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PERKINS APPOINTS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SACRED MUSIC

Dallas, Texas – Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology announces the appointment of Dr. Christopher Anderson as Associate Professor of Sacred Music.

His research in late Romanticism, particularly the music of Max Reger, has yielded frequent essays in journals of the UK, Germany, Sweden, and the United States. His book, *Max Reger and Karl Straube: Perspectives on an Organ Performing Tradition*, was the first such extensive survey of any aspect of Reger in English. The book won the 2006 Max Miller Book Prize, given by the Boston University School of Theology, which in turn administers The Organ Library of the American Guild of Organists. The award is granted to one English-language scholarly book addressing organ repertory and performance. His latest book, *Selected Writings of Max Reger*, was published in 2006.

Anderson has been a regular contributor to the biennial International Organ Academy at Göteborg University, Sweden, and was a featured lecturer at the Internationale Max-Reger-Tage of the Bruckner University in Linz, Austria. His archival researches have involved the central musical institutions of the cities of Leipzig and Meiningen, Germany. Anderson appears regularly as an organ recitalist with a repertory that extends from the 16th century to the newest music for the organ.

He has maintained his skills in the local church as organist/choirmaster. At Perkins he teaches in the areas of the Church Music Colloquium for Master of Sacred Music Students, organ service playing and improvisation, and music in worship.

Anderson holds the Ph.D. in Performance Practices from Duke University. Prior to Duke, he studied under Ludger Lohmann at the Staatliche Musikhochschule, Stuttgart,

and Robert Anderson at Southern Methodist University, where he earned degrees in organ performance and sacred music.

Anderson and his wife, Lisa, have a 3-year old daughter.

Perkins School of Theology is one of five University-related official schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. The school was founded in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Church Ministry, Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry degree, as well as the Ph.D. in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

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