

Perspective

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GLOBAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
preparing leaders whose parish is the world

It is tempting to look backward across the academic year and review all of the wonderful things that have occurred at Perkins School of Theology since the fall of 2009. We dedicated new and renovated facilities in September. We inaugurated an endowed





Carl Daw, a Native American “Heleluyan,” African American gospel songs, and Latin American *coros*—and that is just the prelude. We will join with Christians in South Africa on a Freedom Song; we will pray with minority Christian groups in the Middle East; singing an Orthodox hymn; we will sway with the rhythms of a Filipino Christian folk song; we will chant the Lord’s Prayer with Christians from India; and we will dance *coros* with Christians from Chile.

Christians around the world have been singing the songs of the northern church for well over 200 years. Now that two-thirds of the Christian community lives in the southern hemisphere, the twenty-first century church has the opportunity to reciprocate and sing a truly global faith. What does our stanza look like? Our stanza is one of immense range, unequalled diversity, and unparalleled variety. Our stanza is one that sees worship as a cosmic gathering of saints from every time and place and Christians from every corner of the globe. Our stanza not only prays for those who are near and dear, but intercedes for a world in pain, oppression, and poverty of substance and soul, as well as for an earth that yearns for its redemption. Our stanza is one that renounces the security of the provincial and embraces the possibility of the cosmic.

There is good news! On the heels of van den Heuvel’s plea for new songs to speak to a 1960s world in turmoil and division, the Holy Spirit moved among Christian poets and we experienced an explosion of thoughtful, creative, and prophetic song equal to any time in the history of the Christian church. At the same time, missionaries from the northern church began to encourage the creation of songs from African, Asian, and Latin American Christians who were nourished by the joys, struggles, and hopes of these regions of the world. Through international gatherings of Christians in ecumenical and ecclesial venues, these songs became a part of worship and fellowship and found their way back to

the four corners of the earth. Hymnals such

as *Worship and Song* (1989) and

as *0010000_40510050004600500240049005010*, (*00010* *054005500* *05 4 4 44*

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Abraham fed the three strangers. Was Sarah laughing at their prophecy or at his cooking? Jesus had dinner with his disciples. The unnamed women serving the table surely leaned into his blessing. Faithfulness and feasting have always been together in our heritage.

In May 2009 men and women were together at a Perkins table. Dr. Bill Bryan, director of Perkins' Intern Program and Professional Formation, and his wife, Corinne Bryan, were attending a dinner in Singapore hosted by Perkins graduate Rev. Dr. Kang Ho Soon and his wife Yoek. Instead of familiar barbecue or Methodist fried chicken, a monumental crab in black pepper sauce was in the middle of the table. Perkins Sacred Music

graduate Judith Mosomos and retired bishop Rev. Dr. Yap Kim Hao added to the conversation. The topic was the dream of a yearlong residency for recent Perkins School of Theology graduates in The Methodist Church in Singapore.

For several decades Perkins graduates have served for a year or more in the Methodist Church in England. Dr. David Lowes Watson had established this residency program while he was teaching at Perkins (Bishop Earl Bledsoe of the North Texas Annual Conference was one of the Perkins alums who participated in the program following his graduation from Perkins). Eventually the residency program was shared by the thirteen United Methodist seminaries. In 2007 the British Home Office increased the immigration standards to better serve their national security with the unfortunate consequence terminating the British American Ministry Program.

The disappointment over the closing of the British American Ministry Program is being transformed to joy in conversations with the many Perkins friends in the English language Methodist conference on the island of Singapore, the Trinity Annual Conference. Conference president Rev. Dr. Wee Boon Hup and his cabinet are interested in this hospitality and education.

Singapore can be seen by Texans as Asia for beginners. People speak English, and air conditioning is everywhere. More challenging are Singapore's vibrant global diversity and ultimate politeness. Richard Fisher, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said to the SMU Town and Gown Club that we should send our students to Asia rather than Europe for them.

Trinity

INTERNATIONAL CENTER AT SMU


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The International Center serves the University by facilitating and overseeing international initiatives at SMU. Although the Center works primarily with international undergraduate students and undergraduate programs abroad, it increasingly cooperates with graduate and professional schools by providing guidance and resources. In the 21st century, a great university must be a global university. Through its activities, the Center seeks to foster an "ethos of internationalism" at SMU as the University continues to build its global future.

There are six main areas in which the International Center serves the University:

- 1) The Center recruits secondary school students studying outside the United States and makes admission decisions on the applications those students submit to SMU.
- 2) The Center provides advising on maintaining visa status to all international students (both graduate and undergraduate) and scholars at the University.
- 3) The Center promotes and manages education abroad opportunities for SMU students (primarily undergraduates). In addition to traditional study abroad, these opportunities also include internships, service learning, volunteering, and research.
- 4) The Center is an authorized International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test center.
- 5) In concert with the Office of Risk Management, the Center collects data on international activities and participants in those activities on behalf of the University.
- 6) The Center coordinates international alumni outreach activities and international fund-raising in partnership with the Office of Development and External Affairs.

Although there is much work to do, a number of recent developments are very encouraging. Applications from international students are up significantly over last year. The University has just received a gift of \$1+ million from the Barachel Foundation to provide scholarships for undergraduate students from China. The number of opportunities abroad for SMU students has risen exponentially in the past year. We now offer 145 programs abroad in 48 countries. We have programs on every continent with the exception of Antarctica. In addition, a \$100,000 endowment from the Compton Foundation will soon provide stipends for undergraduate students who wish to have an experience abroad. During the past eighteen months, the University has held alumni events in Mexico City, Copenhagen, New Delhi, Panama, Guatemala, Lima, Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, Taipei, and Shanghai. Our international alumni are excited about the progress SMU is making as a global university, and are helping with recruiting activities abroad, as well as contributing to The Second Century Campaign.

This is an exciting time to be involved with SMU, for students, faculty, staff, as well as friends of the University. The International Center appreciates the opportunity to work together with schools and departments as the University prepares graduates who will be able to make meaningful contributions in an increasingly interconnected global environment. 

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BRIDGELL LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
JULY 2010: JULY 7, 2010 - JULY 20, 2010



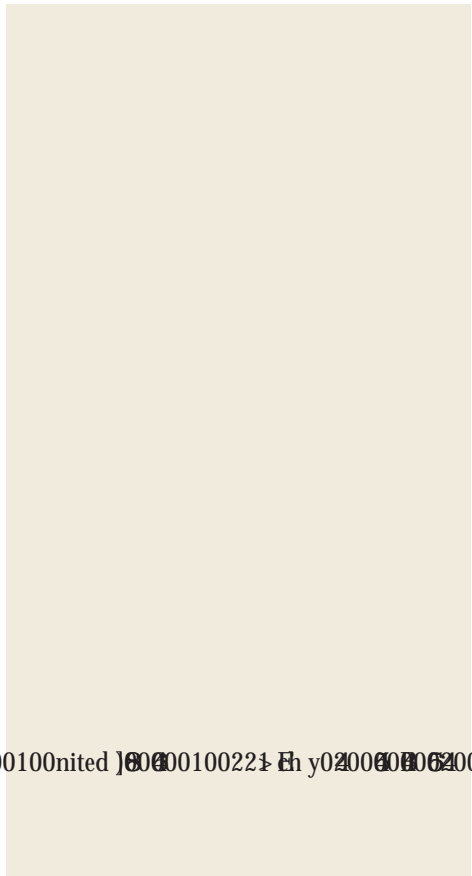
Albert Cook Outler, Professor of Wesley Studies, in November 2008 was presented with a collection by former doctoral students and colleagues in honor of his 60th birthday. The collection, edited by Pavel L. Gavilyuk (M.T.S.'95, Ph.D.'01), Douglas M. Koskela (Ph.D.'03), and Jason E. Vickers (Ph.D.'04), is titled *Abraham's Grand Theology of Everything* (Erdmans 2008). Abraham was also a featured speaker at SMU's TEDx on October 10, 2009. The title of his 18-minute message was "In Search of a Grand Theology of Everything."

John A. Curran, associate professor of Church History, was featured in the United Methodist Reporter in an article titled "Into the silence: Lenten services take a quiet turn." The article discusses Campbell's leadership in the service at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas.

John A. Curran, associate professor of New Testament, was among those selected to receive a 2010 Ford Senior Research Fellowship. The fellowship was awarded at the SMU Board of Trustees dinner on May 6th, 2010. Clark-Soles also serves on the editorial board for the *Bible*.

John A. Curran, Scurlock Professor of Human Values, was among the 299 leaders in the sciences, humanities and the arts, business, public affairs, and the nonprofit sector elected to the 2010 class of Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Academy, which celebrates the 230th anniversary of its founding this year, is one of the world's most prestigious honorary societies. Established by John Adams and other scholar-patriots, its membership includes more than 250 Nobel laureates and more than 60 Pulitzer Prize winners. Curran has also won the 2008 American Publishers Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) in Theology and Religious Studies for his publication *Grand Theology of Everything* (Georgetown University Press, 2008). Presented by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers since 1976, the award represents one of the highest honors bestowed by the publishing community upon academic authors.


John A. Curran, director of Pastoral Leadership and adjunct professor of Pastoral Care and Leadership, was one of two SMU professors chosen to receive a 2009-2010 Maguire Teaching Fellow award. The grant is awarded each year to two SMU professors chosen to receive a 2009-2010 Maguire Teaching Fellow award. The grant is awarded each year to two SMU professors chosen to receive a 2009-2010 Maguire Teaching Fellow award. The grant is awarded each year to two SMU professors chosen to receive a 2009-2010 Maguire Teaching Fellow award.



DR. DAVID MALDONADO, JR., 68
 RECIPIENT OF PERKINS
 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



David Maldonado, Jr. was named recipient of the 2009 Perkins Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Alumni Council of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. The singular award recognizes annually one graduate of Perkins who has demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support and involvement in the goals of Perkins School of Theology and SMU, demonstrated service in the wider community, and exemplary character. The award was presented to Dr. Maldonado February 4, 2009, during Perkins' Ministers Week.

Dr. Maldonado's service to Perkins and the church, spanning more than forty years, has taken myriad forms and found many fruitful expressions. A 1968 M.Div. graduate of the school, Maldonado is currently Director of the Center for Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins. He has held faculty and administrative positions at Iliff School of Theology, where he is President 2007-2010, Perkins, and California State University. An ordained elder in the Rio Grande Annual Conference, Dr. Maldonado has also served as a pastor and community organizer. He has written several books and numerous articles on a range of scholarly and pastoral subjects, held myriad denominational, national, and statewide service positions, and received many awards and recognitions. 

PERKINS OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
 REGISTERS THE 2010 DECEMBER
 HILKINSE AWARDS

The Office of Public Affairs of Perkins School of

'50s

... (M.T. '56), editor of ... magazine, has published a biography of Hildegard Goss-Mayr titled, ...

... (New City Press Hyde Park, NY, 2009). The book relates the story of Goss-Mayr, an Austrian Catholic pioneer in teaching the philosophy and practice of nonviolence amidst great historical events of the past half century.

... (B.S. '49, M.T. '52) has, in memory of his daughter, established The Jackie Garrett Morriss Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for Perkins students.

regional singing styles. Tromburg who traveled to Cameroon six times in the process of developing the publication, worked closely with then-superintendent of the Cameroon Church, Rev. Wes Magruder (M.Div.'96), as well as local musicians, pastors, and other church leaders.

'90s

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'97), superintendent of the Weatherford District of the Central Texas Annual Conference, received a Ph.D. in family studies from Texas Woman's University. Her dissertation title was "Perspectives of Strength: Female Elders in United Methodist Ministry."

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'97), associate pastor at Alamo Heights UMC in San Antonio, was featured in Duke Divinity School's *Journal of Religion* e-magazine (March 2, 2010) for his work in founding the Riverside Community, a satellite ministry of Alamo Heights 25 miles north of San Antonio.

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'99), director of the Center for Missional Excellence for the Texas Annual Conference, has been designated the liaison between UMCOR and annual conferences and congregations for relief efforts in Haiti. She helped to coordinate the distribution of nearly one million mosquito nets in Côte d'Ivoire.

'00s

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'08), pastor of Pleasant Mound UMC in Dallas, was featured in a February newscast on Dallas' WFAA News 8 for the congregation's work with Project Transformation, an afterschool program for neighborhood children hosted by the church. "With the children here, it just brings a new vitality," Crawford said in the interview. "We hear their voices in the halls and the running in the yard and it just gives us a renewed vision of our future."

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'08) was ordained December 5, 2009 in the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. She is the second woman to be ordained in the diocese. Gitane currently serves as priest-in-charge for both Christ the King Church and the Episcopal Church in Parker County.

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'09), senior pastor of Reedy Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Galveston, received the 2010 "Outstanding Minister" award from Prairie View A&M University in February at the school's 52nd Annual Ministers' Conference. Honors has been instrumental in the work of rebuilding Reedy Chapel, known as the mother church of African Methodism in Texas, following Hurricane Ike, which ravaged the church building in September 2008.

Dr. David L. (M.Div.'07), pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Dallas, was named the 2008 recipient of the "Outstanding Minister" award from the Texas Annual Conference.

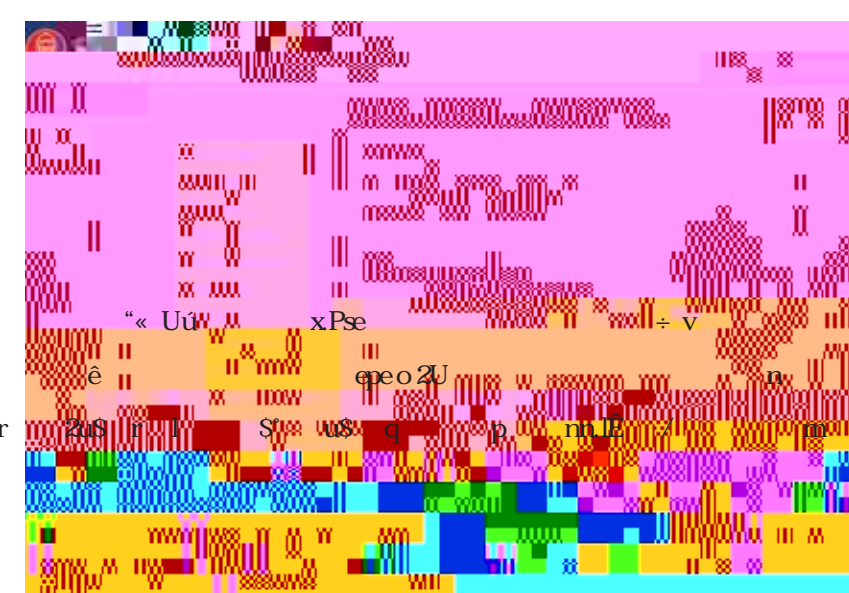
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VITAL MINISTRY



The Office of Public Affairs of Perkins School of Theology is pleased to announce the launch of the new Perkins website, www.smu.edu/perkins. The creation of the website has been a major undertaking involving significant contributions from Perkins staff, faculty, and students, as well as the creative and logistical services of Beard & Boone Marketing, the e-marketing team from the SMU Office of Public Affairs, the SMU Office of Information Technology. The new website features unprecedented access to the school's information resources, from admissions and financial aid to advanced studies and public programs. Opening to a compelling visual narrative inviting the viewer to embark on a journey of faith, the site offers a rich array of streaming video testimonials from students, faculty, and administrators of their own experience of the faith journey within the Perkins setting.



'60s

Walter L. Miller (M.T. '60) died August 3, 2009 at the age of 84. As a young man Miller worked with the U.S. government's Soil Conservation Service and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Authority before attending college and seminary. A clergy member of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, he served various churches throughout Texas. Miller retired in 1989 but continued his preaching and pastoral work until 2002. Gifts may be made in his memory to the Methodist Mission Home, San Antonio, Texas

Walter L. Miller (M.T. '57, M.S.M. '66) died January 26, 2010 at the age of 77. A clergy member of the North Texas Annual Conference, he served various churches in the North Texas area, and o

