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at Wake Forest University

Lilly grant

Pro Humanitate Center to be established

Wake Forest University has received a \$1.9 million grant from the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis to establish a center for vocational exploration for undergraduate students. The center will be named after the university's motto "Pro Humanitate," which means, "for the good of humanity." It will open in the fall 2002. Dr. Betsy Taylor will serve as the director of the Pro Humanitate Center and Bradley Tharpe (MDiv '02) will be the administrative coordinator, making conceptual/programmatic contributions to the Center's programs. Dr. Taylor has ten years of experience as a staff psychologist for the University Counseling Center.

The Lilly grant will support the Pro Humanitate Center for five years. It is part of a major Lilly Endowment initiative that recently awarded \$55.3 million to 28 American colleges and universities to support programs that help students explore vocations from a religious perspective. At Wake Forest, Bill J. Leonard, dean of the Divinity School, and Paul D. Escott, dean of the undergraduate College, are directing use of the Lilly Endowment grant.

The Pro Humanitate Center will offer a variety of programs including first-year student seminars, workshops and annual theme years or symposiums. The programs will encourage students to explore the nature of vocation as they consider possible careers, including the ministry. They will also stress the importance of values, spirituality and traditions in professional life. Faculty members will receive support for research to develop new academic courses such as first-year seminars on

topics that relate to the grant. Those topics may include subjects like morality in politics, the benefits and drawbacks of faith-based organizations in the social network and moral decision-making in global business environments.

Another function of the Pro Humanitate Center will be coordination of service-learning initiatives that promote reflection on vocation. These initiatives will provide public service opportunities for students that tie into their academic work.

"An increasing number of Wake Forest students ask for more guidance in career development once they have participated in service activities," Escott said. "Many of these students are looking for ways to put their values and faith to work in service for humanity. The Lilly Endowment grant will help us provide effective guidance for these students, as we do for those who are heading to graduate school or into the corporate world."

The Lilly Endowment grant also will be used for scholarships for students interested in vocations within the ministry and to create a theme house for them. New student advising teams also will be created to assist those students.

The Divinity School will host summer programs for high school seniors and college undergraduates who are considering questions of calling and vocation as they relate to their faith.

Founded in 1937, the Lilly Endowment is a private family foundation that supports the causes of religion, community development and education.

New faculty

by J. Andrew Daugherty (MDiv '03)

Wake Forest University Divinity School has appointed four new faculty members who will join the Divinity School as it begins the fourth year of its educational existence.

They are associate dean Katherine Amos, urban ministry expert Doug Bailey, Hebrew Bible scholar Neal Walls, and New Testament scholar Diane Wudel.

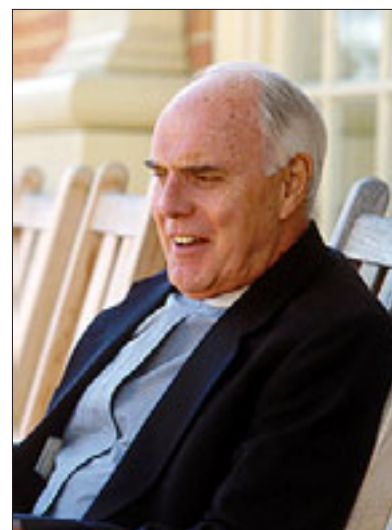
Amos is the associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor of Christian education and Spiritual Formation; Bailey, who currently serves as a consultant for urban congregations and theological schools will be executive director of the Center for Urban Ministry, Inc. at the Divinity School and Professor of Urban Ministry; Walls is the associate professor of Old Testament Interpretation; and Wudel has joined the Divinity School faculty as Instructor of New Testament.

Dean of the Divinity School, Bill J. Leonard, said, "Each of these new professors brings diverse backgrounds. This is quite simply a superb group of scholars and teachers who have chosen to join us at a new stage of our history. Their backgrounds cover a wide spectrum of academic and religious experience. We are delighted to welcome these new colleagues."

Amos comes to the Divinity School following five years as Associate Director of Accreditation and Extension Education at the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. This association is the professional accrediting agency for Theological Schools and provides services in the areas of Globalization,



Katherine Amos, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation



Doug Bailey, Urban Ministry Expert

LETTER FROM THE
dean



Bill J. Leonard, Dean and Professor of Church History

In August 2002 I find myself clinging to hope. Hope seemed clear and sure at the graduation of our first class of Divinity School students. We laughed and cried, worshiped and “commenced” to high heaven then sent them out into a post 9/11 world. Throughout the year in chapel services and other venues we heard these students preach sermons that stretched the mind and stirred the soul and hope welled up within us. As they made themselves vulnerable, struggled with the biblical texts and called us to be better than we thought we’d ever be, I found myself engrossed in their sermons and in awe of their considerable gifts. After 26 years of hearing students preach I take great hope in those women and men ready to pursue ministry in a new century. Hope comes easily when I hear our students preach.

But hope is not easy, by any means. I write these words

from my mother’s “assisted living” apartment in Fort Worth, having moved her into another stage of her life this past spring. Cleaning out her “independent living” apartment I found myself throwing away pieces of her life, material possessions accumulated over 84 years. Today I ate with her and four other women in the dining room at “Building 7” and listened to stories told with often-hesitant memory. These are gutsy people confronting another of the stages of life (and faith) we all confront if we tarry long enough. Today, like many in the so-called “sandwich generation,” I parent a special needs daughter and a special needs mother. And so I cling to hope. Such hope is not a dreamy, romanticized wish, but a sense that God is present with us even in the inevitable struggles, hurts and realities of our common mortality.

This spring in Wait Chapel I heard Professor Jurgen Moltmann lecture on life after

death. He spoke eloquently of life out of life, life out of death, conveyed through God’s own time inside and beyond “our times.” At the end, someone asked: “Dr. Moltmann, are you a Universalist?” “No,” the renowned theologian replied, “I am not. There are some people I don’t ever want to see again!” Then he continued: “But suppose God wants to see everyone God has created?” And I was filled with hope, especially for myself.

On the weekend of May 17-20, amid a sea of undergraduates and graduates, twenty divinity school students “lined up” for the future. They went out to provide “assisted living” for all the rest of us inside and outside Christ’s Church. On August 25 we began a new semester with a student body that includes an entering class of some thirty-two new students. Those two commencements alone should fill us with hope! Thank God!

Leonard receives honor

2002 ECHO (Everyone Can Help Out) Award

The Winston Salem Foundation has honored Dean Bill J. Leonard with a 2002 ECHO Award. The ECHO (Everyone Can Help Out) Award honors community members who have been caught in the act of building social capital in the Winston Salem and Forsyth County Community. Over thirty nominations were received for the 2002 awards.

“There is value in thinking deeply about what is and what is not social capital in order to nominate someone. Now, whether their nominee won or not, those people are out in the community like fertile seeds thinking about social capital in all they do. To us at The Winston-Salem Foundation, that’s one of the several benefits of the ECHO Awards,” said Ann Ring, Winston-Salem Foundation Committee and Awards selection committee member.

Leonard is a leader whose personal integrity helps to create the social trust needed for institutional risk-taking at Wake Forest University’s Divinity School, she said. His personal commitment to welcoming students and scholars who reflect diverse gifts has enhanced not only the Divinity School, but also the entire Wake Forest community and many others both locally and internationally. Leonard was active in the effort to relocate the Center for Urban Ministry from Memphis, Tennessee, to its new home at the Divinity School and has worked to build bridges between Wake Forest University and the African-American community in Winston-Salem.

“In his efforts to make the Divinity School a more diverse theological institution, he has succeeded in attracting to Winston-Salem various

lecturers with a variety of viewpoints and religious backgrounds,” said Ring. “Building bridges of faith, intellect, and social trust, Dr. Leonard, a church history scholar, is making history right before our eyes.”

Leonard was nominated by Willard Bass (MDiv ’03, a former member of The Winston-Salem Foundation Committee.

The ECHO Fund was inspired by Harvard University’s Dr. Robert Putman and his research into the decline of social capital in the United States over the last forty years. The Foundation committed \$2.5 million over five years to establish the ECHO Fund. The ECHO Fund is dedicated to working with citizens, associations and organizations to increase social capital in our community.

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New faculty

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Leadership Development, Diversity, and Theological Development. Among her diverse vocational responsibilities, Amos served as an evaluation chair or staff person for 200 accrediting visits and assisted theological schools in preparing for peer evaluations, conducting self studies, and developing extension sites, new degree programs, distance education programs, and international degree programs.

She received the bachelor's degree from Lenoir Rhyne College, earned a master's degree in religious education from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and a doctorate from Florida State University.

"Few people know more about the development of theological education in America than Kitty Amos," Leonard said.

Amos has also served as an Associate Director for the College Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, as an academic Vice President, and as an Assistant Vice President of Student Development. She has also served on the faculty of Florida State University and the University of Louisville. Amos will bring her extensive experience to the Divinity School in continuing to shape its development of academic curriculum and spiritual formation.

Bailey joins the Divinity School faculty following thirty-seven years in Episcopal Parish Ministry. Most recently, Bailey served as Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, a downtown congregation and Jubilee Center, renowned for its imaginative urban ministry to metropolitan Memphis and the Mid-South. While serving in Memphis, Bailey organized the creation of ten different non-profit urban ministries serving the needs of the city.

"Doug Bailey brings the rich experience of parish ministry focused primarily on the urban environment. His response to ministry in Memphis made him an asset to the entire city," Leonard said.

Bailey earned his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University in 1960, received his master's in divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary and his doctorate from Rhodes College, Memphis and Virginia Theological Seminary.

In 2001, Bailey received Wake Forest University's Distinguished Service Award and the 2002 Humanitarian of the Year Award of Memphis NCCJ (National Conference for Community and Justice; formerly National Conference of Christians and Jews).

Walls comes to the Divinity School with professional interests in the breadth, depth, and complexity of Old Testament Literature. Walls is especially interested in helping students to become skillful interpreters of scripture while appreciating the diversity of theological perspectives within scripture and reclaiming the Old Testament's rich theological imagination for contemporary church ministry.

Walls graduated from The College of William and Mary, earned his master's at the University of Virginia and his doctorate from The John Hopkins University.

Walls previously served on the faculties of numerous schools, including Dartmouth, Colby, and Swarthmore Colleges. Most recently, he taught Old Testament studies for seven years in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where he won numerous research grants and teaching awards. Walls is the author of two books, *The Goddess Anat in Ungaritic Myth* (Scholars, 1992) and *Desire, Discord, and Death: Approaches to Ancient Near Eastern Myth* (ASOR, 2002).

Wudel worked many years as an editor for a non-profit advocacy group and a teacher of college-level writing after receiving bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Alberta. She began her Ph.D. at UNC (Chapel Hill), where she received distinguished fellowships from both the Bernard Boyd Memorial Fund and the Social Sciences and

Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Wudel's research interests include emphasis in literary and rhetorical theory complemented by her fascination with early Christian texts, particularly the Gospels and some early texts outside the biblical canon. She has published on the rhetoric of perfection in the Sermon on the Mount, and has also been selected one of four "Regional Scholars" recognized in 2002 by the Society of Biblical Literature.

"Walls and Wudel are outstanding research scholars and classroom teachers," said Leonard.

Trustees elect Tribble University Professor

In addition to new faculty appointments, the Divinity School also announces that Phyllis Tribble, renowned biblical scholar and Divinity School professor of biblical studies, will accept a university professorship. Tribble, elected by the trustees to this position, will teach annually at Wake Forest.

"That a scholar of Tribble's caliber should join us in our first three years has been a great gift to our school. Although she will no longer be teaching full time for us we are delighted that she will continue to teach under the honored title of university professor," said Leonard.

Tribble is considered a pioneer in the text-based exploration of women and gender in scripture. She is the author of the books, "God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality," "Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives" and "Rhetorical Criticism: Context, Method, and the Book of Jonah."



Diane Wudel, Instructor of New Testament



Neal Walls, Associate Professor of Old Testament Interpretation

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Braxton to publish book

An interpretation of Paul's letter to the Galatians

Dr. Brad R. Braxton, the Jessie Ball duPont Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Studies, will publish a new book later this September with the Liturgical Press. The book, is entitled "No Longer Slaves: Galatians and African American Experience," interprets Paul's letter to the Galatians from the perspective of African American liberation theology. In creative and sometimes unsettling ways, this book brings the ancient New Testament message into conversation with African American culture.

Braxton suggests that twenty centuries after Paul penned Galatians, American

culture in general and American Christianity in particular continue to grapple with the vexing problem of ethnic relations. The contemporary challenges are not identical to those faced by Paul and the Galatians. Yet, when one reads Galatians through the lens of African American experience, striking analogues emerge.

Concerning his upcoming book, Braxton comments, "Regardless of readers' cultural backgrounds and theological dispositions, those who are concerned about the connection between Christianity and ethnicity will hopefully be intrigued and challenged by my book."



First WFU Divinity School Graduating Class

Presbyterian Studies

The Wake Forest University Divinity School includes students from Presbyterian (PCUSA) students from Salem Presbytery. Each of these students are candidates for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA) through Salem Presbytery.

At a meeting in July, 2002, Salem Presbytery voted to recognize the Master of Divinity degree at Wake Forest University Divinity School as meeting the presbytery's degree requirements for ordination. The Divinity School currently has associate status with the Association for Theological Schools (ATS), the body that accredits seminaries and divinity schools in the United States and Canada. The Wake Forest Divinity School was voted as an associate member in June 2002 at the biennial meeting of the ATS and following the most timely

process available to a school to apply for full ATS membership. The earliest the accreditation process can be completed is in three years. The Divinity School is already accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) requires that candidates for ordination earn the Master of Divinity degree from a school already accredited by the Association for Theological Schools. The Salem Presbytery's vote in July made an exception to this rule in order to recognize the WFU Divinity School's curriculum as meeting the degree requirements for the presbytery's candidates for ordination. In addition to the four recent graduates from the 2002 class, Salem Presbytery has five other students enrolled in the WFU Divinity School. These students participate in the Divinity School's Presbyterian Studies Program.

Vocational Formation for Laity and Clergy Fall 2002

September 23, 2002—"Ecology and Spirituality for the 21st Century"

Malinda Maynor and Evelyn Mattern—leaders
9:30-3:00pm

October 3, 2002—"An Evening with Will Campbell"
6:30-8:00pm

November 11, 2002 —"Preaching Paul: The Challenges and Opportunities"

Brad R. Braxton, Jessie Ball duPont Assistant Professor of Homiletics and New Testament
9:00-3:00pm

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