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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**



After working with college students for more than 30 years, I think it's time to share my best secret for the developmental, spiritual, and emotional breakthroughs I've been a part of.

It's food. Food. Food. Food. At any time, for any reason, preferably served at my home, usually prepared by me—it's food.

Forgive me if I don't expand on the spiritual discipline of fasting here or point out the teachable moment that comes to students living in the land of plenty when they experience empty stomachs. This conversation is simply about the power of food when appropriately leveraged with college students.

Early in my career, Gail and I lived in a 900-square-foot home with our three children, one dog, and a small dining room table. Some of our best memories are of dinners shared with students who knocked on the door. We would invite them in, find an extra plate, and share what we had. That seemingly insignificant act allowed us to be a part of small moments filled with the miraculous. The weighted concern or troubling question that brought our student-friend to our door would be worked through and examined, lovingly received and considered between a full and empty plate.

After the dishes had been washed and put away, Gail and I often reflected on the relational "heavy lifting" and the often positive outcome made possible because of a shared meal. It was an important revelation that has stayed with us for three decades and has become an important part of our wonderful adventure with the Azusa community.

Gail tells me that one of my gifts is cooking. She often says this after I have agreed to have a large group of students over. I think her gift is wisdom—at least when it comes to getting out of fixing a meal for a dozen hungry students. So, my ego stroked, I jump in with gusto.

But we both know that the food, no matter how good, is worthless without family and friends to share it with. As a matter of fact, the better part of a day I invest making the meal is really all about that moment when I get to sit down and, over the fellowship of food, connect with the guests at my table. Often, at Homecoming football games when I talk to alumni sitting just beyond the end zone, I remember these meals. But the best part of the conversation is when they go on to tell me about the meals they are now making and serving for guests at *their* dining room table. That may be what the writer of Hebrews was saying to the early Church when, inspired by the Holy Spirit, he penned these words:

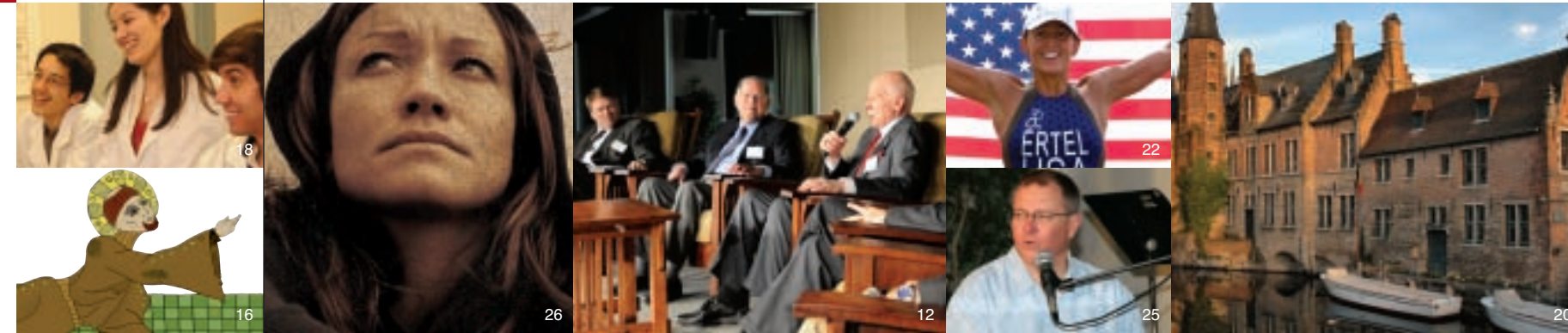
"Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."

I have certainly been privileged to have welcomed and entertained many great college students. From my observation, some of them may well have been angels.

*Jon R. Wallace*  
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IN BRIEF

**APU's Institute of Faith Integration Presents "Evangelical Voices on Science and Culture"**

Five leading theologians came together November 15 to engage in rigorous discussion surrounding faith and science at Azusa Pacific University's "Evangelical Voices on Science and Culture" symposium.

The Institute of Faith Integration hosted James K.A. Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of theology at Calvin College in Grand Rapids,

Michigan; Amos Yong, Ph.D., professor of systematic theology and director of the Doctor of Philosophy Program at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.; Thomas Jay Oord, Ph.D., professor of theology and philosophy at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho; F. LeRon Shults, Ph.D., professor of systematic theology at the University of Agder in Kristiansand, Norway; and Craig Boyd, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and director of APU's Institute of Faith Integration.

For more than a century, Christians from all theological traditions have had a tumultuous relationship with science. "We hosted this symposium because

religion and science are the two most important institutions in our culture, and many Christians do not have a firm grasp of either one," said Boyd. "We want to bridge the gap between science and theology."

**APU Alumna Receives Social Work Scholarship**

The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD) awarded Desiree Martin '07 the Jim Wahlberg BSW Student Scholar Award. The award, given to one prospective graduate student annually, was created by BPD as a way of promoting social justice,

equality, and empowerment through social work education.

As part of the award, Martin received a full-tuition Dean's Scholarship to the University of Michigan School of Social Work to work on a master's degree. Martin will also present her winning paper at the 2008 BPD conference in San Destin, Florida.

After she graduates, Martin plans to use her MSW degree to advocate for immigrant families as a school social worker in California. "My vision is to assist families in their time of crisis," said Martin, "to help them alleviate their suffering and to empower the underprivileged and marginalized in our society."

**APU Names Johansen VP/CFO**

On January 14, Robert L. Johansen joined the APU community as the new vice president for business affairs/ chief financial officer.

In this role, Johansen provides vision and leadership to the university as a member of the Office of the President and President's Council. He oversees the university's financial and business management operations from a broad-based perspective that balances both future and current conditions, as well as giving leadership to the areas of university services and asset management.

Johansen comes to APU with 30 years of experience as an accountant, chief financial officer, and controller at various Southern California companies. He previously worked at Russ Reid Company, Inc. as vice president and CFO.

global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices and has been recognized nationally as an accepted benchmark for design, construction, and operation of high-performance green building. LEED recognizes four certification levels based on varied scoring systems of "prerequisites": Platinum (52-69 points), Gold (39-51 points), Silver (33-38), and Certified (26-32). APU's three-story, 70,000-square-foot facility earned silver certification.

When administrators discussed the project in the fall, they felt that environmental stewardship, biblical imperatives, and market leadership offered three critical reasons to focus on enhancing its environmental sustainability.

In the future, APU hopes to become a leader in environmentally sustainable residence life, inspiring students to take ownership of environmental sustainability within their places of influence and increasing APU's marketability as a university that cares about its students and the environment.



**New Science Center Earns Silver LEED Certification**

In an effort to enhance environmental sustainability on campus, APU "greened" its first building—the new state-of-the-art science center on West Campus, projected to be complete by May 2009. Although a costlier endeavor, the building is being constructed in a way that recognizes human and environmental health, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, strict materials selection, and indoor

environmental quality. These intentional efforts contributed to APU earning its first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

"It is a great thing for APU to build something within the LEED silver standards," said Terry Franson, Ph.D., senior vice president for student life and dean of students.

The LEED Green Building Rating System encourages and accelerates the

Johansen looks forward to the job ahead of him and is excited for this opportunity. "I have a passion for making a difference in the world through changing lives, and my position at APU provides that opportunity," he said.

**APU Welcomes First Visiting Fulbright Scholar**

Last August marked another university milestone as APU welcomed its first Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Jun Seong Hwang, Ph.D., of South Korea, to the School of Business and Management.

While APU has seen 10 alumni and 2 faculty Fulbright Scholars study abroad, this is the first time an international Fulbright Scholar has come to campus. Hwang will spend a year at APU conducting research in economics, specifically focusing on

the comparative study of the American and European workforce models.

"The main issues of the Korean economy shown after the 1997 IMF crisis are the polarization of income distribution and the policy priority problem between economic efficiency and equity," said Hwang. "Through the comparative analysis of the American and European models, I will get some implications for building a Korean welfare model, not only in the theoretical area, but also in the political field."

In addition to his academic goals, Hwang hopes to take advantage of the Christian learning environment at APU. "APU was my first choice of universities in the United States. I can see that the people here are faithful Christians," said Hwang.

**Gospel Sing Draws More Than 1,000**

Worship means different things to different people. Whether personal and private or celebratory and corporate, it gives praise, honor, and glory to God in countless ways and forms. So when it comes to music and song, worship tends to be as diverse as the Kingdom itself. Celebrating that diversity, the Office of Multi-Ethnic Programs (MEP) hosted its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Sing in the Felix Event Center on February 9.

More than 1,000 people from APU, the local community, and churches throughout Los Angeles gathered that night, making it the biggest turnout to date. Deon Kipping and New Covenant, one of today's rising Gospel choirs, highlighted the evening as they joined choirs from

Church of the Redeemer, APU's Gospel Choir and dance teams, and APU alumnus Marques Nelson to introduce the campus to this beloved form of worship.

"People think they know what Gospel music is, but when they hear it and experience it live, they see it in a whole new way," said Melody Porter '10 who helped plan this year's event. "People who came said it was an amazing experience that changed their ideas about how to worship."

**Keeping History Alive: K-12 Teachers Receive Nearly \$50,000**

In January, APU distributed \$47,500 to 74 Los Angeles County K-12 history and social science teachers, including 16 teachers from the Azusa and Glendora area. With the support of The Ahmanson Foundation, the Bannerman Foundation, and the Wells Fargo Foundation, APU and the Historical Society of Southern California joined to provide the Keeping History Alive Grant. This marked the fourth year that selected teachers received financial support for history education in their classrooms.

"Sadly, history education is neglected in many public schools," said Michelle Herczog, Ph.D., consultant for history and social science in the Los Angeles County Office of Education. "Keeping History Alive is an extraordinary initiative designed to strengthen history education and make a difference for our K-12 history teachers and the enduring legacy they leave for future generations."

Tom Andrews, Ph.D., research historian in APU's Special Collections, explained that the goal is to put \$200,000 in the hands of 250 K-12 history teachers by the end of the program in 2009. "Azusa Pacific is actively involved in and committed to assisting and strengthening K-12 history education in the public, private, and parochial schools of Los Angeles County," said Andrews. →



**School of Music Accreditation**

America knows APU's School of Music. From small neighborhood churches to Main Street, Disneyland to Carnegie Hall, APU music ensembles spread the Gospel through song and sound throughout the country, introducing countless people every year to the intense scholarship and performance that characterizes Azusa Pacific University.

Validating that dedication at the professional level, the School of Music earned full membership status with the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). This

coveted recognition comes with the added honor of bypassing the associate membership level assigned to most first-time applicants. The national accreditation reflects APU's fully developed program as well as the quality and reputation of faculty and graduates.

"The School of Music now joins a national conversation with other institutions as standards, policies, and vision for the future are determined for students entering the field of music," said Duane Funderburk, DMA, dean of the School of Music.

"This professional accreditation has been a long-time goal of the university as we strive to pursue God-honoring excellence and reach for the highest levels of academic achievement."

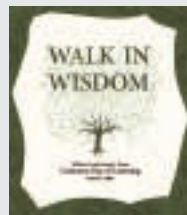
Founded in 1924, NASM establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees through a process of peer review and accreditation. An organization of schools, conservatories, colleges, and universities, NASM includes more than 600 accredited institutional members. NASM will re-evaluate APU's School of Music in four years.





## A Celebration of Scholarship

### Common Day of Learning



Classrooms closed and regular daytime activities went dark at APU March 5 as the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual William E. and Ernest L. Boyer Common Day of Learning (CDL) drew faculty, staff, and students into a full-day conference celebrating academic discovery. This year's theme, "Walk in Wisdom," was taken from Ephesians 5:15-16: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as a fool but as wise, redeeming the time, for the days are evil." Since its inception in 1993, this event has challenged the campus community to think deeply about issues of contemporary importance.

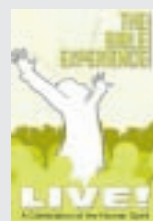
Noted author and speaker Francis J. Beckwith, Ph.D., of Baylor University, gave the morning's keynote address on wisdom, and later led participants in a discussion on secularism, Christianity, and political liberty. Numerous faculty members and distinguished guests followed with presentations that illuminated the areas of Wisdom from Research, Wisdom in Practice, and Wisdom in Life. "For the first time ever, we had every single discipline on campus represented at CDL," said Jennifer E. Walsh, Ph.D., CDL faculty director. "We also had our largest and most diverse group of guest speakers to date."

Among them, author and filmmaker Christian Smith of the University of Notre Dame, as well as film directors Michael and Timothy Eaton from Revelation Studios, screened and discussed *Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God*. Another session brought Board of Trustees member Evan Collins to a roundtable discussion with prominent business professionals about corporate ethics. Also, author

and illustrator Davy Liu, former Disney animator, gave attendees insight into the process of writing for children, and actress Vondria Bergen performed dramatic reenactments of the lives of women in the Old and New Testaments that set the stage for a discussion of biblical interpretation. Additionally, 50 undergraduate students from the sciences to the arts presented their scholarly work before peers, mentors, and guests.

The wide array of offerings affirmed the value of setting aside this day to celebrate God's truth. "The growth of this program in scope and attendance can only be credited to God," said Walsh. "It was clearly a modern-day version of the loaves and fish. We gave the day to God, and He blessed it."

### The Bible Experience Live



As the sun set, more than 2,600 guests gathered at the Felix Event Center, eagerly anticipating *The Bible Experience Live*, a once-in-a-lifetime event that capped the annual Common Day of Learning and offered people a fresh perspective on God's Word. The event brought to campus a critically acclaimed project; purposefully wove in the talent of APU musicians and actors; and raised \$90,000 for student scholarships, making the dream of Christian higher education possible for future students. Drawing upon the award-winning *Inspired By . . . The Bible Experience* audio recording\*, this live performance showcased several special guests from the original recording alongside APU students and the University Choir and Orchestra.

The popular CD set brings all 66 books of the Holy Bible to life through dramatic recordings and an



inspirational musical soundtrack. The cast comprises a Who's Who list of 368 celebrity performers from film, television, music, and theater, such as Denzel Washington, Cuba Gooding Jr., Forest Whitaker, Blair Underwood, Kim Fields, Nancy Wilson, Ruby Dee, and Angela Bassett, as well as respected clergy from churches and ministries, such as Bishop T.D. Jakes and Bishop Charles E. Blake.

"*The Bible Experience Live* at APU was a coming together of APU's mission and purpose, the heart of God, and the time and talent of many entertainment professionals," said Louise Furrow, executive director of development. "Speaking the Word of God brings it to life, and we couldn't have been more pleased to host this event. It was also a wonderful opportunity to introduce APU to professionals in the TV and film industries and for our students to work and learn alongside them."

"APU was the perfect place to bring *The Bible Experience* to the

people," said senior director Chip Hurd. "The first time I walked onto the campus, I saw the words *God First* prominently displayed. It wasn't just a plaque that could be removed some day; it was part of the structure. When I got to know the people who work and learn at APU, I understood that the commitment to keeping God at the center permeated the whole way of life here."

The evening's hosts included Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer of Faithful Central (The Forum), and Pastor Dudley C. Rutherford of Shepherd of The Hills (Porter Ranch). Talent included Emmy Award-winner Chandra Wilson and James Pickens Jr., both of *Grey's Anatomy*; Tyler James Williams of *Everybody Hates Chris*; and Dulé Hill of *Psych* and *The West Wing*, among others.

\*The Bible Experience is produced by *Inspired By Media Groups* and published by Zondervan.

APU's support of history education took center stage on March 15 when the university hosted History Day L.A. for the third consecutive year. As part of the national program, History Day L.A. encourages students to prepare posters, exhibits, papers, websites, performances, and documentary presentations on a historical theme. These projects were judged by community members and social science professionals. More than 2,000 students, teachers, parents, and judges attended.

### Justice Week



Today's students care passionately about social justice issues, including world hunger and the spiritual needs of the United States. Expanding awareness of these issues, APU hosted Economic Justice Week featuring Ambassador Tony Patrick Hall, a leading advocate for hunger and relief programs to improve human rights conditions in the world, and Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Chaplain of the United States Senate, dedicated to the spiritual needs of our nation.

Hall kicked off the week by speaking to students at chapel and holding an open session for students. He also spent time with the Global Missions Leadership team. Black's time at APU included a morning prayer breakfast with area pastors, a lunch with students and faculty, and a worship service featuring Black's preaching and the vocal talents of the APU Men's Choral.

Hall served in the U.S. House of Representatives (D-Ohio) for more than 20 years and is a three-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. In his efforts to witness the plight of the poor and hungry firsthand, Hall has visited numerous poverty-stricken and war-torn regions of the world.

He was one of the first members of Congress to visit Ethiopia during the great famine in 1984-85.

Black serves the nation by meeting with senators and their families about their spiritual needs. He also opens each Senate session with prayer. "As their pastor, I am interested in their spiritual wellbeing," said Black. "I have a marvelous opportunity to frame the day for the senators, and it's a wonderful privilege to offer that invocation."

"Faith in Jesus Christ compels us to address today's cultural issues, how they intersect with our faith, and what we, as scholars and world citizens, can do to respond," said APU President Jon R. Wallace, DBA. "Having guests like Ambassador Hall and Chaplain Black on campus to speak with our faculty, staff, and students helps us in our search for increased understanding and solutions."

### Go Green Week

In the campus-wide Go Green Awareness Week held February 4-7, numerous departments joined forces to create a culture of consciousness that emphasized taking time to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Creating an atmosphere of discussion and discovery, February's *Matheteis* Forum focused on the issue of going green. The Office of Chapel Programs brought in speakers who highlighted the issue from a Christian perspective. *The Clause* staff literally threw their newspapers in a heap to grab attention and encourage students to view its "Go Green" issue online. The East Campus cafeteria eliminated all Styrofoam to-go containers for the week.

In addition, the Office of Communiversity invited local organizations to a fair on Cougar Walk about environmental issues and methods of change. One of the organizations was Floresta, a nonprofit Christian organization that focuses



on reforestation and community development in foreign countries such as Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Mexico. Toney Snyder, assistant director of environmental stewardship, recruited student volunteers to create a "Green Team."

Go Green Week kicked off a wave of consciousness across campus, inspiring individual efforts such as replacing old light bulbs with more

energy-efficient ones and recycling bottles and cans, as well as larger scale actions that impacted the entire community. Given the severe drought conditions in Southern California, APU cut water consumption by 10 percent last November, and again by 20 percent in December. The conservation plan sacrificed aesthetics (fountains ceased flowing, campus vehicles and sidewalks went without →



## APU Hosts First Economic Summit

On November 8, Azusa Pacific University reached an academic milestone as the School of Business and Management (SBM), in partnership with Scholars for Business Achievement (SBA), hosted the university's first Economic Summit.

More than 800 attendees, including students, alumni, and business professionals, came to listen to politicians, economists, and scholars from around the world. Keynote speaker Sir Patrick Duffy spoke about the current and future relationship between the United States and China. Later, a panel discussion, featuring the day's other distinguished speakers, provided an opportunity for pointed discussion of Duffy's points.

Becky Norton Dunlop, vice president of external relations at the Heritage Foundation, a research and educational institute whose

mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies, spoke about current events in politics, touching on several issues concerning Americans, including same-sex marriage, education, and the war on terrorism. Richard Ebeling, Ph.D., president of the Foundation for Economic Education, one of the oldest free-market organizations in the United States that studies and advances the freedom of philosophy, discussed faith and a free market. David Henderson, Ph.D., research fellow for the Hoover Institute and professor of economics at the Naval Postgraduate School, addressed the benefits of economic freedom.

"The summit was a memorable event for APU," said senior international business major James Bezjian, SBA chief of staff. "Having these significant intellectuals on campus was a milestone for SBM."



washing, and some landscaping lost its green) for the cause, but never dampened the spirit on campus as students all pitched in to do their part.

**An Inking of a Conference**

What do literary giants do for fun? Talk about literature, of course. One group of prominent 20<sup>th</sup> century’s authors, including C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Owen Barfield, formalized their casual chat sessions into serious discussions with memberships and meeting times.

They even named themselves the Inklings, a clever double-entendre worthy of their craft. The Inklings met between the 1930s and 1960s, critiquing one another’s work and encouraging one another to continue their literary pursuits.

Last February, APU faculty, staff, and students met to talk about the subjects the Inklings discussed and explore their work and friendships. With special focus on Lewis and Tolkien, members of the academic community met for a three-day

conference to hear leading experts on the Inklings share their research and understanding of the writers. The speakers’ passion for the authors surfaced as they described how the Inklings not only influenced one another’s work, but also shaped their own lives from childhood readings of *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings* series to their current scholarly research.

“The conference showcased a variety of academic disciplines: theology, literature, film, history, and

philosophy. Each perspective made the conversation richer and caused people to look at Christian theology in new ways,” said Diana Pavlac Glycer, Ph.D., professor of English, speaker, and noted Inklings authority.

In Brief compiled by Allison Oster ’01, M.A. ’04, and Cymndie Hoff, with Kelly Fladager ’08, Ariel Fortune ’08, Michelle Park ’08, Brittany Robinson ’08, and Brandon Stirm ’08.



**Glendora Barnes & Noble Hosts First-Ever APU Faculty Book Signing**

It was an exciting day for the local community when the new Barnes & Noble opened, just a few miles east of campus in Glendora. Finally, a bookstore close to home. Even more exciting—the opening of the bookstore created an opportunity for the university to host its first-ever book signing there, featuring five faculty authors on November 14.

The evening event allowed guests to hear from and meet each of the authors, including Joseph Bentz, Ph.D., author of *Silent God: Finding Him When You Can't Hear His Voice* and *A Son Comes Home*; Kimberly

Battle-Walters Denu, Ph.D., author of *Sheila's Shop: Working-Class African-American Women Talk About Life, Love, Race, and Hair*; Diana Pavlac Glycer, Ph.D., who wrote *The Company They Keep: C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as Writers in Community*; Sarah Sumner, Ph.D., author of *Leadership Above the Line: A Character-based Leadership Tool that Leads to Success for You and Your Team*; and Steve Wilkens, Ph.D., who penned *The Original Dr. Steve's Almanac of Christian Trivia*.

**The next book signing occurred on April 10.**

**COUGAR SPORTS ROUNDUP**



**NOVEMBER 2, 2007 AZUSA PACIFIC ADDS AQUATICS PROGRAM**

Azusa Pacific will add women’s water polo and women’s swimming and diving beginning in the 2008–09 academic year. Robert Fleming was named director of aquatics and will serve as head coach for both of the women’s teams. Swimming and diving will debut in November 2008, while water polo begins in January 2009.

**NOVEMBER 17, 2007 CROSS COUNTRY**

Aron Rono and Jaime Canterbury swept the men’s and women’s individual NAIA Cross Country National Championships in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Azusa Pacific became only the second school in NAIA history, joining Adams State College, to win both the men’s and women’s individual cross country titles.

**NOVEMBER 20, 2007 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

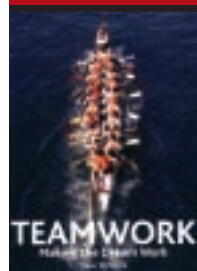
Men’s Soccer claimed its first NAIA Men’s Soccer National Championship in Olathe, Kansas, beating GSAC rival Concordia 2-0. Meanwhile, in Daytona Beach, Florida, the women’s team lost to Martin Methodist College 2-1, placing as runner-up at the National Championship game for the second consecutive year.

**MARCH 8, 2008 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

The Cougar men’s indoor track and field team claimed their sixth national indoor crown in Johnson City, Tennessee, winning by the narrowest margin in the 43-year history of NAIA indoor track and field, 64¾ to 64. All-American Aron Rono was named the most outstanding male performer and tallied nearly half of the Cougars’ points. The women’s team also finished well, leaving the meet as the 2008 NAIA women’s indoor track and field runner-up.

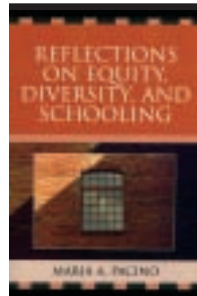
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**FACULTY AND ALUMNI BOOKS**



**TEAMWORK: MAKING THE DREAM WORK** (Precedent Press, 2007) by David McIntire, Ed.D., professor of higher education and organizational leadership

For use in senior- and master’s-level leadership classes in public and private universities, this book grapples with issues of teamwork, identifying key characteristics in leaders and members that make teamwork work like a dream. The first chapter focuses on the strengths of a team; the last deals with succession planning. Each chapter in between addresses various issues ranging from conflict to diversity. Though filled with practical applications and useful techniques, it is not intended as a how-to book with definitive answers—but rather a journey with unfolding options for all who work together for a common goal.



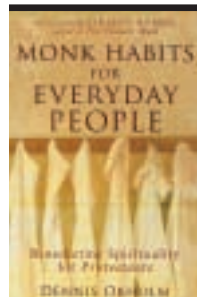
**REFLECTIONS ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND SCHOOLING** (Hamilton Books, 2007) by Maria Pacino, Ed.D., professor of education

This blend of personal narrative and theoretical perspectives gives educators an intimate glimpse into diversity, equity, and social justice. Filled with engaging stories and practical applications, each chapter enlightens and inspires readers to act on issues of prejudice, racism, classism, sexism, and other social inequities in relationship to schools and schooling.



**WHAT'S YOUR GOD LANGUAGE?** (Tyndale House Publishers, 2007) by Myra Perrine, D.Min. '04

People try everything to reconnect with God—singing worship songs, engaging in acts of service, meditating quietly in solitude—but often in the end, He still seems far away. In *What's Your God Language?*, Perrine explores nine different spiritual temperaments or ways of communicating with God that help readers authentically love Jesus according to each individual’s unique design.



**MONK HABITS FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY FOR PROTESTANTS** (Brazos Press, 2007) by Dennis Okholm, Ph.D., professor of theology and philosophy

Based on his experiences with Benedictine monks, Okholm introduces the reader to their history and practices as he contemplates the values he witnessed daily: listening, humility, balance, obedience, hospitality, and stability. In a culture of Christian kitsch and consumer-oriented spirituality, he brings to evangelical Protestants some of the Benedictines’ concepts and practices for those who yearn for a deep and slowly nurtured spiritual life.



**BEFORE YOU GET ENGAGED** (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2007) by David Gudgel, Brent Gudgel '02, and Danielle Fitch '07

In *Before You Get Engaged*, authors David Gudgel, son Brent, and Brent’s fiancé (now wife) Danielle interact in a discussion that reveals 12 relational indicators indispensable to a healthy, lasting marriage, with dialogue and insight straight from the couple’s journals. The book helps readers know if they are ready to ask the all-important question: “Should we date a little longer or end the relationship and move on?”

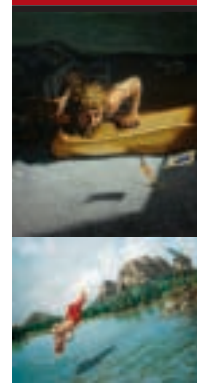


**JOB: NEW INTERNATIONAL BIBLICAL COMMENTARY** (Hendrickson Publishers, 2007) by Gerald Wilson, Ph.D., late professor of biblical studies

In this commentary, Wilson elucidates the Book of Job, known for its obscure verbiage and textual difficulties, and brings to life the various speakers in a way that yields new insights into the structure of this book. In a penetrating, lively, and persuasive presentation, Wilson’s approach offers guidance for followers of God who are troubled by inexplicable issues concerning God’s justice.

**WHILE I WAS AWAY**

**FACULTY SABBATICALS**



**HITTING THE CEILING** Guy Kinnear, MFA, associate professor of art

This spring, Kinnear used his sabbatical to explore new painting techniques that would allow him to maintain complex colors and form in less time. In addition to his research on the chemistry of pigmentation, he focused heavily on the subject of community and centered on a theme of male identity. From martyrs in the early Church to modern man, he studied, interviewed, posed, and painted men who had been pushed to their limits, with the hope of revealing something about the nature of manhood in contemporary culture as well as building community by honoring and retelling their experiences.



**IRISH IMMIGRANTS IN THE OLD WEST** Bryan Lamkin, Ph.D., associate professor of history

In researching his new book, Lamkin spent six weeks of his sabbatical searching for letters and diaries written by Irish immigrants who settled in the Western states and territories in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. With the goal of writing a book about their personal experiences, Lamkin worked at archives in Ireland and across the U.S., including California, Arizona, and Nevada. He photocopied, transcribed, and entered each letter into a database for analysis. To date, his collection holds nearly 1,000 letters—a number he hopes to double by the time he writes the book.





# INTO ALL NATIONS

Haggard Graduate School of Theology Turns 25

by Meko Kapchinsky

## IN THIS HIGHLY WIRED POSTMODERN SOCIETY, SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES, STARBUCKS, AND PLURALISM DOMINATE.

This cultural snapshot, albeit limited in scope, greatly differs from the world that existed when Haggard Graduate School of Theology (HGST) welcomed its inaugural class of roughly 100 a quarter century ago. Yet despite societal changes, the school's resolve to "prepare people for effective, practical ministry in the Church throughout the world"<sup>1</sup> remains constant. On the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2008, HGST celebrated that unfaltering focus as its graduates continue their life-changing work in the United States and abroad, using both the traditional pulpit and innovative means to share the Gospel.

Embracing Wesleyan theology, HGST makes sure that while protecting the school from external fluctuations, it does not discount the changing needs of those it serves. The school carefully and creatively equips students with the necessary tools for their particular ministry venue, whether talking to a roomful of people in South Africa about spiritual temperaments, delivering a five-point sermon on a Sunday morning, or hanging out in a local tattoo shop engaging people in conversation about the meaning of life.

"The sole reason we teach in the classroom is so students can apply what they learn in the field," said Sarah Sumner, Ph.D., professor of theology and ministry. "We do not function as mere dispensers of knowledge—our calling requires that we train students, particularly ministry workers, in God's wisdom through His Word."

Through that training and wisdom, Myra Perrine, D.Min. '04, gained insight into the unique temperaments of spiritual leaders. What began as her dissertation on the most effective impact of these dispositions in ministry, resulted in a published book, *What's Your God Language?: Connecting with God Through Your Unique Spiritual Temperament* (Tyndale, 2007). Her volume builds on her work with Church Resource Ministries (CRM), a missions organization that develops leaders to start and strengthen churches worldwide, where Perrine offers training, pastoral counseling, and spiritual direction to some of CRM's 325 missionaries in 22 nations.

"When it was time to write my final doctoral project, I asked the Lord to give me something that would empower His body to better navigate the very real

spiritual challenges I'd seen many Christians face," said Perrine, also an adjunct professor in HGST. "The Lord prompted me to study how ministry leaders best and most naturally relate to Him—analyzing spiritual formation through the lens of 'spiritual temperaments.' Pastoral teams now have a clear handle on how to create meaningful opportunities for worship and service within the body of Christ by using the spiritual practice tools I've developed."

While Perrine poured herself into the dissertation/book project, she gives credit where it's due—to God and her professors. "It felt like iron sharpening iron with all my professors," said Perrine. "They weren't just doling out information; they led my fellow students and me on a journey. They compelled us to follow their example of integrating Scripture with life."

"We are disciple-makers," said Sumner. "We see the calling of God on these students and we seek to come alongside and help them change lives for the Lord."

But Perrine, who recently returned from South Africa, saves the highest praise for her dissertation advisor. "No one has ever required of me the type of rigor and synthesis that I experienced with my doctoral advisor, Dr. Steve Peisner,"

said Perrine. "He pushed me like a coach pushes an athlete, challenging me to be exacting, thorough, and original in my thought processes."

That push toward critical thinking with a twist opens fresh and unorthodox opportunities for people like Augie Barajas, M.Div. '07, whose ministry in Africa involves introducing gang members to the liberating message of Jesus Christ. Since 2001, his efforts have yielded a national television appearance in Nigeria, allowed him to participate in the opening of a men's rehabilitation home in Liberia, and led him to church plant in Ghana and Sierra Leone.

Barajas attributes the favorable reception, particularly within Africa's inner-city population, to his approach. "We attempt to meet people at their particular point of crisis, dealing with the whole person," said Barajas. "We introduce intervention and prevention for men, women, and children through the ministry of rehabilitation. Specifically, we accomplish this by pioneering and establishing churches in strategic locations throughout Africa."

"The church is God's idea. It's God's idea for every ethnic group, every language group, every family group, every nation to know the reality of Christ's love and to worship God with other followers of Christ," said David Wright, Ph.D., dean of the School of Theology. "That's our mission, to prepare people like Augie who will make this command a reality throughout the world."

Barajas admits that his own background, which during his youth mirrored

**1** {1983} Board of Trustees approves formation of the School of Theology (now called the Haggard Graduate School of Theology) and names Les Blank as inaugural dean. Asian Center becomes part of HGST. Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies programs established.

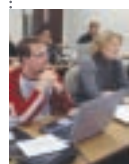


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**3** {1985} San Diego Regional Center opens, offering theology classes.

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**5** {1987} Council of Church Leaders founded. Friends Center established.



**6** {1988} HGST earns Association of Theological Schools (ATS) candidacy status.

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**8** {1990} HGST moves into the newly constructed 20,800-square-foot Ronald Theology Center; HGST earns ATS accreditation.



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**10** {1992} On the heels of the Los Angeles riots, a Lilly Endowment grant enables 15 African-American pastors from the L.A. area to begin M.Div. Program.

**11** {1993} Pew Foundation provides funding for Hispanic students.



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**LES BLANK, PH.D.**  
**FOUNDING DEAN**  
1983-96

*"I sought to establish the school as a place that advanced academics in the Church, so I felt it important to lead by example. That's why I only hired faculty also engaged in ministry. That way, they could truly relate to their students, speaking with experience and authority as to what worked in the Church and what didn't."*

**GAYLE BEEBE, PH.D.**  
**DEAN**  
1998-2000

*"I endeavored to bring education, through our regional centers, to those people at the lower edges of society. As an institution deeply committed to in-service training, which resonates with Wesley's ideology, I felt this was a worthwhile pursuit."*

the lives of those he ministers to, lends credibility to his outreach efforts. "Having been born in Mexico City, where poverty and social needs prevail, I get it," said Barajas. "I relate to their pain, suffering, loss of hope, and the oppressiveness poverty inflicts. This empathy enables me to connect with them on equal footing."

And while the work sometimes pushes Barajas to his human limits, he draws inspiration from the African people. "These people demonstrate a level of faith, respect, and humility that encourages me," said Barajas. "They possess an overwhelming joy and gratefulness despite their profound poverty and social needs."

This Victory Outreach pastor, who also leads Victory Outreach United Prayer International, traces his transatlantic ways to the call God placed on his heart shortly after coming to Christ. "I received the burden to pray for and evangelize the continent of Africa, which was planted in my heart by the vision of my senior pastor, Sonny Arguinzoni," said Barajas.

Eric Botelho's ministry work lands him a little closer to home—Orange County, to be exact. Botelho, a 2010 Master of Arts in Christian Education candidate who works for Mountain View Covenant Church in Ladera Ranch, California, never imagined he would end up as a Jesus follower, let alone a seminarian. "Man, the last thing I wanted was to become a Christian, but then Jesus got a hold of me and just arrested my heart, and I was done for," said Botelho, who studied political science at the University of Southern California. "After I found Jesus and began doing lay ministry, I still had no intention of attending Bible school. My worst fear about going was that I'd get indoctrinated and lose my fire. Not so. I'm enjoying every step of my education."

Botelho's pre-Christ life of drugs, alcohol, and partying took him to a place of brokenness. But in God's economy, all things work together for good. Botelho's past allows him entrée into circles that would make others uneasy.

He divides his time between serving as "shop pastor" at the True @ Heart Tattoo shop in Lake Forest, California; hosting fundraising events in area clubs and bars to help support organizations like Zoe and International Princess Project, both of which combat overseas child trafficking; and running Sanctuary, an informal midweek church service that draws more than 400 people. On the horizon for this unconventional evangelist is the opening of a sober living home, in which Botelho will reside while discipling the residents through word (Bible studies) and deed (modeling a substance-free lifestyle).

Botelho admits that his ministry settings definitely aren't traditional. "I don't fear going out to the bars or tattoo parlors," he said. "I've taken a bit of a beating



Myra Perrine, D.Min. '04



Augie Barajas, M.Div. '07

because of my methodology, but if you look at the Gospels, Jesus was cruising, and He hung out where the people were. You see that time and time again, especially with Jesus' interaction with the woman at the well."

While that story always resonated with Botelho, it gained special significance for him as he learned specific methods of in-depth Bible study through his classes, and he began peeling back the layers of the account. Consequently, it serves as a cornerstone for Botelho's outreach. "When Jesus approaches the woman, He knows exactly who she is and what she's been up to. But before she says anything, Jesus offers her living water. He didn't ask her to do or say anything. He just offered her the water," said Botelho. "In turn, she goes out and tells others about Jesus. I'm the woman at the well. I want to go out to others as well."

Botelho's various ministry platforms might strike some as beyond the pale, but his technique is sound, and in fact, reflects what HGST professors teach. "You can't argue methodology over Scripture. Methodology isn't sacred and that's why people like Eric are critical to spreading the Gospel," said Gordon Coulter, Ed.D., professor of ministry. "We need to ask why so many people are in Starbucks and not in churches. It's because we live in a postmodern society and many of them aren't even aware they have a spiritual need."

Coulter contends that society values action over cheap talk. "Serving is the new apologetic for witnessing," said Coulter, who also provides spiritual guidance as chaplain for the West Covina Police Department. "We teach our students to practice something called a 'ministry of presence,' which allows the power of God to speak through you, rather than you doing the talking. Truly effective ministry requires that you earn credibility within your particular culture first. That speaks volumes above any sermon or choir."

In another 25 years, the pendulum of change may introduce another wave of cultural morés and trends, rendering social networking sites obsolete and the juggernaut Starbucks overextended. But HGST will continue to graduate men and women whose hearts beat for the lost and desire to see people made whole by the Good News of the Gospel, whether that takes them halfway around the world to Africa or to a local tattoo parlor in Orange County.

<sup>1</sup>HGST mission statement

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**KEVIN MANNOIA, PH.D.**  
**DEAN**  
2001-04

*"One of my greatest desires was to let the world know of the amazing teachers and staff imprinting future pastors. I sought to connect the school with the Church—locally through events and networks, and globally through partnerships and ecumenical influence representing our Holiness heritage."*

**DAVID WRIGHT, PH.D.**  
**DEAN**  
2005-PRESENT

*"So many of our graduate students are engaged in cross-cultural work. We must examine how the Church can effectively minister across cultural, socioeconomic, and religious boundaries. For example, revival is predominantly occurring in the southern and eastern Church, not so much in the western Church anymore. We must reorient how we conduct ministry, and evaluate if we're doing so effectively."*



**HGST 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
**HIGHLIGHTS**

On March 11, APU community members, past HGST deans, alumni, and local pastoral leaders commemorated the school's silver anniversary. Highlights included:

- "Our Heritage in Christ," emceed by Gordon Coulter and featuring former HGST leadership, including Lane Scott, Les Blank, Gayle Beebe, and Kevin Mannoia
- "Scholarship at APU," featuring HGST professors Sarah Sumner and Don Thorsen
- "Campus Community," led by professor Kent Walkemeyer, featuring HGST students Irene Kim, Jason Hewitt, and Augie Barajas
- Honors Luncheon, recognizing HGST alumni in the following areas: Outstanding Alumni Community, Outstanding Alumni Scholarship, Outstanding Service, Cornelius P. Haggard Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus
- Worship led by Deborah Gin, director of diversity studies, Office of Diversity; instructor of ministry, HGST

**14** {1996} Les Blank retires as first dean of HGST. Doctor of Ministry Program launched.



**15** {1998} Gayle Beebe selected as second dean.

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**17** {1999} Master of Arts in Christian Education and Master of Arts in Ministry Management programs created.

**19** {2001} Kevin Mannoia installed as third dean.

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HGST {2002} moves into the Duke Academic Complex.

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**21** {2003} Master of Arts in Worship Leadership Program established. James L. Stamps Theological Library opens.

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**23** {2005} David Wright assumes deanship.

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Master of Arts in {2008} Theological Formation approved by ATS.

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# Mere Samaritans

by Kevin S. Reimer, Ph.D.  
Illustrated by Ashley Geiger

narrative underlined the central idea that compassionate love is first about the disabled and their example:

*I'll tell you a turning point in terms of my understanding of God and L'Arche. I saw the gifts of the core members. When I got to Tampico, things were rough and I had to live in the house because we were so short of assistants. It was very difficult. One of the core members there was named Trent. He is blind and dual diagnosed. He was in an institution all his life, since he was one-year-old. I had this real love for Trent—a connection with him. I could calm him down, and I enjoyed him.*

*One night, after giving him his bath, he said, "You're my friend, right?" I stopped for a minute. What occurred to me is how many people had bathed this man. Strangers. How many people didn't see this sacred life in front of them, just wanted to get the job done. How many times he had to put up with that. What he's really saying is, "Can I trust you? Are you safe? Are you my friend?" It occurred to me that this man probably lived through hell. Abuse. People being incredibly insensitive to him. And yet he can love. He can still trust.*

*I could never ask somebody to be my friend. I realized that I was in a transforming moment, knowing that I'm more broken than Trent. I could not be this vulnerable. I thought that I was being authentic, but realized he was teaching me something that I hadn't*

*learned. God was really present in that moment. That is when I could say that I didn't choose L'Arche, but L'Arche chose me. That's our spirituality.*<sup>2</sup>

It occasionally happens that a research interview yields insights so profound that the encounter is disorienting. Walking back to the car, my organizing beliefs about compassionate love were rolling over like a great ship before a gale. I could hear the voices of scientific and theological mentors from the past. There was a favorite undergraduate ecology professor discussing the "problem" of altruism among bonobos and orangutans. I felt the disdain in her voice as she responded to a student who wondered whether primates loved without thought of receiving the same in kind. I remembered an esteemed seminary professor waving his hands wildly at the front of class, expounding on lofty ideals of love through Christian holy writings and Scriptures. For Katherine, compassionate love was neither cold exchange nor rank sentimentality. Her transforming moment was all about Trent, a person with simple needs and deep hurts, just like the rest of us.

Katherine's view of compassionate love is unpretentious and everyday. It is a compassionate love of the evening bath, vomit in the living room, and badly soiled underwear. Not surprisingly, her reflections constantly reference weakness and

insecurity. Brokenness is the common thread that joins Katherine with Trent. In their recognition of brokenness, caregiver assistant and disabled core member come together to find hope in love, experienced through relationship with God. What a countercultural idea. By contrast, Americans avoid brokenness and disability at every turn, favoring celebrity images of strength and intelligence. *L'Arche* is miles away from these values. For Katherine and Trent, trust grows where each comes clean regarding disfigurement and limitation. Such trust is rocket fuel for the flourishing of compassionate love.

The kind of love described in Katherine's narrative does not call attention to itself. There is no attempt to interpret the encounter with Trent on the basis of moral calculus or self-righteousness. She does not bother to tell us why she found herself at Tampico, or why she chose to stay rather than leave the difficulties in the community. Neither does she appear too triumphal, inspiring notions of love in the writings of others. Despite her religious faith, Katherine makes no mention of Christian Scriptures. Her growing love points to God's actions revealed in the context of relationship with Trent. Her message carries a subtle warning to those of us interested

in the scientific study or theology of compassionate love. If we are serious about understanding love that is inclusive of human experience, we should temper our reflections with the vulnerability of a former mental hospital inmate who is cognitively about four years of age.

My encounter with Katherine was a personal watershed. Up until that moment, I had approached the topic of compassionate love in *L'Arche* with measured concern. I assumed that compassionate love smacks of reciprocal or "exchange" altruism, sprinkled with a desire to achieve inspired notions of caring as described in scriptures and poetry. To put it baldly, we care for others because we expect good things in return and feel good aspiring to our highest ideals.

As I walked back to the car, it was time to rethink the matter from scratch. Katherine's version of love was very different from my educated prejudices. Her love required little rational deliberation or planning to enact, seemed unconcerned with consequences, and was shockingly vulnerable. Far from the jungle or poet's desk, compassionate love involved relationships characterized by raw and elemental honesty. Compassionate love was about the other person who makes relationship

possible, about trust that liberates each participant to learn about the other more deeply and completely.



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<sup>1</sup>An academic summary of compassionate love is found in Stephen Post's "The Tradition of Agape," in *Altruism and Altruistic Love: Science, Philosophy, and Religion in Dialogue*, eds. Stephen Post, Lynn Underwood, Jeffrey Schloss, and William Hurlbut (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002): 51-63.

<sup>2</sup>Additional portions of Katherine's story are published in Jack O. Balswick, Pamela King, and Kevin S. Reimer, *The Reciprocating Self* (Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2005).

## IN THE MEDIA

"The Wisdom of Tenderness: An Interview with Jean Vanier" *Speaking of Faith*, with Krista Tippett National Public Radio [http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/wisdomoftenderness/soundseen\\_vid-interview.shtml](http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/wisdomoftenderness/soundseen_vid-interview.shtml)

## ONLINE RESOURCES

National-L'Arche USA [www.larcheusa.org](http://www.larcheusa.org)  
Local-L'Arche Wavecrest (Southern California) [www.wavecrestonline.org](http://www.wavecrestonline.org)

## FURTHER READING

Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Adam: God's Beloved* (1998).  
Jean Vanier, *Becoming Human* (1999).

Thanks to a grant from the John Fetzter Institute, I had the opportunity to conduct a social scientific study of human altruism in American L'Arche communities. L'Arche, French for "the Ark," was founded by Jean Vanier and Fr. Thomas Philippe in the early 1960s. It is an international movement of residential communities in nearly 30 countries worldwide. In L'Arche homes, the developmentally disabled (also known as core people or core members) live in community with their caregivers (also known as assistants). L'Arche honors individuals as a sign of agapè and mutual respect.

In the United States, L'Arche communities often exist on a financial shoestring. Besides room and board, assistants may live on a few hundred dollars per month. Deep spiritual commitments and experiences punctuate the earthy reality of life together. L'Arche is a Christian movement that embraces other traditions, but lives within its Roman Catholic origins. My research focused on the development of altruistic commitment in L'Arche caregiver assistants. Here, I share about how this project inspired my research, as well as my life. (Identifying information such as names and location have been changed to protect the identities of L'Arche caregivers, disabled core members, and their communities.)

Rain fell softly as I made my way up to the apartment door. A sharp knock was quickly answered, and I entered to find a small living room. My interviewee was a diminutive woman of middle-age with thick glasses perched low on her nose. In our pleasantries she was entirely ordinary, extending well-practiced courtesy. She reminded me of a librarian—warmly preoccupied in manner and business. Tea appeared from the kitchen, a long-haired cat curled up on the couch, and the rain quietly hissed against the windows. I moved through my standard interview checklist, dutifully reviewing research goals and informed consent.

We began with open-ended questions regarding her personality, relationships, and spirituality. Not five minutes into the encounter, it became clear that I was sitting with an individual of exemplary capacity for compassionate love.<sup>1</sup> Through her years of experience as a caregiver assistant to the disabled core members of *L'Arche*, Katherine came to possess an understanding of love in the broadest terms possible. There was no hint of the oversexed love caricature so prominent in popular culture. Her reflections were earthy and pragmatic, the result of many encounters with disabled individuals. Katherine's was a kind of love-wisdom that emerged from years spent in *L'Arche*. Mostly, her





At Azusa Pacific University, research takes on a relational dimension through mentoring, personal interaction, faculty/ student partnering, and noncompetitive collaboration that enriches the experience *and* the results. —Provost Michael Whyte, Ph.D.

## Undergraduate

**Faculty:** Kevin Huang, Ph.D., director of undergraduate research and assistant professor of biology and chemistry

**Students:** Mary Hernandez '09, biology major  
Christopher Saucedo '09, chemistry major

“For me it’s important to expose undergraduate students to real research—it’s the next level of education,” said Kevin Huang, Ph.D. As part of Project Seed, a program funded by the American Chemical Society encouraging minority high school students to develop interest in chemical science careers, Huang partnered with Hector Correa, an Azusa High School junior. Also on his team were APU students Mary Hernandez '09 and Christopher Saucedo '09.

During the eight-week period, the team built on Huang’s research at Yale University, working with new molecules that could someday be used in pharmaceuticals. Last October, Huang, Correa, Hernandez, and Saucedo attended the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Western Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Diego. Correa presented the group’s work and ended up one of five winners announced in the undergraduate/graduate student poster competition, competing against students from the Claremont Colleges and UCLA.

The students point to Huang’s uncommon personal approach for the success of their experience. “It was Dr. Huang’s first year teaching and my first year in organic chemistry and I liked him right off the bat,” Saucedo said. “When he invited me to join Project Seed, I was honored. When he went out of his way to drive me to and

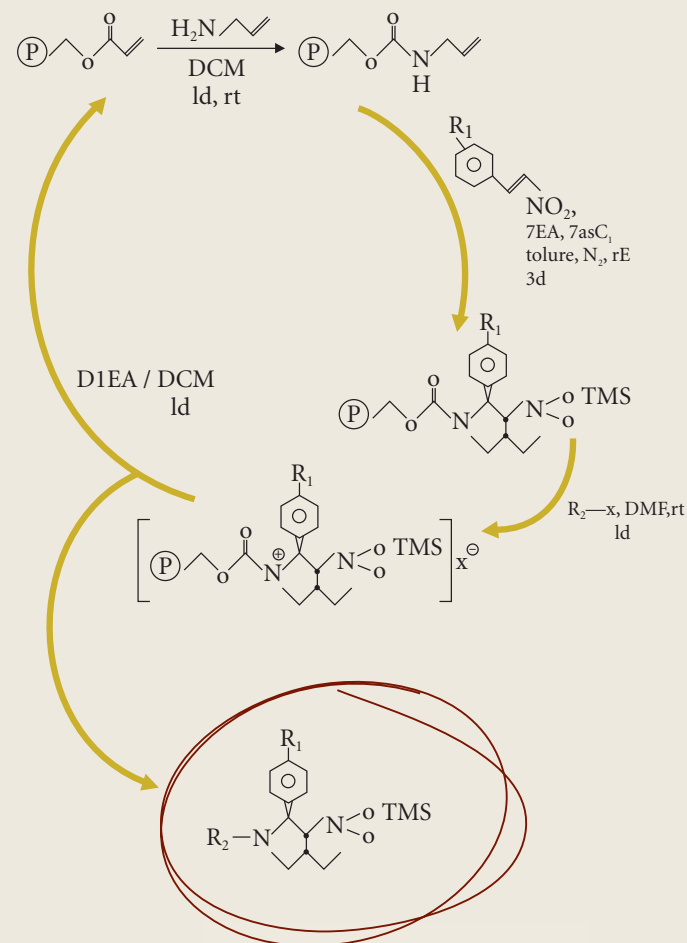
## Research Revisited:

### SCHOLARSHIP

### MADE

### PERSONAL

by  
Cyndie Hoff



*We discovered this together*

*This equation represents Huang’s original research, infused with student creativity and mentor guidance. The end result: a real innovation with potential use in the pharmaceutical industry.*

from our sessions all summer because my car needed repair, I was humbled. That’s how APU professors are. They want the best for you and go the extra mile to help you get it.”

“The kind of one-on-one attention you get from Dr. Huang and other APU professors doesn’t happen on other campuses,” said Hernandez. “Our professors sit with us over coffee every week and talk about our lives, our goals, and how being Christians and scientists fits into that. I have been given amazing opportunities at APU that I never would have had elsewhere, like exploring behind the scenes at City of Hope and researching plasma and pediatric cancer. Undergraduates don’t typically get this level of experience.”

## Graduate

**Faculty:** Sharyn Slavin Miller, Ph.D., chair and professor of higher education and organizational leadership

**Student:** Shelby Knight, '08 M.Ed. candidate

Research at the graduate level springs from students’ natural interests and passions, such as the challenges children of a low socioeconomic status face.

“This topic has been on my heart since I taught preschool in Los Angeles,” said '08 master’s degree candidate Shelby Knight, who took the principles she learned in her Quantum Analysis class and began to explore the factors that impact people in these situations. “Two professors came alongside me and walked me through the process, Carole Lundberg and Sharyn Slavin Miller,” said Knight. “I couldn’t have done it without them. They love research and have a real passion for helping students get the most out of it. We learned from their experience and they walked us through every step of the way, taking the time to make sure we understood the research and the process. They were very clearly our allies.” Knight presented her findings on “Examining Socioeconomic Diversity: The Other Side of the Coin” with Slavin Miller at the National Association

of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Western Regional Conference in Las Vegas last November.

“I loved working with Shelby. She’s an amazing student,” said Slavin Miller. “It’s exciting partnering with our students to help them make a connection between their research and the college students they work with, and to share their expertise with other professionals in the field. In our curriculum and research, we focus on the many aspects of diversity. Our students explored the important issue of socioeconomic status and realized that this factor could have a significant impact on undergraduate students’ experience in the campus community.”

## Doctoral

**Faculty:** Karen Longman, Ph.D., professor of higher education

**Student:** Shawna Lafreniere, '09 doctoral candidate

A spirit of collaboration characterizes the team of Karen Longman, Ph.D., and doctoral candidate Shawna Lafreniere, strategic development coordinator of the Noel Academy for Strengths-Based Leadership and Education. The two found they shared a passion for developing women in leadership, specifically in higher education, after meeting at a Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU) conference in 2005.



Longman, former vice president for professional development and research at the CCCU, represented the perfect complement to Lafreniere’s research goals. Building on Longman’s decade of work with Women’s Leadership Development Institutes (WLDI), where 100 female academicians from faith-based institutions participated in five-day seminars with follow-up shadowing visits on the campus of an assigned mentor, Lafreniere launched her own study on “The Power of Gender-Specific Leadership Development Programs” and presented the findings with Longman at the International Leadership Association Conference in Vancouver in November 2007.

“What began as a casual meeting at a conference resulted in a mentoring relationship and then a friendship,” said Lafreniere. “Karen and Professor Laurie Schreiner care for me as a person and value me as a scholar. That kind of approach humanizes my doctoral program.”

“Earning a doctorate is not a destination,” said Longman. “It is the beginning of a scholarly career. I see my role as a facilitator for my students and count it as a privilege to partner with them. They come to us with God-given talents and passion to make a change. We give them structure, access to people, the benefit of our experience, and a platform to be fruitful.”

## Leading the Way

**Director of Undergraduate Research:** Kevin Huang, Ph.D.

“APU is at the forefront of undergraduate exposure to serious research because of the university’s emphasis on relational scholarship. It’s the personal aspect that marks the difference between a professor who sees this effort as a waste of time and energy and one who views it as an investment in the future. The research and the whole education experience carry more value when it is personal. My students come to my home and meet my family. We talk about what it

means to be a scientist who is also a Christian and our responsibility to creation and to one another. For me, relating to my students on this level is God’s calling.”

**Director of Research:** Carole Lambert, Ph.D.

“Graduate research has exploded at APU. When I started in this position two years ago, I had \$500 in grant money for graduate student research, and I closed the year with a surplus. Now, I start with \$1,500 on July 1 and by August, it’s nearly gone. I credit the professors for their unmatched dedication to their students. I have seen them put aside their own projects to help their students. That’s unheard of. At other universities, people are essentially abandoned at this level.

“We do things differently here. When I give a research award to a student, immediately a faculty member comes alongside and mentors that student through the process. A close relationship develops that almost always becomes a lasting friendship. I went to the University of California, Berkeley and my husband went to Stanford University—I’ve never seen anything like this!”

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## Research Resources

Three libraries on the Azusa campus:

- Marshburn Memorial Library
- Hugh and Hazel Darling Library
- James L. Stamps Theological Library

## Library Resources

- A unified catalog with more than 235,000 (and growing) books and media items
- 1,800 periodical titles
- More than 630,000 microforms
- 148 online databases (12,000 full-text periodical titles and 23,000 electronic books)
- Regional centers throughout Southern California with core collections
- Librarian liaisons to specific departments and/or schools
- Discipline-related research workshops/lectures/classes
- AskNow, a 24/7 nationwide program library reference service
- Link+, which gives the APU community access to nearly 15 million holdings in more than 50 academic and large public libraries in California and Nevada



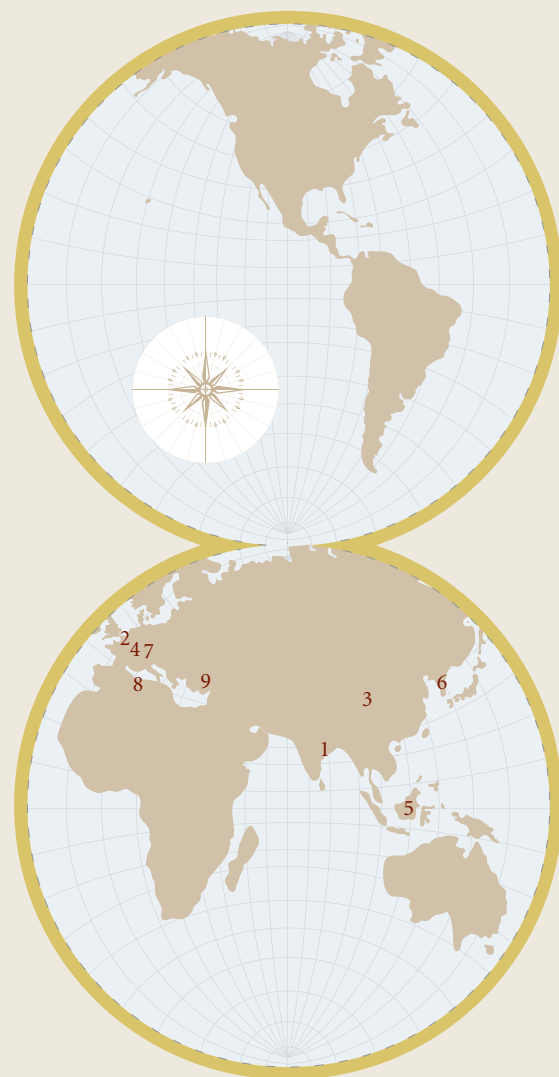
PICTURED ABOVE KEVIN HUANG; ABOVE RIGHT HECTOR CORREA, MARY HERNANDEZ, AND CHRISTOPHER SAUCEDO





## *World Citizen:* EMERGING SCHOLAR EMBARKS ON FULBRIGHT EXPERIENCE

by  
*Alice Serar*



*There have been 10 Fulbright  
Scholars in 5 years. They studied  
in the following countries:*

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Bangladesh     | 6. Korea       |
| 2. Belgium        | 7. Romania (2) |
| 3. China          | 8. Tunisia     |
| 4. European Union | 9. Turkey      |
| 5. Indonesia      |                |

An intelligent, ambitious young scholar sits before me at an outdoor café near APU, where we converse in French. She listens attentively to my stories about living in Belgium more than 20 years ago on a Fulbright Scholarship. The poignancy of the moment is not lost on me as I realize my role reversal from student to mentor. I ponder the legacies generated by this great scholarship program and try to imagine how the one beginning right before my eyes will unfold over the years. We peruse travel books and pretend our French café is in Europe, both wondering what’s in store for this remarkable woman. Meet my student, my friend, Alice Serar!  
*Carole Lambert, Ph.D.*  
*Director of Research*

### Window to the World

Sporting pigtails and armed with a pink Minnie Mouse suitcase, I anxiously awaited departure on my childhood dream vacation to Orlando, Florida. With two hours to spare, my dad took me by the hand and we wandered around Los Angeles International Airport. Stopping at the threshold of the international terminal, I gazed with awe at the swarms of people of every nationality bustling throughout the room. As he guided his captivated six-year-old daughter through the terminal, my dad explained that the people passing by came from all over the world. I remember little of our family’s week-long adventure at “the happiest place on earth,” but I will always recall that moment when the enormity of the world hit me, and I realized I belonged to an international community.

### Leap of Faith

This snapshot of an awestruck young girl stumbling upon her life’s ambition must have touched someone’s heart on the Fulbright Scholarship Selection Committee. I always find it challenging to capture who I am in the short personal statements I conjure up for various applications. All the words I

delicately arrange into a paragraph or two about my interests and goals hardly offer a glimpse into what makes me me. How do I explain that I have always preferred CNN and *The Economist* to MTV or *Cosmopolitan*? That a wall-sized world map flanks my bedroom wall, and books about the Middle East peace process and European integration clutter my shelves? That my bottomless ambition and burning desire to see every inch of God’s earth have kept me daydreaming for years of the moment I would walk through that international terminal at LAX and journey to a foreign land?

As clichéd as it may sound, I have always held the conviction that I am handcrafted by God, unique in my interests and in His plan for me. Without a background as a missionary’s kid or diplomat’s daughter, and with little travel experience outside the treacherous annual family road trip as a child, my international motivations are hard to explain. As perplexing as it may be for me, my family and friends struggled even more to grapple with the concept when I received a Fulbright Scholarship to study the international relations of the European Union for a year in Bruges, Belgium. After the initial excitement and exchange of “congrats,” most asked, with smiles still grinning from ear to ear, “Where exactly is Belgium?” Many teens in my church youth group back home, having never heard of the EU, are still under the impression that I am studying the United Nations. Though full of love and support, few relatives and friends could offer tangible advice or guidance in the few months prior to my grand leap into the unknown.

### Culture Mentor

To my good fortune, one woman made certain I would board the plane in late August carrying more than heavy luggage and little-to-no knowledge about the culture I would be stepping into. Carole Lambert,

Ph.D., whom I had met during the Fulbright application process at APU, completed her Fulbright year in 1985, conducting research in Belgium. After receiving the news about my scholarship, I eagerly accepted her generous invitation to meet weekly during the summer to review my French and gather insight about what lay in store across the Atlantic. Sipping juice or a cappuccino at a local French café, Dr. Lambert laid out the do’s and don’ts in Belgian society and recalled lessons learned from her time spent in Brussels. Always equipped with a bundle of learning materials—French language CDs, travel guides—she overwhelmed me with her care and kindness. She became sincerely devoted to ensuring my smooth transition to a year away from all familiar to me.

As a severely unprepared aspiring world traveler, the mentoring relationship I developed with Dr. Lambert last summer played an essential role in preparing me both practically and spiritually for my amazing experience thus far in Bruges. The College of Europe, with its internationally recognized EU studies graduate programs, hosts 300 students from across the globe. In this incredible microcosm of world cultures, I often find myself learning equally as much outside the classroom as in it. A classmate from Poland can relay the real dynamics of Polish elections, and another from Kosovo can express with passion the real-life implications of independence for the state. While my master’s studies certainly find me working until the late hours of the night and catching naps on a corner desk on the third floor of the library, academic life is made enduring and enjoyable by the remarkable relationships I have formed with my colleagues. Together, we explore this beautifully preserved, small Flemish city and daily discover more about Belgian culture, each other, and ourselves.



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### Gateway to the Future

The Fulbright Scholarship has provided a gateway to achieving my dreams; my time in Bruges has only just fanned the flame. Just as I thank God for that moment with my dad in the international terminal, I thank Him, too, for a mentor like Dr. Lambert, who guided me through to takeoff.



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### Other 2007 APU Fulbright Scholars

*Kristen Higgins '07*  
*B.A. in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministries*  
*2007 Fulbright Scholarship, Indonesia*

While in Indonesia, Higgins holds a teaching assistantship, teaching English to local students. “This teaching assistantship not only provides me with the opportunity to become a more capable teacher, but it also enables me to experience more of the world that God created,” said Higgins.

*Stephanie Kiel '07*

*B.A. in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations*  
*2007 Fulbright Scholarship, Turkey*

While in Turkey, Kiel participates in a one-year internship at Bilkent University as an English teaching assistant, developing a curriculum to help college-aged Turkish students with their conversational English skills. The internship program allows Kiel to take two courses per semester toward a graduate degree, which she will continue to pursue following the internship.





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# OLYMPIC ENCORE

BY CHRIS VOTH

Competing in the Olympics and reaching the top of your sport is a dream come true for any athlete. But going twice? In two different events? That's the stuff of Hollywood and Hallmark commercials. Yet that's what Julie (Swail M.Ed. '99) Ertel hopes to do this summer in Beijing as a triathlete.

"Participating in the Olympics is an amazing experience," said Ertel, who won the water polo silver medal in Sydney in 2000. "I know what the entire experience entails, so I'm very excited about the prospect of going back a second time."

Ertel grew up just 10 minutes from Disneyland and describes herself as a fat kid who wasn't really into sports. That is, until she was dropped into the pool, discovered swimming, and became the happiest kid on earth. Her passion for the water propelled Ertel to become a water polo national champion, an Olympic silver medalist, and one of the top athletes in the world. Now, she's on the verge of making her second Olympic appearance.

Ertel's competitive fire first sparked in Placentia, California, where she attended Valencia High School, playing on the boys' water polo team (there wasn't a girls' team at that time). The toughness she learned paid off at the University of California, San Diego. A three-year captain, Ertel's team won national titles in 1992 and 1994 and she was named the school's Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1995.



She participated concurrently with the national team—first as part of the junior national squad in 1990, then as an extra practice player in 1992—before becoming a full team member in 1994.

After graduating in 1995 with a degree in economics, and minors in urban planning and black American music, Ertel worked in the private sector for a few years while training with the national team.

She also coached on the side. That's when she discovered what she wanted to do when her competitive career ended. Ertel earned her teaching credential at Chapman University and her master's degree in physical education from Azusa Pacific University.

"I enjoyed my time at APU," said Ertel. "The professors really valued us. I can remember Sue Hebel, my favorite professor, going around the room and looking each one of us in the eye, saying, 'How are you?' There was always an atmosphere of caring."

Ertel finished her master's at APU in time to start concentrating heavily on the 2000 Olympic games in Sydney, where women's water polo made its first appearance as an official sport.

"I loved participating in a sport that I had dedicated my life to and showcasing the sport to the world," said Ertel.

With silver medal in hand, Ertel retired from water polo. "I knew I was done," she said. "I was just ready to move on to something else." That something else

was coaching and teaching. Two weeks after the Olympics, Ertel started coaching water polo at the University of California, Irvine.

Not one to sit still, she began participating in triathlons with her friends for fun. Triathlons vary in distance, but most consist of swimming a half-mile, biking 12.5 miles, and running 3.1 miles. Olympic distances double that. Hardly fun for most people, but Ertel took to it.

"I wasn't very good at first, but I enjoyed it," she said. "Then my friends started encouraging me to get more serious."

As her training intensity increased, so did her finishes at the front of the pack. In 2002, she became world champion. The following year, Ertel declared herself professional, advancing to an elite level and allowing her to try out for the Olympic team. She failed to make the team in 2004 (placing as second alternate), but that didn't stop her.


She continued to train hard (three hours a day, six days a week) and maintained her goal of making a return to the Olympics. Last summer, Ertel placed first at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, making it clear she is a serious contender.

Topping the thrill of these international appearances was her marriage to Greg Ertel, an avid cyclist. The two met in 2001; now, he helps push Ertel to her goal.

"He's the best training partner I've ever had," said Ertel. "I was never really a fan of cycling, but he has taught me to enjoy my time on the bike."

Ertel savors each and every moment of this journey, because no matter what, this will be her last year of professional competition. "We'd like to start a family soon, so this will be it for me," said Ertel.

Of course, she's said that before.

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## AZUSA PACIFIC 2008 SUMMER OLYMPIAD HOPEFULS

ATHLETE: **VIVIAN CHUKWUEMEKA '06**

EVENT: SHOT PUT  
COUNTRY: NIGERIA  
BIRTH DATE: MARCH 4, 1975

### FACTS

- Finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the shot put at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney
- Holds the African record in the shot put at 60' 5¾"
- Holds the Nigerian records in the shot put, discus throw, and hammer throw
- Won the gold medal in the shot put at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England
- Four-time All-African gold medalist in the shot put
- Qualified for the 2002 and 2006 World Cup
- Captured 17 NAIA individual championships, the most in association history
- Led Azusa Pacific to a sweep of the 2003 and 2004 NAIA Indoor and Outdoor National Championships

ATHLETE: **BRYAN CLAY '02**

EVENT: DECATHLON  
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
BIRTH DATE: JANUARY 3, 1980

### FACTS

- Silver medalist in the decathlon at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens
- Scored 8,820 points, the second-highest point total ever by an American decathlete and the sixth best in world history
- Won the 2005 World Championship gold medal in the decathlon
- World's number-one-ranked decathlete in 2005 and 2006, ranked number two in 2004
- United States' number-one-ranked decathlete since 2004
- Two-time U.S. champion in the decathlon
- Led Azusa Pacific to the 2001 and 2002 NAIA National Championships
- Captured 23 NAIA All-American honors, the most ever in NAIA history

ATHLETE: **STEPHANIE McCANN '00**

EVENT: POLE VAULT  
COUNTRY: CANADA  
BIRTH DATE: APRIL 22, 1977

### FACTS

- Four-time Canadian national pole vault champion
- Broken the Canadian national pole vault record eight times
- Bronze medalist at the 2002 and 2003 Commonwealth Games
- Finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens
- Bronze medalist at the 2003 Pan American Games
- Five times ranked No. 1 in Canada in the pole vault
- 14-time NAIA All-American
- Azusa Pacific record holder in the pole vault

ATHLETE: **JESSE ROBERGE '02**

EVENT: SHOT PUT  
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
BIRTH DATE: OCTOBER 2, 1978

### FACTS

- 2004 U.S. Olympic Trial finalist
- Bronze medalist at the 2004 U.S. Indoor Championship Meet
- 12-time NAIA All-American; 6-time NAIA champion
- Member of three NAIA national championship teams

ATHLETE: **VANESSA WILHELM '02**

EVENT: HAMMER THROW  
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES  
BIRTH DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 1979

### FACTS

- 10-time NAIA All-American; 6-time NAIA champion
- Member of two NAIA national championship teams
- Former school-record holder in the hammer throw (183' 11") and 20-pound weight throw (58' 5¾")



## Homecoming and Dinner Rally Break Out Same Great Events, Two Different Weekends

### Mark Your Calendars

Homecoming/Family Weekend      October 23–26, 2008  
Dinner Rally      November 8, 2008



For the first time in history, APU celebrates Homecoming/Family Weekend and Dinner Rally on separate weekends. Homecoming festivities start on October 23 with the annual Alumni Golf Tournament. The rest of the weekend packs in activities for the whole family, including special luncheons, the Family Fun Zone, bed races, reunions, inductions into the Academic Hall of Honor, receptions, and of course, an In-N-Out Burger bash before the big game.

Dinner Rally caps the experience a couple weeks later with an evening of fine food and fundraising, but NOT on Friday. Some traditions are worth keeping, others require change. “Moving Dinner Rally to Saturday allows more of our

alumni and friends from out of town to attend the event,” said Craig Wallace, executive director of alumni relations. “So many have expressed an interest in seeing the progress of the new science building. This way, they can check out the construction, meet up with old friends, and still make it to Dinner Rally.”

Both Dinner Rally and Homecoming/Family Weekend represent APU’s rich traditions and strong family ties. For more information on these and other alumni events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (626) 812-3026.



## 2009 Alumni Cruise Save the Dates: January 9–12, 2009

Join alumni, parents, and friends of APU for the Fifth Annual Alumni Cruise, a great weekend getaway aboard Carnival Paradise out of Long Beach, California. Whether you would like to use the time as an educational opportunity, a rejuvenating experience, or a celebration with friends, this cruise is the ticket.

Jim Burns ’75, Ph.D., president of HomeWord and host of HomeWord’s 30-minute radio broadcast, will lead four workshop sessions on parenting and marriage enrichment onboard the ship. If something more relaxing is your speed, kick back on deck and read a book in the refreshing ocean air, take a dip in the pool, indulge in gourmet cuisine, or pamper yourself and take advantage of the ship’s spa services. Whatever your choice, there is no better time or place to reconnect and celebrate with family and friends. Visit [www.apualumni.com/cruise2009/](http://www.apualumni.com/cruise2009/) for details on how to reserve your spot. The registration deadline is September 9, 2008 with a deposit of \$150 per person. Final payment is due by November 10, 2008.



## Turns Out There *Is* a Free Lunch

Starting last September, the folks in the Office of Alumni Relations began dropping in on alumni at work. The crew comes bearing a tasty (free) lunch and a friendly smile. “It’s a great way for us to stay connected with our local alumni and also gives us a chance to personally invite them to upcoming events that might interest them,” said Laura Dingfelder, alumni event, and chapter coordinator. “We have so many alumni working and serving nearby. Some of them even work together in groups. It’s been a lot of fun to see how they are impacting their communities and to thank them for what they do.”

The Alumni Relations team gets such positive feedback from those they visit, they plan to widen their scope. If you live in Southern California and work at a school or business with a group of 10 or more APU alumni, call Laura and let her know how to find you: (626) 815-6000, Ext. 3226, or [ldingfelder@apu.edu](mailto:ldingfelder@apu.edu). Who knows, your next lunch may be on APU!

# CROSSING LINES, BUILDING COMMUNITY

by Jared Christenson and Cyndie Hoff

PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOHN KING

When the city mayor moonlights as the worship leader at a local church, lines get erased. Citizens begin to see their city government officials as approachable, neighborly people. In short, community happens. And according to Covina Mayor John C. King, MAOM ’00, blurring those lines was the best thing that ever happened to his hometown.

“Covina’s roots go back many generations and the residents here feel strong ties with the city and one another,” said King. “I believe God has given me the gift and the responsibility of stewardship in this town, to preserve its heritage and build on its traditions. I try to be open with my faith and bring a different worldview to the mayoral role. I don’t see it as a stepping stone to a higher office, but as a way to serve God by serving people.”

During his term, King received an invitation to a dinner at the local United Methodist Church honoring 30-year members. King wrote and sang a song based on Jeremiah 29 where God told those exiled to Jerusalem to “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have

sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper;” (Jeremiah 29:5-7). This ancient call to community characterizes the kind of camaraderie and cohesiveness King wants to foster in Covina. In attendance that evening, longtime Bishop Mary Ann Swensen said, “I’ve known a lot of mayors and politicians in my day, but I’ve never met one willing to stand before his constituents and sing.”

Whether he is singing in church or taking care of city business, the people of Covina seem to like King’s new approach. From support staff to council members, city employees tell him they appreciate his honest, transparent business dealings and the collegial atmosphere in the office. Rather than viewing him as a politician, residents see him as a civil servant who cares about what they care about and is ready to take action. Through programs, volunteerism, new facilities, and other creative ideas he comes up with (and finds funding for) that bring people together as a team, King, without a doubt, can be described as the mayor who made a


true community out of Covina. One of his favorite developments was the addition of Christian music to the city’s popular Concerts in the Park program. “Last summer, we had four nights of Christian bands playing in the park and everyone loved it so much, we’re doing it again this year,” he said.

For King, being a godly leader has meant making an effort to establish trust between local government and the community by modeling integrity and transparency. “In general, people don’t trust government on a large scale, so I hope and pray that during my term as mayor, the dialogue between citizens and government becomes more and more open,” said King. Leading in such fashion has also meant making an effort to reestablish prayer as a regular part of city council meetings and maintaining an attitude of service to the Covina community. As King remarked, “I try to bring a high level of respect to the citizens when we have our city council meetings because they’re the reason we are here. We are here to serve them.”

But public service also comes with its share of challenges. King credits his training in the Master of Arts in Organizational Management (MAOM)

Program from APU’s Center for Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS) with the development of the skills that help him deal with those difficulties. There, in classes designed to explore the intersection of faith and the professional life, on a campus built on a cornerstone of community, he learned from professors who, “showed that you can be out there in the world doing things as a Christian that make an impact, make a lot of sense, and not just be hidden away in the safe world of church,” said King.

“It was a real turning point in my life. I enrolled wondering how God was going to use me, and walked away with confidence in my life’s direction. So many times, people who get into public life forget that it’s a calling, forget that it’s an opportunity to help other people,” said King. “I want to be a 24/7 Christian—a godly father to my kids, a godly husband to my wife, and a godly leader to our community.”

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**“IT SEEMS THAT WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR COURT, PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN US AND INVEST IN US, THEN WE BEGIN TO BELIEVE IN OURSELVES. ANYTHING SEEMS POSSIBLE.” — DONALD MILLER**

At a shelter in Upland, California, women whose worlds seemed in shambles only months prior are putting the pieces back together and pursuing productive lives. Alongside them, investing in their success, stand five Azusa Pacific University graduates.

How alumni from different years and different areas of study came together at Pacific Lifeline can only be explained as divine intervention. In most cases, the women did not know each other before taking jobs at the shelter—finding their way through churches, family friends, and word of mouth—but they have grown close and are grateful for their common bond of Christian scholarship and service.

Under the leadership of executive director Carmen Hall '95, MAOM '98, Pacific Lifeline serves as a transitional shelter that helps women and children who were self-supporting but suddenly find themselves in a crisis situation. Through programs such as budget and career counseling, job and housing search support, recreational and social activities, and tutoring, as well as weekly individual counseling sessions, the shelter provides a holistic solution to poverty and homelessness. An advanced program that includes counseling and networking, helps to keep former shelter residents on the path to success.

“What I would have given to have had a place like this—surrounded by people who care for and support you,” said Hall, a single mother whose own times of family crisis enable her to relate to the residents and encourage their success. “Once women see what they’ve accomplished, it creates confidence. They have more ability to risk.”

Browsing through residents’ quotes on Pacific Lifeline’s website, the shelter’s impact becomes clear. “Look at me!” said Joyce. “Six months ago, my four children and I lived in a motel room. Now I have a job, a car, and a house!” Kathleen said, “I’ve done more this year for myself, my kids, and my life than I have done in my whole life.” Anita added, “I now have hope for my son.”

Dana Smith’s ’06 APU sociology classes, especially Human Diversity and Social Stratification, helped to train her for this type of work, though nothing could have completely prepared her for all the difficult life circumstances and obstacles her residents faced. As Pacific Lifeline’s resident manager, she makes sure residents follow house rules, reports maintenance issues, and supplies the women with donations and necessities as they learn to manage their money. Smith also oversees the children’s group and assists with school tutoring.

“The joy and rewards of this job come from watching women who never believed they could achieve anything begin to reach their goals,” said Smith. “With each achievement, the hope of success becomes greater.”

Though not a faith-based organization, Pacific Lifeline employees exemplify Christian values in their care and respect for the shelter residents, modeling good leadership. “We don’t allow people to step below what they’re worth,” said Hall. “People were designed with value and dignity by our Creator.”

“I’ve learned so much about God and the compassion of Christ,” said Shauna Attwood ’01, Pacific Lifeline’s associate director of development, who writes grants, plans events, and coordinates volunteers for the shelter. “I’m not a counselor or a social worker, but I can still use what I have and what I’m good at and show compassion in a practical way.”

Betty Stevens, M.A. ’95, is the individual therapist for women and children in the shelter. She sees each woman for one hour and each child for a half-hour every week and facilitates “attachment” sessions between mothers and their children to foster bonding through play and reading. “Most of the women are depressed when they arrive, so their thoughts, feelings, and belief systems must be addressed,” Stevens said. “The spiritual part is so important in the women’s motivation to change. They have to enliven that inner strength to become the women and mothers they can be.”

Azusa Pacific not only equipped Pacific Lifeline’s employees with specialized skills, but the university also continues involvement with the shelter. Two child residents have gone on to study at APU, and the university and shelter are working together on a scholarship program for future students. And according to Kristen Grubb ’91, director of development, APU is a great resource. “Some of my best volunteers in the children’s program came from APU.”

“I absolutely love watching God work in the lives of the families within Pacific Lifeline’s care,” said Grubb. “We get to witness miracles on a regular basis. We see God work through our volunteers and donors to meet needs of the families we serve.”



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1950s

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1960s

**JERRY SCHROEDER '67** and his wife, Robin, recently moved back to the U.S. from Japan after 16 years on the mission field and are experiencing the challenges of reincorporating themselves into American life and culture. 17111 Ivy Green, San Antonio, TX 78247. JerryNSchroeder@gmail.com

1970s

**CLIFF DAFFRON '73** and his wife, **MELINDA (MCEUEN '72), M.A. '05**, returned to California after serving in Quito, Ecuador with HCJB-World Radio for 18 years. In May 2007, Cliff accepted the position of vice president of the Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary in Amman, Jordan, where they reside for part of the year. Melinda received her M.A. in Organizational Leadership in 2005 from APU and is currently a group facilitator in the U.S. Navy's drug and alcohol abuse program. The Daffrons have three children: **RYAN '97**; **JILLIAN '02, M.A. '04**; and Matthew; and four grandchildren. 1651 S. Juniper St., Unit 103, Escondido, CA 92025. cdaffron@efcc.org

1980s

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1990s

**REVEREND DAVID TERWILLIGER '90** is a priest at the Anglican Church of Canada in Fort Nelson, British Columbia, where he is in charge of St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish. His wife, **LISA (PANSCH '90)**, is busy at home with daughters Hannah, 9, and Mary Grace, 2. Together, David and Lisa serve the Lord among the people of north British Columbia and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. St. Mary Magdalene's Parish, PO Box 194, Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0.

**THOMAS CHUNG '93** and wife, **MICHELE (BISBEE '93)**, live in Spain. Tom is a lieutenant commander and general surgeon in the Navy. They are currently stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital, Rota, Spain, where Tom is the solo surgeon on base. Michele enjoys life in Spain and stays busy at home with their three children: Katelyn, 7; Tyler, 5; and Christina, 2. ThomasL.Chung@hotmail.com and MicheleChung@yahoo.com

**2 MICHAEL JORDAN '93** is the administrator at Grace Community Christian School in Tempe, Arizona. His wife, **JODI (deROSETT '95)**, enjoys staying at home with their three children: Emily, 7; Caleb, 4; and Matthew, 2. 555 W. Mendoza Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210. jordan5az@cox.net

**3 KEN MILLER '96** recently accepted the position of head coach for the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian Football League after serving as the team's offensive coordinator last season. Prior to joining the Roughriders, he coached the Toronto Argonauts for five seasons. Ken lives in Regina, Saskatchewan, with his wife, Maureen. 3140 Cameron St., Regina, SK, S4S 1W7.

2000s

**DANIEL WILSON '01** and wife, **SANDRA (GOSNELL '02)**, live in Schweinfurt, Germany. Dan teaches sixth grade to military youth. Sandra is working at the army garrison public affairs office, writing for the local newspaper. CMR 457, PO Box 298, APO AE 09033. sandrawilson02@yahoo.com

**4 SARAH COORS '03** moved to Baltimore, Maryland, for a post-baccalaureate premedical program at Johns Hopkins University. During this time, she published an article on a water-borne parasitic disease, Schistosomiasis, in the *Johns Hopkins Undergraduate Public Health Journal*. She worked for a year at the University of Maryland conducting clinical research through the pediatric clinic and the dental school, looking at the effects of second-hand smoke on the primary teeth of small children. After a year, Sarah took a nursing job on a medical/surgical floor in Towson, Maryland, and worked for a year before moving back home to Colorado and applying to medical school. Sarah worked in

Colorado as a surgical nurse for five months before moving to Missouri. In August, she began medical school at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri, the founding college of osteopathic medicine. 701 W. Scott St., Apt. 6, Kirksville, MO 63501. sarahcoors@gmail.com

**MARIE ANNE LEGASPI '05** currently works as a family nurse practitioner in Los Angeles and is an assistant professor of nursing at Mount St. Mary's College. She traveled to Europe last year and plans a trip to Greece and Eastern Europe in September. She volunteers her time mentoring students at Mount St. Mary's College, serves on the board of Holy Family High School Alumnae in Glendale, and is vice president of the California Association of Nurse Practitioners in Pasadena. Marie Anne is thankful for the excellent graduate nursing education and experience she received at APU and has been telling other nursing colleagues about the great program. 1334 N. New Hampshire Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027. uscsmc1@aol.com

**TONI KAY '07** is a school psychologist at Victor Valley Union High School. She enjoys fencing and raising her grand puppy, Nickel, a wirehaired dachshund. 15102 Clovis St., Victorville, CA 92394. tonikaytka@yahoo.com

JUST MARRIED

**KATHERINE FRIMAND-WILLISON '79** to Grant Peek, MD, on March 10, 2007. Grant is an emergency room doctor at San Dimas Community Hospital. Kay is director of Chaffey College student health. Grant is from Canada, where they own a second home on Vancouver Island. 195 W. 25th St., Upland, CA 91784. kay.willison@chaffey.edu



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## ALUMNI INTERVIEW



### ADELE BOOYSEN, M.A. '04

**APU LIFE:** You grew up in South Africa, you have lived in Taiwan and the United States, and traveled to many other countries. Now you live in Kenya. What drew you there?

**ADELE:** While I was at APU, God asked me to return to Africa to serve Him somewhere on the continent of my birth. I considered various ministries, but having seen what Empowering Lives International (ELI) does in Kenya, I contacted them about possible positions.

**APU LIFE:** How did your time at APU prepare you for the ministry you do today?

**ADELE:** Though I was a career missionary in Taiwan for almost eight years, I had little experience with short-term missions. At APU, I had the chance to lead two teams to Mozambique. The training and experience I gained helped tremendously in working with visiting teams in Kenya. I have a better understanding of the challenges teams face, and I am able to assist the leaders and team members better in making the most of their missions experience.

**APU LIFE:** What words of wisdom would you have for others who want to serve in the mission field?

**ADELE:** The mission field is not only overseas. Serve God wholeheartedly wherever you are.

*The following is an excerpt from Adele's blog, www.adelebooyesen.blogspot.com.*

Hannah sat on her bed in her 8'x10' mud-walled room, some clothes bundled up behind her for support. The wooden shutter was pushed all the way to let in as much sunshine as one can get through a little hole in the wall. And today, it seemed like the sun was shining brightly outside and inside.

As I rubbed her feet, it was just skin and bones. As was the rest of her body,

really. Her knees stood out like huge balls compared to the bony leg on either side. Yet, the most amazing joy filled the room.

She's hardly older than I am, this mother of four. "My mother used to be a very hard worker," Nancy, her second-born, told me later. "She really struggled to put us through school. But my sister and I had just completed high school when [the tumor started growing in her face] . . ."

Nancy's eyes welled up with tears. "Some days, I don't know if I can make it. I have asked God many times, why could I finish Form 4 (12<sup>th</sup> grade) and now I am stuck at home? He could heal my mother, and then I could continue with my life."

Today, Hannah wanted to sing worship songs. She started singing her favorite choruses in Luya, and her daughter joined in. Her five other children and their father came to stand in the small doorway, next to the roosting chicken, and joined the singing.

We shared some thoughts from John 14 and 15. And we prayed Psalm 23 together in multiple languages, with Hannah sticking her bony arm into the air saying her only English phrase over and over. "Thank you. Thank you very much."

"God is so good," she said later in Kiswahili. "He has done a good thing . . ."

I had to fight back the tears, amazed at this woman's faith . . .

So often, I visit people like Hannah with the intent to encourage them. But I often leave having been touched by my friends' profound faith. Though I will always pray for God to heal friends like Hannah, I see God nurturing in them a kind of faith one can rarely find in the West, where it's far simpler to turn to medicine for an answer.

**5 SHIRLEY DOUGLASS '95** to Terrance Tyler on August 11, 2007 in La Verne. The two college sweethearts were reunited after 34 years. Terrance is a high school teacher. Shirley is the executive director of Haven of Grace Family Center. 6708 Stonegate Dr., Chino, CA 91710. HGFC@verizon.net

**6 BRYAN SCHAGER '95** to **KATHY (NEUFELD '97) ARAUJO** on September 22, 2007 in Irvine. Bryan is a regional business consultant for Bumble and Bumble, and Kathy is a realtor with Re/Max serving Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties. They live in Irvine with their two dachshunds. 35 Regal, Irvine, CA 92620. kathyschager@gmail.com

**DARON HUBBERT '97** to **HEATHER WELLS '01** on November 19, 2006 in Riverside. Daron and Heather both work at California Baptist University. Daron is the director of residence life and Heather is the director of campus activities. 14346 Fairchild Dr., Corona, CA 92880.

**7 MEGAN MATSELBOBA '98** to Michael Maslowski on July 21, 2007 in Buffalo, New York. Megan works as an intelligence analyst in the Counterterrorism Division at the FBI. Michael works as a policy analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). 2315 40<sup>th</sup> Pl. NW, #102, Washington, DC 20007. meganmatselboba@hotmail.com

**HEATHER GAINES '99** to Joshua Sanford on June 9, 2007 in Pasadena. Heather is associate dean of students at Maranatha High School. 353 W. Broadway St., Glendale, CA 91204. h\_sanford@mhs-hs.org

**8 WENDY ECKERT '01** to Brian Leibundguth on October 28, 2007. Brian is an officer in the Air Force and Wendy works from home as a graphic designer. PO Box 1200, Paradise, CA 95967.

**CHRISTY BAUER '03** to Stefan Eriksson on September 16, 2007. Stefan is from Sweden. Christy is working with Surfing the Nations. PO Box 29393, Honolulu, HI 96823. Christy@surfingthenations.com

**9 DA'NE NE BECKUM '04** to Roman Anthony on July 7, 2007 in Ontario. Da'Nene works as a social services practitioner for the County of San Bernardino Department of Children's Service. Roman works freight at Home Depot. 799 Allegheny St., Apt. 30, Beaumont, CA 92223. Romananddanene@gmail.com

**AARON RIETKERK '04** to **LINNEA MORRISON '05** on March 18, 2006. Linnea is a student teacher in the California State University, Fullerton credential program. Aaron is an adjunct professor at APU. 227 W. Hillside St., La Habra, CA 90631. flyindutchm2@hotmail.com

**10 DANIELLE SADDORIS '04** to Christopher Williams on June 3, 2007. Danielle and Christopher were high school sweethearts. 5365 Toscana Way, Apt. 4311, San Diego, CA 92122. merelybeing@gmail.com

**11 LUKE WILLIAMS '04** to **CARMEN ESTRADA '06** on September 2, 2006 in Mission Viejo. Luke is a recruiter for LG Consulting in Seattle. Carmen is a professional artist. They met at APU in 2003 and are involved in the Spanish group at their church. 16415 137<sup>th</sup> Ave. E, Puyallup, WA 98374. williams@hotmail.com

**FAITH CHEN JIA LEE '05** to Jay Kenton on June 30, 2007. Both are currently pursuing graduate studies in conducting at APU's School of Music. Faith teaches undergraduate classes as a graduate assistant and sings with the Angeles Chorale. Jay teaches at LILA (Lycee International de Los Angeles, a French International School) and sings with the Los Angeles Master Chorale. 420 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Apt. D, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. pocopiurubato@gmail.com

**RACHEL HO '05** to Randy Hastings on June 30, 2007 at the Castle Green in Pasadena. Rachel and Randy met while working with the junior high students at Pomona First Baptist Church. Rachel has returned to APU as the administrative assistant to the Honors and General Studies programs. Randy specializes in computers and is an independent contractor with ProTek-IT. 550 E. Payson St., Glendora, CA 91740. randyandrachel@roadrunner.com

**12 BARBARA HORSLEY '05** to Matthew McDavid on January 6, 2007. 1201 Fairhaven Ave., Apt. 6B, Santa Ana, CA 92705. behorsley@yahoo.com

**ALLISON MORGAN '05** to Jeremy Clemens on January 5, 2008. 10061 Park Meadows Dr., Apt. 61204, Lone Tree, CO. 10061 Park Meadows Dr., Apt. 61204, Lone Tree, CO. allisonmaryclemens@gmail.com

**MICHAEL NATION '05** to **LAURA ANDERSON '06** on September 9, 2007 in a garden ceremony in Somis. Laura works at a group home in Baldwin Park. Michael teaches and attends APU, where he is earning a master's degree in counseling. 444 Amelia Ave., #276, San Dimas, CA 91773. mnation@apu.edu

**13 ANGELIQUE K. GOMEZ '07** to Billy F. Gordon Jr. on December 2, 2007 in Coronado, a classic tale of southern country boy meets city girl. In January 2008, they relocated to Virginia Beach for Billy's military career. They are excited to see what God will bring them. 709 Cocowalk Ln., #301, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. angelique.gomez@gmail.com

**JOY PIERSON '07** to Lieutenant Anthony Felix, USAF on October 6, 2007 in Austin, Texas. 5555 Sapphire Ln., Anchorage, AK 99504.

### FUTURE ALUMNI

To **MICHELE (MAGSAYSAY '89) EHRENBERG** and her husband, Tommy, a daughter, Elizabeth, on May 15, 2007. Elizabeth joins Earl, 16; Alyssa, 14; and Emily, 3. 5905 San Remo Way, Yorba Linda, CA 92887.

To **NEAL FROH '90** and his wife, Tammi, a daughter, Taylor Rose, on October 8, 2007. 1616 Bradford Dr., Glendora, CA 91740. tammifroh@hotmail.com

To **CHRISTINE (LARSON '91) LUHILA** and her husband, Donovan, a son, Caleb Kamwandi, on August 22, 2007 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Caleb joins two older adopted children: Barbara, 18, and Danny, 10. C/O Pat and Leigh Larson, 202 Walnut Trace Ct., Simpsonville, SC 29681. christine\_larson-luhila@wvi.org

To **DAVID BACH '92** and his wife, **STACEY (TILLOTSON '95)**, a daughter, Megan Eleanor, on July 26, 2007. Megan joins sister Jane, 5, and brother Matthew, 3. Dave is regional vice president for class.com and Stacey stays busy with the kids. 1202 Tiki Ln., Tustin, CA 92780.

To **KIM (WOOD '92) NIETO** and her husband, **FRANK '99**, a son, Daniel Alexander, on January 9, 2008. Daniel joins his brothers Joshua, 4, and Gabriel, 2. 2315 Heron Ct., Rocklin, CA 95765. fanieto@hotmail.com and kim.nieto@hotmail.com

**14** To **GREG ISAAC '92** and his wife, Jennifer, an adopted son, Avi Abush, 4, from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Avi came home on Christmas Day 2007. Greg teaches fourth grade in the Denver public schools and enjoys being the dad to Mia, Noah, Jaso, and Avi. 690 S. Decatur St., Denver, CO 80219. gjisaac@gmail.com

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JOY HOFFMAN, M.Ed. '02 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

REBECCA MILLER '04 VENICE, ITALY

ROD '97 AND COLETTE (SIMMEROK '98) FOSTER PANAMA CANAL, PANAMA

ERIKA VON PLATO '04 PHILLIP ISLAND, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

FRANK LOTH, MBA '97 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



To **KERRI (HAMMILL '92) LOVE** and her husband, Bob, a son, Matthew, in April 2006. Matthew joins three big sisters: Nicole, 13; Emily, 9; and Natalie, 6. Bob and Kerri recently celebrated 16 years of marriage. Kerri works part time at City of Hope Hospital. 1514 Wedgewood Way, Upland, CA 91786. BobandKerriLove@yahoo.com

**15** To **SUSAN (STAIGER '93) HENRY** and her husband, **JOE '96**, a daughter, Sarah McKenna, on August 15, 2007. Sarah joins big brother Matthew, 4. Joe is a physical education teacher and coach at Day Creek Intermediate. Susan teaches second grade at Lightfoot Elementary. 14621 Saddlepeak Dr., Fontana, CA 92336. s\_henry@verizon.net

To **AMY (WESTLEY '93) McLEAN** and her husband, Brad, a son, Benjamin Ross, on June 24, 2007. Amy was recently named Teacher of the Year in the ORUEF Consortium of Christian Schools from among 50 nominees. She was flown to Tulsa to accept the honor and cash award. 9633 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Cir., Arvada, CO 80005.

**16** To **COLETTE (KOCH '93) VELDSTRA** and her husband, Jeremy, a daughter, Lyndee Emlyn, on October 4, 2007. Lyndee joins big sister Lenna, 3. 6515 Everglades Ct., Rocklin, CA 95765. colettekoch@hotmail.com

To **CYNTHIA (SOMORA '94) KUMMER** and her husband, Shawn, a son, Cooper James, on May 7, 2007. 1134 Willow St., Apt. 11, San Jose, CA 95125. commercerprincess@hotmail.com

**17** To **JENNIFER (FORD '94) STARNS** and her husband, Dennis, a daughter, Avelyn Rose, on December 17, 2007. She joins big sisters, Vivian, 3, and Eva, 2. Dennis works as an editor and Jennifer as a director for Trinity Broadcasting and JCTV. 17726 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E, Tacoma, WA 98354. jennstarns@hotmail.com

To **STACEY (TILLOTSON '95) BACH** and her husband, **DAVE '95**, a daughter, Megan Eleanor, on July 26, 2007. She joins big sister Jane, 5, and big brother, Matthew, 3. 1202 Tiki Ln., Tustin, CA 92780 dbach31@yahoo.com, staceymbach@yahoo.com

To **SARA (BROWN '96) BROOKMAN, M.A. '01**, and her husband, **MARK '97**, a daughter, Katy Ann, on September 17, 2007. She joins big sister Kinsey, 5, and big brother John Mark, 3. Sara and Mark recently opened a music store in Polson, Montana, called The Lesson House. 32681 Snyder Hill Ln., Ronan, MT 59864. brookies@earthlink.net

**18** To **KATHRYN (VISELLI '96) CHILDS** and her husband, **RYAN '97**, a daughter, Alexa "Lexie" Grace Judith, on August 25, 2007. Lexie joins siblings Kylie, 10; Aaron, 8; and Emma, 4. Kathryn is a worship leader at Ontario First Church of the Nazarene. Ryan is a landscape designer at Disneyland Resort. 133 E. Hawthorne Dr., Ontario, CA 91764. disneymomof3@hotmail.com

**19** To **LIEUTENANT NICK MARTINEZ '96** and his wife, Kerry, a son, John Cade, on February 22, 2007. Nick is a deputy intelligence officer stationed at the Navy Information Operations Command, Norfolk. Kerry is a senior account executive for Anthem Blue Cross. 3978 Shady Oaks Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23455. nick.martinez@navy.mil

To **TAMMIE (BELL '96) SWIFT** and her husband, Russ, a son, Carter John, on September 21, 2007. Carter joins big brothers Zachary, 5, and Tyler, 3. Tammie worked as a nurse at CHLA for 11 years, and currently stays home with the boys. Russ works in the IT department at Countrywide in Simi Valley as a network engineer. 21502 Stover Flat Ct., Santa Clarita, CA 91390. tbella99@yahoo.com

**20** To **LYNDA (GARCIA '97) ALLEN** and her husband, **JASON '97**, a son, Mason Cole, on May 14, 2007. Mason joins big sister, Macie Emily, 3. Jason teaches kindergarten. Lynda stays at home with the kids. 237 S. Winston Ave., West Covina, CA 91791. jallen97@charter.net

**21** To **TRICIA (MERRILL '97) McCORKLE** and her husband, Brock, a daughter, Corinne Michelle, on October 16, 2007. 13513 Sutter Ct., Fontana, CA 92336. triciadawnmcc@hotmail.com

To **REBECCA (ZUIDERVAART '97) McMAHON** and her husband, Matt, a daughter, Kate, in November 2006. Kate joins big brother Caleb, 4. Matt works part time as a licensed clinical social worker, and Rebecca serves in the church with women's ministries. 5237 Gatwick Ct., Salida, CA 95368.

**22** To **JEFF WESTRA '97** and his wife, **TIFFANY (BIXBY '03)**, a son, Ezekial Bixby, on February 6, 2008. Jeff is pursuing his nursing degree full time. 220 Grand Oaks Dr., Glendora, CA 91741. jeffandtiffwestra@yahoo.com

**23** To **MELISSA (BISBEE '98) PARKER** and her husband, Kyle, a son, Micah Timothy, on July 12, 2007. Kyle and Melissa both work for U.S. Bank in Portland, Melissa as a human resources generalist and Kyle as a collections manager. 1006 SW 19<sup>th</sup> Way, Troutdale, OR 97060. melissa.parker@yahoo.com

To **SHANNON (HICKS '00) HARTZ** and her husband, **ROBERT '00**, a son, Briley Renea, born October 24, 2007. Briley joins big brothers Brock, 3, and Dane, 1. 2715 Versante Terr., Chino Hills, CA 91709. shricks66@hotmail.com

To **CHRISTINA (GRIFFIN '00) LANG** and her husband, Brandon, a son, Hyatt Noble, on October 24, 2007. Hyatt joins big brothers Hunter and Hayden. 109 Oak Pl., Tehachapi, CA 93561. bcl1800@bak.rr.com

**24** To **ALLISON (GRANT '00) LUGAR** and her husband, **MATTHEW '00**, a daughter, Brynn Elise, born August 11, 2007. 26672 Strafford, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. anlugar@gmail.com

To **HEIDI (MADISON '00) WALKER** and her husband, **DAVE '00**, a daughter, Lauren Paige, on July 31, 2007. She joins big sister Avery, 2. Dave works at the law firm, Brown, Berardini, and Dunning in Denver. Heidi stays home with the girls. 10621 Ashfield St., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. daveheidwalk@yahoo.com

**25** To **KRYSTAL A. (WASHINGTON '00) WALTON** and her husband, Darren, a son, Devin, on June 13, 2007. Devin joins stepbrother Daniel, 9. Since Devin's birth, Krystal resigned from teaching special education students to become a full-time mom. 9607 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305. mommy2devin@yahoo.com

**26** To **SHAUNA (HURLEY '01) ATTWOOD** and her husband, John, a son, Logan, on January 25, 2008. He joins big sister, Abigail, 2. 15146 Fox Ridge Dr., Fontana, CA 92336. shaunaattwood@hotmail.com, jsattwood@verizon.net

**27** To **EMILY (JONES '01) LEX** and her husband, **RYAN '01**, a son Mason Woodward, on November 2, 2007. He joins big brothers Ethan, 4, and Brayden, 3. 18319 123<sup>rd</sup> St. E, Bonney Lake, CA 98391. emilylex@hotmail.com

To **KATHERINE (PATTISON '01) RHON** and her husband, **DAN '01**, a son, Micah Andrew, on November 6, 2007. Micah joins big sister, Noemi. 6455 Candleview Ct., San Antonio, TX 78244. drhonster@gmail.com http://gallery.mac.com/DRHON

To **CHELSEA (VANDERVALK '01) ROTUNNO** and her husband, Andy, a daughter, Angelina Sofie, on September 4, 2007. Angelina joins big sister Eliana Carmen, 2. Andy is the youth pastor at Village Church in Burbank. He also owns his own videography business for special events and weddings. Chelsea enjoys staying at home with her daughters. 1109 San Rafael Ave., #9, Glendale, CA 91202. info@ourlifefilms.com

**28** To **DOUG ERICKSON '02** and his wife, a daughter, Isabella Hope, on August 20, 2007. dougwerickson@hotmail.com

**29** To **ROBIN (HARROLD '03) KRILL** and her husband, **JIM '05**, a daughter, Amalea Lorayne, on October 1, 2007. Robin is an English teacher at Moorpark High School and Jim is a youth pastor at Christian Church of Thousand Oaks. 13125 E. Millerton Rd., Moorpark, CA 93021. jim@ccto.org http://amalealorayne.blogspot.com

To **SHARI-RAE (METZ '03) TIILIKAINEN** and her husband, David, a daughter, Kirah Rose, on November 8, 2007. 635 E. Autumn Crest Cir., Colorado Springs, CO 80919. srtiilkainen@hotmail.com

**30** To **MATTHEW VISSER '03** and his wife, **SARAH '04**, a son, Maxwell David, on November 30, 2007. Max joins big sister Emma. 170 E. Sixth St., #1678, Claremont, CA 91711. mvisser@apu.edu

**31** To **KELLI (KNIGHT '04) ANGEL** and her husband, **JOSH '05**, a daughter, Addison Linn, on July 30, 2007. 7694 Chickaree Ct., Littleton, CO 80125. kelliangel@gmail.com http://picasaweb.google.com/JoshAngel

**32** To **MIRJAM CASAR ZOLDOS '04** and her husband, Arpad, a son, Dejan, on November 24, 2007. Glavna ul 1 9220, Lendava, Slovenia. arpi.mirjam@siol.net

**33** To **KIMBERLY (STANDLEY '07) ORTIZ** and her husband, Andrew, a son, Dylan Patrick, on September 18, 2007. 118 E. Rosewood Ct., Ontario, CA 91764. kimmiegirl@apu.edu

## IN MEMORY

**SARAH PHILLIPS COX '45** passed away on February 10, 2008. Sarah served as a southeastern Kentucky missionary for most of her life. She is survived by a sister, Alice Pine; children Phyllis Kushman, Jerry Cox, Helen Wright, and Debbie Renfro; 11 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

**BILL DEMING '57** passed away October 25, 2007. Bill was a pastor of Calvary Baptist Church for more than a decade before following God's call to be a hospital chaplain. During the last 20 years, Bill's ministry at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital touched countless lives. He was a beloved friend of every-one who knew him and brought the good news and hope of Jesus Christ to the sick and dying. Bill is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joann, and their three children: Rick, Dan, and Jim. 17050 Avenida Abuelitos, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

**WILLIAM HAGEMIER '59** passed away on October 16, 2007. He worked for Otis Elevator Company for several years. He is survived by his wife, **VERNA (DANIEL '60)**, and three children: Jeanine, Janet, and Bob. 1261 W. Palo Alto Ave., Fresno, CA 93711.

**KEITH McCARTHY '68** passed away April 7, 2007 in Canyon Lake, California, following an extended illness. Keith worked for Lake Elsinore Unified School District for 38 years, finishing his career as assistant superintendent for personnel services after also serving as a teacher and site administrator. He also taught for many years as a professor of school law and personnel services for several universities, including Azusa Pacific. Keith was a board member of the Inland Valley Hospital in Murrieta for 10 years. He was predeceased by his loving wife, **MURIEL (DAVIS '68)**. He is survived by son David, and his family, and brothers Marv and Roger. PO Box 193, Big Bear City, CA 92314.

**PATTY DIANE DEGRAW '78**, born to James and Rosella Ogilvie on August 30, 1953, went home to be with the Lord on December 1, 2007 after an eight-year battle with cancer. Patty grew up in Los Angeles and married Randy DeGraw in 1978. They moved to Auburn, California, where Patty worked as an RN and taught piano. They moved to Visalia in 1987, where she home-schooled their children. She was actively involved with the First Church of God, Tulare. She is survived by her husband; children Michael, Sarah, Rebekah, Matthew, and Elizabeth; her parents; and sister, Jeanette Wood. 1834 S. Thomas St., Visalia, CA 93292.

**KEVIN LEROY BAILY '87** passed away on January 8, 2008, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, after a long battle with ALS. Kevin was a lifelong member of First Church of God, a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents, the national Association of Tax Professionals, and the Florida Society of Enrolled Agents. He is survived by son Kenneth; daughter Katherine; parents Herbert and Sylvia Bailey; sister Karen Bailey; and grandmother Esther Bailey.

**ADHAM FARID '01** passed away on February 16, 2008. Born in Cairo in 1965, Adham moved to the U.S. after graduating high school. He served the last five years as senior pastor of Turn Around Ministry in Northridge, California, working with second-generation citizens of Middle Eastern descent. He is survived by his wife, Vickie, and three daughters, Michelle, Heather, and Jessica.

**RICHARD H. STRAND** passed away December 24, 2007 in Temple City. He taught at Azusa Pacific University in the School of Education from 1967-88. Richard is survived by his wife, Ruth, two sons, and their families. 8924 Camino Real, San Gabriel, CA 91775.

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Weddings (include bride's and groom's hometowns; spouse's APU class year, if applicable; wedding location and date): \_\_\_\_\_

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CALENDAR



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ALUMNI

<b>MAY</b>			
2-4	FR-SU		<b>Class of 1958 50-Year Reunion Weekend</b>
<b>JUNE</b>			
1	SU	2 p.m.	<b>Alumni and Family Day at the Storm</b>   Join alumni from the Murrieta Regional Center for the fourth annual Storm baseball game. For information, contact Kathryn Harris at kharr@apu.edu.
21	SA	12 p.m.	<b>LAPC Reunion</b>
21	SA	6 p.m.	<b>Class of 1998 10-Year Reunion</b>   Turner Campus Center
28	SA	6 p.m.	<b>Class of 1988 20-Year Reunion</b>   Turner Campus Center
28	SA	6 p.m.	<b>Class of 1983 25-Year Reunion</b>   Turner Campus Center
<b>JULY</b>			
26-Aug.	3		<b>Alumni Summer Missions Trip</b>   Urban Promise Ministries   Camden, NJ

ATHLETICS

<b>APRIL</b>			
25-26	FR-SA	All Day	<b>Track and Field at GSAC Championships</b>   Cougar Athletic Stadium   East Campus
<b>MAY</b>			
1-2	TH-FR		<b>Men's Tennis at NAIA Region II Tournament</b>   Fresno, CA
1-2	TH-FR		<b>Women's Tennis at NAIA Region II Tournament</b>   Fresno, CA
6-8	TU-TH		<b>Baseball vs. NAIA Region II Playoffs</b>   TBA
12-16	MO-FR		<b>Men's Tennis at NAIA National Championship</b>   Mobile, AL
12-16	MO-FR		<b>Women's Tennis at NAIA National Championship</b>   Mobile, AL
22-24	TH-SA		<b>NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships</b>   Edwardsville, IL
23-30	FR-FR		<b>Baseball at NAIA World Series</b>   Lewiston, ID

ARTS AND CULTURE

<b>APRIL</b>			
23-25	WE-FR		<b>Christians on Diversity in the Academy</b>   Sheraton Suites Fairplex   Pomona, CA
<b>MAY</b>			
2	FR	7:30 p.m.	<b>University Choir and Orchestra Command Performance 2008</b>   Lake Avenue Church   Pasadena, CA
15-17	TH-SA	7 p.m.	<b>Robin Hood</b>   Mary Hill Theater   West Campus
22-24	TH-SA	7 p.m.	<b>Robin Hood</b>   Mary Hill Theater   West Campus
24	SA	2 p.m.	<b>Robin Hood</b>   Mary Hill Theater   West Campus
31	SA	8 p.m.	<b>University Choir, Long Beach Symphony "Celebrate America"</b>   Terrace Theater   Long Beach, CA

SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>MAY</b>			
3	SA	9:30 a.m.	<b>Spring Commencement Graduate Ceremony</b>   Cougar Athletic Stadium   East Campus
3	SA	6 p.m.	<b>Spring Commencement Undergraduate Ceremony</b>   Cougar Athletic Stadium   East Campus

HOMECOMING AND DINNER RALLY

<b>OCTOBER</b>			
23-26	TH-SU		<b>Homecoming/Family Weekend</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
8	SA	6 p.m.	<b>Dinner Rally</b>

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Citrus and Alostia

The corner of Citrus and Alostia has quite a history. From 1886–1915, the home of Mary Ann and Harrison Fuller stood there. Alostia Avenue honors their oldest daughter Anna Losta Fuller. By 1926, Maybelle Scott Rancho School for Girls occupied that space. When Pacific Bible College (APU forerunner) purchased the property in 1946, the existing building housed administration offices, a student reception room, and a parlor. In spring 1987, the demolition of the administration

building paved the way for the construction of a three-building complex. On September 5, 1990, newly appointed President Richard Felix presided over the dedication ceremonies for the Munson Chapel, the Ronald Center, and the Warren Music Center on the corner of Citrus and Alostia avenues.

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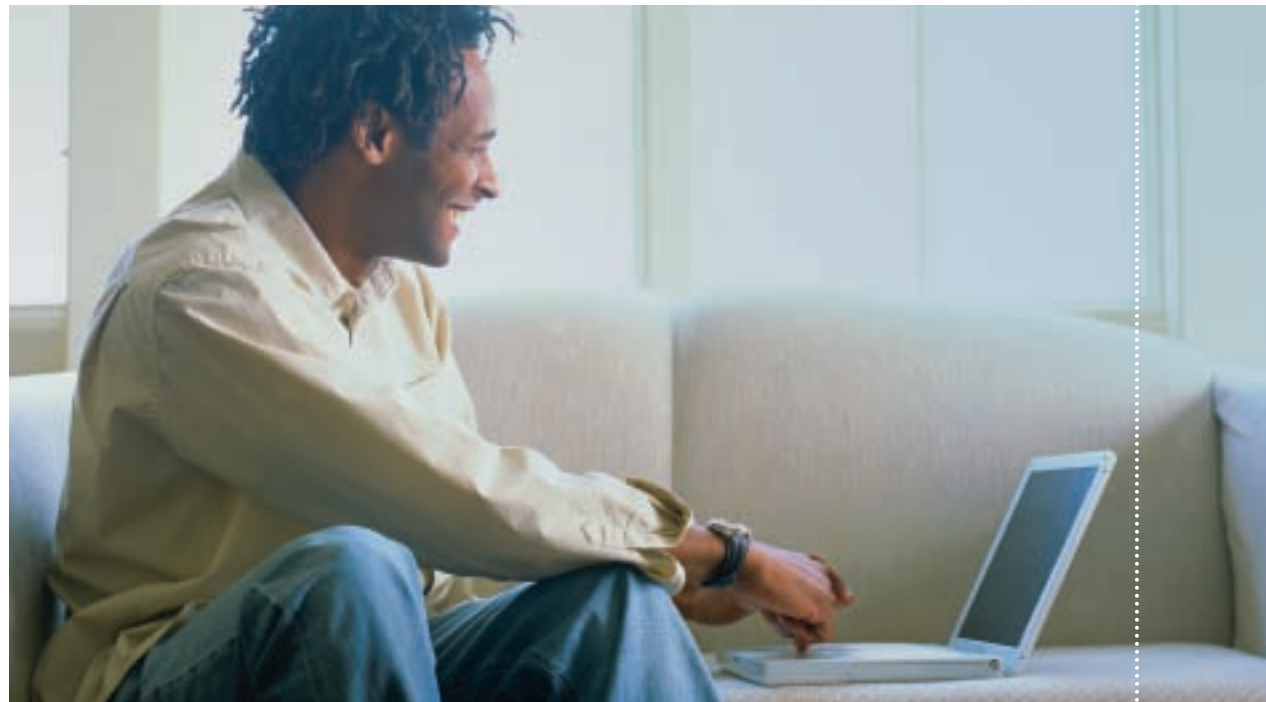
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