Hong Lim** (M.S.M.’95) was music leader, while **Dr. Evelyn Parker**, associate dean for Academic Affairs and professor of Practical Theology, served on the Nominations Committee and Planning Committee for the event. Dr. Parker also was co-leader of a Bible Study Plenary, and served as secretary for the Policy Reference Committee.



Perkins M.Div. student Stefani Reed at an interfaith retreat for seminarians

**Ted A. Campbell**, associate professor of Church History, helped lead an interfaith retreat for seminarians. The SOFT (Seminarians: Sharing Our Faith Traditions) program, facilitated by the Multicultural Alliance in Fort Worth in partnership with The Council of Southwestern Theological Seminaries, was held in New Braunfels,

Texas, January 6–9, 2014. The event allows seminarians and clergy of many faith traditions, including Jewish, Christian, and Muslim, to gather for a week-long retreat in which participants are given the opportunity to share and learn with different faith traditions. In addition to Dr. Campbell, several Perkins students participated, including Stefanie Reed, Josefrayn Sánchez-Perry, Kelly Hay, and Willy Banza.

Perkins hosts four **Faith and Business Luncheons** each year. The luncheons feature two co-presenters – a prominent leader in the community paired with a Perkins faculty member – sharing how personal theology informs business practice from their unique perspectives. Presenters for the 2013–2014 academic year included:

- **Bruce D. Marshall**, Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine, co-presenter with **Tom Horton**, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, AMR Corporation and American Airlines (September 2013)



Faith and Business Luncheon participants pause for an invocation led by Perkins M.Div. student Kevin Brown

- **Abraham Smith**, professor of New Testament, co-presenter with **Hon. Judge Clay Jenkins** (November 2013)
- **Dr. Roy Heller**, associate professor of Old Testament, and **James M. Moroney III**, publisher and Chief Executive Officer of A. H. Belo and *The Dallas Morning News* (January 2014)



Dr. Miles (l) and Ms. Thompson

- **Dr. Rebekah Miles**, professor of Ethics and Practical Theology, and **Roslyn Dawson Thompson**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dallas Women’s Foundation (April 2014)

Perkins partnered with Houston Methodist Hospital for a **Faith and Medicine Luncheon**, September 17, 2014. The event is designed to explore the convergence of beliefs and health care from the perspectives of medical and religious leaders. Presenters included Houston Methodist’s renowned surgeon, Dr. Eugene Alford, and **Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles**, associate professor of New Testament at Perkins.

**Jonathan Grace** (M.Div.’11) was featured in a June 24, 2014, *Dallas Morning News* article (<http://goo.gl/yozLiK>), “Sessions for the soul: Ministry takes to streets to help homeless,” about his ministry with the homeless in Dallas as resident pastor of CitySquare.

**C. Michael Hawn**, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music and director of the Master of Sacred Music Program, lectured in the United Kingdom on “Song, Solidarity and Struggle: 200 Years of South African Hymnody,” at an event for the *Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*, in Bristol, last fall; and

presented several workshops and lectures with local congregations in Dalian and at a seminary near Shanghai, China. He led eight immersion courses with more than 100 students on Taizé pilgrimages between 1995 and 2011.

**Elaine Heath**, McCreless Professor of Evangelism, a popular teacher and preacher at annual conferences and numerous national and international events, has made presentations during her tenure at Perkins in Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Montana, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Washington D.C., Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, as well as Scotland, England, Canada, and Australia.

**A PRESIDENT'S DEATH. WHAT DID IT DO TO THE LIFE OF OUR CITY?**

The symposium will be divided into four sessions. **Jacobson**, led by Jim Lubich, **Politics**, led by Stephen Carter, **Art & Humanities**, led by Mike Flores, and **Religion**, led by Richard Rodriguez. A special lunch program featuring Lawrence Wright and Jim Lubich will be hosted by Thomas Hoang.

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 Mike Flores, Will Power, Dale Thomas, Fred Turner, John Brock, Moderator

**RELIGION PANELIST**  
 Richard Rodriguez, Rick Rudy, Dennis, Rex, Joe, Holmes, Prof. Alyce McKenzie, Kara, Stewart, Dan Russ, Moderator

UNDERSTANDING TRAGEDY  
 The impact of the JFK assassination on Dallas.  
 A landmark symposium, Sunday, November 2, 10 am-4:30 pm  
 Southside Ballroom, 1135 S. Lamar, Dallas, Texas. Tickets \$25-\$100.

FEATURED SPEAKERS  
 Jim Lubich, Stephen Carter, Mike Flores, Richard Rodriguez, Lawrence Wright

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Two professors of preaching from Perkins were religion panelists for a major symposium, “Understanding Tragedy: The impact of the JFK assassination on Dallas,” held November 2, 2013. **Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr.** (M.S.T.’68, M.Th.’59), recipient of Distinguished Alumnus Awards from Perkins (1990) and SMU (2003) and a former homiletics professor at Perkins, and **Alyce McKenzie**, Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor, and director of the new Center for Preaching Excellence at Perkins, joined other community leaders as panelists for the symposium, which was sponsored by The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture.



(Photo by Danny Fulgencio, courtesy Lake Highlands Advocate)

**Samira Izadi** (M.Div.’10) was featured in a May 26, 2010, *Lake Highlands Advocate* article ([lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2014/05/liberated-refugee-pays-forward/](http://lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2014/05/liberated-refugee-pays-forward/)) for her work organizing a refugee resettlement ministry.



**Joerg Rieger**, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology, was a featured speaker for the **2014 Wild Goose Festival**, June 26–29, in Hot Springs, North Carolina. Dr. Rieger also spent two days working with district superintendents in Europe, by invitation of two European United Methodist bishops, presenting work from his book “Grace under Pressure: Negotiating the Heart of the Methodist Traditions.” His many speaking appearances in 2013–2014 included an interview on economist Richard Wolff’s radio show in New York City, and scholarly presentations in Belgium, Switzerland, Brazil, and Germany, as well as Maryland, Oklahoma, Berkeley and Claremont in California, New York, New Jersey, Texas, and Louisiana. His book, *Traveling: Christian Explorations of Daily Living* (Fortress Press, 2011), recently was published in Portuguese translation: *Fé e viagens no mundo globalizado* (São Paulo: Editora Paulus).

*Publications by Perkins faculty have been written or translated into several languages, including German, Spanish, and Portuguese, as well as English.*



A “**Social Entrepreneurship and Ministry**” event last fall at Union coffee house in Dallas included **Bill Bryan**, director of the Perkins Intern Program.

For nearly three decades, Perkins has jointly sponsored the Maguire Ethics Center’s annual **Conference of Professions**. The featured speaker for this year’s event, “Agony and Ecstasy: How Your Emotions Affect Practice,” was Danielle Ofri, M.D., Ph.D. The Conference brings together members of law, medicine, and theology in the Dallas area to discuss common challenges – ethical and otherwise – facing these professions. In addition to The Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility, joint sponsors with Perkins include the Dallas County Medical Society, Dallas Bar Association, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and SMU’s Dedman School of Law.

**Sze-kar Wan** professor of New Testament, recently co-led Cultural Training for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. He serves on the planning committee for the Fourth International Congress of Ethnic Chinese Biblical Scholars (Chinese University of Hong Kong), and is co-convenor of the First Annual Conference of the Association of Asian North American Theological Educators, scheduled to meet October 3–5, 2014, in Princeton, New Jersey. In addition to assisting with Perkins’ September 2014 Alaska School of Theology for the Laity, Dr. Wan will be a week-long speaker at the third annual Christianity and Chinese Culture Lecture Series, Chung Yuan University, Fujen University, National Cheng Chi University (Taipei, Taiwan).

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(l-r) Members of the Perkins Executive Board in the "Situation Room": Bishop D. Max Whitfield, Mike Fenton, Sarah Wilke, Jim Bankston, Katherine Glaze Lyle, Brice Beard, Judy Gibbs, and John Croft; with Alan Lowe, director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

## PERKINS EXECUTIVE BOARD

A group from the 2013–2014 Executive Board of Perkins School of Theology toured the SMU campus February 25, 2014, during their semi-annual meeting. The Executive Board provides advice and counsel to the Dean; supports creation of and linkages between faculty, students, and the church community; aids in the recruiting and developing of faculty; monitors the performance of the school; and assists the school in networking on the local, regional and national levels. The Board's membership may include SMU Trustees and former Trustees, alumni/ae, faculty from other institutions, leaders in the professions or disciplines relating to the school, and developmental prospects. ■

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Perkins School of Theology is well represented in The Upper Room's 2015 edition of *Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions*, which includes entries by **Eradio Valverde, Jr.** (M.Th.'79), **Harrell Nation, Jr.** (M.Th.'83), **Michael W. Waters** (D.Min.'12, M.Div.'06), and former Perkins staff and adjunct faculty member **Paul L. Escamilla**.



(l-r) PL|PF speaker Michael Duffy with Jane and Pat Bolin

The Bolin Family 2014 Public Life | Personal Faith Colloquium, Luncheon, and Lecture, hosted by Perkins on February 7, featured **Michael Duffy**, best-selling author and Deputy Managing

Editor of *TIME*. Duffy is co-author, along with Nancy Gibbs, of two best-selling presidential histories: *The President's Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity* (2012), which spent 30 weeks on The New York Times Bestseller list, and *The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House* (2007).

The 2014 PL|PF event, which included a lecture and colloquium, was sponsored for the second consecutive year by the family of Pat and Jane Bolin. Pat Bolin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at EagleCorp and Eagle Oil & Gas Co. in Dallas, is an SMU alumnus (B.A.'73) and 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the SMU Cox School of Business.

The PL|PF series, inaugurated by Perkins in 2010, is a fundraising and outreach event in service to the larger community. The lecture and colloquium provide an opportunity for participants to engage scholars on topics related to why and how personal faith shapes public life.

More about Public Life | Personal Faith: [smu.edu/Perkins/Give/plpf](http://smu.edu/Perkins/Give/plpf). ■

## PERKINS IN SINGAPORE: DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

The 2014 Summer Session of Perkins' Doctor of Ministry program, in cooperation with Trinity Theological College of Singapore, was held in July and August with seven pastors from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia attending two weeks of classes on ministry, including Dr. Hal Recino's *Practice of Evangelism*.

In addition to Dr. Recinos, instructors included Dr. Robert Hunt, director of Global Theological Education, and Rev. Gary MacDonald, director of Advanced Ministerial Studies. Students from the group will join other D.Min. students from North America for classes in Dallas during the January term.

The D.Min. program is designed for those with M.Div. degrees who have engaged in ministerial leadership and want to further enhance the practice of ministry.

Learn more about the Perkins-Trinity D.Min. Program in Singapore: [smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/degrees/dmin/Singapore](http://smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/degrees/dmin/Singapore). ■



(from left) Dr. Hal Recinos and Rev. Gary MacDonald with students from the Perkins D.Min. program in Singapore

### Telling the Perkins Story in Singapore

Editor's note: The Reverend **Israel Selvam** is an Anglican priest and a student in the Perkins Doctor of Ministry program in Singapore.

*"The Doctor of Ministry program has been a blessing to me. It forces me to withdraw from the rigorous rhythm of ministry after 16 years in full-time ministry. This causes me to carefully reflect over ministry practices, values and ethics from a broader perspective. My aim in this program is not merely to get a degree but to have a process of formation and further learning in my life and ministry. The required readings have trained me to read broadly and expand my capacity for critical and analytical thinking. My ministry experience is enriched by classroom learning and discussions from knowledgeable lecturers and fellow ministers."*



# MEMORIAMs



**Rev. Harold Newman Byrn** (M.Th.'51), 90, died January 9, 2014. He pastored in Arizona and Southern California from 1951 until his retirement in 1988, subsequently serving 17 years as the first Historic Archivist of the Desert Southwest Conference. He was instrumental in writing *A Dream Unfolding*, a history of the Methodist movement in the Southwestern U.S., as well as three books of poetry.



**Rev. Wilson Canafax** (M.Th.'43), 95, died November 7, 2013.

Other ministers in his family included his great-grandfather, a preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church in Central Texas in 1853. Rev. Canafax was awarded an honorary degree by Texas Wesleyan. He served as a chaplain with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, and assisted in restoring churches in the German Methodist Church. He served under appointment at churches in the Central and North Texas Conferences, both in the effective and retired relation, for 60 years.



**Bishop Sarah Frances Davis** (D.Min.'95), vice president of the World Methodist Council, died November 9, 2013. She was 126th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, and a President of the A.M.E. Council of Bishops. Prior to her election to the episcopacy, she served for seven years at Bethel A.M.E. Church in

San Antonio – the first woman in Texas to be appointed to a major A.M.E. church. In addition to her D.Min. from Perkins, she received her M.Div. from Houston Graduate School of Theology, M.S. from New York Pace University, and B.A. from the University of North Texas.



**Rev. Claude Warne Davison** (M.S.M.'61), 81, died December 12, 2013. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan with a Bachelor of Sacred Music degree before earning the distinction of being the first person awarded a Master of Sacred Music degree at Perkins/SMU. Rev. Davison served in the Central Texas Conference for 30 years.

After retiring in 1998, he continued his ministry at Richland Hills UMC.



**Rev. John Adam Fluth** (M.Th.'51), 91, died November 4, 2013. His grandfather and two uncles also were Methodist pastors. A *San Antonio Express-News* article (November 8) reports that Rev. Fluth spent time prior to college in the Army Air Corps and played trombone in a dance band for the Officer's Club while stationed in Reykjavik, Iceland. He earned degrees in music and sociology at Trinity University. The *Express-News* feature article celebrated Rev. Fluth's 63-year career in the Southwest Texas Conference.



**Rev. William Franklin Fitzgerald** (M.Th.'71), 71, died February 19, 2014. He received degrees from UT Arlington, Texas Tech, and The University of Florida, as well as Perkins, and served churches in Texas and Florida. From 1978–1986, he was an agricultural missionary in Nigeria, where he also taught in a Bible School for pastors.



**Rev. Dr. Leta Belle Mills Gorham** (D.Min.'95, M.Div.'91, SMU M.A.'60 and B.A.'59) died September 5, 2013. An elder in the North Texas Conference, she was surviving spouse of **Rev. Jack Dean Gorham** (M.Th.'60, SMU B.A.'57), who preceded her in death in 1987. After graduating together from SMU, Leta and Jack traveled

the world doing mission work with the UMC. After returning to the U.S. in 1974, Leta worked as a social worker until Jack's death. She then returned to Perkins for her M.Div. and D.Min., and served as an urban missionary in southeast Dallas before going to Nepal and South Korea as a teacher and preacher. Her last years were spent at Faith UMC in Richardson, Texas.

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## FROM THE MAILBOX...

Dear Connie and Tim,

Thank you for the fine work you do as editor and associate editor of *Perspective*. As a double grad of Perkins (D.Min.'92, M.Th.'79) and former Perkins Alumni/ae Council member from the Texas Conference, I look forward to reading each issue and maintaining a meaningful connection with the school.

I especially enjoyed the Fall 2013 edition... The tribute to Dr. Roland T. "Bill" Scales on page 40 was nice, but neglected to mention that Bill chaired the drive to raise \$1 million to endow the Albert C. Outler Chair at Perkins. I do not know the exact dates of the campaign (probably early 80s), but it was long enough ago when that was a lot of money. Bill worked long and hard to honor his mentor.

If you can make a gentle addition to the next issue of the *Perspective*, you will please many in the Perkins community who knew Bill and Professor Outler. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Blessings and peace,

**Michael D. Dent** (D.Min.'92, M.Th.'79)

Senior Pastor, Trinity UMC

Denver, Colorado

*Editor's Note: Dr. Richard Heitzenrater became the first "Albert Cook Outler Professor of Wesley Studies" in 1985.*

Dear Rev. Nelson,

First, congratulations on joining the Perkins staff, including editorship of *Perspective*. My Fall issue came today and I read it "kivver to kivver" tonight.

One bit of feedback: References to Evie Jo Wilson in the article about the Craven-Wilson lectures are written in present tense as if she is still living. Unfortunately, Evie Jo died several years ago. She was a great lady and a "reverse tither" (living on 10% of her income, giving away 90%). As executive director of our Texas Conference Foundation for five years in the early 1990s, I had the privilege of working with her to set up several endowed funds, most of them to further religious education in our Methodist colleges and universities in Texas. She would be astounded at the demise of Lon Morris College in Jacksonville where she gave funds for a women's dorm and the chapel as well as funds for their maintenance.

Lastly, for the next *Perspective* issue, I have included a funeral home website obituary for Zane Bruce Hall who died September 13, 2013. He was an alum of both SMU and Perkins. His wife Mary Nell Gray Hall is also an SMU alum.

I hope these items will be helpful.

Sincerely,

**Rev. Dr. Gus Browning** (M.Th.'53)

Your comments, compliments, or concerns are welcome. Send them to [perspective@smu.edu](mailto:perspective@smu.edu), or mail to *Perspective*, Perkins School of Theology, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75275-0133. Letters may be edited for length or clarity.



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**Zane Bruce Hall** (M.Th.'55, SMU M.A.'53 and B.A.'51), 86, died September 13, 2013. After graduating from Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, Missouri, he served in the military as a 2nd Lieutenant. He later attended SMU, earning his B.A. degree with honors in Comparative Literature, M.A. in Philosophy, and M.Th. from Perkins. He was awarded the Bishop John M. Moore Fellowship for postgraduate studies at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, and was a teacher of Ancient and Medieval History at the Hockaday School in Dallas for 21 years. A member of Northwest Hills UMC in Austin, he also attended Holbrook UMC in Livingston, Texas.



**Dr. Robert C. Harder** (M.Th.'54, 1984 Perkins Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient), 84, died April 12, 2014. The son of a Methodist minister, Dr. Harder accepted an appointment as pastor of East Topeka UMC after earning a Th.D. from Boston University in 1958. In 1961, he won a seat in the Kansas Legislature and began a distinguished career in state government. Dr. Harder helped to create – and then led – the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and in the process became the longest-serving cabinet secretary in Kansas history. He later served as secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. After leaving state government in the early 1990s, Dr. Harder taught at Washburn University and the University of Kansas, and served in a variety of volunteer and appointed leadership positions in the community.

**Rev. Dr. Cecil Blair Melton** (M.Th.'55), 93, died November 12, 2013. He began serving Lueders (Texas) Methodist Church on weekends in 1953 while attending Perkins during the week. Upon graduation, C. B. was appointed founding pastor of Elmwood West UMC, subsequently pastoring additional Northwest Texas congregations until he was appointed Treasurer of the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences. In 1981, he was appointed Pampa District Superintendent, where he served until retirement in 1987.



**Rev. Charles Robert Moore** (M.Th.'59, SMU B.A.'56), died June 23, 2014, by self-immolation as an act of protest against social injustice. A retired elder from the Southwest Texas Conference who served pastoral appointments in several annual conferences and in a number of extension ministries, Rev. Moore also served at the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago and was engaged in mission work in India.



**Rev. Dr. Charles Theodore Rice, Sr.** (M.Th.'68), died July 2, 2014. While attending Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth, Dr. Rice served congregations in the Texas towns of Thornton, Riesel's Meier Settlement, China Spring, Mesquite, and Stephenville. He was ordained elder in the Central Texas Conference and appointed pastor of First UMC, Keller, in 1970. While serving as campus minister and director of the Wesley Foundation at TCU he attended Brite Divinity School and received his D.Min. in 1981. In retirement, Dr. Rice served Zion United Church in Womack, Texas, and most recently pastored St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Dallas.



**Rev. Roxann Schulte** (M.Div.'14), died November 7, 2013. SMU awarded Rev. Schulte's M.Div. posthumously. A graduate of Texas Tech University with a major in Mathematics, Rev. Schulte, served on the staff of The Harvest UMC in Missouri City, Texas, as a licensed local pastor.



**Rev. Mary Elizabeth ("Liz") Creson Sisco** (M.Div.'94), 75, died August 23, 2013, in Fort Worth. She graduated *summa cum laude* from TCU in 1959 with a double major in English Literature and French. After years in Tennessee and Minnesota in support of her husband's medical degree and training, the family settled in Lubbock, where she served in diverse roles, including trustee of the Lubbock Independent School Board. In 1979, she graduated *cum laude* from Texas Tech School of Law. As an attorney she focused on mediation and negotiated disputes. After graduating *cum laude* from Perkins, Rev. Sisco became senior pastor of Christ UMC in Levelland in the Northwest Texas Conference.

**Rev. John Mark "Jay" Tatum** (M.Div.'89), 58, died March 27, 2013, in Florida. Before attending Perkins, he earned a B.S. from Cameron University. Rev. Tatum was ordained deacon in 1988 and elder in 1995 in the Oklahoma Conference. After completing a Clinical Pastoral Education residency in 1995 and transferring to the West Virginia Conference in 1998, he became a Board Certified Chaplain. In 2009, he became chaplain of Morton Plant North Bay Medical Center in New Port Richey, Florida, where he was serving at the time of his death.



**Rev. Dr. Robert Van Kemper** (M.Div.'99), 67, died November 8, 2013. After coming to SMU in 1972, Professor Kemper taught more than 30 different courses over a span of 41 years, in the Department of Anthropology and also at Perkins, Cox School of Business, Meadows School of the Arts, and Dedman School of Law, as well as the Masters in Bilingual Education and Masters of Liberal Studies programs. A prolific publisher, he also was recipient of several teaching awards. In 1996, Professor Kemper entered Perkins, completing the M.Div. (*summa cum laude*, ranked first in his class) while continuing to teach a full course load. He was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1999, and served as parish associate at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Oak Cliff (Dallas) until the church closed in 2008.



**Rev. Dr. John S. Workman** (M.Th.'53) 86, died January 9, 2014. An article in the *Log Cabin Democrat* (Conway, Arkansas) describes Dr. Workman as "Arkansas' best-known religion columnist and editor." He was fifth in a line of Methodist ministers in the Workman family stretching back to the earliest days of Methodism in America. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Philander Smith College.

**Dr. Margareta Deschner**, 93, associate professor *emerita* of German at SMU, and spouse of the late Professor John Deschner, died August 26, 2013, in Richardson, Texas. Dr. Deschner was also a core faculty member of SMU's Women's Studies program.

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