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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.*

Cover photo: Michael Richeson



Michael Richeson

## The best witness: integrated lives



Connecting Christ and culture is core to George Fox. The emphasis of “Christianity and Culture” on our university seal is as galvanizing to us today as it was at our inception in 1891. Above all, we seek to be living signposts that point to Jesus and his kingdom on earth.

We know culture is not static, however, and so engaging the new generation requires fresh thinking. This generation is experiencing change at a breakneck pace – both in technological advances and in accepted societal norms. It is clear that many of the church’s longstanding communication methods are not reaching them. Fewer than half of adults younger than 30 say that religion is very important to them, according to the Pew Forum (see page 10). We must reimagine our concepts of Christian outreach.

The Q conference, which I attended in May, explored many of the church’s challenges and opportunities in this area. Held in Portland, the conference drew together more than 600 church and cultural leaders to discuss what it means to share Christ in ways that are meaningful to today’s culture. The conference was entitled “Q,” not “A,” because its purpose was to dialogue and raise important questions rather than provide answers – an interesting idea.

Among the topics pertinent to George Fox was the discussion of vocation, or calling. Steve Garber, author of *Fabric of Faithfulness*, suggested that Christianity suffers when our faith commitments are isolated from our work and daily lives. What we do in our work is integral to the mission of God, he said.

Oftentimes we consider the vocation of pastors, missionaries or educators as more sacred than other occupations, and we might even assume that students select careers such as engineering or business for financial award, while those who choose to be ministers receive “higher” callings that connect faith more intimately with their work.

Garber suggests nothing could be further from the truth. God is vitally interested in the work of people within every honest profession, and he has gifted individuals to create and contribute in ways that enhance the common good within their communities.

Garber used author Walker Percy’s image of a signpost as a way to think about a person living an integrated Christian life. We are essentially living witnesses of how God is working in our world – signposts to all those who will read the message.

I loved this comment from Garber: “The work of human hands matters.” One of the more profound ways we can impact the kingdom of God at George Fox is to help students understand the connections between their careers and the life of faith.

I believe an environment like ours that encourages mentoring relationships and integrated faith and learning is a powerful instrument for shaping this generation’s cultural influencers.

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## Johnson Runs to a National Track Title

Irene Johnson became the third George Fox athlete to earn an NCAA Division III individual title by running the 100-meter hurdles in 14.51 seconds at the 2011 Track and Field National Championships at Ohio Wesleyan University in May.

Johnson earned All-America status and joined men's javelin throwers Matt Gassaway in 2004 and Joel Krebs in 2007 as Bruins who have won NCAA track and field national events.

Johnson's winning time was actually half a second slower than the day before, when she had qualified for the finals with a school-record time of 14.21 that was the fourth-best mark in the preliminaries. Everyone ran a slower time on Saturday due to some strong headwinds measured at 3.5 mph at the time of the race.

Second place went to Portia Jones of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whose 14.13 in the Friday heats had been the best time.

"It actually was an amazing race for Irene," George Fox head coach John Smith said. "In addition to the headwind, she slipped momentarily coming out of the starting blocks and ran most of the race in third or fourth. She really turned it on over the last three hurdles to win in dramatic fashion."

Johnson and the Bruins' David Dillow, who placed sixth in the men's decathlon, earned All-America honors from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for their efforts.



David Hansen

## The World as Classroom



seas study trips led by professors. Excursions have reached every continent except Antarctica.

This year, students visited Thailand, Cambodia, New Zealand, Italy, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Greece, China, Tibet, Ecuador, Nicaragua and South Africa.

### MBA Goes to China

A group of 15 students, two faculty members and six guests traveled to Beijing, China, in May to represent the university's School of

Fox business graduate students have made the weeklong trips to locales including Brazil (2004-06), Shanghai, China (2007-09) and Beijing and Tianjin, China (2010-11). The trips are offered through Global Environment, a class in the university's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

### Juniors Abroad

More than 200 students embarked on international study trips to Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and New Zealand in May.

The college study abroad tours are part of the university's Juniors Abroad program. Since 1987, the program has sent third- and fourth-year students on three-week over-

Business as part of an international residency class that annually gives program participants the opportunity to study business abroad.

Since the program's inception in 2004, nearly 200 George



Karina Salgado



Notes for Japan

After the massive Magnitude 9.0 earthquake and following tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, the university's Trauma Response Institute wanted to encourage the people living in the devastated areas. The institute organized a "Notes of Encouragement" campaign to reach out to the Japanese people. Many of the university's staff and students participated, and the general community was welcome to join the effort, according to TRI Director Anna Berardi.

Letters were delivered to two distinct groups: students who attend college (undergraduate and graduate school, age 25 and younger) at Tokyo City University and children living in shelters in the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster zones. Rie Yabuki-DiCorcia, an associate professor of psychology at TCU, agreed to distribute adult-focused letters to her students and deliver child-focused letters to shelters.

"The goal of the notes of cheer was to express our care for them and their country during a very difficult time," Berardi said. "Some of the contributions we received include letters and artwork from local school children."

Go Online: See our video interview with a Japanese student who returned to Tokyo after the earthquake: [blogs.georgefox.edu/life/?p=523](http://blogs.georgefox.edu/life/?p=523)

## PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR

Two educators affiliated with George Fox University's School of Education earned Oregon Principal of the Year honors this spring, continuing a string of success for the university and its educational programs.

**Susan Rieke-Smith**, principal at Houck Middle School in Salem since 2007, was named the 2011 Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) and the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators. She is a 2000 alumna of George Fox's Master of Arts in Teaching program.

Susan Rieke-Smith



Also honored this spring was **Jay Mathisen**, principal of LaPine High School in LaPine, Ore., who was selected COSA's Principal of the Year. He is currently taking doctoral classes at George Fox and will be a guest presenter in one of the education classes on the George Fox campus this summer.

Jay Mathisen



Rieke-Smith and Mathisen continue a trend of educator award recipients associated with George Fox.

Last year, **Cathy Carnahan**, a principal at Duniway Middle School in McMinnville, Ore., who completed George Fox's initial administrative licensure program in 2000, won the state honor and was later selected the MetLife/NASSP National Middle Level Principal of the Year among a group of more than 50 candidates representing every state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense.

Still another former School of Education alumnus, **Randy Trani**, was Oregon Principal of the Year in 2008-09. He is superintendent and principal for the Corbett School District in Corbett, Ore. George Fox also had an award-winning educator in **Sara Johnson**, assistant superintendent of Lincoln County schools in Newport, Ore. She was named Oregon Elementary Principal of the Year in 2007, when she was principal at Grandhaven Elementary School in McMinnville, Ore.

## SERVICE MINDED *George Fox students take seriously the challenge of Jesus to serve as agents of love and reconciliation in the world. The following are a few ways they served this spring:*

- More than 70 students and employees spent their weeklong spring break serving others during the university's annual Spring Serve in March. Students traveled to Yakima, Seattle, and Neah Bay, Wash., as well as Los Angeles, to work on service projects in various cross-cultural settings.
- In April, contestants in the university's annual Mr. Bruin Pageant raised more than \$3,700 for the event's charity, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Participants raised money by selling tickets, putting on a bake sale and collecting money from audience members. Mike Calavan, a sophomore from Sisters, Ore., won the title of Mr. Bruin for his hula-hooping skills and witty personality.
- In April, the university's fashion design and merchandising students hosted a show that highlighted fashions from the past, present and future. The event was a benefit for Dress for Success Oregon, an affiliate of an international charity that provides low-income women with the tools they need to put them ahead in the job market.
- In May, a team of 19 students and staff traveled to Peru to help families still recovering from the 2007 earthquake that forced many from their homes. The group partnered with Adventures in Missions, an interdenominational missions organization, to assist with various projects.



## PROFESSORS *of the* YEAR

### Top Undergrad Teacher: Kris Kays



Kays, who has taught courses in the school's psychology major since 2005, earned the university's teaching honor for her contributions as an instructor, mentor and advisor.

In addition to her adjunct position with the George Fox doctor of psychology (PsyD) program, Kays (G87, PsyD94) worked a busy schedule this year covering classes in counseling, human sexuality, abnormal psychology, general psychology and first-year seminar. She also taught a section of the Liberal Arts and Critical Issues course, which engages senior students in research and response to a public issue of current significance.

Colleagues praise Kays for her ability to use class activities, lectures, presentations and creative assignments to keep students engaged.

### Top Undergrad Researcher: Lisa McMinn

McMinn (G91), a professor in the university's sociology major, received the research award for her extensive



teaching, writing and speaking engagements as a Christian sociologist. She was honored for scholarship that impacts both the campus and the community at large.

McMinn's scholarship is expressed in a variety of outlets, including books, articles and blogs - including the *Christianity Today* blog - and speaking engagements.

On campus, she served as a panelist addressing homosexuality and the Bible and presented a LACI lecture on "Seeing Sexuality: Understanding the Cultural Landscape."

### Top Graduate Researcher: Roger Nam



Nam, an assistant professor of Old Testament studies at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, was named the top graduate researcher.

He joined the seminary three years ago and teaches Old Testament, advanced Hebrew, biblical theology, ancient Near East, and spiritual formation courses. In addition, he has done 14 academic presentations before his peers and published four peer-reviewed articles in the past four years.

This past year, Nam completed the manuscript for his first book, *Portrayals of Economic Exchange in the Book of Kings*, and delivered a paper at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) in Atlanta. He also serves on two

national steering committees of the SBL, "Social Scientific Approaches to the Hebrew Scriptures" and "Economics in the Biblical World."

### Top Graduate Teacher: Anna Berardi

Berardi, a professor of marriage and family therapy, earned the award for top graduate teacher.

She has more than 20 years of clinical experience in private practice, is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a Licensed Professional Counselor, and is an approved American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy supervisor.

As a therapist and educator, Berardi specializes in the application of attachment theory and social-cultural dynamics and its influence on our neurobiology as it relates to working with individuals, couples and families across the lifespan. She brings this perspective into all courses she teaches, including the post-graduate certificate in trauma response services, a training program within the Trauma Response Institute, which she launched to sponsor training, research and service activities in support of individuals and communities facing traumatic events.





Michael Richeson

### Rare Ethiopian Gospels

A collector of Ethiopian manuscripts has donated another rare book to the George Fox Evangelical Seminary. The one-of-a-kind document is a handwritten copy of the four Gospels that once belonged to Empress Zewditu, who ruled Ethiopia from 1916 to 1930.

Seminary Professor Steve Delamarter unveiled the book on May 16 at the Portland Center Library for a small but highly enthusiastic crowd.

As the director of the Ethiopian Manuscript Imaging Project, Delamarter has tracked down more than 900 volumes and digitized them to keep Ethiopia's history intact. Last year, Delamarter returned to Ethiopia a Psalter once owned by Emperor Menilek II. The people celebrated the preservation of

their culture. This September, Delamarter will take 40 seminary students to Africa and deliver the four Gospels manuscript to the pope of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

Go online: Watch a video interview with Professor Delamarter about the four Gospels manuscript: [vimeo.com/23982089](http://vimeo.com/23982089)



### NASA grant allows biology professor to conduct climate research

A \$180,000 grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is helping fund biology professor Don Powers' role on a research project designed to shed light on climate change.

Powers is part of a four-member team conducting a four-year study, "Combining Remote-Sensing and Biological Data to Predict the Consequences of Climate Change on Hummingbird Diversity." The project, which received \$1.4 million from NASA, entails the study of hummingbird populations for the purpose of determining how these populations respond to climate change in specified locales of North and South America.

According to the proposal, hummingbirds provide an ideal system for evaluating the effects of environmental changes on biological diversity because hummingbirds are highly sensitive to climate and weather and are pioneer indicators of climate change.

With an additional contribution from George Fox, Powers will receive \$250,000 for his role as the project's physiologist. He will be responsible for measuring (and advising the measurement of) physiological parameters associated with hummingbird energet-

ics. Essentially, he will monitor energy expenditure in the birds – and determine if changes in foraging habits and migratory patterns impact their daily energetic costs. The research includes use of a thermal imaging camera to analyze their nighttime metabolic rate.

His research will involve trips to the southwest United States, Mexico and South America for data collection.

The grant also allows him to employ the help of undergraduate biology students on the trips. Powers said the research grant is the largest ever given to the school's biology department.

"This speaks to George Fox's commitment to academic scholarship," said Powers, who has more than 30 years experience studying hummingbird physiology.

"Research like this is part of the development of the science program here at GFU. As a scientist, it's my job to be out in the field and doing the science that I teach. Many science textbooks are five years out of date when they get published. That makes this kind of research and our work in the field critical if we are to teach cutting-edge science in our classrooms."





**MaryJo McCloskey** was named the Northwest Conference 2011 Women's Golf Coach of the Year after guiding her team to a second straight conference championship. The Bruins have put together four straight winning seasons and have competed in the national championship tournament two years in a row. That's a pretty good start for a program that's only five years old.

"It's been a great journey so far, and we have certainly become the team to beat in the Northwest Conference," McCloskey said. "Now we want to take it a step further and become the team to beat in the nation."

McCloskey's team has risen to each new challenge while beating top-ranked schools, including Amherst and St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

"It's been a total team effort, and I'm extremely proud of all that we have accomplished in a short amount of time," McCloskey said. "We are blessed at George Fox to have such great support and a community that cares about our student-athletes. We plan on continuing our exciting journey."

Go online: Follow the Bruin golfers each season at [bit.ly/kLQeJ3](http://bit.ly/kLQeJ3) or visit their Facebook page at [on.fb.me/lq91uc](http://on.fb.me/lq91uc)

*Women's golf coach MaryJo McCloskey gives junior Abby Mann tips on getting out of the sand.*



# COACHES OF THE YEAR

**John Smith**, now in his fifth year as the head coach of the track and field team, has once again received top coaching honors. Smith earned the Northwest Conference Women's Track and Field Coach of the Year honor for the second straight year.

"It's a team accomplishment," Smith quickly pointed out, giving most of the credit to his athletes and assistant coaches.

After graduating from George Fox in 1996, Smith continued to compete as a decathlete, but a cycling accident derailed his athletic career. He finished his masters in exercise sports science and came back to his alma mater as an assistant coach.

"I've always enjoyed coaching people and helping them achieve their goals," Smith said. "You're out of the classroom setting, and you're with the students a lot. You can go a bit deeper with the relationships."

Smith said the most rewarding part of his job are the Bible studies he has with his athletes. "The relationship with Jesus is the most important thing I can strengthen in them," he said. "That's hands down the coolest part of the job."

Go online: follow our track and field team by visiting [bit.ly/jQIOfE](http://bit.ly/jQIOfE)



# COMMENTING CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

**We have proclaimed “Christianity and Culture” as our motto since 1891.**

Now, 120 years later, moving the hope of the gospel into the heart of society is more challenging than ever. Although Christianity is still a major influence in the United States, a superficial glance at the numbers, as reported in a 2009 American Religious Identification Survey, paints a troubling scene:

- The percentage of self-identified Christians nationwide has fallen 10 percentage points since 1990.
- In the West (Oregon, Washington and California), the number of non-Catholic Christians declined faster than anywhere in the nation, dropping from 51 percent in 1990 to just 39 percent in 2008.
- For the first time in American history, non-believers are the fastest-growing religious segment.

Perhaps most troubling is a finding reported in the book *unChristian*: When 16- to 29-year-olds were asked to identify their impressions of Christianity, the most frequent images that came to mind were “Christianity has changed from what it used to be” and “Christianity in today’s society no longer looks like Jesus.”

But there's more to this story. Even with Christianity on the decline nationwide since 1990, George Fox has experienced tremendous growth. In 1986, leaders at George Fox re-envisioned the idea of a Christian university – and Christian ministry – and developed programs that prepared students to use their skills and career ambitions to benefit communities – to be “in the world but not of it.” The result has been an unprecedented 429 percent surge in enrollment.

At George Fox, we've embraced the call to connect Christ and culture, to train Christians to be leaders in all areas of life – to integrate the sacred into everything we do. Our approach is unique within higher education. We are intentional about creating opportunities for our students to be known – personally, academically and spiritually. George Fox graduates receive a holistic education and then take their vocational expertise into the workplace and bring the love of God with them.

The following stories highlight how our alumni, faculty and current students are using their vocations – whether it's running a multi-million dollar company, arresting sex trafficking criminals, making a movie or helping moms raise their kids – to make the world a better place. This is faith on the ground. This is connecting Christ and culture.



# BEYOND THE BOTTOM LINE

#### **CUI's Mission Statement**

CUI believes that there is more to business than making a profit. We recognize that we have been given a gift and strive to utilize our resources to invest in our employees, customers and global community.

#### **Core Values**

**Integrity:** Be honest and forthright

**Opportunity:** Recognize and enhance

**Generosity:** Give more

**Appreciation:** Live gratitude

**Accountability:** Be responsible; stay answerable

**Relationship:** People are most important

**Respect:** Look for the best in others

# Is it possible? Can a global, public company turn a profit while focusing on the biblical principles of caring for people and serving communities? If Matt McKenzie, 31, is the example, then the answer is an absolute “Yes.”

*By Michael Richeson*

**M**ckenzie, who graduated from George Fox in 2002 with a degree in Christian Ministries, is the president of CUI, Inc., a company his father founded in 1989. The company has mainly been a distributor of power supply products but is shifting into developing its own technology. CUI’s revenue last year was \$40 million, up from \$25 million the year before.

“That’s great in a bad economy,” McKenzie said.

As a teenager in the mid-90s, McKenzie worked in the warehouse of his father’s business. Then he taught himself AutoCAD and created technical drawings of their products. He worked his way up from the warehouse to a sales secretary to the sales manager for one of CUI’s divisions. Although he was steeped in the family business, his plan was to become a youth pastor after graduation from George Fox. McKenzie did both for a while, working 30 hours a week leading youth groups and 40 hours a week at CUI.

“I got more and more involved and became my dad’s right hand man,” he said.

All the while, his father was teaching him the importance of giving back. “He was intentional about treating the business like a person,” McKenzie said. “Every Christian should tithe and give as much as possible. The business is no different. Our core statement said everything in life is a gift, and it’s our responsibility to do good.

We’ve always had this principle of giving.”

Eventually, McKenzie transitioned into full-time work at CUI, and when his father sold the company in 2008 to a company that took CUI public, McKenzie became the president of CUI, Inc. and the chief operating officer of CUI Global.

“We’ve always seen work as our family, the community we care about most,” he said. “I’m passionate about the people here. Working here instead of a church was an easy transition. I didn’t stop being a pastor. And if you can lead a room full of junior high students, you can do anything. You can manage anyone after that.”

McKenzie, who earned an MBA from George Fox in 2007, began to develop further his father’s commitment to using the business to make the world a better place.

“The principles of the Bible are great, but average, secular people might write that off,” McKenzie said. “We took language from the Bible and translated it into good business practices. People are going to get the gospel whether they know it or not.”

People who might not respond positively to the Christian message as a whole still agree that living with integrity is a good business practice. “No one’s going to honestly argue against that,” he said.

CUI had always given a lot of money to local charities, but

Photos by Michael Richeson



↑ McKenzie converted a large empty space above the first-floor offices into a recording studio for him and his friends. While giving a tour of the building, McKenzie proudly pointed out that they had “rocked the sheets off” of the insulation. “It’s definitely an after hours activity,” he said.



↑ During the summer, the massive bay door on one wall of the break room goes up, and CUI hosts monthly barbecues for all the employees. Occasionally, the company shuts down at 4 p.m. and brings in catered food for a private happy hour.

McKenzie wanted to do something more. Reaching back to his days at George Fox, McKenzie created a Serve Day for his company. Once a year, all 60 employees perform some act of service. In addition, each division within CUI takes another day each year for its own Serve Day.

"We can talk about how it's important to be involved, but when you are painting a room in a mental hospital, and you hear people screaming because they're dealing with something very difficult – that's a much stronger lesson than anything I could ever teach," McKenzie said. "The Serve Days also created a point of interaction that our employees haven't seen before. People's perspectives are changed. It creates a tolerant and caring atmosphere."

McKenzie didn't stop there, though. He implemented a program for his nationwide network of sales reps. CUI calculates a percentage of their sales and gives them a bonus check, which the sales reps must then spend in their own communities to help others. The money has gone to disabled veterans, hospital donations, relief efforts after the BP oil spill, and dozens of other causes.

Within CUI's doors, a 60,000-square-foot building in Tualatin,

Ore., employees nominate one another for successful implementation of the company's values. The nominated employees are then recognized at monthly meetings and given prizes.

Employees at CUI said the company is very familial – that people take care of one another. McKenzie said they even have a benevolence fund for employees. When a woman at CUI was going through a personal crisis and ran short of funds, McKenzie quietly handed her a check for support.

"I'd like to think that what we do here shows our employees we care," McKenzie said.

Other companies are taking notice of CUI's "human first" business model and following suit. CUI's biggest customer, DigiKey, recently adopted its own Serve Day program after McKenzie spoke with the DigiKey CEO. DigiKey now has more than 4,000 employees doing service projects in the Midwest.

A Wall Street investor recently told McKenzie that few companies in the world operate like CUI – but more should. The business world has plenty of room for leaders in white hats – the good guys.

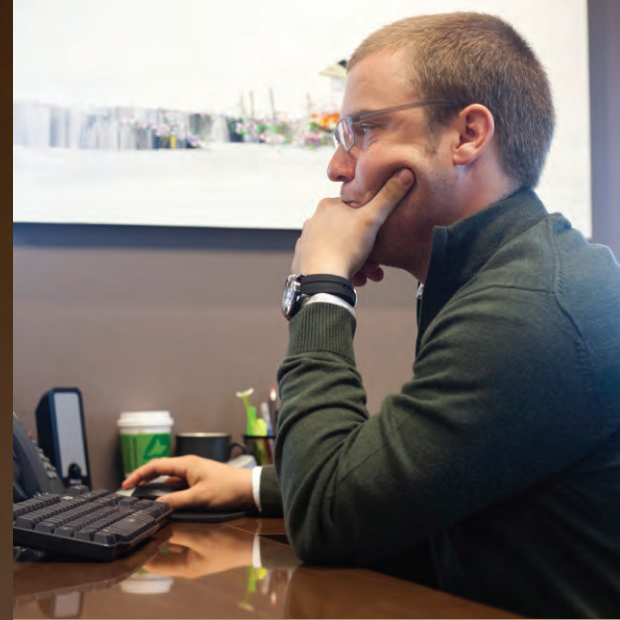
"Our growth path is really big," McKenzie said. "That means our impact will be even bigger."

McKenzie implemented a company-wide Serve Day to let CUI employees be a part of the company's efforts to help the community. "[It's] a much stronger lesson than anything I could ever teach," he said. →





↑ CUJ employees spend the day planting trees. McKenzie said give-back efforts fit at least one of three criteria: life needs, educational, locally focused.



McKenzie prefers to let his employees make their own decisions. “I try to be as uninvolved as possible and be a guiding force,” he said.

As a graduate of the George Fox MBA program and the president of a company, McKenzie puts leadership into practice every day. Here’s his advice to newly minted managers:

1. Learn to manage growth. You have to keep current customers happy while staying focused on the customers you want tomorrow.
2. What you’re doing must be sustainable. If you can’t keep doing it, you might as well shut down.
3. You always have to sell yourself – to your peer, your employee or your boss. You have to maintain your image. I hate that, but it’s the nature of the world.
4. So many people devalue the political game that exists in business. You have to be aware of it and control it. If you decide not to, it’ll swallow you, and opportunity will pass you by.
5. Network. Always.
6. Be as data-driven as possible. You can’t give feedback based on emotion or ambiguity.
7. Learn to manage the expert. Don’t be intimidated by someone who knows more than you. Use that as a tool to perform better.

# TO PROTECT AND SERVE

By Kim Felton

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Howery looks out over Portland, a city he works to protect. In the background is the City of Portland Police Bureau, where Howery works on the 13th floor.



The given name of a pimp in Portland is “Royal.” He calls himself the “Royal Flush,” and has his symbol – the royal flush of cards – tattooed on the back of his girls, his prostitutes in what pimps call their “stable.”

This is the kind of guy Josh Howery (G98) wants to put behind bars.

Not quite the same call Howery set out to answer when he enrolled at George Fox in 1994. Son of a pastor, Howery planned for the ministry himself, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in biblical studies.

On-the-job training for campus security derailed his plan; he discovered he liked learning law, self-defense, and helping right the wrongs. “I have a strong justice streak,” he says. “That’s a lot of what drives me in this job.”

Justice drives him – and he, for the first eight years, drove Portland’s streets. Assigned to East Precinct as a patrol officer, he roamed 82nd Avenue, well known for the prostitutes who stroll the sidewalks, and quickly learned “everyone out there has a pimp.”

Some pimps are self-induced: The money or the drugs own the women. “But when we’re talking about juveniles, there’s always a bad guy. We need to deal with that; it’s someone taking advantage of other people. They’re making 12- to 15-year-old girls do stuff that would turn your stomach. That person is a monster.”

Riding with Howery one day, we turned right off 82nd, east onto Sandy Boulevard, and passed a bus stop where two teenage girls waited. Howery turned the car around for a better look. I missed whatever he saw.

“School isn’t out yet,” he said. “Those girls have no business at the bus stop. See the van parked behind them, two men in it?”

But Howery didn’t stop. He’s a plain clothes officer now, driving a Toyota, not a patrol car, and had no backup nearby.

Last October Howery moved from East Precinct to Central Precinct, in downtown Portland. He and his partner comb the Internet, looking for the young girls. They set up dates – and then take the girls in for questioning. It isn’t about busting the girls; it’s about giving the girls help they need, and putting their pimps where they can’t hurt more girls.

We took a turn through downtown Portland, where Howery pointed out a free-standing public restroom, its metal sides creating a stall filling four square feet of sidewalk. A concerned citizen had called the police after stumbling upon a 15-year-old girl and a 50-year-old sex offender in the stall.

Every time Howery picks up girls in similar situations, he gets them to medical care – and then hopes they’ll testify against their pimps.

“If you arrest somebody for selling drugs, you have the drugs, the money, and what you saw. You have the evidence,” Howery says. “In prostitution, all you have is your victim. If she doesn’t testify, you don’t have evidence.”

Too often they don’t want to testify. They’re in love with their pimps, or ashamed – and always afraid.

“People ask me how I can be a Christian and do this job,” Howery says. “I don’t know how you can do this job and *not* be a Christian. My philosophy – and I stole it from my father – is, ‘It’s all about Him, nothing about me; and everything I do is kingdom work.’ These people need help; they need a

good influence.”

Sometimes that influence filters between the bars in the car separating Howery from his backseat guest. When a woman says God is punishing her, Howery takes the invitation: “I’ve said to them, ‘Wait a minute, that’s not what God is about. If you think God caused something bad to happen to you today, that’s not truth. That’s not what the Bible says. *You* caused this to happen today. What you do with that now is what will be a defining moment in your life.’”

But most of the time, Howery just shows up and expects God to do the rest.

“God is a God who is there,” Howery says. “Wherever I am, God is. Parts of my job are ugly and sound bad and are bad. God has given me an opportunity to do it. That’s enough for me.”

**“I HAVE A STRONG JUSTICE STREAK. THAT’S A LOT OF WHAT DRIVES ME IN THIS JOB.”**

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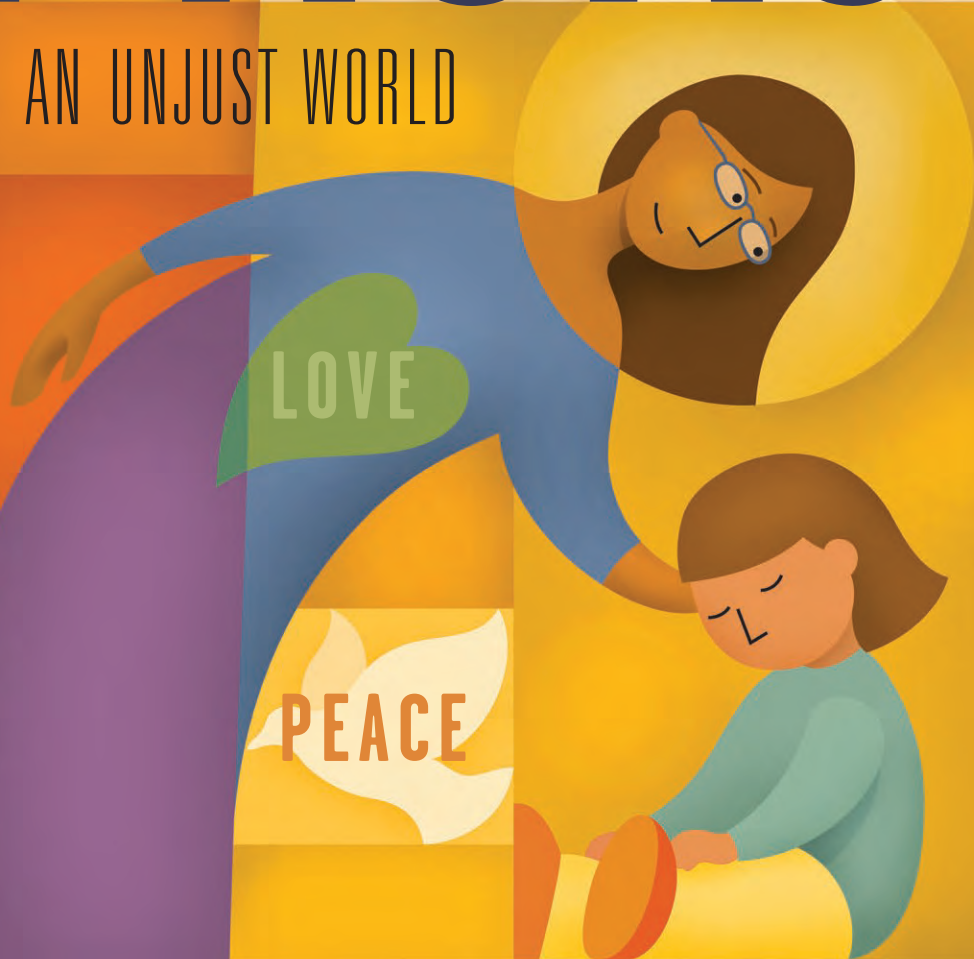


TRUTH



# JUST MOMS

CONVEYING JUSTICE IN AN UNJUST WORLD



Darryl Brown

# Conversations between friends about culture and raising children turned into a book full of essays about motherhood and social justice.

By Barry Hubbell



Compiled and coedited by **Melanie (Springer) Mock** (G90) and **Rebekah (Crover) Schneider** (G99), *Just Moms: Conveying Justice in an Unjust World*, published by Barclay Press, includes 27 stories by writers from California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Mock, an associate professor of English at George Fox, says the book came out of frustration. As she and Schneider, who was assisting in the writing department at the time, watched their boys play they shared feelings about what current culture was teaching their sons: that violence is good and that stuff makes you happy. The more they talked, the more they knew they had a book to share.

"We wanted to connect with others who were experiencing the frustration we felt," Mock says. "We hope the book will start conversations about what it means to help our children to learn the values that are important to us – peace, justice, contentment, equality."

The book is not a how-to guide, says Schneider. "We offer no easy solution to the

hard task of teaching our children to live a selfless life." There is no common approach. The individual stories celebrate successes and describe failures, reflecting varied approaches to parenting.

Schneider, an Albany, Ore., resident, recalls the good relationships that developed with contributors to *Just Moms* during the process of editing, corresponding and rewriting. "I'm glad it's not over," she says. "I'm glad we're entering the next phase where we get to start the conversation with readers."

In addition to Mock and Schneider, George Fox alumnae contributors to the book include **Heidi (Oester) Cox** (G98), **Doreen Dodgen-Magee** (G87), **Paula (Ankeny) Hampton** (G81), **Marilee Jolin** (G04), **Amy Lutz** (MA99), **Lisa McMinn** (SPS91), **Polly (Meyer) Peterson** (G89, MEd06) and **Nancy Thomas** (G67). Three contributors work at George Fox: Lutz is assistant professor of education, McMinn is professor of sociology, and Peterson is an adjunct writing instructor in the English as a Second Language program.

Go online: join in the *Just Moms* conversation on Facebook: [on.fb.me/kstPXg](https://on.fb.me/kstPXg)



## Excerpt from Rebekah Schneider's introduction to *Just Moms*

Over spring break our feisty 3-year-old notices someone the rest of us didn't. As we sat eating our pizza on the brick steps of Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square, everyone seemed oblivious to the hungry man to our left. Except for Coen. I caught him scooting his plate of pizza toward this man, who was clearly living on the streets. The man seemed uncomfortable taking food from a child. I would be, too.

I intervened, "Coen, are you wanting to give that man your pizza?"

"Yes."

I wanted to shout to everyone in downtown Portland: "Did you see that? Did you see my amazing son? He acted out on the prompting of God; he gave his food to someone in need. He gets it."

Later when I asked Coen why he gave his pizza away, he stated simply, "Because he didn't have any."

Of course, just when I think parenting is going really well,

something backfires. Like when we were driving home from our trip into Portland and Coen refused to give one fruit snack to his younger brother. I'm not going to share this particular mothering triumph with my friends, or post an update on Facebook about my son's inability to share.

But maybe I should. Maybe that is exactly what my friend ... needs to hear: that she's normal, her child is normal, and her child's current state is OK. I'm learning to hold my children's choices and actions loosely, for they mirror my own walk with God – a rocky, cyclical journey that ebbs and flows with obedience and disobedience, confidence and insecurity.

For all of us, parenting is an act of faith and trust. We trust the process. We trust that the Spirit of God is at work through our shining moments and through our failures. And sometimes, we look to others for guidance, commiseration, and a sense that we are in this parenting work together – recognizing that a community of other parents can provide meaning to our efforts.

# REEL-WORLD APPLICATION

By Sean Patterson

*Under the tutelage of a former Hollywood sound mixer, students are creating films that tackle social justice issues or simply entertain – minus the ‘cheese’ factor*

**I**nspired by the \$600 million generated by 2004’s *The Passion of the Christ*, Hollywood has been busy cranking out films intended to tap into the “Christian” market. There’s only one problem: “Most of them are cheesy,” says Matt Meyer.

As a professor in the university’s Cinema and Media Communication (CMCO) program, Meyer and his students are doing their best to change that. Together, they’re grappling a twofold question: How should Christians engage popular culture using a medium dominated by secular filmmakers, and how do they communicate their messages without coming across as predictable or campy?

“With the digital revolution, we have access to this incredibly powerful medium,” Meyer says. “Now, we just have to figure out how to use that medium to further the kingdom.”

Although most “Christian” films are made with good intentions, they’re not particularly effective, either as entertainment or ministry tools, Meyer says.

“(The creators) don’t want to offend anyone, so they sanitize their stories,” he says. “They often reduce the world into very simplistic, black-and-white stories, so the very people the filmmakers are trying to reach – those outside the church – are turned off.”

So what’s a Christian filmmaker to do? It’s a question that winds through many of Meyer’s classes. For some students, the answer is to make documentaries about social issues like sex trafficking or poverty. Others make thought-provoking short films that deal with thorny issues in an engaging, entertaining way. Others just want to be a Christian witness in a predominantly secular industry. “I think all those are good answers,” says Meyer, who worked in Hollywood as a sound editor or mixer on more than 200 movies and TV shows before coming to George Fox.

An emphasis on “being real” and avoiding the “cheese factor” has resulted in a wealth of quality film projects, ranging from high-tech adventure movies and documentaries to thoughtful dramas on stem cell research and life on death row. The quality and reputation of the CMCO program is spreading, having grown from 20 students to 70 in the last five years. Most importantly, students are taking their skills to the job market after graduation (see sidebar).

“We’re kind of this undiscovered gem of a program,” Meyer says. “Although we’re small, our students get some amazing opportunities they couldn’t get at a bigger institution. And it isn’t just in film: We have graduates who are working in TV news, in Christian radio and as record producers.”



## ON THE JOB

Following are some recent graduates working in the film and entertainment industry.

**Bethany Bylsma** (G07) is regional manager for Invisible Children ([invisiblechildren.com](http://invisiblechildren.com)), a nonprofit that uses film and other media worldwide to help end the use of child soldiers in Africa.

**Lia Elliott** (G10) is the director of Unsilenced Pictures ([unsilenced-pictures.com](http://unsilenced-pictures.com)) and is working on *Underneath the Surface: Modern-Day Slavery from Phnom Penh to Portland*, a feature-length documentary on sex trafficking.

**Elizabeth Wallace** (G10) is the media coordinator at St. Luke Productions ([stlukeproductions.com](http://stlukeproductions.com)), a Washington-based nonprofit organization “dedicated to evangelizing and renewing the culture through theater and the media.” Elizabeth is currently editing *Vianney Speaks*, a television pilot scheduled to air internationally on the Eternal Word Television Network later this year.

**Alex Post** (G10) recorded three CDs in the CMCO recording studio during his senior year and now has a record label to market his own hip hop recordings.

**Ian Becker** (G09) is shooting his thesis film this summer for USC’s School of Cinematic Arts. The film, set in the forests of Washington, deals with life lessons between father, son and a mountain lion.

**Mark Williams** (G06) is a machine room operator and Pro Tools specialist at Larson Sound Studios, where he helps create soundtracks for episodic TV shows and feature films.



1950-59

Hubert Thornburg (G52) and his wife, Vivian, were featured in a half-page "How We Live" section article in the March 10 issue of The Oregonian as they reached 70 years of marriage. Headlined "An Unbreakable Bond" and subtitled "A 70-year marriage thrives with respect, forgiveness and fervent apologies," the story tells of their marriage in Haviland, Kan., move to Oregon in 1948 and careers in teaching and as pastors.

Verne Martin (G54) received front-page treatment in the Newberg Graphic in February, featured because of his interest in preserving history of the Newberg area. He returned to his hometown last year after a teaching career that included 10 years in Sherwood, Ore., and 27 at Twality Junior

High in Tigard. It was there in 1972 that he was named Oregon's Teacher of the Year. He retired in 1991 but now spends some time supervising student teachers for George Fox's Master of Arts in Teaching program. Involved in the Newberg Historical Society, he wants residents to do more in preserving the history around them, especially involving Ewing Young, influential in development of Oregon's statehood.

1960-69

Carolyn (Hampton) Stansell (G66) is the new coordinator for the Road Scholar program (formerly known as Elderhostel) at George Fox's Tilikum Retreat Center. It is an educational program for adults, who come to spend a week from May through October

at Tilikum for learning on various themes. Helping her with the program is Ron Stansell (G65, MDiv75).

Kent Thornburg (G67) was featured as the first guest speaker for George Fox's new Dalton Lecture Series, sponsored by the Department of Biology and Chemistry. He spoke on campus Feb. 22 on the topic "New Science Wrestles an Old Problem: The Roots of Human Disease." He discussed how understanding of the differing roles of the human genetic code and the regulation of gene expression have shown how vulnerabilities for disease arise and spread from one generation to the next. He is director of Oregon Health & Science University's Heart Research Center and serves on numerous committees and boards for the American Heart Association, National



TRUTH AND LOVE

Arthur O. Roberts (G44), a man whose legacy at George Fox spans more than five decades, spoke at this year's spring undergraduate commencement ceremony.

The esteemed professor at large is a Quaker scholar, historian, professor, author, minister, small-town mayor, poet and 1944 graduate of then-Pacific College. Roberts has been

influential both as a professor and administrator at the university, including helping George Fox establish academic credibility, and he was instrumental in selecting its current name.

Roberts delivered a powerful address on truth and love, "Working as a Team." When folks try to follow truth without love, truth gets skewed into elitism and bigotry, he explained. When folks try to love outside parameters of truth, love degenerates into a tangle of private preferences. "When love and truth work together, freedom is maximized and truth prospers amidst diversity," he said.

Go online to read his speech: [blogs.georgefox.edu/president/?p=104](http://blogs.georgefox.edu/president/?p=104)

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Children's Heart Foundation and multiple international bodies.

### 1970–79

**Stuart Willcuts (G72)** has moved to Jerusalem to assume management of the Palestinian Community Assistance Project, which targets Gaza. The USAID-funded project, in cooperation with Mercy Corps, is a cooperative agreement with a \$100 million budget over three years. It is the largest single injection ever of U.S. taxpayer monies into Gaza. He has the title "Chief of Party" (a USAID title), and spends two to three days a week in Gaza with a 65-person team. He previously was Middle East regional director for Mercy Corps, based in Amman, Jordan.

### 1980–89

**Edwin Brown (G81)** and **Susan (Boden) Brown (n82)** live in Walla Walla, Wash., where both work for Walla Walla Environmental. He is territory manager and she is controller for the firm that developed insecticide paint additives. It now has 14 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency registrations for products that stay current with regulations and show respect for the environment.

**Darcy Weisner (n81)** is superintendent of the Clarkston, Wash., School District, taking

### KEY

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- 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

office July 1, 2010, after four years as principal at Walla Walla (Wash.) High School. He is in his 29th year in education, the first 21 as a classroom teacher and the last seven in high school administration. The district has 2,700 students in eight schools, 253 employees and a \$23 million budget.

**Darleen (Mock) Ortega (G84)** in March received the Judge Mercedes Deiz Award from the Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation. It recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to promoting minorities in the legal profession and community. Ortega has been a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals since 2003, the first woman of Hispanic heritage and the first woman of color to serve on the court. The award goes to "a person who has influenced minorities to pursue legal careers, opened doors for minority attorneys, or advanced opportunities for minorities within the profession." Prior to being appointed to the court, Ortega practiced law in Portland for 11 years, specializing in complex civil cases and appeals.

**Jim Fleming (MA88)** is the new chief information officer for Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore., overseeing technological infrastructure. He began in February. He was with George Fox University for 22 years, most recently as director of administrative computing, but previously serving as associate dean of students and registrar.

### 1990–99

**Melissa (Bullock) Thomas (G92)** is George Fox University's new registrar. She began in February after serving five and a half years as associate registrar. She joined the office in 2003 as assistant registrar, served as interim registrar twice while searches were underway, and was the lead person in the office as it transitioned between 2008 and 2009 to the new PeopleSoft database. Previously she was with the Northwest Yearly Meeting as youth program coordinator and membership coordinator for the Sherwood, Ore., YMCA.

## It's Time to Come Home

Growing up, my parents always encouraged me to play outside. It was a fantastic world of opportunity for a little boy that liked adventure and had a healthy sense of appropriate limits. There were very few guidelines, but one stood out: When the street lights come on, it's time to go home.



Over the past year, Alumni Relations launched a new initiative to reach graduates living beyond the Newberg/Portland area. After years of primarily inviting alumni to events on campus, we realized the need to offer connection opportunities in other areas. We launched our regional connections plan with gatherings in Boise, Central Oregon and Puget Sound. And we recently completed the Ultimate Road Trip, meeting with alumni from Salem to San Francisco.

From their inception, these events were meant to augment our local connections opportunities. As we've worked to create these new regional events, we've also been hard at work retooling one of our oldest: homecoming.

As you've probably heard, homecoming is permanently moving to the fall. This year's celebration will take place on campus Oct. 7-9. But this isn't the same old homecoming that you may have experienced in the past. The entire schedule has been overhauled, expanded and bolstered.

This all-new event will feature six class reunions, three affinity reunions (including one for the seminary), a semi-formal Homecoming Gala, networking opportunities, a tailgate party, sporting events, a worship service, a young alumni gathering, and more. Registration materials will be sent later this summer, but I encourage you to save the date and visit [homecoming.georgefox.edu](http://homecoming.georgefox.edu) for more information.

As alumni, you are always welcome to return home to George Fox. Think of homecoming as our way of turning the street lights on. See you soon!

Sincerely,  
Robby Larson  
Director of Alumni Relations



## Glimmer of Hope

Some of the best fundraisers around may be a pair of George Fox graduates who say even they don't understand their success.

**Jeff (G02) and Kristen (Meier) Greene (G02)**, over a span of six months last year, raised \$297,000 to return a favor to the country that gave them their two adopted children. If that accomplishment isn't enough, they've already raised another \$280,000 toward a second \$493,000 project.

The Beaverton, Ore., couple said they were inspired by what they found in Ethiopia, the country where their children, Tigist, 7, and Mihiretu, 4, were born. They were from a destitute village and the couple, visiting before adopting in 2008, was shocked and saddened by the thought of anyone – especially children – living in such conditions.

"We had a strong calling to give back to the country that has given us so much," Jeff says. "We found people filling their water jugs from dirty ponds and streams." There was no health care. They saw a school with 2,700 students sharing 20 classrooms, some with no furniture and students sitting on rocky ground. The Greenses knew they had to help and connected with the organization A Glimmer of Hope.

Their first campaign was for the commu-

nity of Dali. With their successful fundraising they provided 16 furnished classrooms, 12 latrines, a three-room health clinic and seven clean water points. Jeff witnessed the results last October.

Now the Greenses are raising funds for Tercha, the administrative capital of the Dawro zone, located in the same region as Dali and suffering the same deplorable conditions. The current source of drinking water for most of the town is a spring that collects in dirty pools of water that also serves as drinking water for animals. "To witness mothers filling their jugs with this water to be taken home and drunk by their children is a pretty emotional sight," Jeff says.

"We have used every available resource to continue raising money," Kristen says. "We were amazed at the impact our story had on others and how generously they wanted to give."

Jeff is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, in Lake Oswego, Ore., and has been with the firm for four years. Kristen stays home with their children and works nearly full time on the fundraising campaigns. Kristen majored in psychology at George Fox and Jeff, who played basketball for the Bruins in the 2000 and 2001 seasons, majored in mathematics.

The Greenses' project is the second largest



in the nation for A Glimmer of Hope ([aglimmerofhope.org](http://aglimmerofhope.org)), based in Austin, Texas. The nonprofit organization concentrates its work only in Ethiopia and has an endowment that covers all operating expenses, enabling all funds received to go directly to projects.



Photo courtesy Jeff and Kristen Greene





**Kevin Dougherty** (G93) returned to campus spring semester as a visiting scholar in residence while researching as part of National Science Foundation grant. He is assistant professor of sociology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, joining the faculty in 2005. The three-year research project is on entrepreneurial spirit, seeking to understand the social significance of religion in the world today.

**Aaron Downs** (G96, MEd97) is leaving his alma mater, West Linn (Ore.) High School, to become the new principal at Wilsonville (Ore.) High School next year. He was a social studies teacher and basketball coach at West Linn before becoming assistant principal two years ago. Downs was one of two finalists, selected from 13 original applicants, to head the 990-student school. The other finalist was Carlos Sequeira (G92), Wilsonville's assistant principal.

**Andy Dunn** (G96, MBA04) began a new position of director of purchasing and administrative services at George Fox on March 14, moving from his position as director of university stores. He has been on campus since 1996, when he started as textbook clerk with the bookstore. He was named manager in 1999, and his title changed when the store was outsourced in November 2010.

**Tim Goodfellow** (G97) in May began as programmer analyst in George Fox's Department of Institutional Technology, leaving his position as director of student housing in the Office of Student Life.

**Teg McBride** (MA98, PsyD01) is a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving as commander of survival, evasion, resistance and escape medical flight at the Survival School at Fairchild Air Force Base. He is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology and has current research projects involving increasing the efficacy of special forces selection, effect of stress and fatigue on the robustness of intelligence, and increasing the usefulness of psychological debriefs after stressful events. He and his family live in Spokane, Wash.

## 2000–09

**Jordan Green** (G01) is changing Idaho schools. He is the new assistant coach for the University of Idaho women's basketball team, leaving behind Idaho State where he was assistant coach since 2004. Until 2008 he worked under coach Jon Newlee, who he is now rejoining at Idaho. The three-time Bruin team captain will coordinate recruiting and team travel, have scouting responsibilities and work with Idaho's post players.

**Lisa (Roberts) Singleterry** (G01) received a Master of Arts in Teaching in May from Multnomah University and also received a music endorsement. She will continue to teach music at Portland Christian Elementary.

**Jared Valentine** (n01) has been named head coach for men's basketball at Warner Pacific

College, Portland, succeeding his father, Bart. He has been assisting with the program for 10 years, also working in financial aid and student affairs since 2003. He will continue in his current position as interim assistant dean of student affairs.

**Eric Bell** (G03) lives in Spokane with his family, where he is with Ganz USA as regional manager for six Western States. The Canadian-founded firm provides plush toys, giftware, collectibles and seasonal gifts to about 30,000 gift, specialty and department stores in the United States and Canada.

**Katie Fox** (G03) in February passed her Washington exam and now is a licensed social worker, living in Pasco, Wash., where she has opened a private practice. She sees individuals, couples and families and plans to focus in the geriatric field with baby boomers.

## Volunteer of the Year

It's difficult to go anywhere on George Fox University's Newberg, Ore., campus and not see some of the volunteer work of **John Lyda**, named the school's Volunteer of the Year for 2011 at a banquet on campus May 25.

The 1958 George Fox graduate has worked officially and unofficially for his alma mater since 1973. His paid work came to an end in 2000 after 18 years of service, many as superintendent of new construction, but he remains a fixture on campus. As a volunteer for the last 11 years, he's continued to assist on a variety of projects.

"My dad set the example – I remember him coming home from church camp being filled with joy over the volunteer work he was doing," Lyda said. "I figure, if God gives me these gifts, I want to use them. I can't work seven days a week or even five, but I get out and help when I can."

"Retirement" hasn't slowed Lyda down much. Instead, he's recently helped with some significant campus building remodels at the Villa Academic Complex, Lemmons Center, Center Street House and Fry House.

In addition, he's assisted with campus



projects that include the creation of a new high jump area near the track, siding of the Little Red Schoolhouse, landscaping near the Munn House, work in Hess Creek Canyon, and, most recently, supervision and construction of the just-completed gazebo in the canyon.

Lyda's contributions have saved the university untold thousands of dollars, according to director of plant services Clyde Thomas. "Every time I call him he's always willing to come in," Thomas said. "He loves to come in and be available to us."



**Gary Nafziger-Meiser (MA03)**, on his own, has established a development project in Zambia, beginning with a tree nursery in the badly deforested Mapangazya District. This year five additional village nurseries are underway, with hopes to have nearly 38,000 trees planted by season's end. He also is working to introduce rocket stoves, which effectively use twigs and field rubbish instead of large wood chunks for cooking and water boiling. This saves both trees and improves air quality. He makes annual trips to help with the project, using vacation time from his full-time position as custodial supervisor for the Boise School District.

**Andrew Brittell (G04)** and **Stephen Brittell (G04)** and their wives have opened Velour

– Fashion Recycled, a fashion retail shop in Newberg. The brothers continue to record and produce music with their band, Brightwood, while helping with the store that opened April 1. It buys, sells and trades “gently used” and “pre-loved” clothing, accessories and some home décor pieces.

**Kimberly (Hayes) Brandt (G05)** in February was named the new city leader for CRAVE Portland, a branch of the national organization that supports female-owned businesses, connecting small business owners with customers. It emphasizes community, connection and adventure with business chats, symposiums and parties and events. In production is the second edition of “CRAVE Portland: The Urban Girl’s Manifesto,” show-

casing more than 100 Portland women and their businesses. She is founder of Billede Design, a Portland photo styling and event design studio.

**Raymond Leach (DMin06)** is chaplain with the U.S. Army’s 181st Infantry Brigade at Fort McCoy, Wis. He began his service career in 2004, but has been in the ministry since 1992, pastoring churches in New York, Indiana, Montana, Idaho and Iowa. He has traveled to Hungary twice, Portugal three times and to Spain and Peru on missions trips. He served 16 months as a chaplain in Iraq, then extended for two years at Fort Lewis in Washington, preparing troops and unit ministry teams for combat deployments, before transferring into the Army

## Quake Survivor



When the epic and devastating 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami savaged parts of Japan on March 11, it nearly claimed alumna **Katherine Heasley (G96)**.

For three days Portland television stations reported Heasley was missing and interviewed her worried parents in Hillsboro, Ore.

Then the good news reached them: she had survived the tsunami that wiped out Kamaishi City, where she had been living and teaching English for two and a half years.

Heasley stood on a nearby hill and watched the unending ocean roll in. “All those of us on the hill could do was watch helplessly, praying that it was only a dream,” she says.

“The wave, when it came, was merciless. It threw cars around like toys and lifted whole houses right off their foundations. My apartment building was knocked down, broken up and then dragged back out to sea, along with everything I owned except the clothes on my back and the contents of a small bag I’d grabbed on my way out,” Heasley says.

Heasley’s apartment was a literal stone’s throw away from the water. She had joked with her family that if a tsunami ever hit, she’d have to move fast. Alerted by warning sirens, she did.

She recalls the roar of the water and the sound of collapsing buildings that could be heard for miles away. Heasley spent the night at a shelter, along with a few hundred of her fellow Japanese neighbors. There was no electricity and no phone service, and not even cell phones would work. She worried about how to let her family know she was alive.

Heasley spent the following week at the Kamaishi

Seawaves rugby clubhouse. She had become friends with the team captain’s family, and they allowed her to stay with them. Rugby club families had gotten together to share warmth, shelter and food at the clubhouse. “I helped where I could, because there was no way out of town,” Heasley recalls.

After a week, Heasley was able to hitch a ride out of town with some American soldiers helping with relief efforts. Her sponsoring company found a place for her to stay until she could leave for the United States. “To my relief, I found that all my teachers from my program had survived,” she says. “To my sorrow, not all of my Japanese friends had. Some of my students still haven’t been found.

“For those of us who lived through it, the tsunami has left an indelible impression on us. It’s easy to believe what you’ve built is permanent, but the truth is, it can all be swept away in an instant.”



Photo courtesy UK Department for International Development



reserves for his current mission.

**Sheri Philips** (SPS06) left George Fox after 14 years. She started at the university as director of alumni and parent relations, then became executive director of alumni, parent and church relations before moving on to serve as executive director of advancement and, most recently, as executive director of university relations. She plans to spend time fulfilling her dream of developing, coaching and mentoring women on their personal, professional and spiritual journeys. She will continue on a part-time basis to coordinate Selah (women's conference) and Kaleo (youth workers conference).

**Sean McKay** (MEd07) began in March as the new director of administrative computing at George Fox. He continues to hold his title as chief information security officer.

**Shane Bassett** (EdD08), principal at Glenfair Elementary School in the Reynolds School District in east Portland since 2007, has been announced as the new principal for the district's Sweetbriar Elementary School, starting with the 2011-12 school year.

**Stephen Pick** (G09) and **Caleb Thurston** (G10) have completed their theatrical career at George Fox, but they aren't done with drama, establishing Valley Repertory Theatre, based in Newberg. They plan a season of performances beginning in September. Thurston is serving as executive director and Pick as artistic director. They hope the theater company will be a bridge for graduates of university theater programs throughout the area who haven't yet made the leap to larger professional theater outlets.

**Kimberly Walters** (MAT09) and her husband, Clayton, are preparing to move this September to Kuwait, where she will be teaching sixth grade math and science on the girls campus at American Creativity Academy. This school year she has taught sixth grade math and seventh grade social studies at White Mountain Middle School in the Eagle Point (Ore.) School District. The prior year she taught math at Lahaina Intermediate School on Maui, Hawaii.



## RISING SO FAST

**Alex Post** (G10) has come a long way since he began his music career by beat boxing into a tape recorder at age 15. Recently, Post won third place in the Hip Hop/R&B category of the International Songwriting Competition, an annual contest for aspiring and established songwriters.

Post's winning song, "Falling So Fast," came from a 17-track album titled *Ace and Pearl*, written by Post and jazz musician Erin Elizabeth Aubrey. Their song stood out among 15,000 submissions from 115 different countries, impressing a group of judges that included famous singers and songwriters.

Post and Aubrey's collaboration began after they met at the Contemporary Music Center, part of the Best Semester program. They spent a week recording tracks that fused Post's hip-hop experience and Aubrey's jazz vocal and piano skills. The

result: smooth jazzy hip-hop with film noir undertones.

"I heard her perform a song one night (at CMC) and told her that her music would be perfect for sampling and making hip hop beats out of," Post says of Aubrey. "She then goes on to tell me she loves hip hop, even though she is a southern belle from eastern Tennessee with a thick southern accent."

His reaction to winning third place in the songwriting competition: "Not too bad for a white dude and a southern country girl."

Next up for Post is the release of *Brass Knuckle Bullies*, a mix of folk, jazz, funk and hip hop on which he teamed up with Dominique Berho (G11). "It's gonna be fire!" Post says.

Go online: Listen to "Falling So Fast" and read a Q&A with Post at [blogs.georgefox.edu/life/?p=620](http://blogs.georgefox.edu/life/?p=620)

## 2010

**Nathan Glancy** (MDiv10) and family in March returned to Mozambique as he became country director for Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to those who are hurting. He is responsible for project development and implementation and staff management. He previously was in Mozambique for three years with OMS International, serving as director of Every Community for Christ,

training pastors and planting churches. They have been in Oregon for the last year.

**Chris Skinner** (MBA10) began May 31 as the new police chief of Richland, Wash., picked from a pool of 41 candidates to guide the city of 47,000, one of the Tri-Cities in Eastern Washington. He has been with the Hillsboro, Ore., Police Department for the last 10 years, the last three as deputy chief. Previously he was with the Benton County Sheriffs Office in Oregon for 10 years. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



## 22 years of Doughertys

There will be something missing when classes begin in the fall. For the first time in 22 years and over parts of four decades, there will not be a Dougherty enrolled at George Fox.

When **Kyler Dougherty** walked across the stage April 30 to receive his degree, he was the seventh – and last – of the Springfield, Ore., family to graduate from the university. His father and five siblings who preceded him were there to greet him as he ended the line.

“What an amazing journey this has been for our family,” his mother, Shirley, wrote in a thank-you letter addressed to several school administrators. “We will be eternally grateful for your godly investment in our children in so many varying ways.”

The George Fox connection began in 1968 when father **Douglas Dougherty** began classes at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, at that time called Western Evangelical Seminary. He received an MDiv in 1972 and, for the last 30 years, has been pastor of the Springfield Church of God, assisted by his wife.

While some parents may ponder how they are going to afford even one child in college, the Doughertys, on a pastor’s salary and with a stay-at-home mom, found ways. “If you’re where the Lord wants, and you’re doing all you can do, God is going to provide – one step at a time,” Shirley says.

It didn’t hurt that all six children were valedictorians when they graduated from Thurston High School in Springfield. That started the financial ball rolling with scholarships. Then each worked in the summer. All held campus work-study jobs during the school year. And there were both institutional

scholarships and aid from donors and off-campus-based scholarships. Loans also were a part of the packages, but Shirley proudly points out they were minimal – and some children already have paid them off. “God always met the need,” she says.

They kept family ties strong despite the 100 miles between Springfield and Newberg. The parents believe they averaged about 15 trips each year for the more than two decades. That adds up to about 66,000 miles traveled – enough miles to have gone more than two and a half times around the world. “Had the roads not been resurfaced many times since we’ve been traveling back and forth to Newberg,” Shirley wrote, “we are confident you could see grooves on the roads where the Dougherty family has traveled back and forth to Newberg.”

From left to right:

**Kyler Dougherty** (G11), seeking work in graphic design; **Danae (Dougherty) Moore** (G06), with Luke-Dorf (community mental health agency), living in Newberg, married to **John Moore** (G06); **Derek Dougherty** (G04), mathematics teacher and head soccer coach at Eagle Point High School, Medford, Ore.; **Ryan Dougherty** (G00), director of undergraduate admissions at George Fox University, married to **Meredith (Jessup) Dougherty** (n98); **Heidi (Dougherty) Johnson** (G97), stay-at-home mother of three in Boise, Idaho; **Chad Dougherty**, who attended Lane Community College, designer at the *Register Guard*, Eugene, Ore.; **Kevin Dougherty** (G93), assistant professor at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, married to **Kimberly (Cain) Dougherty** (G95).

**Rebecca Turba** (G10) is in Cape Town, South Africa, working with Bridges of Hope Academy. She teaches English, art and math at the school, home for 50 orphans, ages 12-18. She lives with the students, mentoring them through Bible studies and after-school programs, with the goal of enabling them to move on to universities and become leaders in South Africa.

## JUST MARRIED

**David Lloyd** (G02) and **Charity Harang**, June 13, 2010, in San Diego.

**Sarah Myhre** (G05) and **Kent Mazur**, May 9, 2010, in Salem, Ore.

**Jamie Dozier** (G07) and **Zach Berger**, Dec. 30, 2010, in Portland.

**Alexandra Salter** (G07) and **Andy Blanc**, Aug. 14, 2010, in Gresham, Ore.

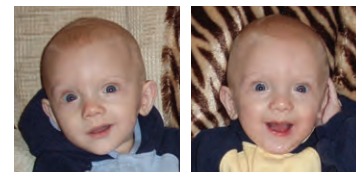
**Cherie Beck** (G08) and **Jesse Foote** (G08), Jan. 22, 2011, in Renton, Wash.

**Danielle Morford** (G09) and **Corbin Newkirk** (G11), Dec. 18, 2010, in Wilsonville, Ore.



## BABY BRUINS

**Jennifer (Jorgenson) McConnell** (G96) and **Matthew McConnell**, twin boys, Levi Andrew and Ethan Aaron, May 15, 2010, in Twin Falls, Idaho.





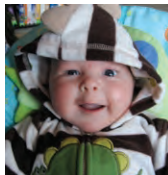
**Andrew Ailes (G99)** and **Jana (Kilpatrick) Ailes (n99)**, a girl, Raena Grace, Aug. 31, 2010, in Carson City, Nev.

**Jenae (Miller) Huck (G99)** and **Matthew Huck (G99)**, a girl, Eliana Rose, Oct. 23, 2010, in Portland.

**Jonathon Knosp (G99)** and **Wendy (Mueller) Knosp (G00)**, a girl, Penelope Belle, June 28, 2010, in Burlingame, Calif.

**David Barbee (G00)** and Emily Barbee, a girl, Madeline Grace, March 21, 2011, in Allentown, Pa.

**Jenny (Records) Filonczuk (G00)** and Shannon Filonczuk, a boy, Joseph Anthony Thackston, Sept. 23, 2010, in Mineok, Texas.



**Erin (Hatch) Macy (G00)** and **John Macy (G00)**, a girl, Sage Charlotte-Rose, March 2, 2010, in Newberg.

**Rachel (Bellamy) Mardock (G00)** and **Robert Mardock (G00)**, a boy, Greyson Zachary, Sept. 29, 2010, in Seattle.



**Eric Costa (G01)** and Jerilee Costa, a girl, Evangeline Joyce, Sept. 22, 2010, in Portland.

**Sami (Sciuchetti) Kubicek (G01)** and Troy Kubicek, a boy, Eli Fredric, Feb. 27, 2011, in Spokane, Wash.

**Callie Jo (Pfeifer) McKinney (G01)** and **Collin McKinney (G02)**, a boy, Cashel Andrew, June 15, 2010, in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Nicole (Prazeau) Springer (G02)** and Brandon Springer, a girl, Olivia Sandra, Feb. 3, 2011, in Portland.

**Kalina (Campbell) Morgan (G04, MEd09)** and **Travis Morgan (G04)**, a boy, Isaiah Luke Hangeol, born Dec. 13, 2008, in South Korea, adopted May 9, 2010, in Newberg.

## IN MEMORY

**Lawrence McCracken (n37)**, April 6, 2011, in Caldwell, Idaho.

**Lewis Hoskins (G38)**, Jan. 26, 2011, in Kapaa, Hawaii.

**Mahlon Macy (G44, MDiv49)**, March 10, 2011, in Newberg.

**Dorothy Barratt (G49, MDiv57)**, March 27, 2011, in Newberg.

**Elnora (Liebnow) Potter (n49)**, Jan. 26, 2011, in Portland.

**Victor Barnick (n56)**, Feb. 26, 2011, in Salem, Ore.

**Roberta (Day) Kistler (n64)**, Jan. 1, 2011, in Newberg.

**John (Rick) Herrick (G72)**, March 16, 2011, in McMinnville, Ore.

**Carol (Helm) McDonald (G79)**, March 6, 2011, in Alva, Okla.

**Dennis Sturdevant (n81)**, March 17, 2011, in Newberg.

**Edana Bickel (SPS94)**, Jan. 27, 2011, in Portland.

**Mark Brewer (n95)**, April 6, 2011, in Dayton, Ore.

**David Thoen (MBA11)**, Feb. 4, 2011, in Portland.

## IN MEMORIAM

The university's first seminary graduate has died. **Mahlon Macy**, who graduated as a class of one, received his degree in 1949 from Western Evangelical Seminary (now George Fox Evangelical Seminary).

He was 88 at the time of his death March 10 in Newberg. A 1944 Pacific College (now George Fox) graduate, Macy, a retired pastor, was named the seminary's Alumnus of the Year in 2003.

Macy was one of two seminary alumni honors recipi-

ents to pass away in March. Longtime university board member **Dorothy Barratt**, a 1957 seminary graduate who earned a master of divinity degree and was named seminary Alumna of the Year in 1985, died March 27, also in Newberg. A 1949 Pacific College graduate, she was awarded the university's top alumni honor in 1990. She served on the board of trustees from 1977 to 1993, then was awarded honorary trustee status.

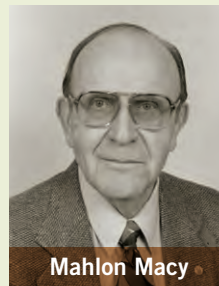
Barratt was a recorded Friends pastor with the Northwest Yearly Meeting who helped build Christian education ministries in Friends churches throughout the United States. For many years, she was general edi-

tor of *Adult Friend*, a quarterly publication for Sunday school classes, and for 39 years she was a member of the Christian Education Board of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Macy, a Friends minister, served pastorates in Oregon, California, Washington, Nebraska and Texas. For nine years (1973-82), he was superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends. He also did interdenominational work with the National Association of Evangelicals, including eight years at the NAE national office in Wheaton, Ill., serving as regional director, field director and later director of development.

After retiring from 45 years of active ministry and moving to Newberg in 1987, he continued to assist as the interim pastor of North Valley Friends Church, interim executive director of Friendsview Manor, consultant to Rocky Mountain Yearly

Meeting and volunteer chaplain at Newberg Providence Hospital.



Mahlon Macy



Dorothy Barratt

### Philadelphia Phillies Game

July 29

Watch the Phillies take the field against the Pittsburgh Pirates with other alumni, parents and friends of George Fox.



The game starts at 7:05 p.m., with hosted pre-game appetizers at a restaurant near Citizens Bank Park. Tickets cost \$30. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [alumni.georgefox.edu](http://alumni.georgefox.edu) or call 503-554-2131.

### Boise Hawks Game

August 17



All alumni, parents, and friends of George Fox are invited to join us for an exciting Boise Hawks baseball game. The game begins at

7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each and include \$2 in food vouchers. Throw on your George Fox T-shirt, grab the family, and head out to the ballpark. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [alumni.georgefox.edu](http://alumni.georgefox.edu) or call 503-554-2131.

### Homecoming

October 7-9

Homecoming is returning to the fall and you won't want to miss the launch of this newly redesigned tradition. Highlights include the first-ever Homecoming Gala, an outdoor tailgate party, a young alumni reception, and many more exciting new activities. Reunion events are planned for the classes of 1951, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001 and for all biology/chemistry, Seminary and University Players alumni. For more information, visit [homecoming.georgefox.edu](http://homecoming.georgefox.edu).



### Family Weekend

November 4-6

Parents and families of George Fox students are invited to experience life on campus during this exciting weekend. Activities include musical and theatrical performances, a luncheon banquet with President Baker, Sunday worship, and the ever-popular Family Weekend Bingo. For more information, contact parent relations at [parents@georgefox.edu](mailto:parents@georgefox.edu) or 503-554-2134.



### Tour Greece with George Fox

Alumni, parents, and friends of the George Fox are invited to

explore Greece in early summer 2012. The 13-day trip departs May 27 and will follow the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through Greece. Stand on the stones of first-century churches of Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus; visit numerous sites of Classical and Hellenistic Greece; and experience the beautiful Greek Isles on a four-day cruise with stops at Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, and Patmos – where John received and wrote his Revelation. For more information and to reserve your spot on the tour, contact Alumni Relations at [alumni@georgefox.edu](mailto:alumni@georgefox.edu) or 503-554-2131.

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Michael Richeson

## Boiler Bay Biology

Biology students spent a day on the Oregon coast searching tide pools for an assortment of marine life. Sea slugs, sea urchins, starfish, blood stars, sea lemons, kelp crabs ... the area was an explosion of exciting discoveries. See the full photo slideshow at [blogs.georgefox.edu/life/?p=576](https://blogs.georgefox.edu/life/?p=576)

