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## Making college affordable



In challenging times like these, it takes faith to see hope in our future. I've talked with many friends of the university who either feel the effects of the economic downturn or fear it will touch them soon. I know that some of our students and their families are grappling with financial losses and rising unemployment. It is easy to fear the future.

As a university with a Christ-centered mission, we are called to care for those in need. Even before these tough times, the university worked hard to make college affordable for students from all backgrounds. In a survey of economic diversity, George Fox ranked in the top third in our national university

category for serving lower-income students. More than a quarter of our undergraduates receive Pell Grants, which are most often given to undergraduates with family incomes under \$20,000.

Financial aid is what makes college affordable for many of our students. Nearly 90 percent received aid this year. George Fox gave \$14.7 million in student aid in 2008-09 and next year will award another \$15.8 million. Over the past 10 years, we've increased student aid 53 percent.

We strive to be efficient in carrying out our mission of Christ-centered higher education. In an extra effort to keep our expenses low this coming year, we're holding salaries at current levels and carefully examining each proposed staff or faculty addition. We realize that our students are taking a step of faith and making an investment in their future. We're determined to make that investment both possible and worthwhile.

This issue of *Journal* includes the stories of five social work graduates whose faith is leading them to serve those in need throughout the world. You can also find other stories of faith in the magazine, from the faith expressed by our country's founding fathers to the faith of a persecuted Romanian pastor.

It was faith in Christ that gave Corrie ten Boom the courage to shelter Jews in her home during World War II, an action that saved many refugees from death and led to her imprisonment in several Nazi-run concentration camps.

Decades later, her words continue to inspire those of us who are inclined to fear the future: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Her counsel is not easy, but I believe we must heed it. We must continue to place our trust and faith in God alone. There is great comfort in knowing our future is in good hands.

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## Building bridges

### George Fox becomes first West Coast Christian college to offer civil engineering

A new concentration in civil engineering will allow George Fox graduates to pursue engineering service projects that address the fundamental needs of people in the United States and developing countries.

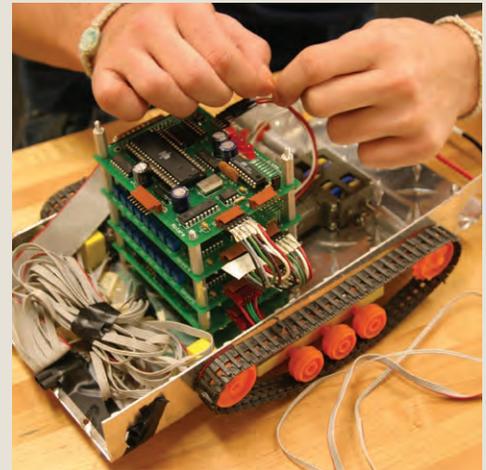
Civil engineers design solutions for public facilities and infrastructure – from clean water supply and wastewater treat-

ment plants to highways, bridges and buildings.

“Adding a program like civil engineering fits our university’s mission, which calls for participation in our world’s concerns,” said Bob Harder, engineering department chair. “It’s also in direct alignment with our departmental objectives – to prepare engineers who are technically competent, broadly educated and understand responsible service from a Christian worldview.”

The university’s engineering program also offers concentrations in computer, mechanical and electrical engineering. It is one of only 13 Council for Christian Colleges & Universities schools nationwide that offer a four-year engineering program with accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

According to the U.S. Department of



Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics, civil engineering is projected to experience an 18-percent employment growth during the decade of 2006-2016.

*Read more about the engineering program at [engineering.georgefox.edu](http://engineering.georgefox.edu).*



## Green faith

Daniel Brunner is passionate about the ecological health of our

planet. This conviction helped land Brunner, professor of Christian history and formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, a selection to the GreenFaith Fellowship Program last fall.

The program aims to mobilize people of diverse spiritual backgrounds for religiously based environmental leadership. Brunner is in a class of 20 fellows representing more than 10 religious denominations.

As a fellow in the program, Brunner will attend sessions in ecologically varied settings — urban, rural and suburban — and receive education and training in eco-theology, “greening” the

operation of institutions, environmental advocacy, and environmental justice.



“I’m becoming more and more convinced that the ecological/environmental crisis is the social justice issue of our day,” Brunner said. “Other concerns, as important as they are, are going to pale in comparison in the decades to come.”

Brunner is also finding a new outlet for sharing his faith. “It’s an honor to be the only outspokenly evangelical Christian in my cohort,” he said. “We are united by our passion for the brokenness and healing of our planet. In sharing my own journey, I’m able to talk about why my biblical faith in Jesus Christ motivates me in this whole arena.”

Lou Loeffler



## ‘Escaping the Devil’s Bedroom’



Although Dawn Herzog Jewell painted a grim picture about men and women enslaved by international sex trafficking, her message was one of possibility.

“We don’t live without hope,” she said.

In a Feb. 16 chapel at George Fox, Jewell (G94) told numerous stories of how God rescued women and children from horrific

situations both abroad and in the United States.

One story was about a young Asian girl named Moon who was sold and forced to work as a sex slave by the time she was a teenager. She was raped more than 100 times before Christian missionaries came to her aid. Moon is one of the women featured in Jewell’s book *Escaping the Devil’s Bedroom*, published last July.

Sex trafficking is the world’s third-largest criminal trade behind drugs and arms dealing. More than 2 million children each year become victims of sexual exploitation. Jewell said Christians are often guilty of placing these workers into two categories – the victims and the volunteers – and often pity the first and scorn the latter.

“But we don’t see the invisible chains,”

Jewell said. “Sixty-five to 90 percent of women in strip clubs were abused as children. Portland has more than 50 strip clubs. Who is reaching these women?”

Jewell said that it can be difficult to reach out to men and women trapped in the sex industry, but Christians must get involved.

“We cannot succeed in being God’s hands and feet if we don’t have Jesus’ love in our hearts,” she said.

Jewell became interested in this area of ministry while working as publications manager for Media Associates International. She prayed that God would give her a topic to write about so she could encourage writers in the developing world. As she traveled, she saw Christians effectively rescuing men, women and children from the sex industry. She saw the transformation of lives.

“My purpose for writing the book was to show that God is already at work in this issue,” Jewell said. “Satan isn’t in control.”

## Recalibrating Concepts of the Church

Five authors gathered in February for what George Fox Evangelical Seminary Dean Chuck Conniry calls “one of the most impactful Ministry in Contemporary Culture seminars to date.”

Len Sweet, Dan Kimball, MaryKate Morse, Alan Hirsch and Frank Viola joined forces to discuss “Recalibrating Concepts of the Church.”

“What are we missing?” Kimball asked. “What needs to be recalibrated?”

Kimball and the other speakers addressed that question by rethinking everything from evangelism to leadership to the vision of the church as a whole.

Kimball, pastor and author of *They Like Jesus But Not the Church*, questioned



Left to right: moderator Lance Ford, MaryKate Morse, Len Sweet, Frank Viola, Alan Hirsch and Dan Kimball

why Christians spend the majority of their time with other Christians instead of reaching out to nonbelievers. Futurist and theologian Len Sweet discussed his book *So Beautiful: Divine Design for Life in the Church*. Frank Viola spoke of the inspiration behind his popular books *Pagan Christianity* and *Reimagining Church*. Alan Hirsch, a missional leader, educator and strategist, discussed “Reactivating the

Missional Church.”

MaryKate Morse, professor of leadership and director of hybrid and special programs at the seminary, addressed influence through power, a topic she tackles in her book, *The Geography of Power: Leading Change by Stewarding Power*. Morse contends that God instills a “neutral power” in each person for the purpose of being his kingdom of priests in the world.



## Faculty research

**Paul Anderson**, professor of biblical and Quaker studies, published "The John, Jesus, and History Project: New Glimpses of Jesus and a Bi-Optic Hypothesis" in the "Zeitschrift fur Neues Testament." Anderson also presented "The Mission of the Christ-Centered Quaker College" at the Quaker Theological Discussion Group in Boston, Mass.

**Robin Ashford**, distance librarian, and **Scot Headley**, professor of educational foundations and leadership, delivered a presentation at the EduCause Learning Institute in Orlando, Fla., about how Second Life can serve the needs of distant students.

**Ginny Birky**, associate professor of education, presented "High school reform: Stories that inspire future teachers to embrace, promote and initiate change" at the American Education Research Association.

**Bill Buhrow**, dean of Student Services, is serving on a task force on college student gambling. The task force is affiliated with Harvard Medical School and Center of Addiction. George Fox is the only Christian college on the task force. The task force produced an executive summary and suggested policies for colleges and universities in time for March Madness.



**Steve Delamarter**, professor of Old Testament, spent most of January in Ethiopia where he helped digitize 1,120 ancient Ethiopic manuscripts at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies. The work required taking more than 101,000 photographs in 22 days.

Jeremy Brown (G08) and Erik Young (G07) helped with the work.

**Mark Allen Eaton**, adjunct professor of theatre, returned to Cairo, Egypt, the last week of February to teach a playwriting series at the Arab World Evangelical Minister's Association's Drama Conference.

**Mark Hall**, the Herbert Hoover distinguished professor of political science, had his book *America's Forgotten Founders* published by Butler Books.

**Tom Head**, professor of economics and international studies, gave a lecture in November titled "Envisioning a Moral Economy" at Pendle Hill, a Quaker study center near Philadelphia. His lecture asked how economic arrangements can best serve human needs and challenged listeners to envision an economy that is balanced, healthy and just.

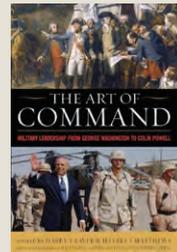
**Kerry Irish**, professor of history, published his article "Cross-cultural Leadership: Dwight D. Eisenhower" in a book titled *The Art of Command: Military Leadership from George Washington to Colin Powell*.

**Chris Koch** received a grant from the American Psychiatric Society to create online video clips highlighting how skills that psychology majors learn are used in a variety of jobs.

**Rhett Luedtke**, associate professor of theatre, delivered a presentation in August titled "Bridging the Gap: Dialogue Between Theatre and Conservative Constituencies at a Quaker School" to the Association for Theatre in Higher Education's national conference in Denver.

**Paul Otto**, professor of history, had his review of "Peoples of the River Valleys: The Odyssey of the Delaware Indians" published in the *Journal of American History*.

**Steve Sherwood**, assistant professor of youth evangelism and discipleship, had his article "Majoring in Stress" published in the January issue of *Youthworker Journal*.



**Laura Simmons**, associate professor of Christian Ministries, had her article "Dorothy L. Sayers: A Writer and Theologian for Today" published in *E-Quality*.

**Kent Yinger**, associate professor of New Testament, had his article "Paul and Asceticism in 1 Cor. 9:27a" printed in the *Journal of Religion and Society*.

For more faculty research and publishing news, visit [georgefox.edu/journal-facultyresearch](http://georgefox.edu/journal-facultyresearch)



## Mentoring the mentors in elementary education

A \$405,000 grant will enable the School of Education to provide mentors to Christian educators throughout the region for the next three years.

The university received the first installment (\$63,000) of the grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust in December. Designated the "K-12 Christian Schools Capacity Building Initiative," the project will provide professional support and mentoring services to Christian school leaders, potential school leaders and beginning teachers who work in organizations with a Christian mission.

"This grant is a significant investment by the Murdock Trust, showing its commitment to the future of Christian education," said Scot Headley, project co-leader with Gary Kilburg, both professors of education at George Fox.

This spring, the university is identifying and preparing mentors while also identifying schools and individuals interested in receiving mentoring support for the 2009-10 school year. Mentors will be current and recently retired Christian school administrators and teachers. These services will be offered at no or minimal cost to the individual or school.



**Make a swish** Joanna Johnson attended the National Basketball Association's All-Star game in Phoenix thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in February.

So how does it feel to have a wish come true?

"It was pretty rad," said Johnson, a sophomore. "I could not have picked a better wish."

Johnson traveled in stretch limos, slept in four-star hotels and hung out with the stars. Her favorite moment from the weekend was spending time with the Boston Celtics' Big Three: Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen. Garnett, her favorite player, even let her wear his championship ring.

She also has dozens of photographs of her with other celebrities: *American Idol*'s Jordin Sparks, Terrell Owens, Chris Tucker, Chamillionaire, Ludacris... the list goes on.

Johnson suffers from Crohn's Disease, an inflammatory disease of the digestive tract. Her father and her doctor nominated her to the Make-A-Wish Foundation about three years ago.

In January, a film crew followed Johnson on George Fox's campus as part of a television segment that will air on NBA TV. Film and

camera crews trailed her during the All-Star weekend as well, and Johnson said she eventually got used to the constant entourage.

An avid basketball fan, Johnson said she may use this experience to pursue another wish – if her health will allow it: trying out for the George Fox women's championship basketball team next year.



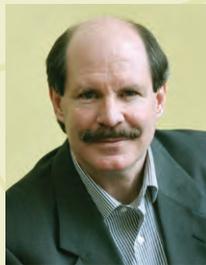
Michael Richeson

## Spiritual discernment conference teaches unified leadership

George Fox University will host a panel of leading Christian thinkers for a national pastoral leadership conference May 31 through June 3.

"Spiritual Discernment as Christian Leadership" will address the issue of how Christ effectively leads the church in unity. Workshops and panel discussions with pastors, teachers and authors will provide Christians with a vision for unity and the tools to practice this leadership style.

"Scripture offers a vision of the Christian movement being able to be led by Christ," said Paul Anderson, director of the George Fox University Congregational Discernment Project and professor of biblical and Quaker studies. "Christian leaders need to have that as their goal."



The conference will help leaders use a Quaker decision-making process within their own denominational tradition.

Anderson said the discernment model of leadership is central to Scripture and the movement of the early church. He points to Acts 15 as an example of how leaders addressed a controversial subject by taking the time to gather input from all sides, worship and pray together, and then distribute the discussion in letter form to everyone.

"If it's really Christ leading, then believers can attend and discern and obey. This is the way Christian leadership ought to happen," Anderson said. "The question is how do you help that happen, that consensus of the faithful?"

The conference is the result of

work by the George Fox University Congregational Discernment Project, which began in 2004. Anderson received two Lilly Grants for two discernment projects.

Anderson also has created a Discernment Leadership Initiative Program that will award 15 grants in 2009 to Christian leaders who implement discernment-based leadership.

"The discernment model could work for politics, academics, businesses," Anderson said. "It's amazing that George Fox is becoming a central place for the vision to develop."

The discernment conference is open to everyone. For registration information, visit [discernment.georgefox.edu](http://discernment.georgefox.edu) or contact Paul Anderson at 503-554-2651 or [panderso@georgefox.edu](mailto:panderso@georgefox.edu).

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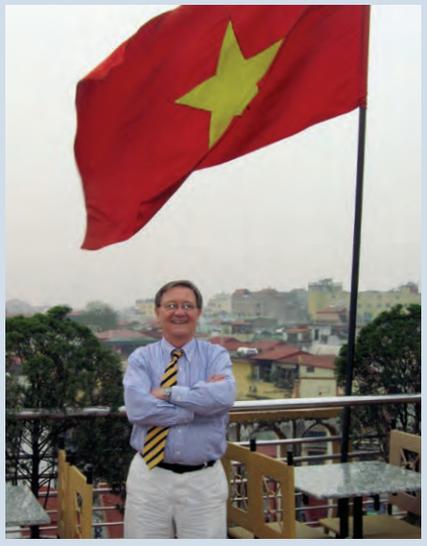
## ‘Ordinary Radicals’ on campus



### Gregory rejoins Fox

Fred Gregory (G66) joined George Fox in February as the special assistant to the president. He is a seasoned executive with more than 40 years of experience in the private, not-for-profit and public sectors. Gregory, who earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Oregon in 1970, is experienced in executive leadership, financial management, personnel management and fundraising in locales all over the world including Asia, China, East Africa and Central America.

Gregory was with World Concern for 12 years, the last eight as president. He worked for Mercy Corps from 2005 to 2008, serving in Guatemala, China, Afghanistan and Azerbaijan. He also worked as country director for the U.S. Peace Corps in Uzbekistan and Bangladesh (2002-2004). Most recently, he was executive director of PeaceTrees Vietnam, an organization that removes and destroys live, unexploded ordnance and replaces them with trees.



Best-selling author Shane Claiborne visited the George Fox campus for the university’s fifth annual Kaleo conference in February, challenging youth pastors and students to fulfill God’s dream for the world.

Speaking on the conference’s theme, “Ordinary Radicals,” Claiborne called for Christians not to simply be believers in Christ, but to be disciples – “ordinary people living radically in the love of Jesus so that his kingdom will become a reality among us.”

Claiborne, author of *Jesus for President* and *The Irresistible Revolution*, co-founded The Simple Way faith community, located in a row house in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Philadelphia. He shared stories at the conference of providing food to homeless people in Philadelphia – even in defiance of city laws – and of his time in Calcutta working alongside Mother Teresa.

Claiborne said they call themselves

“ordinary radicals” because they attempt to live like Christ and the earliest converts to Christianity – a way of living that brings real hope and real change to the world. “If you want to find your life, you have to give it away,” he said. “Jesus didn’t come just to prepare us to die but to teach us how to live.”

More than 500 attended the one-day seminar. The conference also included worship led by Aaron Strumpel, a Louisville, Colo.-based artist who just finished a 40-state tour playing more than 400 shows

Additionally, youth pastors, professors and mentors led 16 breakout sessions, covering topics that included “Discipling a Godly Student Living in an Ungodly Home Environment,” “Come Follow Me: Inviting Seekers to Be Servants,” “Bringing Resolution to the Detachment of College-age People,” and “Discipling Students in a Hook-up Culture.”

Michael Richeson

Courtesy Fred Gregory



## New advancement VP

Shari Scales begins in April as the university's new vice president of advancement – a position she sees as an ideal fit.

"I've always held the conviction that my work life reflects my values and what's important to me," said Scales, who was director of the Providence Newberg Health Foundation for eight years. "Thus, I choose organizations whose missions carry forward the important work that Christ set out to accomplish. George Fox has a mission and goals that closely align with my own."



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Scales began in the advancement profession in 1980. She started with the Legacy Health System in Portland, where she was director of development for three foundations. In the late 1990s, she was assistant director of development for the Society of Jesus – Oregon Province.

At Providence, Scales successfully led a \$5.2 million capital campaign to help fund the construction of Providence Newberg Medical Center, which opened in 2006.

One of her first projects at George Fox will be seeking funding for the Austin Sports Complex. On a broader range, Scales wants to help trustees, alumni, students, parents, faculty and employees feel increased pride in their university.

Scales said long-term goals include the building of a new student center and increased educational programming.

Scales replaces Dana Miller, who left George Fox last July to work at the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust.



## 2009 Winter Serve trips

More than 30 George Fox University students, split into two teams, participated in the annual Winter Serve trip Jan. 4–10.

One group, led by student serve coordinator Ryan Wilmot, traveled to Twin Rocks Friends Camp and Conference Center, located on the Oregon Coast.

Students at Twin Rocks cleaned, performed trail maintenance and took part in team-building exercises. The trip was equal parts community service during the day and discipleship, worship and prayer in the evenings.

"It was an awesome trip," Wilmot said.

"The purpose is to go help meet some needs for a week and give back," said Andrea Crenshaw, director of outreach and service at George Fox. "Twin Rocks is an annual event. They enjoy having us come out. It's like spring cleaning in the winter."

Another group, led by Sara Eccleston, worked with the ReBuilding Center in Portland and with My Father's House.

The ReBuilding Center is the nation's largest nonprofit reuse center for salvaged construction and remodeling materials. George Fox students spent the mornings organizing and sorting piles of construction materials before heading to My Father's House, the largest privately-funded family shelter of its kind in the United States.

Students painted, helped with an after-school program for children and cooked a big family dinner on their last day.

Courtesy Shelly Yonemura



## It's a beautiful life



When George Fox junior Sarah Klatt was still in high school, her best friend became pregnant and gave birth. "Seeing the ways her son changed her life and how beautiful he is just affirmed my belief that life is precious and should be protected," said Klatt, a cinema and media communication major from Neotsu, Ore. "Her choice to give life to her baby is a big part of why I'm pro-life."

Klatt's decision to communicate a pro-life message in her filmmaking earned her the Oregon Right to Life Education Foundation's first Pro-life Media Scholarship. The award included a gift of \$2,500 and an internship with the organization.

As part of the internship, Klatt will make short films in a documentary or promotional style. She also plans to make music videos. "My desire is to show life as it is – precious, sweet, difficult, sad, wonderful and real," she said. "I want to write and direct projects that encourage people to think about deep questions."

## Behavioral health clinic opens

The university's Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, with the assistance of Providence Health & Services-Oregon, opened a behavioral health clinic for residents of Yamhill County in February.

The clinic, operating at the Villa Academic Complex, helps low-income and uninsured county residents in need of mental health services, including individual and couples therapy, mental health consultation, parenting counseling, and diagnostic assessment.

"This coincides with our mission as a university – to serve the underserved around us," said Mary Peterson, associate director of clinical training in the Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology.

The clinic was made possible by a \$25,000 grant from Providence Health & Services-Oregon, which designated that the funds be used to "support access to mental health counseling for those unable to afford them," said Priscilla Lewis, regional director of Providence's community services and development.

## Hitting a high note

Hundreds apply, but only 30 are admitted each semester. Last fall, George Fox sent three of those students to the Contemporary Music Center in Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

The off-campus study program educated Shane Walker and Jamie Griggs, senior business administration majors, and Sue Johnson, who graduated in December with a degree in cinema and media communication, about the realities of the music business. The center develops Christian musicians, technicians and music executives.

"It was a valuable, hands-on experience that stretched me beyond my comfort zone and immersed me in the world of a different type of lost, hungry and hurting people," Walker said.

Students attended morning classes and spent afternoons in rehearsals, photo shoots and the studio.

"My passion for the music industry was ignited in a way that is hard to explain," said Walker, who plans to move to Nashville, Tenn., to pursue his career as a music manager.

## National leadership

Clark Campbell, director of clinical training in the Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, was elected to serve as president of the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology next year.

"I think it's especially meaningful to serve in this role as a professor from a Christ-centered institution like George Fox," said Campbell. "It indicates a willingness of some major universities to work with Christian professionals, and it fits with my personal goal of demonstrating Christ to my professional colleagues."

The NCSPP is a national association of about 80 doctoral psychology programs in the United States and one of only three psychology doctoral training councils in the nation.

George Fox is also represented on the council by Kathleen Gathercoal, who serves as chair of the Women's Issues Committee.



## Parents gather on campus to pray

More than 50 parents of George Fox students gathered on campus on a Saturday in March to pray for their students and the university. Participants offered thanks, took a prayer walk around campus, and petitioned God for continued blessing and mercy.

For more parent news, visit [www.georgefox.edu/parents](http://www.georgefox.edu/parents).

# Unlikely Champions

by Rob Felton



## No one told the Bruins' 10 freshmen they weren't supposed to go undefeated and win an NCAA national title

Scott Rueck has never had a losing record in 13 seasons as coach of the George Fox women's basketball team. But entering the 2008-09 season, it seemed likely.

Gone were seven seniors and all five starters from last season's record-setting 25-5 team. His four returners were reserves who averaged between 1.4 and 4.2 points a game. The team's lone senior, 6-foot-4 Kristen Shielee of Gresham, Ore., had spent so much of her college career sitting behind all-conference post players that she had asked Rueck if she should quit the sport and focus on her senior-year student teaching. Add in 10 talented but untested freshmen and Rueck felt his coaching peers were charitable when they picked the Bruins to finish a middle-of-the-pack fifth in a Northwest Conference preseason poll.

But Rueck noticed something special

when he hosted a team barbecue at his family's home. Noise. "They were so loud it was like they knew each other for years," he told *The Oregonian*. "It was kind of weird how instantly they got along. That's been the case all year. It's been like a family since day one. So as soon as I knew that, I knew it would be a great year. I didn't know how much we would win, though."

The winning started immediately as the Bruins rolled through their non-conference games, winning tournaments in Texas and Nevada. Shielee's presence at the focal point of the Bruins' ferocious 2-3 zone defense gave the young team

time to find its offense. Freshman guard Keisha Gordon from Vancouver, Wash., and junior forward Elise Kuenzi from Silverton, Ore., led the Bruins' balanced attack with aggressive drives to the basket and deft three-point shooting. Shielee also began to add polish to her offense, making her almost unstoppable under the basket. Her triple-double (12 points, 21 rebounds, 10 blocks) against Bridgewater College is

only the second in team history.

On a January road trip to eastern Washington, the new-look Bruins showed they were for real as they romped past league favorites Whitman College and Whitworth University. A 52-47 nail-biter against University of Puget Sound



*Coach Scott Rueck was named NCAA Div. III National Coach of the Year after leading his young team to an undefeated season. "I thought we'd be pretty good eventually, but I didn't know how good."*



*Hometown proud: Newberg's fire and police departments escorted the team on a victory lap through downtown.*



*Perfect ending: the Bruins finished a 32-0 season as the first NCAA Div. III basketball national champions from west of the Rocky Mountains.*



*The only senior on the team, 6-4 center Kristen Shielee, won Final Four MVP and honorable mention All-American honors.*



*Sage indeed: One of 10 fearless freshmen on the roster, Sage Indendi's veteran-like play earned her national Rookie of the Year honors.*

a week later in Newberg would be the biggest challenge the team faced before the playoffs began.

After a first-round NCAA tournament bye, the Bruins leveled Chapman University 83-40 to advance to the team's fourth "Sweet 16" appearance since 2000. Freshman guard Sage Indendi of Livingston, Mont., had a team-high 18 points, five assists and four steals as the Bruins surged late to defeat No. 9 Oglethorpe University 71-56.

Next up was Hope College, the team that ended the Bruins' 2007-08 playoff run. One year after playing just three minutes off the bench against the Flying Dutch, Shielee proved the difference, swatting five of her nine blocked shots in the final eight minutes as the Bruins advanced to their first ever Final Four with a 58-46 win.

In the semifinal game against The College of New Jersey, Shielee neutralized

6-3 post Hillary Klimowicz, the Division III National Player of the Year, while the Bruins hit a single-game tournament record 14 three-pointers to fuel their 67-52 victory. Indendi knocked down 6 of 8 three-point attempts on her way to a game-high 23 points.

The championship game pitted George Fox against Washington University in St. Louis, a four-time national champion making its eighth appearance in the Final Four. Pulling out to a 14-point lead midway through the second half, the Bruins appeared to be cruising to the title. Back in Newberg, the rowdy 200-plus fans watching a video broadcast in Hoover Lecture Hall grew nervous as the Bruins went cold and Washington fought back to within one point with 2:19 to go.

But then the Bruins went back inside to Shielee. Twice in the next minute she delivered layups to give George Fox breathing room. The rest of the scoring

would be done at the free-throw line by Kuenzi, Indendi and Shielee, who hit the last two with one second remaining. She turned and ran down the court with a giant smile on her face. Moments later, she was holding the national championship trophy as confetti fell around her celebrating teammates.

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*Hada says his parents set the example of how to remain close to God during difficult times. "I always saw a man and woman of faith," he says. "When God calls them home, Romania is going to lose two really good people."*

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# KEEPING THE FAITH

*Living through Romania's fearsome days of religious persecution, seminary student Gabriel Hada learned the meaning of 'love thy enemy'*

**A**s a young Christian boy growing up in the Transylvania region of Romania, it wasn't Dracula that Gabriel Hada feared. It was the communists.

No fictional vampire could compare with the real-life threat posed by the political party ruling the country.

"I remember one night, they came and took my father," Hada, a George Fox Evangelical Seminary student, says. "The man who took him told us: 'Look at your father. This is the last time you will see him.' Of course, we got really, really scared. My reaction was going to my room and yelling, crying, fighting with God."

The communists took Gligor Hada and beat him before taking him to the area's ruling thug, who threatened to kill Gligor if he didn't deny Christ right then and there.

"Of course, my father didn't," Hada says. "He started praying to God to be with his family. When the head guy picked up his phone to call the executioner, he started screaming from bad pain in his head. The man told my father to run away from his office."

Hada, 28, can't control the joy that spreads over his face when remembering the story nearly 20 years later.

"For me, my father is a hero," he says. "At the same time, I believe my mother and father are people of faith. They always believed that God would do something and take care of us. We saw God's hand."

The persecution of Christians was common under communist rule from 1949 to 1989; believers were punching bags for those in power, and parishioners too often found their churches burned to the ground.

The Hadas received extra attention because Gligor was a local pastor who smuggled Bibles through the area with help

from an East German friend.

"It was really, really dangerous to do that," Hada says. "If the communists catch you, you will stay in prison for the rest of your life."

The Hadas hid Bibles under floorboards and then took them to people late at night.

"We would speak in code to ask for Bibles," Hada says. "They would say, 'Pastor Gligor, I am sick. Can you come see me?' Then they would get a Bible."

Persecution seemed to follow the Hadas everywhere. Gligor had weekly run-ins with communists who were always one step behind. To supplement his income, Gligor worked as a laborer in a steel factory. When it was payday, the communists took more than half his money.

"You are Christian," Hada recalls them saying. "You don't deserve 100.

You deserve 40."

Out of the persecution came Hada's absolute belief that God is in control. His parents were rock-solid examples of how to hold on to God's promises.

"My father was never angry about [the beatings]," Hada says. "He taught us to forgive and pray for our tormentors. He would say: 'We have to love them. We have to forgive them and pray for them.' I believe only God can give you the power to do and say these things."

Persecution wasn't an experience reserved for adults. Hada was taunted and abused countless times.

In Romania, on the first day of school, parents went to class with their children for the first hour. Hada's introduction to the harsh realities of persecution for his faith began as soon as his parents left the room.

**"THE MAN WHO TOOK HIM TOLD US: 'LOOK AT YOUR FATHER. THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU WILL SEE HIM.'"**



Michael Richeson

“Our teacher – I don’t want to say her name – asked us ‘Who is Christian? Come here near me.’” Hada says. The teacher used a derogatory slang term for “Christian.”

“Of course, I went up to the front of the room.”

If Hada took a test and scored an A, the teacher would change his grade to a C. At the slightest mistake, she berated him in front of his classmates.

“For everything, everything, she beat me with a rubber hose,” Hada says.

In the second grade, Hada told a classmate about Jesus, and his teacher overheard him.

The offense landed him in the principal’s office. The principal told him to hold out his hand and press his fingertips together, took a rubber hose, and struck his young pupil’s hands.

Twenty times the hose whipped through the air and struck the tips of Hada’s fingers.

Then the principal made him hold out his other hand. Another 20 swings.

“My hands were bleeding,” Hada says. “I couldn’t write or do anything with my hands for a week. Nobody cared when my parents complained. The communists protected each other.”

Every day, taunts from the other children. Every day, harsh words from his teachers.

“In my child’s mind, I prayed for God to give me friends,” Hada says. “I would ask ‘God, where are you?’”

Once again, his parents’ unwavering faith bolstered his.

“They made me understand that God is the only God, and we have to serve him,” Hada says. “We knew in our heart that one day everything would end – the persecution.”

The “one day” was Dec. 17, 1989.

By the late ‘80s, Romania had plunged into poverty and uncertainty. Hada’s older brothers stood in line for hours, and sometimes days, just to buy bread. The only item the stores had

on their shelves was laundry detergent.

Romanian citizens were slowly rising up against their ruler, Nicolae Ceausescu, whose grandiose spending sprees had bankrupted the country. By 1989, each person could legally purchase 10 eggs per month, one loaf of bread per day and a small amount of meat.

“The people got really, really angry,” Hada says.

Ceausescu’s government became more and more restrictive, extending censorship, bugging phones and hiring nearly 30 percent of the population as informants.

Riots broke out in western Romania on Dec. 17, 1989, and soldiers killed more than 100 protestors. In spite of the violence, the uprising caught fire and spread throughout the country. Ceausescu tried to flee, but the Romanians captured him and executed him on Dec. 25.

Hada, then 9 years old, watched his country burst with jubilation.

“Everybody in our country was so happy,” he says. “They were all laughing and smiling. We were so happy because we knew it was the end, especially the persecution for our family.”

Life changed overnight. The Hadas and other Romanian Christians were no longer enemies of the state. Large churches and flourishing ministries sprung up around the country as believers came out of hiding and into the streets.

Families were still poor, and the grocery store shelves were still often bare, but the people were free.

God again moved in a powerful way for the Hadas. For years they had prayed for God to change the hearts of their tormentors, and the fruits of their faith were about to be revealed.

Shortly after the fall of communism, someone knocked on their door. Outside was one of the large political strongmen who had frequently beat Gligor in the past.

“He was one of the big guys for the communists, and came

into our house and told us how he had prepared everything for my father to be beaten,” Hada says. “He told us about the room and the torture devices. He was really, really sorry. He became a Christian.”

The Hadas jumped at the chance to pursue their dreams of ministry. Without the interference from the government, the family opened an orphanage in a building that had been communist headquarters in their city.

They also opened a homeless shelter and a ministry that feeds 50 of the town’s poorest children every day.

Hada not only can tell you the day communism fell in Romania, he can also rattle off the exact dates of each new ministry’s beginning.

August 1993: the orphanage opens. September 2000: the community kitchen opens. December 2004: homeless ministry begins.

“The winter in 2004 was especially cold,” Hada says. “One morning, we found three people dead near the garbage container. My father was just in shock, and we decided to open. We went to the mayor and said, ‘We need to do this right now.’”

“The city approved the paperwork in one day.”

The family manages all of these projects with small donations and without government funding.

“We pay,” Hada says.

Hada and his brothers now live in the United States, and they work constantly to provide money for their ministries in Romania.

“It’s a lot of hard work, but at the same time we have peace inside,” Hada says. “We are busy, but we love it. We say: ‘Today is another day. We are doing good stuff!’”

Hard work and strong faith is pervasive in the Hadas’ ministries. Time and time again, when situations looked bleak, God pulled through for the family. Hada remembers many nights when he awoke at night and found his parents on their knees, praying in the kitchen.

“My father would come to us and tell us, ‘Tomorrow is the day we have to pay the workers at the orphanage,’” Hada says. “We wouldn’t have any money in the bank. Of course, we have to pay them money because they have families, too.”

The family would pray and fast together.

“The bank would call and say, ‘Someone sent you \$1,000,’” Hada says. “Every time it was the exact amount needed.”

Hada’s ability to pack all of his responsibilities into each 24-hour day is a miracle in itself. He is a husband, a father, a seminary student, a carpenter, a worker at his church and the vice

president of his family’s ministry operations in Romania.

Hada’s journey to George Fox Evangelical Seminary also began when communism collapsed in Romania. In the ’90s, he attended the first Christian high school to open in his country. He then moved to Bucharest and studied for four years at a pastoral seminary.

After graduating from college, Hada moved back to his hometown, which is where he met Monica. She was a Romanian, but her family had moved to the United States in 1986. Hada quickly fell for Monica, and the couple married in 2005 and moved to Portland to be near her family. Hada also had plans to get a master’s degree at a seminary in Nashville, Tenn.

But then Hada received news that his mother-in-law was dying from lung cancer, and she didn’t have long to live. Hada and his wife decided to stay in Portland to be close to her mother.

Then the Hadas found out that Monica was pregnant. Hada called the dean of the Nashville seminary and asked if he could recommend a good school in Portland.

The dean recommended George Fox Evangelical Seminary, and Hada began the M. Div. program in January 2007.

“I really love going to this school,” Hada says. “This school is a blessing in my life. In Romania, the teacher and students don’t have

relationships that are close. Here, everyone was asking me how I was and if they could help me. For me, this was ‘Oh my gosh. This is great.’”

His experiences at George Fox will become the model for the new Christian school he plans to open after he graduates in 2010. Yes, the Hadas are going to add yet another ministry to their plate. And now that the persecution has been over for more than 20 years, he believes nothing stands in the way.

There is less to fear in Romania these days. Fictional vampires are finally scarier than real-life religious persecution, but Hada seems conflicted with the results of so many open doors in his home country.

Christians don’t have to sneak Bibles around in the dark, but the sense of community and dependence on believers has lessened. The fire and the urgency have faded in the country but not in Hada’s heart.

He has a story to tell.

“Seeing these things in my life, that’s why I can’t stop, and I will tell everybody about Jesus and God. I believe – 100 percent – that God is still doing miracles today,” Hada says. “That is why I want to go back home and continue. This is my life. I’m happy because I can help other people.”

## TWENTY TIMES THE HOSE WHIPPED THROUGH THE AIR AND STRUCK THE TIPS OF HADA’S FINGERS.

# Bringing hope

*Social work graduates put their faith into action by helping the hurting and underserved of the world*

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able to address very complicated situations because of their courage to stop and become involved.”

The social work majors also gain practical wisdom about policies, budgets, patterns of injustice, the healthy development of people, and the impact of trauma of many kinds to body, mind and spirit, Newell says.

After graduating, they typically land international and domestic jobs in health care, child welfare, education, community organizations, ministry, criminal justice and other fields. “Many of our students articulate profound feelings of ‘this is where I belong’ in a profession committed to stopping along the road to help someone in need,” Newell says.

One recent grad is in her third year of working for Food for the Hungry in Ethiopia. Another is assisting international travelers at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. Still another is a teacher in Germany.

Here are some of their stories.

They arrive on campus with the gift of compassion and a desire to serve. They may be unsure of how to tackle the world’s daunting social problems, but they eagerly sign on as social work majors to prepare.

Four years later as graduates, about 15 each year, they fan out into the world – whether to the jungles of Honduras or to the scorching heat of Africa – to address the most critical of human needs.

“The social work program provides students context to find hope in situations of often overwhelming proportions,” says Susan Newell, assistant professor of social work. “They grow wise and



*Julie (Wilson) Salwasser*

## **Julie (Wilson) Salwasser ('05)**

*Case manager for Ethiopia adoptions, All God's Children International*

**I majored in social work because:** It was the best avenue to be involved in international work. I always desired to work with an organization that either did adoptions or development internationally. This stemmed from my experience as a young child in the Philippines, where I was really changed by the people and children I spent time with.

**Why I do it:** This job puts me in a position not only to advocate for children whom I am able to place in loving homes, but also to talk with people about what is going on all over the world. I have traveled to Vietnam, Nepal and Ethiopia and spent time with many beautiful children.

**Best day on this job:** My favorite aspect of this job is calling a family to tell them that I have a child to talk with them about. Many people say that it must be like a delivery room doctor. I actually think this is better because these children already have such a history to share with their soon-to-be parents. It's a wonderful introduction to make.

**Worst day:** A day when I have to call a family and share the



## Kristen Damron ('03)

Zeway (Ethiopia) child development project advisor, Food for the Hungry

**I majored in social work because:** I wanted to change lives and make a difference in a tangible way.

**What I do:** I help coordinate Bridges of Grace, our child-headed household program, which assists children who do not have any guardians, parents, relatives or anyone over the age of 18 that they are living with. I also teach my project's social workers. I love being able to build

their professional capacity and change the way they work with people in our community.

**Why I do it:** I was called by God to go out of my "world" and into another. I believe I have a great skill set for working in other cultures. Simply put, I love it and feel alive because I am living according to my God-given purpose.

**Best day on this job:** The day we started our program for children living in child-headed households. I've had the opportunity to go into each of their homes, talk with them and become a part of their lives.

**How I'm growing personally:** Through my everyday experiences with people in my community, my co-workers and myself, I have to look into myself and examine my prejudices, thought patterns, and reactions to circumstances. Life on the field brings out the worst and the best in people.

**Where I'd like to be in five years:** I would like to complete my master's in social work and be back on the field, working in program development for an NGO somewhere in the world.

**What I love most:** I love my friends in my community. They are my source of life and companionship. They are patient with me as I communicate in Amharic and love me so much.

**How George Fox prepared me to work in this role:** My social work teachers were spectacular in helping us students think critically about spiritual aspects of social work and how they meld together.

**I'll probably never get used to:** Eating injera every day. Injera is a sour pancake-type bread that is made from a local grain called teff. Stews made of oil, onions and spices are poured on top of injera and you use the injera to eat the stew.

**Favorite escape:** Riding my bicycle. I ride out into the countryside. I come back having had a good conversation with God and feeling refreshed.

**Favorite author:** Jane Austen

**If I wasn't in social work, I would be:** A veterinarian. I always wanted to be a vet and didn't realize until I was older that you can help people through helping their animals.



Julie (Wilson) Salwasser

news of either a significant delay in their adoption or that a child passed away during the process.

### How I'm growing personally:

I have grown not only in my knowledge of foreign government and working cross-culturally, but also in my own faith. There are certain things in life that I don't understand - why a child passes away whom we have been fighting for, or why there are some children that live in such extreme poverty. I really have grown to understand, though, that these children are so loved by God and that we cannot completely comprehend all the reasons that allow children to live like this.

**How George Fox prepared me to work in this role:** George Fox really equipped me to work with people. I was so blessed in all that I was involved with at Fox, not only in the social work program but residence life and the Ambassadors. I really grew spiritually, and it made me capable to work with people from all walks of life.

**I'll probably never get used to:** Waking up early for work. Also, I will never get used to long-distance travel. Long plane rides are no fun!

**Favorite escape:** Either go for a walk, go to a coffee shop and just sit and talk with friends, or read a good book

**If I wasn't in social work, I would be:** In marketing. I am really fascinated about how to present something to people that makes them want to be a part of it.

# Bringing hope

## Stephanie (Reedal) Welbourn ('05)

Resource room teacher, Black Forest Academy, Germany

**I majored in social work because:** I wanted to work with people and wanted to be better equipped to do so in whatever environment I found myself in after graduation. I wanted to harness my compassion in productive and useful ways.

**Current job:** I run a program for students who may or may not be diagnosed with learning disabilities, may have an ESL background, or just need extra guidance in study skills in order to be successful. I also run a club within the school for international justice awareness.

**Why I do it:** I can't imagine doing anything for a job that wouldn't involve interacting with people in meaningful ways. From my previous internship in a high school, I knew I wanted to work with the middle and high school age group. I am compassionate by nature, so this job allows me to put my compassion and understanding for these students to use.

**Best day on this job:** Every Thursday. I have my full day at work and then my husband (Luke Welbourn '04) and I substitute as dorm parents in the boys' dorm. I work with them on their homework, listen to them talk about whatever is on their minds, and get my fill of loud noises with 28 guys around.

**Worst day:** My worst day is the beginning of the school year when I don't yet know who needs help, and I haven't developed rapport with any of my students.

**Where I'd like to be in five years:** I could see myself still being at Black Forest Academy. I would like to go back to school for further counseling techniques at some point in the next five years.

**How George Fox prepared me to work in this role:** George Fox gave me a fundamental view of the world and how my role as a Christian and my role in social work intertwine. My courses in social work prepared me for each of the four completely different jobs I've had since graduating. My professors provided an interactive learning environment full of wisdom, and I still hear their words and examples in my head when I interact with students.

**I'll probably never get used to:** Every single store being closed on Sundays in Germany.

**Favorite escape:** Running with my dog after a school day.



Paige (Huggler) Olson

## Paige (Huggler) Olson ('08)

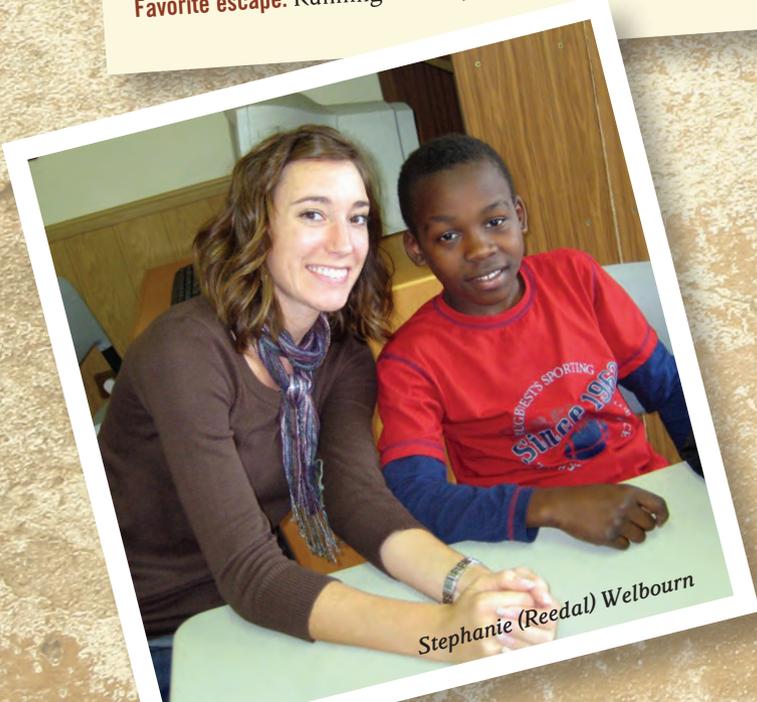
Fourth-grade teacher at bilingual school, Copan Ruinas, Honduras

**I majored in social work because:** Advocating for the equality of every human is the most important work that I believe I can do.

**Current job:** I teach math, science, art, reading, writing and English to native Spanish speakers. I am also involved in after-school activities, including counseling.

**Why I do it:** The Republic of Honduras is one of the poorest countries in Central America. I believe that education is empowering and will allow for Hondurans to rise up out of poverty. I believe that through learning to problem-solve as well as speak English, my students will have the capability to lead their government out of corruption, their poor out of poverty, and improve their own education system.

**How I'm growing personally:** This year has been full of many bumps and stretches. Living in a culture that I am unfamiliar with is surprisingly humbling, from being limited in my communication skills to foreign blunders that I have unknowingly committed.



Stephanie (Reedal) Welbourn



Paige (Huggler) Olson

## Amanda Potter ('05)

*Social service supervisor, Travelers Aid, O'Hare International Airport, Chicago*

**I majored in social work because:** I've always had a strong desire to be in a profession that makes a difference. I was premed, but I don't like blood. My degree in social work gave me the tools to put my desires to make a difference into action.

**Why I do it:** It is very interesting - a mix of crisis management, customer service, problem solving and volunteer management. The world is represented at O'Hare, and I love the challenge of communicating across language barriers.

**Most impactful experience(s) thus far:** Refugees arrive in Chicago daily. They leave the refugee camp, hop on a plane and end up at O'Hare. They are tired, stressed out, anxious about life in a new land. They often don't speak English and usually don't know who is meeting them at the airport. I spend a lot of time connecting people, bringing them to the right area to meet their rides or catch their next flights. Helping someone understand their situation, and thus empower them to be more independent, is a huge part of what I do.

**Best day on this job:** Helping to connect a father and daughter who were reuniting after years of separation due to war. Standing next to the baggage carousel at the airport, I watched their tearful reunion. The look on the father's face when he finally saw his daughter again is something I will never forget.

**Where I'd like to be in five years:** Roaming the world, working with an international organization in a developing country.

**How George Fox prepared me to work in this role:** George Fox gave me so many opportunities. I spent a semester in Mozambique and South Africa. Walking through villages in rural Africa cemented my desire to work internationally. Through different George Fox programs, I also traveled to Costa Rica, Honduras, the UK and India. Seeing the world while being a college student was formative.

**I'll probably never get used to:** At my job at O'Hare Airport, I have to go through airport security to get to my office.

**Most admired public role model:** Mother Teresa

**Favorite author:** Barbara Kingsolver

**Where I'd like to be in five years:** In five years, I would like to be working with a Spanish-speaking community.

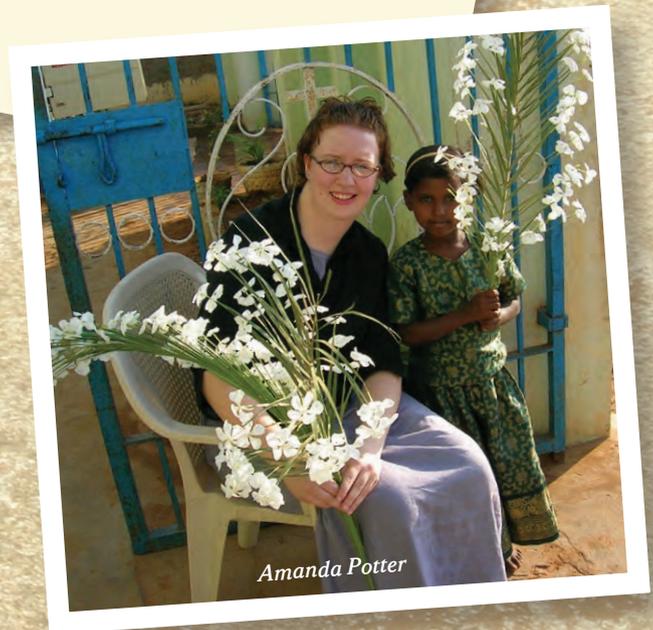
**What I love most:** I love seeing the creativity and curiosity that my students have toward learning. I can see that if they continue down this path, they are going to become the problem solvers and community leaders of Copan Ruinas and Honduras.

**Favorite escape:** There is a nature reserve for birds a kilometer from our school. This is a beautiful place to relax after school and go swimming on hot days in the river.

**Most admired public role model:** Nora Welches, one of the founders of Escuela Mayatan Bilingue, is one of my most admired public role models in Copan Ruinas. Nora is very wealthy, yet she is very thoughtful about where she invests her money, and how she engages with people that come from poorer communities.

**Favorite author:** Stan and Jan Bernstein of the Bernstein Bears books are two of my favorite authors at the moment. Their books contain thoughtful issues that are important to elementary students, as well as their teachers.

**If I wasn't in social work, I would be:** Getting my hands dirty working in a community garden or managing affordable apartments for low-income families or previously homeless folks.



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**M**ark David Hall has no qualms about taking Supreme Court justices to task. “If justices are going to make historical arguments, they should make good ones,” he says.

Specifically Hall, Herbert Hoover distinguished professor of political science, wants to see justices correctly interpret historical evidence for cases involving religious liberty and church-state relations.

## In the beginning was ... Thomas Jefferson?

"Thomas Jefferson was a brilliant, unprincipled product of the Enlightenment," Hall says. "He is completely unrepresentative of the American founders on many issues."

Take, for instance, the First Amendment Religion Clause: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. ..."

Jefferson was not in America when the First Amendment was drafted and passed by Congress in 1789. He was America's ambassador to France.

But in an 1802 letter to a group of New England Baptists, Jefferson wrote that the First Amendment creates a "high wall of separation between church and state."

The memorable quote stuck, and in the mid-20th century, Supreme Court justices began using it as evidence that the founding fathers endorsed strict church-state separation. They haven't stopped.

Its influence, says Hall, far outweighs its popularity among the founders – and even Jefferson did not regularly act upon it.

## Setting the record straight

In 2006, Hall researched all 115 cases determined on Religion Clause grounds from 1940 to 2005, detailing for *Oregon Law Review* how Supreme Court justices used history.

He discovered:

- ★ 76 percent of justices who have written an opinion in a Religion Clause case have appealed to history to validate their arguments.
- ★ 54 percent of the historical references were to Thomas Jefferson or James Madison – by judges voting for strict separation.
- ★ Only 17 percent of historical references were to Jefferson and Madison, by justices who do not favor strict separation. These justices are more than twice as likely to refer to other founding fathers.

Appealing only to Jefferson and Madison compares to leaning on Senator Ted Kennedy's views to represent the Senate. "He is an important senator," says Hall, "but he's on the far left. It would be a bad argument to say he represents the entire Senate."

The First Amendment was crafted, debated and voted

on by 86 representatives and senators, and became part of the Constitution only after it was ratified by 11 state legislatures.

"Getting history right matters because we should strive to understand the past accurately," Hall contends. "Simply getting the story straight is motivation."

## The difference an interpretation makes

If jurists are honest, "getting the story straight" can affect church-state cases, because "many decisions have been based upon the erroneous idea that the founders desired the complete separation of church and state," Hall says.

For example, proponents of strict separation of church and state have argued that private Christian groups should not be permitted to meet at public universities; doing so violates the wall of separation between church and state.

Hall disagrees: Not only does the First Amendment permit religious groups to meet on public university campuses; it prohibits state universities from discriminating against them on the basis of religion.

This does not mean, Hall says, that Christianity should be imposed on the public. He favors instead a "robust system of pluralism."

In the case of schooling, this system would give vouchers to parents to send children to their school of choice. "Public schools are often defended as being 'neutral,'" Hall says, "but there is no such thing as neutrality."

Rather than the state favoring one worldview, Hall believes the government should enable parents to send their children to schools they choose. "I would like all Americans to have the freedom President Obama has, to send his children to a private Quaker school if he wants to. The poor mom in D.C. doesn't have that option," he says.

## Giving voice to America's forgotten founding fathers

"Mark has a knack for identifying important research topics that have been somewhat overlooked by other scholars," says Dr. Daniel L. Dreisbach, professor in the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. He and Hall have coedited several books, including *The Forgotten Founders on Religion and Public Life*.

"A recent survey of leading scholars identified James

**'It's a patently bad argument to say founding fathers supported separation of church and state.'**

Wilson and Roger Sherman as two of the most important, yet neglected founding fathers,” Dreisbach says. “Long before this survey, Mark had turned his attention to these two founders. Today, Mark is widely regarded as the leading scholar on both Wilson and Sherman.”

Wilson, a Pennsylvania lawyer, played a significant role in the American Revolution, signed the Declaration of Independence, and served as one of the first U.S. Supreme Court justices.

“He is the most brilliant legal theorist of the founding era,” Hall says, “second only to James Madison in influencing the Constitution. He argued that human law must be based upon God’s natural law.”

Sherman was the only founder to help draft and sign the Declaration and Resolves (1774), the Articles of Association (1774), the Declaration of Independence (1776), the Articles of Confederation (1777, 1778), and the Constitution (1787).

Like Jefferson, Sherman authored a major religious liberty statute for his state, but unlike Jefferson, he was an active participant in debates over the Bill of Rights. He supported religious liberty, and thought government could promote Christianity.

Supreme Court justices have referenced Jefferson 112 times in Religion Clause opinions, but Sherman only three times. “That simply doesn’t make sense,” says Hall, “if justices are really interested in the views of all men who framed the First Amendment.

“When we look more broadly at the founding generation, arguments that the founders wanted the strict separation between church and state become untenable.”

### Letting actions speak louder than words

The day after the House approved the Bill of Rights, Representatives voted to ask President George Washington to issue a proclamation of prayer and thanksgiving. The Senate agreed, and Washington complied with his famous 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

“As appealing as the wall metaphor is to contemporary advocates of the strict separation ... it obscures far more than it illuminates,” says Hall in an *Oregon Humanities*

article. More illuminating is the context created by the founders’ actions.

Jefferson himself produces an example: Two days after he wrote his famous “wall” letter, he attended church services – in the U.S. Capitol.

In fact, the very men who drafted and approved the First Amendment also agreed to hire legislative chaplains and approved of legislative prayer.

### Chipping away at the wall

In an important 2002 school voucher case, Justice Stevens alluded to Jefferson’s metaphor in his dissenting opinion: “Whenever we remove a brick from the wall that was designed to separate religion and government, we increase the risk of religious strife and weaken the foundations of our democracy.”

“Simply put, many justices and scholars focus on Jefferson and Madison because they appear to support a conception of church-state separation they find appealing,” Hall says in *Oregon Humanities*.

Though Hall makes it clear to his students that one might make other arguments for church-state separation, even based on Christianity, “it’s a patently bad argument to say founding fathers supported separation of church and state. It seems to me scholars making these arguments are either ignorant of the facts or are dishonest.”

As Hall and other scholars chip away at the wall built by misappropriated history, justices favoring the church-state separation have begun to avoid historical arguments. Knocking down this argument, Hall says, is important to preserve the ability of Christian universities to receive state and federal funds, and for students receiving state scholarships to be able to study subjects like religion and theology.

“Ultimately,” he says, “I hope that by undermining these bad historical arguments, I can play some small role in protecting religious liberty in America.”

And, he adds, “to have the founders on your side is always a good thing.”



Mark David Hall is the Herbert Hoover distinguished professor of political science. His new book, *America’s Forgotten Fathers* co-written with Gary L. Gregg, includes biographies of commonly overlooked members of the founding generation. Read more at [butlerbooks.com](http://butlerbooks.com).

# RESURRECTING THE FORGOTTEN FATHERS

*Mark David Hall's intriguing takes on the founders associated with church and state separation*

Hall's drive to accurately understand the founding fathers' original intent about separation of church and state compels him to scrutinize primary sources. He digs through the dusty archives, fingering pages long left unfingered, until he finds that draft law, long lost letter, or forgotten diary. And he understands why some of the founders are more well-known than others.

"The forgotten fathers were not the prolific writers, either politically or personally," Hall says. "So we do not have as many references to their opinions as we do for, say, **Thomas Jefferson** – whose letters and documents will fill 75 volumes."

So it's relatively easy to get to know Jefferson. And Madison?

"**James Madison** is called the father of the bill of rights," Hall says, "yet every one of his proposed amendments was altered and the one he considered most significant was not passed."

During Hall's tedious research, gossip from centuries ago comes to light.

**Thomas Paine**, he discovered, was "a Quaker of sorts who came to America and caused trouble, then went to France and caused more trouble. While in Europe, he wrote the famous deist work *The Age of Reason*. When he returned to America, no one except Thomas Jefferson wanted anything to do with him.

"Teddy Roosevelt called Thomas Paine a 'dirty little atheist,'" Hall says. "He was largely correct." The only reason scholars favoring the separation of church and state refer to Paine, he surmises, is to help support their argument that the majority of founders were deists.

According to Hall, "book after book is written arguing that the founders were deists seeking the separation of church and state. Each of these works has a laser focus on the few founders who held anything close to these positions."

So who else should we know in the church-state argument? Hall shares some insights:

"**George Washington** is the father of our country. He supported religious liberty

not favor the strict separation of church and state?

"**Roger Sherman** was an old Puritan in a new republic; a solid Calvinist. He helped craft and signed every major document in the founding era – including the First Amendment. One reason scholars have ignored him is that he does not share views widely held in the academy.

"**James Wilson** is the most brilliant legal theorist of the founding era, second only to James Madison in influencing the Constitution. He argued that human law must be based upon God's natural law.

"**Luther Martin**, the brilliant but drunken Anti-Federalist, warned that Washington, D.C., would become 'the asylum of the base, idle, avaricious and ambitious.' As Bill Kauffman points out, 'thank goodness that never happened.'

"Then there is **Button Gwinnett**. He didn't do much of anything, I simply like his name.

"And don't forget the ladies – particularly **Abigail Adams** and **Mercy Otis Warren** – both of whom were pious, orthodox Christians."

Hall has formed partiality toward some of the founders he's spent so much time with.

"I really like Sherman, Ellsworth, Washington, Adams and Wilson.

"I dislike Jefferson and Paine.

"I am ambivalent about Madison.

"I respect them all."



for all – including Catholics and Jews. But he did not take kindly to Quakers who refused to serve in the army.

"Other than Washington, no one deserves more credit for American independence than **John Adams**. He drafted the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780 which stated that because 'the happiness of a people and the good order and preservation of civil government essentially depend upon piety, religion, and morality,' the state should support Christianity.

"**Oliver Ellsworth** was Madison's counterpart in the Senate committee finalizing the Bill of Rights, yet no one has ever heard of him. Is it any surprise that he did



## 1940-49

**Helen (Antrim) Cadd** (G49) and her late husband, **Dick Cadd** (G49), have been honored with the dedication of a new multi-million dollar theater and art center in their name at Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines. She was present for the October dedication of the Dick and Helen Cadd Fine Arts Center. The Cadds served for 17 years at the Christian boarding academy that caters to children of missionaries based in Southeast Asia.

**May Wallace** (GFES49) has received one of Volunteers of America's top awards from the organization's Portland chapter. In November she was presented the National Family Week Advocacy Award as part of a "New Age of Aging Forum." She pastored several Quaker churches and headed an adult day care center before retiring to Spaulding Oaks in Newberg. Recently, she has been both a bookkeeper for seniors who have had their eyesight reduced and a patient advocate for Friendsview Retirement Community residents.

## 1960-69

**Karen (Thornburg)** (G65) and **Roy McConaughey** (G66) have moved from Boise, Idaho, to Newberg, where she is pastor of senior ministries at Newberg Friends Church and he is a substitute teacher in area schools.

## 1970-79

**Peggy (Stands) Fowler** (G73), chief executive of Portland General Electric Co., retired after 35 years with Oregon's largest utility. In 2005, she was recognized by the *Portland Business Journal* as the Most Admired CEO in Oregon. Fowler also was known for her civic leadership: She served on several public and private boards, including the George

Fox Board of Trustees and the Oregon Independent College Foundation Board of Trustees. Her retirement marks the end of a career that began as a staff chemist with PGE in the mid-1970s. She also had worked in the company's customer service, operations and environmental divisions.

**Wayne Chapman** (G75, GFES86) and **Bev (Ankeny) Chapman** (n79) have left Twin Rocks Friends Camp and Conference Center on the Oregon Coast to live in Idaho, where she is the new guest services coordinator for Quaker Hill Camp in McCall, Idaho, and he is establishing a home-based Internet marketing business. At Twin Rocks, she held the same position and he was financial services coordinator.



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**Dave Hampton** (G76) and **Susan (Chandler) Hampton** (G80) have moved to Twin Rocks Friends Camp and Conference Center on the Oregon Coast, where he is its first financial services director and she is assistant guest services director. They moved from Newberg, where he was finance director for the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and she was a financial aid counselor for George Fox.

**John Helbling** (G76) has received the Jemison Award of the Los Angeles County District

Attorney's Office for his innovation and service. The annual award was presented in November in Montebello, Calif. He joined the office in 1989 as a paralegal and works in downtown Los Angeles, where his main duty is to order discovery for felony cases. Until recently, he was director of evangelism at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ontario, Calif.

**Stephen McKinney** (n76) in December was named to the Newberg City Council. He previously has served on school district steering committees, with ministerial associations and as president of the Spaulding Oaks Homeowners' Association, where he and his wife, **Phyllis (Roberts) McKinney** (G74), reside. She works at Friendsview Retirement Community.

**Linda Reksten** (GFES 76) is assistant superintendent of educational services at Mountain View School District, El Monte, Calif., assisting 12 schools in improving their student achievement. Previously, she was the district's director of assessment and evaluation, after 17 years as principal at Disney Elementary School in the Burbank (Calif.) Unified School District, and two years as professor of education at Point Loma University, San Diego.

## 1980-89

**Carl Sorensen** (G82) has changed school districts to become director of bands at Nyssa (Oregon) High School and Middle School. He previously was director of music for the Vale (Oregon) School District for nine years. He is principal bassoonist with the Treasure Valley Symphony and continues to play lead alto sax with the Ed's Big Band.

**Gene Christian** (G85) in January began serving as interim director of planned giving at George Fox. He is the principal of



Charitable Estate Planning Northwest, an eight-year-old firm specializing in helping nonprofits market, secure and manage planned giving arrangements.

**Marion (Hull) Reynolds (G87)**, a board certified physician who specializes in family practice with obstetrics, has joined the medical staff of McMinnville (Ore.) Family Medical Center. She was co-founder of the Salem Free Clinic and previously has practiced medicine at the Salem Clinic and at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in McMinnville, Ore.

**Michael Grigsby (SPS88)** has authored a new photography book, *Iridescent Light – The Art of Stand Development*. It is a 120-page reference book on developing black-and-white film. He lives in Bend, Ore., where he is chief executive officer of MyHomeAssets! Software and I5 Development Group, an umbrella firm developing new businesses and technologies.

## 1990–99

**Keith Karr (G90)** is manager of accounting and finance for Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Matthew Zoller (G92)** has been named executive director of the Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center, Vancouver, Wash., his

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- MA** ..... Master of arts
- MS** ..... Master of science
- MAT** ..... Master of arts in teaching
- MBA** ..... Master of business administration
- GFES** ..... George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- MDiv** ..... Master of divinity
- DMin** ..... Doctor of ministry
- MEd** ..... Master of education
- EdD** ..... Doctor of education
- PsyD** ..... Doctor of psychology
- SPS** ..... School of Professional Studies

## 2009 HONORED ALUMNI

### Barry Hubbell (BA '64) | Heritage Award



Barry Hubbell dedicated his career to George Fox. In 37 years of service, he promoted the university as director of information, director of college relations, sports information director, and executive assistant to the president. His professionalism earned him the respect of coworkers, the media for whom he provided thousands of press releases, and national organizations that honored him with more than 25 awards for his athletics publications. If a president needed a task done, he turned to Hubbell for assistance. If the school was planning a big event—including Christmas celebrations that annually drew 2,000 attendees, or the university's centennial celebration in 1991—Hubbell organized it. He helped shape the public image of George Fox; served as the university's "voice" during years of rapid growth; and played a key administrative role in the transition of leadership after the death of President Ed Stevens. Hubbell also was instrumental in orchestrating the school's merger with Western Evangelical Seminary and subsequent change from college to university status. And, for his more than 20 years as sports information director, he was elected to the school's Sports Hall of Fame.

hometown. He has worked in the nonprofit sector for more than 15 years, co-founding the Center for Life, a pregnancy resource center in Bolivia, working with World Concern for the last 14 years.

**Jodie (Howell) Barram (G95)** has been named to the Bend, Ore., City Council. She had been a member of the Bend Planning Commission and has served on the Bend Metropolitan Planning Committee and Bend 2030 board. She is a substitute educational assistant for the High Desert Education Service District.

**Anne (Basden) Dunlop (G95)** has opened a theatrical makeup design business, Greasepaint Designs, in Gresham, Ore. It designs makeup and costumes for area theaters, and holds workshops on theatrical makeup for actors and students.

**Kyle Jackson (G95)** is a personal health coach in Newberg. Since 2007, he's helped individuals lose weight and improve health through a nutritional program, using Medifast meal replacements through the Take Shape for Life program.

**Phyllis (Beveridge) Nissila (SPS96)** has authored *Twelve Sentence Patterns to Pump Up Prose*, scheduled for release next year by Cottonwood Press. It is a language arts curriculum for middle school, high school and adult writers. She has been an instructor at Lane Community College, Eugene, Ore., since 1999, teaching writing, effective learning, adult basic education, citizenship and other classes. She also has written devotionals and articles for Christian publications and publishing houses.

**Wendy Brown (SPS97)** and her husband, Jason, have moved from Boise, Idaho, to Shiloh Bible Camp, two miles east of Donnelly, Idaho, near Tamarack Ski Resort. (Note: this updates the incorrect camp location added in error in the last *Journal*.) As transitional missionary partners with American Missionary Fellowship, they continue to raise financial support to become full-time missionaries with AMF. They are working with teens in discipleship and with maintaining the 13-acre camp.

**Anne Hall (SPS97)**, as director and curator of the North Lincoln County Historical



## 2009 HONORED ALUMNI

**Timothy Williams (BS '02) | Outstanding Recent Alumnus**

As a freshman at George Fox, Timothy Williams took a serve trip to Mexico that changed his life. The experience ignited his passion to serve and advocate for the health, human rights and well-being of poor and marginalized children and families around the world. Williams' desire to help the underprivileged has led him from the sub-Saharan region of Africa to urban Boston. Following graduate studies in social work at Boston College, Williams served as a social worker in Boston tending to the needs of youth affected by HIV/AIDS. He later spent seven weeks in Uganda to conduct and coordinate interviews and focus groups with more than 300 children, caregivers and community leaders. A 2008 graduate of Harvard School of Public Health, Williams is now a research associate for the Division of Global Health and Human Rights at Massachusetts General Hospital. His research interests include developing evidence-based services and programming for children and families in concentrated situations of adversity, particularly those affected

by commercialized sexual exploitation, HIV/AIDS and armed conflict. He has presented his research at national and international conferences as well as Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard University.

Museum in Lincoln City, Ore., has chronicled the area's history in a new book, *Lincoln City and the Twenty Miracle Miles*. It was published in September by Arcadia Publishing, as part of its "Images of America" series. The book has more than 200 vintage photos. She began work with the museum in 2000, also working with the Lincoln County Historical Society.

**Scott Wade (G97)** has been named vice president for advancement at Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., beginning June 16. He worked six years as director of student activities at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He previously was at Houghton from 1997 to 1999 as assistant director of student programs, then served three years at George Fox as associate dean of student leadership.

**Mark Frisius (G98)** is assistant professor of theology at Olivet Nazarene University

in Bourbonnais, Ill. He is scheduled to graduate this spring with a PhD from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

**Joshua Cogar (G99)** is a senior guide with On the Edge Adventures, Rhododendron, Ore.

**Lee Pate (MA99)** is director of the new Oregon Coast Hope Center in Newport. Vision for the center began in 2004 as a way for the Newport Church of the Nazarene to reach out to offer compassionate ministry, assisting area residents with counseling, recovery help, health and wellness, benevolence, arts and bereavement ministry.

**2000-08**

**Todd Hamms (G00)** and his wife, Molly, have started Uva, a wine bar in Oakway Center, Eugene, Ore.

**Carley (Egelston) Shaut (G00)** is assistant technical director and an academic instructor in the Laboratory of Immuno-genetics and Transplantation, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension at Oregon Health and Science University, Portland.

**Megan Collins-Richards (G01)** is academic director at Mayatan Bilingual School in Copan Ruinas, Honduras, where she previously taught from 2003 to 2005. She is a licensed teacher with an ESOL/bilingual endorsement in Oregon and for the last three years taught in a dual language immersion program in Canby, Ore.

**Brendon Connelly (MBA01)** in December became director of finance and development for Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, Newberg. He had been at George Fox for six years in Student Financial Services and as director of graduate and School of Professional Studies admissions.

**Andy Coulombe (MAT01)** and **Serenity (Thornburg) Coulombe (G02)** in June began a traveling ministry across the United States. They put their Hubbard, Ore., house up for sale, sold most of their belongings, bought an RV and converted it to run on "veggie oil." They are traveling (with their two children) from city to city ministering to the poor and with nonprofit agencies and churches that serve the poor and homeless. Calling it "Mustard Seed Ministries," they have been in Atlanta, Boise, Idaho, Boston, Charlotte, N.C., Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Grand Rapids, Mich., Houston, Jackson, Miss., Kansas City, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Spokane, Wash., and Tampa, Fla.

**Yolanda Karp (SPS01, MBA03)** is health information supervisor for The Portland Clinic, a physician-owned medical service since 1921. She manages 26 people in four branches (downtown Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin-Lake Oswego) and is guiding conversion of the medical records department into the health information management department.



**David Combs (G02)** is an accountant with his family's business, Combs Insurance Agency, in Palmer, Alaska.

**Cheryl McNeil (MA02)** has been appointed secretary/treasurer of the Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants for 2008-09. She has been with Thornton Oliver Keller commercial real estate in Boise, Idaho, since 1998, and has been director of accounting for the firm since 2001.

**Michelle Bredeson (SPS03)** in September became facility manager for the Cassville, Mo., YMCA, managing aerobics and gymnastics staff and handling public relations for the facility about 30 miles from Branson, Mo. Previously she worked for Intel, Beaverton, Ore., for seven years, serving as a project manager.

**John Wilson (SPS03)** has joined the Seattle office of the international law firm Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis.

He is an associate with the firm, with his practice focused on commercial litigation and appellate matters.

**Delia (Martinez) Coker (G04)** has opened Styledbaby Boutique, Cafe and Playhouse in Hillsboro, Ore. Opened in July, it features locally made products.

**Lisa (Stuewe) Forbes (G04)** in January became an administrative assistant in the undergraduate admissions office at George Fox, after working at Tilikum Retreat and Conference Center since 2007.

**Samara (Thornburg) Hand (G04)** and her husband, Cory, have joined the staff at Horizon Christian Schools in Tualatin, Ore. She is administrative assistant in the office of the high school and middle school principal and is responsible for websites for the schools. She also coaches the girl's soccer team with Cory, who teaches and advises at the 114-student high school.

**Nathan Holmes (G04)** is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with the U.S. Navy. On Feb. 1, he was advanced from lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant. His wife, Elisabeth, is a U.S. Navy nurse.

**Brandon Wallace (G04)** is assistant driver manager and dispatcher for Pride Disposal Company, Sherwood, Ore. In November, he participated in a two-week missions trip to India, working with Village Gospel Mission of India.

**David Jones (MA05)** and **Kathleen Jones (MAT07)** are living in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is hospice chaplain for Universal Health Services, which provides home health and hospice services. In August, he completed a clinical pastoral education residency with the Harris Methodist Hospital System, Fort Worth, for certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains. She home-schools their three children and teaches at a private school.



**A class act** When **Rich Swingle (G91)** was a George Fox student two decades ago, he spent many of his weekends visiting elementary schools and churches as part of the student touring drama group George Fox Players. It led to a career.

The former sociology/social work major now lives in New York City near Broadway and performs around the world. "Absolutely," Swingle responds when asked if the after-class drama tours started him in a different direction. "It's where it all started."

Creating and performing one-man plays with religious themes, Swingle has crafted a ministry that allows him to combine his acting interest with his earlier plan to be a minister after seminary.

Swingle polished his drama talents by earning an MA in theater at City University of New York's Hunter College and now is an actor/theatrical writer with plans to expand into directing. His acting has taken him to 17 nations, mostly to perform eight one-man plays he has written. He also has acted in a number of New York City productions, film, radio and CD-ROM, and has performed voice-overs and on-screen roles in several commercials.

Swingle was a writer for the documentary *Olympic Hero in China: The Eric Liddell Story* and will perform the role of Liddell. He now is developing a screenplay that will tell the rest of the *Chariots of Fire* story, with producer Ken Wales (*Pink Panther* films, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Amazing Grace*).

Theatrical directing began last summer when he co-directed *Tartuffe* with John Kirby, acting coach on 20 major motion pictures. This summer with Kirby he will co-direct Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Both are part of the MasterWorks Festival, held each summer in Winona Lake, Ind.



**Dan Watts** (SPS05) has been named vice president and senior commercial relationship manager at the regional commercial banking office of Bank of the West in Boise, Idaho. He is responsible for developing and servicing the portfolio of clients in Idaho with annual revenues greater than \$10 million. He moved from the Sterling Savings Bank, Boise, where he was senior relationship manager after 29 years with Wells Fargo Bank.

**Dane Coppini** (G06) has been accepted into the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School as a pilot undergrad, tentatively scheduled for Alabama by the end of the year. Currently, he is stationed at Little Rock (Ark.) Air Force Base with security forces assignment.

**Kimberly Hudson** (G06) is in Arroyo Grande, Calif., while attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, working on a master of education degree in counseling/guidance.

**Melissa Vigil** (MBA06) in September was named human resources director for the Community Services Consortium

of Benton, Linn and Lincoln counties, Oregon. It develops, manages and provides services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Previously she was human resources director for the City of Albany, Ore.

**Andrew Byerly** (MAT07) is teaching seventh grade science at Mt. View Middle School, Newberg, and his wife, Andrea, is on maternity leave before returning to her position as enrollment counselor at George Fox.

**Rick Chromey** (DMin07) has released his third book, *Energizing Children's Ministry in the Smaller Church* (Standard Publishing). He also is preteen columnist for *Children's Ministry Magazine* and a general session speaker for the 2009 How2 Children's Ministry conferences throughout the United States.

**Jesse Geleynse** (n07) is sports co-editor of the 3,000-circulation *Daily Sentinel* in Le Mars, Iowa.

**Paula Lockwood** (G07) has opened Modern Marketing, a marketing and advertising

company in Tigard, Ore. She focuses on business development, Internet advertising and strategic marketing.

**Amanda Newman** (G07) is online editor for five Willamette Valley publications of Eagle Newspapers, Inc.: the *Canby Herald*, *Molalla Pioneer*, *Newberg Graphic*, *Wilsonville Spokesman*, and *Woodburn Independent*. In college, she interned at the Newberg paper and was later hired as a reporter. New and improved websites debuted March 1 and the newspapers will produce e-mailed daily news updates.

**Kristen Leichty** (G08) is in Bradford, England, on a one-year term of service with Radical Journey through the Mennonite Mission Network. The faith formation program includes 10 months of service, then one month of internship at the participant's home congregation. She is a member of the Plainview Mennonite Church in Albany, Ore.

**Taylor Martin** (G08) is an undergraduate admissions counselor at George Fox after serving during the summer as activities coordinator for the Rose Schnitzer Manor at Cedar Sinai Park, Portland.

**Melissa McCarthy** (MAT08) teaches ninth-grade English at Brookings-Harbor High School in Brookings, Ore. She also is a team member for the school's Freshman Academy and is a softball coach.

**Jordan Phillips** (G08) is a marketing consultant with Pivot Group, a research and marketing consulting firm in Portland.

**Kyle Putnam** (G08) is an agent for Country Financial, Bend, Ore., after attending the organization's New Agent School.

**Brent Satern** (G08) is an agent for Country Financial, Salem, after completing a certification program.

**Mandee Spotts** (G08) is an undergraduate admissions counselor at George Fox University after three years as a student

## 2009 HONORED ALUMNI

### Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt (MDiv '81) | Seminary Alumnus of the Year



As chief of U.S. Navy chaplains, Rear Admiral Robert F. Burt is responsible for providing formal training to more than 800 active duty chaplains and nearly 400 reserve component chaplains who make up the Navy Chaplains Corps. This is the culmination of a naval career that has spanned nearly 35 years. Burt enlisted in the Navy in 1970 and served for seven years before his honorable discharge in 1977, at which time he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Upon his return to active duty, Burt served on staffs at naval hospitals and training stations around the country and completed six sea-tour deployments to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and the North Persian Gulf. As chief of chaplains, he

interacts with dozens of ecclesiastical endorsing agents who prepare candidates from their faith groups for military chaplaincy. He travels extensively to preach and speak, and he had the honor of participating in the funeral service for former President Ford in 2007. He has offered opening prayer for a session of the U.S. Senate and has twice preached in Easter services at Arlington National Cemetery.



## Advocating for peace

When Allyn Dhynes (G97) spoke out in late December, his words echoed around the world. His comments on the situation in Gaza while it was under Israeli attack were carried by media outlets from France to Mexico, Germany to England, and the United States.

"We utterly condemn Hamas's rocket attacks on Israeli civilians," said Dhynes, communications and advocacy manager for World Vision in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. "But we cannot justify this overwhelming military action by the Israelis that is killing and injuring many innocent civilians."

"Whatever the cause of the conflict, we are advocating for a complete cessation of violence for the protection of civilians, especially children," he said.



On Jan. 7, he again was on the world stage, participating in a United Nations headquarters-based press conference, pleading for a ceasefire and allowing humanitarian supplies to flow into Gaza.

Dhynes and his wife, Holly (Hyde) (G95), and two children have lived in Jerusalem since 2002. Previously, in the late '90s they were in the West

Bank teaching young Palestinians at the Ramallah Friends Schools, with support from Friends in Northwest Yearly Meeting.

"It has been our job to help Christians worldwide find ways to compassionately engage in change," they reported. "God's peaceable kingdom is near in ways the headline news will never declare."

employee in the university's Fitness Center and six years as a teacher/coach at Northwest Basketball Camps.

## JUST MARRIED

**Jennifer Barnhart** (G91) to Victor Alvarado, Dec. 28, 2008, in Las Vegas.

**Thomas Fay** (SPS94) and Tracy Collins, Dec. 24, 2008, in Vista, Calif.

**Christine Barnett** (G98) and Mark Mohammadpour, Sept. 27, 2008, in West Linn, Ore.

**Nicole Hood** (G99) and Chris Dunscomb, May 2, 2008, in Seattle.

**Melissa Welp** (G01) and Matt McKinney, Nov. 1, 2008, in Beaverton, Ore.

**David Combs** (G02) and Sabrena Jackson, Aug. 30, 2008, in Wasilla, Alaska.

**Laura Mansfield** (G03) and Jaaron Smith, May 25, 2008, in Portland.

**Jordan Gama** (G04) and Katrina Nelson, Sept. 15, 2007, in Corvallis, Ore.

**Elizabeth Moyer** (G04) and Austin Cronk, June 7, 2008, in Camarillo, Calif.

**Kelley Strandy** (n04) and David Vowels, Sept. 27, 2008, in Spokane, Wash.

**Liane Hoffman** (G06) and **Jordan Philips** (G08), Aug. 2, 2008, in Wilsonville, Ore.

**Arland Kunz** (SPS06) and Wanda Callahan, June 7, 2008, in Bend, Ore.

**Melissa Longwell** (G06) and **Jeffrey Bilbro** (G07), June 21, 2008, in Newberg.

**Shannon Miles** (G06) and Matt Schaeffer, Oct. 18, 2008, in Salem, Ore.

**Monica Tolentino** (MAT06) and Shawn Boland, Oct. 11, 2008, in Lincoln City, Ore.

**Timothy Anderson** (SPS07) and **Donna Jost** (SPS07), July 20, 2008, in Portland.

**Ryan Sticka** (G07) and **Stephanie DeGraff** (G08), Aug. 9, 2008, in Portland.

**Andrew Herr** (G08) and **Leah Kaufman** (n10), July 25, 2008, in Silverton, Ore.

**Tara Strever** (G08) and **Jordan Beanblossom** (student), Aug. 9, 2008, in Oregon City, Ore.

## BABY BRUINS

**Marcia (Crisman) Bogert** (G85) and Bruce Bogert, a girl, Monique Joy, born Nov. 15, 2003, in Tijuana, Mexico, adopted June 19, 2008, in Beaverton, Ore.

**Rebecca (Holman) Friesen** (G89) and Eon Friesen, a boy, Eli Daniel, Nov. 4, 2008, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

**Roxie (Aust) Huffaker** (G90, MEd96) and Allan Huffaker, a girl, Emily Joy, Oct. 23, 2008, in Corvallis, Ore.

**Charlie Harrell** (G93) and **Crystal (Clark) Harrell** (G94), a girl, Alexa Milan, Oct. 9, 2008, in Portland.

**Heather (Taggart) Maiorano** (G94) and Joel Maiorano, a boy, Gian Alexander, Sept. 5, 2008, in Lyons, Kan.

**Ben Ashley** (G96) and **Jill (Wiesenthal) Ashley** (MA02), a girl, Sophia Margaret, Sept. 26, 2008, in Newberg.

**Phillip Nelson** (G96) and Tracy Nelson, a girl, Kyra Marie, Aug. 31, 2008, in Tigard, Ore.



**Ben Spotts (G96)** and Libby Spotts, a boy, Lukas Todd, Aug. 31, 2008, in Hyderabad, India.

**Matt Wilber (G96)** and **Sara (Skeeter) Wilber (G97)**, a girl, Marin Hope, June 19, 2008, in Houston, Texas.

**Amy Dent Beebe (G97)** and **Sean Beebe (G97)**, a girl, Willow Ruby, April 26, 2008, in Salem, Ore.

**Shannon (Winter) Moritz (G97)** and Jonathan Moritz, a boy, Caden Jon, Nov. 16, 2008, in Klamath Falls, Ore.

**Tami (Ingraham) Thompson (G97)** and Ron Thompson, a girl, Faith Martha, Aug. 22, 2008, in Lynnwood, Wash.

**Drew Ailes (G98)** and **Jana (Kilpatrick) Ailes (n99)**, a girl, Alexa RuthAnn, June 2, 2008, in Carson City, Nev.

**Beth (Kahut) Coultrap (G98)** and Keith Coultrap III, a girl, Macy Annelise, April 22, 2008, in Montclair, N.J.

**Sarah (Johnson) Ellis (G98)** and Brandon Ellis, a girl, Magdalena Clare, April 16, 2008, in Clovis, Calif.

**Nathan Pfefferkorn (G98)** and **Allison (Soderlund) Pfefferkorn (G99)**, a girl, Stella Claire, May 23, 2008, in Oregon City, Ore.

**Christopher Smith (G98)** and **Emily Smith (G00)**, a girl, Clara Emily, July 15, 2008, in Fort Collins, Colo.

**Cary (Wadlow) Wood (G98)** and **David Wood (G98, MEd04)**, a boy, Nathanael Robert, Jan. 2, 2008, in Silverton, Ore.

**Rachel (Powell) Brandt (G99)** and Tony Brandt, a boy, David Howard, March 20, 2008, in Albany, Ore.

**Joshua Cogar (G99)** and Julie Cogar, a girl, Ella Grace, Sept. 26, 2008, in Gresham, Ore.

**Erin (Johnson) Fast (G99)** and **Ryan Fast (G99)**, a girl, Abigail Elizabeth, Oct. 24, 2008, in Redding, Calif.

**Elise (Barrero) Mathews (G99)** and **Brian Mathews (G05)**, a girl, Josephine Rose, Sept. 5, 2008, in Tualatin, Ore.

**Joseph Williams (G99, MAT01)** and **Melody (Talbur) Williams (G00)**, a girl, Claire Mae, July 8, 2008, in Corvallis, Ore.

**Beth (Randall) Armstrong (G00)** and Travis Armstrong, a boy, Zane Garrison, Sept. 27, 2008, in Portland.

**David Barbee (G00)** and Emily Barbee, a boy, Grant Alexander, Dec. 15, 2008, in Doylestown, Pa.

**Adam Collins (G00)** and **Lisa (Bauman) Collins (G00)**, a girl, Raileigh Grace, Jan. 13, 2009, in Roseville, Calif.

**Jenifer (McAlister) DeWolfe (G00, MAT04)** and **Dan DeWolfe (SPS07)**, a boy, Alec Lincoln, July 5, 2008, in Tigard, Ore.

**Amy (Osgood) Ingram (G00)** and Erik Ingram, a boy, William Cian Brennan, Oct. 28, 2008, in Vancouver, Wash.

**Seth Lambert (G00)** and **Janelle (Davis) Lambert (G01)**, a boy, Thaddeus James, June 26, 2008, in Riverview, Mich.

**Rebecca (Jellum) le Roux (G00)** and Marc le Roux, a girl, Abigail Elizabeth, July 3, 2008, in Midrand, South Africa.

**Rachel (Bellamy) Mardock (G00)** and **Robert Mardock (G00)**, a boy, Jude Michal, Aug. 30, 2008, in Seattle, Wash.

**Aaron Meyer (G00)** and Tauna Meyer, a boy, Jaron Davis, Dec. 19, 2007, in Beaverton, Ore.

**Tauni (Clark) Records (G00, MAT03)** and Jason Records, a boy, Ezra Jason, March 8, 2008, in Newberg.

**Andrew Coleman (G01)** and **Marisa (Merritt) Coleman (G01)**, a boy, Elijah Grey, Jan. 16, 2009, in Portland.

**Juli (Eggiman) Evans (G01)** and Aaron Evans, a boy, Corvin, June 6, 2008, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## 2009 HONORED ALUMNI

### Todd Miller (BS '84) | Outstanding Alumnus



Todd Miller's contribution to the scientific community can be measured in the number of cancer patients who benefit from the drug he developed. Working as a chemist at the San Francisco-based SUGEN in the late 1990s, Miller made a compound that is now marketed by Pfizer for late-stage stomach and kidney cancer. The drug was the first compound to be simultaneously approved by the Food and Drug Administration for two indications at the same time. It

is now in more than 40 clinical studies for stomach, renal, non-small cell lung, colorectal and breast cancers. In all, Miller has more than 15 years of hands-on lab experience in the biotech/pharmaceutical industry, specializing in the synthesis, purification and analysis of biologically active molecules. He has worked as a senior research scientist at labs in San Diego, San Francisco and Bend, Ore. He also finds time to coach baseball and to teach Sunday school, lead small groups and sing in choir and worship teams in Southern California.



## 2009 HONORED ALUMNI

### David (BA '93) and Debby (BS '94) Thomas | Christian Service Award



David and Debby (Harney) Thomas both felt called to the mission field before their arrival at George Fox, and a year after their marriage in 1994, they followed through on that calling to serve with Evangelical Friends Mission in Rwanda. After training in Belgium and Switzerland – and learning the difficult language of Kinyarwanda – the couple began their full-time ministry in the central African country in 1997. Since then, they have taught church leaders to see the value of local ownership and leadership while also showing them ways to reproduce churches with minimal dependence on foreign funding. David's primary roles are encouraging and supporting Rwandan leaders to realize their God-given vision, and building up prayer support. Debby is currently implementing Discipling for Development, a ministry that encourages villagers to grow in their ability to solve problems and to reproduce this skill in other communities. She also has taught agricultural methods that help impoverished farmers increase their harvests and started a "Kingdom business," Ubuzima Moringa, that provides Rwandans with highly nutritious products of the moringa tree.

**Cheryl (Tucker) Verver** (G01) and Kevin Verver, a girl, Payton Ann, Jan. 25, 2008, in Edmonds, Wash.

**Elise (Campbell) Willis** (G01) and **Daniel Willis** (G02), a boy, Campbell Ethan, July 25, 2008, in Portland.

**John Felton** (G02, MAT03) and Amy Felton, a girl, Olivia Janee, Nov. 5, 2008, in Clackamas, Ore.

**Jeff Kirksey** (G02) and **Sarah (Welstad) Kirksey** (G04), a girl, Campbell Ann, July 23, 2008, in Beaver, Pa.

**Sarah (Powell) Sanders** (G02) and Phil Sanders, a boy, Uriah Daniel, Nov. 7, 2008, in Salem, Ore.

**Janell (Hampton) Woods** (G02) and Eric Woods, a boy, Carter Gregory, Dec. 1, 2008, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

**Chau (Gregory) Young** (G02) and **Ben Young** (G03, MAT05), a boy, Silas Avery, May 27, 2008, in Whitefish, Mont.

**Ryan Keeler** (G03) and **Rachel (Moskowitz) Keeler** (G04), a boy, Levi Elias, Sept. 3, 2008, in Coos Bay, Ore.

**Jared Meidal** (G03) and Kim Meidal, a boy, Micah Jared, Sept. 12, 2008, in Valencia, Calif.

**Kimberly (Saint Romain) Moore** (SPS03) and Jason Moore, a girl, Harper Carrie, April 9, 2008, in Tualatin, Ore.

**Silas Towne** (G03) and Sara Towne, a boy, Elijah Silas, May 18, 2008, in Richland, Wash.

**Chad Burns** (G04) and **Charissa (Grubbs) Burns** (G04), a boy, Jacob Michael, Oct. 28, 2008, in Charlotte, N.C.

**Chad Edwards** (G04) and **Demetria (Medina) Edwards** (G04), a boy, Connor Joseph, May 27, 2008, in Portland.

**Stephen Keck** (G04) and **Vanessa (Thurston) Keck** (G04), a boy, Finley Ransom, July 20, 2008, in Denver.

**Jeffrey McDonough** (MA04) and **Kimberly (Warrington) McDonough** (G04, MAT08), a girl, Janae Ruth, July 22, 2008, in Portland.

**Benjamin Wilkinson** (G04) and **Elizabeth (Bruno) Wilkinson** (G04), a girl, Ellia Eve, Sept. 29, 2008, in Waterbury, Conn.

**Robert Gaslin** (G05) and **Josey (Hilton) Gaslin** (G06), a boy, Harris Robert, Jan. 11, 2008, in Salem, Ore.

**Christina (Maguire) Schiedler** (G05, MAT06) and **Kevin Schiedler** (G06), a boy, Cian Ryan, July 20, 2008, in Rock Springs, Wyo.

**Haley (Stapleton) Liston** (G06) and Josh Liston, a boy, Brady Ryan, Sept. 14, 2007, in Portland.

**Andrew Byerley** (MAT07) and Andrea Byerley, a girl, Eliana Amber, Nov. 17, 2008, in Clackamas, Ore.

**Jaime Hudson** (G07) and William Hudson, a girl, Charlotte May, June 15, 2008, in Silverton, Ore.

## IN MEMORY

**Hedwig (Schaad) Stang** (n30), Nov. 12, 2008, in Newberg.

**Margaret (Parker) Dixon** (n41), Oct. 18, 2008, in Tigard, Ore.

**Margery (Wohlgemuth) Brash** (G44), Dec. 8, 2008, in Albany, Ore.

**Ruth (Engle) Wilhite** (n50), Jan. 20, 2009, in Newberg.

**Alice (Hodson) Clark** (G55), Aug. 8, 2008, in Gresham, Ore.

**Lyn (Edmundson) Olson** (G57), Dec. 31, 2008, in Newport, Ore.

**Mary Lou (Gillen) Outwater** (G65), Feb. 10, 2009, in Forest Grove, Ore.

**Michael Watkins** (n87), June 28, 2008, in St. Helens, Ore.

**Ryan Bartlett** (G94), Dec. 2, 2008, in Malawi, Africa.

**George Croff** (G99), July 13, 2008, in Aurora, Ore.



← **Tent City** | Every spring, a section of lawn on the Newberg campus is transformed into a campground. Sophomores camp out in hopes of getting their first choice for Juniors Abroad trips – three-week tours scheduled during the annual May Term. The subsidized overseas courses reflect the university’s commitment to intercultural and international awareness. Since the beginning of the program, George Fox faculty have led trips to more than 22 countries.

Readers related their favorite memories of “Tent City,” an experience captured in a “Tell Us More” photo we published in our Fall 2008 issue. Here are their stories.

“I camped out in Tent City back in the spring of 2002. I remember it being such a big deal. People were

very particular about which trip they felt they were supposed to go on. The excitement was contagious from tent to tent, and I remember coming to the realization that the Western Europe trip was going to rock my world.” – *Kelly Cudney (G04)*

“I think one of my favorite memories at George Fox was participating in the annual Tent City. My class really thought through how to be in line for sign-ups and to keep us all unified from being pranked. Instead of everyone’s tent doors facing in different directions, most of them faced toward the center. Then we placed several tarps over the tents to create a covering, which helped us later on. The last night was by far the most interesting. Like always, other classes like to pull pranks on those in Tent City. However, my class was ready to strike back. Someone had gathered water balloons and had them ready to go. At around 9 p.m., Tent City was greeted by loud music playing off of Pennington Hall. It was meant to be a distraction while the pranksters came from another direction with flour-and-liquid-soap-filled water balloons. Because of our covering over the tents, not much got on the tents, but some of us had a nice powder on us when it was over. By the time sign-ups came the next morning, we were all ready to get the trip we wanted and then sleep in an actual bed.” – *Brandon Wallace (G04)*

“When I matriculated in the fall of 2001, I was told stories of pranking involving everything from milk poured around tents that turned sour in the afternoon temperatures to highly elaborate water balloon launchers. My favorite story from Tent City has to be the year of a terrible storm. Temperatures were so low and conditions so fierce that normal hazing practices were replaced with steaming hot cups of cocoa delivered to campers by the merciful upperclassmen.” – *Sarah Myhre (G05)*

*Congratulations to Brandon Wallace (G04), whose response to the “Tell Us More” photo contest was selected at random. He will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the George Fox University Store.*

*See photos of this year’s Tent City event online at [georgefox.edu/featured\\_stories/tent-city.html](http://georgefox.edu/featured_stories/tent-city.html)*



↑ Tell us more ...

Throughout the years, American marketers have associated various merchandise with the Quakers to associate their products with integrity. Can you tell us what George Fox faculty member has this box of hair nets in a personal collection of Quaker memorabilia? Do you know of alumni with such collections? We’d love to hear about interesting memorabilia you know of, including some of the more unlikely products to be associated with the personal integrity of the Quakers. Submit your entries to [journal@georgefox.edu](mailto:journal@georgefox.edu) or mail them to *Journal*, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132. All responses will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the University Store.

## Seattle Mariners

June 6

Watch the Mariners take on the Minnesota Twins with other members of the George Fox family. Lunch in the Lookout Landing area of Safeco Field begins at 11:30 a.m. and the game starts at 1:10 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the game and lunch. Ticket reservations must be made by May 29. *alumni.georgefox.edu or 503-554-2121.*



## University Launches Legacy Program

This fall, some incoming traditional undergraduate students will receive an extra \$500 financial aid award as a part of the George Fox Alumni Legacy Program. This new program will give children of George Fox alumni an additional financial incentive to attend the university. The \$500

award is automatically renewable for up to four years and is in addition to both the Tuition Credit Certificate for alumni births and the Alumni Scholarship Program. Questions? Contact [alumni@georgefox.edu](mailto:alumni@georgefox.edu), 503-554-2131, or any undergraduate admissions counselor.

## Order Your National Championship T-Shirt Today

Bruin fans can purchase 2009 Women's Basketball National Championship T-shirts. To order a shirt, visit [www.georgefox.edu/championshipT](http://www.georgefox.edu/championshipT).



## Alpine Europe tour

Alumni, parents and friends of the university are invited to tour alpine Europe and see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany, in early summer 2010. The 11-day trip departs May 31 and includes visits to Frankfurt and Munich, Germany; Salzburg, Austria; and Lucerne and Interlaken, Switzerland. The itinerary also includes visits to the Neuschwanstein and Heidelberg castles and Rothenburg, Germany's best-preserved medieval town. Highlighting the tour is the one-day play, a production that dates back 375 years and is performed every 10 years in a magnificent outdoor-covered amphitheater with the Bavarian Alps as a backdrop. Early reservation is required as tickets to the play sell out well in advance. *alumni@georgefox.edu or 503-554-2131*

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## LIVING GREEN

Students in the new Le Shana Residence Hall (pictured) live in an earth-friendly home. Completed two years ago, the three-story apartment building was designed and built green—from drywall made of recycled materials, to low-flow plumbing fixtures, to a north-south orientation that uses prevailing wind patterns to enhance natural ventilation.

George Fox has furthered its new commitment to sustainability on the campus by adding creation care to its seven initiatives in the developing strategic plan. Among the tactics will be reducing George Fox's carbon footprint by 10 percent by 2015. The engineering department recently conducted a study of the university's carbon footprint, which will provide a basis for measurement. Read more about this strategic plan initiative and others in the next *Journal*.