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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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What a difference a year makes! This past year was originally designed to be a year of listening and planning. It's important when a new president joins a campus that a good amount of time is spent on getting to know each other. In addition, time is always needed to work together to begin to map the future, and to carefully start to set in place appropriate changes to the campus infrastructure and vision. However, it soon became apparent some "doing" was also important to create momentum and set the stage for growth.

With that consideration, this amazing campus community began a new journey in Central and at all our site locations, looking under every rock and behind every corner, seeking inexpensive but noticeable ways to increase the quality of the experience for students, faculty and staff...from painting building interiors and exteriors to installing sidewalks, and from making SWU apparel accessible to adult students to installing campus signage, all with the understanding that student perception and enrollment was the goal.

Together we worked on financial aid improvements, launched new majors, changed the class schedule, created articulation agreements with two-year colleges and restructured areas to increase effectiveness. We created a new university mission and vision statement, visited every site to hear and implement student and staff ideas, installed a sand volleyball court, and moved forward raising the funds for the golf practice range, demonstrating a commitment to progress and improvement. We added landscaping, approved a women's golf team and made critical athletic venue improvements. All the while, so many of us worked on upgrading the main campus coffeehouse and bookstore experience, initiated a new food service partner, moved our mission-critical online degree project forward, started raising funds to apply to

the NCAA, initiated a new residence hall design process, and launched the Nicholson-Mitchell Christian Ministries Center campaign.

God has been so faithful in each and every one of these endeavors, and these are just samples of many more things I could mention! In truth, this has been quite the year of listening, planning and "doing" for SWU.

What about this next year? I am going to ask for 2012-13 to be a year of prayer and preparation, and request for you to join us. I cannot overemphasize how important prayer will be this year. Please make a commitment right now to believe God is waiting to hear our petitions and is eager to bless them.

And in terms of preparation, hold on to your seats! We are preparing to launch our first fully online degree program in six months, apply to the NCAA in February, and are preparing to offer even more sports for fall 2013. We are also expecting to unveil our new Christian Ministries curriculum, build our technology infrastructure, work on a plan to expand our AGS program into nearby states, continue the design and funding prospects for a new residence hall, prepare a campus master plan, and continue to seek support to design a science building solution!

As you can see, we are aggressively pursuing some great ideas that should impact our campuses, our communities and even the entire South! We are at the beginning stages of significant transformation here at SWU, building on the solid foundation of those who have gone before. Let's be diligent in prayer and believe God is clearly preparing us this year for great things just around the corner!

Thank you for your continued support. May God bless our efforts as we honor Him!

*Dr. Todd S. Voss, President*

# SWU ALUM NAMED HARVARD HERO

Rupal Shah, a Southern Wesleyan University graduate, was honored by Harvard University as one of the Harvard Heroes in an awards ceremony held this summer at Harvard University.

Harvard Heroes was introduced in 1995 to recognize the significant contributions of high-performing staff members in contributing to the university's standards of excellence. Shah, who manages Fortune Laboratory at Harvard School of Public Health, feels that the leadership and communication skills she gained while she was a student at Southern Wesleyan were key factors that helped her to move into the manager's position a year ago. Working with the university's Rotaract chapter, the honors program, and the student activities committee of the Student Government Association taught her about leadership and fundraising. Serving as senior class treasurer helped Shah gain skills essential to managing a budget.

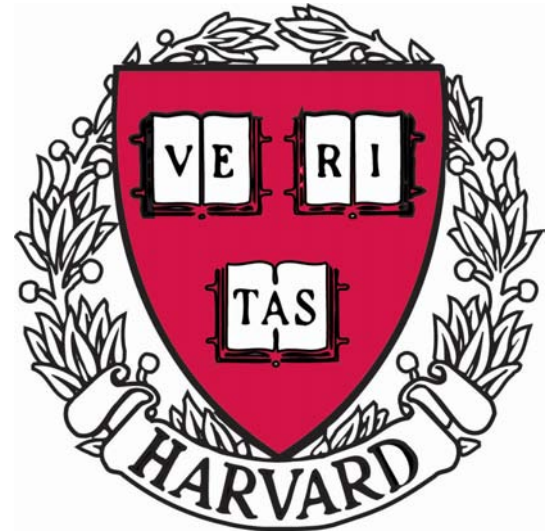
Shah's family moved from Tanzania when she was in the 11th-grade. After a brief time living in New York, they came to South Carolina when her father purchased several area businesses. She transferred to D.W. Daniel High School where her guidance counselor suggested she apply to Southern Wesleyan.

"She thought if I went to a private school I would thrive more," Shah said. She recalled the close-knit community she found at Southern Wesleyan and how faculty and staff members modeled those leadership traits. Shah was the first graduate in SWU's Honors Program, receiving a biology and chemistry degree in 2004. She went on to earn a master's degree in microbiology at Clemson. After that, Shah joined the staff of Harvard University's School of Public Health in the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases. In 2010, SWU's Alumni Association honored her with a Young Leader Award.

"Your passion for excellence shows in all you do," said Harvard President Drew Faust during the presentation ceremony. "Your warmth and deep concern for others are infectious too. You carry a superhuman workload and volunteer at home and abroad. If caring is contagious, Harvard is a much better place for having you here."


"It's been great. I've enjoyed organizing teams, writing and having a leadership role in the lab, keeping a smooth operation on day to day basis," Shah said. Her long-term goal is to enter medical school one day, specializing in patient care. "I've enjoyed my research but I like being around patients," said Shah, who volunteers at a hospice care facility. "I was at SWU pursuing medicine – that's always been my dream."

Shah added that she would like to return to practice medicine in South Carolina someday.



# MISSION:

## SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



Southern Wesleyan University alumni, students, faculty and staff continue to make their mark on the planet through international service as missionaries, educators and in a variety of other types of service.

In missions alone, Southern Wesleyan has realized several milestones. The commitment made at the outset of the 21st Century to see 100 students or alumni become missionaries by 2010 has been surpassed.

Groups of current students serving on summer ministry teams traveled to 10 different states this past summer, ministering in music at churches, serving as counselors and devotional leaders at camps and getting involved in community projects. Other students have served various missions organizations as short-term missionaries this past year.

Here are some of their stories . . .

# WORLD

REACHING AROUND THE GLOBE





# NATIONAL MISSIONS

## CHICAGO, IL

Sherilyn Sheets ('04) founded JUSTembrace, a cutting-edge ministry focused on creating healing for a community in inner city Chicago. JUSTembrace, according to Sheets, is based on a key principle: "Removing barriers that marginalize and divide communities requires at its heart a lifestyle of hospitality."

"As followers of Jesus we believe this hospitality is really tapping into the incarnation of Jesus and trying to live as he did," Sheets writes in her blog.

A group of Southern Wesleyan students is planning a mission trip there this fall. Jennifer "Jiggs" Moore ('00), a religion graduate, recently left a promising corporate training job in Charlotte to join Sheets in her ministry. Both women share the same hometown – Chesnee, S.C. – and both attended the same high school.

"We were very close friends through high school and college but had not stayed in communication much after I left the South until about six weeks ago," Sheets said. Four more individuals plan to join the JUSTembrace team in the fall.

(Website: [www.justembrace.org](http://www.justembrace.org) Blog: [www.jiggsintransition.blogspot.com](http://www.jiggsintransition.blogspot.com).)



## BUFFALO, NY

Logan Patriquin, a senior religion major, worked with teenagers in Buffalo, N.Y., renovating houses for Burmese refugees as part of Breakout and LoveBuffalo, a multi-church inner city mission with a youth camp atmosphere. They have completed makeovers of more than a dozen houses in the area.

Based out of Grace Community church, located on the West Side, the youths have assisted in roofing, painting and landscaping. The west side of Buffalo is an impoverished section of the city with a diverse population that includes many Burmese refugees as well as Thai and African inhabitants. Also taking part this past summer was a Southern Wesleyan University summer ministry team consisting of students Ethan Cashwell, a recent history graduate from Gastonia, N.C.; Micah Sparrow, a religion major from Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Whitney Steele, a music education major from Charlotte; and Nickie Heerschap, a recent media communication graduate from Clemson, S.C.

A major organizer of the project is the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, where Patriquin was doing a summer internship with the Community Life department and its two youth pastors, Tom Neary and Steve Johnson. The outreach involved approximately 250 middle school and high school students from greater Buffalo area Wesleyan churches, as well as youth groups from North Carolina and Kentucky.





## NEW YORK, NY

Kehl Hudson ('11) went to the South Bronx in New York to work with Joint Urban Missionary Partners (JUMP), a non-profit ministry located in what is considered the poorest urban congressional district in the United States. The Bronx is home to the New York Yankees, Hip Hop, the Bronx Zoo, The New York Botanical Gardens and the largest percentage of HIV/AIDS service centers per capita in the United States.

"It's all about obedience and His coming Kingdom, not my life, for I was only given it and made alive by him anyway," Hudson said. Every week, he works with teenage boys holding Bible studies and developing relationships, as well as leading an adult Bible study.



"That can be anything from a senior center visit, working/hanging out with AIDS patients, feeding the homeless, feeding migrant workers looking for work and taking them through what prayer is," Hudson said.

## HAWAII

Matt Beasley ('10) is entering his second year as a staff member for Youth With A Mission. He's preparing to co-lead a Discipleship Training School, where he will help train workers to serve in various parts of the world. Beasley is stationed at the University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii. He recently returned from School of the Circuit Riders, where he was involved in an outreach in the London area where 129 individuals accepted Christ in three days. His travels have also taken him to Mozambique.

A 2010 youth ministry graduate, Beasley founded the LOT Project, a ministry that provides food and clothing to the needy in Anderson, S.C. After hearing from a LOT Project board member who went through a DTS, Beasley felt led to become involved with YWAM. Andy Gibson, who was vice president of the organization, became the CEO for the LOT Project.



"Ultimately your job is to disciple the students. So you're walking hand-in-hand with the students," Beasley said. "You're doing life with them."

YWAM is an international volunteer movement of Christians from many backgrounds, cultures and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world.

Violet Stoltzfus ('08) leads discipleship training groups overseas on mission trips. She began her work with YWAM Maui after graduating from SWU with a human services degree. She has served as base staff within the kitchen and hospitality departments and this past summer has been organizing games for kids camps. Stoltzfus completed Discipleship Training School, resulting in a closer, more personal relationship with God. Stoltzfus learned a profound lesson during her training.



"Being so busy with what He tells us to do that we forget the most important thing of all can cause burnout, ministry that bears little fruit and hardened hearts," she said.

"I had some of the best teachers while at SWU, who put their hearts into their job and were interested in my life and where I was going," Stoltzfus said. "Just those things alone encouraged me to continue seeking where God wanted me in the future, even when I was uncertain."

## MYRTLE BEACH, SC

Scott Payseur ('92) is reaching out to teenagers through Ground Zero ministry, a Myrtle Beach-based organization he founded.

Along with his wife Kimberly, Scott and the staff of Ground Zero serve approximately 11,500 teenagers in the Myrtle Beach area. Ground Zero grew out of a passion Scott first developed as a teenager attending a Wesleyan youth convention in Knoxville. Ground Zero empowers parents, youth workers, student leaders and others in the Christian community to reach this age group through contemporary worship and other high-energy events, Club GZ, Beach Blast and a concert series that has featured top Christian music performers which have included Third Day, Red, Kutless and Big Daddy Weave.

GroundZero recently acquired a 1958 movie theatre located at the old Pavilion site, which is being leased from the city and will contain a full-service coffee shop, a 50s-themed café and office space. Their plans are to open by Feb. 2, 2013 with a "club" for teens and a venue for concerts and other events.

"SWU was a part of where I am today," said Payseur.

Website: [www.groundzeromb.com](http://www.groundzeromb.com)

# INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

## ALBANIA

Brad Hornback, ('05) a SWU Social Studies graduate and former member of the library staff, moved to Albania where he is completing his Ph.D. in International Studies from Clemson University.

Hornback will be presenting some of his research on perceptions of community in Albania and Kosovo and the ties those perceptions have to strengthening or weakening democracy and civil society at the International Balkan Symposium in Istanbul, Turkey, in September. Hornback previously went to South Korea for a year, sent by NICS (Network of International Christian Schools).

## ARGENTINA

Adam Jolley ('10) is serving as a long term missionary with Operation Mobilization doing youth ministries in the city of Cordoba, Argentina. Adam is a Math Education graduate.

## CAMBODIA

Zach and Noelle Slagel ('03) are currently in Phnom Penh, preparing to engage a minority people group that currently has no churches, limited Bible translation and few workers engaging them.

They are currently learning their languages as they prepare to go and minister there. Noelle graduated from SWU and Wheaton College. They are working full time as missionaries with Pioneers. Noelle played a big role in influencing graduate Ryan Siebert, who as a student spent two months among poor families in Cambodia, for missions.



"We are also looking for creative, credible ways for being involved in their lives and want to be men and women of integrity whose lives reflect the mandate of the Jesus to love God and our neighbor," Zach said.

## CROATIA

Guy ('09) and Holly Junkins ('09) Howard are serving in Croatia, conducting kids camps, baseball camps and assisting in church renovations.

Guy played baseball for the Warriors and served for several years after graduation as a SWU assistant baseball coach. During water breaks, camp participants hear from Guy and members of visiting groups share testimonies of how God has worked in their lives. During a "kids club" in one village, they showed how God keeps his promises by acting out the story of Noah.

Blog: [guyandholly.blogspot.com](http://guyandholly.blogspot.com)

## CZECH REPUBLIC

Phil and Kristy (Baysinger) ('01) Boardman are full-time missionaries with Global Partners, The Wesleyan Church's missions outreach, in Brno, Czech Republic.

Both education graduates – Kristy from Southern Wesleyan and Phil from Indiana Wesleyan – they teach English to adult students at Majak (Lighthouse). The couple met as missionaries in the Czech Republic in 2002 and eventually married.

This summer, Mary Beth Bagley, a junior majoring in elementary education, joined them for a second year to conduct camps. The most gratifying part of their work is the Conversation Club, a twice-weekly gathering at the Majak Coffee Shop where they offer a free hour of English lessons.

"Several of the missionaries/teachers lead English discussion groups. We change topics weekly and keep them fairly basic, but in the midst of talking about family, stress, vacation and the weather, God comes into our conversations," Kristy said.

Because Czechs don't have a church background, the Boardmans find that people are searching – especially younger generations. Although they aren't coming to Christ in large numbers, the Boardmans celebrate the "smaller victories" as they build relationships with Czech people through their work.





## HAITI

Bobby ('78) and Magalie Boyer are serving long-term in Haiti. Magalie is a Haitian and has a high-level management position with World Vision in Haiti. She was one of the first voices out of Haiti after the earthquake speaking on worldview media coverage. Bobby is pastoring a high profile church in Port au Prince. Their son Phillip ('10) is a Business graduate from Southern Wesleyan and their son Jonathan is a freshman here this year.

Greg ('97) and Heidi Edmonds are serving long term in Haiti with Global Partners. Greg is managing the building of a first class hospital on the Island of La Gonave. He is currently managing building of a guest house that will eventually lead to teams that will help build the hospital.

Justin Petersen ('04), assistant soccer coach and teacher at Riverside Middle School, along with his wife Beth ('04), lead trips to Haiti from ALIVE Wesleyan Church. Beth is the administrative assistant to Pastor Tom Harding ('91) at ALIVE and her parents are the mission directors for Global Partners in Haiti.

SWU students Abbie Sawyer and Jasmine Smith spent this past Spring Break with Haitian children leading in Bible studies and other activities. They visited tent cities and orphanages around Port au Prince, ministering to youngsters whose lives were impacted by the 2010 earthquake that devastated the area. They stayed at New Life Children's Home in Port au Prince, where they also helped organize clothing as well as craft and medical supplies. Sawyer is a recent exercise science graduate from Greenville and Smith is a senior media communication major from Franklin, Va.



## HONDURAS

Tara Boshart Garcia ('02) founded a non-profit organization, Reach Out Orphanage Ministries (R.O.O.M.), organized to encourage and assist locally run orphanages to improve their facilities and resources.

Hondurans have become familiar with her work, thanks to coverage by the media in that Central American nation. Garcia's desire to work with orphans began to develop when she taught in a bilingual school and worked at a local church on the island of Roatan, Honduras from 2003 to 2005. Garcia and other missionaries would often visit the two orphanages on the island. Soon, sponsors back home became interested in sending supplies for these orphanages; as well as sending teams to work there.

"Shortly upon returning to the U.S., the opportunity to begin a non-profit seemed to be placed into my lap," said Garcia on her website. She added that the Lord kept "putting the right people and moments into my path," prompting her to establish R.O.O.M.

Website: [www.makeroom.org](http://www.makeroom.org) Blog: [www.tarahonduras.blogspot.com](http://www.tarahonduras.blogspot.com)

Honduras news interview with Tara: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrkhKUqt6yY>

## INDIA

For Kelley Tegen and a group of Southern Wesleyan University students, a trip to India reinforced just what it means to rely totally on God and experience his power. Tegen and seven Southern Wesleyan students traveled to India this past May to interact with schoolchildren at Calcutta and Bokaro Steel City.

While there, the group, consisting mostly of education majors, visited house churches where they saw many orphaned children. Tegen recalled how they prayed over a sick infant. At Bokaro, they organized several vacation Bible school-type games and activities with schoolchildren. "We saw the Lord work in the hearts of the children, adults, and in our hearts as well. After all the things that I experienced from laughing along with those beautiful, smiling children to crying from seeing the extreme poverty of this country, the Lord challenged me with many things," said Becca Cromer.



"I am constantly challenged on so many levels – from extreme thankfulness for everything and everyone I've been blessed with to being challenged to love others unconditionally," said Tori Wanner, one of the students. "Ever since we returned I have been so much more in love with Jesus and feel more of a passion for sharing his love with everyone," said Caroline Hudson, an elementary education major.

Blog: [swuindia.blogspot.com](http://swuindia.blogspot.com)

Bryana King Augustine ('05) went to India on a summer-long missions trip. There she met a young single Indian pastor and after she returned they courted via the Internet. Three years ago she returned to India and got married. She serves with her husband as the pastoral team of a church in India. She has a twin sister, Tiffany King Elliott, ('06) a Religion graduate from Southern Wesleyan.

## KENYA

Josh and Harmonee Klein, current students, went on a missions trip with their home church, Mt. Zion Wesleyan, in Thomasville, N.C. They are currently looking at the possibility of serving long term in Kenya.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Curtis Williams ('88) is serving full-time with Global Partners as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, where for the past three years he has been teaching at the Wesleyan Bible College. A religion graduate, Williams served nearly 20 years as a youth pastor and assistant pastor in the North Carolina West District of The Wesleyan Church. During that time he led many youth missions trip to various places around the world.

## UGANDA

Darren Schaupp ('91) is an independent consultant for humanitarian organizations on field management issues. His job is to determine how best to get relief to those in need overseas. Much of his recent work has been with Samaritan's Purse. He and his wife Cindi ('90) served with Samaritan's Purse for nearly 10 years in Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda. Darren helps organize logistics behind humanitarian efforts in East Africa, helping victims of famine and political persecution. In 2011, Schaupp was part of a disaster response team of 70 along the Kenyan-Somali border, where he helped coordinate approximately \$4 million in relief in response to famine in the area. He also recently traveled to Uganda, where he helped develop a proposal for a supply chain in South Sudan, an area of approximately 150,000 refugees along the border with Sudan. "If I can help organizations move supplies more effectively, then it has a real impact on people's lives on the ground," Darren said.

# OVERSEAS EDUCATION

## ALBANIA

Adam ('09) and Krista\* are working in Eastern Europe with a humanitarian and development organization, working to transform local communities through the areas of education, healthcare and enterprise. They currently work with a speech therapist, a teacher of children with special needs and a psychologist who give extra tutoring to children with learning disabilities. Partnering with the local association of paraplegics, they have helped influence the local government to provide access throughout the city by the installation of ramps and lifts. They have also supported them in hosting seminars and round tables on the issue of discrimination in the workplace as well as community for paraplegics. In August they are co-sponsoring a Special Olympics and will see people from all over Bosnia compete in games.

As part of an ongoing school classroom remodeling project, a team of Dutch students completely renovated the insides of two village schools. They will return in the fall to continue their work. The couple also established an accredited English as a Second Language class and recently added two teachers to their team.

## CAMBODIA

Ryan ('11) and Melissa ('10)\* will be in Cambodia for the next two years, where Ryan will teach English at the Royal University of Law and Economics and Melissa will work at a shelter for boys who are victims of sexual abuse. Although Cambodia is now a constitutional monarchy with a democratic government and has made some progress since it was ravaged by war and the atrocities of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge, the Southeast Asian nation is still dealing with rampant corruption and exploitation of vulnerable population groups.

Ryan will work on his TEFL (Teaching English to Speakers of Foreign Languages) certification at Phnom Penh as he prepares to teach. "Our heart broke for the people there and what they experienced under the Khmer Rouge," said Melissa. "We want to empower people to help themselves."

"Our goal is to connect – to be bridge builders with what's going on in the community," Ryan said. He hopes to develop mentoring relationships with his students as they prepare for their future and would like to see students get involved in confronting the social issues that continue to shackle many in the Southeast Asian nation.

Blog: [notesonthereal1.blogspot.com](http://notesonthereal1.blogspot.com).



## CHINA

Jeff ('09) and Bobbi ('11)\* traveled to the Sichuan Province of China where Jeff will teach high school classes at Chengdu International School and work in the guidance department. Bobbi will teach fourth-grade. Under the umbrella of Leadership Development International, the couple will be working in Chengdu, which has more than 14.5 million inhabitants. Students at Chengdu International come primarily from Korean and American families that relocated to China due to a job there.

"We're providing western-style English education for students planning on attending college in the United States," Jeff said. He explained that Chinese families, especially those living in urban areas, put an emphasis on education, expecting the children to have homework.

## NAMIBIA

Stephanie Sestito ('12), started a 27-month assignment as a science teacher in Namibia. She was invited by the Peace Corps, which is responding to a shortage of qualified math and science teachers and working to counteract the East African nation's 40 percent dropout rate. For Sestito, an honors graduate from Frederica, Del., it's all about helping others, whether locally or globally. Her passion for reaching out knows no boundaries. After graduating from high school, Sestito followed this passion, traveling to Denmark, where she worked at a youth camp prior to entering college. Sestito was also one of two Southern Wesleyan students who, along with several alumni, delivered medical supplies and provided treatment to refugees outside Port au Prince, Haiti, just weeks after the devastating 2010 earthquake. This past March, Sestito remained active in helping the Haitians, organizing a benefit concert for Okipe orphanage, to help Haitian children realize the dream of a better home.

"Steph has a heart for helping others, but she was struggling with 'how' to do it after college. A job in a research lab was one option, but her compassion and personality are a perfect fit for the Peace Corps – she can help people face-to-face and be involved in their lives," said Michael Keaton, professor of history at Southern Wesleyan.

Blog: [flamingkaleidoscopes.blogspot.com/](http://flamingkaleidoscopes.blogspot.com/)

## UKRAINE

Christina Webb ('09), a former member of the Lady Warriors Soccer Team, is serving with the Peace Corp, where she led a summer camp for children to help them plan community development projects for their communities.

## SUMMER MINISTRY TEAMS

**HIS:** Ryan Kivett, Winston Salem, N.C., Alex Campbell, Seneca, S.C., Shaina Bucholtz, Thomasville, N.C., Ashley Bowers, Cocoa, Fla.

**KAIROS:** Katie Portis, Denton, N.C., Bethany Burrow, High Point, N.C., Gavin Potter, Central, S.C., Nick Pickard, Randleman, N.C.

**THE TRANSFORMERS:** Brandy Hanson, Liberty, S.C., Hannah Covington, Harrisburg, N.C., Joey Stewart, Winder, Ga., Blaine Ballard, Hanahan, S.C.

**MANIFESTO:** Ethan Cashwell, Gastonia, N.C., Micah Sparrow, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Whitney Steele, Charlotte, N.C., Nickie Heerschap, Clemson, S.C.

**NOVUM:** John Greco, Lexington, S.C., Jason Reese, Central, S.C., Kayleigh Bray, Fishers, Ind., Emily Martin, Sheridan, Ind.

\* Last names have been left off for security reasons



Do you remember what it was like to start a new semester at college? There were new and returning students moving into their new residence hall rooms, forging new friendships and rekindling old ones. As you walked around the campus the first few weeks, you noticed new staff and faculty in their offices or behind the teaching podium. For some of you, these fond memories may be distant memories. For others, this experience is still fresh in your mind.

We are currently watching these events unfold and it is exciting to see incredible enthusiasm around the campus. Most of the students would not be able to be here if it were not for the generous support from readers like you, who gave to the Annual Promise Fund. With this fund, we support scholarships and help needy students to enroll and be successful at SWU. And as the years go by, the need for scholarships and financial support grows greater...especially as other sources of funding diminish.

To those of you who have invested in the lives of these students with your gifts, "Thank you very much!" Everyone who contributed to the Promise Fund last year brought in a total amount of \$335,523. Although that amount is about 74 percent of our annual goal, we had additional success in other areas of our advancement department as we started a new campaign for the Nicholson-Mitchell Christian Ministry Center and our thrilling journey toward applying for NCAA Division II status in our athletic department. We have much for which to be thankful. Southern Wesleyan University is growing stronger and deeper in every area bringing Christ-Centered influence on our main campus and learning centers across South Carolina.

Our Promise Fund goal this year is \$500,000. For more than 100 years, our university has made a promise to do all we can to help our students become all that God has intended them to be. We are dedicated to keeping our scholarships strong. We are launching our students into a world that is desperate for leaders of faith, integrity, and wisdom. While they face challenges, we have a responsibility to assist them as much as we can.

Let's keep that Promise. Make a big difference in the lives of our current students by remembering them with a gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, or \$500. We need your support now. Send in your sacrificial gift to help our students with financial need and we will gladly apply your investment toward a great start for Christian higher education. The fond memories of new semester experiences are some of the best memories a student can have when they occur as a result of your giving to the Promise Fund.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary W. Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

*Dr. Gary Carr  
Special Assistant to the President  
Church and Donor Relations*

## Board of Visitors to meet September 27

Southern Wesleyan University deeply appreciates the interest, support and involvement of its members of the Board of Visitors. The next meeting of the Board of Visitors is scheduled for Thursday, September 27.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Visitors should contact Gary Carr at 864.644.5013.

# P.B. WOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all golfers to tee off in the annual Southern Wesleyan University P. B. Wood golf tournament on October 15, at Pickens Country Club.



The tournament raises money for the Promise Fund, which supports student scholarships as well as academic and student programs. This event is named in honor of Dr. Paul Baker Wood, a noted psychologist and SWU professor emeritus.

This captain's choice tournament has slots for 36, four-man teams. The fee is \$400 for a team or \$100 per player. Individual players are welcome to sign up and will be placed with a team. This fee covers greens fees, cart fees, meals, a polo shirt (or other gift) and other prizes. Hole-in-one contests with prizes totaling more than \$40,000 will also be part of the tournament.

Sponsorships are also available at various levels. Co-sponsorships are \$2,500 and include one team registration fee. Corporate sponsorships are \$1,000 and include one individual registration fee. Hole sponsorships are \$250, tee sponsorships are \$100 and cart sponsorships are \$25.

**1st place: set of JPX 800 Mizuno Irons**

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**2nd place: MP-650 Mizuno Driver**

*(retail \$299)*

**3rd place: JPX 800 Hybrid** *(retail \$169)*

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**1 longest drive: Mizuno wedge**

*(retail \$89 per club)*



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# SOUTHERN WESLEYAN TO INAUGURATE 18TH PRESIDENT

Dr. Todd S. Voss will be inaugurated as Southern Wesleyan University's 18th president in a ceremony Oct. 26 at 3 p.m in the Newton Hobson Chapel on the university's campus in Central.

Voss was named president of Southern Wesleyan in 2011 following the retirement of Dr. David Spittal, who served the university for 17 years. Prior to becoming president, Voss served as executive vice president for Indiana Wesleyan University.

He began working at IWU in 1989 as vice president for student development with previous experience in student life, business affairs, auxiliary services and campus planning from West Virginia University, Western Michigan University and Michigan State. Voss's interest in generational studies has been ongoing for more than two decades.

His vision for Southern Wesleyan is to pursue growth in key areas that include expansion into online degree programs and comprehensive facilities improvements while nurturing the minds as well as the spirits and the hearts of its students, with an emphasis on faith, character and integrity.

Voss earned his bachelor's degree in pre-medicine/psychology from Michigan State University and his master's degree in counseling as well as his doctorate in counseling/higher education administration from Western Michigan University.

Voss and his wife, Julie, have two married children, Emily and Matthew, and one grandchild, Luke.

More details on the inauguration event at Southern Wesleyan University can be found online at [swu.edu/inauguration](http://swu.edu/inauguration).

## INAUGURATION SPEAKER: DR. PAUL A. RADER



The presidential inauguration of Dr. Todd Voss in October will bring to campus a speaker well-known around the world: Dr. Paul A. Rader, former worldwide leader of the Salvation Army and former president of Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky.

Rader and his wife Kay responded to God's call to cross-cultural mission as Salvation Army officers. Following training at The Salvation Army School for Officer Training in New York, they were commissioned as officers and appointed to Korea, where they served for the next 22 years.

He was then elected to the Salvation Army's highest office in 1994 and served until 1999. Rader was the first American-born officer to have commanded the international movement.

Rader earned a bachelor of arts degree at Asbury, then continued his studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, where he graduated with a bachelor of divinity degree. He earned a M.Th. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and a doctor of missiology degree from Fuller Theological Seminary School for Intercultural Studies in Pasadena, Calif.

The Raders have three married children.

# TRUDEL NAMED DEAN OF SWU BUSINESS SCHOOL

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Southern Wesleyan University recently welcomed Dr. Jeannie Trudel as dean of the School of Business. Trudel comes to Southern Wesleyan from Indiana Wesleyan University, where she was the associate vice president for strategic initiatives in the College of Adult Professional Studies. She has also served as regional dean and was a full time business faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan.

“What attracted me to Southern Wesleyan is the fact it has a Christian-based academic curriculum,” Trudel said, adding that she feels a “calling” to the university. “I see a lot of potential in the Business School and it’s a means to impact students and prepare them for life,” said Trudel, who is impressed with the faculty at Southern Wesleyan and excited about the potential for the university under President Todd Voss.

“We live in a globalized world and I want to make sure students are engaged on global level,” Trudel said. “We want them to develop wider skills to engage and be successful. We want our program to anticipate needs and trends in business – not just pursue business as usual,” Trudel said.

Trudel also sees her new role as a ministry. “In Christian higher education there’s an opportunity for the Lord to fuse together this vocational calling business skills and a relationship with the Lord. It’s almost like a package deal and you infuse it with light.”

Her experience includes organizational development work and training for corporate and non-profit organizations. Formerly a practicing attorney in Australia, Trudel’s research interests include workplace incivility, conflict management and organizational systems. Her research presentation at the 2011 American Psychological Association conference received media attention through CBS News Affiliates, The Wall Street Journal and USA Today.

Trudel earned her bachelor of economics degree and a law degree at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. She also earned a master’s degree in negotiation and conflict management from California State University, as well as a Ph.D. in organizational development from the University of Louisville.

She received a Research Excellence Award from the Academy of Human Resource Development. She has also worked and lived in three different continents, gaining experience in developing international initiatives and partnerships abroad.

Trudel’s husband is Grant Trudel. They have a son, Jared, 21, who recently graduated from Indiana Wesleyan and a daughter, Alisa, 15, who attends Daniel High School.



# BEATING THE HEAT WITH COOL TUNES

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“Beautiful!” shouts Doug Norwine as he listens to a teenage guitarist playing a solo part. He walks across the stage, moving to the rhythm as he listens to the instrumental blend filling the auditorium with “feel good” sounds of jazz. Norwine is one of several jazz clinicians who come to Southern Wesleyan University’s campus in Central every summer to share their skills and “jam” with camp participants – mostly middle and high school students. Also there to sharpen their skills were a few older musicians.



Norwine’s saxophone riffs have been heard on popular TV shows that include “The Simpsons,” “Seinfeld” and “Roseanne.” He has performed and toured with Frank Sinatra, Paul McCartney, Bette Midler, Tony Bennett and Harry Connick Jr. “It’s a great feeling to see these students come in here, just hungry to suck up knowledge like a sponge and then apply it,” said Norwine, who currently teaches music at Anderson University. He maintains that having a jazz camp of this caliber in South Carolina is perfectly logical.

“South Carolina is a rich, fertile ground of music,” Norwine said, pointing out native born jazz legends that include Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonious Monk and Nina Simone. A couple of floors below the auditorium, Kelley Norwine, his wife, works with a young vocalist as she takes on Judy Garland’s “Over the Rainbow.” Kelley, a 1990 graduate and former employee of Southern Wesleyan, also works at Anderson University and performs regularly with her husband in gigs across the region.

Stockton Helbing, a drummer who continues to perform with Tonight Show legend Doc Severinsen, returned for his fourth year of teaching at the camp. A Florence, S.C., native now based in Texas, Helbing enjoys returning to his home state and sharing what he’s learned. Many camp participants are unfamiliar with jazz, but Helbing enjoys seeing young musicians catch his enthusiasm. “Jazz is one of our true original American art forms. I want these young people to embrace it to keep it from disappearing, but also for them to understand the beautiful challenge jazz provides them and the possibility of creating music all of the time,” said Helbing, who also teaches at the University of North Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

“You don’t have to be the best technical player of all time – it’s an opportunity to be creative,” said Greg Day, professor of music at Southern Wesleyan and organizer of the camp, which is now in its 12th year. “Jazz in itself is very friendly and relaxed.” Day adds that those participating in the camp get to work with people who actually make a living making jazz – sort of an equivalent to learning from a professional athlete.

This year’s camp had its first violinist. Mabel Kitchens, a student at McCant’s Middle School in nearby Anderson, S.C., learned violin in school but decided to explore the possibilities of playing the blues. “It’s always been classical music, so it was good to kind of change that up a little bit,” Kitchens said, adding that she’s learning how to apply her skills to a new genre.



# SERVING GOD ON A MOUNTAIN TOP

## SWU GRADS' CAMP A CALLING

Larry and Susan Hooks have been camping out in God's will since a Spiritual Emphasis Week seminar on the campus of Southern Wesleyan University in the 1970s. For more than 30 years, these SWU Alumni have been providing Christian camp experiences for generations of children and young people.

When the couple graduated SWU in the 1970s, they bought a home near the college and began to set up life together when they began to hear their calling.

"We had this feeling there was more to life than just owning a house," Susan said. "I was reading 'Adventures in Prayer' by Catherine Marshall. In the book she writes about praying for a dream. We prayed about our dream to run a camp every day for four years."

The first camp God led them to belonged to a relative, and the couple ran it for 15 years when a new opportunity arose. It was then the couple purchased Riverview. Located in northeast Alabama, on top of Lookout Mountain, Riverview (<http://riverviewcamp.com>) is a Christian camp for girls which attracts between 800-1,000 campers each summer.

"We are a fully accredited camp, a Christian camp, but not a church group camp," Susan said. "We have individual girls of all denominations, and we want to let our light shine before them."

The camp offers Christian talks every morning and evening, and features worship leaders from Nashville and Birmingham. They hire Christian counselors, many of whom were once campers at the camp themselves often eventually send their own daughters to the camp.

The camp has also had a number of children of celebrities over the years, but the majority of the girls are from great families across the Southeast, though some come from as far away as Germany, China,

Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. With between 13,000-15,000 alumni, the camp also offers two mother-daughter weekends each year.

In the non-summer months, the Hooks use the site for school groups as Nature's Classroom Atop Lookout Mountain, an experiential education program ([www.naturesclassroom.com](http://www.naturesclassroom.com).) The location on the mountain and the proximity to Little River make the location an ideal outdoor laboratory.

The couples education and experience have been a good match for running the camp. Susan earned a SWU degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting, making her strong business background prior to camping a real asset to her years in camp management. Larry, after receiving his bachelor of arts degree in health and physical education, earned his masters degree in administration and supervision from Clemson University and his doctorate in education administration and supervision from the University of Alabama.

"With my business background and Larry's education background, this has been a great match for both of us," Susan said.

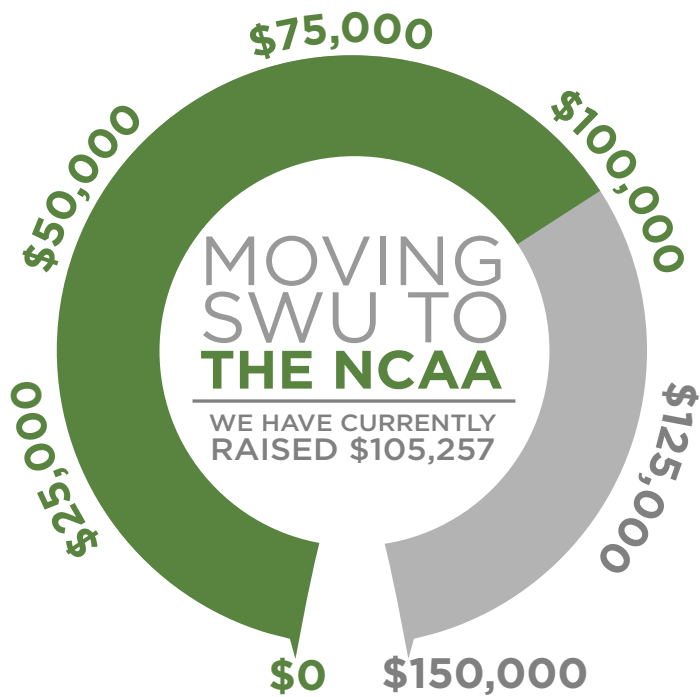
The pair also is clear that their first meeting while SWU students shapes their lives to this day. The two met during Youth Spiritual Emphasis Week when the Rev. Jimmy Johnson of Skyline Wesleyan Church challenged them to "make sure you choose your master and who will influence your mission and choice of mates." The seminar made a lasting impression.

"I have used that seminar talk many, many times with campers," Susan said. "That talk has always been an influencing factor in our lives."



# ATHLETICS

**HISTORIC TYSINGER GYMNASIUM**, the center of many athletic events at SWU, was renovated over the summer. Updates include repainted walls, a refinished basketball court floor and new locker rooms.



# SWU NAMES NEW VOLLEYBALL COACH

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Southern Wesleyan University has named Julia Reininga as the next head volleyball coach for the Warriors.

Reininga comes to SWU after a successful coaching career at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. where she posted a 288-182 (.613) career mark.

“I want to thank Chris Williams and Dr. Joe Brockinton and all the wonderful people at SWU for this opportunity,” stated Reininga. “I feel excited and blessed to be part of such a wonderful place. I felt right at home the second I arrived on campus. Exciting things are happening at SWU and I feel blessed to be a part of it!”

Reininga, head volleyball coach at Bethel for 12 years, was named the Mid-Central Conference Coach of the Year in 2005, was the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) National Coach of the Year in 2007, led her team to the 2007 NCCAA National Championship, and was also a 5-time NCCAA Regional Coach of the Year. She was also the NCCAA Sport Vice-Chair in 2009 and the NCCAA Sport Chair in 2010-2011.

Additionally, Reininga was a physical education instructor for 12 years, and was the home game supervisor for Bethel from 2005-2011.

Before her head coaching role, Reininga was the assistant volleyball coach at Bethel for two years, which followed her star-studded 4-year playing career for the Pilots where she was named the 1st NAIA All-American in the program’s history. She graduated in 1997 with a B.A. degree in Recreation Administration. Reininga won two NCCAA National Championships (1993 and 1994) as a player, and is the only person in Bethel history to win National Championships as a player and as a coach (2007).

She has been a part of the Midwest Professional Volleyball Association for four years and has spent seven years in the United States Volleyball Association.

The Warriors volleyball team finished 2011 with a 25-16 record and two consecutive trips to the NCCAA National Tournament.





# FALL 2012 SPORTS SCHEDULES

## MEN'S SOCCER

8.31.12	8:15 pm	Bob Jones University	Greenville, SC
9.3.12	5:00 pm	Bluefield College	Central, SC
9.5.12	6:00 pm	Point University	East Point, GA
9.14.12	6:30 pm	Thomas University	Thomasville, GA
9.15.12	6:30 pm	Warner University	Lake Wales, FL
9.21.12	7:00 pm	Faulkner University	Central, SC
9.22.12	7:00 pm	Auburn University-Montgomery	Central, SC
9.28.12	8:00 pm	University of Mobile	Mobile, AL
9.29.12	8:00 pm	Spring Hill College	Mobile, AL
10.3.12	4:00 pm	Southern Polytechnic State University	Marietta, GA
10.6.12	7:00 pm	Brewton-Parker College	Central, SC
10.12.12	7:00 pm	Belhaven University	Central, SC
10.13.12	7:00 pm	William Carey University	Central, SC
10.18.12	7:00 pm	Truett-McConnell College	Central, SC
10.20.12	7:00 pm	Lee University	Cleveland, TN
10.27.12	7:00 pm	Emmanuel College	Central, SC
11.3.12 – 11.10.12	TBA	SSAC Championships	Montgomery, AL

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

8.30.12	7:00 pm	North Greenville University	Central, SC
9.1.12	2:00 pm	Point University	East Point, GA
9.5.12	7:00 pm	Columbia College	Columbia, GA
9.8.12	5:00 pm	Milligan College	Central, SC
9.15.12	7:00 pm	Erskine College	Due West, SC
9.18.12	7:00 pm	Bob Jones University	Greenville, SC
9.21.12	5:00 pm	Faulkner University	Central, SC
9.22.12	5:00 pm	Auburn University-Montgomery	Central, SC
9.28.12	6:00 pm	University of Mobile	Mobile, AL
9.29.12	6:00 pm	Spring Hill College	Mobile, AL
10.3.12	7:00 pm	Brenau University	Gainesville, GA
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## WOMEN'S GOLF

9.10.12 – 9.11.12	TBA	Anderson University Tournament	Anderson, SC
9.24.12 – 9.25.12	TBA	Emmanuel College Tournament	Toccoa Falls, GA
10.22.12 – 10.24.12	TBA	NCCAA Golf National Championships	Panama City, FL



## MEN'S GOLF

9.6.12 – 9.7.12	TBA	Bill Surgent Invitational	London, KY
9.24.12 – 9.25.12	TBA	Emmanuel College Tournament	Toccoa Falls, GA
10.1.12 – 10.2.12	TBA	Thomas Invitational	Valdosta, GA
10.8.12 – 10.9.12	TBA	Mutts Invitational	Easley, SC
10.22.12 – 10.24.12	TBA	NCCAA Golf National Championships	Panama City, FL

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

8.24.12-8.25.12	TBA	Montreat College Tournament	Montreat, NC
8.31.12-9.1.12	TBA	Limestone College Tournament	Gaffney, SC
9.7.12-9.8.12	TBA	Faulkner University Tournament	Montgomery, AL
9.14.12	7:00 pm	Brewton-Parker College	Mount Vernon, GA
9.15.12	11:00 am	College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick, GA
9.15.12	1:00 pm	Southeastern University	Brunswick, GA
9.21.12	7:00 pm	Lee University	Central, SC
9.22.12	3:00 pm	Faulkner University	Central, SC
9.25.12	7:00 pm	Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, GA
9.28.12	7:30 pm	University of Mobile	Mobile, AL
9.29.12	11:00 am	Spring Hill College	Mobile, AL
10.5.12	7:00 pm	College of Coastal Georgia	Central, SC
10.6.12	1:00 pm	Brewton-Parker College	Central, SC
10.8.12	7:00 pm	Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa Falls, GA
10.10.12	6:30 pm	Milligan College	Milligan College, TN
10.12.12	7:00 pm	Belhaven University	Central, SC
10.13.12	1:00 pm	Loyola University	Central, SC
10.16.12	7:00 pm	Emmanuel College	Central, SC
10.19.12	7:00 pm	Truett-McConnell College	Cleveland, GA
10.20.12	1:00 pm	Brenau University	Gainesville, GA
10.23.12	5:00 pm	Bryan College	Alpharetta, GA
10.23.12	7:00 pm	Reinhardt University	Alpharetta, GA
11.8.12-11.10.12	TBA	SSAC Championships	Biloxi, MS

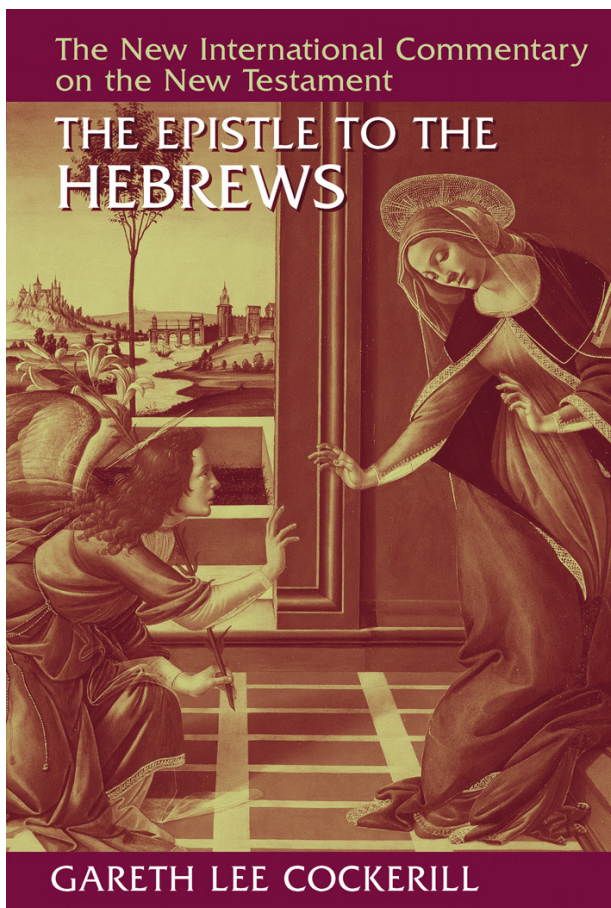
## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

8.25.12	6:00 pm	Lee University Invitational	Cleveland, TN
8.31.12	6:00 pm	Eye Opener Invitational	Spartanburg, SC
9.15.12	TBA	Montreat College Invitational	Black Mountain, NC
9.22.12	TBA	Truett-McConnell College Invitational	Cleveland, GA
9.29.12	9:00 am	Warrior Invitational	Central, SC
10.12.12	5:00 pm	Toccoa Falls Invitational	Toccoa Falls, GA
10.20.12	TBA	Sandshark Invitational	Blufton, SC
11.3.12	TBA	SSAC Championships	Clinton, MS
11.10.12	TBA	NCCAA National Championships	Cedarville, OH
11.17.12	TBA	NAIA National Championships	Vancouver, WA

## SWU GRADUATE PUBLISHES COMMENTARY

Dr. Gareth Lee Cockerill, a Southern Wesleyan University graduate and ordained Wesleyan minister, received an honor unique among Biblical scholars.

Cockerill's commentary on Hebrews now occupies the position in a celebrated commentary series which for decades was filled by a classic work by renowned scholar F. F. Bruce.



Cockerill's work, *The Epistle to the Hebrews*, is a new volume in the New International Commentary on the New Testament series, published by William B. Eerdmans and currently available online through Wesleyan Publishing House.

"F. F. Bruce was one of evangelicalism's most distinguished scholars, and to be tapped to write the commentary which takes the place of his in the series is a high honor for this SWU alumnus," said Dr. Robert Black, professor of religion at Southern Wesleyan.

Bruce was general editor of *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*. Until his death in 1990, he wrote more than 40 bestselling commentaries and books. He was Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester in England.

Cockerill graduated from Southern Wesleyan in 1965 with a degree in history. Since 1984, he has been on the faculty of Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Miss. He also served with his wife Rosa for nine years as a missionary in Sierra Leone. Additionally, Cockerill contributed to several books and published articles as well as book reviews in publications dealing with Biblical research, interpretation and missiology. He also preaches and teaches in various churches and camps.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS UPCOUNTRY FAMILY HISTORY

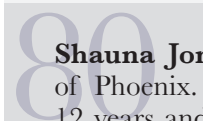
When Barbara Daly, below, of Chicago traveled to the 100-Year Reunion of Upcountry Families June 22 and 23 at Southern Wesleyan University, she expected to learn more about her family's southern roots, but made an unexpected discovery. Kenny Blakeney of the Birchwood Center, wears a shirt bearing an old photo of Spencer and Josie Roper. Daly learned that Josie was the brother of her great-great-great-grandfather, George Riley Gilstrap. The reunion attracted more than 200 visitors from across South Carolina and more than a dozen other states. It was sponsored by the Birchwood Center for Arts and Folklife, along with Southern Wesleyan University, the Old Pendleton District Genealogical Society, the Pickens County Historical Society, the Pickens County Museum of Art and History, the Central Heritage Society and the Pendleton Historic Commission.



## ALUMNI NEWS



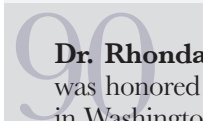
**Beverly S. Patnaik** was recently appointed director of academics for the School for TransformAging at Lipscomb University. Patnaik graduated with a psychology degree from Southern Wesleyan when it was known as Central Wesleyan College and is considered an expert on aging issues.



**Shauna Jones** recently completed her MSN-INF from University of Phoenix. She has been with the Greenville Hospital System for 12 years and has spent the last seven years as a nursing I/S systems coordinator, or nursing informaticist, for the system. Her primary role is as liaison for the nursing department to the Information Services department at GHS. She is also a graduate of the Clemson University nursing program.



**James Bross Jr.** has been named president and CEO of Angel Medical Center, an affiliate of Mission Health. Bross graduated from SWU with a triple major of business administration, accounting and psychology. He is the son of Dr. James Bross, professor emeritus of religion at Southern Wesleyan. In his new job he will assume overall leadership, overseeing the Franklin, N.C. hospital's strategic vision.



**Dr. Rhonda Littleton**, a SWU psychology graduate, was honored as an "Angel in Adoption" at a gala event in Washington, D.C. She and her A Home for Me team were honored by Angels in Adoption for the ministry they have developed that speaks to the needs of orphans in South Carolina. Littleton has established positive relationships with both state and non-profit organizations that serve South Carolina's vulnerable children.





# ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUED



Radamel Falcao, right, one of the world's most famous soccer players, met with head men's soccer coach and SWU alumnus **Camilo Rodriguez** earlier this summer. Falcao took time off to travel to the United States and visit friends before reporting back to Madrid in July. Falcao and Rodriguez played in the same club and trained together. "I have known Falcao since he was a young player in our club," stated Rodriguez. "I am extremely happy to see where he is today."

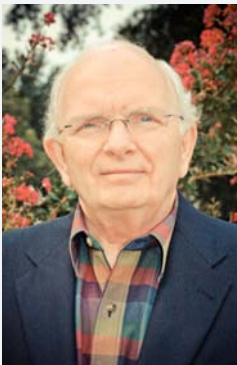
**Lindsey Torgerson** won a silver medal at the 2012 ITU Long Course Duathlon World Championships in Zofingen, Switzerland Sept. 2. She endured eight miles of running, a 90-mile bike ride, and another 18 mile run. Torgerson is a 2009 business graduate and was a member of the Lady Warriors Basketball and Volleyball teams, including the 2007 NCCAA championship team. (Photo credit: Wesley Beeson | The Sanford Herald)



**Tina Collins**, a China Studies graduate, made the top 20 out of 600 contestants for the HanYu Zhi Xing (Mandarin Star) speaking competition, in the talent show.

**Bryce Duncan**, a Chemistry graduate, was accepted into the doctorate program of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Nanoscience School. He will begin his studies in the fall.

**Corey Clardy**, a recent Pre-Medicine/Dentistry graduate, was accepted to the Auburn University School of Pharmacy starting this fall. He is married to the former Lauren Segers, a 2011 graduate of SWU.



**Dr. Bill Jenkins** received the Professional Excellence Award – College of Arts and Sciences during the Alumni Awards luncheon April 14 at SWU. Jenkins, a biology graduate, was honored for his leadership in the community and in the field of optometry. He is also a former SWU trustee has served on several boards and community organizations, including the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce and the Walhalla Lions Club. He is a recipient of the TLC Silver Award for Excellence in Eye Care. Jenkins also served the South Carolina Commission for the Blind for 10 years. In 1994, he expanded his practice, which became known as Carolina Multispecialty Associates. In 1997, Jenkins founded MediVision P.A. Jenkins is actively involved in the ministry of Welcome Wesleyan Church.



## STUDENTS

**Deirdre Frayer**, a current student in the master of education in administration and supervision program at Charleston, was nominated Teacher of the Year at Clay Hill Middle School, located in Dorchester School District 4. Frayer, who has taught 21 years, also graduated from Hunter College in New York City.



**Allie Johns** joined the staff of the National Christian College Athletics Association (NCCAA) as media and communications coordinator. Johns is also a student-athlete, playing on the Lady Warriors Soccer Team. She will graduate in December 2012 after completing her last class and final year of eligibility for soccer. Johns is a Media Communications major at Southern Wesleyan.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

**Leigh Thomson**, Admissions Coordinator from Southern Wesleyan's Charleston location, was recently elected treasurer of L.E.A.R.N. (Lowcountry Education Admissions Representatives Network). The non-profit organization was founded in 1991 in Charleston and is comprised of 17 regionally accredited higher education institutions and offers educational events for employers and organizations. The network seeks to provide information to the local community about non-traditional college opportunities.

## BOARD OF VISITORS



**Dr. Larry Clayton** recently published a biography of Bartolomé de las Casas through Cambridge University Press. Clayton is a member of the University of Alabama faculty, where he has chaired the Latin American Studies program. Las Casas fought the Spanish control, writing vividly about the brutality of the Spanish conquistadors. Once a settler and exploiter of the American Indians, he became their defender, breaking ground for the modern human rights movement.

# ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUED

## BIRTHS



**Hosanna Levi Garcia** was born to **Tara Boshart Garcia** and **Jorge Garcia** July 22. Pictured from left, Trinity, Jorge, Hosana, Tara, and Josef.

**Savannah Grace Smith** was born July 19, 2012 to **Brad and Bethani Ford Smith**. Pictured with her new sister is **Faith Smith**.



**Corey Clardy and Lauren Segers**, have a new daughter, **McKenzie Joy**, born July 9.



**Josiah Mark Tolan** was born to **Mark and Erin Tolan** June 2, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces.

## WEDDINGS

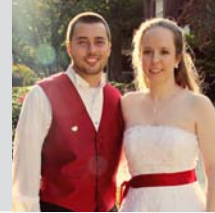
**A.J. Danelz** was united in marriage with **Mandy Barnes** May 12, 2012.



**Jono Blackburn and Tessa Morrison Blackburn** were wed June 23. Jono is a Biology graduate and Tessa is a current Pre-Medicine major expected to graduate in 2013.

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**Natasha Ross** married **Brad Desrochers** Oct. 22, 2011 at Rutledge Chapel on the campus of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.



**Ryan Nichols**, graphic design coordinator, was united in marriage with **Alyssa Clemens** May 25 at Glassy Mountain Chapel, located in the Cliffs at Glassy, near Landrum.

## DEATHS

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**Rev. T. C. Childs**, a minister in the South Carolina District, passed away July 21. Funeral services were held at the Davenport Funeral Home in Walhalla, S.C.

**Eloise Hunter** died on June 16, 2012.

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**Reverend Kerry Rainey** died on April 19, 2012.

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**Reverend Lee Newton** died on June 26, 2012.

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**Mary Ann Collins** died on July 8, 2012.

## Former Faculty

**Dr. Floyd L. Wilcox Sr.**, chemistry professor who taught from 1970 to 1977, died Aug. 3, 2012 in the Community Hospice House in Vidalia, Ga. Wilcox is survived by his wife, Faye E. Wilcox of Alston, Ga.; two sons, Floyd L. Wilcox, Jr. and wife Jackie and Phillip Wilcox and wife Faye all of Central, South Carolina; two step-children, Scarlett McDaniel and husband James of Calhoun and Chris Osborne and wife Amy of Alston; two sisters, Rose M. Arblaster and husband Thomas of Central and Dr. Marjorie W. Albritton and husband A.B. of Vidalia; six grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Harvest Chapel, P.O. Box 102, Alston, GA 30412.

# HOMECOMING EVENTS



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 – 9 a.m.

**Inaugural Breakfast** with SWU Faculty and Staff University Dining Commons

10 a.m.

**Join SWU ambassadors for a guided campus tour.** Tours begin in Lobby of Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center and end at the SWU Bookstore.

Noon -2:30 p.m.

**Alumni Board Meeting**  
Mitchell Board Room

3 p.m.

**Inaugural Ceremony**

Speaker, Dr. Paul A. Rader, former General of the Salvation Army  
Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center  
(Open to Public)

5 p.m.

**Inaugural Dinner**

The Founders (*Invitation only*)

7 - 9 p.m.

**FREE Concert and Comedian** featuring Amanda Kinney ('09) followed by Comedian Jonnie W.  
Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center (*Open to Public*)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 a.m.

**5k Race** is an event for the whole family. sponsored by SWU Staff Council and Alpha Sigma Lambda. Registration at Welcome Tent

8 a.m. - The kids' race starts

8:15 a.m.- Runners and walkers will start on the challenging 5k course.

*Prizes will be awarded for men's, women's and children's divisions.*

**5k Registration fees:**

\$20 for adults

\$10 for currently enrolled SWU students

\$10 for kids.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Self-guided prayer walk**

(pick up map at the Welcome Tent)

8:30 a.m.

**Homecoming Coffee at the President's House:**

201 Fernway Drive, Central

*FREE to Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students*

10 a.m.

**Organ Showcase**

Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center featuring Professor Jane Dill, Division Chair of Fine Arts

10:30 a.m.

**Homecoming Chapel**

Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center

Ken Dill, Chaplain, Class of 1981 announces three great opportunities to hear outstanding speaker and SWU Alumnus Pastor Dan Seaborn, Class of 1982, Dan is founder and CEO of Winning at Home. He will be Homecoming Chapel Speaker and can also be heard during worship services for ALIVE services on Sunday.

11- 4 p.m.

Stop by and take a look at the renovations of the **Lowell Jennings Campus Life Center.**

This is a great location to cool off, rest, relax and enjoy conversation with friends. Don't forget to visit our Campus Bookstore and purchase your SWU BLUE for the games this afternoon.

11:30 - 12

**The Division of Religion** faculty and students invite you to join them for a **visionary walk-thru of the future Nicholson-Mitchell Christian Ministry Center** and updates on new developments in the program and direction of the Division.

Noon

**Reunion Lunch and Alumni Class photos**

by decades in The Founders' All Alumni are invited to this buffet lunch with special recognition of those celebrating

## MILESTONE REUNIONS:

- **"Real Senior Class" (1906-1961)** more than 51 years (this group meets annually)
  - **1962-50th** class reunion
  - **1972-40th** class reunion
  - **1982-30th** class reunion
  - **1992-20th** class reunion
  - **2002-10th** class reunion
- \$15 per person,**  
**RSVP is required by Oct. 19**



## Noon-1:30

### Cafeteria

#### All you can eat buffet

\$6 per person.

*Open to public, no reservation required, pay at the door.*

## Noon- 4 p.m.

### Children's Zone

Join kids of all ages as you play, laugh and enjoy watching and participating in the fun zone located beside the Rickman Library.

Southern Wesleyan University SGA and Student Activities invite you to **Homecoming Coronation and other homecoming events** such as the annual **Class Float Race.**

*Homecoming Schedule for student activities will be posted on the web.*

## 2 p.m.

Alumni are invited to drop in for light refreshments and visit with fellow alumni, faculty and students in the **Science Division- Mitchell Conference Room. RSVP is requested to assist in event planning.**

## 3 p.m.

Former athletes and other alumni and friends are invited to join Athletic Director, Chris Williams for a brief **update on the NCAA progress, meet new coaches and take a look at the renovations of Historic Tysigner gym.**

## ALUMNI GAMES

Get off the sidelines and return to the court or field. We will welcome back former SWU athletes' as they lace up the shoes and dust off their gloves and get back in the game.

### Alumnae from our Lady Warrior

**Basketball** will play following the update from Chris Williams

### Alumni from previous Men's Baseball

**team** will hit the Conner Baseball field for a battle of the bats between the old guns and the new guns. Come and enjoy an afternoon baseball game.

## 4 – 7 p.m.

### Dinner on the Grounds

Alumni are invited to join the current student body for Barbeque on the grounds. Dinner will be served for all meal plan students at Bryant Lodge. **Guests tickets \$7 per person.**

## 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Put on your SWU BLUE and enjoy the evening on the hill. Bring your blanket, chairs, and coolers, this is a soccer tradition enjoyed by everyone at Childs Soccer Field.

**- 5 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Emmanuel**

**- 7 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Emmanuel**

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

### Worship with friends.

Pastor Don Milstead, Class of 1969, invites alumni to Trinity Wesleyan Church at 10:30 a.m. with meal to follow. Guest speaker Rev. Patrick Styers.

Last opportunity for a "homecoming message" in what many have known over the years as the college church. By next Fall ALIVE Wesleyan Church expects to be in their new facilities located just a few miles from campus on Chastain Road. Pastor Tom Harding, Class of 1991, invites you to one of two worship services with special guest speaker Dan Seaborn, Class of 1982. Traditional service will be held in the church at 9:30 a.m. and contemporary service will begin at 11 a.m. in Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center.

### Recommended Accommodations:

Ask for special rate for "SWU Alumni"

#### Comfort Inn Clemson (Make reservations by October 24)

(864)653-3600

Alumni rate \$70

#### Sleep Inn Clemson (Make reservations by October 12)

(864)653-6000

Alumni rate \$70

#### Courtyard by Marriott in Clemson (Make reservations by October 19)

(864) 654-8833

Alumni rate \$102

*All reservations for reunion lunch ticket, participation in alumni games, or attendance to Science Division drop in should be made through the Alumni Center by calling **864-644-5384***

*or register on line at <http://www.swu.edu/alumni/homecoming.htm>*

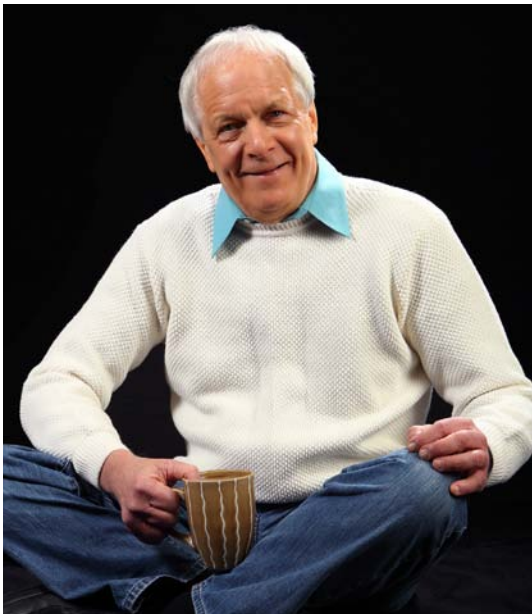


# SINGING OUR SONGS, INSPIRING HEARTS

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For four decades, Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. On Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., Medema will perform in the Newton Hobson Chapel on the campus of Southern Wesleyan University. Blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind, custom designing every musical moment of his performance. Ken's artistry and imagination have reached audiences of 50 to 50,000 people in 49 states and in more than 15 countries on four continents.

From the time he was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1943, Ken has been unable to see with his physical eyes. His sight is limited to distinguishing between light and darkness and seeing fuzzy outlines of major objects. "As a kid I was not widely accepted," he says, "and I spent a lot of time by myself. Because I have lived with some degree of being different all my life, I have some sympathy for people who have been disenfranchised, whether they have been disabled or politically oppressed or whatever."



Music early became a major component of Medema's life. "I started banging on the piano when I was five years old," he says, "making up crazy little fantasies on my mom's piano. When I was eight years old my parents got me a wonderful teacher who taught me the classics with Braille music and taught me to play by ear." His teacher also taught him to improvise. "Every time I learned a piece my teacher would tell me, 'Now, you improvise in that style.' So music became a second language."

After graduating from high school, Medema studied music therapy at Michigan State University in Lansing, where he concentrated heavily on performance skills in piano and voice. He worked as a music therapist in Fort Wayne, Indiana, returned to Michigan State for a master's degree (1969), then worked for four years as a music therapist at Essex County Hospital in New Jersey. It was while employed there that he began writing and performing his own songs. "I had a bunch of teenagers who were really hurting," he says, "and I started writing songs about their lives. Then I thought, 'Why don't you start writing songs about your Christian life?' So I started doing that, and people really responded."

In 1973, Medema left his work as a therapist and began a career as a performing and recording artist. He recorded albums for Word and Shawnee Press; then, in 1985 founded Brier Patch Music. Brier Patch is an independent recording, publishing, and performance-booking company with headquarters in Grandville, Mich. Brier Patch is named after Brer Rabbit's home in the legendary Uncle Remus stories.

Today, Medema performs in a wide variety of venues, from local congregations to charity fund-raisers, to high school and university campuses, to denominational youth gatherings, to universally televised religious programs, to corporate conventions, to annual assemblies of national organizations. Ken Medema and his wife Jane have been married since 1965 and live in the San Francisco Bay area of California. They have two grown children, Rachel and Aaron, and daughter-in-law Sonya, and granddaughter, Charlotte, and grandson, Henry.

SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

# FINE ARTS CALENDAR

FALL 2012

## **Thursday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. | Georgia Guitar Quartet**

The Georgia Guitar Quartet will open the annual Fine Arts Series on Thursday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. These four young men deliver a high-energy blend of breathtaking virtuosity and imaginative programming while taking an adventurous approach to classical music. Their repertoire draws from the ever-evolving palette of music that has influenced them: from the music of Bach and Brahms to the rock sounds of Led Zeppelin. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan University's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. | SWU Jazz and Wind Ensembles**

The Jazz and Wind Ensembles combine to present a wide variety of instrumental music on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature small groups and soloists in a variety of sacred and secular works that will delight listeners of all ages. The event is part Southern Wesleyan's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Friday, November 2, 4:30 p.m. | Music Majors Formal Recital**

Southern Wesleyan University music majors are featured in the Music Majors Honors Recital on Friday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan University's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m. | Music Majors Honors Recital**

Selected Southern Wesleyan University music majors are featured in the Music Majors Formal Recital on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan University's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. | Upstate Intercollegiate Choral Invitational Festival**

Now in its twelfth year, the Upstate Intercollegiate Choral Invitational Festival features college choirs from South Carolina and North Carolina on Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. The festival promises an evening of traditional and contemporary choral music. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan University's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. | Fall Choral Concert**

The Southern Wesleyan University Concert Choir will present an evening of exceptional choral music that spans the ages on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. Many styles will be highlighted during this enjoyable evening. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan University's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Monday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. | Ken Medema**

For four decades, singer and pianist Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees with heart and mind, custom designing every musical moment of his performance with brilliant improvisation that defies description. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan's Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

## **Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. | Lessons and Carols**

Southern Wesleyan University's departments of Music and Spiritual Life combine to present the celebration of Christ's birth through scripture and song on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. The event is part of Southern Wesleyan University's annual Fine Arts Series at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the university's campus in Central. Admission is free. For details, call (864) 644-5404.

*All events are free of charge, no ticket required, and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, events are held in Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center. For more information on these events, call 864-644-5404.*



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