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This January, the New Year and new semester took on deeper meaning as they marked my return after a seven-month medical leave. I want to thank all of you who supported my family and me during that time.

My life verse, Galatians 2:20, includes these words: “The life I now live . . . I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (NIV). I also now live with a shadow of cancer and the reality of CAT scans every three months to assess any ongoing developments. I certainly live my life with a renewed sense of urgency for my Kingdom call and the commitments that come from that.

Several days ago, I was sitting in my office with a local pastor who is also a good friend. After sharing our wants and needs, we prayed for each other. His prayer for me began with these words: “Lord, please give Jon a long life.” I deeply love and respect him and know that these words went from him to my Abba because he loves me as well. But it got me to thinking: Is my goal a long life?

In the last seven months, I have been privileged to celebrate family birthdays, experience Christmas, and walk my only daughter down the aisle (with Gail) at her wedding. I have gone through chemotherapy and radiation, kept countless doctor appointments, and experienced the welcome of returning to the APU community. Certainly one of the highlights was the 2015 Christmas chapel. In and through all of that, I have returned time and time again to the reality of my faith in a God who loves me and gave Himself for me. So, what’s the goal? What has been the best learning from the last seven months?

Perhaps Isaiah 43:1 best captures my learning: “But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine’” (NIV). This passage speaks to God’s chosen people, that eternal family that has adopted me because of my faith. That declaration contains four assurances from God:

1. Do not fear.
2. I have redeemed you.
3. I have summoned (or called) you by name.
4. You are mine.

Those assurances not only form the pillars of our faith, but they are also central to the Christ-centered mission of Azusa Pacific University. The question I’ve most often been asked upon my return to the university is, “What did you learn?” It’s interesting that my new learning, anchored in that passage from Isaiah, is exactly what I hope our students in every academic program and university experience learn for themselves.

The mission statement of Azusa Pacific ends with this phrase defining our purpose: That we “encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.” I hope all of our alumni are given many fruitful years of living that accomplish God’s call on their lives. Many will; some won’t. I hope and pray that all will come to a clear understanding, as I have, that the goal is not a long life. The goal is to live without fear, redeemed by a God who called us by name and declares for time and eternity that we are His. That’s how we accomplish the APU mission.

Thank you to all who regularly support the university in so many ways. I encourage you to also view the APU mission with a renewed sense of urgency. As you can, please consider increasing every area of support for the work of God in preparing disciples and scholars. Thank you.

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This breathtaking view outside Segerstrom Science Center on Azusa Pacific's West Campus captures winter in Southern California, following crisp days and life-giving rain.

APU Emerges as One of Nation's Most Cost-Effective Universities

According to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, private colleges award billions in institutional aid annually, substantially more than public counterparts. In addition, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) found that private California universities graduate more students in four years than comparable schools in the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems—resulting in a savings of as much as \$100,000. APU exemplifies these findings and affirms its reputation as one of the most cost-effective investments for higher education among the more than 1,700 private, nonprofit colleges and universities nationwide.

The *Economist* named APU graduates among the most employable in the nation, ranking the university in the 92nd percentile of U.S. college graduates. The study, based on national wage reports and citing actual earnings, revealed that APU alumni with bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees earn more than the rest of the nation's population who hold the same degrees. Also, *U.S. News & World Report* included APU on its college-ranking list titled Least Debt Class of 2014, Christian Universities Online recognized APU among 50 Christian Colleges and Universities with the Lowest Student Debt Burden, and StartClass named APU 1 of the 25 least expensive private colleges in the U.S. These statistics reflect a concerted effort to make a high-quality APU education affordable and accessible. To that end, last year APU helped 1,111 incoming

freshmen, or 94 percent of the freshman class, with grant aid. In fact, APU offered more grant aid to incoming freshmen than the average private not-for-profit college and public college in California. As a result, fewer APU freshmen took out federal loans than students at other schools. By easing the financial burden on students and their families, many APU undergraduates get a jump start on career earnings by graduating in four years and entering the job market earlier than the majority of their public college counterparts.

Nursing Faculty Recognized as National Fellow

The American Academy of Nursing inducted Diana Lynn Woods, Ph.D., APRN-BC, FGSA, FAAN, associate professor in the School of Nursing, as a fellow during the academy's annual policy conference, Transforming Health, Driving Policy, on October 17, 2015, in Washington, DC.

The honor recognizes Woods' work in gerontological nursing, and specifically with behavioral symptoms that many experience with dementia. She specializes in nonpharmacological humanistic interventions for behavioral symptoms of dementia and their biobehavioral correlates, innovative analysis techniques to examine individual variation, pattern recognition to measure behavior, and designing curricula and theory on ethnogerontological nursing.

The more than 2,300 academy fellows represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 24 countries, and include hospital and government administrators, college deans, and renowned scientific researchers. Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care, and sponsorship by two current academy fellows. An academy

panel of elected and appointed fellows selects applicants based in part on the nominee's influence on health policy and the health and well being of all. Of the approximately 3 million nurses in the United States, the academy's fellows represent nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research.

School of Business and Management Earns Maximum Accreditation Extension

The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) granted reaffirmation of accreditation to APU's School of Business and Management programs in December 2015. This esteemed designation stands until 2020, the maximum possible duration under IACBE standards. The announcement came after a rigorous self-evaluation, a comprehensive independent peer review, and demonstrated compliance with specific accreditation principles, including outcomes assessment, strategic planning, curriculum, and international business education, to name a few. In addition, the organization also commended Azusa Pacific for its excellence in the areas of faculty scholarship and facilities.

IACBE, a leader in mission-driven and outcomes-based programmatic accreditation in business and management, includes hundreds of member institutions worldwide and has accredited more than 1,200 programs throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Central America, and South America.

Membership with IACBE links Azusa Pacific with a strategic partner as it strives to advance the academic quality and rigor of its business programs. The achievement will be publicly announced at the 2016 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly on April 7 in Memphis.



Social Work Faculty and Students Partner with Local Churches on Behalf of the Homeless

As the national homelessness rate increases, particularly in Los Angeles, APU's Department of Social Work continually seeks ways to help alleviate suffering and provide innovative solutions. On February 20, 2016, the department—along with the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on

Homelessness—cosponsored "Faith-based Solutions: Christians Partnering to Address Poverty and Homelessness," which drew local leaders seeking to aid this population in need.

The event focused on educating the community about major shifts in L.A. County's funding of homeless services, increasing collaboration among local nonprofit organizations, and sharing best practices among faith-based groups. The day began with a time of

round-table discussion, which allowed for valuable networking and dialogue. Participants engaged in breakout groups featuring representatives from model faith-based programs, including Matt Rayburn, MPA, executive director of Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley; Jill Shook, editor of *Making Housing Happen: Faith-based Affordable Housing Models* (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2010); Connie Brehm, Ph.D., FNP, RN, professor in the School of Nursing and

founder of the Outreach Health Services for the Homeless; Imagine L.A.'s Jill Bauman, president and CEO; and Tara Ignont, outreach manager. These workshops inspired attendees with insights and innovative ways congregations can assist their homeless neighbors and help create housing solutions.

The planning committee involved the collaborative efforts of Rayburn; Pastor Rick McDonald of the Azusa

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Artists-in-Residence Offer Added Dimension for Art and Design Students



Thumbsucker, Plaster and Urethane, 40" x 40" x 40" and 10" x 6" x 4", 2015

A new semester-long artist residency program, sponsored by the Department of Art and Design, launched in spring 2016 with an exhibition by internationally renowned husband and wife artists Tim Hawkinson and Patty Wickman. Visitors viewed their work in the Duke Gallery from January 15-March 11 and enjoyed a reception on January 15. In addition to displaying their art, the couple conducted lectures, workshops, and studio visits for undergraduate and MFA students throughout the semester.

Though they have exhibited together in larger group shows, this marked the first time the duo presented a two-person show. Wickman's highly refined narrative paintings contrast with Hawkinson's playful sculptures, while both explore the human condition. In their unique ways, they invite viewers to reflect on and embrace the embodied nature within themselves, replete with inherent peculiarities, frailties, and limitations.

This residency program afforded APU faculty and students the opportunity to



Struggle Garden, Oil on Canvas, 90" x 121" x 1.5", 1995-96

engage with working artists and gain an invaluable perspective on the national art community. Hawkinson imparted his experience gleaned from exhibitions in the Venice Biennale and the Whitney Biennale; solo exhibitions at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of Art, J. Paul Getty Museum, and the Museum of Art, Sydney, Australia; and his current representation at the PACE Gallery in New York and the Blum and Poe Gallery in L.A. Wickman, professor of

drawing and painting at the University of California, Los Angeles, has also exhibited nationally, including the San Jose Museum of Art, Denver Museum of Art, and the Hunter Museum of Art in Tennessee. Each contributed a wealth of insight and practical experience to APU's emerging artists.



Reading Recommendations from John E. Hartley

John E. Hartley, Ph.D., is Distinguished Professor of Old Testament at Azusa Pacific Seminary.

Narrative Reading, Narrative Preaching: Reuniting New Testament Interpretation and Proclamation by Joel B. Green with Michael Pasquarello III (Baker Academic, 2003)

The Gospel of John and Christian Origins by John Ashton (Fortress Press, 2014)

The Conversion of the Imagination: Paul as Interpreter of Israel's Scripture by Richard B. Hays (William B. Eerdmans, 2005)

A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology by J. Richard Middleton (Baker Academic, 2014)

Salvation Means Creation Healed: The Ecology of Sin and Grace, Overcoming the Divorce between Earth and Heaven by Howard A. Snyder with Joel Scandrett (Cascade Books, 2011)

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Two Students Impress American Idol Judges



As *American Idol*, the popular reality show for aspiring vocalists, geared up for its 15th and final season, two APU students made the first cut and earned a chance to perform during Hollywood Week. Melanie Tierce '17 (above left), worship music major, and Jessica Cabral '16, Christian ministry major, auditioned in San Francisco last summer, and each received unanimous votes to move ahead in the competition, appearing on the show in January 2016.

Judges Keith Urban, Harry Connick Jr., and Jennifer Lopez praised Cabral's vocal ability when she performed a moving rendition of Alicia Keys' "Brand New Me." A fan of the show since childhood, Cabral faithfully watched each season, drawn to the talented performers who shared her God-given gift for singing. Cabral comes from generations of professional, classically trained vocalists. Her large family moved from Brazil to America when her mother was five months pregnant with her, and like a Brazilian version of the von Trapps, their a cappella choral group, comprising her parents, siblings, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, performed at churches across the United States. At

APU, Cabral joined University Choir and Orchestra (UCO), Gospel Choir, and the Gospel Chapel Band, and serves as a high school ministry director and worship leader at Bethany Church in West Covina.

Tierce's family played an important role in her *American Idol* experience as well. Unbeknownst to her, Tierce's sister, Kamie, submitted an audition video and surprised her with the news that she had been selected. With the fall semester just getting under way and yearlong commitments to UCO and the chapel worship team, Tierce hesitated. She sought the advice of her family, friends, and APU mentors, all of whom reminded her that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—and she seized it. When Tierce sang "Rise Up" by Andra Day, Connick proclaimed it was the best audition he had heard in three years.

Though Tierce's *American Idol* journey ended in the first round of cuts during Hollywood Week, Cabral made it to the next round of the grueling competition. Regardless of the outcome, both singers point to their faith, their family, and APU for the incredible opportunity.

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Ministerial Association; Sandy Futter and Michelle Durfee of Project 29:11; and social work faculty members Catherine Fisher, MSW, LCSW, assistant professor; Margaret Lee, MSW, assistant professor; and adjunct professor Anne Wrotniewski, MSW, who also works with Catholic Charities. The event drew more than 50 area leaders united in their goal to demonstrate Christ's love and hope in tangible ways.

Criminologist Discusses Community Activism and the Michael Brown Case

Hillary Potter, Ph.D., author and associate professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, presented "Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Examining the Case of Michael Brown, Community Activism, and Law Enforcement in Ferguson, Missouri" on February 25, 2016. The event, hosted by the Department of Criminal Justice, drew faculty and students from across disciplines, including psychology, social work, biblical studies, and political science. Potter, whose research focuses on analyzing the intersection of race, gender, and class as they relate to crime and violence, offered insight into the case that continues to impact the nation.

Deshonna Collier-Goubil, Ph.D., chair and associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, invited Potter as part of an ongoing effort to expose her students to the depth and breadth of the criminal justice field, educate the APU community about the new department's scope and function, and engage Christians in important conversations about critical social issues. To this end, Potter offered a scholarly perspective on the Brown case gleaned from firsthand observations and data collection in Ferguson. During that time, she was teargassed, maced, and arrested along with residents and protestors. She shared her eyewitness experience with the APU community, along with the pertinent facts of the case, including official police reports.

Primarily, she emphasized the importance of sifting through conjecture, feelings, and emotions in order to reveal truth and how to approach such incidents as a scholar.

Cultivating a campus culture that facilitates scholarly debate, the department will continue to invite expert speakers who model the essence of difference makers, including the next event on April 8, A Day of Dialogue, in partnership with local law enforcement agencies and the Los Angeles Institute for Nonviolence, which will focus on the future of policing.



Gospel Sing Celebrates 25 Years

Worship means different things to different people. Yet, whether personal and private or festive and corporate, it gives praise, honor, and glory to God in countless ways and forms as varied as the Kingdom itself. Celebrating that diversity, the 25th Annual Gospel Sing, sponsored by the Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity, drew more than 1,000 people from APU, the local community, and churches throughout Los Angeles on February 6, 2016, to the Felix Event Center.

The theme this year, Sounds of Unity, drew inspiration from Psalm 133:1, which says, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (KJB). Pastor Albert Tate from Fellowship Monrovia served as the master of ceremonies. Performers Ty Snow and Xtreme Purpose, Greater L.A. Cathedral Choir, and Lorenzo Johnson highlighted the evening and

By the Numbers

6: The number of murals painted by APU art and liberal studies students for the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in Glendora, which provides emergency response services to 1,750 children. The commissioned artwork added color and cheer to interview and visitation rooms. The depictions include a monarch butterfly, the Grand Canyon, Logan Pass in Glacier National Park, and several abstracts, as well as a grid of mini murals drawn from children's storybooks, such as *Winnie the Pooh*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and *The Alphabet Tree*.

92: APU's percentile ranking for graduates' employability as determined by the *Economist*, an internationally respected news publication. This places Azusa Pacific at No. 102 among its counterparts. The position points to actual earnings that significantly exceed expectations and reflect employers' recognition of APU graduates as highly employable.

20: The number of school districts from six counties represented at the first EdCamp Azusa, hosted by APU's School of Education. EdCamp, founded in 2010, provides a participant-driven platform for professional learning experiences created by educators for educators. The movement quickly grew from 8 locations to 280 in four years and encompasses international education, professional development, technology, and innovation. The premiere of EdCamp Azusa featured 20 sessions covering topics such as Google Classroom, Apps for Coding, Technology in High School Math, and Facilitating ELD Time in the Elementary Classroom.

introduced audiences to a wide array of gospel music interpretations. Joining them, the APU Gospel Choir, APU Worship Team, UMOJA step team, VFO dance group, and spoken-word artist Michael Henderson rounded out the stellar performances and brought the audience to its feet, reminding performers and attendees alike that God created His children to worship Him in harmony and unity.

Nursing Faculty Member Earns Prestigious Recognition



The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) named Renee Pozza, Ph.D., CNS, FNP, RN, associate dean of academic affairs and associate professor in the School of Nursing, a fellow. She joins an elite group of

members who have manifested excellence in the field of hepatology. Inducted along with 82 other professionals from 14 countries, Pozza was the only nurse included in the group. As the leading organization of scientists and health care professionals committed to preventing and curing liver disease, the AASLD membership boasts more than 9,500 physicians, surgeons, researchers, and allied health professionals from around the world. Pozza earned the honor for her clinical research in the area of hepatitis C and clinical drug trials.

This designation constitutes the highest honor among AASLD membership categories and recognizes superior professional achievement in clinical or academic practice, and in basic or clinical research. The award goes to members (physicians, scientists, researchers, or health care providers) who have made significant contributions to the knowledge and/or practice of liver and biliary diseases, and who are considered leaders in the field.

8: APU's rank for lowest debt burden in 2016 among 50 institutions within the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Christian Universities Online based the classification on publicly available data from *U.S. News & World Report* using the average total indebtedness of the 2014 graduating class. APU stands out among the top schools in caring for students both academically and financially.

25: The anniversary of College Headed and Mighty Proud (C.H.A.M.P.), the popular semester-long program that introduces the idea of college to fourth graders from six local schools each year. Over the last 25 years, more than 10,000 local elementary students have been a part of this heritage program. C.H.A.M.P. partners APU students majoring in liberal studies with elementary kids through various activities that help the younger generation experience college firsthand and imagine themselves attending and succeeding in college.

4: The number of nursing students in APU's inaugural exchange program with Norway. In fall 2015, these students studied at VID Specialized University (formerly Haralds plass Deaconess University College) in Bergen, while four Norwegian nursing students journeyed to Azusa Pacific. Through coursework and cultural immersion, all eight students explored the role of nursing in meeting global health care needs, learned how to conduct research abroad, and spent more than 180 hours engaged in hands-on care in local communities. The School of Nursing plans the next exchange with Norway in fall 2016.

APU Named among 10 Best Colleges for Nursing

USA Today named Azusa Pacific University among the 10 best U.S. colleges to earn a nursing degree from for 2015-16. APU ranks No. 8, joining other prominent schools, including University of Pennsylvania and New York University, and stands higher than Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University. Demand for those with nursing degrees will increase throughout the next decade, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which expects the profession to grow 16 percent by 2024, opening up 439,300 new jobs.

The publication recognized APU's School of Nursing for its overall quality and proven track record of preparing nursing students for a successful and rewarding career, citing the average early career salary for APU nursing graduates as \$67,000. The methodology used to determine APU's ranking included graduate

earnings, degree market share, related major concentration, and accreditation.

This honor coincides with the School of Nursing's 40th anniversary of delivering exceptional nursing education. What began as a fledgling baccalaureate program now offers 4 undergraduate programs with 2 minors, 8 master's programs, 2 doctoral degrees, multiple community service programs, strategic partnerships with hospitals and clinics, accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and approval from the California Board of Registered Nursing. The School of Nursing graduated nearly 600 last year, its largest class ever.

Karen Longman Earns Global Leadership Award



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN LONGMAN, PH.D.

Honoring nearly three decades of scholarly research about the movement of Christian higher education, with a particular focus on leadership development, the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) named Azusa Pacific's Karen Longman, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Higher Education, the 2016 John R. Dellenback Global Leadership Award recipient. In recognition of this award, the CCCU also created the Longman Fund for Leadership Excellence in Christian Higher Education to further advance leadership in Christian higher education. President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, presented the award to Longman at the CCCU 40th Anniversary Gala in Washington, DC, on January 27 before her national peers. The accolade recognizes those who make outstanding contributions to Christian higher education through scholarship, writing, and public influence. Longman joins a prestigious list of past recipients, including Os Guinness, Miroslav Volf, and Alister McGrath.

Longman's dedication to advancing the movement of Christ-centered education and seeking to diversify senior leadership mirrors the life and work of the award's namesake.

Dellenback, congressman (R-OR) from 1967-74, Peace Corps director until 1977, and CCCU president through 1988, passionately pursued the development of responsible leadership. Similarly, Longman strives for innovative approaches to prepare decisive, ethical leaders who are equipped to guide university campuses in today's increasingly complex context.

Longman's extensive experience gives her the platform to accomplish that goal. Her work over the past 20 years has focused on furthering leadership studies in higher education, including regular offerings of the CCCU's Leadership Development Institute, Multi-Ethnic Leadership Development Institute, and Women's Leadership Development Institute. These programs focus primarily on emerging leaders in the CCCU networks, equipping and encouraging those who have been identified as potential senior-level administrators. Since 1998, more than 500 people have participated in these important programs, producing more than 60 cabinet-level leaders, 30 chief academic officers, and 10 university presidents. The research-based content and the opportunity to learn and apply effective strategies has drawn more than 15 Azusa Pacific faculty and staff members as participants, led by resource leaders including Laurie Schreiner, Ph.D., chair and professor, and Eileen Hulme, Ph.D., professor, Department of Higher Education; Anita Henck, Ph.D., dean and professor, School of Education; and Longman.

Longman exemplifies not only the spirit of the Dellenback Award, but also the CCCU mission: to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education and to help its institutions transform lives by faithfully relating scholarship and service to biblical truth.

Recent Grants Advance Research and Scholarship

\$987,525

From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). Principal investigator Constance Milton, Ph.D., RN, professor, School of Nursing, and several colleagues worked to secure this competitive grant. The program awards grants to accredited nursing schools offering educator coursework in advanced education nursing degree programs that prepare graduate students to teach. The NFLP fund gives the School of Nursing resources to provide much-needed loans to registered nurses as they complete their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. This recent award aims to enhance loans available for students in the Ph.D. and DNP programs and extend the opportunity to the new MSN in Nursing Education program.

\$6,627

From the IDEA Center to Stephanie Juillerat, Ph.D., associate provost, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment. The IDEA Impact Grant will fund "Keeping the Train on the Tracks: Facilitating a Successful Transition to a Mobile Delivery of Students' Rating of Teaching" and provide information and resourcing for a new IDEA delivery model.

\$17,412

From the Canyon City Foundation to Anjelica Juarez, manager of community advancement programs in the Center for Academic Service-Learning and Research, for community-based federal work promoting an exercise program to a K-5 school in Azusa Unified School District; Ginny Dadaian, director of community relations, for the APU Computer Lab Tutoring program assisting Azusa middle school students;

and Julie Puztai, Ph.D., RNC, assistant professor in the School of Nursing and director of the Azusa Neighborhood Wellness Center, for advocating a healthier Azusa community.

\$46,217

From the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to Teresa Pegors, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Psychology, to conduct data analysis for "Sex/Gender Differences in Neural Predictors of Receptivity to Health Communication."

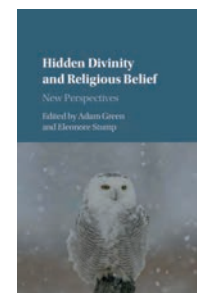
\$6,500

From the Pasadena Methodist Foundation to Kirsten Oh, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Practical Theology, to participate in the California-Pacific Institute for Missional Wisdom, a 14-month intensive program that provides laity and clergy with the theological foundation and practical skills to start and lead communities of contemplative prayer and missional action.

\$159,045

From the National Science Foundation to Eric Davis, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Biology and Chemistry, for his project "Collaborative Research: RUI: Ion Mobility Spectrometry Radiative Ion-Ion Neutralization for Gas-phase Ion Transduction," to lead a team of undergraduate and graduate researchers in an innovative approach to chemical detection that will benefit existing technologies for environmental monitoring, medical diagnostics, and military and civilian threat identification.

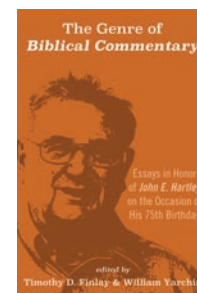
Scholarship at Work



Hidden Divinity and Religious Belief: New Perspectives

(Cambridge University Press, 2016) by Adam Green, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Philosophy, and Eleonore Stump, Ph.D. (editors)

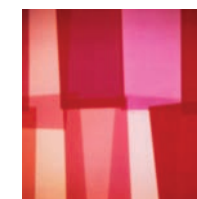
This collection of new essays written by an international team of scholars offers a groundbreaking examination of one of the most dynamic current debates in philosophy of religion—divine hiddenness, which considers the absence of evidence sufficient to make God's existence and care for His creatures apparent to all. Together, the essays constitute a wide-ranging dialogue about the problem. They balance atheistic and theistic standpoints, focusing not only on standard philosophical perspectives, but also on insights from Jewish, Muslim, and Eastern Orthodox traditions, as well as the apophatic and the mystical. As a result, the volume throws fresh light on this familiar, but important, topic while incorporating contemporary work in epistemology and the philosophy of mind and language. The book benefits researchers and advanced students in philosophy of religion and theology.



The Genre of Biblical Commentary: Essays in Honor of John E. Hartley on the Occasion of His 75th Birthday

(Pickwick Publications, 2015) edited by Timothy Finlay, Ph.D., professor, Department of Biblical Studies, Azusa Pacific Seminary, and William Yarchin, Ph.D., dean's endowed professor in biblical studies, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies, School of Theology

The genre of biblical commentary, as old as the Bible itself, remains very much alive as a point of illuminating contact between the ancient text and its modern readers. In this volume, 14 international Old Testament experts reflect upon multiple challenges of contemporary biblical commentary as a scholarly endeavor. How does a commentator strike a balance between engagement with the biblical text and the commentary tradition that the text has generated over the centuries? How does today's commentator remain relevant for pastoral and lay readers of the Bible and act responsibly for all the text's stakeholders? This collection of essays addresses these questions and more in celebration of Azusa Pacific's John E. Hartley, Ph.D., distinguished professor of Old Testament and widely respected for his multiple volumes on these topics.



LoFi#1 (Newtown Gallery, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan, October 25-November 30, 2015) artwork by Stephen Childs, MFA, assistant professor, Department of Art and Design; group exhibition, archival pigment print, 14" x 14"

Childs' LoFi#1 takes the commonplace and strips it down to its formal elements of light, color, shape, and composition. He removes the signs, symbols, and reference points from his photographs, thereby altering viewers' expectations. Rather than using photography to document the world, Childs employs it as a means to transform the world. This approach aligned well with the theme of the *Extraordinary Ordinary* exhibition to find awesomeness in the mundane. Cocurated by Kaoru Hironaka, artist and professor at Kobe Design University, and Moto Okawa, MFA, cofounder and writer for ArtILikeLA.com and BetterLuckTomorrow.gallery and APU adjunct art professor, the exhibition featured nine artists from Los Angeles and seven from Japan.



Nothing Is Wasted: How God Redeems What Is Broken (Beacon Hill Press, 2016) by Joseph Bentz, Ph.D., professor, Department of English

God values redemption so much He scatters hints of it throughout the universe. Yet, a quick glance at the world may reveal more trouble than redemption. Terrorists kill innocents. Disease sweeps through poor nations and wipes out hundreds, their bodies tossed aside. Politicians posture, blame, and ignore intractable problems. Life may be seen as a series of losses—vanishing youth, decaying possessions, and lost loved ones. Despite this pervasive pattern, a countervailing force remains at work in the world. In the midst of all this loss beats a relentless pulse of redeeming love and good that thrusts itself through the chaos and pain. It does not obliterate the pain, but neither does it allow pain to be wasted—it wrenches good from it. *Nothing Is Wasted* finds hints of redemption in the least expected places—in dirt, in whale carcasses, in death, in suffering, in fairy tales, in frustrations, and in the stories of people's lives.



Bandersnatch: C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and the Creative Collaboration of the Inklings (Kent State University Press, 2016) by Diana Pavlac Glyer, Ph.D., professor, Department of English

Glyer presents an inspiring look at the friendship of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, a seat at their table at the Eagle and Child pub in Oxford. *Bandersnatch* shows how their conversations made all the difference in the books they were writing, how encouragement, correction, and criticism shaped the success of *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and dozens more. Illustrated by James A. Owen, *Bandersnatch* offers a wealth of insight into these authors, and more: it shows step by step what readers can learn from their example.

THE FOSTER CARE CRISIS

An Opportunity to Respond



by Robert R. Duke

The world watches Christians closely. Some look for evidence that they can trust what we believe and preach, others try to catch us speaking or acting out of accordance with Scripture—but make no mistake, they are watching. Our responsibility to both the truthseekers and faultfinders must be to constantly realign our lives with the Standard. As God’s instruments, we must regularly evaluate our lives to ensure we have not strayed from His will. Do we love our neighbor as ourselves? Do we care for the widows and orphans? Perhaps

not as thoroughly as we should. The severe nationwide shortage of homes for foster children suggests this may be an issue that can help realign our focus, reflect our abiding love of God and obedience to Him, and demonstrate our faith to onlookers.

For the early Church in the Roman Empire, rescuing abandoned children was commonplace and integral to sharing the message of the Gospel by ministering to the whole person, especially children exposed and left to die. Early Christians’ commitment to these orphans eventually led Emperor Valentinian to outlaw child abandonment and infanticide in AD 374. For modern evangelicals, the Bible clearly instructs us to follow that example: “But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these’” (Luke 18:16, NIV). Unlike the impossible number of children the early Church encountered, those needing homes in the United States today lie within reach.

At first glance, the numbers sound staggering. According to the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, 397,122 children live in the U.S. without permanent families in the foster care system. Of these, 101,666 are eligible for adoption, but nearly 32 percent will wait more than three years in foster care before being adopted. Although nearly 400,000 foster care children may seem too great a challenge for placement, the number of worship places mirrors these statistics. The Hartford Institute estimates that roughly 350,000 religious congregations exist in the United States. Of those, about 338,000 are Christian churches. Non-Christian religious congregations stand at about 12,000. If one family from every congregation in the United States committed to foster a child, the need for foster homes would nearly be erased. Closer to home, almost 20,000 foster children live in Los Angeles County, home to more than 3,000 evangelical Protestant churches as of 2010. These numbers suggest that several families per congregation could help solve the issue locally.

Several evangelical groups, like Focus on the Family and the Dream Center in Los Angeles, have already begun to turn the tide. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, “In Colorado alone, Focus has moved about 500 of the 800 kids in foster care into permanent homes over the course of less than two years. The group has had success helping infertile couples desperate for families, but also in placing children with couples who are older, some of whose children have already grown up and left home.” With a focused effort, the success realized in Colorado could spread nationwide.

The Dream Center in Los Angeles approaches the issue practically, helping

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families reunite with their children in the foster care system by providing items needed to meet county guidelines. Its Foster Care Intervention program provides food, clothing, diapers, cleaning supplies, appliances, and furniture to ensure that homes with minor children meet the requirements of Los Angeles County’s Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). In some cases, the simple addition of a bed or safe crib is all a home needs to welcome back a child and offer a redemptive presence in a very difficult societal issue.

Creative thinking at the local level helps as well. For example, my own Nazarene church and a local Vineyard church started a volunteer program with the local office of the L.A. County DCFS. This program could be easily replicated around the country. Basically, we developed a volunteer list of vetted (background checks, fingerprinting, etc.) people available to entertain, play with, and monitor children who have been recently detained and are waiting for a foster home to become available. These extra sets of hands help social

workers provide additional comfort to children whose worlds have been forever changed and offer a tangible way to love our neighbors.

My wife and I learned this firsthand. Over the past four years, our family has fostered three girls. One was a short placement (three months), one became our adopted daughter, and our current foster daughter will likely reunite with her birth family after being with us for two years. As a couple, we feel called to this, even though it is not always easy. Verses like James 1:27 (NIV)—“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”—caused us to reorient our lives and adjust to the challenges that come along with the transitions. However, the more friends we encounter along this chosen path, the more we realize that we are not alone, but part of a growing community of foster families heeding God’s call. When that happens, our choice to foster seems less dramatic and life altering. In a world that often finds fault with evangelicals, we take heart in John 13:35 (NIV): “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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According to current statistics, less than

4%

of emancipated foster children graduate from college.

In California,

36%

of emancipated foster youth are homeless within 18 months. How can APU become a college of choice, a college of hope, for these children?

List of organizations:

Kidsave: kidsave.org
Volunteers with Kidsave’s Weekend Miracles program commit to hosting a foster child on weekends. They provide activities and experiences that many foster children, especially those in group homes, may never experience.

CASA: casaforchildren.org
Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children volunteers may not become permanent foster parents, but can serve as advocates in the courts, school districts, and various agencies.

Find a foster agency:
adoptuskids.org/for-families/state-adoption-and-foster-care-information

by Caitlin Gipson

World-Changing Startups

“What if the Church became the human incubator for the world’s best future?” pastor Erwin McManus asked at Q Ideas 2013, Christianity’s answer to the TED conference. He continued speaking, but for two audience members, everything stopped. Brandon Arbini '01 and Jeff Tanner '96, M.Ed. '99, left the conference contemplating that question. **WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO PARTNER WITH GOD IN HIS RESTORATION OF THE WORLD? WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT DO BELIEVERS NEED IN ORDER TO CREATE WORLD-CHANGING MOVEMENTS?**



WAYFARE LABS: a donor-supported nonprofit, targeting Christ-following founders and missional startups



Jeff Tanner '96, M.Ed. '99

Brandon Arbini '01

WAYFARE: a coworking space specifically for startups and early-stage organizations pursuing the common good

Over the ensuing months, these seeds grew into Wayfare coworking space and the Wayfare Labs startup incubator in Costa Mesa, an ambitious venture that promises to change the landscape for Christ-following entrepreneurs. Wayfare Labs and its founders provide a powerful example of the entrepreneurial environment and the connected, world-impacting graduates Azusa Pacific University strives to produce.

Wayfare’s—and APU’s—focus on transformative entrepreneurship could not come at a better time. Pew Research reports that last year Millennials (adults 18 to 35) surpassed Generation Xers to become the largest segment of the American workforce. Millennials, who now comprise one-third of American workers and will represent 75 percent of the workforce by 2025, bring new expectations to their careers. A 2014 Bentley University study indicated that 67 percent of Millennials expect to start their own businesses, and a Stanford University study revealed that 90 percent

of MBA students would forgo financial benefits to work for organizations that prioritize corporate social responsibility and ethics. As this generation seeks to advocate social change and address societal problems, Wayfare stands poised to help.

Arbini took a circuitous path to Wayfare with the full support, partnership, and involvement of his wife, Jill (Tanner '02), beginning with roles in Web design at Azusa Pacific University’s marketing department, to a Bay Area nonprofit, to lead engineer for a Wisconsin startup, to the thick of Silicon Valley’s tech startup scene. “Jill and I went through doors as they opened,” he said, “and God led me places I never expected.” Notably, He took Arbini to a startup in Wisconsin, which “failed spectacularly” but laid the groundwork for remarkable success. “That startup was a shining example of what *not* to do,” Arbini said. “The company had a plan A—there was no plan B.”

Later, when Arbini, fellow alumnus Steve Heffernan '03, MBA '08, and another colleague decided to create Zencoder, a cloud-based video transcoding software, they learned from the mistakes he had observed—they always had a plan B. Their software startup became a success, and Y Combinator, Silicon Valley’s most prestigious startup incubator, accepted Zencoder into its three-month program. The startup accelerator paired them with a mentor and provided the opportunity to pitch the product to leading venture capital firms. “Y Combinator was an incredible introduction to the startup world,” said Heffernan. “There are innumerable details and pitfalls that aren’t obvious from your living room. Y Combinator got us ready and then put us in front of big-name investors, which was like shooting us out of a cannon on our way out the door.” As a result, Zencoder secured \$3 million in funding from giants like Andreessen Horowitz, Google Ventures, Founders Collective, and Lowercase Capital. The company brought in another APU alumnus, Justin Greer '02, for back-end programming, and after two years of intense work and cross-country commutes, they sold Zencoder to Brightcove for \$30 million.

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Websites

wayfare.io
wayfarelabs.org

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While Arbini navigated the tech startup world, Tanner focused on Christian startups and nonprofits. He and fellow alumnus Lucas Baerg ’98 founded Aionova Media, a business that produced promotional videos for missions organizations. In addition, Tanner managed marketing accounts for Azusa Pacific University’s marketing department and spent eight years at the Evangelical Christian Credit Union (ECCU), working his way from marketing director to vice president of strategic services. During that time, he cofounded Reville, a communications agency focusing on public relations and marketing for social good organizations, and served as board chair for Mika Community Development Corporation, a startup founded by APU alumna Christine (Brooks ’97) Nolf. Tanner was satisfied in this track, until one day he heard a clear message from God. “I was at a church gathering,

and clearly heard He wanted me to leave ECCU. I didn’t have another opportunity lined up, but I distinctly heard, ‘I’ll take care of you.’ So I left without knowing where I was headed.” Weeks later, he and Arbini attended the Q Ideas conference where McManus posed that life-altering question, one Tanner ruminated on throughout a six-month sabbatical. During that period, God prepared the way for bivocational ministry and Wayfare. Redemption Church in Costa Mesa hired Tanner as executive pastor, and through conversations with Arbini, the seeds of Wayfare took root. Envisioning the Church as an incubator for innovation fueled their innovation and sparked creativity. On a practical level, that shared vision launched Wayfare and Wayfare Labs. Wayfare, a coworking space for startups and early-stage organizations pursuing the common good, houses 75 members representing 30 organizations. Their memberships include access to workspaces, meeting rooms, and community events, with the benefit of working alongside like-minded individuals and organizations with similar ambitious goals—to right the world’s wrongs and bring about restoration. Wayfare does not require coworking organizations to be run by Christians, an idea that Arbini attributes to his time at APU. “APU is unapologetically Christian, and yet does not require all students to be believers. We strive to create a similar atmosphere. Many nonbelievers strive to do good in the world. We hope that they will join this community, rub shoulders with Christ followers, and the light bulb will go on. They will realize, ‘Oh, this is why I care about the world; it’s God’s plan to restore it.” On the other hand, Wayfare Labs, a donor-supported nonprofit, targets Christ-following founders and missional startups. Heavily influenced by Arbini’s experience

in Y Combinator, Wayfare Labs provides much-needed mentoring. “Christian founders face unique challenges,” said Arbini. “Wayfare Labs provides startup expertise integrated with emotional and spiritual support.” Jill Arbini now serves as Wayfare’s director of events, and Baerg and Nolf sit on the Wayfare Labs board and serve in its advisor network as mentors and coaches. “It’s really exciting working with founders, helping them create systems and a plan,” said Nolf, who draws upon 12 years of experience with her own leadership development startup. “It’s rewarding to pass on knowledge and help others avoid the mistakes I made when starting out.” Jay Sherer ’03, MBA ’07, Wayfare Labs’ marketing director and former marketing director at ECCU, has witnessed the impact the incubator has on its participants. “Many believers are called to achieve something, but they have no idea how to make it sustainable,” he said. “They don’t know how to create a budget, or they have a paralyzing fear of asking for money to fund their vision. Also, spiritual attacks and insecurities come with following God’s leading. Wayfare Labs addresses these areas and equips founders to succeed.” Sherer understands this firsthand. “Not only do I believe in what we’re doing, but it also moved me to start my nonprofit, Reclamation Society, which reveals biblical truth through modern storytelling methods (comic books, books, films, and podcasts) and provides gritty, impactful stories to believers while pulling those far from God into the truth of Jesus Christ.” This contagious creative enthusiasm, informed by a business perspective and Christ-centered conviction, differentiates Wayfare and, according to Tanner, speaks to the larger issue: “We’re not called to live dichotomized lives, and yet that is what the Church has become in Western culture. We’ve largely relegated our faith to the consumption of Christian goods and services on a Sunday morning, and that phenomenon is so embedded in our culture that we can’t even see it.” When Arbini and Tanner began, they dreamed that Costa Mesa would



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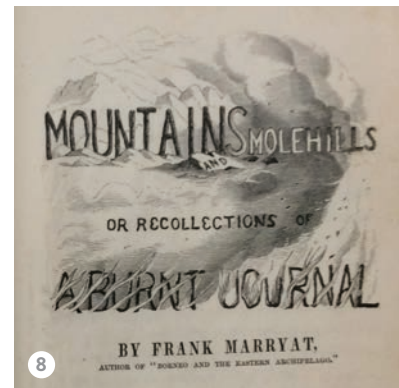
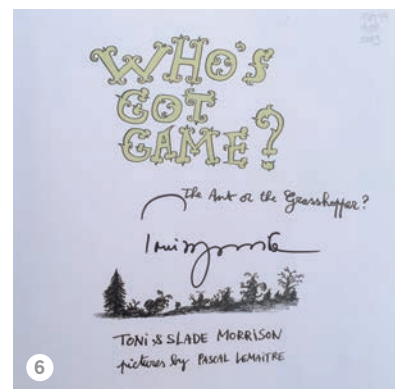
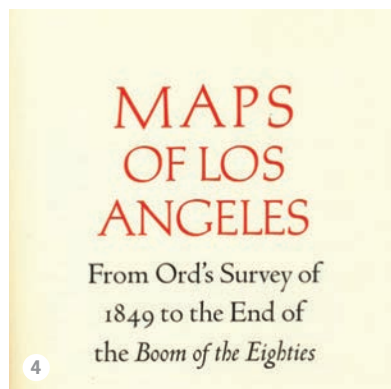
become known for Kingdom-oriented startups like Silicon Valley is for tech startups. But now that vision is expanding. According to Arbini, “We want Wayfare and Wayfare Labs to be catalysts for the transformation of urban centers throughout the world, where participants influence culture by living out their faith in all aspects of life.” Tanner elaborated: “We believe that this idea of full-life integration reframes church planting as community planting, where people follow Jesus with their whole lives as they work alongside each other, take care of each other, worship together, create beauty, love their neighbors, challenge systems of injustice, and start world-changing movements.” It’s happening. The first coworking space came online in 2015 and hosts 30 organizations. Two more spaces will soon open in Austin, Texas, and Fullerton, California, and the team expects 10 additional locations to come online in cities across the country over the coming year. And Wayfare Labs graduated its first class of founders this year. “Wayfare has meant so much to me,” said Karrie Garcia, founder and CEO of Freedom Movement, a nonprofit aimed at drawing women closer to God. “Wayfare Labs allowed me to dream even bigger, gave structure to startup chaos, and helped implement critical foundational systems to lead well.” “Wayfare Labs helps people like me with big dreams and visions come to fruition,” said Karen McMurray, founder of True Blue Science, an environmentally conscious laundry additive. “The book of Proverbs tells you to surround yourself with wise counsel to succeed. Without it, your plans are frustrated. I had investigated a few accelerator programs before being introduced to Wayfare Labs. None of them was Christ-centered, which was imperative in order for me to stay on track with God’s will and His way of fulfilling the dream and vision He has placed in my heart.” Recently, Arbini served as a judge at Zuventurez, APU’s annual business plan competition. Current student Maritza Grissom, MBA ’16, won \$15,000 in seed funds to develop her health care education app, PreceptMe, and spoke to the importance of

encouragement from alumni like Arbini. “Obviously, the \$15,000 was great, but the most valuable part was getting feedback from the panelists, mentors, alumni entrepreneurs, and judges,” she said. “They challenged my numbers and my marketing strategy, bringing their experience to bear. That wisdom helped me avoid mistakes I might have made, and really honed my concept.” “APU has a tradition of successful entrepreneurial alumni answering God’s call to make all things new,” said Annie Y. Tsai, Ph.D., APU’s vice president for vocation, innovation, and alumni. “Brandon and Jeff exemplify the type of alumni that we seek to develop and encourage. Not only are they successful entrepreneurs themselves, but they also are difference makers with Kingdom impact. They use their learning to invest in the next generation of founders, both at APU and in the world.” Caitlin Gipson ’01 is a freelance writer, marketing consultant, and SEO specialist in Central California. apucaitlin@gmail.com

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: The Anchor of University Libraries

by LUBA ZAKHAROV

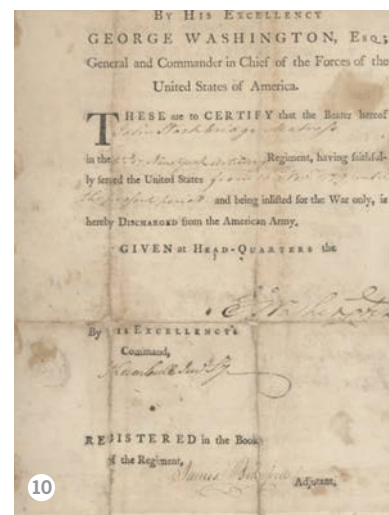
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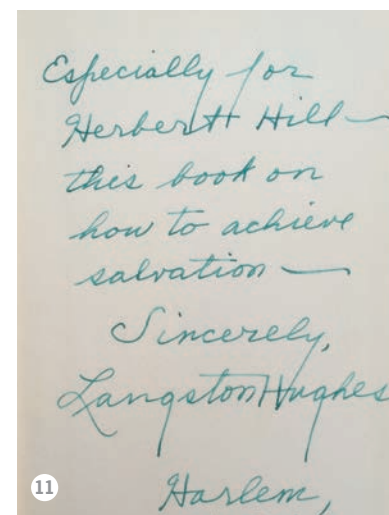
At the heart of every academic library lie unique resources that anchor the general collections. At Azusa Pacific, these rare items comprise the Special Collections, which include historic primary-source materials. Given the digital proliferation of books, journals, and aggregated databases now available for online research, why do special collections matter to libraries? In 2009, the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) asserted that university libraries' special collections "increasingly define the uniqueness and character of individual research libraries."

On APU's Christ-centered campus, our vast Special Collections enriches learning through exhibits, such as John Muir: A Centennial Remembrance (1914-2014); events, such as Dennis Kruska's lecture at the opening reception for the John Muir exhibit; and through classroom instruction, including California history resources used by Bryan Lamkin, Ph.D., professor in the Department of History and Political Science. Because special collections preserve and transmit history and culture, they enable faculty and students to enter into a deep learning that supports, informs, or refutes secondary sources, making way for new scholarship that can inspire outside scholars to conduct research at APU.

According to ARL, special collections include "rare books, generally dating from the dawn of European printing to some point in the 19th century," with "manuscripts, archival collections of mixed formats including prints, drawings, and photographs, and graphic materials such as maps, theatrical publications, pamphlets, advertising and posters, and sometimes newspapers, which were not published in book format." Counted among APU's vast holdings are the Dead Sea Scroll fragments, a cuneiform



10. Presidential Signature Collection
George Washington, first President of the United States; this Revolutionary War discharge was signed on June 9, 1783, and countersigned by Jonathan Trumbull, with the badge of merit for John Stockbridge.



11. Special Collections
Tambourines to Glory, Langston Hughes, author's presentation inscription to Herbert Hill, Harlem, April 1962, 1958

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tablet, and rare medieval manuscripts—handwritten copies of the Vulgate—that date back to the 11th century. These can be found in the Leaf Collection and include historic Coptic, Armenian, Latin, Italian, Hebrew, and Greek leaves (among many others) that hold religious significance, represent the history of fine printing, and serve as valuable resources for students in history, languages, and graphic design.

Initial access to our Special Collections holdings can be gained through the George Fullerton Collection, comprising outstanding materials on that period and the Westward Expansion and Overland Travel, and teeming with rare, first-edition printings, diaries, and maps. The Weber Collection offers one of the most unique, untapped collections related to the Catholic Church in the U.S. and the West, compiled and authored by historian Monsignor Francis J. Weber, ACA. In literature, APU boasts a growing, ethnic American authors collection, including a recent acquisition of Langston Hughes materials. Further, the library has amassed writings by collaborative Christian communities, such as the Clapham Saints and the Chrysostom Society, as well as an extensive collection of material from C.S. Lewis and the British literary discussion group known as the Inklings.

According to Ken Otto, MLIS, associate professor and Special Collections librarian, the most used is the Photograph Collection, which represents the history of photography from the 1860s and includes stereo cabinet cards, lantern slides, and digital images. In addition, the often-accessed Azusa Foothill Citrus Collection and the MacNeil Family Collection provide historic documents of Azusa.

These and other primary-source materials often reveal little-known facets of history and, therefore, have been known to change the course of scholarship within a field of study. Artifacts, such as letters from the Civil War, offer students the ability to read handwritten, eyewitness accounts, allowing comparison with other primary sources and enabling them to arrive at independent conclusions about historical circumstances and events. Similarly, newly acquired letters from John Muir and his family provide a new lens on the Hetch Hetchy fight.

These resources in hardcopy bring the past into the present in powerful ways. And although the future of Special Collections includes making rare items available in digital format, nothing compares to a face-to-face engagement with authentic artifacts—such as seeing an original illuminated manuscript—when it comes to giving students a sense of experiencing history firsthand. APU's extensive Special Collections provide the depth, breadth, and weight that grounds scholarly research in a way that only these genuine treasures can. The sight of a book signed by Napoleon Bonaparte triggers wonder and spurs questions about where it came from, how it got into his hands, and why he signed it. Special Collections stands as a testament that history encompasses more than the text of a rare document—the power of these irreplaceable items lies in the fact that they are themselves pieces of history, like a Gutenberg Leaf or the 1611 King James Bible. They transform and inspire students' curiosity, fueling the passion to pursue advanced studies and contribute to history.

This transformational element has been credited, in current research, to the 1998 Boyer Report, which, in an effort to improve undergraduate education, recommended that undergraduate education include students' engagement in research- and inquiry-based learning. This new education model provided 10 recommendations, with the main focus on collaborative teaching and learning, which opened the door to mining special collections to create original research. Because of the historical, ephemeral, and sometimes sacred format of rare resources, APU's Special Collections urge exploration and provide an avenue for students to engage, observe, and problem solve, making research meaningful and personal. This active learning, with the teacher as the guide, transforms education. At Azusa Pacific, this interaction facilitated by Special Collections creates communities of faculty and students who, alongside one another, discover, create, apply, and transmit new knowledge. Such a dynamic process allows the university to align with the library in a symbiotic and organic way that anchors the institution's mission to develop disciples and scholars equipped to conduct research effectively, seek truth confidently, and nurture imaginative inquiry in others.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING

THE NEW GENERATION

by Bethany Wagner

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Around the nation, a force of health care professionals works diligently, often in the background, on the soccer field, in sports locker rooms, in corporate offices, in factories. Armed with vast interdisciplinary knowledge of medicine and modern health care, they identify possible injuries before they happen, catching even the smallest risk factors affecting high school football players, college volleyball players, professional golfers, businesspeople, and more. In the case of injury, they provide treatment and rehabilitation, working with patients toward healing from beginning to end.

“Athletic trainers safeguard others, coming alongside and supporting them through suffering with empathy.”

Christopher Schmidt, Ph.D.

These are athletic trainers. Once stereotyped as assistants who taped ankles and refilled water coolers, today they evaluate athletes’ preseason physical conditions, ensure the safety of training routines, monitor the quality of facilities and equipment, and eliminate risks stemming from environmental factors. “Prevention is the focus of athletic trainers,” said Christopher Schmidt, Ph.D., director of APU’s new Master of Science in Athletic Training program. “While other health care professionals provide care in clinics or hospitals after injury or illness occurs, athletic trainers enter the lives of their clients on a daily basis, standing on the sidelines during practices and games, ready for action.”

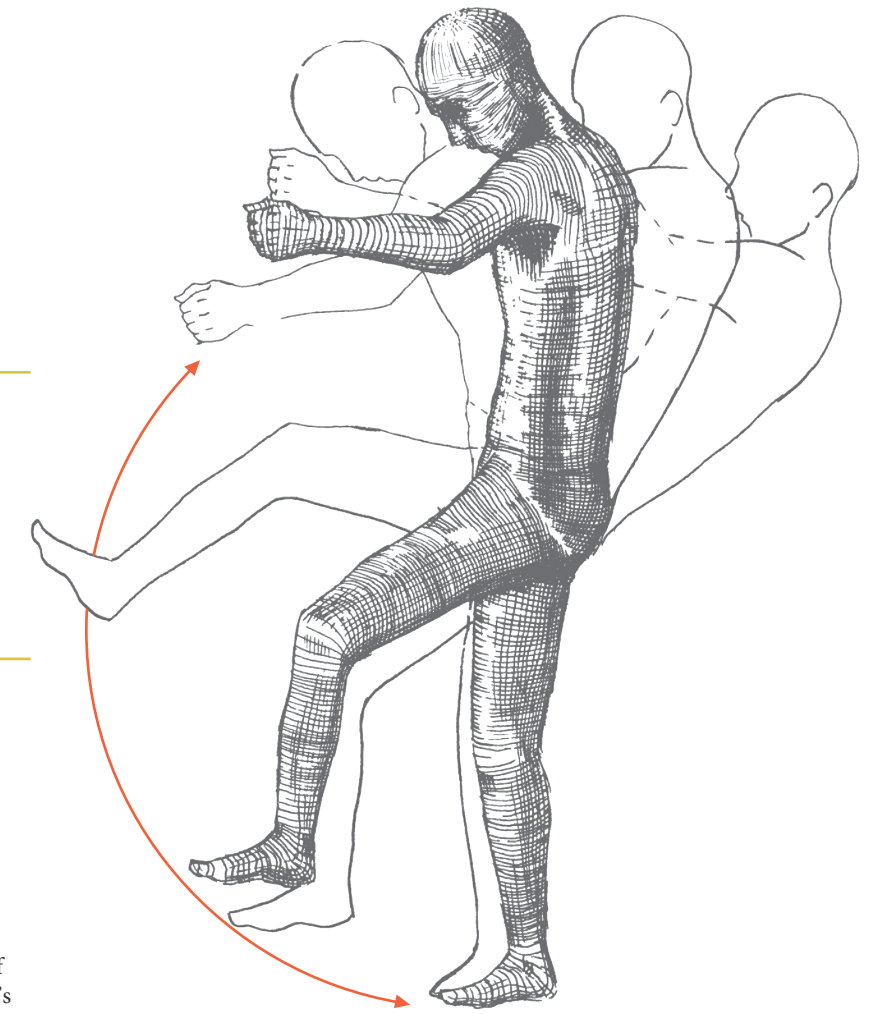
Outside the realm of sports, athletic trainers serve and protect people in countless industries, including musicians, dancers, police officers, military personnel, businesspeople, and factory workers. “An athletic trainer might observe laborers who sit in the same position eight hours a day, lifting pieces of equipment and straining their backs,” said Schmidt. “The athletic trainer then analyzes how to adjust the environment so the workers remain safe and thrive.”

Yet, even with these preventive measures, a muscle may tear, an ankle twists, a player falls to the ground. Athletic trainers skillfully diagnose and treat injury to almost any part of the body, drawing on a thorough understanding of internal medicine, nutrition, concussion studies,

neurology, orthopedics, psychiatry, rheumatology, and physical therapy.

While the profession required a bachelor’s degree in the past, the high demands of athletic trainers now reach into the graduate realm, heralding a major shift toward more rigorous education, with hundreds of schools slated to transition to master’s programs in the next seven years. APU leads the charge, beginning preparations for this change in 2008 and welcoming 12 students as the first graduate cohort in July 2015. “With health care evolving and sports injury rates rising, we see a greater need for quality care and holistic understanding at the preventive level,” said Schmidt. “APU already stood as a leader in sports and health care education; now other institutions making the same curriculum changes look to us as an example for athletic training graduate education.”

Today, APU athletic training alumni from the past three decades serve high school and college sports teams, as well as in hospitals and on Army bases. The new program builds on this track record of success, but with deeper coursework and expanded opportunities for clinical education and research. “Students gain real-world experience during clinical rotations at local high schools, colleges, physical therapy clinics, and physician offices, caring for patients of myriad ages and backgrounds,” said Schmidt. They study, experiment, and conduct research in a 1,300-square-foot lab



stocked with all the equipment and tools of a modern athletic training facility, creating a flexible classroom and lab environment. In research teams headed by faculty members, students explore current health care questions, conduct original research, and write for publication.

Raising the demand for quality athletic trainers, injuries—particularly concussions—and their possible long-term consequences stand as one of the most pressing issues in sports. In an effort to better understand sports-related head injuries, APU joins 20 other schools in the most comprehensive concussion study to date, spearheaded by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the U.S. Department of Defense. Starting in August 2015, the school’s sports medicine staff recorded student-athletes’ preseason physical, mental, and emotional health, and, in the event of head injury, will conduct postconcussion evaluations at prescribed time points. “APU athletic trainers stood ahead of the curve in concussion management, already using procedures to care for students that nearly matched the study’s protocol,” said April (Reed ’95) Hoy, associate athletics director and director of sports medicine and wellness for APU’s 19-sport program. “The results will help treat and prevent concussions for all, giving athletic trainers valuable knowledge to add to their skill set.”

This comprehensive preparation allows students to leverage APU’s signature blend of forward thinking and innovation to serve people in need throughout the world and distinguishes them among their peers. In May 2017, APU’s first graduate cohort of athletic training students will receive their degrees, ready to protect athletes, performers, and workers in all industries, adding to an ongoing legacy of quality health care education. “The servant-oriented mission of the athletic trainer aligns well with the mission of an evangelical, Christ-centered university,” said Schmidt. “Athletic trainers safeguard others, coming alongside and supporting them through suffering with empathy.”

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No Excuses

She had every reason to make excuses. Instead, Sydney Bello '17, a deaf girl who forged her way through public schools in four cities, chose to focus on the positive, excel at her favorite sport, and make a place for herself in a hearing world.



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by Cyndie Hoff

She credits her success to her faith, family, and refusal to claim deafness as an excuse for anything. "I don't think a disability, whether it's a learning issue, blindness, loss of a limb, or any other challenge, should define people," said Bello. "I think of myself as normal, and I want others to do the same."

For Bello, "normal" took on new meaning as a toddler battling multiple ear infections that caused progressive hearing loss. By age 3, she was completely deaf, and the world fell silent. Her family rallied around her and prayed about the right path for her: deaf school or mainstream? In one scenario, she would have myriad resources at her disposal in an environment tailored to her every need. In the other, she would struggle to fit and fight to succeed every step of the way. They chose the latter. "I am so grateful that my parents made that decision," Bello said. "They knew it would be hard, but they also knew I could do it and would be stronger for it. And they were right. I had to work harder than most to make friends and learn new skills. But that's what made me adaptable; that's what made me explore new ways of doing things, use the gifts I have, and value every success even more."

Bello tried her hand at several sports: basketball, soccer, even cheerleading. But nothing felt right until she dove into a pool. It made perfect sense since her dad, sister, and brother were swimmers, but even they did not realize that she had it in her until they saw her butterfly. Though considered the most difficult stroke in the swimmer's repertoire, Bello made it look easy. She also discovered the gift of endurance and excelled at long-distance events that most swimmers avoid. She found her niche in the water, where silence surrounds all who enter and levels the playing field. "When I'm

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in the water, I can completely unplug," she said. "I only hear myself."

Her comfort in that environment, coupled with her tenacity and athletic talent, caught the attention of club team coaches, and she began training year round. The extra work paid off, as she earned a spot at the 2011 U.S. World Deaf Swimming Championships held in Portugal. At 15—one of the youngest competitors at the event—she placed fourth in the butterfly and sixth in the 400 individual medley (IM). She returned home confident in her skills and ability to

compete on a hearing college team.

She set her sights on Azusa Pacific. "Sydney is a very strong, talented swimmer, especially in the 400 IM and distance events, and she always contributes in meets by scoring points for our team," said head coach Tim Kyle. "Sydney does the work and produces results."

Though a cochlear implant and an external hearing aid help her hear on land, when she's in the pool she removes her "ear," as she calls it. Immersed in silence, she relies on written practice plans, lip reading, and hand gestures to follow her coach's directives and her teammates' encouragement. When most swimmers start a race, they stand on the block with their heads down and listen for the buzzer before exploding off their mark. When Bello starts a race, she must keep her head up and watch for a hand signal. Though ideally simultaneous, the buzzer and hand gesture often stagger. In a sport where hundredths of a second make the difference between winning and losing, this puts Bello at a distinct disadvantage. "It doesn't matter," she said. "When I see someone enter the water before me, it just makes me swim harder and faster. It fires me up and spurs me on. Those are the best victories."

In fact, for Bello, each race represents a mental, physical, and spiritual victory. She has not only succeeded despite her deafness, but she has also come to view it as a blessing. "It has given me a broader perspective on life," said Bello. "I know there are many people out there with struggles far greater than mine. I am blessed with an amazingly supportive family and a God who is so much bigger than my problems. I deal with self-doubt just

like everyone else. But one thing I know for sure: The only way to succeed is to give it everything you've got."

Bello models the essence of the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 4:13 (NRSV): "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." She knows this verse speaks not about

personal achievement, but divine sustenance. Like Paul, she has found that no matter her lot in life, she can endure all circumstances and live contentedly—no excuses.

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Sydney Bello's 2015-16 Bests

Events	Record
100-Yard Freestyle	55.32
200-Yard Freestyle	1:57.46
500-Yard Freestyle	5:14.04
1000-Yard Freestyle	11:21.05
100-Yard Backstroke	1:03.37
100-Yard Butterfly	1:02.02
200-Yard Butterfly	2:19.94
200-Yard Individual Medley	2:16.98
400-Yard Individual Medley	4:41.81

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Cougars Participate in NFLPA Collegiate Bowl



For the second consecutive year, two players represented the Azusa Pacific football program at the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) Collegiate Bowl. Josh Atkinson '16 and Paul Flores '15 participated in the January 23 game, broadcast nationally on ESPN2. Atkinson recorded three tackles in the game for the National team, which also featured Flores as an offensive lineman and Cougar offensive line coach Jackie Slater as a position coach for the National team's 18-17 victory.

Water Polo Makes Splash Overseas



In January, the Azusa Pacific women's water polo team went on a 12-day preseason tour to Hungary. The Cougars spent most of the trip in Budapest training with numerous college-level teams and receiving coaching from top-level national coaches. Away from the pool, the team toured historic locations in Budapest, including the Turkish Tower, Parliament, and centuries-old castles. The team also volunteered at a local homeless shelter.

Cougar Distance Runners Compete at Olympic Marathon Trials



Two Azusa Pacific track and field alumni competed for spots on the 2016 U.S. Olympic team at the marathon Olympic Trials on February 13 in Los Angeles. Aron Rono '09 qualified for the trials with the 6th-fastest half-marathon time, although he was unable to compete due to injury. Lauren Jimison '12 finished 36th out of 149 finishers with a time of 2:44:30 in her first trials experience. The top three finishers in the Olympic Trials earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team to compete at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August.

Cougar Pros: Watson and Nieuwenhuis Change Teams

Major League Baseball: The Milwaukee Brewers claimed Kirk Nieuwenhuis '09 on waivers December 23, 2015. The 28-year-old outfielder became the first Azusa Pacific baseball player to play in the World Series, appearing in four Fall Classic games for the 2015 National League champion New York Mets.

National Football League: The Cleveland Browns signed Terrell Watson '15 to a reserve/future contract. Watson spent the 2015 NFL season on the Cincinnati Bengals' practice squad.

Winter Sports Updates

Women's Basketball: Azusa Pacific finished the regular season on a 13-game winning streak to claim the program's first Pacific West Conference regular-season championship, going 25-3 overall and 19-1 in PacWest play. The Cougars ended the regular season ranked 17th nationally, the program's highest national ranking in NCAA Division II era.

Men's Basketball: Azusa Pacific wrapped up its second consecutive PacWest regular-season title, finishing in a four-team tie atop the conference standings but claiming the head-to-head tiebreaker with season sweeps of all three co-leaders. The Cougars finished with a record of 21-7 overall, 15-5 PacWest.

Women's Swimming and Diving: For the second consecutive year, Azusa Pacific sent three representatives to the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships. Kianna Mourer '18 made her second national championship diving appearance, while Rachel Johns '19 and Abigail Wiet '19 are first-time national championship qualifiers.

Upcoming Athletics Events

- ACROBATICS and TUMBLING**
April 4 | 6:30 p.m. | Cougars vs. Oregon | Felix Event Center
- BASEBALL**
April 20 | 3 p.m. | Cougars vs. Concordia | Angel Stadium of Anaheim
May 9 | 12 p.m. | Cougars vs. California Baptist (DH) | Cougar Baseball Complex
- SOFTBALL**
April 9 | 12 p.m. | Cougars vs. Concordia (DH) | Cougar Softball Complex
April 29 | 5 p.m. | Cougars vs. California Baptist (DH) | Cougar Softball Complex
- TENNIS**
April 13-16 | Pacific West Conference Championships | Surprise, Arizona
- TRACK AND FIELD**
April 14-15 | Bryan Clay Invitational | Cougar Athletic Stadium
April 28-29 | Pacific West Conference Championships | Cougar Athletic Stadium
- WOMEN'S WATER POLO**
April 1 | 5 p.m. | Cougars vs. Santa Clara | Citrus College Pool



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APU Connect is an online community that gives alumni a simple, yet comprehensive, way to find friends, make business connections, advance their careers, give back in creative ways, and strengthen ties with APU. Visit apuconnect.com and register using LinkedIn or Facebook to gain immediate access to a hub of activity, including the latest news, up-to-date personal and professional information, and opportunities for internships, mentorships, speaking engagements, and job searches and posts.

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Introduce, employ, and offer to act as a mentor to graduating students.

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Leverage APU's professional network and connect with like-minded people.

Advance

Advance your career through inside connections working in top companies.

Alumni Survey

Thanks to all who participated in the alumni survey. Congratulations to **Melodie Arbaban-Ghafari '15**, **Joe Handley '87**, **Danielle Quan '14**, and **Susan Santoro '13** winners of Amazon gift cards. An update on survey results is coming this summer.



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Pass It On: Building a Legacy of Faith

by Jim Burns

Most parents recognize the eternal worth of passing on a legacy of faith to their kids, but many struggle with how to do it. For better or worse, whether intentionally or by default, all parents leave legacies of life and faith to their children. However, those who seek purposeful ways to build a legacy look for ways to promote special moments, traditions, rites of passage, and memories their kids will cherish and replicate.

Here are some ideas for passing on your family legacy:

Service Projects or Mission Trips

Many families draw closer together while serving together, and draw strength from these times. Serving together builds a strong legacy foundation for any family.

Vacations and Adventures

You don't have to be rich to create great family vacations and adventures. Our kids knew that every Easter vacation we would go to the beach, just like they knew that each child would get to choose a family adventure when she graduated from high school.

Family Fun Nights

This could be a weekly or monthly time when the family comes together to have fun. You can stick to the old standbys (movies, dinner, or picnics), or you can be more creative and make up your own traditions and implement new ideas.

One-on-One Times

When our daughters were growing up, we called these "dates." These were the times when Rebecca and I went out for Mexican food, or Christy and I took in a play, or Heidi took me surfing. I found that some of my most fruitful conversations with the girls happened during our monthly one-on-one times.

Holiday Traditions

If you build in special family events that become traditions, you will develop lifelong, positive memories.

Create and Celebrate Rites of Passage

On the whole, our culture has not done a great job in marking our kids' progress in passing from childhood to adulthood through establishing and celebrating rites of passage. In our new book, *Pass It On* (David C. Cook, 2015), Jeremy Lee and I provide parents with an inspiring set of very doable experiences for their kids from kindergarten through grade 12. It helps parents create and celebrate important rites of passage in their children's lives as a family. We believe these rites of passage will influence your children's faith for a lifetime and secure your family's spiritual legacy for generations to come.

For more help, visit homeword.com. The HomeWord Center for Youth and Family at Azusa Pacific University with Jim Burns '75, Ph.D., and Doug Fields values strong marriages, confident parents, empowered kids, and healthy leaders.

1970s

GARY PRESTESATER '72 recently posted his 500th win. He earned it at San Dimas High School, where he coached basketball for 25 years, turning the program into one of the best in the area. Gary coached at West Covina High from 2004-07 and achieved his 499th win there. This year, the current San Dimas coach convinced him to come back for one more game, allowing Gary to secure his 500th win. Gary played for Azusa College under then-Coach Cliff Hamlow and led the nation in scoring with an average of 33 points per game in the 1963-64 season.

1990s

G. JAMES "JIM" DAICHENDT '98 recently began his position as dean of the arts and humanities and professor of art history at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. Jim also recently published his fifth book, *Kenny Scharf: In Absence of Myth* (Cameron +

Company, 2016). Previously, he was associate dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts and professor of art at APU. Jim's wife, **RACHEL (SAVONA '97)**, earned a Master of Arts in Modern Art History at APU in May 2015. Rachel and Jim live in Carlsbad, California, with their three children: Samantha, 15; Trey, 12; and Logan, 9. jimdaichendt@pointloma.edu

2000s

STEPHEN LARKIN '04 completed the Athens Marathon on November 8, 2015, in Greece. He and his wife, **EVANGELIA (PATSAOURA '02)**, are Foursquare missionaries. They have two children: Gabriela Zoé, 7, and Ariel Agapi, 4. The family lives in Athens. larkinsingreece@gmail.com

1 CHERYL (HOTCHKISS '04) PEEVYHOUSE published *Where Futures End* (Kathy Dawson Books, 2016) under the pen name Parker Peevyhouse. The novel explores what happens when the

world collides with an alternate universe. Cheryl lives in San Jose, California. cherylpeevyhouse@gmail.com

JULIA TOOTHACRE '05, M.S. '11, serves as assistant director for career development at the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito School of Management at Claremont Graduate University. She works with international and domestic MBA candidates and provides strategic vision in building the career development program. Previously, Julia worked as the outreach and marketing coordinator and career consultant at the Center for Career and Calling at APU. Julia and her husband, Danny, live in Rancho Cucamonga, California. julia.toothacre@cgu.edu

ERIKA ZAMORA '09, M.A. '15, obtained a school counselor position at Rosemary Kennedy Elementary shortly after finishing her master's program. Erika, her husband, Ricardo, and their two sons, Erik, 12, and Nicolas, 1, live in Perris, California. erikalizette@hotmail.com

2010s

2 STEPHANIE KING '12 works in London at the Savoy, a five-star hotel, as a part of its leadership development program. After graduating from APU, she worked at the Resort at Pelican Hill in Newport Beach for two and a half years, and later moved to Oxford, England, to complete her master's degree in international hotel and tourism management. stephanieking1234@gmail.com

3 CAMERON DEMETRE '13 is a fellow in the Senate Fellowship Program, an 11-month program for college graduates to work as full-time staff members in the capital of California, Sacramento. Fellows work in the California State Assembly, Senate, Executive Branch, or Judiciary, and experience policymaking, program development, and program implementation. Previously, Cameron served as a civil-military consultant with NATO in London, a Fulbright fellow in Korea, and an international development associate with Empowering Lives International in Tanzania. Cameron lives in Sacramento. cameron.demetre@fulbrightmail.org

ANTHONY POWELL, M.A. '13, and his wife, **BONNIE, M.A. '12**, launched the nondenominational Redeemed Life Church in Azusa, a branch of Oasis Church in Los Angeles, in January 2016. The Powells approach the endeavor with 15 years of church service experience and plan to develop an internship program similar to the one they implemented at Oasis. They have triplets, Anthony, Alannah, and Leilani, 9. The family lives in Glendora, California. info@redeemedlife.church

4 AMY BRAGG CAREY, ED.D. '14, became president of Friends University in July. She previously served as vice president for institutional advancement at the University of Northwestern-St. Paul since 2003, and director of development for Minnehaha Academy for four years prior. Additionally, Amy spent 13 years with the HealthEast Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota, in roles of increasing responsibility, including system director of development, director of major and planned giving, and director of development. She also served on the national standards committee for the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, and as chair of the Chief Institutional Advancement Officers Commission for the CCCU. Additionally, she is past president of the Minnesota Planned Giving Council, and has served on a number of nonprofit boards. Amy and her husband, Bryan, have two children, Anna and Brett.

5 MOLLY KNUTSON '15 moved to France after graduation to take care of two children as an au pair while exploring Europe. She writes about her experiences at aupairdonmyfrench.wordpress.com/. mollymknutson@comcast.net

6 MICHAEL LAWSON '15 is a full-time global treasury analyst with World Vision and supports cash and financial risk management. He predicts liquidity positions and validates the organization's bank accounts within global markets and currencies. Michael optimizes World Vision's bank account structure while also serving as a liaison with other functions within the organization. Previously, Michael served as a global treasury finance intern.

JUST MARRIED

7 LIESL PALMER '96 to Chad Arceneaux on January 18, 2015, in Sisters, Oregon. Her three sisters were in the wedding party, including **BRYN (PALMER, ATTENDED 1992-96) MATHISON** and **MALAIKA (PALMER, ATTENDED 1995-96) JOHNSTON**. Liesl is a landscape designer and has owned her own business since 2006, while Chad is a lawyer in Tacoma, Washington. The couple lives in Tacoma with their dog, Abednego, and their cat, Pierre.

8 MEGAN EDMISTER '06 to Michael McGhee on May 11, 2014, in Nashville, Tennessee. **REBECCA (SLOAT '05) LOPEZ** was in the wedding party. The couple lives in Franklin, Tennessee. m.e.edmister@gmail.com

9 KATE WALLACE '10 to **LEIF NUNNELEY '12** on January 10, 2016, in the Hugh and Hazel Darling Library at APU. The couple lives in Bakersfield, California.

10 TRENT MINOR '11 to **LESLIE-ANNE PICONE (ATTENDED 2008-12)** on June 19, 2015, in Menlo Park, California. Members of the wedding party included **ERIKA (NAVARRETE '09) HETZER**, **JENNIFER WHITTEN '10**, **DARIN MCGINNIS '12**, **DAVID ROSS '11**, and **JEFF ALTIZER '11, BSN '14**. They live in Dublin. trentminor@gmail.com

11 KYLE YOUNG '11 to **EMILY YOUNG '12** on July 24, 2015, at Ardenwood Historic Farms in Fremont, California. Emily teaches third grade in Dublin Unified School District, and Kyle is a customer account analyst at Palo Alto Networks. They live in Pleasanton.

12 EMILEE COOK '12 to Jordan Nakasone on October 2, 2015. Members of the wedding party included **CAITLIN BISHOP '12** and **MEG FREDERICK '12**.

13 HANNAH GREGERSON '13 to **GARRETT MINER '13** on September 5, 2015, in Visalia, California. Members of the wedding party included **ELAINA GREGERSON '15**, **KELSI DANCART '16**, **DANIELLE HOYME '13**, **JOHN "JAY" HOBZA '14**, **MALACHI KOBAYASHI '15**, and **ARTHUR METZ '14**. The couple lives in Dixon. garrettandhannahminer@gmail.com

14 ROBYN HARDY '13 to **BRAD POST '13** on October 10, 2015, in Point Loma, California. Members of the wedding party included **MELODY HOFFMAN '13**, **SUSANNA (HOFFMAN '13) JANAS**, and **MORGAN (LUND '13) VOTAW**. **RICK GIVENS '83, M.A. '03**, officiated the wedding. Brad works for AstraZeneca, and Robyn for Zillow Group in Irvine.

15 SEAN SIDDEERS '13 to **KIMBERLY JOHNSON '14** on October 4, 2015, at the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California. Alumni in the wedding party included **SAM KEMP '14**, **NICKY SLAVICH '14**, **DAVID BURKE '14**, **GRANT BRIDGES '12**, **ELIZABETH HAEGER '13**, and **LINDSEY RATHER '14**. The couple lives in Pasadena. kimberlyferne@gmail.com

16 EMMA GREENROYD '14 to **JOSIAH LEHMAN-SCHLETEWITZ '15** on December 20, 2015. Members of the wedding party included **JOY (LEHMAN-SCHLETEWITZ '14) BEARDWOOD** and **CASSIE SOKACH '15**, and alumni in attendance included Josiah's parents, **PAUL LEHMAN-SCHLETEWITZ '81** and **KATHY (BIVINS '79) LEHMAN-SCHLETEWITZ '79**. The couple met at an APU math major barbeque.

17 KIERSTYN IMLAY '14 to **NATHAN MARTELL '15** on November 7, 2015, at Christ Community Church of Laguna Hills, California. Members of the wedding party included **EVAN GALLAGHER '13**, **JEFF MARTELL '13**, **KATIE (SCHAEFER '14) MOLINA**, and **KAYLA (YARIAN '14) THORNHILL**. The couple lives in Glendora.

18 KRISTIN LATO '14 to Timm Sautter on May 30, 2015, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **SARAH HYDE '15** was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Chicago, Illinois.

19 KIARA QUINN '14 to **BRADY ANDERSON '14** on January 30, 2016, in San Diego. Alumni in the wedding party included **MARISSA QUINN '11**, **SARAH (BYRNE '14) DIENER**, **SCOTT KINNEY '14**, **JAMARKO WASHINGTON '14**, **BRETT BERKEY '14**, and **JORDAN KUSCHEL '15**. After graduation, Kiara and Brady maintained a long-distance relationship between Seattle and the Inland Empire. In August 2015, Brady moved to Southern California to be closer to Kiara and realized he wanted to marry her. After their wedding, they moved to Brea, where Kiara works as a public accountant, and Brady serves as a project coordinator for a construction company in Anaheim, California. kiaraquinn@yahoo.com

FUTURE ALUMNI

20 To **JENNIFER (ULRICH '99) GASTON** and her husband, John, a daughter, Katherine Grace, on July 29, 2015. She joins big sister, Rebecca, 3. Jennifer directs the adults' and children's choirs at Christ Lutheran Church in Brea, California, and also stays at home with the kids. The family lives in La Habra. jen.gaston@hotmail.com

21 To **ALLISON (GRANT '00) LUGAR** and her husband, **MATT '01**, a daughter, Evelyn Rae, on April 5, 2015. She joins big sisters, Brynn, 8; Hayden, 6; and Savanna, 3. Matt is a partner at Pathway Capital Management, and Allison stays at home with the kids. The family lives in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

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COUGAR INTERVIEW—STEVEN SINGLEY '95



The Honorable Steven Singley '95, appointed to the bench in the San Bernardino Superior Court in 2014 by Governor Jerry Brown, considers serving as a judge a privilege. Relying on discipline from his mastery of martial arts and unwavering faith reinforced through daily devotionals, Singley fights for fairness by remaining both grounded and grateful.

APU LIFE: Describe your vision for justice in your area.

SINGLEY: Philosophically, justice at the county level involves administering the law and justice equally, which is difficult for judges to manage. What if a person cannot afford the filing fee to sue someone who wronged him or her? What if a person cannot afford to hire an attorney and must square off against an experienced counsel on the other side? What if both sides to a dispute are self-represented and know nothing of the law or the rules of procedure? Can justice be accomplished under these circumstances? Yes, but it's not easy, and I am very aware of the difficulties. I try my best to offer the necessary guidance they require without favoring either side.

APU LIFE: How does having kids, with your wife, Debbie (Adema) '92, influence you on the bench?

SINGLEY: As a family law judge, being a parent—especially of teenagers—helps me understand some of the challenges facing parents who appear before me in court. Raising kids is hard under the best of circumstances, so when I see people

who are trying to co-parent in the midst of a contentious divorce case, I empathize. The more life experience judges have, the better we can relate to the emotionally charged situations before us.

APU LIFE: How do you leverage your background in international studies and military service on the bench?

SINGLEY: I credit the Navy and martial arts for teaching me discipline, both of the mind and the body, which helped me buckle down and study hard during college. The rigors of the political science program at APU helped prepare me for the demands of law school. As a judge at the county level, the cases I handle do not relate to the subject matter of the courses I took at APU or the work I did while I was in the Navy Reserves. However, the discipline I learned from those experiences carries over to my daily work as I read and analyze cases, receive argument from counsel, and then put to use those critical thinking skills that I honed at APU.

APU LIFE: What role does your faith play in your job?

SINGLEY: It's not so much how my faith impacts me on the bench, but how it prepares me to be fair. I try to start my day with a devotional reading and prayer for peace, protection, guidance, and patience for all the parties involved. The job itself helps strengthen my faith because I realize it's a privilege. We're just here until true justice comes.

APU LIFE: What advice do you have for someone considering a law-related field?

SINGLEY: Assess your motives and ask yourself, "Is God in my plan?" If so, go all in. If it is a true calling, it will be a fulfilling and adventurous ride. Looking beyond law school, the most successful practitioners I know are those who possess good people skills. The ability to relate to people from different backgrounds and negotiate with difficult people—whether attorneys or parties—is paramount to success in this field, as it is with most things in life.

Care in the Final Moments

by Bethany Wagner

Sitting alone in a hospital next to her mother's bedside, Bonnie Freeman, RN, DNP '13, knew she had found her calling. Nursing staff placed them in the farthest corner of the hall so her mother's labored breathing wouldn't disturb the other patients. Caretakers rarely came to check on them. "As a young graduate student, I found my experience all too common, and I didn't want other families to suffer that pain," said Freeman, who has devoted her career to serving people in their final hours, empowering nurses, and ultimately transforming hospital-based end-of-life care around the nation and world.

Freeman comes alongside cancer patients and their families as a supportive care nurse practitioner at the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, California. She also teaches palliative courses and advocates widespread change in end-of-life care at national conferences. "The medical world tends to downplay the importance of quality care for the dying," said Freeman, noting that many hospitals lack guidelines specific to supporting the dying. "As a result, many nurses feel helpless, assuming they can do little to help dying patients and bearing the stress alone. This keeps them from meeting the unique emotional and spiritual care required in terminal cases." Seeking to fill these gaps, she dreamed of creating a comprehensive resource to

guide caretakers during those moments of high stress and emotion toward confidence and compassion.

With encouragement from APU faculty and fellow students, she brought this project to fruition during her time as one of the university's first doctoral nursing students. For her translational project, she developed the CARES tool, a pocket-sized booklet providing guidelines and suggestions for nurses to treat the five most common needs of the dying: Comfort, Airway, Restlessness, Emotional support, and Self-care. Grounded in cutting-edge research and applicable to any hospice situation, the tool offers medical procedures to manage symptoms as well as simple actions to provide comfort, including music, aromatherapy, physical touch, reassuring words, and sitting in quiet solidarity. "Every year, medicine grows more technical, but our humanity and compassion remain our greatest tools as nurses," said Freeman.

Since integrating the CARES tool into care-of-the-dying training in 2013, City of Hope has seen dramatic increases in the efficiency and quality of care, as well as in the emotional well-being of staff. Following the tool's Self-care section, City of Hope staff members support one another and receive advice and counseling from their supervisors. In one case, a nurse asked Freeman to check her work, only to

reveal that the nurse had not cared for a dying patient since her own mother passed away. "Her eyes filled with tears as she shared her concerns, and I affirmed and encouraged her," said Freeman. "By attending to our own nurses' fears and unresolved grief, they find healing, freeing them to embrace their roles as patient advocates."



"We don't always know why suffering happens in this world, but if I can relieve my patients' pain and comfort their families, a peaceful transition can take place as we celebrate life together."

Bonnie Freeman, RN, DNP '13

In the past two years, the CARES tool garnered international attention and strengthened end-of-life care at almost 100 hospitals and hospice centers worldwide, including sites in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Dubai, India, Taiwan, and numerous states. Freeman also presented CARES at several national conferences and expanded the CARES philosophy in *Compassionate Person-Centered Care for the Dying: An Evidence-Based Palliative Care Guide for Nurses* (Springer, 2015), receiving supportive responses and awards for her efforts in end-of-life education.

Freeman also advocates change outside hospital walls, addressing the way society views the dying process. Her novel *Resilient Hearts* (Tate Publishing, 2015) follows a palliative care team's experiences and challenges, giving readers a glimpse into the true world of care of the dying. "We avoid talking about dying, associating it with fear and failure," said Freeman. But as someone who has stood by countless bedsides as earthly lives came to a close, Freeman sees hope and peace shine most brightly in those final moments. "We don't always know why suffering happens in this world, but if I can relieve my patients' pain and comfort their families, a peaceful transition can take place as we celebrate life together."

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Packing a Powerful Punch

Guillotine, hammerfist, and arm bar. These terms may sound like medieval torture techniques to some, but for Branden Ware '04, founder of West Coast Fighting Championship (WFC), a mixed martial arts (MMA) promotion organization, they mean big business. A full-contact sport combining different fighting styles like karate, boxing, kickboxing, wrestling, Muaythai, and Brazilian jujitsu, MMA is among the fastest-growing sports in the world. Armed with a keen business sense and surrounded by a few close friends, Ware contributes significantly to its rapid ascent.

"In baseball terms, the WFC is like the Triple A for our fighters," said Ware, who has worked with former APU football teammates James Irvin, an Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) veteran, and Orlando Sanchez, a current undefeated WFC fighter. "We strive to be the stepping-stone that catapults these fighters into our sport's big leagues."

In just three short years, WFC has sent more than 50 fighters to compete in the top MMA octagons of the UFC, Bellator, and World Series of Fighting, and recently orchestrated one of the most-coveted coups in the industry—a pay-per-view television deal. Between garnering national attention from the industry's top media outlets and drawing personal interest from UFC president Dana White, WFC puts a chokehold on the competition.

From an early age, Ware sought inspiration for his business endeavors from his entrepreneurial father, owner of Bay and Delta Tug Boats—one of the largest tug boat companies in San Francisco. He also credits his professors at APU with providing the right tools for him to become a successful business leader. "It's always been difficult for me to take advice from people who don't walk the walk, but they actually owned businesses themselves, and that was extremely impactful for me," said

Ware, who went from a college entrepreneur to launching a store franchise called West Coast Nutrition in 2005 and manufacturing several of his own brands such as Exclusive Pharmaceuticals, Transmutation Labs, and 360 Nutrition. With the support of influential friends like National Football League quarterback Tom Brady, as well as other well-known athletes, his franchise has expanded throughout the U.S. and continues to thrive.

During his time at APU, Ware reflected on what it means to be a Christian man in today's society, inspiring him to author his first book, *Surrendering Soul* (Holy Fire Publishing, 2004), about his spiritual growth, while still a student. He learned then the importance of a faith-based business. "You'd be surprised when these guys

are about to get locked in a cage with another guy how open they are to praying," said Ware. "Without the outlet that WFC affords, some of these guys might be in jail or worse. Instead, I'm able to talk with them about God."

Ware's biggest success has not been turning punches into a profit, but something even more powerful—finding a ministry in the precarious world of MMA.



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Wounds into Wisdom

Jolyn Davidson, RN, M.A. '84, always knew her life's calling involved working with people to manage their illnesses and wounds, restoring them to health. But the path to fulfilling this calling took an unexpected turn when, in her first year as a nurse, she discovered the impact psychological patterns had on people's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth. "I found my passion and purpose not in healing people's physical wounds, but in attending to their mental health," she said.

This registered nurse went on to earn a degree in clinical social work and earn a Master of Arts in Student Development at APU. Today, Davidson draws on this rich background at her private psychotherapy practice in Covina, where, for the last 34 years, she has journeyed with hundreds of clients from all walks of life through mental and emotional roadblocks, helping them change attitudes that negatively affect their lives. "The foundational patterns of how we feel, think, and act are forged in early childhood," she said. "No one has a perfect childhood, so everyone grows up with challenges in emotional and spiritual development. But early trauma is not a life sentence; instead, we can use it to build wisdom and healthier attitudes."

Davidson noticed a gap in the resources available to people struggling with issues caused by problematic early-life experiences. Many self-help books offered simple tips to fix emotional problems on the surface, failing to guide readers in discover-

ing the root causes of their problems. Davidson developed a holistic approach to changes, grounded in cutting-edge research and years of clinical experience, detailed in her recent book, *Transforming Wounds into Wisdom: Change Your Attitudes and Save Your Life* (New Perspectives Press, 2015).

First, Davidson helps her clients identify how certain anxiety, depression, or coping patterns developed. Did a certain traumatic event such as the loss of a parent, abuse, severe illness, bullying, or difficult family relationships foster negative patterns of managing emotions? Did a lack of emotional availability from parents contribute to unhealthy relationships later in life? Davidson then works with patients to understand how such patterns impact their self-image, relationships with others, and daily lives.

Finally, she coaches clients through the grieving process, helping them to replace harmful attitudes and relationship patterns with life-enhancing approaches. She compares this process to lifting weights, which creates small tears that heal over time to build stronger muscle tissue. "When we grieve and move on from painful losses, we grow stronger in those areas and develop a deeper sense of wisdom," she said. "We can then better understand and help others on similar journeys."

In the confidentiality of her office, she guides young single moms navigating parenting, high school students battling insecurity, clients fighting depression or frustrated by failed relationships, and sometimes each member of a single family, helping all move beyond pain so they can thrive. In her book, she writes, "Wisdom emerges out of the crucible of our sufferings, as we lovingly embrace the undeveloped and wounded parts of ourselves with truth, acceptance, and mercy, and engage in the process of transforming our lives."



A Story of Community

BY BETHANY WAGNER

As soccer practice draws to a close at Mack Avenue Community Church (MACC) Development in Detroit, Michigan, a boy runs across the field, laughing with friends and celebrating their team's victory. Just months ago, that same boy came to his first soccer practice, quiet and withdrawn after losing his parents. But as he continued attending these MACC practices, games, and Bible studies, he slowly transformed into a joyful, vibrant boy.

Stories like this drive the work of Charles Johns '95, director of youth and education at MACC Development. "I want the people of Detroit to know someone cares, and most important, that Jesus cares."

Johns relates to the loneliness harbored by many of the youth he encounters in his ministry work. As a child, bullying caused him to turn inward, withdrawing from his peers. He eventually enrolled at APU, drawn to Christian community yet unsure of his place within it. "I thought Christianity

required perfection, and I knew I couldn't live up to that," he said. But two mentors transformed his understanding of faith: his track coach, Terry Franson, Ph.D., now senior vice president for student life/dean of students, and his then-walkabout leader, President Jon R. Wallace, DBA. "I felt like I had to get my life together first to accept Jesus, but these mentors showed me He already loved me," said Johns.

During a meeting with Franson, Johns prayed to accept Christ and moved forward with renewed purpose. He mentored younger students as a resident advisor and earned a degree in psychology, finally sensing a calling for his future: counseling, specifically working with children facing the same challenges of identity and self-worth he had overcome.

After graduating, Johns served as a live-in counselor at Advent Ministries, a nonprofit in San Jose, California, focusing on addiction recovery. There he cared for six teenage boys with drug and alcohol addictions, filling the role of a single parent. In the midst of fights, lying, and yelling matches, Johns found his purpose affirmed when one of his charges asked him, "Why are you still here? You're not an addict. You don't have to put up with us." Johns



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CHARLES JOHNS '95

responded, "I'm here because I want to help you, and God called me here." The boy sat in shock. "For the first time, he realized someone actually cared about him," said Johns.

In 2014, he and his wife, Tamara, a fellow Advent worker, felt called to move their family halfway across the nation to a city known for economic turmoil and strife. Detroit has spiraled economically in the last few years, filing for bankruptcy as unemployment, homelessness, and crime rates rose. But as Johns said, "This city has a story that is not being told: the story of community." Johns plays a role in this story by directing the youth programs staff and operations at MACC Development, an organization meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs of an underprivileged east Detroit neighborhood through community development projects, housing options, legal services, writing and reading classes, tutoring sessions, and sports programs. Staff members work, live, and raise their families in the area, meeting residents in their homes and building a thriving community by forming relationships. "The people we serve are also our neighbors and closest friends," said Johns. "We have become a family."

Last year, more than 90 children participated in MACC sports. As they scored soccer goals and dribbled basketballs down the court in weekly practices and scrimmages, they also experienced encouragement and character growth through Gospel-centered Bible studies and mentorships with staff. "I can connect with the lonely kid who lacks friends, the kid from a minority background, and the kid who doesn't know Christ, because I have been in their shoes," said Johns. "I benefitted from incredible mentors at APU; now I can give back by building up these kids in ways that spark their curiosity in Jesus."

To learn more about Johns/MACC Development, visit maccdevelopment.com

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SPOTTING POTENTIAL

by Ryan T. Hartwig

"He's talking about Camille." I tried to keep my voice down as President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, extolled the virtues and accomplishments of the Ronald Outstanding Senior—recognizing one graduate who exhibits excellent academic achievement and exemplary character—during the May 2015 commencement ceremony. When Camille walked to the stage, I stood and applauded with the rest of the APU community, which now saw what I had seen in this young scholar three years earlier.

In 2012, Camille Endacott enrolled in my Small Group Communication class as a sophomore honors communication student. Throughout the class, I could tell she was something special, but after I read her final exam (three comprehensive essays), I knew she had the chops to not only make it to graduate school, but to also earn a Ph.D. just about anywhere she wanted and then pursue a career in top-flight academia. So, I called her in, asked her what she wanted to do with her life, and told her what I saw in her.

Over the next few years, she embraced her enjoyment of intellectual conversation, relentless curiosity, and love for the written word, and she explored how those passions and her incredible abilities in those areas could

be used in a career in academia. As she discussed her interests with other faculty, she said, "No one tried to make me in their own image; they helped me do what I do best. My choices were respected and honored."

And Camille made some very good choices. While studying abroad in Oxford, she agreed to work with me on writing an academic article related to my research on church leadership teams. I needed a hand compiling and writing about the findings from my survey of more than 1,000 leadership team members at more than 250 churches, and Camille topped my list. Over the next few months, we wrote an article together (I'll be honest, she did most of the writing), which we later submitted to the National Communication Association conference in Chicago. We presented it in November of her senior year in the midst of her applications to top graduate schools.

As we sat in the front row waiting to present, I leaned over and whispered to Camille, pointing out the internationally known scholars entering the room. Soon enough, our turn came. Camille rocked it—so much so that when I mentioned during the question-and-answer session she was an undergraduate, it shocked the audience. Afterwards, I proudly introduced her to a few of the scholars whose work she had read in that Small Group Communication class.

Today, Camille studies under two of the scholars who were in the audience that day. As she pursues a combination M.A./Ph.D. at the University of California, Santa Barbara, she enjoys the fruits of her diligence and the funding provided to her by the Regents' Fellowship, the

top scholarship awarded in the University of California system. She studies organizational religiosity—the "religious" practices of ostensibly "nonreligious" institutions. As one who has learned that seeing things differently enables one to do things differently, she strives to engage in work that will help others pay better attention to the world around them.



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What an honor and privilege to work alongside this amazing young scholar and mentor her during her undergraduate years. Camille had all the talent and discipline; she just needed someone to help open a door of opportunity and introduce her to the field's greatest ideas and people. That is what I get to do as a professor at APU. I look forward to watching her education and career unfold as she imprints the academy with her perspective and insight. She came to Azusa Pacific with undeniable gifts, and she leaves here fully prepared to realize her potential. Camille sums up her experience as only someone with a great command for words can: "APU helped me be who I wanted to be, not just do what I wanted to do."

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22 To **LUKE WILLIAMS '03, MBA '04**, and his wife, **CARMEN (ESTRADA '05)**, a daughter, Avarie Milicent, on November 28, 2014. She joins big sisters, Mirabelle and Ruby Rose. Luke is an IT management professor at Central Washington University.

23 To **MARK THOMAS '07, MBA '08**, and his wife, **JACLYN (BLACK '09)**, a daughter, Renley Jean, on September 14, 2015. She joins big brother, Caleb. The family lives in Lodi, California.

24 To **LAUREN BORDEAUX '11** and her husband, **ANDRÉ '12**, a daughter, Elaura Renée, on June 2, 2015. André is a foreign service officer with the State Department, and Lauren is a freelance writer and blogger.

IN MEMORY

JOHN KRAUS '54, passed away on December 2, 2015. John was a concert pianist, composer, arranger, organist, recording artist, and music educator known for his precision, technique, and musicality. In the late '50s, he taught at the San Francisco Conservatory and established his own studio in San Bruno and San Jose, where he taught until 1998. He graduated from Modesto Junior College in 1951, and received a B.A. from Azusa Pacific College in 1954. John served in the Air Force as an educator and music director at Lackland Air Force Base (San Antonio, Texas) and as an organist at the Kelly Air Force Base (San Antonio) chapel for four years. He toured with his wife, Trudi, and later with the

Kraus Family Musicians for World Vision. John was also an avid photographer. Trudi, his wife of 62 years; three children, Cara Lynne, Julia Fifield, and John; 11 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren survive him.

25 JUDY ABBEY (ATTENDED APC 1969-71) passed away April 25, 2015. She was inurned with her mother, father, and brother at Clear Creek Cemetery in Pacen, Arizona. During her time at Azusa Pacific College, she sang and travelled with her friend, **PATTY MATHIS (ATTENDED APC 1969-71) ARNQUIST**, with the Sound Foundation. Their connection with APC kept them in contact for the past 46 years. pattyarnquist@gmail.com

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Alumni Team Barnabas drew the alumni pictured below: Top row (left to right): Bob McCorkle '83, Dan Hawkins '01, David Gaulton '05, Kelly Landenburger '77, Ken Martin '93; Bottom row (left to right): Eduardo Irizarry '87, Nikki Hopwood '15, Sharon (Miller) '95) Banker, Jenny (McKenzie) '91) Gorcoff, Leah (Carlitz) '05) Gaulton, Cynthia McKinnon '13, Kristi (Klapinski) '01) Hawkins. As part of Mexico Outreach's Summer 1 trip, participants serve as the prayer and encouragement team for the camp. Alumni also bring church and youth groups to Mexico to assist local churches through vacation Bible school programs, construction teams, and various other ministries.



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City on a Hill

“When Jesus saw the crowds gather, He went up a mountain and began to preach the Sermon on the Mount, in which He said, ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid’” (Matt. 5:14, NRSV). On May 5, 1973, the Honorable Ronald Reagan, then-governor of California, delivered the commencement address to more than 200 graduates at Azusa Pacific College, reminding them that “on the tiny deck of a little sailing ship, the *Arabella*, in 1630, off the shore of Massachusetts, John Winthrop gathered that small band of pilgrims together and said, ‘We shall be as a city upon a hill, the eyes of all people are upon us’ ... the eyes of all people are upon you, and you can carry on the building of a very shiny city on a hill.” In 2009, the university community chose Matthew 5:1-16 as the annual Scripture passage, re-emphasizing the importance of serving as a “city on a hill.” Later, a trip to Israel

inspired President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, with a vision for APU. As he pondered the ruins of the ancient city of Hippios, he listened to Bob Mullins, Ph.D., read Jesus’ words and explain that most scholars agree that Hippios was probably that “city on a hill” to which Jesus referred. At the Faculty/Staff Kickoff on September 1, 2011, Wallace unveiled his Shared Vision 2022, stating: “We will be a premier Christian university and a recognized leader in higher education, a city on a hill that reflects the life of Christ and shines the light of Truth.” As a community of disciples and scholars, may Azusa Pacific continue to be a “city on a hill” for the glory of God and to advance His redemptive work in the world.

—Ken Otto, MLIS, associate professor, Special Collections librarian

Teachers See the Possibilities

Whether studying cell membranes or the scientific method, students in Leslie Sandoval's seventh-grade class make connections—to the curriculum, with their teacher and peers, and to the world around them.



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