

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ALUMNI/AE NEWSLETTER
December, 2003

ABOUT OUR ALUMS

Al Harris '51 and his wife Gerrie are enjoying retirement in Gulf Breeze, Florida. He is singing in the choir and teaching a Sunday School class on I Peter. He says he referred to notes that he made in a class at CTS taught by a visiting professor from Italy.

Thomas P. Tidwell '60 is stated supply at Red Bay Presbyterian Church, Walton County, Florida. This is an ecumenical arrangement between Red Bay Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches "methobapterians". Services are held Sunday mornings and evenings in the three different buildings by one of the three pastors.

William E. McElveen '63 was honorably retired by the Presbytery of the James on June 14, 2003. He has served churches in South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. He and his wife Peggy reside in McKenney, Virginia.

Robert "Gene" Horne '65 is retiring the 31st of December as pastor of Leon Springs church in San Antonio, Texas. He is also stepping down from being the Council Commissioner of Alamo Area Boy Scouts of America for the last 4 years. He will continue to serve as a vice president of Activities. Gene is the recipient of the God and Service Award, the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, the Order of the Arrow Founders Award and is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

John Gleason '70 continues as Eastern ACPE Regional Director and taught in '03 Princeton Seminary Summer Institute.

Thomas R. Atkins '77 retired from the U.S. Navy Chaplaincy September 1, 2003, after 24 years of service. His last position was as Command Chaplain in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for all Mid-Pacific ministries at ashore Navy facilities and aboard U.S. Navy ships. Until assuming a PCUSA church pastorate, he will be offering Christian ministry supervision for a new Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Sarasota, Florida.

Charles L. Evans '78 is now pastor of three churches, Geneva, Hebron and Oak Hill near Oxford, North Carolina.

Sara Juengst '83 has published *Journey Through The Word*, her sixth book with Westminster John Knox Press, co-authored with Dr. James Davison of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Miriam Dunson '85 (DMin.) is retiring December 31, after serving as national staff person for the Office of Older Adult Ministry at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville.

She plans to continue serving as a consultant to presbyteries and congregations, as speaker, workshop leader, etc, and do much of the programming and resourcing that she has done previously, but on a volunteer basis.

Joey T. Byrd '87 is currently serving as an Assistant Chaplain and Resource Manager at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. He has served 13 years in the Army Reserve/National Guard. **Carol Byrd '88 '92 (DMin.)** is taking a sabbatical from pasturing and counseling and enjoying being home with their three teenage children.

Sally Lorey '92 has finished an interim pastorate at Jekyll Presbyterian community Church and accepted an invitation to join the staff of St. Simons Presbyterian Church as the Parish Associate of Adult Ministries.

Andy Walton '92 is now pastor of Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.

Jones Doughton '93 is engaged to Mary Lee Ward. They met at the wedding of **Mike O'Neil '93**. Mike will be a groomsman as well as brother-in-law **John Hinkle '94**. The wedding will take place at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas, April 24th, 2004.

Walt Tennyson '93 and the Broadway Presbyterian Church were featured in the New York Times, November 17, 2003. The article focused on many of the unique outreach ministries of the church.

Laurie Valentine '96 married Scott North September 20, 2003 in Greensboro, North Carolina. They are making their home in Kernersville, North Carolina. Laurie is seeking a new call after leaving a pastorate in Reidsville, North Carolina.

Marianne McMasters Romanat '97 and husband Kyle are enjoying their new baby girl, Marisa Frye Romanat, born September 25, 2003, in Boone, North Carolina.

Charles Wilson (Will) Ramsey was born to **Laura Cunningham '98 and Scott Ramsey '98** August 9, 2003, Arlington, Virginia.

Pam '98 and Jeff Leach have a new baby daughter, Juliana Danielle Leach born September 11, 2003. Three-year-old Hanna Meg loves being a big sister and helping Mom and Dad.

Melanie Mitchell '99 was ordained on September 20, 2003, by the Spanish Evangelical Church, in conjunction with the PCUSA, and installed as pastor of the Iglesia de Cristo in Madrid, Spain. She is also a theology professor at the University of St. Louis in Madrid.

Michael R. Bailey '00 and his wife Laura had their first child, a son, Hudson Reaves Bailey May 14, 2003. Hudson has already been to his first Montreat Youth Conference.

Amy Lehr '01 and Hunter Camp '01 are proud parents of a baby boy, William Hunter Camp III born November 10, 2003.

Blaine Hill '01 and wife Laura are very busy with twin boys, Joseph Gardner and Isaac Carter, born November 5, 2003.

Bobby Williamson '01 graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Jewish Studies. He is now in the first year of his Ph.D. program in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Emory University.

Wade Halva '01 and Laurie Fields '01 announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Grace, born October 30, 2003.

Paul Nam Min '01 has been called as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, California, Pennsylvania.

Kathryn Summers-Bean '01, husband Chris and son Sam welcomed the newest member of their family, Benjamin Allen Summers-Bean on September 30, 2003. Kathryn serves as stated supply at Red House Presbyterian Church.

David "Oats" Dault '02 delivered a paper in the History of Judaism section at the regional AAR/SBL SECSOR meeting last March in Chattanooga. He spent June and July in Berlin on DAAD grant to learn German at the Goethe Institut. He is co-supply pastor at Central Church, Culeoka, TN and is working on his PHD in theology at Vanderbilt.

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Mooney '58 died August 13, 2003.

George L. Riddle '34 died August 3, 2003

Johnny C. Reynolds '95 (DMin.) died October 5, 2003.

TRAVELS AROUND THE CHURCH

During October I visited with **Doug Blair '68** in Henderson, Kentucky, **Steve Rhodes '75** in Berea and **John Cole '98** in Somerset. **Doug Slagle '68** hosted a luncheon for CTS alums of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery at the Second church in Louisville where he and **Lisa Eye '02** serve.

The Columbia Seminary display and I attended a meeting of St Andrew Presbytery at Camp Hopewell, near Oxford, Mississippi. **Robert Allen '73** is the Director there and he is serving presently as moderator of that presbytery. **Coy Franklin '64** preached a very

fine sermon as his retirement was recognized and celebrated. I had the pleasure of seeing quite a few alums as well as visiting with a couple of students who are looking forward to attending CTS in the near future.

On October 16 I attended Trinity Presbytery meeting at the Congaree church in Cayce, South Carolina. **Jim Lowry '66** was the preacher for worship (I get to hear a lot of good preaching). Among the many CTS alums I visited with was Dr. **Sara Juengst '83** (author, teacher, worship leader) who seems to be omnipresent these days at presbytery meetings, workshops and leadership events throughout the southeast.

On October 25 & 26 **Lee Carroll '68, Maggi Henderson** and I accompanied fourteen of our fine students to the Delta region of Mississippi. We enjoyed wonderful hospitality and excellent barbeque at the Cleveland, Mississippi, church where **Sid Harmon '87** (D.Min) is pastor. Members of other churches in the area joined us, and following dinner took the students home where they taught church school classes and preached the following morning. It was a delightful and educational experience for us all. It seems that St. Andrew Presbytery is making an annual event of this "pilgrimage" and we're happy about that!

Ray Howe '62 hosted several members of New Harmony Presbytery, **Steve Hayner**, our new Professor of Evangelism, and me at a luncheon in Florence, South Carolina October 30. It was a special opportunity for our alums to meet and hear from our newest faculty member.

In November I attended meetings of Memphis, Tropical Florida and Peace River Presbyteries. **Laurie Kraus '94** (DMin.) is moderator of Tropical Florida and **Bill Hull '66**, pastor of Kirkwood church, Bradenton, Florida, was installed as moderator of Peace River. Bill hosted a luncheon and gathering of CTS alums in Bradenton. It was good to see "old" friends and to meet new ones there.

If you are interested in a "get-together" for alums in your area, please let me know and we'll work with you to make that happen.

The attachment below has information about Colloquium 2004. Make your plans to attend.



Colloquium2004.pdf

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CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

Winter/Spring 2004

January 26-29 JANUARY SEMINARS

"Nurturing Faith at the Edge: Preaching, Teaching, and Communicating in a Changing Culture"

Leaders: Tom Long, Anna Carter Florence, Barbara Brown Taylor, John Westerhoff, and Dent Davis will lead daily worship and seminars on lectionary preaching (Lent to Pentecost), ministry on the border between the church and the world, prayer as appreciative inquiry, and the making of Christians. Cost is \$240

February 2-4 Prophetic Voices: Biblical Faith In Changing Times

In partnership with Eckerd College and Candler School of Theology, this event will be held on the Eckerd campus from February 2-4, 2004. Walter Brueggemann and Carl Holladay are conference leaders. Conference registration of \$250.00 is due by Dec. 15; late registration will be \$275. Room and board costs are additional.

February 8-11 EVERYDAY SACRAMENTS

In this four-day course, participants will explore incarnational theology as a guide to encountering God in everyday objects and actions.

Leader: Barbara Brown Taylor Cost: \$195

March 2-3 USING TECHNOLOGY: PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

This event will feature discussion on practical ideas for using technology in ministry as well as hands-on workshops in a computer lab.

Leaders: John Jewell and Nicky Story Cost: \$150 (includes lunch)

March 15-19 Bodybuilding for Ministry

CTS Class of 2002 - this is for you! Designed for persons in their first calls, this will be a time for reflection, study, recreation and fellowship. Cost - nothing but your transportation to campus! Watch your email-boxes for more information!

March 7-11 CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Open to clergy and laywomen, the days include discussions on spirituality led by the sisters at the retreat center. There will be time for worship, private meditation, contemplation and reflection, as well as generous amounts of silent unstructured time for relaxing, reading, journaling, walking, etc.

Leader: Roberta Martin Cost: \$250 (includes room & board)

March 8-10 PASTORAL CARE: FAMILY SYSTEMS

Leader: Sharon Mook Cost: \$150 (includes lunch)

April 19-20 WRITING WORKSHOP: GETTING THE WORD OUT

A workshop on creative writing for preaching, teaching, and pastoral work, to inspire and assist clergy and educators in writing sermons, prayers, liturgy, newsletters, etc.

Leader: Dana Hughes Cost: \$150 (includes lunch)

April 25-30 CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT FOR MEN

The group follows the monastic day of worship, prayer, work, and private meditation. There are generous amounts of unstructured time for following one's own agenda.

Leader: David Guthrie

Cost: \$260 (includes room & board)

May 10-14 EVANGELISM IN MINISTRY

Leader: Steve Hayner

Cost: \$120 (includes lunch)

For registration and further information contact the Continuing Education Office,
Columbia Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031.

Phone: 404 687- 4562

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COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HISTORY

In 1988 the Alumni/ae Association Council approved the Recognition Program in order to recognize outstanding service to the church rendered by Columbia Seminary graduates. Please read the information below and give careful thought about whom you would like to nominate.

PURPOSE

Recognition shall be given to alumni/ae who exemplify the ideals expressed in Columbia Seminary's Statement of Mission found in the seminary catalog.

ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATIONS

A nominee shall have modeled well the Christian life, demonstrating an obedient and faithful ministry and leadership in the service of God, courageous in conviction, having worked in partnership with governing bodies and other agencies of the church.

Ordinarily, selected nominees shall be able to be present at the awards ceremony in which they are honored. Current members of Columbia's faculty, staff, and Alumni/ae Council are not eligible for nomination. All nominations are to be submitted to the seminary's Alumni/ae Office.

PROCEDURES

The Alumni/ae Council shall annually commission an eight-member Selection Committee to receive nominations and make recommendations to the Council. This committee shall include the Immediate Past President, who will be chair, the current President, four at-large members of the Alumni/ae Council, and two members of the seminary faculty.

The Selection Committee shall review all nominations and bring recommendations to the Alumni/ae Council by letter from the President. The Council will vote on the committee's recommendations. Those selected shall be notified that recognition will be made at the Association's Annual Luncheon.

The Alumni/ae Council in all cases will make the final selection of those persons to be recognized or may determine in any given year to award more than one person or may decide that no one is to be awarded in a given year.

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Nomination Form

Nominations must be received no later than December 30, 2003

Date:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone numbers

Office:

Home:

Email Address:

Current Position:

Reason/s for nomination: Be as specific as possible. If necessary, add a second page for additional information.

Your Name:

Address:

Phone numbers

Office:

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Email address:

Current Position:

Return to: Respond by email to poeb@ctsnet.edu <<mailto:poeb@ctsnet.edu>> or print and mail to: Barbara Poe, Columbia Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031

Here is our **updated parent/son-daughter list**. Let us know if you know of others.

Richard Gillespie(grandfather)	Mary Amos '85 & Richard T. Gillespie IV
Jim Richardson '65	
Mary's Brother-in-Law)	John Richardson (current student)
William Childs Robinson, Sr.	William Childs Robinson, Jr. '48, James M. Robinson '46
Samuel Burney Hay '23 (Deceased)	Burney Hay Gardner'50 Alvin Allen Gardner '50 (son-in-law) Louly Hay '96 (daughter-in-law)
William McLeod Frampton '36 (Deceased)	Don Frampton '82
Van M. Arnold '38	William V. Arnold '66
Cecil D. Brearley, Sr.	Cecil D. Brearley, Jr. '47
Ladson M. Brearley '59	David A. Long, III '65 (Son-in-Law)
Donald B. Bailey '41	David J. Bailey '82
Al Mathes '41 (deceased)	Beecher Mathes'92, Barron Hopper '86(son-in-law)
G. Dana Waters, Jr. '42	G. Dana Waters III '58
Robert Stamper '43(deceased)	Bryan Stamper, Sr. '71, Meda Stamper '99 Bryan Stamper, Jr.'03 (Grandson)
Sidney Anderson '44	Ellen Anderson '95
Wade Huie '46	Scott Huie '94
Robert DeWitt Alexander '47	Rebekah Alexander Maul '82
John Newton '47 (deceased)	Charlie Newton '91
Roy Coker '48	Marc Coker '81
Charles Benz '50	Cindy Benz '03 (Daughter-in-law)
James Terrell '51 (deceased)	Ken Terrell '71
David R. Moorefield '51	Susan Moorefield Newton '92
Jim Newsome '55	Richard Newsome'90 and Laura Pittman '88
Ken Boyer '56	Grace Boyer '95
Jerry Hammet '57	Jarred Hammet '85
Jim Speed '57	Todd Speed '93 and Sarah McTyre '88
Gary Barber '58	Don Barber '97

Lewis Bullard '59
Louie V. Andrews, Jr. '59
Fred Powell '59 (deceased)
Martin Harkey '63
Bill Hyers '64
Dan Youngblood '66
Clarence Fouse '67
John E. (Jack) Westlund '68
Charles Scott '69
Virginia Simmons-Ellis '78
Wesley Brock '84(deceased)
Carol T. Bender '93
Carol Seaman '95
Joy Pruett '95
Maxine Edwards '97
Jennifer Horton '99
Gloria Jennings '90 '99 (DMin)
LaDonna Scruggs '99
Mike Williams'02

Gary Bullard '85
Louie V. Andrews III '01
Fred Powell '02
Luke Harkey '74
David Hyers '01
Lucy Youngblood '01
Clay Fouse '04 and Jennifer Fouse '02
John E. Westlund Jr. '68
Mary Kay Scott Collins '97, Holly Scott Tickle '90
Luke Ellis (current student)
John Brock (current student)
David Bender '01
Ashley Seaman '01
Lee Pruett Walker'85, Brad Walker'89 (son-in-law)
Bea Edwards Copeland '01
David Horton '98
Guy (Trip) Jennings '99
Melana Scruggs '87
Jenn Wilson '02 Davison Philips '43 (Father-in

STAY IN TOUCH

Please help Barbara and me stay in touch with you by emailing us any news of interest or changes in your address, life or work that you would like to share with the seminary community and other alums. If Barbara or I can be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

Blessings,

Bert

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