

## EDS NEWS

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## EDS bestows 22 degrees, three honorary doctorates at 2011 Commencement

Under skies threatening to unleash a biblical downpour, Episcopal Divinity School's 22 graduates, along with faculty, staff, guests, and honorees, processed a brief—and more prudent—distance this year, from the robing area of the First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, to its front doors to begin the celebration of the School's 2011 Commencement on May 19.

The graduating Class of 2011 included ten Masters of Divinity, three Masters of Arts in Theological Studies, two Doctors of Ministry, and seven recipients of Certificates of Theological Study.

Telling the graduates, "You are not in the religion 'business'—you are in the transformation business," Commencement speaker Marie C. Wilson, founder and president *emeritus* of The White House Project, urged them to impart "passion, purpose and meaning" into their ministries in the church and in the world.

Wilson was one of three on whom EDS conferred the doctor of divinity, *honoris*

*causa*, for distinguished and faithful ministries in social justice. The other two were the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool '81, bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and lay Episcopalian Edward Cyril Chase of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

(To watch Wilson's commencement address, visit <http://www.eds.edu> and click on Commencement.)

### Three honored for service to justice

Marie C. Wilson was presented with her honorary doctoral degree by EDS' President and Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Katherine Hancock Ragsdale. An advocate for women's issues for more than 30 years, Wilson is also co-creator of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, and author of *Closing the Leadership Gap: Why Women Can and Must Help Run the World*.

In 1998, while president of the Ms. Foundation for Women, Wilson founded the White House Project in recognition of the need to



Marie C. Wilson, founder and president *emerita* of The White House Project, gives the Commencement Address.

build a truly representative democracy—one where women lead alongside men in all

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## Challenging words: Anderson, Dewey, Heyward, Rankin at EDS this spring



House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson (L) and EDS president and dean Katherine Hancock Ragsdale (R).

Spring brings the Dewey and Heyward and Kellogg Lectures and the Absalom Jones and Jonathan Daniels Celebrations to the EDS campus, and this year's speakers—Bonnie Anderson, William Rankin, Joanna Dewey, and Carter Heyward—each challenged their hearers to a new level of commitment to action, study, and the promises of baptism.

"The church needs to be a movement. Right now we are an organization," Bonnie Anderson told a packed St. John's Chapel audience on May 5. But "baptism calls us to dangerous and courageous work in this world."

Anderson, president of the Episcopal Church's House of Deputies, delivered a multimedia Kellogg Lecture series entitled "Cou-

rageous Change: What it takes, and how it happens." Anderson's words were enhanced by video and still photos produced by Sean McConnell, canon for communications in the Diocese of California.

"Prodding the church along from a potentially irrelevant organization to a life-giving movement ... that is about our baptism," she said. "It is about how the very institution of the church can support the fulfillment of the baptismal promises."

The Kellogg Lecture series, held yearly in conjunction with Episcopal Divinity School Alumni/ae Days, was established by the Rev. Frederic Brainerd Kellogg '37 to honor his

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Alumni/ae Executive Committee member Marie Alford-Harkey '10 helps lead the procession.

# Commencement 2011



President and Dean Katherine Hancock Ragsdale '97



Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. (Psalm 100:2)



Graduates Hilary Greer and Ester Jamir



Forte Brass Quintet featuring trumpeter Greg Gettel (far right), husband of Becky Gettel '12



EDS faculty gather at First Church Cambridge Congregational where the ceremony was held on May 19, 2011



# This ritual called 'commencement'

## Sermon for Commencement Eucharist at St. John's Chapel

May 18, 2011

Kwok Pui Lan

Commencement is a ritual. It is a ritual about transition. We gather to celebrate and to give thanks to God for the accomplishments of our graduates. We send them forth to transform the world, heal the broken-hearted, and become ministers of reconciliation.

The Gospel passage (Luke 10:1-9) talks about Jesus sending out 70 people to prepare his way. I have long been very suspicious of this passage because it has been taken by fundamentalists and TV evangelists to mean that Jesus is sending these people to convert non-Christians and save their souls. Some of these people also proclaim that Jesus will come back this Saturday, May 21, to judge the living and the dead.

But this spring semester, I taught a course on Spirituality for the Contemporary World and we read Marjorie J. Thompson's book

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*Soul Feast: An Invitation to Christian Spiritual Life.* She talks about the spiritual yearning of our time and introduces her readers to various Christian spiritual practices. The first one is spiritual reading of Scripture, which she calls "chewing the bread of the Word." Spiritual reading, she writes, "is reflective and prayerful. It is concerned not with speed or volume, but with depth and receptivity."

Invited by Thompson, I tried to ease my suspicion and quiet down in order to hear what God may be saying to us through this particular Gospel text.

I began to see that this passage is about a spiritual journey. It is about the persons who are commissioned to embark on a journey, and the adventure will be full of roadblocks



Dr. Kwok Pui Lan, William F. Cole Professor of Christian Theology and Spirituality at EDS.

and difficulties. Through twists and turns, the persons learn to trust in God and not their own abilities or self-worth. Such kinds of stories or myths can be found in the world's many cultures and religions. The Franciscan priest and spiritual leader Richard Rohr says, "The journey into the mystery of God is necessarily a journey into the 'unfamiliar.'"

Read through this lens, the Gospel story has many surprises and things unexpected. The sending of the 70 comes after the sending of the 12 in Luke, chapter 9. Jesus is send-

when our styles of doing things are different?

We are so often taught that a leader needs to be autonomous and self-reliant. But Jesus tells these people not to go alone, and take a companion with them. When we are weary and sick, don't we long for someone who can watch over us? Who wouldn't want to have what the Irish poet and philosopher John O'Donohue has called a soul friend, "a person to whom you could reveal the hidden intimacies of your life"?

Jesus sends them out saying, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." My immediate response was, where? Where is the field where the harvest is plentiful? There are so many Americans unemployed, looking for work. Some of our graduates might not easily find full-time employment.

"Where is God calling me to harvest? Where is the farm, the garden, or the vineyard to which I need to devote my time and energy?" These are recurrent spiritual questions we have to answer throughout our lives. Other people cannot answer for us. The church cannot answer for us.

When Jesus says the laborers are few, he has a sense of urgency. Where are the places that most need you, that you want to commit your life to? It has taken me a long time to figure this out in my own journey.

I did not dream in my early seminary days that I would be working in field of postcolonial theology. Although I was born and grew up in the British colony of Hong Kong, I have not seen the immediate application of postcolonial theory to the study of the Bible and theology. It was not until several years before 1997, when Hong Kong was about to return to China,

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spheres. She left the Ms. Foundation in 2004, after two decades, to devote her full energy to the White House Project.

In honor of her work, the Ms. Foundation created the Marie C. Wilson Leadership Fund, which will be under her sole advisement. She is also an honorary founding mother of the Ms. Foundation for Women.

The Rt. Rev. Mary Douglas Glasspool '81, bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles and EDS alumna, was recognized as "bishop of the church and sister in the struggle... known for your firsts: most notably, [as the] first openly lesbian bishop of the Church" by Dr. Angela Bauer-Levesque, academic dean of EDS.

Glasspool received her BA *magna cum laude* in 1976 from Dickenson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with an Honors in Music and the Hufstader Prize (Outstanding Senior Woman). In 1981, she completed her Master of Divinity at EDS. She was a Merrill Fellow at Harvard Divinity School in fall 2006. Before being elected bishop suffragan of Los Angeles, she was rector of St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Church in Boston (1984-1992), rector of St. Margaret's Church in Annapolis, Maryland, until 2001 and canon to the bishops in the Diocese of Maryland from 2001 until her election.

"Consistent throughout your ministry have been your commitments to the virtues this school holds dear: justice, compassion, and reconciliation," said Dean Bauer-Levesque. "The church, the world, and EDS have been well served by your work. We are proud to welcome you, a distinguished alumna and steadfast friend, back today to be honored by your Alma Mater."

Edward Cyril ("Ed") Chase, "truly a man for all seasons and a living embodiment of the

ministry of the baptized," received his honorary doctorate from the Rev. Canon Edward W. Rodman, John Seely Stone Professor of Pastoral Theology and Urban Ministry at EDS.

Chase is a long-time parishioner at Christ Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A founding member of the Union of Black Episcopalians, he has also served the Episcopal Church in local and national volunteer positions, including the board of the College of Preachers, Washington, DC. He was a charter member of the committee to establish the Absalom Jones Scholarship at the Episcopal Divinity School.

Along with his wife, Faith, Chase has been "the unofficial den father and mother to several generations of EDS students," said Rodman. "Those who know you recognize that you are a 'truth teller,' keeping the mighty humble and building up the oppressed; therefore you could only be known as 'the unofficial black mayor of Cambridge.'"

### On the cutting edge of the transformation business

Wilson began her address to the graduates by citing John Naisbitt's *Megatrends*, on why groups fail to recognize what business they are in.

"I feel so strongly that the work that many of us have done on gender and race and other things is no longer the gender and race business; it is the transformation business," she explained. "And you are leading an institution that is transforming, that is really looking at what people are looking for right now."

"What you have at this institution is on the cutting edge of what is needed in the world," Wilson said. "What I hear everywhere, whether it's in corporate America or the women we train or the people that I run into, is that they

know things have permanently changed in this world and in this country. They know that there's no strategic five-year plan. They know that things will never go back. They know their jobs are uncertain. They know that... they will never earn the money you got before as a college graduate, because things have changed.

"But what do they want? They want passion. They want purpose. They want meaning. They want to get up every day and know they're going out into the world to do something that is valued, that has some significance to it.

"That is why the work that you are doing at this school, on the cutting edge, is not the 'religion business.' You are part of the transformation of a country that is waiting. And it is not about the walls of the church. It's about the world."

Speaking without text or notes, Wilson regaled the audience with stories from her years in community organizing, at the Ms. Foundation for Women, and at the White House Project.

"I stand up here because of the church," Wilson said, recalling her parents', and particularly her late mother's, irreplaceable leadership in Atlanta's now-mammoth Peachtree Presbyterian Church. "I am here because of the church.

"But the people don't want to come to the church; they want the church to come to them," she added, to enthusiastic applause from the graduating class.

Yet, despite the debt she felt she owed to the church, the church as an institution also failed to honor her community organizing skills "because you're married to somebody in the church." She took her knowledge elsewhere, building a university-based women's career development program in Des Moines, Iowa, that became the country's largest.

"Now, I don't want to be ordained today, but you know what?" she said. "I think that's the business of transformation you're in, is going out and seeing people and partnering with people in the world, and touching them, and saying, 'We take *you*, we see *you*, we claim *you*.'"

It was under Wilson's leadership at the Ms. Foundation that a group of small women's foundations banded together and grew a movement that is now international in scope, responsible for the stewardship of millions of dollars aimed at helping women achieve their personal and community goals.

"It wasn't about feminism, it was about



# Brattle Street Diary



Last year this time as I wrote you I was trying to think amid the clamor of construction equipment. We were renovating Wright Hall—installing a ramp outside and a lift inside and remodeling the downstairs to accommodate a consolidated Student Services department. At this moment the construction equipment is



at it again—this time renovating the courtyard between Sherrill Library, the refectory, and Wright Hall. In addition to resolving issues with paving that has been deteriorating faster than we can repair it (those New England winters!), we're creating an outdoor plaza with tables, benches, trees, and nooks for relaxation and conversation in sun or shade and we're adding attractive ramps to improve access to the library and refectory.

That's what's happening outside my office window right now. At the same time, below this office, some of the 65 students taking June courses (17 of them newly matriculated DL students) are paying bills, registering, working on financial aid or housing—taking advantage of the new, light, airy, and efficient Student Services department.

There's a lot of life happening around

here. Jenny Te Paa is here from New Zealand teaching about globalization. Her students tell me they can't believe how fortunate they are to have the opportunity to study with her. Kwok Pui Lan and Patrick Cheng are teaching, of course, but also preparing a presentation on an upcoming EDS study trip to

China. Susie Snyder, also teaching the summer term, is working with activists and scholars to explore collaborations within the local immigrant rights communities.

Angela Bauer-Levesque, also teaching, continues to refine our new partnership with Bloy House (see page 9). Clarence Butler completed his stint as interim dean of students and community life while handling the myriad details of the June term, while Miriam Gelfer, the incoming dean of students and community life, who didn't officially start until July 6, was around to lend a hand and to learn the ropes from Dean Butler.

I can't possibly list everyone who is busily contributing to the life of this community at this moment. The above was merely a sampling. I trust you get the point, though. We're building here—growth is in the air. Yes, it's

noisy—the machines in the courtyard, the bustle in the refectory and classrooms, the incessant flow of paper and email in the offices. We're busy—doing the work we have been given to do. And that's a very good thing.

Thank you all—our alumni/ae, friends, and benefactors. Your support—financial, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual, makes all this possible. Come visit—take a class, get to know some students, watch our faculty and staff at work. It's hectic and noisy—you'll love it.

Katherine Hancock Ragsdale

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the work women were doing for their communities. It was—they were the *church*, they were people doing the work of the church," Wilson said.

She began the White House Project while at the Ms. Foundation, and felt "called" to leave the foundation to help the fledgling project succeed on its own.

"I have been able now, in the last ten years of my life, to call people," she said. "I have been able to stand in front of the most diverse groups in America, on Native American reservations, in the poorest parts of Georgia, and say 'I am here *calling* you into leadership. I am

*calling* you, if you want to change the housing program in your community, if you want to change something for the women and children of your community. I am *calling* you.'

"I am so amazed, because these women are answering that call. They are actually starting grocery stores in places that have no food, and health care centers in places that have no health, and standing up in the legislatures of their country and saying *No! Yes! No!* Because they are called to mission.

"I am not here to speak to you. I am here to *call* you. Because this is the fullness of time," she concluded. "The people I have met here are on the cutting edge of the fullness of time."

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## Lectures (cont'd from page 1)

father, Frederic Rogers Kellogg, a distinguished lawyer who was founder and first president of the National Community Chest of America. Mrs. Frederic Rogers Kellogg continued the lectureship on a permanent basis as a memorial to her son and husband.

Anderson's lectures can be downloaded at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/phod.htm>.

On the afternoon before the Kellogg lectures, Bishop Suffragan Mary Glasspool '81 of Los Angeles, Bishop Ian Douglas of Connecticut, and Bishop John Smylie '81 of Wyoming joined in a panel discussion of "Obstacles and Opportunities for Bishops Today," moderated by Mary Wolfe Professor of Historical Theology and faculty emerita Fredrica Harris Thompsett.

"Theology by resolution doesn't work," Smylie observed. "We're working on theology by community."

The Alumni/ae Days gathering included the Alastair Cassels-Brown Memorial Concert by organist Stuart Forster, the Alumni/ae Dinner honoring distinguished alumni, the Very Rev. Hollinshead "Lin" Knight '62 of St. Matthew's in Portland, Oregon, and the Rev. Richard Witt '86, executive director of Rural and Migrant Ministry in Poughkeepsie, New York, and reunions for the ETS, PDS, and EDS classes of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006.

## A power for good

Earlier this spring, the Very Rev. Dr. William Rankin '66 addressed the Jonathan Daniels Celebration, held March 14, 2011. Rankin, former EDS president and dean, and Charles



(L to R) Dean Ragsdale, Bishop Glasspool, Dr. Harris Thompsett, Bishop Douglas, Bishop Smylie



Rosemarie Cassels-Brown with Cassels-Brown Memorial Concert organist Stuart Forster, Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church, Cambridge

B. Wilson Professor of Christian Ethics from 1993-98, is now president of the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA), a non-profit non-governmental organization that partners with religious organizations in resource-poor countries for community-based HIV prevention and care.

Rankin recalled his classmate Daniels, who was martyred at the age of 25 while working with the civil rights movement in Alabama, as "not an easy person for some of us to interact with. He had certain 'issues,' as we all did, and do. But his life and death continue to be a part of my life to this day."

"I believe that if Jonathan were with us now at the age of 72, he might encourage us in a power for good that works through people like us, regardless of our presumed inadequacies," Rankin told the gathering. "He might say that ... in our era 'the road to holiness passes through the world of action,' and that what each of us can do is to be strong and brave for the dignity of every human being."

## More to be known of a relational God

A month later, on April 14, former faculty members Joanna Dewey and Carter Heyward returned to campus to give the 2011 Joanna Dewey Lecture in Feminist Biblical Studies and the Carter Heyward Scholars Lecture, an exploration of their current thinking "about God and the world" and what it means "to speak of 'God' in this world at this time."

Dewey was academic dean and Harvey H. Guthrie, Jr. Professor of Biblical Studies from 1988-2005. Heyward, ordained as one of the

"Philadelphia 11" in 1974, served as Howard Chandler Robbins Professor of Theology from 1975-2005.

In retirement, Dewey said, her participation as transition warden during the search for a new rector at Church of the Redeemer in Morristown, New Jersey, is one context for her newest thinking; the other is her work with the Westar Institute's "Jesus Seminars on the Road." Both have convinced her that "there really is an audience out there for EDS' message. There are people and churches eager to hear the word from EDS."

The search for the new rector, Dewey said, produced "many applications from competent, caring, loving 'hospice pastors'... but very few priests for 'birthing centers.' EDS is attempting to train pastors for birthing centers."

That search also underlined for her the importance of "inspiring, comforting, challenging" preaching—"Say something, and say it well!"—and to declare "the kin-dom of God which Jesus proclaimed and enacted...a community of healing, of feeding, eating, nourishment, a community called to service to those with less power."

"I exhort you, I encourage you to dare more—be more adventurous, try more new things, think and act outside the box at least once a week!" Dewey challenged the audience.

In her lecture, "Haunted by Relationality," Heyward cited Jewish liberation theologian Marc Ellis, who, in his book *Unholy Alliance: Religion and Atrocity in Our Time* (Fortress, 1997), suggests that Heyward's work is indeed "haunted by relationality."

"No thing, no doctrine, no spirit, no salvation can be truly known (either cognitively or experientially) apart from its relational matrix—that is, apart from how it affects and is affected by others," Heyward said. "Thus, a truly relational Christianity will not claim to know, much less be, the only way to god."

"There is always more of a relational God to be known, and much of what is yet to be known can come only from sources, people, traditions, cultures, and religions we have not known before," concluded Heyward. "The most faithful spiritual journey will often be toward unknown places, to meet people or creatures or circumstances that may have frightened or offended us, or somehow turned us off, or turned us away, because we have not known them, and they have not known us."

### Kwok sermon (cont'd from page 3)

that I began to seriously think of my identity as a postcolonial person. In the summer of 1998, my former colleague Dr. Ian Douglas, now the bishop of Connecticut, organized a conference of Anglican contextual theologians on our campus. I met with Anglican theologians from other parts of the world—Jenny Te Paa from New Zealand, Jaci Maraschin from Brazil, and Denise Ackermann from South Africa. As we compared notes, I became even clearer than before of the long colonial legacy of the empire on the theology, liturgy, and structure of the Anglican Church and Communion.

There were so few of us at the time looking at the history and legacy of the Anglican tradition from a postcolonial lens, and so much needed to be done. I felt then, and I feel now, that “the harvest is plenty and the laborers are few.”

Jesus forewarns the people he sends out that the journey is going to be treacherous. “I am sending you like lambs into the midst of wolves,” he says. Christian ministry is not for the faint-hearted. The children of this world have learned to trick you and sabotage your noble projects. People will not always like you, if you insist on doing the right thing. What you count as friends might turn out to be your worst enemies.

If the journey is going to be that tough, at least you want to be as best prepared as you can, such as filling your backpack with bread and water, buying the best pair of L.L. Bean hiking boots, and bringing a mobile phone with GPS in case you get lost.

What a surprise to hear that Jesus tells them,

“Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals.” I can’t help asking, “Is this for real [or] is it rhetorical license?” Is Jesus demanding too much?

As I reflect more deeply on what “carry no purse, no bag, no sandals” would mean for a spiritual journey, I recall the tradition of holy women and men who have gone to the desert to live in prayer and austerity. They have learned to be a friend of God and not rely on the security of the world.

Suppose, after much soul-searching and sleepless nights, you finally decide to embark on this spiritual journey into the “unfamiliar,” what are you supposed to do? You might imagine you are going to slay the dragon, start a revolution, and somehow end up being “the person of the year” on the cover of some magazines.

Here comes the biggest surprise for me in the story. Jesus tells them his mission consists of three simple things: (1) form community through establishing table fellowship with others, (2) take care of the sick and those with

family and friends, and writing all those final papers, they might think that they are called to do greater things than these.

Well, during the temptation, Jesus resisted turning stones into bread or jumping down from the pinnacle of the temple. His small movement consisted of building alternative communities, caring for the sick and the marginalized, and subverting the power and authority of ruling elites. It was through doing very simple and seemingly ordinary things that the extraordinary was revealed. The *Logos* became flesh.

So we send forth our graduates to continue to do these small and mundane things to usher in God’s Kingdom. This ritual is called “commencement” because your education has not finished. You are going to be continually formed by the people who will open their houses for you and invite you into their midst. As a leader, you will be formed and shaped by the people whom you have been called to serve.

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**Christian ministry is not for the faint-hearted... People will not always like you, if you insist on doing the right thing.**

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physical needs, and (3) proclaim the Kingdom of God has come near.

Our graduates might think that with several years of theological training, they ought to be able to do more challenging tasks. Having given up security and come back to school as a student, forfeiting vacations with

You have to be faithful to the Gospel and always be open to the promptings of the Spirit. Hold on to your visions, but remember that unless your dreams are shared by those whom you serve, you cannot change the world alone. Be sure to replenish your energy or *qi*, and take care of your physical, psychic, emotional, and spiritual well-being. As the late Rev. Peter Gomes, professor and minister of Harvard’s Memorial Church, told the senior class of Harvard undergrads before their commencement in 2004: “Doing what you can is all that worthwhile living is about, so for God’s sake, and your own, get on with it. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.”

When you are tired and the temptation to give up sinks into your soul, remember the time when God first called you to this place and your excitement when you arrived. Remember that we pray for you and for our graduates regularly at this chapel. We ask you to continue to pray for us. Wherever you go and however hard the journey is going to be, know that you are never alone, for you will always be a part of the EDS family and community. We give thanks to God for who you are, and we are proud of you and claim you as our very own. *Amen.*



Dr. Kwok Pui Lan (R) with Thomas Eoyang '03

# Advancement torch passes from Vaughan to Feeney

**W**illiam Vaughan, vice president for institutional advancement, departed Episcopal Divinity School June 10 for a position as director of advancement at the American School in London—just shy of two years from his start date of July 1, 2009. In those two years he reorganized institutional advancement and set EDS on a strong trajectory for growth. Formerly development director at the American School of Paris, Vaughan says that although he was not seeking to leave EDS, he missed “the international aspect of fundraising, which was a large part of my work at the New World Symphony as well. In addition, I love the stimulation of living abroad in a world capital city. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I simply could not turn down.”

*Dear friends and colleagues,*

*I am writing this letter early morning from London, where I will spend my day looking for a new home. As I prepare for this next chapter in my life, I am reflecting on my time at EDS and the extraordinary people I have met who make the School an essential place for the church and for the world at large. Over the past 30 years in fundraising, I have worked in many environments, and to my mind EDS is unique. The commitment, passion, and continual searching for what is right and just—and what must be done to lead people in this direction is astounding and reaffirmed every day on campus and around the world where our alumni/ae serve.*

*I am not a theological scholar, nor can I claim to be a crusader for justice. All I know how to do is fundraise. However, my life has been profoundly changed by the people I have come to love and respect at EDS who go about their work with a tremendous sense of purpose that what they are doing is making a difference. The wonderful thing is, they are making a difference. It is reflected in the lives of individuals in large urban parishes, remote rural churches, prisons, hospitals, college and university chaplaincies—almost any place one can imagine. What a privilege to play even a small role in making all of this possible!*

*I want to thank the entire EDS community for giving me this opportunity—alumni/ae, faculty, trustees, students, staff, and friends of the school. It was a*



Kelly Feeney, interim vice president for institutional advancement

*pleasure and an honor to help you move toward a more robust fundraising program and I think you are well on your way. As they say, this is not goodbye, and I look forward with eager anticipation to where EDS will lead next.*

*Faithfully,  
William Vaughan*

Dean Ragsdale adds, “William has been a valued member of the Dean’s Council and a delight to work with. Please join me in expressing our congratulations to William and our appreciation for his work here at Episcopal Divinity School.”

Dean Ragsdale is pleased to announce that director of the Annual Fund Kelly Feeney has agreed to step up as interim vice president for institutional advancement until a permanent replacement for Vaughan’s position is installed. Feeney, who has served at EDS for just over a year, was formerly senior associate dean for institutional advancement and director of annual giving at the Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick, Massachusetts. While at Walnut Hill, she successfully increased the annual fund 60% over a seven-year period and was involved in all facets of fundraising, from communications and alumni/ae relations to large-scale events and corporate solicitations. Over the past year, the

institutional advancement team at Episcopal Divinity School has worked together to grow the Annual Fund from \$659,458 to more than \$800,000 due in large part to important foundation gifts as well as increased support and renewed support from individuals and churches. In addition to Feeney’s duties fundraising for the Annual Fund, she is overseeing all institutional advancement operations including communications, alumni/ae, church, and foundation relations, and working with the Dean’s Council and the Board of Trustees to keep Episcopal Divinity School moving forward.

“In the year that she has been with us,” says Dean Ragsdale, “Kelly has impressed us all with her skills and with her passion for this work and the mission of the School. We are pleased that she has agreed to take responsibility for the department as we continue our search.”

The School has contracted with the Development Guild to conduct a search for candidates for this senior management team position. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact director of human resources, Samaria Stallings at [ssallings@eds.edu](mailto:ssallings@eds.edu) or 617.682.1508.

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# A touch of holiness: visit with the Dalai Lama

By Hilary Hail Allen

The day after Christmas 2010, the Rev. Katherine Stiles '03 and the Rev. Mpho Tutu '04 braved snow-deluged airports for their international destination. January travel is not unusual for the two, as they typically co-facilitate pilgrimage to South Africa through the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage early in the new year. However, this journey had a different and more unusual destination and purpose. They were heading to Dharmasala, India, for a private audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Tutu is writing the authorized biography of her father, Cape Town Archbishop *emeritus* Desmond Tutu, and traveling the globe interviewing people who have known him throughout his life. She and Stiles headed to the Himalayan home in exile to interview the Dalai Lama about his relationship with Archbishop Tutu. They were also able to attend a conference of over 75 individuals and philanthropic groups, called the “Delhi Dialogue,” based on the Dalai Lama’s teachings of compassion and interdependence for the work of global poverty, education, and gender and rural empowerment.

In late April, the Beatitudes Society hosted Stiles to talk about her visit to India. She shared an impressive presentation of photographs and reflections from the pilgrimage as well as theological insights about pilgrimage. She described how the Tutu Institute



His Holiness the Dalai Lama with Mpho Tutu '04

approaches pilgrimage as an opportunity to be open to being changed by our encounters with the Other.

As she spoke, Stiles transmitted her passion for meeting across difference and recognizing the beauty of difference. Quoted Colossians 3:12-15, she highlighted the role of pilgrims to put on tender mercies, practice forgiveness, and “above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

“The purpose of the pilgrimage was to touch and be touched by His Holiness,” Stiles said, and the journey offered plenty of opportunities for such transformation. They also were

able to cultivate their spiritual practice, navigating expectation and anticipation as the pilgrimage involved lots of delays and other time sensitivities—including not knowing if they would be able to visit with the Dalai Lama, due to his being ill at the time. Stiles noted how deeply invested the people of Dharmasala and all Tibetans are in the health and well-being of the Dalai Lama, praying for him and walking around his home throughout the day.

Tutu and Stiles will resume their annual pilgrimage to South Africa October 5-20, 2011, to attend the festivities surrounding Archbishop Tutu’s 80th birthday celebration. For more information contact them at [info@tutu-institute.org](mailto:info@tutu-institute.org) or visit [www.tutuinstitute.org](http://www.tutuinstitute.org).

## Episcopal Divinity School and Bloy House announce new partnership

On May 7, the faculty and Board of Trustees of Bloy House and the Episcopal Divinity School announced the finalization of an agreement for a joint Master’s of Divinity program that will allow Bloy House students to complete two-thirds of their education on the Bloy House Episcopal Theological School at Claremont (ETSC) campus and the last third of their education through the distributive learning program of Episcopal Divinity School.

This will allow Bloy House MDiv students who choose this academic option to receive their degrees from an accredited Episcopal seminary through online course work and summer and weekend intensives on the cam-

pus of EDS in Cambridge, Massachusetts, thereby making it easier for those continuing in employment to finish their degree program.

Strong ties between the two institutions helped facilitate the development of this new relationship. The Rev. Dr. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook served as academic dean at EDS before coming to Bloy House and Claremont School of Theology in 2009. The Rev. Dr. Harvey Guthrie is a member of the Bloy House board of trustees and a former dean of EDS, as well.

In addition to these ties, a significant alignment of values and core beliefs has made the relationship possible. Both schools share a deep commitment to forming Episcopal leaders who understand and cherish the baptismal identity

of Christian persons as the primary touchstone for all ministry development, and both share a deep conviction that living out the Baptismal Covenant requires and invites Episcopalians to participate actively in the work of bringing peace and justice to the world. The two schools also share an unwavering energy for reimagining theological education for the 21st century.

The first student in this new program is expected to continue theological studies begun at Bloy House at Episcopal Divinity School, enrolling in course work during the June 2011 term.

Bloy House is the primary seminary for the Diocese of Los Angeles, also drawing students from the Diocese of San Diego.

## Timely insights by Bruce Lawrence '67 on Islam and Christianity

The announcement of the killing of Osama bin Laden only a day before had a marked effect on a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Bruce B. Lawrence '67, Duke University's Nancy and Jeffrey Marcus Humanities Professor of Islamic Studies and inaugural director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center.

The lecture, entitled "Islam and Civil Society: Perspectives from Egypt before and after Mubarak," was given May 2 at the Episcopal Church of St. Asaph in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. The program was jointly sponsored by the Philadelphia Theological Institute (PTI), Episcopal Divinity School, the Episcopal Church of St. Asaph, and William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.

"History is speaking, and we're all listening," declared Lawrence. "The Arab world is in the throes of a revolution, one that will change its shape, mindset, and future. Forget partial reform and gradual evolution.

"We are now faced with a new and unprecedented situation. The collective Arab conscience is being reborn, and things are never going to be the same again."

Lawrence detailed some of the features of the new Middle East revolutions:

- The ongoing revolutions are "grass-roots" revolutions
- They are not only revolutions against despotic regimes, but against conventional elites and their opposition as well
- Part of their vitality is because they were not led from above
- Their aim is not only to depose despotic regimes but to establish true democracy
- The revolutionaries are fierce, even uncompromising in their demands
- They don't seem to care about foreign opinions, and didn't ask for foreign assistance
- The revolutions speak volumes about the crimes of post-independence regimes against their own people

"Above all, the argument of 'Arab Exceptionalism' has been refuted," Lawrence concluded. "This used to be a favorite cliché, invented by Arab officials and reiterated by Western academics. Now it has been thor-



Bruce Lawrence '67

oughly discredited. Researchers and the general public must take note; many textbooks need to be rewritten."

"The Lawrence talk in Philadelphia was a hot topic of discussion at EDS Alumni/ae Days," said the Rev. Canon James Shannon '73, PTI executive director and co-president of the Alumni/ae Executive Committee.

The evening featured the official launch of a new book, *Islam: A Brief Guide to the Faith*, edited by Professor Roger Allen of the University of Pennsylvania and Professor Shawkat Toorawa of Cornell University, for which Lawrence wrote the foreword.

PTI board members purchased the remaining books Bruce brought to the presentation to use in their parishes for further study and reflection. "PTI is expecting the book will stimulate ecumenical dialogue within parishes of the Diocese of Pennsylvania," said Shannon.

"For months now, we've watched with fascination and hope as revolutions for change and justice emerge throughout the majority-Muslim world, and we've hungered for more insight on what it means for the future," said EDS president and dean Katherine Hancock Ragsdale. "We're thrilled we could co-sponsor Dr. Lawrence's lecture on a topic so vital to our understanding of the changing world in which we all live."

"Among unnoted victims of the 'war on terror'," noted Lawrence when he was

awarded a 2008 Carnegie Scholarship, "are indigenous minorities... groups who for centuries have been the standard bearers of deep pluralism within several African and Asian nation-states." Among these are Egypt's Copts, Christians living within the largest Sunni population of the Muslim world.

"On a global plane one cannot assess the future of Muslim-Christian relations unless, or until, one confronts both minority fears and majority paranoia in the real-life experiences of Christians with Muslims...and Muslims with Christians," continued Lawrence.

Lawrence is a 1962 *magna cum laude* graduate of Princeton in history and Middle East studies. After a tour of duty with the US Navy, he earned a Master's of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge) in 1967, and in 1972 received his PhD from Yale, specializing in history of religions, with emphasis on Islam and Hinduism. In 2006, he was awarded a ThD (*honoris causa*) from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia.

He joined the Duke faculty in 1971 and continues to teach at Duke, though he has also taught at Aligarh Muslim University and Oxford and enjoyed brief stints at Dartmouth and the University of Chicago. Since 2000, he has been Duke's Marcus Family Professor of the Humanities, and since 2006, inaugural director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center.

He has authored, co-authored, edited or co-edited 15 books, many of which have won prestigious awards. His research focuses on Islam in all phases and all disciplines, with special attention to institutional Islam in Asia, Indo-Persian Sufism, the religious masks of violence, and contemporary Islam as both Abrahamic faith and religious ideology. In 2008, he was awarded a Carnegie Scholarship on Islam in order to pursue his current project on minority citizenship in Africa as well as Asia.

He is also an ordained Episcopal priest, serving first in the Diocese of Connecticut. Since 1972 he has been canonically resident in the Diocese of North Carolina.

You can read Dr. Lawrence's planned remarks about the situation in Egypt and see photos from the evening event on the PTI website at <http://philadelphiatheologicalinstitute.org/bruce-lawrence-event-may/>.



## Faculty News &amp; Notes

The Very Rev. Dr. **Katherine Hancock Ragsdale** served as part of a panel discussion on LGBTQ leadership entitled “No Longer Silent,” with Dr. Charles R. Middleton of Chicago’s Roosevelt University, at the XVI International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) Triennial held June 17-20, 2011, in New York City. Every three years, IAUP hosts a Triennial, which is the largest gathering of chief executive officers from universities around the world. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon gave the keynote address.

*Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology* by the Rev. Dr. **Patrick S. Cheng**, assistant professor of historical and systematic theology, was released in March. Dean Katherine Ragsdale hosted a reception at the Deanery for the book release on March 21, at which EDS board president Brett Donham spoke. Reviews and the Amazon.com page are at [www.patrickcheng.net/radical-love.html](http://www.patrickcheng.net/radical-love.html) and [www.amazon.com/dp/1596271329](http://www.amazon.com/dp/1596271329).



Cheng’s “Radical Love: Why Christianity Is a Queer Religion,” summarizing the book’s message, was featured on the Huffington Post website at [www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-patrick-s-cheng-phd/radical-love-why-christia\\_b\\_841547.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-patrick-s-cheng-phd/radical-love-why-christia_b_841547.html).

Cheng also delivered the fourth annual Boswell Lecture at the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at the Pacific School of Religion on April 28. There is more on the event at [www.clgs.org/events/fourth-annual-boswell-lecture-rainbow-connection](http://www.clgs.org/events/fourth-annual-boswell-lecture-rainbow-connection). The video for the talk will be posted on the CLGS website, and the lecture itself will be published by CLGS. Previous lecturers have included Dale Martin of Yale, Virginia Burrus of Drew, and Kelly Brown Douglas of Goucher College.

Both Cheng and the Rev. **Joan Martin**, William W. Rankin associate professor of Christian social ethics, were featured speakers at the 2011 MCC People of African Descent (PAD) Conference, May 19-21. Cheng presented “The S Word: Liberating Sin and Sex,” and Martin joined EDS trustee the Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin ’06, the Rev. Dr. Traci West and the Rev. Alex Byrd for a panel discussion, “Avenging Dinah: Sexuality and Power Come to Church.”

Dr. **Fredrica Harris Thompsett**, Mary Wolfe Professor of Historical Theology *emerita*, was guest preacher at the May 21 consecration of the Rt. Rev. **Rayford Jeffrey Ray** as 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, held on the campus of

Northern Michigan University in Marquette. She and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori shared the podium a day earlier at an educational forum at St. Paul’s Church in Marquette. Ray served as an adjunct professor at EDS during the 2009 Spring term.

With an estimated 214 million people “on the move” today, from refugees and undocumented workers to business travelers, immigration is having a significant impact on societies in every corner of the globe. This fall, EDS assistant professor in contemporary society and Christian ethics the Rev. Dr. **Susanna Snyder** explores the dynamics of international migration and considers its impact on church life and practices as part of “Immigration Matters,” a semester-long evening course meeting Thursdays from 7-9 pm, from September 8-December 15, 2011. Cost of the course is \$350, and financial assistance may be available.

The course is part of a New England-based initiative, the Migration, Theology, and Faith Forum, designed to bring together people from a variety of faith backgrounds and disciplines to discuss migration and to provide a space in which religious leaders, immigrant communities, theologians, activists, and academics will be able to share ideas.

Upcoming events include an inaugural Resource Day on “The Role of Faith in Immigration” (October 10, 2011). For more information on the Forum or the Immigration Matters course, contact Susanna Snyder and Sarah Monroe at [migration@eds.edu](mailto:migration@eds.edu).

## Hamilton bequest aids students of pastoral counseling for underserved populations

A \$40,000 bequest from the estate of Dr. William Menzies Hamilton ’86, who died November 21, 2010, at the age of 67, will help to provide scholarship assistance for seminary students who show exceptional promise in pastoral counseling for underserved populations, whether they be low income, homeless, or sexual minorities. The bequest was given to honor Hamilton’s classmate, the Rev. Sherman Esten Collins, Jr. ’85.

“This will greatly assist in carrying out the School’s mission of justice, compassion, and reconciliation,” said the Very Rev. Dr. Kath-

erine Ragsdale, EDS president and dean. “We are so appreciative that he recalled his experience here the School as formative and as a result was able to shape a life of ministry within the medical profession.”

Hamilton fused his love of science with his love of humanity, and was ahead of his time in combining his skills in medicine with concern for Christian ethics. Active in HIV/AIDS-related research, studies, testing, and treatment, he co-founded the Seattle Gay Clinic, whose offshoot became known as the Chicken Soup Brigade. After retiring, he served as the director of the Pil-

grim Referral and Resource Center in Seattle from 1994 – 2000.

Hamilton’s educational achievements include an AB in Biology from Hamilton College, a MPhil and PhD in Epidemiology from Yale, an MSW from the University of Washington, and a Certificate of Study—focusing on the interface between Christian ethics and medical ethics—from EDS and Harvard.

Bequests are a critical source of support for EDS. For further information, please contact Kelly Feeney, interim vice president for institutional advancement, at [kfeeney@eds.edu](mailto:kfeeney@eds.edu); 617.682.1542.

## EDS Books in Brief: Keeping hope alive in the face of evil

By Judith Nies

### Made for goodness: and why it makes all the difference

by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu (Harper Collins, 2010)

In the fall of 2010, the Rev. Mpho A. Tutu '04, an Episcopal priest in Washington, DC, came to Episcopal Divinity School to celebrate and launch the publication of this book, which she co-authored with her father, the Most Rev. Dr. Desmond Mpilo Tutu, Archbishop *emeritus* of Cape Town, South Africa.

The question Mpho Tutu posed to her father was this: "How can you be so hopeful after witnessing so much evil?" His deceptively simple answer was that "our true nature is inherently good and whole." Their conversations around this subject became the basis for this inspiring and wise book. Despite dealing with some of the most malevolent crimes in South Africa's history, Archbishop Tutu did not lose his belief that human beings are "hard-wired for goodness." These personal and insightful conversations permit readers to glimpse the deep personal religious belief that

sustained him as well as his profound vision of the capacity of human actors to gain insight into the consequences of their own actions. Archbishop Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, and ten years later went on to chair the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the official body investigating apartheid-era crimes in South Africa.

#### A few brief excerpts from the book:

*As pastors, Mpho and I find one of our roles to be mid-wives of meaning. We guide those in our care to discern a purpose in their challenges, in their suffering, and in their joy.*

*We help people to construct a life they can inhabit from the mosaic tiles of their experience.*

*Modern culture would prefer that we move through life half asleep.*

*We know the rightness of the prophet's call. We know the joy of doing what is right. We experience goodness as a feeling in our bones, but evil still tempts us.*

*Evil takes root by a series of small decisions that gather force by accretion.*



*What was particularly striking to me were the many, many testimonies by perpetrators about the people they had imprisoned, tortured, and killed. The wrongdoers were stunned by the courage of their victims.*

*How can we become life-artists? Creating a life of beauty is a choice.*

## News from Alumni/ae Relations

What a great year for Episcopal Divinity School! We have been blessed to have many opportunities for fellowship among our alumni/ae, students, faculty, staff, and friends. We are now busy with preparations for the 2011-2012 academic year and next year's many events. We hope to see you in Cambridge or in your town (see update on recent regional gatherings below)!

### Northern California

President and dean Katherine Ragsdale and vice president for institutional advancement William Vaughan attended two gatherings with ETS/PDS/EDS alumni/ae and friends in the San Francisco Bay area in May. We wish to give special thanks to former EDS president and dean the Rt. Rev. Otis Charles, and the

Very Rev. Don Brown '71 and his wife Carol Anne, for help in making these events possible. Regional events like these are important to bringing news of the school and reporting on how EDS is leading the way in theological education today.

### Concord, Massachusetts

Mary Wolfe Professor of Historical Theology and faculty *emerita* Fredrica Harris Thompsett and Procter Scholar the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton '86 brought their experiences this year and news of the school to share with a delightful gathering of alumni/ae and friends in the Concord, Massachusetts, area. Thank you to former trustee and member of the EDS Leadership Council Nancy Beecher for hosting this luncheon.

## Alumni/ae Relations is here for you!

Is there news you wish to share? Do you have an address or email to update? Want to become a class agent? Wondering what is going on at EDS?

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# Putting multifaith education at top of the agenda

## Henry Luce Foundation awards \$350,000 grant to EDS

In April, the Henry Luce Foundation of New York awarded the Episcopal Divinity School a grant of \$350,000 over a four-year period to fund a dedicated program of interfaith studies.

The grant will be used to enlarge faculty training, expand curriculum, and develop online continuing education in other faith traditions.

The Very Rev. Dr. Katherine Hancock Ragsdale, president and dean of Episcopal Divinity School, said, "We are extremely grateful to the Henry Luce Foundation for this generous grant. It is a major vote of confidence in our mission to produce graduates who are competent in diverse religious traditions and who will be capable of exercising their ministries in multifaith communities."

"Our goal is to apply academic learning about religious pluralism to the practical aspects of ministry. Our priorities for the first year," said Ragsdale, "are to hire a scholar to



teach the history of Islam, and to design and coordinate a program for faculty that integrates field visits to the many interfaith resources in the Boston area. We are particularly interested in hiring a female Islamic scholar, because the public voices about Islam in the current media environment tend to be men."

The program EDS proposed has both faculty and student training components in the first year, and expanded resources for degree and continuing education programs in the second through fourth years.

"The first element is training faculty in the intricacies of other faith traditions and raising expectations of competency in multifaith education. This will build on EDS's tradition of openness to other religious traditions as evidenced in our diverse faculty, students, and the work of our alumni/ae. Today, however, we need to begin with intensive interfaith training so that faculty members are more conversant

in the beliefs and practices of Islam and Judaism in order to include more multi-religious cross-referencing in the courses they currently teach. This training will translate directly into the classroom experience for students."

Dean Ragsdale explained that EDS would build on its existing distance learning network to produce interfaith seminars, workshops, and courses that can be disseminated nationwide. Over the past few years the School has pioneered a prototype of continuing education that reaches underserved populations in remote areas, as well as a form of distance learning that combines on-campus formation with remote classroom learning for degree candidates.

"The Henry Luce Foundation grant will allow us to begin the multifaith initiative in the fall semester of 2011," continued Ragsdale. "The new program will add a major dimension to the training of our students as they prepare to lead congregations, throughout the country and internationally, that are struggling to deal with multifaith issues."

## Join us in fulfilling God's good purpose!

As the end of the fiscal year (June 30) is behind us, we pause to reflect on what an extraordinary year it has been for Episcopal Divinity School.

Recently Episcopal Divinity School received notice of a \$350,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to launch an interfaith initiative. This will enable us to hire an Islamic scholar next year, train faculty to integrate interfaith issues more deeply into current curriculum, and produce webcasts to help congregations and those who serve them more fully understand how to live, work, and worship in increasingly diverse communities.

Episcopal Divinity School has also received a \$120,000 grant from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation to provide scholarships for students who

show promise working in underrepresented communities.

Finally, many individuals joined these important grantmakers in supporting the EDS mission. Will you partner with us to prepare remarkable women and men for lay and ordained ministry by making your gift today?

If you have already sent your gift, thank you. If not, please consider joining us now. Remember—your gift is always welcome.

We are grateful to all who join in the Episcopal Divinity School's mission: to train women and men as leaders of courage, action, and faith. Your prayers and offerings ensure the sound scholarship and spiritual formation of our students. With God's help, together we can provide the means by which the Church and the world may be strengthened, reconciled, and renewed.

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## Class Notes

## 1940-1949

**Thomas Logan, Sr.** '41 recently celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family reunion at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## 1950-1959

**Herman Page** '52 recently wrote to the school looking for surviving members of the ETS class of '52. He mentioned the wonderful reunion they had in 2002, and wants to reconnect. As for himself, he is doing volunteer ministry at St. David's in Topeka, Kansas.

**Henry L. Bird** '56 credits his continued good health to rowing for 15 years after retirement, and extols the virtues of rowing to everyone. He believes rowing has aided him in managing his rheumatoid arthritis, and while he no longer rows, has won medals from both AOSA and Maine Rowing.

**John Thomas** '59 recently and very happily "retired-retired" after 34 years at St. John's in Sandwich, Massachusetts, and 10-12 years after that as a "rent-a-priest." Technically he has been retired for 18 years, but is now truly embracing the term. He also celebrates 60 years of marriage to Frances, whom he married in 1951.

## 1960-1969

**Robert Hansel** '61 has begun working at the Church of the Resurrection, a seasonal chapel of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, located in Little Switzerland. It operates only from May through October annually. It is a resort community as well as a center for outreach to Blue Ridge Mountain indigenous families. It's been in ministry for over a hundred years. They provide a small stipend and a vicarage for a retired priest. Bob says it is a great position to do full-time for half a year at a time.

**Richard C. Donnelly** '62 recently retired after 23 years of teaching

American history at York College in York, Pennsylvania. As he looks for new responsibilities, he has been serving at St. John the Baptist in York. He still maintains his faculty relationship with the college, supervising a senior student.

**Donald Hart** '62 and his wife Elizabeth are busy on their Peterborough, New Hampshire ranch, with their horses. The horses were all ears and anxious the morning a young bull moose turned up in their pasture.

**Betsy (Elizabeth) Myers** '62 lives in Hackettstown, New Jersey, and enjoys her part-time ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, helping out in small parishes and responding to pastoral needs. She also loves golf.

**Paul W. Buckwalter** '63 is enjoying retirement in Tucson, Arizona, after serving for 13 years at St. Philip's in the Hills. In retirement he has returned to community organizing with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). He also served as a faculty member at Seabury Institute, Seabury Western Seminary in Evanston, for a decade. One more year as interim Episcopal chaplain at the University of Arizona, and he then retired and is now enjoying the outdoors in the southwest.

**David S. Hoag** '63 contacted us to let us know that he also took part in the 1965 Selma march with Dr. Martin Luther King, as mentioned in the Winter 2010 issue of *EDS News*.

**Martin E. Bayang** '65 was involved in bi-vocational ministries for 37 years, and in retirement continues to be active by serving as vicar at All Saints Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Rio Grande. He also teaches social science courses at NMSU-Grants Campus, New Mexico.

**Rayford B. High** '66 has retired as bishop suffragan in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas after 44 years of ministry.

**Barry Howe** '67 will be retiring as bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri in the next 12 to 18 months. He is waiting for his successor to be consecrated before leaving.

**Stephen McWhorter** '67 is currently doing his third interim at Christ Church, Frederica, on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

## 1970-1979

**Stephen White** '70 (DMin '87) is happily retired in mid-coast Maine. Church Publishing recently brought out his *Intercessions For Sundays, Holy Days, and Special Occasions*,



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*Year B* as a download for clergy and parishes eager to expand their options for Sunday Prayers of the People.

**Paul MacLean** '71 is leading a research project in partnership with Ryerson University on partnerships between churches and other organizations for community betterment. He also recently joined a community of Canadian practical theologians.

**Ray Wilson** '71 continues to teach Texas history at the Briarwood School in Houston. He also coaches



Members of the EDS Class of '86 pose at Alumni/ae Days 2011.



track and, to escape the Texas heat, summers in Lenox, Massachusetts.

**D. John Woodcock** '71 is working with the Church of the Loving Shepherd in Pennsylvania to partner with multiple ecumenical organizations to create a series of events. These events will also include a special community service on the anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

**Warren Murphy** '72 recently participated in a multifaith conference aimed at preserving the Red Desert in Wyoming. In addition to being the longest serving priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, he also founded the Wyoming Association of Churches. An avid hiker, he helped to found *On Sacred Ground*, and continues to find inspiration for his sermons in the Red Desert. (See article on page 17 of *EDS News*.)

**James Shannon** '73 writes that the Philadelphia Theological Institute is helping the Friends of Canterbury solicit for a fall pilgrimage program called "In the Footsteps of St. Paul." For more information, go to <http://philadelphia theologicalinstitute.org/>.

**F. Brian Cox** '75 serves as rector of Christ the King parish in Santa Barbara, California; as senior vice president of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy in Washington, DC; and as director of the Pacis Project in Faith-Based Diplomacy of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University Law School. He also serves as an adjunct professor.

### 1980-1989

**Lesley Northup** '80 has been named dean of the Honors College at Florida International University. She has worked at FIU since 1993 and served as interim dean. She was recently awarded with a Teaching Incentive Program award and two FIU Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching awards.

**Warren Soule** '81 is no longer a seminary dean, but is now the Bishop James A. Griffin Professor of Canon Law at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

**Frederick Stecker** '85 has a book, *The Podium, the Pulpit, and the Republicans: How Presidential Candidates Use Religious Language in American Political Debate*, published in July 2011 by Praeger.

**Diana Scholl** '89 recently ended thirteen years of service as hospital chaplain in Middlebury, Vermont.

**Barbara Smith-Moran** '89 is the current North American Provincial Warden of the Society of Ordained Scientists, a dispersed, ecumenical preaching and teaching order of the Church of England.

### 1990-1999

**Laura Ruth Jarrett** '90 was installed November 7, 2010, as minister and teacher at Hope Central Church in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

**Jan Nunley** '92 has returned to EDS—for the third time—as interim director of communications and marketing. She is also long-term supply clergy for two congregations, St. Francis, Montgomery, and St. Thomas, New Windsor, both in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. In addition, she serves as a consultant to three General Convention interim bodies. She and her wife Susie, who works at the Church Pension Group, live in Peekskill, New York, with their two Alaskan Malamutes, Fargo and Luci.

**Jessica Nakawombe** '99 was recently awarded both the Best Original Writer and Best Peacemaker award from the Ugandans at Heart committee.

### 2000-2009

**Donna Maree** '00 was invited to be rector at the Trinity Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She and her husband look

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Episcopal Church has an office for Transition Ministry aimed to offer support and resources for lay or ordained ministers and congregations or institutions entering into a time of discernment and calling. Their mission is to guide you through your transition to fulfill your potential as visionary leaders in the Church and in the world. For more information go to [www.episcopalchurch.org/cdo](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/cdo)

From time to time, Episcopal Divinity School receives notice of leadership positions available throughout the world. We hope to provide you with an ongoing resource center in the future. Please continue to send along opportunities for ministry to [alum@eds.edu](mailto:alum@eds.edu). In the meantime, please note the following opening for a clergy position:

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Share in visioning, leadership and administration; act as clergy liaison to Vestry Committees: Youth, Church School, Parish School. Supervise the Directors of Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries. Lead the teaching team for Confirmation. *Listen well.*

#### 2. Liturgy and Worship

Join with the Rector and other clergy in celebrating and preaching regularly. Work with other staff members in designing liturgies for diverse populations. Take leadership of the contemporary *Come As You Are* service. Help the parish and its leaders continually evaluate its response to the spiritual needs of a growing congregation. *Respect tradition, but push the established limits.*

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Understand that pastoral care undergirds all our work with people. Share in visiting hospitals and shut-ins, and in preparing parishioners for baptisms, weddings and funerals. *Love people. Trust people.*

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Provide leadership and spiritual direction for a mission-oriented congregation. Work with strong lay leaders to discern new ministries, and new structures for existing ministries. Work creatively—both independently and in concert with other clergy, staff and many lay people. *Be a person of prayer.*

Contact: The Rev. David R. Anderson: 203.655.1456, or [david.anderson@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:david.anderson@saintlukesdarien.org)

forward to exploring and moving to Philadelphia.

**Jennifer Morazes** '00 received her PhD from the University of California-Berkeley on May 2, 2011.

**Thomas Eoyang** '03 is finishing his first year as chair of the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. He continues as rector of Grace Epiphany Church in Philadelphia.

**Marta Iris Valentín** '03 was installed as pastor of First Church

The readers of *EDS News* want to hear from you. Please email Class Notes to [alum@eds.edu](mailto:alum@eds.edu) or mail to Laura Parrillo at EDS, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Or, send your news to your class agent. Not sure who your class agent is? Contact Alumni/ae Relations at [alum@eds.edu](mailto:alum@eds.edu). You can now find fellow graduates on the "alums in the news" page on the EDS website on the "alumni/ae and friends" page. Check it out!

## IN MEMORIAM

# “To love we shall return”: Bonnie Johnson Shurman '08

**B**onnie Johnson Shurman '08, of Oak Island, North Carolina, formerly of Palo Alto, California, died June 2, 2011, at the age of 67 in Southport, North Carolina, after a decade-long struggle with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

She was born in Baytown, Texas, to the late Buck and Osie McDaniel. A university professor for almost two decades, and then another two decades as a visionary/strategic planner in corporate and consulting settings, Bonnie left Silicon Valley after the life-changing diagnosis of leukemia. Her miracle remission allowed her to follow her spirit to discern God's purpose for her life and enroll in the Episcopal Divinity School.

“Bonnie came to EDS for transformation, not for ordination,” said the Rev. Susan Langle '07. “And she lived her life, every day of it, rejoicing in transformation, sharing in transformation, and witnessing to the power of God, who names and and blesses each least child on earth.”

“Bonnie was my friend, my teacher, my pastor, and always my greatest cheerleader. She allowed us to minister to her and she returned the favor during our time together at EDS and beyond,” said the Rev. B.K. Hipsher '06. “Her physical presence will be missed but her spiritual presence will be with us always in the lessons she taught us and the love she shared with

us. May her name be a blessing and may she party with all the saints forever in peace.”

As Bonnie said in a Lenten sermon at St. Phillip's in Southport, “Remember that we are love, and to love we shall return.”

A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, she is survived by her husband, Daniel; son Ron and fiancée Amber; daughter Jennifer and husband Scott; daughter Deborah;

grandchildren Zac, Lucas, Jackson, Abi, and Landen; and many dear friends.

Her family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at [www.lls.org/#/waysto-help/donate/](http://www.lls.org/#/waysto-help/donate/), or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Donor Services, PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202. Online condolences may be offered at [www.peacocknewnamwhite.com](http://www.peacocknewnamwhite.com).



Unitarian in Littleton, Massachusetts, on April 3, 2011.

**Harriet Kollin** '04 has accepted a call to St. Martin-in-the-Field, Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia, in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania.

**Stephanie Spellers** '04 recently served as chaplain to the House of Bishops. She also still enjoys her work with “The Crossing” in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Amity Carrubba** '06 has become the new executive director of Episcopal Service Corps.

**Mary P. Garner** '06 is serving as associate at Christ Church in St. Michaels, Maryland.

**Mary Catherine (Enockson) Young** '03 has been called by the Episcopal Diocese of New York to serve as the next Episcopal chaplain for NYU and other downtown campuses. She and her husband Chad look forward to moving to New York City in August.

**Chris Wendell** '07 and his wife, Kristen, welcomed baby boy Nathan earlier this year. Chris was recently called as rector of St. Paul's in Bedford, Massachusetts.

**April Alford** '09 and **Marie Harkney** '10 were married May 7, 2011, in Connecticut. In addition, Marie was recently elected to the EDS Alumni/ae Executive Committee and has been helping with the creation of a new street church in Bushnell Park

in Hartford, Connecticut. Church by the Pond is modeled after the street church ministry developed by Ecclesia in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Necrology

**Mark Bailey** PDS '72  
**Edwin de F. Bennett** '50  
**David L. Clark** '57  
**Harold D. Chase Jr.** '49  
**Ira L. Fetterhoff** PDS '54  
**William F. Gender III** '57  
**Bonnie Johnson Shurman** '08  
**Jeremy H. Knowles** '56  
**John C. Kolb** '57  
**Warren H. McKenna** '43  
**David E. Smith** '57  
**Elmer A. Vastyan** '57  
**H. Lawrence Whittemore, Jr.** '48

### Ordained Deacon

**Amanda Akes** '10  
**Hilary Greer** '11

### Ordained Priest

**Joyce Mack Scheyer** '10  
**Thomas Mousin** '11

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# Wyoming priest helps spark faith-based conservation movement

By Martin Kidston, The Billings Gazette  
Wyoming Bureau (April 27, 2011)

If the desert was good enough for Jesus, Moses and the Essenes, the Rev. Warren Murphy [EDS '72] believes, then it's good for Wyoming.

Murphy, who founded the Wyoming Association of Churches and is the longest-serving priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, set off this week, not for the desert, but for a multifaith conference aimed at preserving it.

"The Red Desert is one of God's stunning creations," said Murphy, who lives in Cody. "It's still a wild place, a wilderness, and wilderness is where people go to look for spiritual awareness."

The 9,000-plus square miles of the Red Desert in south-central Wyoming remain one of the last intact high desert ecosystems in the country. The desert is home to the nation's largest living sand-dune system, and it supports the world's largest herd of desert elk.

As Murphy notes, people have sought spiritual guidance here for thousands of years. Pre-historic rock art pecked into the cliffs dates back more than 10,000 years. In more recent times, the desert landscape played an important role in the lives of the Shoshone and Ute Indians.

But members of On Sacred Ground, a faith-based movement that Murphy helped start in 2007, believe the Red Desert is more vulnerable than ever to oil and gas exploration, along with the slow creep of pipes, roads, power lines and pump stations needed to support it.

When members of the National Council of Churches and the Wyoming Association of Churches gather for events in Lander, Rock Springs, Casper and Laramie this week, they will examine the question: "Conservation of the Red Desert: Where do we go from here?"

"The biggest threat facing the Red Desert right now is the tremendous push for energy development," Murphy said. "The state Legislature even took away the few designations it had. But most of those politicians have never even been to the Red Desert."

Murphy, who was ordained in 1972, uses biblical stories when discussing the desert wilderness and its offerings of solitude and spiritual growth.

There were the Essenes who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the "Desert Fathers"



The Rev. Warren Murphy '72, who helped spark a faith-based approach to conservation in Wyoming by founding On Sacred Ground, enjoys the solitude and splendor of Sheep Mountain, west of Cody.

of the early Christian Church, who, Murphy said, lived a hermetic life alone in the desert while searching for God's truth.

"Jesus also went into the Negev Desert," Murphy said. "That's where the whole idea of Lent comes from—the 40 days and 40 nights he spent wandering in the wilderness, trying to figure out what God was telling him to do."

The old stories lie at the heart of Judaism and Christianity, but Murphy draws parallels to modern times. The isolation of wilderness, a land untrammled and uninterrupted, is a place to go in solitude and consider life's meaning.

"For me, it's a place to get away from the commercialism, the fast-paced lifestyle that doesn't seem to have a positive direction," Murphy said. "It's a place to get a better perspective on what God wants us to do."

A hardy hiker, Murphy receives insights during his wild treks—lessons that often end up in his sermons. They are stories of the Exodus and the Old Testament, but they are modern stories, too, ripe with spirituality and visions of conservation.

When he helped start On Sacred Ground, Murphy saw a need to combine faith-based and scientific responses when advocating for conservation. A year after forming, the group held a statewide conference on faith and the environment.

That inaugural event saw people of various denominations join the region's leading environmental groups, including the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, to search for a new approach to conservation.

The discussion will continue this week with members of On Sacred Ground, members of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes and community leaders who seek to preserve the desert landscape.

Other supporting groups include the Wyoming Outdoor Council, the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming, the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance and a student group, Restoration Outreach and Research.

"God created the natural world," Murphy said. "It was given as a blessing to people. It was meant to be cared for, looked after and protected, while at the same time receiving some benefits from it."

"That's where the term stewardship comes from, and that's one of the roles the church has played—to give back to the earth that which we've taken from it."

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## Gelfer joins EDS as dean of student and community life

Starting this summer, the Rev. Miriam Gelfer '94 joins EDS as dean of student and community life.

"I am humbled by President Ragsdale's confidence in me, and I am excited to be joining EDS at this time in its history," said Gelfer.

"After 20 years of experience in parish ministry, I feel blessed to be able to help shape and nurture the lives of women and men preparing for the next part of their faith journey. Working with the students, faculty, staff, and administration of EDS will enrich my life and change it forever. My spouse Lisa and I are filled with gratitude for this amazing opportunity at this time in our life and ministry."

Ordained a priest in 1995, for 13 years the Rev. Miriam Gelfer was rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Newton Corner, Massachusetts, a congregation of more than 300 parishioners. Working with her staff, she led the creation and development of its liturgies, youth ministries, adult education, music program, hospitality events, and oversight of its historic buildings and recent capital campaign. Under her leadership, the Grace Church website became a recognized standard for churches, and her weekly blogs and newsletters are widely read. Previously, Gelfer was associate rector for children's education and pastoral care at Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, Massachusetts, for four years.

For five years Gelfer was dean of the Charles

River Deanery, where she represented the Diocese of Massachusetts to 13 parishes, serving as resource, guide, and pastor and participating in ordinations, installations, conflict resolution, and clergy reassignments. She also co-chaired the Campaign Advisory Committee for the diocese's Capital Campaign. She has worked on the Commission on Ministry, the Liturgy and Music Committee, and the Clergy Conference and Clergy Retreat Planning Committees, and functioned as a facilitator for the Fresh Start program, co-chair of the Diocesan Convention Fundraiser for 2009, and as co-convenor of the diocesan GLBT Clergy Group.

Using her musical abilities, Miriam frequently serves as cantor for ordinations, liturgies and other diocesan events. She has served meals at Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, and regularly participates in Massachusetts' B-SAFE (Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment) program, serving meals, reading to campers, and leading drum circles.

Over the course of her ministry, Miriam has mentored seminarians through the field education program at Episcopal Divinity



Miriam Gelfer '94

School and for the diocese's "Life Together" program. She is also a facilitator for the mentoring program "Making Excellent Disciples."

Miriam's experiences prior to and during her ordained ministry have formed her as a priest, counselor, musician and confidant. Gelfer began her career as a public school music teacher and choral director, then went on to become a church musician

and director of Christian education. She holds a master's degree in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi, in Christian education from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and the MDiv from Episcopal Divinity School.

Gelfer grew up with five brothers on Long Island, New York, and makes her home in Watertown, Massachusetts with her spouse, Lisa Garcia, and their poodles, Rusty and Bosco. She enjoys cooking, baking, the Crossfit core strength and conditioning program, participating in fundraising events such as the Best Buddies bike rides, playing the guitar and, more recently, the ukulele. She is passionate about spirituality, the power of music, nutrition, and physical well-being, as well as offering hospitality and helping others find what brings them joy.

## Welcome new CFO William Judge

William (Bill) F. Judge has joined the EDS senior management team as chief financial officer. He recently served as senior director for finance and administration within the information technology division of the president's office at the University of Massachusetts. Judge led business operations in the areas of strategic planning, financial analysis, change management, human resources, and facilities with his primary activities comprised of managing university-wide governance relationships, developing long range financial plans, directing annual operating and capital budgeting processes, and leading organizational and human resources development in supporting large-scale ERP implementations and related systems infrastructure.

Prior to joining the University of Massachusetts, Judge served as senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer for the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-public agency of the Commonwealth focused on economic development projects that enhance innovation and provide for long-term growth of the knowledge economy in all regions of the state. In this capacity he directed all financial matters of the corporation, coordinated and developed the corporation's annual and multi-year strategic, operating, and capital plans, supported the activities of the budget and operations, investment, personnel and compensation, and campus development committees, and managed the execution of all related programmatic activities.

Judge holds a BS degree in management (1982) from Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts. In his spare time, he continues to pursue his dream of rock stardom as keyboardist for a Beatles tribute band, *Glass Onion*.



And EDS is pleased to introduce... Abigail "Abby" Lucy Parrillo, daughter of director of alumni/ae relations Laura Parrillo, arrived May 12, 2011, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz. Congratulations to the Parrillo family!

## New street church in Hartford offers communion without walls

By Amy Malick

Every Saturday since June 11, the eve of Pentecost, 20 to 45 people have gathered in Bushnell Park in Hartford, Connecticut, for praise, prayers and communion.

“It was a great Pentecost moment, with the Holy Spirit all over the place!” said Marie Alford-Harkey ’10, a member of the church’s planning group, after the service June 11.

“The best moments for me came when I looked in the eyes of people I see all the time and said, ‘The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.’ It did seem as natural as breath—like the breath of the Holy Spirit.”

This ecumenical church without walls—named Church by the Pond—is an outgrowth of Church Street Eats, which this summer begins its eighth year of Sunday lunch at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, its third year in Bushnell on Saturday afternoons, and a year and a half on Friday nights at the Cathedral.

Church by the Pond convenes every Saturday by the pond near the carousel. Volunteer clergy preside and celebrate Eucharist every week. The people who gather share other roles, such as reading the Gospel lesson, commenting on the Gospel—which serves as the sermon—offering prayers, and serving the wine (grape juice, in consideration of people healing from addiction).

As the community of volunteers from churches and groups around Connecticut has grown over the last three years, along with the number of people gathering for bagged lunches on Saturday afternoons, adding a worship service seemed as natural as breathing.

“It was the next thing we had to offer to each other for the community,” said Rose Fichera Eagen, who originally conceived of the Church Street Eats program. The worship service starts at 2 p.m. so that people who come for lunches at 3 p.m. can choose whether to attend.

Church by the Pond is modeled after the street church ministry developed by Ecclesia Ministries in Boston, and Ecclesia offers resources, prayer support and advice. Additionally, the bishops of the Diocese of Connecticut will be meeting with the planning group in July to offer the support of the episcopate.

All are welcome to join this exciting new form of worship! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Christ Church Cathedral parishioner Amy Malick at 860.560.9085, or e-mail at [a\\_malick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a_malick@sbcglobal.net).



Marie Alford-Harkey '10 (center) and the Church by the Pond community.



The Rev. Tom Beveridge and Deacon Donald Richey celebrate the Eucharist at Church by the Pond.

# EDSConnect: Three to get ready... . . . . .

## Rural Church: Ministry and Mission for All

Join Episcopal Divinity School's rural storytelling project and work with other rural churches to identify and articulate the story of your church community. Learn best practices for challenging and strengthening ministry in a rural context from other congregations.

This hybrid course includes web conferences and small group discussion, culminating in the creation of a video story about your parish. Participants get help in identifying the parish's strengths for growth, and will discuss how to engage members in developing those strengths.

EDSConnect will provide assistance with strategies for interviews, how to do taping and editing, and how to post stories on our website. The final section of the course will be a discussion of one another's stories to help each leader expand strategies for vitality in the local parish.

Course facilitators are Dan Hines, Margaret Babcock, and Christina V. Carr. The course costs \$100 per parish, and is subsidized by a grant from The Roanridge Trust. The course runs July 5 to October 28, 2011, and will require about eight hours a month for each person on the team. Instruction and hardware necessary for video production will be provided. Ministry teams and other groups of three to five people from rural parishes are encouraged to take the course together. PLEASE NOTE: This class has reached its enrollment limit. Contact Liz Magill at [lmagill@eds.edu](mailto:lmagill@eds.edu) or 617.682.1581 for future offerings of this or other courses.

### Schedule (in progress):

Pre-Session: July 5-8	Getting started
Session 1: July 12-15	Why do we tell stories? Who needs to be on the team?
Session 2: July 19-23	What are the elements of our story? How do we work as a team?
Session 3: August 9-12	How do we connect to God's story and call? How do we create as a team?
Session 4: August 15-19	Introduction to the production and editing process
Session 5: August 22-26	Challenges, successes, questions
Session 6: Sept. 13-17	Sharing our stories
Session 7: Sept. 20-24	Sharing our stories
Session 8: Sept. 27-30	Sharing our stories
Session 9: Oct. 16-22	Independent time spent viewing final stories
Session 10: Oct. 23-29	Final evaluation

## Your Way With God's Word: Building Confidence In Your Preaching

This course is designed for preachers (lay and ordained) looking for a continuing education opportunity to expand the ability to use your own voice in designing and preaching a sermon.

Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett provides video lectures for independent study, plus readings from David J. Schlafer, *Your Way with God's Word: Discovering Your Distinctive Preaching Voice* (Cowley Publications, 1995), live web conferences, and outlines for small group discussion about preaching.

After eight weeks you will have developed your skills in sermon construction, preparation, and delivery, how you use the Bible in your preaching, conversational aspects of preaching, and building your sermon based on the context where it will be delivered.

The course earns 1 CEU. The course costs \$200 per person, or \$300 for a team of three or four people in one location. A minimum of 10 individuals or teams is needed for the course to run. Contact [lmagill@eds.edu](mailto:lmagill@eds.edu) to register or for questions.

### Anticipated Schedule:

Pre-Session: Sept. 12-18	Personal inventory
<i>Live Session: Sept. 14</i>	
7-8:30 pm	
Session 1: Sept. 19-23	Your natural voice
Session 2: Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Your particular gifts
Session 3: Oct. 3-9	Your first course sermon
<i>Live Session: Oct. 12</i>	
7-8:30 pm	
Session 4: Oct. 17-21	Context, confidence, vision
Session 5: Oct. 24-30	Taking risks: sermon two
Session 6: Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Celebrating the preaching life
<i>Live Session Nov. 2</i>	
7-8:30	



## Student News

## Ministry that Reaches Out: Creating Diaconal Congregations

Do you wish your parish had more of an outward focus? Are you a new deacon or parish leader, or just getting started in a new ministry support team? Do you long to explore how your congregation can take a more diaconal approach with your community and with the world?

*Creating Diaconal Congregations* is a six-week non-credit course with weekly video presentations you watch on your own schedule, live small group discussions you arrange with your team, theological reflections, readings, and an integrative project, all designed to help your parish become more outwardly focused.

The course costs \$200 per person or \$250 for teams of two to four people in the same location. Contact Liz Magill at [lmagill@eds.edu](mailto:lmagill@eds.edu) or 617.682.1581 for more information or to register.

### Anticipated Schedule:

Pre-Session: Sept. 19-25	Welcome, introductions, planning
Session 1: Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Foundations: Baptismal ministry and community call
Session 2: Oct. 3-9	Foundations: Leadership—helping others to be ministers
Session 3: Oct. 10-16	Foundations: Becoming a people who interact with the world
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Session 4: Oct. 24-30	Going outside micro: Direct service, building relationships
Session 5: Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Going outside macro: The prophetic role of the church
Session 6: Nov. 7-12	Formation: Creating support systems
Session 7: Nov. 14-20	Integrative Project Reporting: How will you share what you have learned?



Debra J. Cottis '13, went to Monson, Massachusetts, on June 5 to help with cleanup following a rare June 1 outburst of tornadoes that cut a path of destruction in towns along the Massachusetts Turnpike and killed at least three people. "I met with people who came home to splinters of wood," reported Cottis, who sent pictures of two churches that lost their steeples. Shown here is the steeple clock of First Church of Monson, UCC.



The Rev. Mwape Musonda-Chilombo '13 in her finery at the Commencement Garden Party.

"You can meet them in school, or at tea...  
For the saints of God are just folk like me,  
And I mean to be one too."

## Degrees Conferred, May 19, 2011

### Doctor of Ministry

**James Edward Merritt, Jr.**, Stetson University, BM; Episcopal Divinity School, MDiv

**Nancy Linda Wilson**, Allegheny College, BA; Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, MDiv

### Master of Divinity

**Robert P. Coats, Jr.**, University of North Carolina, BA; Virginia Wesleyan College, BA

**Hilary Anne Greer**, Oberlin College, BA

**Lorilyn Walker Holmes**

**Jennifer Lorah Johnson**, University of Rhode Island, BA

**Carol Kiesling**, West Texas State University, BSN; University of Texas Medical Branch, MD

**Sarah Sue Larson**, Lawrence University, BA; American University, MA, PhD

**Joshua Levi Love**, Skidmore College, BS

**Joyce Elaine Leonard Ribelin**, Bristol Community College, AS; Bridgewater State College, BS

**Ellen Harris Richardson**, Georgia State University, BA; Medical College of Georgia, MD

**K. Booth Towry-Iburg**, Huntingdon College, BA; Texas Woman's University, MS

### Master of Arts in Theological Studies

**Ryan Andrew Bowley**, Providence College, BA

**Ester Jamir**, St. Mary's College, BA; The United Theological College, BD

**Paul C. Wolossow**, University of California, BSEE

### Certificate of Advanced Theological Study

**Margery Kennelly**, Harvard College, BA; Gordon Conwell, MDiv

**Thomas Nordboe Mousin**, Dartmouth College, BA; Union Theological Seminary, MDiv

**Meghan Therese Sweeney**, College of Holy Cross, BA; Harvard Divinity School, MDiv; Emory University, PhD

### Certificate of Theological Study

**Nicholas Paul MacDonald**, University of Southern Maine, BM

**Alexandra E. Millar**

**Ann-Marie Montague**

**Sarah Lavonne Seifert**, University of Kansas, BA

## Prizes

*The William Ellis Scull Prize*, presented to a member of the first-year class for the greatest improvement in the elements of voice production, awarded to **Eli Zigdon**

*The William H. Lincoln Prize*, presented to a member of the second-year class for excellence in reading, awarded to **Rebecca Gettel**

*The Salmon Wheaton Prize*, presented to a graduating student for reading, awarded to **Nicholas Paul MacDonald**

*The Frederick Maggee Adams Prize*, presented to the graduating student who has maintained the highest standards in homiletics, awarded to **Ellen Harris Richardson**

*The John Robbins Hart Memorial Prize*, presented to a graduating student for excellence in preaching, awarded to **Sarah Lavonne Seifert**

*The J. Norman Hall Prize*, presented to the graduating student recognized as outstanding in peace and justice work, awarded

to **James Edward Merritt, Jr.** and **Lorilyn "Candy" Walker Holmes**

*The Alison Cheek Prize in Feminist Liberation Theologies*, presented to the graduating MA or MDiv student for activism and scholarship that reflect commitments to ending racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, and all forms of oppression in the church and the wider society, awarded to **Ester Jamir**

*The Rev. Canon Frederick B. Williams Prize in Pastoral Theology*, presented to a graduating MATS or MDiv student who demonstrates excellence in pastoral theology through academic work and practical ministry, and who forcefully articulates by word and/or example ministries with communities of color or other oppressed groups, awarded to **K. Booth Towry-Iburg**

*The William C. Winslow Prize in Bible Studies*, presented to the graduating student who writes the best essay on a subject relating to the Bible and culture or archaeology, for his thesis

titled "A Pearl in the Mud: Ritual and Anti-Cosmic Dualism in the Gospel of Philip," awarded to **Ryan Andrew Bowley**

*The Tek Young Lin Prize* presented to a graduating MATS or MDiv student who, in general, demonstrates consistent excellence in biblical exegesis and, in particular, reflects the ability and commitment to bring scripture alive in a multicultural world, awarded to **Hilary Anne Greer**

*The Nelson Waite Rightmyer Memorial Prize*, presented for the best paper on church history, "Two Maurices: An Anglican Tradition of Tolerance (Frederick Denison Maurice and Maurice Wiles)," awarded to **Catherine Owens**

*The Bishop Atwood of Arizona Prize*, presented to the graduating student who has maintained the highest standards in the field of church history, awarded to **Thomas Nordboe Mousin**

*The James Arthur Muller Prize*, presented to a graduating student who has done work of distinction

in the historical field, awarded to **Meghan Therese Sweeney**

*The Richard D. McCall Award for Excellence in Liturgy*, presented to the graduating student who has made outstanding contributions to the life of the EDS community through excellence in the design and leadership of worship, awarded to **Joshua Levi Love**

*The St. George's College, Jerusalem Award*, presented to the graduating student with a demonstrated commitment to interfaith dialogue, awarded to **Margery M. T. Kennelly**

We would also like to acknowledge **Joyce Elaine Leonard Ribelin**, awarded **The Massachusetts Bible Society Award** earlier this year for excellence in liturgical reading of the Scriptures, and the **Jonathan Daniels Fellowship** for work promoting racial justice and reconciliation, awarded earlier this year to **Hilary Anne Greer** and **Charles Wynder, Jr.**



## Commencement, cont'd.



Clockwise from left: Trustee President Brett Donham (L) and interim Dean of Students Clarence Butler '67 place the hood on honorary degree recipient Marie C. Wilson; Katherine Hancock Ragsdale, Bishop Barbara Harris, Mary Glasspool '81, Ed Chase, and Marie C. Wilson; staff and commencement reader Denise Maccioli; faculty and commencement reader Patrick Cheng



## Alumni/ae Days / Kellogg Lectures



Clockwise from left: Jean Steele '68 with Donna Maree '00 and Donna's husband Charles Carr; 1966 classmates Roger Nelson, Preston Mears, and Robert Edson; Beverly Hall '02, Liz Magill '02, Alan Hesse '01, Anita Nesiah '01, and Joyce Penfield '01; Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Richard Witt '86 and Lin Knight '62







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## Calendar

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**August 31 - September 2**  
*Orientation*

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**September 7**  
*First Day of Fall Classes*

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**September 8**  
*First Community Eucharist*

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**September 12**  
*Matriculation Service  
and Reception*

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**September 13-14**  
*Alumni/ae Executive  
Committee Fall Meeting*

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**October 20-22**  
*Board of Trustees Meetings*

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**October 21**  
*Former and Current Trustee  
Luncheon; Leadership  
Council Day; public lecture  
and book signing by Bishop  
Jack Spong; and Saint John's  
Society Dinner*



Longtime faculty member David Siegenthaler '55 prepares for Commencement procession.