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OUR VISION

Our vision is to become one of the most innovative and engaging universities in the western United States known for academic excellence and for connecting the message of Jesus Christ to the global challenges and opportunities of the future.

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Michael Richeson

Students prepare for the Cultural Fair in the Bruin Den. The Cultural Fair was part of Cultural Celebration Week on campus, which is meant to inspire cross-cultural interaction between students, staff and faculty. International students set up table displays with information about their home countries. They also brought a delicious and dazzling array of dishes to sample.

Connecting on a Global Scale



Engaging in cross-cultural experiences is part of George Fox University's DNA. As a Christian institution, it's integral to our mission. We aim to reflect Jesus, "the desire of the nations," in an increasingly interconnected world.

In our last *George Fox Journal*, I shared how the university's promise – "be known" – expresses our commitment to the student experience at George Fox. We want to come alongside each student at the undergraduate and graduate levels, get to know them, travel with them in their educational experience, and partner with them in their deepest conversations about their spiritual journeys. We want to know them – their heart and passion – and empower them to excel in their field of study, develop transforming relationships and become known as the presence of God in every corner of the globe.

While our students are at George Fox, it is also vital that they learn to interrelate in a world that is increasingly "flat." We are globally connected in ways we could not have imagined even 10 years ago, having now moved into an era where information and ideas flow across borders constantly. At a conference I attended recently, one presenter talked about how near universal access to the Internet has almost completely democratized information. The smartphone provides easy access to the Web and its wealth of information, and its use is growing rapidly worldwide. We know today that 90 percent of college students spend more than 20 hours a week on the Internet, and at least one-third of the time they are creating and sharing content with users all over the world.

We also face changing economic realities that impact how we prepare students for the marketplace. We in the United States had a tendency to be isolationists in the past, and we can't afford to do that anymore. Today China and India are among the largest emerging economies in the world, and together they account for one-third of the planet's population. While we can't be certain how these and other emerging markets will shape the 21st-century global economy, we have little choice but to engage.

At the core, what drives our desire to connect to other cultures is the knowledge that we have much to offer them and they have much to offer us. During my two trips to China in recent years, I engaged in dialogue that covered everything from sports to religion. What I found on these trips was an overall openness to Western ideas – and a willingness to sit down and talk about cultural and religious differences. With 135 international undergraduate students now studying at the university, we are given the opportunity to be known by them and the ability to know them.

This is why we are so intentional about global engagement, sending more than half of our undergraduates on international experiences and incorporating travel abroad experiences into several graduate programs. We want to connect Christ and culture. I'm proud of the examples you'll read in this magazine of people who exemplify our passion – professors, graduates and students who have been known by mentors and peers at George Fox and now turn their attention to helping others be known.

Robin Baker
President

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New Program Puts George Fox in Exclusive Company



George Fox University will offer a three-year doctor of physical therapy (DPT) degree beginning in the fall of 2012.

The addition will make George Fox the second school in Oregon – and the only Christian college in the Pacific Northwest – with a physical therapy program. Currently, only three schools in Washington and one in Idaho offer physical therapy, and there are no such programs in California north of Sacramento. George Fox also will become just the fourth institution in the 111-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities to offer a doctor of physical therapy degree.

Tyler Cuddeford, a physical therapist who formerly worked as a researcher in the Nike Sport Research Laboratory, has been hired

as the program's director. At Nike, Cuddeford helped develop innovative products, including the Nike Shox, Nike Free and Air Shox shoes. His doctorate in biomechanics and background as a physical therapist were instrumental in helping Nike develop products that didn't cause injuries to the sporting goods manufacturer's high-profile athletes.

"I've been passionate about physical therapy and teaching for more than 20 years, and I've always thought

that George Fox was the perfect place to start a physical therapy program," Cuddeford said. "We not only want to prepare graduates to meet the ever-changing demands of today's health care system, but to develop leaders in clinical practice, research, and business and industry. George Fox is consistently ranked as one of the best universities in the country, and it's our goal to be ranked as one of the top physical therapy programs in the country."

Demand for physical therapists is expected to increase in the next six

years, according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, a document created every two years by the U.S. Department of Labor. According to the 2010-11 Handbook, employment of physical therapists is expected to grow 27 percent between 2006 and 2016. The report concluded that job opportunities will be most promising in the acute hospital, rehabilitation and orthopedic settings.

"The addition of physical therapy makes sense for us, not only from the standpoint that the demand for physical therapists will only increase as the Baby Boomer generation ages, but because it fits right in with our ethos and mission as an institution," said Jim Foster, dean of the George Fox School of Behavioral and Health Sciences. "This follows our addition of nursing (in 2004) and represents our commitment to the health sciences and those professions that help people."

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Joel Beck

President Baker Chosen for National Board

George Fox University President Robin Baker was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, effective with the election's official announcement at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 2.

Baker was one of eight individuals chosen for the board and will represent Region VIII, a 13-state region that includes Alaska, California, Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Washington.

"President Baker was selected by his peers

because of his expertise in the field, proven leadership, and commitment to America's college students," said NAICU President David L. Warren. "He assumes his responsibilities at a time of great challenge and transformation for American higher education."



No Debate About Speech Team's Success

In spite of its relatively small size, the George Fox speech and debate team has won more than 40 awards at regional tournaments since the fall term. Achievements include two first-place sweepstakes awards at the 80th Mahaffey Memorial Tournament, hosted by Linfield, and the Scheller Forensics Extravaganza, hosted by Pacific. The team's success is substantially impressive considering the size of the team: 14 members.

The George Fox forensics team is a member of the Northwest Forensics Conference, representing colleges and universities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah and California. George Fox's award-winning speech and debate team offers students the opportunity to compete on a national level with other colleges and universities in both individual events (persuasion, informative, extemporaneous, and impromptu, etc.) and British Parliamentary Debate. The team attends six to seven tournaments a year to compete in speech and debate events and meets once a week for two hours to practice.



Act Six Graduates First Seven

The first cadre of Act Six students will graduate this spring. Seven of the original nine students will receive their degree, and another student will graduate in December. That marks a graduation rate of 89 percent.

Act Six is a leadership and scholarship initiative that provides opportunity for student leaders from urban Portland to develop leadership skills, earn a four-year scholarship, step out of their comfort zones and make a difference on campus and in their communities.

"The past four years at George Fox was a

blessing to me and my family," SuiFeng Liu said. "I met so many amazing people who have shaped my life and formed me into the person I am today. I am so grateful for the most incredible last four years of my life, and I have George Fox University to thank for that."

This fall, the fifth cadre will begin classes. Of the nine students who will be here, 89 percent are first-generation college students. Five are men, four are women, and they come from a variety of ethnic and denominational backgrounds. The group's average GPA is 3.6.

Free the 43

Students, staff and faculty donned bright yellow shirts from Nov. 29 through Dec. 3 to bring awareness to a social justice issue that gained international attention. The shirts, which said "Free the 43," referred to 43 health care workers who had been unjustly detained in a Filipino military prison for 297 days.

Melanie Newell, coordinator for the Center for Peace and Justice, had visited the captives previously, and she organized students on campus to start petitions. Several hundred members of the George Fox community signed the petitions that went to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Filipino President Benigno Aquino III.

The workers, known as the Morong 43, were released on Dec. 16.

Go online: Watch an interview with Melanie Newell about the "Free the 43" effort. georgefox.edu/journal/43





Celebration of a Peace Poet

Oregon's current and former poet laureates gathered at the Newberg campus for "A Celebration of the Life and Poetry of William Stafford" event on Thursday, Jan. 13. Oregon's poet laureate, Paulann Peterson, joined Lawson Inada, Oregon's poet laureate from 2006 to 2010, to celebrate the January birthday of Stafford, Oregon's most famous poet and one of America's most important 20th century poets.

The all-day event included documentaries about Stafford; poetry readings of students' and Stafford's compositions; and breakout sessions with Peterson, Inada and Haydn Reiss, a film producer whose documentary about Stafford, *Every War Has Two Losers*, was shown.

The celebration was cosponsored by the university's Center for Peace and Justice and the Friends of William Stafford. "The Center for Peace and Justice was honored to participate in this celebration of Stafford and his work," Clint Baldwin, center director, said. "So much of his life and ethos overlaps with the historic rootedness that we have at this university in Quaker commitments to peace, justice and seeing and celebrating 'that of God in everyone.'"

Stafford's poetry is replete with themes of peace, nature, place, compassion and truth. A conscientious objector during World War II, he spent the war years in civilian public service camps – an experience that ultimately inspired his master's thesis, *Down In My Heart*. He was later appointed the nation's 20th poet laureate and poet laureate of Oregon. He died in 1993.



Barram Selected as Business Dean



Dirk Barram, a 25-year employee of the university, was hired as dean of the university's School of Business after serving in the role on an interim basis from 2006 to 2008 and for the first half of the 2010-11 academic year.

Barram has worked at the institution in a number of capacities, including vice president for graduate studies (1988 to 1991), vice president for academic affairs (1992 to 1998), acting president (1995) and professor of business (1998 to 2006 and 2008 to present). He's also served as chair of the university's undergraduate business and economic department from 1998 to 2006 and for the past three years. In 2004, Barram was named the university's Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member of the Year.

"As far as we are concerned, our mission is clear: The George Fox School of Business must produce graduates who are ethically grounded, professionally competent, socially responsive and acutely aware of the global environment," Barram said. "Yet, we also want our graduates to have the unique capacity to be innovative and trusted leaders, all within the scope of nurturing and developing people. This is how we want to be known."



Michael Richeson

Worms!

A new vermicomposting program, led by Plant Services Director Clyde Thomas, began fall semester with 80 pounds of worms. The program will serve two main purposes: Help Bon Appetit dispose of food waste and assist in the effort to fertilize the university's athletic fields naturally.

Food waste from Bon Appetit, the university's food service company, goes into compost bins where the worms live. They



feed on the leftover food, digest it and leave behind nutrient-rich castings (worm manure). The castings are used to fertilize the athletic fields, reducing the amount of synthetic chemicals and, in turn, reducing the university's carbon footprint. The worms feast, waste is reduced and the fields are fertilized naturally.

Thomas enlisted the help of George Fox students to help with the worm herding. About 20 compost bins will be placed around campus, each with about three pounds of worms. Every three months, worm populations can double. As the compost colony grows, Thomas will place them in larger bins until he reaches his desired goal of 3,000 pounds of worms, which should take about 18 months.



Bruin Madness

There was a little something for fans of all ages at George Fox University's all-new "Bruin Madness" event Feb. 5. The event, hosted in lieu of an annual homecoming celebration that will now take place in the fall, featured an indoor tailgate party, activities for children, a basketball doubleheader against Lewis & Clark College, and a postgame young alumni gathering at a local pizza restaurant. George Fox is moving homecoming to the fall in order to expand its schedule of homecoming events and to prepare for the university's addition of intercollegiate Division III college football in the fall of 2013.

Go online: georgefox.edu/journal/madness

///// News Bits /////

Sarah Gibson, an assistant professor of media communications, finished working on the motion picture set of *Blue Like Jazz* as the assistant to the director. The film, directed by Steve Taylor, is based on the *New York Times* Best Seller by Donald Miller. It is slated for release in the fall.

Joel Perez, dean of transitions and inclusion, was part of a panel presentation on current trends in diversity research on CCCU campuses at the 35th Annual CCCU Presidents Conference in Washington, D.C., in January.

Professor of history **Paul Otto's** essay, "Wampum: The Transfer and Creation of Rituals on the Early American Frontier," appeared in *Ritual Dynamics and the Science of Ritual, Vol. 5: Transfer and Spaces*, released in December of 2010 by Harrassowitz Books.

Mark David Hall, the Herbert Hoover Distinguished Professor of Political Science, presented "Did America Have a Christian Founding?" at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., in December. The event was taped by C-SPAN and was broadcast in early February. He also recently learned that Oxford University Press will publish his next edited volume, *Faith and the Founders of the American Republic*.

Jan Lefebvre in the advancement office returned to Haiti in January, one year following the earthquake she experienced there in January 2010. "I observed great and wonderful work being done by God's servants to a people who are resilient and loving and still in need of our prayers," she said. "The highlight personally was to help dedicate the home for my sponsored family for which God truly provided the funds." Jan will be coordinating some projects with her church's sewing ministry for a children's home to be built this year.

Tim Timmerman, an associate professor of art, showcased his work in a show entitled "Keeping Vigil" at the University of Portland's Buckley Center Gallery in January and February. The artwork included oil paintings and sculptural medias such as assemblage, kiln-worked glass, clay, and bronze casting.

Making Faith Stick

Each year more than half of graduating high school students ditch their faith. At this year's Kaleo conference, speakers addressed why this is such a common trend. Keynote speaker Kara Powell, from Fuller Youth Institute, presented research to provide clues as to why some students lose their faith while others stay connected to Jesus. Powell and co-presenter Jon Furman provided practical ways to keep students of all ages engaged with their beliefs so they can build a faith that sticks.

The conference was held on the university's Newberg campus on Feb. 26 and drew 400 people.



40 years

After more than four decades in the classroom, English professor **Ed Higgins** is retiring. Sort of. He'll still teach occasionally, and he'll devote more time to farming with his wife, writing poetry, selling his harvest at farmers' markets and driving his restored 1935 Ford truck (named Murphy) in local parades ... Maybe "retiring" is the wrong word.

Higgins began his career at George Fox in 1971 as an interim assistant professor. Along the way, he's taught classes on poetry, the modern novel, a series on world literature, science fiction and many more. He's been here long enough to teach the grandchildren of some of his first students, and one of his former students – Melanie Mock – is now the English department chair.

Online Exclusive:

Listen to our podcast with Ed Higgins. He discusses his journey to George Fox, what kept him here for 40 years, the process of writing poetry and how he ended up on the phone with Will Smith to discuss *Moby Dick*.

georgefox.edu/podcast

Michael Richeson

LEGACIES

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION



“Let’s face it – science can be boring,” says professor **Dwight Kimberly**, a 1967 George Fox graduate. “What makes it all so interesting is the students. I look at their fresh faces and think, ‘How can I unlock that puzzle? How can I get the most out of you?’”

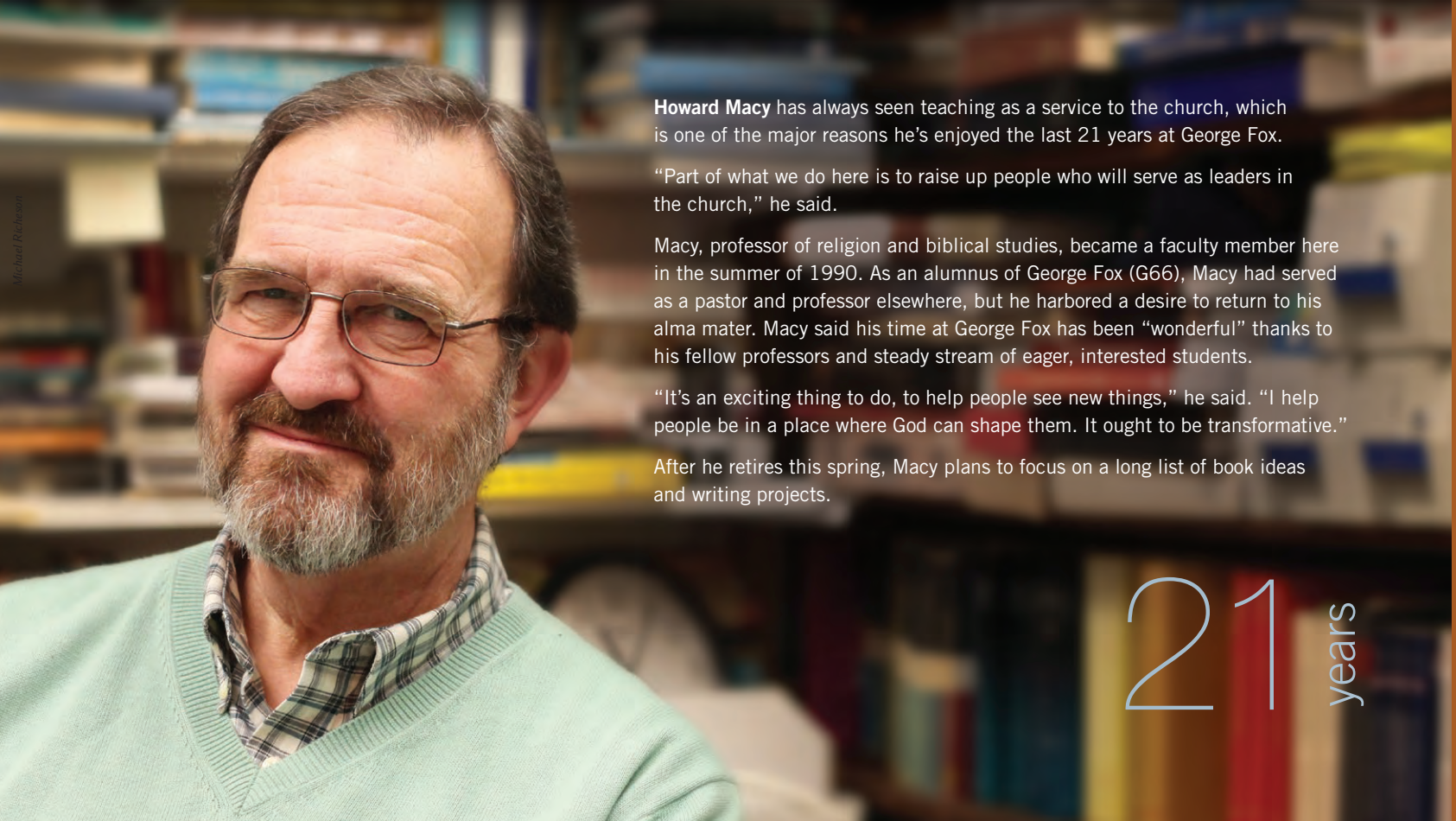
Kimberly – a fixture in the university’s biology department since the mid-1980s and a former Oregon Professor of the Year (2000) – is retiring this spring and says what he’ll miss most are “those sidewalk conversations with students – the ones where you really get to know who they are.”

Kimberly’s love of learning stems from his conviction that study is a form of worship. “It’s a spiritual matter,” he says. “It’s part of the quest of finding out what God will have you do with your life.”

As for his own life, Kimberly plans to spend more time with his wife of 44 years, Patti, whom he met in Pennington Hall as a student in 1963. He may even go back to school.

“I’ve been thinking about going to seminary,” he says. “I may be 66, but I’ve still got plenty to learn.”

25 years



Howard Macy has always seen teaching as a service to the church, which is one of the major reasons he’s enjoyed the last 21 years at George Fox.

“Part of what we do here is to raise up people who will serve as leaders in the church,” he said.

Macy, professor of religion and biblical studies, became a faculty member here in the summer of 1990. As an alumnus of George Fox (G66), Macy had served as a pastor and professor elsewhere, but he harbored a desire to return to his alma mater. Macy said his time at George Fox has been “wonderful” thanks to his fellow professors and steady stream of eager, interested students.

“It’s an exciting thing to do, to help people see new things,” he said. “I help people be in a place where God can shape them. It ought to be transformative.”

After he retires this spring, Macy plans to focus on a long list of book ideas and writing projects.

21 years



GLOBALLY

George Fox has always encouraged its students and employees to make their faith relevant in the world. We're not here to simply discuss what Jesus did; we're here to *do*. Faith is active, alive. It engages and transforms and unites, which is why our commitment to outreach, study abroad and addressing the social justice issues of our day is an important part of everyday life in our community.



ENGAGED



U.S. News & World Report ranked George Fox among the top 50 out of 1,400 accredited colleges and universities in the nation for the percentage of students studying abroad. Nearly two-thirds of our students go overseas, and graduate and undergraduate service trips continue to address complex social justice concerns in Africa, India, Brazil, Ukraine, Nicaragua and many more countries.

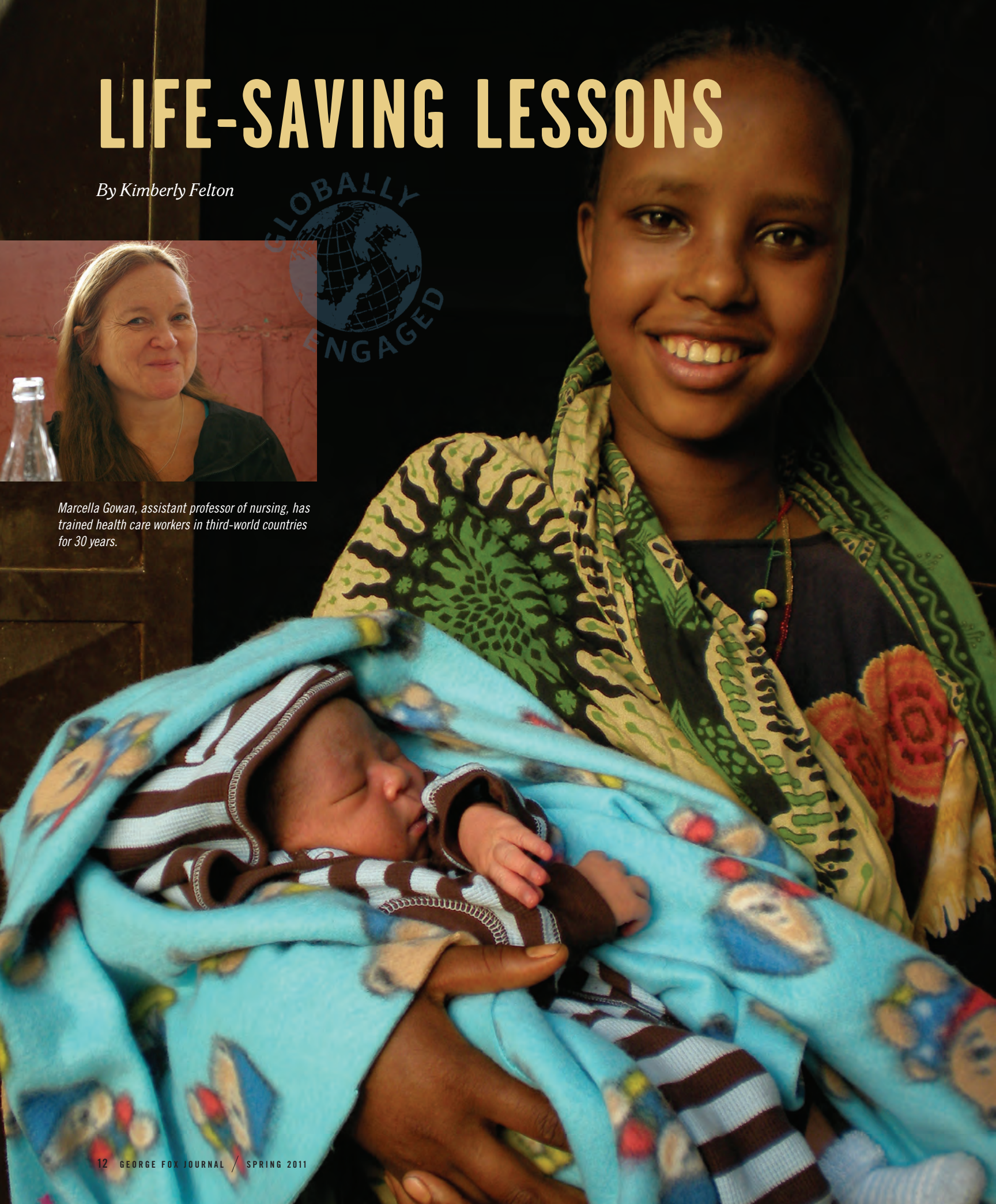
A world map isn't just a geography lesson. At George Fox, it's a reminder that we are here to be messengers of hope and a people of service.

LIFE-SAVING LESSONS

By Kimberly Felton



Marcella Gowan, assistant professor of nursing, has trained health care workers in third-world countries for 30 years.



Deadly famine changes professor's focus from treating to teaching

The flies. The heat. The death.

Marcella Gowan, assistant professor of nursing at George Fox University, worked with World Concern on the Ethiopia/Somalia border in 1981 in the midst of famine. With 180,000 people in the refugee camp, "it was an intense time; people dying – hundreds – every day."

Gowan and the other nurses "were focused on saving the person in front of us, putting IVs in everyone," she says. Then a physician specializing in relief work suggested they stop treating and start teaching.

As the nurses trained local people to treat basic symptoms, "it started slowing down the massive deaths," Gowan says. "And it taught me that we need to teach, need to educate."

She has applied the lesson ever since.

Gowan returned to the U.S. and earned a bachelor of science in nursing and a master in public health with an international major.

Then she followed her heart back overseas – this time with a husband and baby.

They landed in southern Somalia at a leprosy village, where Gowan taught traditional birth attendants and ran a clinic for children and pregnant women.

When Somalia fell into anarchy three years later, she and her husband caught one of the last commercial flights out of the country. Stateside, Gowan became a Certified Nurse Midwife. "I did a lot of midwifery in Somalia," she says, "and I wanted to see how I could do things better."

For seven years Gowan worked as a midwife in Oregon, but with the desire to serve God abroad, "we always look for invitations," she says. "If you're asked to be there, that's a good reason to think you should be there."

Serving In Missions (SIM) invited them to work in Djibouti, Africa, in 1996. They accepted.

"I delivered babies every day under wretched conditions," she says. "It was not uncommon for mother and baby to die. Not a lot of emotion about it for them. It was totally unacceptable to me."

When death threats targeted Gowan and her family (which now included four children, two adopted in Djibouti) following the terrorist attacks on America, Gowan

accepted an invitation to teach midwifery at a hospital school in Somaliland, a country with no trained health-care workers.

"I found out I had to first turn students into nurses, before teaching them midwifery," Gowan says. For three years she taught 25 nursing students. "They followed me everywhere – they had no one else to watch and learn from." Then in 2004, terrorists killed six ex-pats in

Somaliland, including Gowan's close friend. Time to move back to the states.

Gowan did not plan to stay stateside, until she found a job that combined her love for teaching with her passion for the majority world. "Unlike other places I looked for work, where employers thought it was nice I had worked overseas, at George Fox they wanted to know if I could take students abroad – because that's really important here."

With a nine-month contract at Fox, Gowan is free to teach elsewhere in the summer, as she did in 2006 in Tajikistan, where a roomful of nurse midwives and obstetricians gained life-saving skills to help their patients through childbirth.

In 2010, Gowan's lesson of educating

others came full circle when she led a group of George Fox nursing students to Ethiopia, where they both taught and learned. "I didn't want students to say we were coming to serve," she says. "I wanted an exchange between the Ethiopian nurses and our students."

George Fox students worked in a clinic side-by-side with national nurses. They learned from the nurses how to give immunizations and provided "kangaroo care" to newborn twins who were so cold their temperatures did not register. "The students turned the situation around," says Gowan. The twins survived.

In the evenings, the students provided continuing education classes for the nurses through lessons they had prepared from their studies.

Now working on her doctorate of education, Gowan continues to learn. And rather than just "focusing on the person in front of her," she's multiplying her efforts, passing on to the next generation the skills to heal, the passion to teach, and eyes to see a world full of promise.



In 2010, Gowan took a group of George Fox nursing students to work in an Ethiopian clinic.



Gowan teaches life-saving CPR skills to nursing students in Somaliland.



GOOD INVESTMENTS

By Sean Patterson

Accountant Raymond Cheung (G96) is helping his firm and the state of Oregon engage with Asian investors

It's been nearly 20 years since Raymond Cheung left his native Hong Kong, but in many ways, he's never left home. Cheung, a partner in the Portland-based Geffen Mesher & Company accounting firm, retains close ties to his homeland, although not in a familial sense. Rather, he travels to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan five or six times a year to serve clients in accounting, auditing, merger and acquisition transactions.

And, last year, Cheung's commitment to international commerce resulted in an invitation to serve as a delegate on an Oregon Business Development mission to Korea, Japan, Hong Kong and China. Joining Oregon State Treasurer Ted Wheeler and other business and state delegates, Cheung engaged in investment meetings with Asian business owners, met with prospective and current Oregon customers, and participated in U.S. Embassy briefings on economic and commercial issues.

The trip reaffirmed for Cheung that our states have a lot of work to do to promote their abilities in sustainable and biotechnology sectors. "We have generated significant interest from business in renewable and biotech, and there's a lot of interest in inbound foreign investment," Cheung says. "We should see a lot more merger and acquisition transactions initiated from foreign investors in the years to come."

On the trip, Cheung interacted with business leaders and governmental officials, and at times served as an interpreter. If anything, the experience reinforced Cheung's belief that the future health of Oregon's economy is highly dependent on foreign investments.

"I can't stress enough the importance of developing these international relationships," Cheung says. "Our state has a lot to offer, particularly in the areas of sustainable business and biosciences, our rich agricultural resources such as our wineries, and tourism."

Cheung's conviction that Asian investors are critical to the state's economic recovery is warranted: China is Oregon's top foreign customer, with monthly exports exceeding \$300 million, according to the World Institute for Strategic Economic Research.


"In the next 50 years, I believe 50 percent of the growth in the global economy will come from China and India," Cheung says. "How we do business with that sector of the world will be critical to the future health of our state economy."

In addition to his accounting duties, Cheung serves as a treasurer for the Oregon Bioscience Association, dedicated to growing Oregon's biotechnology industry, and also serves on the board with the Northwest China Council and the Sustainable Northwest organization.

Cheung's dedication to his firm, international business relations and mentoring contributed to his selection last year to the *Portland Business Journal's* "Forty Under 40," an honor that annually recognizes young Portland-area business leaders who make significant contributions in their field of expertise and an impact in their communities.

His commitment to global engagement is also evident at home in Oregon, where he meets regularly to mentor international college students and annually recruits four to six recent graduates for his firm.

"I was fortunate to have people take the time to invest in me, so this is my way of giving back. It is truly an invaluable service to provide and to receive," he says of his mentoring sessions with students, including those from George Fox. "I find that investing in young people is the most gratifying thing I can do. It is a special feeling knowing you're making a difference in their lives."

A portrait of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark grey suit jacket, a light pink shirt, and a purple striped tie. He is standing in front of a window that looks out onto a cityscape. The lighting is soft, and the background is slightly blurred.

'In the next 50 years, I believe 50 percent of the growth in the global economy will come from China and India.'



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Kelly Chang, assistant professor of psychology, led a team of undergraduate students to Nicaragua to minister to young girls rescued from a massive garbage dump. (See the story of one of her students on page 19)

After a successful career in business development, **Tom Durant** ('06) decided to use his skills to create a mission program that is helping to create economic self-sufficiency in the community of Ranquitte, Haiti. The EcoCafé program involves cultivating land both for food farming as well as for the growth and export of Haitian coffee to the U.S. and Europe. This is done while restoring the environment to a healthy state.

GEORGE FOX'S GLOBAL INFLUENCE

Each year, George Fox alumni, students and employees take their talents into the world. Here are just some of the places where we're making a difference.

● George Fox alumni serve in these countries

■ Countries visited by students for Juniors Abroad, Semester Abroad and May Term

Honduras

Costa Rica

Peru

Spain and Portugal

Scotland
Ireland
England
France

Assistant professor of economics **John Gorlorwulu** is on a one-year leave of absence working with USAID on economic development in Africa.

Harold (G69) and **Nancy Thomas** (G67) have spent their lives working in Latin America, working with the Bolivian Friends Church in theological education, leadership training, social development projects and church planting. They now work in Costa Rica, leading the only Doctor of Ministry program in Latin America.



Philip Ewert (G98) is the operations director for World Vision Albania, an organization that helps improve the quality of life for families affected by poverty and injustice. His wife, Mel, is the marketing/PR manager.

May Serve in Thailand
In 2009, a team of George Fox students played games with children, went on prayer walks, visited families living in slums and picked up trash along with working at the Garden of Hope Drop-In Center in the red-light district. They also taught English.

Matt Chandler (G03) served for three years with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Iraq and Palestine. CPT offers organized, nonviolent alternatives to war.

Since 2008, the School of Education has been assisting with writing a curriculum for peace and conflict resolution for students in Quaker high schools in Kenya. The members of the George Fox team include **Lon Fendall, Scot Headley, Linda Samek, Kristin Dixon, Ken Badley, Suzanne Harrison, Steve Cathers, Marc Shelton and Eloise Hockett**. This project was prompted by the 2007 post-election violence in Kenya, which disrupted the country and displaced many people.

David (G93) and Debby (G94) Thomas have been serving in Rwanda since 1997, instructing locals in church leadership, community problem-solving and improved agricultural methods.



PHOTO MINISTRY

Dominique Berhó seems destined for a life of cross-cultural engagement. As a child, he frequently traveled through South America with his parents to visit his father's home country of Chile and grew up speaking fluent Spanish. Berhó, a senior international studies major and gifted photographer, spent a semester last year in Bolivia. His internship project was to build an image database of photos for a center for the impoverished elderly that was begun by

an Oregon couple. He also took free family portraits for the town's citizens, many of whom had never seen professional photography equipment.

Berhó is now helping raise awareness – and funds – for Pure Hope Pakistan (purehopepakistan.com) to help the millions of people affected by devastating floods.



Michael Richeson



Online exclusive:

Watch our video interview with Berhó about his work in Bolivia, his efforts to help Pakistan and his remarkable photography at georgefox.edu/journal/berho. You can see samples of his photos at anambitiousseed.tumblr.com



Michael Richeson

NICARAGUAN HOUSE OF HOPE

For one difficult night in Nicaragua, Jessica Lee broke down. “I felt like I didn’t deserve all that I had,” Lee said. “Why these kids? Why do they have nothing? Why didn’t I have the answers?”

The kids she was thinking about were 16 girls, age 5 to 18, who had been rescued from life in the massive Chureca garbage dump. More than 2,000 people live and scavenge in the landfill. Generations of families have lived in this wasteland. In some cases, young girls are offered as sexual bribes to the dump truck drivers in order for first pickings of the truck’s contents.

Lee, then a junior psychology major and Richter

Scholar, went with a group of students and psychology professor Kelly Chang in May 2009 to research the girls’ general and spiritual well being. Their findings helped prompt the rescue home to hire a psychologist to work with the girls every week.

Lee, now a student in the George Fox Doctor of Psychology program, was able to present the research at the International Positive Psychology Association and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies conferences.

“This was the biggest opportunity,” Lee said. “It was definitely an amazing experience. People all around the world have it a lot worse than us. It puts your life in perspective.”



A MEASURE OF FAITH

By Sara Kelm

In 1997, Tom Davis rushed into a Russian orphanage bearing life-changing news for a little girl named Anya. He was in the country on a missions trip with high schoolers, and he and his wife had waded through the adoption process. By the grace of God, it was finally finished, and he was about to surprise Anya with the news. Davis expected to overflow with joy, but instead, something happened that broke his heart.

Flinging open the doors, he saw all 100 children who lived in the orphanage lining the hall. They had heard rumors of the adoption, and they came to see the man who represented the very thing they all desired: the chance for a family. Suddenly, two little girls rushed out of the crowd and each grabbed one of his legs, “like it was their favorite stuffed animal,” Davis recalls. They cried, “Papa, Papa!” They knew he was taking someone to be his child, and they risked humiliation in front of their peers for the chance for him to hear his name – “Papa” – in the hope he would take them, too.

That moment was a significant landmark on Davis’s journey to discover the heart of God. Throughout his education and pastoral ministry, he read the Bible verses about God caring for the widow and orphan. In Russia, he found those very people so close to God’s heart were without any support, resources or hope. There are 150 million orphans in the world today, and that breaks Davis’s heart.

As the CEO of Children’s HopeChest, Davis partners orphanages around the world with Christian communities in the United States. Churches, universities or other communities of faith are paired with a site in one of nine different countries: Russia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Swaziland, South Africa, Moldova, India, Guatemala or Haiti. Davis stresses that the communities think of the orphanage overseas as an additional campus to the church, filled with kids who are God’s little boys and girls. For this reason, Children’s HopeChest requires a minimum three-year commitment, with the sponsoring organization making a detailed development plan and planning annual trips to the orphanage.

Children’s HopeChest began in Russia shortly after the fall of communism, when the country was in crisis. Aid flooded in, but the nonprofits that emerged did not stay for the long haul. Ten years later, only 10 percent

of the nonprofits remained in the country. Children’s HopeChest remains, fighting sex trafficking by giving young people a safe community in which to gain important educational skills and a purpose.

Recently, Children’s HopeChest entered another country in crisis: Haiti. Davis returned from a visit to there shortly before we spoke, and his descriptions are sobering – kids walking around naked because they cannot afford clothing, trash piled on the streets, children sleeping in the gutters and town squares. “Those hurt the most are the ones at the bottom of society,” Davis said. It is “total chaos,” and he sees little physical evidence of the millions of dollars donated to Haitian relief only a year ago.

Davis gives a voice to these children through his work at Children’s HopeChest, but also through his writing. He has written five books, two of which are fiction. “Nonfiction is about facts and figures and statistics and how-to’s and what Scripture says, and that is valuable, but fiction puts flesh and blood on statistics,” he says. A person can then experience the pain of an orphan, seeing what she sees and

feeling what she feels. The reader feels a different sort of compassion, one that hopefully results in action.

So, what can we do? Davis stresses the importance of people giving their voice and impacting their circles of influence. Davis affirms that everyone has a circle of influence, a group of people to tell the stories to and help spread the word. He also suggests going to these countries and seeing what is happening firsthand. And if you can’t do that, simply pray. “Orphans don’t have any sort of covering, physically – in the form of a family – or spiritually,” Davis says. “No one’s praying for them.” He urges people to get involved, find out children’s names, and pray for them fervently.

Davis believes we as Christians have a specific and unequivocal mandate to serve the poor and orphans. It’s not just another addition to the church’s to-do list. “Biblically, for the church this is at the heart of God and what every Christ follower is to do,” he says. “Look at Scripture and see that caring for the widow and the orphan is a measure of the reality where we live out our faith. If they’re forgotten, God is forgotten, and if they’re remembered, God is too.”

‘Look at Scripture and see that caring for the widow and the orphan is a measure of the reality where we live out our faith.’



Photo courtesy Tom Davis



Davis is in the inaugural cohort of the Global Missional Leadership track of the Doctor of Ministry program at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, a program made possible by an M. J. Murdock grant. Now in its second semester, cohort members do all of their classwork online through social media platforms, meeting each semester for a nine-day face-to-face advance somewhere in the world. This semester, they will be in Kenya and Ethiopia, where Davis will be able to show his classmates what one of the orphanages of Children's HopeChest looks like. According to Davis, the program takes the learning "out of the classroom and into the field to see what God's doing in communities and among the poor." For more information, see dmin.georgefox.edu.

↑ Seminary student Tom Davis, posing here with children in Swaziland, works as the CEO of Children's HopeChest, an organization that pairs churches, universities and other faith communities with orphanages in Russia, Uganda, Ethiopia, Swaziland, South Africa, Moldova, India, Guatemala and Haiti.



1950–59

Gene Morse (n58) and **Phyllis (Archibald) Morse** (n59) have joined the staff at Twin Rocks Retreat and Conference Center, Rockaway, Ore., as caretakers at Harbor Villa Retreat Center. They made the move in late summer after selling their Milwaukie, Ore., home and deciding they were “not ready for the shelf yet.” The family has a longtime tie with Twin Rocks: they attended camps there, as did their children and grandchildren.

1970–79

Stuart Willcuts (G72) is regional director for Mercy Corps for the Middle East. He is based out of Amman, Jordan. In that position for just over a year, his latest project is opening an office for a conflict mitigation program in Yemen. It joins programs and offices in five other countries in the Middle East.

David Stull (n75) is teaching sixth grade social studies at Teeland Middle School in Wasilla, Alaska, where he also is doing the play-by-play for the Alaska Avalanche in the junior “A” North American Hockey League on the Fasthockey Internet Network.

Keith Lamm (G79, MA82) and the General Council of the Assemblies of God – USA in September completed a joint copyright for the program *Called to Holiness – God’s Character ... Your Transformation*. It was developed for people in ministry experiencing behaviors and stressors that negatively impact their call to ministry in the church and other Christian agencies. A therapist for 15 years, Lamm began as a Friends pastor, is an ordained itinerant elder with the Evangelical Church, and is the founder and primary owner of Christian Counseling and Consulting Services, Ministry Renewal Network and Ministry Directional Assessments, based in Yakima, Wash.

1980–89

Bobbi (Cross) DeVore (n84) in December began as database specialist at George Fox University. For the past two years she was program support manager for The Canby (Ore.) Center, maintaining the donor database. She also was an administrative assistant for Southgate Chapel in Canby.

Kathy (King) Watson (G85) is the new manager of the Faith in Action program in Newberg, a community coalition and outreach program of Providence Newberg Medical Center. She joined the program in 2004 to launch its Family Friends program, matching children with special needs with volunteer mentors. She then began coalition development and fund development, before being picked to direct the entire program in November.

Robert Legg (G85, MDiv88) has been promoted to Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. A chaplain based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Wash., for two

years, he was promoted in October after seven years with the rank of major. In May he was one of the speakers for the National Day of Prayer service at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma, Wash.

Elisa (Eberhard) Carlson (G87) is one of 21 in the United States and Canada chosen to be a 2010-11 fellow in the Van Lunen Center for Executive Management in Christian Schools at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. She is head administrator for Central Christian Schools, Redmond, Ore. Carlson has completed two of three residential sessions (the most recent in January in Arizona), that provide executive management education for senior leaders with fewer than 10 years experience in their position at faith-based schools.

Karon Bell (SPS89) retired Jan. 2, 2011, after 25 and a half years of service to George Fox. She served in several capacities in financial affairs, including as controller, director of financial affairs, director of financial and administrative services, assistant vice president of financial services and, in her most recent position, as assistant vice president of administrative services. She and her husband, Terry, plan to travel and possibly serve on missions trips.

1990–99

Ron Wolfe (G92) has been named vice president and commercial banking officer for Columbia Community Bank, Hillsboro, Ore. Previously, for eight years, he was a commercial loan officer focusing on community banking in Newberg, Salem and Walla Walla, Wash. He continues to live in Newberg where he is president of the Newberg Booster Club.

Holly (Hyde) Dhynes (G95) and **Allyn Dhynes** (G97) have returned from their assignment

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with World Vision in Israel/Palestine and are now living in Portland. He is with Catholic Charities of Portland as a refugee resettlement case manager, working mainly with Iraqi families and individuals upon entry, and she is working part time as administrative assistant at Sherwood United Methodist Church.

Todd Zalk (SPS97, MBA07) has been appointed by Wells Fargo as its membership banking regional program manager for Southwest Washington and Oregon. He and his family live in Battle Ground, Wash. He joined the bank the year before as business banking specialist after starting his financial services career at the Bank of Clark County in 2007. For the previous nine years he was in business development for two national contractors in Vancouver, Wash.

Juanita (Bohl) Frankamp (SPS98) and her husband, Vance, are in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where they have founded River Crossing, a ministry with northern tribal children. They teach business principles and are infusing orphanages and children's homes with business capital so they will become self-sustaining, trying to break dependency on long-term donations. After retiring in 2003, they have been in Thailand for three years, believing their ministry may help shape the future of orphanages and children's homes. They continue to seek the help of others.

KEY

- G Traditional graduate
- n Traditional nongraduate
- MA Master of arts
- MS Master of science
- MAT Master of arts in teaching
- DMgt Doctor of Management
- MBA Master of business administration
- GFES George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- MDiv Master of divinity
- DMin Doctor of ministry
- MEd Master of education
- EdD Doctor of education
- PsyD Doctor of psychology
- SPS School of Professional Studies

2000–09

Sara Black (G00) is a missionary teacher in her second year at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya, teaching algebra and government at the high school level. The Christian boarding school sponsored by Africa Inland Mission International has 500 students from 70 missions organizations in more than 20 African nations.

Carrie (Russo) Thienes (G00, MAT01) is owner of Northwest Holistic Nutrition, a nutritional therapy consulting practice in Beaverton, Ore. A certified nutritional therapy practitioner by the Nutritional Therapy Association, she uses hair tissue mineral analysis and blood chemistry analysis to create customized diets and nutritional protocols for her clients.

Richard Brown (G01) has joined the Newberg law firm Brown Tarlow Bridges Palmer & Stone as associate attorney. Previously in practice in San Francisco and Portland, he will litigate family law and personal injury issues and provide representation in bankruptcy and collection matters for the firm, while also handling real estate and probate cases. He received a law degree from the California-Hastings College of Law in 2005.

Rick Johnson (SPS02), founder of Better Dads, has a new book, *That's My Teenage Son*, subtitled "How Moms Can Influence Their Boys to Become Good Men." Published by Revell, it is a follow-up to his book *That's My Son*. It is intended to help mothers use their influence to help their teenage sons, noting emotional and physical changes, what boys fear, what traits they need and how to help them communicate and grow spiritually.

Matthew Way (G02) received a doctor of medicine degree in June 2010 from St. George's University and is a resident physician at UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Jersey.

Brianna (Scheller) Bedell (G03) is catering coordinator for Red Lion Hotels in Spokane, Wash.

The Road is Calling

During college, I spent a lot of time with high school students while serving as a volunteer Young Life leader. This experience taught me a lot about building relationships, faith and ministry. More than a decade later, I realize the impact that many of those lessons continue to make in my life, ministry and work.



One particular emphasis of that ministry is to meet people "where they are at." This approach is good for ministry. As it turns out, it's also practical advice for connecting with alumni. For many years, our Alumni Relations philosophy has focused on inviting alumni back to campus to reengage with the place they grew to love as students. And, why not? There is something special about this place. Ask any alumnus or alumna who has returned for a visit, and they'll likely tell you that it is an evocative experience.

At the same time, we realize that many of our alumni don't live near George Fox and don't have the chance to visit. As a result, Alumni Relations is working to infuse this "meet them where they are at" approach across our program. We launched this effort with two events in Boise and one in Tacoma this past fall. And this spring and summer, we have connection events planned for Central Oregon, Seattle, Boise and Philadelphia. We are also introducing the Ultimate Road Trip to connect with alumni living between Newberg and San Francisco!

A few of these events are highlighted in the events section at the back of *Journal*. As always, you can also read about all of our events at alumni.georgefox.edu or facebook.com/georgefoxalumni.

I still encourage you to visit campus for events, reunions, or even a quick visit. But if you can't make it, I hope to see you on the road!

Sincerely,
Robby Larson
Director of Alumni Relations



Michelle Maddux (SPS03) is executive director of Furniture Share, a nonprofit program with a mission to redistribute used furniture at no cost to children, families and individuals in need in Benton and Linn counties in Oregon. Based in Corvallis, it works with 65 referring agencies, including the Oregon Department of Human Resources, and in the last fiscal year provided household items to 3,019 individuals, including 1,119 children who received a bed. More than 6,200 pieces of furniture were distributed, diverting 168 tons from the landfill.

Merilee Newell (G03) graduated in June from the University of St Andrews, Scotland, receiving a doctor of philosophy degree in creative writing. She now is in Newberg.

Crystal Wulff (G03) is teaching science at Mountain View High School, Evergreen School District, in Vancouver, Wash.

Ronecca Dockter (G04), after five and a half years at George Fox University, in October left her position in the advancement office as director of acquisition relations to become director of annual giving at St. Mary's Academy, Portland. With 620 students, it is Oregon's oldest continuously operating secondary school, founded in 1859 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

Krystal (Muir) Donohue (G04) is a first-grade teacher at Gaarde Christian School, in her fifth year. The Tigard, Ore., school is a ministry of Faith Journey Church.

Colin Saxton (DMin04) is leaving his position as superintendent of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends to become general secretary of Friends United Meeting in January 2012. He began his current position in Newberg in 2004, guiding 66 churches with 6,500 members. He will continue through the end of this year. Friends United Meeting, based in Richmond, Ind., has 27 yearly meetings in the U.S., Canada, Cuba, Jamaica and Kenya.

Joann (Whittaker) Boswell (G05, MAT10) and **Matthew Boswell** (G05, MDiv09) live in Olympia, Wash., where she is a drama teacher and director at Tumwater High School and he is co-pastor and adult ESL teacher at Trinity Community Church and EF International.

Melissa (Matthews) Chapman (G05) and **Michael Chapman** (G05) live in Fresno, Calif., where she is program manager for the after-school program of Community Youth Ministries in Fresno. It has 70 staff members at 10 area sites. He is resource development director for Mennonite Central Committee - West Coast, based in Reedley, Calif.

In that position since 2009, his area covers the 10 states west of the Rockies as he meets with individual donors and churches, and helps with sales and auctions and a network of thrift shops that raise funds. In between completing an MBA in international economic development at Eastern University and this position, he interned through the Evangelical Friends Mission in Kigali, Rwanda, with **David Thomas** (G93) and **Deborah (Harney) Thomas** (G94).

Elisabeth (Mehl) Greene (G05) and **Samuel Greene** (G05) live in Silver Spring, Md., where she has composed the music for a new opera based on *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. Published in 2003, the book was on the *New York Times* Bestseller List for 100 weeks. She wrote the libretto with **Mitra Motlagh** (G07). It was scheduled to be performed at a public reading by the Maryland Opera Studio in February.

On Top of the Podium

When **Colleen Conroy** stood on the ceremonial winners platform in Bloomington, Minn., in April 2010 she had skated her way to the top - the best in the nation.

The Seattle resident had bested all others in her category at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships - first in the masters intermediate event for ages 41-50. The 1990 graduate accompanied that with a second place in the masters artistic event.

Competing her way through regional and sectional competition, Conroy qualified as one of 600 athletes in the five-day event. It was her 16th consecutive year of national competition. To prepare, she follows a six-day-a-week regimen of getting up at 4 a.m. to practice for an hour and a half at a nearby ice arena before going to work as a resource development assistant for Christian Veterinary Mission in Seattle. She uses her vacation time for her regional and national competition.

Conroy has won previously at nationals - figures, pairs, artistic - but not this event. "This was an especially meaningful year for me," she said. "I've been struggling with back issues, and up until a month before the competition I wasn't sure I was going to be able to compete."



Conroy, who grew up in Milwaukie, Ore., started skating at age 16, but mostly shelved her involvement while in college. "When I was at Fox there wasn't a rink in Sherwood so I had to drive to Portland to skate." She says few knew of her interest and involvement in the sport.

Conroy has no plans to end her competition anytime soon. She's in the third category with age groups 51-60 and 61-plus ahead of her.



From Pastor to President

Jim Porter has said “yes” to God – again – and now he’s one of the nation’s newest higher education presidents. In October of 2010, the 1972 George Fox Evangelical Seminary graduate was inaugurated the sixth president of Wesley Biblical Seminary.

Porter has a background that has led him from pastoring congregations in Nebraska and Iowa to serving on mission trips in Russia, Belize and Kenya. He also served as a pastor at the largest United Methodist Church in Mississippi.

“Some were things I would have never dreamed of,” he says.

“But saying ‘yes’ to God just opened them up.”

Now he’s heading a seminary with 140 students, nine full-time faculty members and nine adjunct instructors. On a 12-acre urban campus in Jackson, Miss., the seminary was founded in 1974 as a multi-denominational graduate school within the evangelical Wesleyan-Armenian tradition.

Porter is not new to Wesley. He taught there (pastoral ministry and Christian education) from 1980-87 before accepting leadership of Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, where he served more than 20 years. Last April, he was asked by the 25-member Wesley seminary board to be the next president and took office in July.

Marissa Lopez (n05) is teen director for the Grants Pass, Ore., Boys and Girls Club, where she also is a teaching assistant in the club’s alternative learning center. She is using her visual arts and graphics design background to create murals there, and at a church and private home. She started mural painting in 2007 while helping enliven the surroundings at a small African village rehabilitation center for disabled children. In addition to her work and mural commissions, she is also creating an illustrated book of her African experiences.

Olesya (Zherebilov) Salathe (G05) received a doctor of dental medicine degree in June from Oregon Health and Sciences University and now is with Northwest Dental Clinic in Molalla, Ore. She practices with Dr. Paul Puffer, who was her mentor with whom she worked in high school and during breaks and summer while in college.

Amy Wolff (G05) in December began as a visit coordinator for the George Fox University undergraduate admissions office. For the previous three and a half years she was an operations coordinator for Waggener Edstrom Worldwide in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Rick Bartlett (DMin06) has coauthored *Consuming Youth: Leading Teens Through Consumer Culture*, published in December by Zondervan, youth specialties division. It is written with two youth ministry educators from Canada: John Berad and James Penner. Written for those involved in lead-

ing teenagers, the book intends to direct them in shifting youth from consumer culture dominated by popular media, to meaning, purpose and a life lived differently. **Bartlett** is senior pastor of Bethany Church in Fresno, Calif., with 23 years of working with youth as youth pastor in three congregations and with Youth For Christ, including leadership in Britain and the Pacific Northwest region.

Colleen (Webb) Ghasedi (G06) is a licensed professional counselor and works with Friends of the Family Ministry in Corvallis, Ore., where she also is a mental health consultant for Head Start. In September she was part of a team from Life Seeds that traveled to Uganda to share the gospel with 1,600 orphans in eight villages near Mbale. They gave out more than 450 Bibles, 3,200 children’s workbooks, and helped feed 2,400 people.

Tracy Prybyla (G06) has become a full-time staff member at the B Street Theatre in Sacramento, Calif., with the title artistic associate/stage manager. This follows completion of a 10-month internship last year at the company, which originated in 1986.

Samuel Craven (G07) and **Stephanie (Skelton) Craven (G07)** live in Sandy, Ore., where he is a police officer with the city of Sandy. She is an underwriting assistant with the Argo Group, Portland.

Elizabeth (Rodman) Larson (G07) and her husband, Evan, have joined Wycliffe Bible Translators and are fundraising and developing partners for support of their assignment in the eastern highlands of Papua New Guinea, beginning in January 2012. They are scheduled for August training in North Carolina. They live in Vernonia, Ore., and are seeking appearances and contacts in Oregon and Washington (and on their way to North Carolina) to present their plan and needs.

Jon Maroni (G08) is the new youth pastor at Second Street Community Church in Newberg, starting in August. He is full time while also attending George Fox Evangelical Seminary and reports the position allows him opportunity to put his learning into practice. He joins lead pastor **Gregg Lamm (G80, MDiv84)** at the Northwest Yearly Meeting-affiliated church.

Eddie Rester (DMin08) is lead pastor of Parkway Heights United Methodist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. He first served as associate pastor for seven years, before heading the “United Methodist Hour” in 2005. He returned to Parkway as lead pastor in 2006.

Brian Moore (MAT09), who was the school’s physical education teacher last year, is now third-grade teacher at St. Mary’s School in his hometown of Albany, Ore.



A Whale of an Opportunity

Mark your calendar now for the debut of George Fox's own **Liz Hunt** on the big screen.

Living in Alaska, the 1996 graduate has not gone Hollywood – she is about as remote as you can get from Tinseltown – but she and her husband, Brent, will appear in *Everybody Loves Whales*, scheduled for release next January by Universal Studios.

The \$30 million movie stars Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski and Ted Danson. It is based on the 1988 attempt to rescue three California gray whales trapped by the sea ice above the Arctic Circle near Barrow, a situation that caused a rare moment of collaboration between the Soviet Union and United States.

Hunt says the couple's involvement is ironic. "We find it rather humorous that we lived an hour from New York City for 10 years, yet were never cast in a movie, (then) we come to Alaska and get 'our big break' as extras."

They moved to Alaska in April to become the camp host couple at Birchwood camp in Chugiak. At the camp, one of the volunteers told the Hoffmans about auditions for the movie. They went to Anchorage, connected with the casting director, completed forms and had head shot photos taken. About three weeks later they got their call. They worked on the set in Anchorage for about five days, in September and October, with filming typically beginning about 6 a.m. and ending about 12 hours later.

On the first day they played tourists in a hotel. "We had to carry luggage down a hallway past a few actors, making sure we were



at the same place during specific lines of dialogue for each take." Then they would repeat. On subsequent days, they played scientists eating in a restaurant, and in other scenes they were scientists out on the ice monitoring the progress of whales.

To prepare, they spent several hours in a Value Village store, picking out the 1988-style ensembles they would wear. "We can't say very much about the film in a public forum," she says, and cameras were not permitted on the set.

"Overall, it was a great experience; we would do it again," Liz says. "We watch movies differently now, and instead of fast-forwarding the credits, we often look for people we worked with."

Rick Powell (SPS09) has been promoted to technical services director with Convergence Networks, a Milwaukie, Ore., company that provides information technology services in the Portland area. He is responsible for business and technical consulting to company owners. He has 15 years in the industry and formerly worked at Northwest Badger Daylighting as a managing partner.

Ryan Stokke (G09) is a project engineer with PING, Inc., the golf club manufacturer in Phoenix. He interned with the firm the summer after his junior year and was offered the job upon graduation. He is in the design department, helping design golf equipment and overseeing specific projects to ensure they reach market on schedule.

2010

Annie May Brown (G10) has gone into partnership with her sister and others in opening The Place to Be Cafe in downtown Canby, Ore. Opened in January with the theme of "sit, sip and be," it features coffee, tea, soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts.

Amanda (Hiti) Laine (MAT10) is with The Standard Insurance Co., in Portland as an enrollment specialist for the California Teachers Association.

Caleb Thurston (G10) works for Michael Curry Design and is a freelance theater director in the Portland area. He is co-founder of River City Children's Theater, a company serving more than 400 students in Columbia

County, Ore. In February, he was guest director of the George Fox University stage production of *Doubt*.

JUST MARRIED

David Stull (n75) and Jennifer Wagner, May 1, 2010, in Talkeetna, Alaska.

Michele Rayner (G91) and Mark Elola, Dec. 4, 2010, in Yosemite, Calif.

Rhoni Seguin (SPS91) and Mike Wiswall, Sept. 25, 2010, in Portland.

Kim Peterson (G01) and Abe Clark, Oct. 8, 2010, in Cedar Hill, Texas.

Laurel Starr (G02) and Gabriel DeLong, Sept. 25, 2010, in Yakima, Wash.



Cherish Wilcox (G02) and Zachary Thiessen, July 10, 2010, in Harstine Island, Wash.

Brianna Scheller (G03) and Leigh Bedell, Sept. 11, 2010, in Post Falls, Idaho.

Stephen Donohue (G04) and **Krystal Muir** (G04), Oct. 2, 2010, in Oregon City, Ore.

Christina Lyons (G04) and Shawn Stott, Sept. 26, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

Matthew Boswell (G05, MDiv09) and **Joann Whittaker** (G05, MAT10), Aug. 7, 2010, in Sandy, Ore.

Jennifer Overstreet (G05) and **Mark Richards** (student), Nov. 29, 2010, in Sherwood, Ore.

Mindy Anderson (G06) and Louis Avden, June 12, 2010, in Olympia, Wash.

Michelle Hall (n06) and Micah McGuire, June 26, 2010, in Roseburg, Ore.

Samuel Craven (G07) and **Stephanie Skelton** (G07), Dec. 11, 2010, in Happy Valley, Ore.

Jennifer Gloor (MBA07) and David Nowak, Aug. 13, 2010, in Dundee, Ore.

Amanda Tompkins (G07, MAT09) and Ryan Hopkins, June 11, 2010, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Marylesa Wilde (G07) and Kaleb Howard, July 31, 2010, in Missoula, Mont.

Amy Fisch (MDIV10) and Andrew Buckley, July 2, 2010, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Colleen Nichols (G10) and Lazarus Henton, June 19, 2010, in Weston, Ore.

Stephanie Siltanen (MAT10) and Travis Berg, July 31, 2010, in West Linn, Ore.

Amanda Hiti (MAT10) and Andrew Laine, Nov. 6, 2010, in Sherwood, Ore.

Goff Chosen for Forty Under 40

Starla (Smith) Goff (G93) has been named one of Oregon's top young business professionals. The psychology major, who since childhood wanted to be a lawyer, in February was named by the *Portland Business Journal* as one of its "Forty Under 40" inductees for 2011. It bases its choices on character and achievement in careers, engagement in civic activities, volunteerism in the community, and genuine passion for what they do. She was recognized at a luncheon in Portland.

"It's fun," she said. "Surprising... you keep your head down and do the next thing." But others noticed her work and her other involvements. She is a partner at the Portland firm Smith Freed & Eberhard, joining shortly after receiving a law degree from Willamette University in 1997. She was the 11th person hired by a law firm that was established in 1987 and now has 63 lawyers. About five years ago, she shifted her interest to business and employment litigation and helped establish practice in a field the firm did not specialize in at the time. Today, 12 attorneys are involved.

Goff focuses on business and represents clients in contract disputes, product liability, director and officer liability, employment litigation and personal injury claims. Her firm says her "think outside the box" perspective allows her to act quickly and aggressively to achieve a creative resolution to complicated



and unconventional disputes."

Goff's involvement with pro bono work, along with a ministry she started with her husband, **Brian Goff** (G90), were also part of her Forty Under 40 selection. The Goffs shared a concern that young people were "not connecting with God after high school." They began holding meetings in The Lucky Lab Pub in downtown Portland. The ministry grew to two locations with 300 people attending each week. Starla says meeting in local bars "really breaks down the barriers for people who wouldn't think about walking into a more traditional church building."

The Goffs turned over responsibility for the pub ministry after adopting three children, but they are still involved in other local ministries.

BABY BRUINS

Keith Karr (G90) and Tana Karr, a girl, Aliyah Faith, born Dec. 15, 2006, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, adopted Oct. 20, 2010, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Michelle (Brown) Roberts (G94) and Scott Roberts, a girl, Kahlia Michelle, born Sept. 25, 2008, in Pune, India, adopted May 9, 2010, in North Bend, Ore.

Holly (Hyde) Dhynes (G95) and **Allyn Dhynes** (G97), a boy, Nicholas Dimitri, Feb. 26, 2010, in Sherwood, Ore. →



Stephanie (Sanders) Adams (G97) and Thomas Adams, a girl, Havalah Noelle, Dec. 20, 2010, in Denver.

Donna (Hurl) Ramsey (G97) and Keith Ramsey, a girl, Zoe Louise, Jan. 6, 2010, in Portland.

Mark Frisius (G98) and **Ellen (Friberg) Frisius** (G99), a boy, Eli Eun Joon, born Feb. 22, 2009, in South Korea, adopted April 14, 2010, in Kankakee, Ill. →



Natalie (Walters) Spears (n98) and Zachary Spears, a girl, Chloe Christine, July 5, 2010, in Cincinnati.

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Childhood Hobby Becomes Chance of a Lifetime

Gary Marks (G90) has been a coin hobbyist since he was a child, but a series of events in Montana switched his role from collector to creator. Marks recently completed his one-year appointment as the chairman of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, an organization established by Congress in 2003 to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on designs and themes for coins and medals, as well as work with the Secretary of Treasury on the creation of commemorative coins. Marks is likely to be reappointed as chairman for another year.

When the state quarter series came out, Marks was working as the city manager of Whitefish, Mont., the city where Governor Brian Schweitzer was from. When the time came to pick a design commission for the Montana quarter, Marks called Gov. Schweitzer, who put Marks on the committee. Marks became the master of ceremony for the state's quarter unveiling in January 2007, where he met the then-United States Mint Director, Ed Moy. A couple months later, Moy called Marks and asked if he was interested in being on the CCAC.

"Of course I was," Marks said.

Marks said his most important accomplishment as the chairman of the CCAC was the new design on the back of the penny. Since 1959, the back of the penny had been the



image of the Lincoln Memorial. Congress had passed a bill calling for a new design that was reflective of Lincoln's preservation of the Union.

"As a student of history, I knew immediately that in Lincoln's time there was a symbol to the people that represented the preservation of the Union," Marks said. "It's the Union Shield."

Marks provided a prototype that, after numerous revisions, became the new design for the penny.

"That's significant to me because 60 percent of all coins minted are pennies," Marks said. "It's the most prolific coin in circulation, which makes it one of the most viewed images by the American public, and it will be for many, many years."

Marks said his interest in coin collecting began because it was a hobby where you spent money and got money in return. Plus, he said, "they are images of our nation's history – allegorical expressions of our values. Being a lover of art and a weekend artist, the designs are important to me. They ought to be expressive of our better nature as a nation – uplifting and beautiful."

Rebecca (Kunze) Archer (G99) and **Chris Archer**, a girl, Kristen Rebecca, May 24, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash.

Jane (Seale) Gramenz (G99, MAT01) and **Paul Gramenz** (G02), a girl, Tessa Grace, Dec. 7, 2009, in Salem, Ore.

Nate Kuske (G99) and **Jenny (Freeman) Kuske** (G01), a girl, Katy Mae, May 27, 2010, in Silverdale, Wash.

Korie (Jones) Buerkle (G00) and **Brandon Buerkle** (G03), a girl, Louisa Kathleen, Jan. 9, 2011, in Newberg.

Caleb Harris (G00) and **Jeanelle Harris**, a boy, Zebulun Lee, May 14, 2010, in McMinnville, Ore.

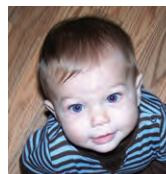
Tauni (Clark) Records (G00, MAT03) and **Jason Records**, a boy, Zachariah Lewis, July 7, 2010, in Newberg.

Jennie (Sexton) Gonzales (G01) and **Joseph Gonzales** (G03), a girl, Madeline Elizabeth, Aug. 14, 2010, in Lynnwood, Wash.

Katie (Pritchard) Hadley (G01) and **Joe Hadley**, a girl, Liberty Allison, July 1, 2010, in Seattle.

Camille Hearne (SPS01) and **Luke Hearne**, a girl, Jericha Justice, Mar. 5, 2010, in Richland, Ore.

Melissa (Judd) Hausner (G02) and **Lucas Hausner**, a boy, Devon Tyler, March 23, 2010, in Portland. →



Matt Holt (G02) and **Laura (Weishan) Holt** (G03), a girl, Carly Renee, Dec. 18, 2009, in Portland.

Janell (Hampton) Woods (G02) and **Eric Woods**, a boy, David Michael, June 4, 2010, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Darbi (Ytreide) Harms (G03) and **Philip Harms**, a girl, Kaylee Mae, Aug. 20, 2010, in Littleton, Colo. →



Ben McGarry (G03) and **Chelsea (Phillips) McGarry** (G04), a boy, Holden Scott, Aug. 29, 2010, in Portland.



Dara (Ortman) Wills (n03) and Christopher Wills, a girl, Savannah Faith, Aug. 5, 2010, in Portland.

Jean (Stewart) Brunson (G04) and Jason Brunson, a girl, Avonlea Marie, April 26, 2010, in Sherwood, Ore. →



Nathan Holmes (G04) and Liz Holmes, a girl, Zoë Inez, Dec. 31, 2010, in Okinawa, Japan.

Josh Bohl (G05) and Jana Bohl, a boy, Gavin Rylan, Sept. 22, 2010, in Newberg. →



Melissa (Matthews) Chapman (G05) and **Michael Chapman** (G05), a girl, Ellie Grace, Oct. 18, 2010, in Clovis, Calif.

Brian Salwasser (G05) and **Julie (Wilson) Salwasser** (G05), a boy, Isaiah Gordon, Oct. 8, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash.

Rachelle (Kaiser) Polits (G06) and **James Polits** (G07), a girl, Sophia Rose, Sept. 9, 2010, in Newberg.

Phronsie (Orozco) Howell (n08) and Jason Howell, a girl, Querina Grace, Dec. 12, 2010, in Billings, Mont.

Chase Tedrow (G08) and **Bridgette (Harmon) Tedrow** (n08), a girl, Quinley Norah, Sept. 25, 2010, in Silverton, Ore.

Jodee (Barnes) Stokke (G09) and **Ryan Stokke** (G09), a girl, Desiree Nicole, Dec. 16, 2010, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

IN MEMORY

Harold Hadley (n35), Oct. 24, 2010, in Star, Idaho.

Lloyd Schaad (n37), Sept. 27, 2010, in Newberg.

Wauline DeVine (G39), Oct. 26, 2010, in Portland.

Virginia (Heacock) Helm (n40), Jan. 14, 2011, in Portland.

Virginia (Dixon) Johnson (n49), Dec. 26, 2010, in Newberg.

Nathan Whittlesey Jr. (G49), Sept. 26, 2010, in Newberg.

Harlow Ankeny (G50), Jan. 2, 2010, in Newberg.

Bill Field (G52), Nov. 21, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash.

Naomi (Lemmons) Dunn (G53), Sept. 19, 2010, in Gate, Okla.

John McDonald (GFES66), Sept. 24, 2010, in Portland.

David Dougherty (MDiv72), Nov. 11, 2010, in Woodburn, Ore.

Steven Edwards (MDiv93), Nov. 6, 2010, in Dayton, Wash.

Keith Morse (MBA96), Nov. 6, 2010, in Newberg.

Russell Devore (MBA05), Jan. 5, 2011, in Canby, Ore.

Elizabeth Bartruff (EDD09), Dec. 25, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

REMEMBERING TWO LEADERS

Two George Fox alumni involved in leadership of their alma mater – both honored as Alumnus of the Year – have died in recent months.

Harlow Ankeny (G50) was one of three members of an administrative committee selected by the board of trustees to guide the college for two years, 1952-54, while it had no president and a new president was being sought. He was director of public relations at the time, serving from 1951 to 1956, the first in that role. He died Jan. 2, 2011, in Newberg at the age of 82.

Bill Field (G52) was chairman of the board of trustees for five years beginning in 1984 after serving 11 years as vice chair. He died Nov. 21, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash., at the age of 79. He was named Alumnus of the Year in 1993.

Ankeny, a member of the well-known Four Flats Quartet, was named Alumnus of the Year in 1973 when the quartet was given the honor as a group. The Four Flats, with Ankeny as baritone, was formed on campus in 1946 and later toured internationally as the World Vision Quartet. They appeared with World Vision founder Bob Pierce and Billy Graham, sang on national weekly Sunday morning radio broadcasts on ABC Radio, and twice sang for the U.S. Presidential Prayer Breakfasts in Washington, D.C.

The group disbanded in 1962 to pursue separate careers. Ankeny became manager of Barclay Press, Newberg, a printing and publishing arm of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. He served in that role for 17 years before being named executive director of the church organization's Twin Rocks Camp and Conference Center in Rockaway, Ore. He served in that position for 14 years before he and his wife, **Gertrude (Haworth) Ankeny** (G50), retired to the Newberg area in 1994.

Field was named to the board of trustees in 1972 and was still an active honorary member 38 years later at the time of his death. He served many years as chair of the property and finance committee. In October, the board of trustees had honored him for his service. He and his wife, **Ruth (Canfield) Field** (n55), co-chaired the alumni phase of the university's Centennial Campaign in 1991, helping raise more than \$2 million for the university. Field was with

the Carnation Fresh Milk and Ice Cream Company for 32 years in various levels of management. In 1979 he became part owner and business manager for Natural Gas and Welding Supply, Sunnyside, Wash., retiring in 1993.



Harlow Ankeny



Bill Field

Central Oregon Fox Film Festival Special Screening

April 5

Connect with other George Fox alumni, parents and friends over light refreshments at the George Fox Redmond Center. Hear about the center's academic programs and meet professor Matt Meyer, who leads the cinema and media communications department in Newberg, as he shares about one of the fastest growing majors and some short films by our students. For more information and to register, visit alumni.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2131.



Portland Trail Blazers Game

April 12



Watch the Blazers take on the Memphis Grizzlies on Fan Appreciation Night with hundreds of other alumni, current students and future Bruins. Discounted group tickets are \$20. Tickets are limited. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit alumni.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2131.

Ultimate Road Trip

May 4-11

Director of Alumni Relations, Robby Larson, is hitting the road – driving from Newberg to the Bay Area, connecting with alumni, parents and friends of George Fox, and blogging about the trip the whole way! Do you live along the route? Have ideas of where he should stop or what he should see? To share your ideas, invite him to your town, and follow the journey, visit alumni.georgefox.edu.



San Francisco Giants Game

May 10

Watch the world champions on Giants take on the Arizona Diamondbacks with alumni, parents and friends in the City by the Bay! The game starts at 7:15 p.m., with free pre-game appetizers at a restaurant near the stadium. Tickets cost \$20. For more information, visit alumni.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2131.

Central Oregon Weekend

June 25-26

Alumni and friends are invited to take on the whitewater of the Deschutes River on Saturday and the challenging greens of Juniper Golf Course followed by dinner on Sunday. It's the quintessential Central Oregon weekend! Participate in any of the three separate events, or do them all to prove your mettle. For more information and to register, visit alumni.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2131.



George Fox University Golf Tournament

July 14

Join fellow golfers for the annual George Fox Golf Tournament at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore. We are seeking sponsors and players for the tournament, which supports student scholarships and the Bruin Athletic Association. Many sponsorship levels are available. For more information, visit golf.georgefox.edu.

Seattle Mariners Game

July 16

Watch the Mariners take on the Texas Rangers with other members of the George Fox family. Dinner



in the Lookout Landing area of Safeco Field begins at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 7:10 p.m. Cost is \$42 for the game and dinner. For more information, visit alumni.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2131.

Philadelphia Phillies Game

July 24

Watch the Phillies take the field against the San Diego Padres with other alumni, parents and friends of George Fox. The game starts at 7:05 p.m., with free pre-game appetizers at a restaurant near the stadium. Tickets cost \$30. For more information, visit alumni.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2131.



Homecoming

October 7-9

After 40 years,

homecoming is returning to the fall in 2011! Don't miss the launch of this re-imagined George Fox tradition. Highlights include the first-ever Homecoming Gala, Bruin athletic contests, and an outdoor tailgate party. Reunion events are planned for the classes of 1951, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001 and for all biology/chemistry and University Players alumni. For more information and to help plan your reunion, contact alumni relations at alumni@georgefox.edu or 503-554-2131.

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Achieve More



Experiential Ministries is a recently formed organization that takes students into nature in order to experience the beauty of creation and the Creator. On January 29, Paige Copenhagen, the Experiential Ministries chaplain, led a group of students on a snowshoe adventure through a forest trail on Mt. Hood. During lunch, students shared how natural experiences had taught them lessons about God, from the detail and design of tree bark to the rejuvenating beauty of the scenery. Read about this and more at the Life in the Fox Lane blog: blogs.georgefox.edu/life



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