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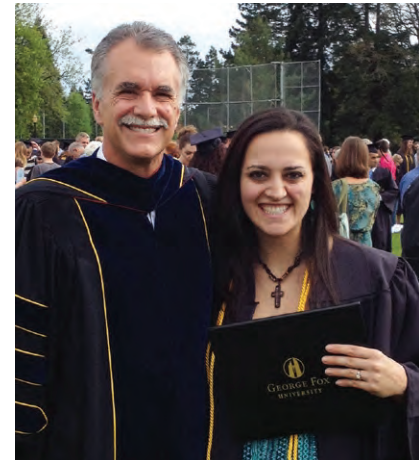
WATER FIGHT! Robin Baker traded in his suit and tie for shorts and a T-shirt in order to join in on a little summertime fun out on the quad. The result? A very drenched university president, and some great footage for a lighthearted Welcome Weekend video made for incoming freshmen.

▶ Visit georgefox.edu/waterfight to see the video.

It Takes a Family

Four years ago, our then-women's basketball coach introduced me to a new student named Ari Mohsenian. Ari was a great three-point shooter and fierce defender who dreamed of becoming a teacher.

Our coach asked me if I would serve as a mentor for Ari, who had come to know Jesus personally in high school. That transforming experience gave her a desire to attend college in a Christ-centered community. I asked Ari to take a personal assessment test, and we spent time during the semester talking about her strengths. We interacted many times over the next four years, and I saw Ari grow in wisdom and in her passion to work with others. She became one of the finest basketball players ever to play at George Fox, and perhaps more importantly, one of our best leaders.



President Baker and Ari Mohsenian at spring commencement

This summer, my wife Ruth and I had the privilege of attending Ari's wedding in her hometown of Yakima, Wash. The wedding was in a beautiful garden shaded by large trees. We arrived early, and it was impressive to count the number of George Fox people who made the three-hour drive to celebrate Ari and Garrett's special day. They came from every area of the university: her coach Michael Meek; athletic director Craig Taylor; athletic department administrative assistant Patty Findley; residence hall staff; education professors; students from the residence hall where Ari served as a resident assistant; and teammates. Even one of our basketball alumni who continues to host weekly player gatherings at her family's home was in attendance. All played a role in Ari's life and development at George Fox, and all were glad to have known her and shared her love for Christ.

As I reflected on the wedding, I thought about how it represented the best of George Fox University. When a student comes to us, it is our desire to adopt them into our family. We want them to receive the excellent education we are known for, but we want so much more. We want them to mature as people, to gain a vision for life and to come to know Jesus Christ more personally. This is happening on our undergraduate campus, our regional sites and – as you can read in this issue – throughout the world through our hybrid online programs.

It is our purpose here at this institution to send more Aris out into the world. Christ has called us to this task, and we embrace it willingly.

Robin Baker
President





Nationally Recognized Christian Artist to Mentor Music Students

Students in the university's music department will have something to raise their voices about this year when renowned songwriter, artist missionary and worship leader Aaron Strumpel joins the George Fox community as artist practitioner in residence.

Strumpel, whose tenure at the university is being hosted by the school's Center for Peace and Justice, will spend much of his time mentoring student music ensembles, including the chapel band and Shalom worship team.

Born and raised in southeast Iowa and a graduate of Wartburg College, Strumpel began his music career performing with The Restoration Project before launching his solo career in 2006. He has since gone on to release seven full-length albums and four EP's. His most recent albums, *Elephants* (2009) and *Birds* (2011), earned high praise from *Christianity Today*, *Paste Magazine* and *Relevant Magazine*.

▶ Visit georgefox.edu/aaronstrumpel to view a live studio performance.



University Receives Grant to Continue Cancer Research

In 2010, a sizeable research grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust gave biology professor John Schmitt and a group of George Fox undergraduate students the opportunity to join the fight against cancer. Now, two years later, they're getting the chance to continue what they started.

In March, Schmitt received approval for a second Murdock grant – this time in the amount of \$37,500 – to fund the research project "Vitamin D Regulation in Breast Cancer Cells." Including an additional contribution from the university, Schmitt and his students will receive a total of \$47,500 in funding – enough to continue the project for two more years.

According to Schmitt, the initial grant has enabled the identification of a novel cell and molecular pathway that contributes to breast cancer cell growth. He and his students also published a manuscript implicating several enzymes involved in prostate cancer progression.

"This is a tremendous honor," says Schmitt, adding that the ultimate goal is to "gain a better understanding of the biological events that participate in cancer cell behavior and how we might prevent or stop the disease."



Celebrated Performer Returns for Concert

Opera aficionados around campus got a big treat in April when alumnus Richard Zeller (G83), one of America's foremost baritones, joined music professor Kenn Willson on-stage at Bauman Auditorium as part of the university's Bösendorfer Concert Series.

Zeller's impressive resume includes 12 seasons at the Metropolitan Opera House and engagements at opera houses around the world. He was accompanied by Willson on the university's Bösendorfer Imperial Grand Piano, often called the "Rolls Royce of Pianos."

The concert, sponsored by George Fox's performing arts department, has brought in several world-renowned musicians since its inception in 2007.





INSPIRED TO SERVE

When Roby's Furniture and Appliances owners George and Cindy Lewis were considering different ways to give back to the local community, they didn't have to look far for inspiration. After all, both of their children, Ryan Lewis (G01) and Andrea (Lewis) Langeliers (G02), are George Fox graduates.

"We were talking about things we could do as a company, and they both mentioned that George Fox does a serve day," explains Cindy Lewis. "So we thought we would try it this year."

As a result of that conversation, on Feb. 8 each of the five Roby's stores (Astoria,

Tillamook, Lincoln City, Newport and Florence) closed their doors and spent the day serving a local foster family. Projects ranged from yard work and painting to constructing a new interior wall in one house to create a nursery.

"It was a really good day," says Lewis. "The families just acted like we blessed them to bits."

In addition to a boost in employee morale, Lewis also noted that the company's sales in February were the highest in years, despite the loss of a full day of business. Plans are in the works for another Roby's serve day in February 2013.



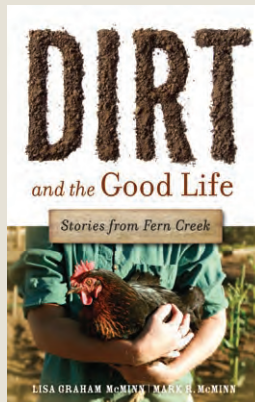
Staples Named Volunteer of the Year

Bruin basketball fans may not recognize the face of the university's 2012 Volunteer of the Year, but they certainly know his voice.

Since the 1999-2000 season, Don Staples (G86) has been the volunteer public address announcer for George Fox women's basketball home games. In 12 full seasons, with an average workload of 12 to 16 games per year, he has called more than 200 games for the Bruins, ranging from alumni contests to NCAA post-season tournaments. That amounts to more than 400 unpaid hours.

Staples' volunteer work with the Bruins actually began earlier, in 1996, when he began filling in as a backup PA announcer. His broadcasting career started when he was spotted sitting at the top of the Miller Gymnasium bleachers talking into a microphone connected to his recorder. He was given a vacant seat at the media/officials table courtside and later moved down a few seats to work in an official capacity.

McMinns Pen Book Inspired by Life on the Farm



Back in 2006, when Mark and Lisa McMinn were professors at Wheaton College, they decided to return to their home state of Oregon, take positions at George Fox and start a farm in Newberg.

Today, that five-acre plot of land – and the stories and produce that grew out of it – have become the inspiration for a book of essays titled *Dirt and the Good Life: Stories from Fern Creek*.

Mark, a psychology professor, and Lisa, a

sociology professor who retired from George Fox last spring, published the book in April through Barclay Press. While both are accomplished academic writers, this book stretched them beyond their comfort zones.

"*Dirt and the Good Life* is different ..." Mark told the *Newberg Graphic*. "Each of the stories points to some deeper meaning ... We hope all of the essays point toward gratitude, contentment and the simple goodness we find in growing things from the earth."

Visit barclaypress.com/324 to learn more about the McMinns' book



Far right: Emily Haegen



Theatre Department Unveils Original Production

In April, the university's theatre department lifted the curtain on perhaps its most ambitious project to date when the original play *The Broken* opened in Wood-Mar Auditorium.

The university's first foray into creating an original full-length play, *The Broken* was inspired, in part, by theatre professor Rhett Luedtke's experiences in Papua New Guinea. The plot centers on exploring the tensions, paradoxes and complications inherent in the clash between two cultures with different ways of expressing their faith.

Luedtke and a team of more than 30 students – including actors, designers, consultants, stage managers and tech crew members – logged more than 400 hours of work on the production, which earned four Meritorious Achievement Awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

← From left to right: Ian Rutledge, Jordan Enobakhare, Makana Shimaoka

Students Study, Serve Abroad

Well over 200 George Fox students got the chance to experience a new culture during their summer break thanks to the university's Juniors Abroad and May Serve programs.

Students embarked on professor-led Juniors Abroad trips to Africa, Europe, Turkey, Israel, Hong Kong, South Korea, Vietnam, India, Central America and Australia in May and June, in addition to service trips to Swaziland and Romania and Moldova.

Activities included rafting the Nile and touring the streets of Paris, but for many, the experience was much more impactful than your run-of-the-mill vacation.

"My biggest takeaway from the trip was how much it strengthened my faith," wrote senior Tracy Berg, who joined the Juniors Abroad tour through Israel, Turkey and Greece. "Being able to walk through the Old City of Jerusalem where Jesus once carried His cross was incredible."

Since starting its Juniors Abroad program in 1987, George Fox has become a national leader in study-abroad participation, with half of its undergraduate students participating.

Visit georgefox.edu/studyabroad to read student stories and view study abroad photos.



George Fox Ranked Among 'America's Top Colleges'

In August, *Forbes* magazine ranked George Fox among the top 10 Christian colleges in the country in its annual



America's Top Colleges list. The university came in ninth among schools in the 116-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, and was one of just 650 of the roughly 4,000 colleges in the U.S. to be ranked.

Forbes based its rankings on quality of teaching, career prospects, graduation rates and low levels of debt.



INSIDE ATHLETICS

Putting Team First

It was the last day of heptathlon competition at the 2012 NWC championships, and junior **Alyssa Turner** was having the meet of her life. Just one good race in the final event – the 800 meter run – would break her all-time personal best and elevate her among the top five all-time heptathletes in school history.



From left to right: Katie Dyk, Alyssa Turner, Charity Arn

But there was just one problem. The team had set a goal of finishing 1-2-3-4 in the event – which would likely lock up another conference championship – and two of her freshmen teammates would have to set personal bests in the race in order to do it.

Both Alyssa and coach John Smith knew what had to be done and agreed on a practically unthinkable plan: she would hang back to pace and encourage teammates **Charity Arn** and **Katie Dyk** rather than reach for her own personal glory.

The result? A 1-2-3-4 George Fox finish in the heptathlon, of course, and a life lesson that Alyssa and her teammates won't soon forget.



Arnold Claims Comeback Championship

Alexis Arnold came back from a 71-point deficit in the final event of the women's heptathlon to claim a national championship by a razor-thin margin of just three points, becoming the fourth Bruin to win an NCAA Division III track and field championship since 1999. Teammate Alyssa Turner, meanwhile, was named NWC Women's Track Athlete of the Year. Both were All-Americans.



Morrison Takes Swing at Player of the Year

Kelsey Morrison became the first George Fox women's golfer to claim NCAA Division III First Team All-America honors, and was just two strokes away from being named National Player of the Year. Morrison helped the women's golf team earn a share of its third straight NWC championship, closing out the season ranked seventh in the nation.

Ranta Throws No-No

Brian Ranta threw the fourth no-hitter in George Fox University history on March 24, leading the Bruins to a 1-0 victory over Whitman while racking up a career-high 12 strikeouts. Named the Northwest Conference Pitcher of the Year, Ranta was one of four Bruins to receive first or second team all-conference honors.



Coaches' Corner

New Faces: George Fox graduate **Dara Kramer** is set to become the new women's lacrosse coach in the fall of 2013 after leading the Oregon City High School team to back-to-back state championships in 2009 and 2010.



Randy Dalzell, who guided the Concordia University women's track and field team to an NAIA National Championship in 2011, will take the reins as head coach of the cross country team, in addition to serving as an assistant track and field coach.

Recognition: **Jessica Hollen** earned 2012 NWC Coach of the Year honors after leading the softball team to its first post-season berth in 18 years. **John Smith** was named Northwest Conference Women's Coach of the Year for the third year in a row, and 2012 NCAA Division III West Region Women's Coach of the Year for the third time in four years.



PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR



Top Undergrad Teacher: Kathy Weiss

Weiss, a biology professor who teaches courses in three disciplines – biology, nursing, and health and human perfor-

mance – earned the university’s teaching honor, in part, for her ability to make complex, complicated material comprehensible in classes that included pharmacology, human anatomy and pathophysiology.

An associate professor of biology who has taught full time in the school’s Department of Biology and Chemistry since 2008, Weiss also oversees the university’s Science Outreach Program, a pre-college educational program that in recent years has extended science education to more than a dozen school districts and 60 schools.

Perhaps the words of one student sum it up best: “Although the subject she is teaching is tough, I’ve excelled because she believed I could, and motivated me to do so.”



Top Undergrad Researcher: Doug Campbell

In the case of Campbell, the numbers speak for themselves: His works have

been exhibited in more than 170 juried

and invitational exhibits; he has received eight faculty development grants and two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities; and he’s published two books, 39 art images, 82 poems and 55 book reviews.

During the 2011-12 academic year, the professor of art taught painting, printmaking, drawing, 20th century art, an “Art and Christ” course and “Art History from 1450.” In addition, this past year he participated in several art exhibits while also publishing poems and the novel *Parktails*, an adventure tale that takes place in the aftermath of a great forest fire.

Campbell’s creative focus has been directed toward producing and exhibiting paintings, prints and drawings. His writing and presentations have focused on the relationship between art and the Christian faith.



Top Graduate Teacher: Christopher Meade

Meade, an assistant professor of management who has taught at George Fox for four years, excelled at teaching in

the school’s MBA, adult degree, doctor of business administration and seminary programs.

In 2011-12, his teaching load included courses on strategic thinking, transformational leadership, ethical and legal responsibilities, and Christian faith and thought. He

also served as president of LeadershipAlive.com, a nonprofit organization that helps inspire and coach emerging leaders, teams and organizations.

Previously, Meade started three small businesses and founded Grace Chapel, a multicultural church in Boise, Idaho, where he served as senior pastor for 18 years. He is the author of four books and is also a musician/songwriter and motivational speaker.



Top Graduate Researcher: Terry Huffman

Huffman, a professor of education who teaches research methods and social foundations of education, has specialized in Native American

education for more than 25 years and is the primary author of “Transculturation Theory,” a theoretical perspective on indigenous education used extensively by North American, European and Australian scholars.

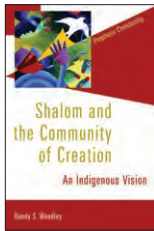
Huffman’s professional interests include minority education and rural education. He has written four books on American Indian education, including *Theoretical Perspectives on American Indian Education* and *American Indian Educators in Reservation Schools*. The South Dakota Council for Reconciliation recognized his work in American Indian education for its contribution toward improved race relations.

Huffman, who joined George Fox in 2003, is also active in chairing student dissertation committee work.



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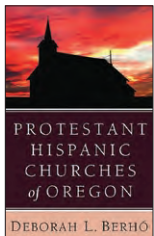


Professor **Randy Woodley's** new book, *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision*, was published in May. In the book, Woodley, who serves as the seminary's director of intercultural and indigenous studies, examines the Native American notion of "Harmony Way," a concept that closely parallels biblical shalom.

In March, seminary professor **AJ Swoboda** released a new book titled *Messy: God Likes It That Way*. Described as both honest and humorous, *Messy* attempts to redefine faith from something that must be perfect to something that is imperfect, but can still offer beauty, meaning and purpose.

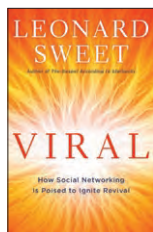


Protestant Hispanic Churches of Oregon, penned by Professor of Spanish **Debbie Berhó**, was published in March. The book contains observations about trends in the more than 250 Spanish-speaking Protestant churches in the state,



and points to a common vision for ministry and decision-making when multiple cultural and language groups are housed within the same church.

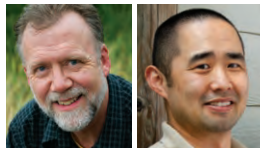
Also released in March was **Visiting Distinguished Professor Leonard Sweet's** book *Viral*, which delves into the relationship-driven world of social media and relates it to our God-given desire to be connected to others. What would happen, he asks, if Christians devoted more attention to pursuing relationships?



Professor of Art **Douglas Campbell** had his poems "Reims Rendezvous" and "Paths" published in the Spring 2012 issue of *Windhover: A Journal of Christian Literature*.

English professor **Ed Higgins'** poems "The Poetry Surgeon" and "Thought Fishing" were published in a 2012 anthology, *Imago Dei: Poems from Christianity & Literature*.

RECENT RECOGNITION



Seminary professors **Dan Brunner** and **Roger Nam** received Lilly fellowships for

the 2012-13 academic year. Brunner received a \$16,000 Collaborative Research Grant to support the research and writing for *On Earth as it is in Heaven*, an introductory textbook on ecotheology. Nam received an \$8,000 Theological Scholars Grant for a project in which he hopes to better clarify our understanding of the economies of the Persian Empire.

Students Quinton Blanton, Abigail Cordova and Dyvisha Gordon will represent **George Fox on the Oregon Campus Compact 2012 Student Advisory Board**, which is made up of 19 students from 14 different colleges and universities statewide. The students are the first from George Fox to serve in such a role for the organization, which promotes civic and community engagement.

Scholar in Residence Laura Gifford received a **Bordin-Gillette Researcher Travel Fellowship** to conduct research at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan. She plans to look into the George Romney Papers, and secondarily, at the papers of 1970s-era Michigan governor William Milliken.



Seminary professor **Richard Twiss** was among 125 national faith leaders invited by President Obama to attend the third annual **Easter Prayer**

Breakfast held at the White House April 4. The gathering was intended as a time for national leaders from the wide spectrum of Christian faith in America to meet for prayer, friendship, encouragement and community building.



Professors Irv Brendlinger (religious studies), Lisa McMinn (sociology) and Margi Macy (education) were each honored with **retirement ceremonies** in April to recognize their contributions to the George Fox community.



IT Employees Recognized

Brian McLaughlin and **Tim Goodfellow** from the university's IT department were recently honored by the Northwest Academic Computing Consortium for their work on the iGFU mobile portal project.

The portal, which provides a convenient and optimized way to access a variety of university-related content on mobile devices like smartphones and tablets, earned the duo a Hugi Exemplary Practice Award from the consortium. The accomplishment netted Brian and Tim a plaque, a check for \$2,500 and some well-deserved recognition.

National Accreditation News

The total number of George Fox programs or schools accredited by a national body rose to 11 in August when the university's new Doctor of Physical Therapy program was awarded candidacy.

The DPT program, which began classes on Aug. 27, joins the School of Business and three graduate counseling degree programs in receiving national accreditation in 2012. The recent accreditations offer further evidence to prospective students that a George Fox education meets not only regional benchmarks, but the highest national standards as well.

Visit georgefox.edu/accreditation to learn more.

A hiker wearing a red beanie and sunglasses is lying on a large rock, resting. A large orange backpack is next to him. The background features a vast mountain range with rocky peaks and a blue sky with scattered clouds. The foreground is a grassy field with some rocks.

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM, REAL CONNECTIONS

John Gendron

Tobyn Bower takes a break from his studies at Grand Teton National Park.

More than an accessible education, hybrid programs are all about building relationships – online, in person and for life

By Kimberly Felton

“What time do they turn the geyser on?”

“When do they release the bison?”

“How old are deer when they turn into moose?”

The questions from visitors at Yellowstone National Park were sincere, and Tobyn Bower answered with a smile as he worked as a floor supervisor at the Upper Old Faithful General Store this summer.

His coworkers asked a different question: “Why do you spend so much time on your laptop?”

As it turns out, Bower chose Yellowstone for a second summer in a row – after working at Zion, Olympic and Sequoia national parks previously – because it provides the access he needs to continue taking seminary classes online. National parks are typically not known for great WiFi. “The Old Faithful area is such a populated place, the Internet service is some of the best I’ve seen,” Bower says. “That’s what drove me to another summer here, so I could do summer classes without interference.”

Kristen Marble has a different kind of interference to work around: She is mother to 10 children ranging in age from 6 to 19 (seven were adopted internationally).

While Bower cracks open his books by Old Faithful, waiting for the eruption that shoots up to 200 feet into the air, Marble waits for darkness – and quiet – to settle over her home, a 100-plus-year-old church in a small Montana town, before spreading out on the couch. Tall, arched windows frame her study space in what once was a sanctuary and is now the Marbles’ living room.

Bower and Marble are students at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, both in cohorts – groups of 20 to 30 students who go through classes together – in the seminary’s hybrid programs. Each cohort gathers two or three times a year for one week of “face-to-face” time. The rest is hours and hours logged online every week



Kristen Marble

Hybrid Learning at a Glance

Hybrid, or blended, programs emerged at George Fox University in 1999 as an avenue for professionals to continue their vocations while earning higher degrees. The university’s commitment that its students “be known” compels ongoing evolution in these programs, creating experiences of significant educational and relational depth.

Students currently enrolled in hybrid programs at George Fox log in from numerous countries in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa, and nearly all 50 U.S. states.

George Fox offers the following hybrid degree programs:

- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Business Administration
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership
- Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation
- Doctor of Ministry in Semiotics and Future Studies
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Global Perspectives
- Bachelor’s degree in Management and Organizational Leadership

In addition, the following programs offer an online component:

- Master of Education
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- School Administrator
- Teaching Endorsement

In each program, 50-70 percent of students serve in places of leadership within their vocation. Another 20-25 percent are lay leadership, middle management and staff. All programs also have individuals who enrolled simply because something in them said it was time, and they’re following the path to see where it will lead.



Bower on a hike at Sequia National Park

John Gendron

Mexico, and a reunion for the year after that. “Just so we have a reason to get together,” she explains. “It’s lifelong relationships, and I just didn’t expect that.”

At the masters level in a seminary hybrid program, students are online three and a half hours a day, six days a week. They post about the assigned reading one day, have three days to dialogue with each other, and then three more days to post a synopsis of what they’ve learned.

The key, says Darla Samuelson, director of hybrid programs at the seminary, is online presence – not only of students, but of professors and online facilitators, who serve as a sort of virtual teaching assistant. “Their job is to check

as they post questions, reflect and discuss what they’re learning.

Tears gather as Marble talks about her cohort – about the births, deaths, marriages and even cancer. “Two years ago we were strangers,” she says. “Now there’s this incredible bond. I wasn’t thinking about the people I would be sitting beside. I was just thinking about me and my computer” – an education that would fit between her roles as wife, mother, pastor, speaker and writer.

What began at the academic level as a desire to make a George Fox degree more accessible to potential students like Marble became an ever-deeper and ever-wider global network of close friends. Scratch “friends;” students in these hybrid programs become more like family. They feel more connected to their cohorts

They feel more connected to their cohorts – academically, spiritually, emotionally – than they’ve experienced in traditional classroom settings.

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“I can be out here, yet optimize my entire masters experience without hindering or stifling it,” says Bower. “With face-to-face time, I remain connected to my online cohort. Every face-to-face time when I return for a week of

studies, it’s become a family reunion.”

“In some regards we’re more known because the professor has read what we’ve written or asked for prayer for – which doesn’t necessarily happen with students who just show up once a week for class,” says Marble. “We talk a lot online. During our face-to-face, we’ve had pastors in our cohort share about challenges they faced in their denominations, in tears, because we have that kind of trust.”

Now with two years left in their degree program, Marble and her classmates have already planned a post-graduation missions trip to

in on online presence,” explains Samuelson. “We coach our professors to do this as well.”

Scot Headley, a professor in the School of Education, has honed his online teaching skills for 14 years. “It takes more time and has an emotional cost because you don’t have body language or the fellowship of being together,” he says. “There’s a real commitment on the part of faculty to ... connect with students and want them to have the same experience [as on-campus students] of being known and cared for.

“It takes commitment and diligence and follow-through. It means being available to our students 24 hours a day, and developing an



Marble and her husband John have 10 children, seven of which were adopted internationally.

Courtesy Kristen Marble

“With the online program, students can choose you because of who you are, not where you are. And who we are is something special.”

ability to read virtual body language – being able to read between the lines of how someone says something, how long the post is, the emoticons, what’s being left unsaid. It all helps me see a student in the same way that face-to-face allows us to read body language.”

Despite the added intensity Headley experiences as an online professor, the cost is worth the gain, both personally and professionally. “With the online program, students can choose you

because of who you are, not where you are,” he says. “And who we are is something special.”

While the online medium forces professors to interact with each student, it also creates an environment where each student must interact as well. Performance is based on a rubric, a specific set of guidelines and expectations, for each class. Everyone must post a response to the reading material, and everyone must interact with others’ posts.

When Marble showed up for orientation, “I wasn’t sure I belonged,” she says. “Third-grade confirmation was my only Bible. Chemistry and German are my undergrad degrees.”

Entering seminary two years ago, Marble’s toes had just barely touched the fringes of ministry, and she wanted more biblical knowledge. She planned to keep quiet and learn, but quiet isn’t an option in the program’s rubric. “Getting into the classes, I realized I had a voice and ideas. There was a spot where I belonged, and could contribute.”

“Our No. 1 goal is to help students be present to each other, and for the faculty to be present to them,” says Gloria Doherty, director of hybrid learning programs at the seminary.

“Our online programs are kind of like contemplative prayer. People engage, then have quiet reflection, then pursue that reflection. Isn’t that the way God wants us to approach him? Engage, sit in the quiet, and then gain understanding from that. For me personally, it’s all about the community – and powerful learning comes from that.”



Like Father, Like Son

Father and son Ben and Ryan Staley both received their doctorates from George Fox University this past spring. And while they reported similar experiences, there was one major difference: they were separated by 1,800 miles.

Ben, who earned a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation, completed his studies in a hybrid learning environment, logging in from Wichita, Kan., while maintaining his position as lead pastor at Northridge Friends Church. Ryan, meanwhile, took the more traditional route, studying in-person at the Newberg campus to earn his degree from the university’s Doctor of Psychology program.

So while Ryan interacted with professors and fellow students in the “real world,” Ben did so virtually, through regular conference calls, chats and e-mails. Both, however, noted a connection to their professors and fellow students.

“The faculty and staff make themselves available and are responsive as much as possible to accommodate students, whether near or far from the Fox campuses,” says Ben, who also mentioned the significance of relationships built during the required 10 days each semester of “face-to-face” time with his cohort in Cannon Beach, Ore.

For Ryan, sharing a similar experience with his father “provided another avenue of connection for us as we were able to relate to, understand and support each other in ways we hadn’t before.”

Ben and Ryan aren’t the first Staleys to graduate from George Fox. Daughter/sister Rachelle Staley earned a master’s degree in spiritual formation in 2000, and was recognized as an outstanding recent alumna in 2005.



Marble interacts with members of her cohort during “face-to-face” time.

LIVING RICHLY

Angie Bymaster chose a different path than most doctors – and she couldn't be happier

By Jeremy Lloyd



Most doctors drive expensive cars, send their children to the most prestigious schools, and reside in big houses in upscale neighborhoods. Angie Bymaster has none of these things, and quite frankly, prefers it that way.

"I think I would hate it," says Bymaster, who graduated from George Fox in 2000 before completing medical school at the University of Iowa and taking a job at the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program in San Jose, Calif. "Of all the places I could live, I think a wealthy neighborhood would make me so terribly sad."

"That's probably something I need to work on," she adds, laughing.

But don't expect that to happen anytime soon. Bymaster and her husband, Brett, an electrical engineer, live in a modest home with their four children – three adopted Sudanese refugees, ages 21, 16 and 13, and her 22-month-old son – in a San Jose neighborhood plagued by poverty and gang violence. Both work part time.

"His engineering job and my doctoring job are kind of our second jobs," explains Bymaster. "Our first job is our family and our community, and working toward the Kingdom of Heaven within that."

"There is no stereotypical homeless guy"

Bymaster couldn't be more content with her neighborhood or her job, which brings her into daily contact with the people who need her most: the mentally ill, drug addicts and recently released prison inmates. All are homeless, and most haven't seen a doctor in years.

There are no appointments at the free clinic – "Our patients don't have calendars," she quips – so each day they gather in the waiting room to be assessed by a triage nurse, and those in the greatest need of treatment are seen first. Every day brings a new cast of characters into Bymaster's life.

"Almost every day something really interesting happens, which is what I love about my job," she says. "You just don't know what to expect."

She recalls one patient who had been stabbed in the chest, and another who had severe trench foot and was practically catatonic with depression. Still others live in isolation in a nearby creek and haven't seen a doctor in decades, "and their systolic blood pressure is 250, and they have really ridiculous vital signs." And then there are the recently released prison inmates who experience anxiety trying to cope with the outside world, and the schizophrenics who think the FBI is following them, and the addicts who have seen their lives destroyed by drugs and alcohol.

"There is no stereotypical homeless guy," she explains. "Every time you think this is what the homeless are like, then the next guy is going to blow that out of the water."

Some of their stories are funny, many sad, and sometimes, Bymaster is given a chance to affect real change in a patient's life that goes beyond physical healing.

"I love treating addiction," she says. "There's this freedom that you don't see with other diseases, where they become so happy and so free, their heart just starts to soar when they're able to get away from a substance."

"It ruined me for the gated-community life"

Ironically, Bymaster grew up on the not-so-mean streets of Roseburg, Ore., a small town that lays its claim as the "Timber Capital of the Nation." It was in this rural setting – where her church had a hand in supporting many of the local shelters – that she first became comfortable interacting with the homeless.

Later, during her time at George Fox – where she was exposed to new ways to serve and encouraged by her professors to follow God's plan for her life – Bymaster really began to identify her calling.

The chemistry major and writing/literature minor recalls having her views on God challenged by Bill Jolliff and Ed Higgins, engaging in theological discussions with Carlisle Chambers, getting advice about medical school and her future plans from Dwight Kimberly, and enjoying the spontaneous moments when Bob Harder would "stop the class and just talk about the awesomeness of God, because some concept of physics was so cool."

Bymaster's relationship with her advisor, Paul Chamberlain, was especially impactful. "I remember once he told me that he thought I would be a good doctor, and that was really special to me."

Soon Bymaster began joining other students on regular Friday night visits to a homeless outreach site. "God convicted my heart that this should be a normal part of my life," she recalls.

Then, during her junior year, she joined a George Fox serve trip to Oakland, Calif., where she was first introduced to the Mission Year program, in which young people are tasked with living in inner-city neighborhoods for a year and serving those in need. "At the beginning of the week I thought, 'These people are totally crazy,' and then by the end of the week I felt compelled that I needed to do it."

After graduation, Bymaster immediately joined the program, living with a group of six on a limited budget for a year in Oakland. She recalls hearing gunshots at night, always feeling anxious, and wondering, "What is it like to be a child growing up in this neighborhood? We could leave if we needed to, but that was home for them."

"We experienced living among the poor and getting to know what they go through, what their life is like," continues Bymaster. "I think it ruined me for the gated-community life."

"This is where God wants us"

It may sound like she's giving up a lot, but Bymaster doesn't see it that way. After all, the schools in her neighborhood are full of immigrants who are learning English as a second language (just like her adopted Sudanese kids), her family is fully immersed in the local community, and she and her husband are able to focus on their children and ministry without the time restraints of full-time jobs.

Bymaster and her family are thriving in the most unlikely of locations, but it's a place where they feel perfectly at home.

"We really enjoy our life," she says, "and we also know that at anytime God could move us somewhere else, and have us do something different. I think we have a good deal of contentment in that. But right now, we feel very much that this is where God wants us."

Make a Joyful Noise

Chris Benjamin's love of music turned into a future he never imagined – but not without a little help along the way

By Sara Kelm

“And the home ... of the ... brave.” When Chris Benjamin, a 15-year-old high school freshman, had finished singing, the choir teachers could only stare at him, dumbfounded.

In his head, he just knew they didn't like him. “I was ready to just tuck my tail under and walk out,” Benjamin recalls.

But before he could leave in embarrassment, Mrs. Bohart regained her composure. “Why aren't you in choir?” she asked, still flabbergasted by Benjamin's exquisite tenor voice.

“We have a choir?” he innocently replied.

Singing is one of the few things that came easy for Benjamin. His life had been hard, with his father in jail for half of his life and his family moving constantly, around Oregon and later Mississippi. Benjamin had been abused on occasion, emotionally and physically, and at those times he chose a friend's couch or sleeping outside on the street over a hurtful home. Now, because of a Mississippi transcript problem, he had to repeat his first two years at Reynolds High School.



After his audition, the teachers invited him to sit in on a choir class. Right before he left the room, they remembered, “Oh yeah, and you can sing the national anthem.”

From that moment on, Karen Bohart took the big and boisterous high schooler under her wing. She overcame his aversion to classical music — for Benjamin, listening to classical was like “trying to feed a little kid vegetables” — and before long he was singing in top-notch choirs. She also took Benjamin as a soloist to New York and California, and let him direct one of her choirs for his senior project.

During his junior year, Mrs. Bohart said, “Chris, you are going to college.”

Benjamin laughs remembering it. He describes her as sweet, but “a bulldog. If she wants you to do something, you’re going to do it. If she sees something in you, she almost takes the role as mom in your life.” With her dogged encouragement, Benjamin warmed up to the idea of college. But just getting used to it didn’t make it so — he had to pass high school first.

During his senior year, Benjamin lived with his father in Northeast Portland. Each morning, he had to complete a two-hour journey to school on buses and the MAX train. Many nights, he would finish rehearsing at 11 p.m., travel home, do homework until early in the morning, then wake up to leave at 5 a.m. He became stressed and sick, neglected his schoolwork, and was in danger of not graduating.

It was at that time that another pushy and loving woman came into Benjamin’s life: Patricia Baker. He describes her as “the smallest woman, but with the biggest heart, who gets excited about the smallest things.” The wife of the arts director at Reynolds and a retired principal, Baker had already raised two daughters, so she decided her home was big enough for a 19-year-old man. So Patricia and Dan Baker, plus the choir teachers, announced that Benjamin would move in with the Bakers, who lived only five minutes from the school.

At first he protested. A self-proclaimed “daddy’s boy,” he didn’t want to leave his father, recently out of prison. Then his father came to him, unaware of the proposal set in front of Benjamin, and said if his son had the chance to move closer to school in order to graduate, he should take it. So he did, and he graduated.

He was ready to move out that summer, but the Bakers had become a big part of his life. “They took on the parent role without knocking out my own parents,” says Benjamin. The Bakers didn’t bring up the idea of him moving out until the summer was well under way, at which point they let him know that “you’re not

held hostage here, but you are welcome here.” So he stayed around, and just like Mrs. Bohart before them, the Bakers’ minds went straight to college.

Benjamin didn’t think college was an option. But the Bakers urged him to apply to George Fox, just to see what would happen. So he sent up a prayer: “God, whatever you want, that’s what I’m going to do.” A day or so later, Benjamin was leaving the Bakers’ home with Mrs. Baker. She rushed inside to answer the telephone, then just as quickly rushed back outside, literally jumping with joy. “She was trying to remain professional,” recalls Benjamin, “but she was hopping and skipping” with a huge smile on her face. It was George Fox University, and he had been accepted.

The Bakers continue to be a huge part of Benjamin’s life. He recalls how they’ve helped him “get in and stay in” college. “They are big pillars to lean on, but they won’t allow me to be lazy,” he says.

Lazy, Benjamin is not. Now a senior at George Fox, he’s studying music performance and music education, is involved in choir and musicals, and serves as a part-time minister at his church. He also started his own gospel choir, Voices of Praise.

The choir has an intentional purpose. Benjamin hopes it will give the George Fox community a different type of worship experience. As a black student on a primarily white campus, he wants to show that all kinds of worship are for everyone. “Our mission is to worship,” he says, “to bring a community to worship, to show another way to worship God.”

This worship mind-set bleeds into all of the music that Benjamin sings, whether it’s a classical German piece or a gospel worship song. “I’m going to worship in whatever way I can, whatever languages there are out there,” he says. “That’s what I love about the classical world. It is always sung differently, sounds different, but the worship mind-set is always the same.”

With worship shaping his whole perspective, Benjamin’s short-term goals are to graduate from George Fox this year and continue directing the Voices of Praise. In the long-term, he wants a specific job: Mrs. Bohart’s.

In high school, Benjamin told Mrs. Bohart, “Okay, I’ll go to college — for you — but I want to come back and teach in this district.” He wants to be the Mrs. Bohart, the Patricia and Dan Baker, to the next generation of Chris Benjamins. He can’t wait to tell them that they can go to college, and that he can help them get there — just like he heard several years ago from those strong and loving women in his own life.

For Benjamin, listening to classical was like “trying to feed a little kid vegetables”

'I can do all things through Christ



Blake Shelley's (G12) cerebral palsy didn't deter him from earning a degree – or from starting a ministry that reaches out to disabled youth

By Sean Patterson

One of Blake Shelley's favorite George Fox memories has nothing to do with academics, activities or an event he attended. Rather, he remembers fondly the day his main mode of transportation went mysteriously missing.

"In my first year at Fox, I was living over in Beals House and my roommate thought it would be a good joke to put my scooter on the roof," he recalls. "We had a good laugh about that."

The fact that Shelley – who has lived with cerebral palsy all his life – can laugh about a friend's mischievous act speaks volumes. Nothing rattles him – not a disability that relegates him to a wheelchair and impedes his speech and fine motor skills, and certainly not a prank like hoisting his scooter on top of a house.

That resolve drove Shelley, 23, to graduate from George Fox this spring with a degree in Christian ministries. And now he has plans to start a Capernaum group – a ministry that specializes in reaching out to disabled youth – in his hometown of Gresham, Ore.

"If people still doubt my ability to do things I set my mind to, there's not much to say"

Shelley began his first Capernaum ministry in Newberg in the fall of 2010. He wasn't too excited about the idea at first.

"My first reaction was to say, 'No, I don't want anything to do with it,'" he says of the ministry, an outreach of Young Life. "I spent my whole life trying to separate myself from the mentally challenged population. Because we look funny and talk funny, a lot of people put me in that category, so in high school I did everything in my power to stay separate from them."

"But over the course of two weeks God changed my heart, and I got this feeling that I have to do this. I went to visit the Capernaum in Lake Oswego and just fell in love with the ministry and with the kids. Now it's all I want to do."

Capernaum is all about building relationships and, according to Shelley, "showing the love of Jesus" to disabled high schoolers who, for the most part, have little or no social lives. It entails visits to students at school, twice-monthly club meetings for games, singing and devotions, and summer camps that encourage kids to bond and

who gives me strength'



↑ At the end of each Capernaum meeting, Shelley delivers a brief message, this time reminding students that “we’re all made in the image of God.”

← Shelley, who suffers from limited mobility due to cerebral palsy, never backs down from a challenge. In this case, it’s slithering across the floor in an “animal race” with his Capernaum students, earning him the nickname “Blake the Snake.”



get outdoors.

“Every time they walk into club or I walk into school, they always come running up to me to say hi,” he says. “No matter what they’re doing. They’re that excited to be with me and the other leaders. That really touches me.”

Shelley is starting his first Gresham-area Capernaum group at his alma mater, Reynolds High School. Ultimately, his hope is to see similar clubs form at all the Gresham high schools – Gresham, Barlow, Centennial, David Douglas and Parkrose.

He credits the support he received from friends and professors at George Fox for nurturing his love of those less fortunate.

“I had never been on another college campus where I felt like students were a family and the professors actually wanted to get to know you and become your friend,” says Shelley, who attended George Fox through Act Six, a full-ride scholarship designed to develop urban leaders. “The supportive atmosphere is a big reason I was able to succeed here, and it had an impact on my decision to do Capernaum.”

Shelley struggles to speak and has trouble controlling his arms and legs, yet, as he proudly puts it, he “managed to graduate from one of the top Christian colleges in the nation.

“I started out not being able to do a whole lot, but in high school I did track, and I was the first one of all my siblings to move out and go away to college,” says Shelley, who has a twin sister and a younger sister. “So, if people still doubt my ability to do things I set my mind to, there’s not much to say, because as long as I keep my focus on God and what he wants me to do, it doesn’t really matter what other people say.”

Still, he is quick to deflect praise. “I’ve had people tell me I inspire them, but I always want to make sure that it points back to God, because although I have done a lot of things that people didn’t think I could ever do, it is only because of my faith in God.”

“I have always lived my life by Philippians 4:13, which says, ‘I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.’ I always believed that the only reason I was able to achieve the things I have is because it was Christ living in me and through me to strengthen me.”

What did you read this summer?

That's what we asked George Fox professors, and to no surprise, the response was almost unanimous: "I can only choose one book?" What we didn't expect was the depth of answers, ranging from books that delved into the usual topics of religion, politics and history to a novel that follows the story of an ambassador from Earth as he treks across an alien world. And more than one professor cracked open *The Hunger Games* trilogy to better connect with their students.

Curious what your favorite professor is reading? Here are a few of their responses. For the rest, visit georgefox.edu/books.

Michael MacLeod, Politics

Faithful Citizenship: Christianity and Politics for the 21st Century by Greg Garrett

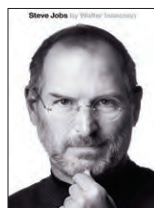


I chose this book, in part, because I am contemplating assigning it for a class next year. I highly recommend it. American politics has become highly polarized, and most Christians are increasingly caught up

in this polarization or avoid politics altogether. This trend is addressed head on, focusing on the causes and building a case for a helpful dialogue between religion and politics.

Laura Simmons, Seminary

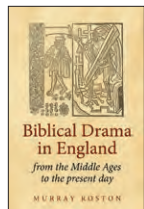
Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson (audiobook)



I am a huge fan of Apple, and I wanted to know more about this complex man. I found it evenhanded and well-researched. Isaacson does not pull punches about Jobs' volatility and demanding nature as an employer, but overall I found it a sympathetic portrayal.

Mark Eaton, Theatre

Biblical Drama in England: From the Middle Ages to the Present Day by Murray Roston

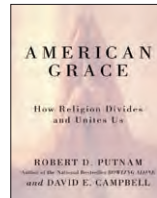


I would recommend this book to anyone interested in how God's Word may inspire believing artists, particularly playwrights.

Roston doesn't treat biblical drama as a dramatized sermon or a crude forerunner to the Renaissance, but as a nuanced reflection of the "spiritual struggle of men committed to an ideal yet torn from it by their human weaknesses and strengths."

Mark Hall, Politics

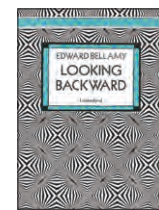
American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us by Robert Putnam and David Campbell



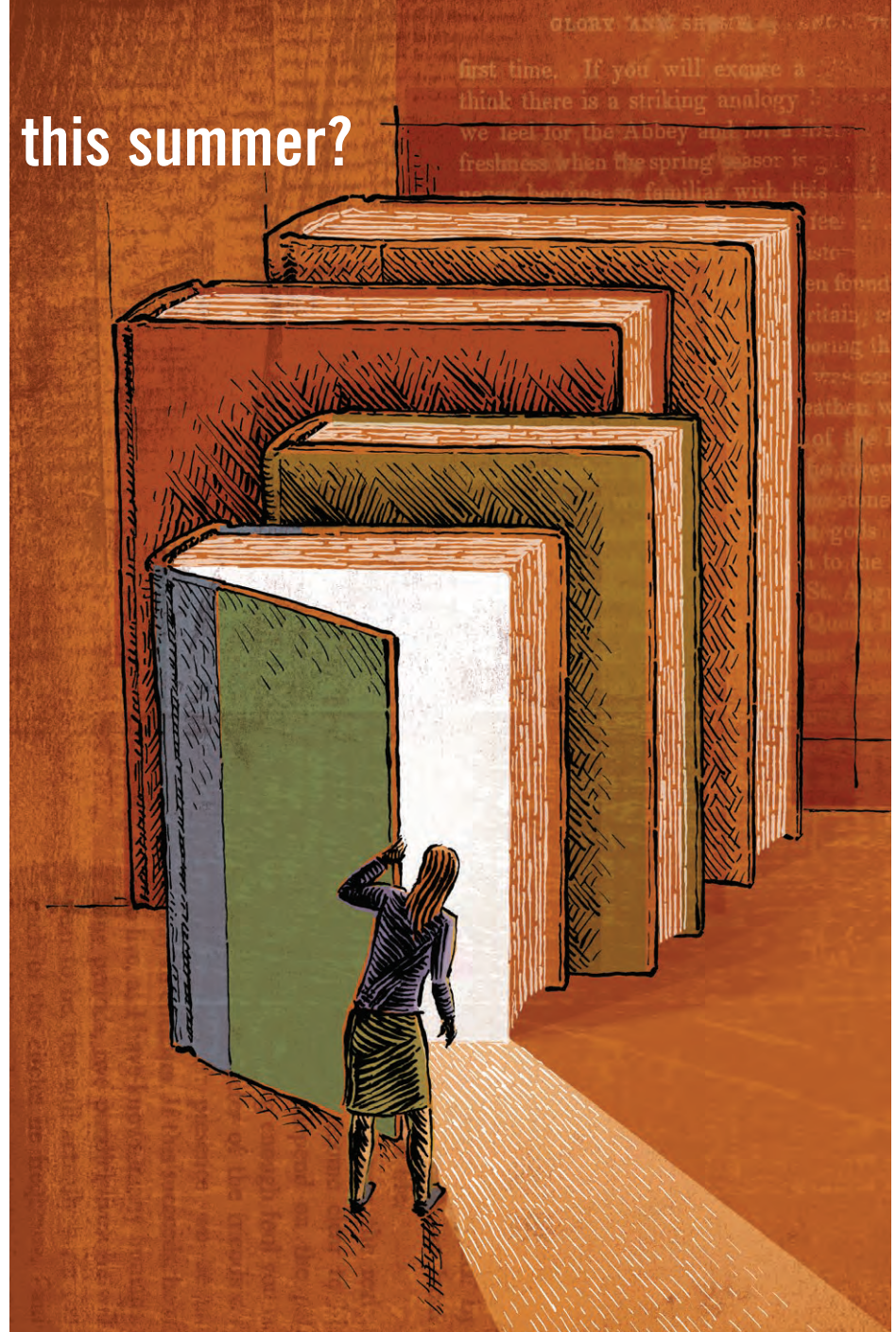
The book is a must-read for anyone interested in the relationship between religion and public life in America.

Bill Jolliff, English

Looking Backward by Edward Bellamy



I hadn't touched this book since graduate school. I picked it up again with the idea in mind that it might be a useful text for a new course I'm teaching next spring that focuses on 19th century American writers who spoke truth to their culture. Oddly enough, I'm finding it even a better read than I remembered. It speaks in weirdly prophetic ways to the economic turmoil facing the United States today. It's almost hard to believe that it was written in 1887.



Darryl Brown

Debora Herb-Sepich, Business

The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins

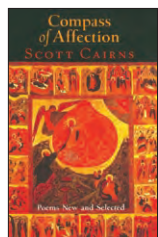


I am always behind on the current “fun” reading, so I got into *The Hunger Games* trilogy this summer in an attempt to understand what my students are reading. Later I will be enjoying *Pride and*

Prejudice and some other Jane Austen novels, then I will move onto *World Without End*. That is my plan, until Tom Johnson writes a book, which I know I will read immediately.

Doug Campbell, Visual Arts

Compass of Affection: Poems New and Selected by Scott Cairns

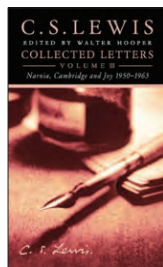


I chose it because I have enjoyed reading Scott Cairns’ poetry in the past. Cairns often chooses to confront the reader with inconvenient spiritual situations and questioning.

His writing is extremely thoughtful and purposeful and often beautiful, but seldom comforting. I am happy with the poetry for the most part; however, reading the poetry does not make me happy. Cairns does not hesitate to bring up issues, either corporate or personal, that confront the reader with his spiritual shallowness or waywardness.

Gary Tandy, English

The Collected Letters of C. S. Lewis

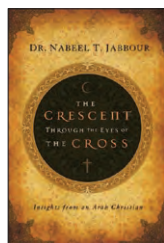


I’m reading this three-volume series for a research project on Lewis’ theories of rhetoric, style and language. What I’ve noticed so far is Lewis’ keen mind and intellectual curiosity, but what comes across most strongly is his

love of literature and reading. It’s also interesting to read Lewis’ perspectives during his atheist period, before his conversion to Christianity when he was 32 years old. If you love C. S. Lewis, I would recommend reading his letters, perhaps selectively.

Christine Austin, Education

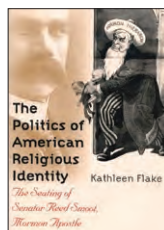
The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross: Insights from an Arab Christian by Dr. Nabeel T. Jabbour



I’m reading this book as a follow-up to some seminars at my church about Islam. I highly recommend it to all who seriously want to understand Muslims and Islam, the fastest-growing religion.

Leah Payne, Seminary

The Politics of American Religious Identity: The Seating of Senator Reed Smoot, Mormon

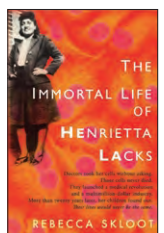


Apostle by Kathleen Flake
This book is about the hearings held to investigate the first LDS Senator in the early 20th century. I chose it to illuminate the current conversations surrounding Republican

presidential nominee Mitt Romney, and for its exploration of the relationship between church and state. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in the upcoming election!

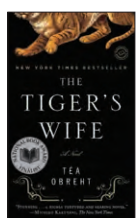
Jerrie Nelson, Nursing

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot



This book explores issues of race, ethics, confidentiality, science, politics, money and culture. Henrietta’s cancer cells were taken, studied and used for research without her knowledge, contributing to

many developments such as the polio vaccine and cancer treatment. The scientific information and human story of the patient and family are woven together, making it a read that is difficult to put down, and leaves one with many unsettling questions.



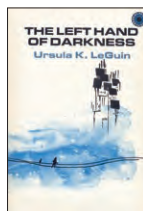
Mark Terry, Visual Arts

The Tiger’s Wife by Tea Obreht

The lush language, nuance and texture in this book simply mesmerized me. I couldn’t put it down, read-

ing it in a single sitting. I suspect my literary friends might say it flirts with “magical realism,” but it does so in a completely compelling and believable way. The words are crafted with such care and delicacy, that even harsh realities of recent history in the Balkans feel poetic as they wash across the mindscape of the reader.

Rodger Bufford, Psychology



The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula Le Guin

I chose this book (a Hugo award winner) for a little lighter reading. A novel, set on an alien world, the ambassador from Earth escapes captivity and attempts a winter trek across the polar ice cap. One of the challenges is that the intense light and lack of contrast (darkness) makes vision virtually impossible. How do we see, and what role is played by darkness?

Debby Espinor, Education

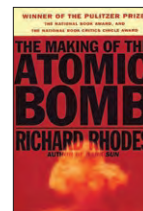


Imagine: How Creativity Works by Jonah Lehrer

My dean, Linda Samek, encouraged me to read it and sent me the book. I am really enjoying it. The narrative includes highly creative people like Bob Dylan, and as I am a musician, it is nice to have creativity seen in a positive manner. The brain research links creativity to some attention disorders, which has implications for the classroom as well. It was a rewarding personal and professional read.

Carlisle Chambers, Chemistry

The Making of the Atomic Bomb by Richard Rhodes



This book was referenced in something else that I was reading, and after reading the reviews on Amazon I thought I’d give it a try. I enjoy both science and history. *TMAB* is one of the best books I’ve ever read. The first third would make a terrific book by itself, as it is a wonderfully detailed history of the important advances in chemistry and physics in the early part of the 20th century.



1960-69

Roy McConaughey (G66) and Mike McConaughey (G93) are a father-and-son leadership team at C.S. Lewis Academy in Newberg. The school's board decided not to fill a superintendent position opening and designated Mike, the high school principal, to oversee day-to-day operations, assisted by Roy, the elementary and middle school principal. The school has 180 students, 25 teachers and 10 support staff. It recently won a "Promising Practices" award from the Character Education Partnership for its Students Community Outreach Program in which students do volunteer work in the community four times a year.

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Kent Thornburg (G67) has been named interim director of the Bob and Charlee Moore Institute for Nutrition and Wellness at Oregon Health & Science University. The institute's goal is to reduce the prevalence of adult chronic diseases by promoting healthy, nutrient-rich diets before conception, during pregnancy and lactation, and during infancy and early childhood. Thornburg is professor of medicine within the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, and also holds joint academic appointments in three additional areas. He joined the OHSU faculty in 1975.

Tonya (Edwards) Porter (n68) is a home economics and art teacher at Pierce High School in Arbuckle, Calif., one of 24 teachers for its 373 students.

1970-79

Margi (Astleford) Macy (G70) retired this spring after 20 years teaching at George Fox University. She finished her career as associate professor of education and co-chair of the undergraduate teacher education department. She joins her husband, Howard Macy (G66), in retirement. He retired last year after teaching in George Fox's religion department for 21 years. They have moved to Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg.

Deborah (Goins) Johansen (G75) retired this spring after 22 years directing drama productions in McMinnville, Ore., public schools. She began her career as a performer and later taught at a children's educational theater. She began teaching drama at McMinnville Middle School (now Patton Middle School) at the age of 35, then five years ago moved to McMinnville High School. She directed 38 shows over her career in the district, in addition to teaching acting classes. She also has directed and

acted at the Gallery Theater in McMinnville and Pentacle Theatre in Salem, Ore.

Tim Weaver (G76), who retired last year from the Newberg-Dundee Police Department after nearly 33 years, continues to receive awards for his work clearing Oregon highways of impaired drivers. In April, he received the Chuck Hayes Award at the annual DUII Multidisciplinary Conference in Canyonville, Ore. The award is named for the first certified Drug Recognition Expert in Oregon, and Weaver followed in his footsteps, earning certification in 1995 and becoming a trainer himself in 1997.

Warren Koch (G78) has been appointed to a three-year term as chair of the Festival of Media Arts for the National Broadcast Educators Association. The peer-reviewed national event has about 1,000 entries. Koch has served the past 10 years as associate professor of theater, film and television at Azusa Pacific University. Previously, he spent 17 years at George Fox in a similar media position. While at APU his students have won the association's Best of Festival Award in video three times.

Joel Leisy (G78) was one of 69 individuals nationwide honored by the National Private Truck Council. In April, in Cincinnati, he was awarded the designation of Certified Transportation Professional. Introduced in 1993, the designation is called "a benchmark of excellence earned by a special few." Leisy is transportation manager for Safeway, Inc., of Auburn, Wash.

Pamela (Geagel) Blikstad (G79) has been honored by the Portland Business Journal as Non-Profit Chief Financial Officer of the Year. She is vice president and chief financial officer for Medical Teams International, based in Portland. Blikstad was recognized for her accomplishments in managing annual budgets of more than \$125 million.



Dean Coffey (top right with puppet) with The Incredible Years team

Coffey Reaches Professional Milestone

If you're the first to do something in California, a state with more than 37 million residents, it's certainly a noteworthy accomplishment. That's the case with **Dean Coffey (PsyD03)**, a licensed psychologist on the staff at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Coffey is the first in his state to complete the peer coach certification process for the national The Incredible Years program, an evidence-based psychological treatment for children (0-12) with early onset conduct problems such as tantrums, noncompliance and aggression. The program, started in 1982,

while he was still a student at George Fox, and "found it to be very effective in reducing early onset conduct problems." He later obtained the support of the CHLA administration to introduce the program in its Development and Behavior Clinic.

Coffey currently serves as program area leader for the CHLA Child & Family Program, which provides mental health services for children ages 5 to 12 and their families. He leads a team of psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists while also supervising an interdisciplinary medication clinic.

offers training versions for children, parents and teachers based on the social learning theory that we learn best by observing a model.

That's where Coffey comes in: helping with that learning process. He already had been certified to be a parent group leader; now he is certified to teach the program to other professionals. "Essentially what I do is provide group supervision to predoctoral interns and postdoctoral fellows, reviewing recordings of their groups and providing consultation, feedback and opportunities to practice new skills," Coffey says.

Coffey actually began his Incredible Years journey and led his first parent-training group

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
- EdS** Education specialist in school psychology
- PsyD** Doctor of psychology
- ADP** Adult Degree Program

1980–89

Gary Chenault (G80) in March resigned as president and CEO of the United Way of Delaware County, Ind., to spend more time with his daughters in Portland. He had led the organization for nearly seven years. Chenault began his United Way career in 1990 with the central Indiana branch in his hometown of Indianapolis. He was then named senior campaign manager for the United Way of Columbia-Willamette in Portland, and later became vice president of resource development.

1990–99

Pat Casey (G90) has become the winningest coach in Oregon State University baseball history. With his 614th win May 25 in Corvallis (a 7-3 defeat of the University of Oregon), he passed Jack Riley, who recorded 613 wins in 22 seasons. Casey has coached the Beavers 18 seasons – winning two national championships – after guiding George Fox for seven years, compiling a 171-113 record.

Jennica (Hein) Jenkins (G91) recently opened Blue Sky Counseling Center, a psychotherapy practice that provides mental health ser-



Olson Plans Return to Afghanistan Despite IED Injury

The 2010 grad served as a combat medic and member of her battalion's Female Engagement Team

When **Heidi Olson** received her degree in history in 2010, she almost immediately began a career not often chosen by George Fox University graduates. She had enlisted in the military, the paperwork already in progress.

Continuing that career is still her goal – more emphatic now than ever. But after less than five months on the front lines in Afghanistan, Olson, a medic, is now back in the United States, recuperating from injuries suffered in a May 8 IED explosion. She can't wait to return to the front as soon as possible. "My group is still out there and I'm not able to help out," she says.

Olson sees the incident as only an interruption. "I have no change of plans," she says. "I have every intention to stay in and to forge the way for females to be in combat roles." She would prefer to be on the front lines, including the dream of being the first woman to serve with a Special Forces medical team, which currently is not allowed by military rules.

Olson, from Springfield, Ore., went to basic training just weeks after receiving her degree. She then received advanced medical training at San Antonio Military Medical Center in Texas – the same facility, ironically, where she was sent to receive medical care for injuries that included damage to her left eye, second-degree burns to about 25 percent of her face, and minor wounds from shrapnel that peppered her left side and arm.

"I'm doing good," Olson said from her recovery bed at her home base, Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Wash., where she was flown via Germany before heading to Texas. "I'm counting my blessings. It could have been much worse." Another medic in her patrol trio became a double amputee and the third suffered lacerations and a hip injury.

Olson, 23, was deployed to Afghanistan last Dec. 11, serving at Forward Operating Base Pasab with the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment. Before her injury, she already had been featured twice in military media releases for her work in the war-torn country.

In addition to providing medical care, Olson was also part of a six-soldier unit that volunteered to serve as the battalion's Female Engagement Team, working with Afghan women and children to

help better their lives and to gain intelligence on the Taliban. They help the women learn to produce goods such as hand-sewn scarves and canned fruit for extra income and teach self-sufficiency skills.

Olson's team had recently opened the Zharay District Women's Center, inside the forward operating base. In the opening weeks more than 50 women came to the center, receiving advice on income-producing projects and on birthing and farming. It's described as an

exercise in defying Afghan male chauvinism. And while working to improve the economic standing of women, the FET volunteers also are helping in the struggle against illiteracy. A story about the FET project reported on Olson and two others with three interpreters as they "circulated around the open-air room and worked with the children."

"The FET's are wonderful to have with us," said First Lieutenant Ben Westman. "They give us a capability we simply would not have – the ability to talk with the Afghan women."

On the medical care front, Olson and fellow medic Charles Dean (pictured left) were highlighted in a Mobile Public Affairs



Olson (right) plans to return to her role as a combat medic after recovering from her injuries.

Detachment release titled "Compassionate care – the tale of two combat medics." Interviewed prior to the IED explosion, Olson described what her medic position means to her: "It's been a thrill," she said. "It's my lifeblood."

"Chilling at the aid station with nothing to do – that's my idea of a perfect day," Olson said. "It's not that I don't want to do my job – it's just that we're proficient in a skill we hope to God we never have to use."

Hauntingly, Olson also said: "When we go on missions, you just hope you don't hear a 'boom,' because it means someone just stepped on an IED."

Olson said she was inspired to serve her country by her university classes in history and political science. She thought she might become a history teacher, but changed when she began to realize "we live in the greatest country in the world and I would be honored to serve, but serve in a different role." With a growing interest in human anatomy and the limited number of combat roles available to women, she decided becoming a combat medic made sense.



vices to adolescents and adults in Roseville, Calif. A licensed professional counselor, she has been a registered psychological assistant at Monarch Center for three years and previously was an adolescent intervention counselor in the Roseville Joint Union High School District. Also a part-time counselor at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif., she received a PsyD degree from California Coast University in 2005.

Daniel Rude (G92) has been promoted to director of human resources at Embassy Suites in Napa Valley, Calif. He previously was assistant director of human resources at the Hilton Portland & Executive Towers.

Ron Wolfe (G92) is the new manager-vice president of both the Newberg and Dundee branches of West Coast Bank. He previously was with Columbia Community Bank, in Hillsboro, Ore., as vice president for commercial banking. A Newberg resident already, he serves as president of the Newberg High School Booster Club.

Terry Downey (ADP92) has been named a regional director with John M. Floyd & Associates, a profitability and performance improvement consulting firm for financial institutions. Downey will supervise the Baytown, Texas, firm's client work in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. He has 10 years of banking and credit union systems experience, the last two years as sales manager with Financial Technology Solutions International in Portland.

Rod Robbins (G94, MA96) is founder/owner of First Step Adolescent Center in Newberg. Established in 2000, it offers adolescent-specific outpatient addiction treatment services to families in Washington and Yamhill counties. The center offers both group and individual counseling, and its primary goal is to aid clients in making healthy changes in attitude, thinking and behavior.

Diane Marr Longmire (G96) earned a licensed mental health counselor credential in March, and in June was promoted to clinical lead for the intake unit with the Department of Human Services in Walla Walla County in Washington. She and her family have

Rinard Recognized for Visionary Leadership

When **Dale Rinard (G67)** retired last fall after 16 years of guiding a community-based behavioral health organization in Phoenix, his coworkers did more than just say goodbye. They secretly prepared documents testifying what he meant to the organization. Those papers and research resulted in Rinard being presented with one of the nation's top awards in the field.

Rinard and his wife, **Nancy (Newlin) Rinard (G67)**, were flown to Chicago in April where he received the Visionary Leadership Award from the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare at its 42nd national convention. The award, called the most prestigious in behavioral healthcare, recognizes "innovative and inspirational work happening in behavioral health organizations nationwide."

Rinard was cited for his work as president and CEO of TERROS Behavioral Health, growing it from an organization with 110 employees and a \$5.5 million budget when he started in 1995 to 450 employees and a \$30 million budget when he stepped down. "His rescue of TERROS from financial disaster means that today more than 30,000 Arizonans can receive behavioral health prevention, treatment and recovery services," noted the



council. "Rinard's creative thinking has offered much-needed help at a reasonable cost to many across the state."

Rinard, a business and economics major at George Fox, also was honored for helping to form two new behavioral health networks in the state, including a live 24-hour telephone crisis hotline service that now serves about 20,000 people each month.

Rinard also led the formation of the CHOICES Network, a group of more than a dozen provider agencies serving persons with serious mental illness. "Dale worked tirelessly to address barriers, engage people, listen to fears, confront misconceptions and maintain a positive vision ..." his coworkers wrote in the nomination. "Although he is now retired, his influence, expectations and values are still alive."

moved to a small farm outside Walla Walla, Wash., where they plan to start a small home-based organic farm.

Nathan Sundgren (G96) is assistant professor of pediatrics - neonatology at Baylor College of Medicine and attending neonatologist at Texas Children's Hospital, both located in Houston. He earned PhD and MD degrees from Oregon Health and Science University in 2005, and last year received an NEOPER designation from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, where he had his internship and residency. His research interests are in uncovering the developmental origins and

molecular underpinnings of cardiovascular disease.

Casey Corum (n97) has a vacation trip to Universal Studios Resort in Orlando, Fla., in his future, courtesy of his wife, Cheryl. She appeared on the Wheel of Fortune television game show when it was taped in Portland in April and May and won \$21,100, including the \$5,000 vacation package. She collected \$2,400 in her first game, then won another \$13,700 in the second game, which included the vacation trip. Casey and their three daughters were shown as Cheryl went to the final round, where she fell just short of bringing home the \$35,000 grand prize.



The Corums live in Newberg, where she is a Life Flight paramedic and he is in the sales department with Newberg Ford.

Jimmi Sommer (G97) was promoted in January and on Aug. 16, 2012, was assigned to Washington, D.C., for one year to serve in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. She will be completing a two-year assignment as vice consul/management office in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Scott Goodwill (MBA98) has been appointed manager to lead the new Energy Services Division of C.T. Male Associates in Latham, N.Y. The engineering, surveying, architecture and landscape architecture firm, founded in 1910, has 135 employees. A certified energy manager, Goodwill has 26 years experience in energy, engineering facilities operations and management, most recently at L&S Energy Services in Clifton Park, N.Y., and with SMRT Architects and Engineers as director of its New York office.

Patrick Lewis (ADP98) has been named national vice chair of technology of NACS, the Association for Convenience & Fuel Retailing. He oversees all technology initiatives for the association, with more than 148,000 store members and \$682 million in sales last year. Lewis is a partner in Oasis Stop 'N Go Convenience Stores, with 13 stores in the Twin Falls, Idaho, area. He also is CEO of KickBack Points, LLC, a customer rewards program provider for the convenience store industry with participants in 49 states and Canada.

Aaron Newkirk (G98, MA99) is the new boys basketball coach at Oregon City High School. A history teacher, Newkirk is in his 13th year at the school, and has served seven years as an assistant basketball coach. Newkirk's ties to George Fox are strong. In addition to being a Bruin player, his wife, **Heidi (Rueck) Newkirk** (G95), was an all-American player, and his brother-in-law, Scott Rueck, was the George Fox women's basketball coach for 14 seasons before becoming the current women's coach at Oregon State University.

Oregon Hispanic Bar Association Honors Ortega

The awards keep coming for 1984 writing and literature grad **Darleen (Mock) Ortega**. In February, the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association awarded her its top honor: the Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award.

According to the association, "Judge Ortega has worked tirelessly to promote, support and encourage minorities and Latinos in the legal profession."

Appointed by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski to the Oregon Court of Appeals in 2003, Ortega is the first woman of color and the first Latina to serve on the court. She was elected to a full six-year term the next year and reelected in 2010 with 98.71 percent of the vote.

Last spring the Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation awarded Ortega the Judge Mercedes Deiz Award, which 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."

Ortega hosts weekly discussion groups for first-year students at Willamette University School of Law and Lewis & Clark Law School. "She nurtures mentoring relationships with many law students and new lawyers through the state, including many ethnic minorities," according to the OHBA. Ortega also was cited as a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs and for chairing the planning committee for Opportunities for Law in Oregon, an orientation program for ethnic minority students entering Oregon's law schools.

After her time at George Fox, Ortega went on to the University of Michigan Law School, earning a J.D. degree in 1989. She then went into private practice in Detroit before returning to Oregon in 1992 to enter private legal practice in Portland.

The Oregon jurist, who took her maternal grandparents' last name in 2002, was born in Montebello, Calif., and spent her early childhood in the Los Angeles area before moving with her family to Banks, Ore., when she was 10.



Jamie Ridley-Klucken (G98) has been appointed clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Shenandoah University in Northern Virginia. She recently completed a two-year post-graduate residency at Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where she became a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist.

David Albert (ADP99, MA02) has been mobilized and activated at Joint Base McGuire-Dix in Lakehurst, N.J., in preparation for deployment to serve in Afghanistan

with Operation Enduring Freedom. He is an Army sergeant in the 108th Training Command in Charlotte, N.C. He has been in the military for 12 years.

Heidi Williams (ADP99) is director of operations for the Oregon Educators Benefit Board, an organization that works with school districts, members, carriers and providers to offer benefit plans and services. She oversees communication, contracts, budgeting, accounting, enrollment and the data warehouses for member information.



2000–09

Joshua Kaiser (G01) in June received a PhD in Christian ethics from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. This past academic year he was a visiting instructor in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. This coming academic year he will teach at Trinity School at Greenlawn in South Bend, Ind.

Brian Van Bergen (G02) is a candidate in the Nov. 6 general election for the position of Yamhill County (Oregon) clerk, responsible for maintaining records and supervising elections. He was one of two candidates chosen from a field of four in the May 15 primary, receiving the highest total with 36.8 percent of the vote. A Newberg resident, he is an account manager and digital storefront manager with Lynx Group, Inc. of Salem, Ore. – a position he's held since 2006 after 10 years with Times Litho, Inc., in Forest Grove, Ore.

Michelle Cox (MA03) in May became the new director of student health and counseling services at Western Oregon University, where she received her undergrad degree. She completed her internship at the WOU counseling center while earning her George Fox degree. Since 2005 she has been an assistant professor in the Graduate Department of Counseling at George Fox.

Matt Gerber (G03) is clinical research coordinator and cancer research associate at the University of Minnesota. He has been in that position since February 2011, after operating his own business development and public relations consulting firm for two-and-a-half years.

Sabrina Walters (MA04) has been recognized in Cambridge Who's Who for her two counseling services: Core Values Counseling and Sabrina Walters Counseling. The former provides training and counseling for coaches, clergy and counselors. The latter is her private practice for families, couples and individuals, which also provides diagnostic and drug and alcohol assessments.

Ian Wendler (MBA04) this spring was honored by Oregon State University, which

named him to the Council of Outstanding Early Career Engineers. He is director of research, development and strategic sourcing for Warn Industries, Inc. of Clackamas, Ore. He began with the company as an intern and now provides leadership for a global team. Warn – which has 500 employees – designs, manufactures and markets products for off-road vehicles.

Brian Howerton (n05) in March was named the new communications center director for Life Flight Network, a not-for-profit medical transport service in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West. He is responsible for overseeing the Boise center, which receives and coordinates all incoming requests for transports, using the latest satellite tracking technology and data systems to monitor each aircraft's movement. The company's administrative offices are located in Aurora, Ore.

John Davis (G05) has been chosen by Oregon Republicans to be their candidate for Oregon House District 26 in this November's election. He bested three rivals to fill the open slot created by a resignation. Davis is an associate with the law firm McEwen Gisvold of Portland. A graduate of the Willamette University College of Law, he joined the firm in 2010 and represents clients in the areas of business and real estate transactions, finance, business law and estate planning. A resident of Wilsonville, Ore., he serves as president of Emerging Leaders for Oregon and is a committee member with Wilsonville Young Life.

Sue Hubbard (MDiv05) on Feb. 12 was ordained and installed as associate pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem, Ore. She has been a parish ministry associate since 2006 and serves in the areas of pastoral care, teaching and counseling, and as coordinator of adult education offerings. She is a member of the George Fox Evangelical Seminary Board of Regents.

Ben Hanna (MBA06) has been named general manager for Olsen Agricultural Enterprises in Monmouth, Ore. It farms about 6,500 acres in three Oregon counties with a focus on grass seed, peppermint oil, wine grapes

and blueberry production. Previously, for nearly four years, he was vice president for business development at HearHere by Lightspeed. He had been with the engineering company that specializes in infrared classroom audio technology since 2000.

Lindsay Peterson (G06) in May was named director of undergraduate admissions for George Fox University. She has been on the staff for six years. The same month she also received a master of organizational leadership degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Jon Hanson (G06) is the newest member of the Coos Bay, Ore., City Council. He was appointed by the council and took office in February. Hanson works for South Coast Office Supply in Coos Bay, where he is responsible for business development. He also is a board member of the Coos Bay Student Loan Fund and the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

John Hossler (G06) in May graduated from The University of Montana with a PhD in mathematics and this fall will begin as assistant professor of mathematics at Seattle Pacific University.

Raymond Leach (DMin06) is the author of two books. His most recent book, *Iron Cross Under Crescent Moon*, chronicles his 16-month deployment as an Army chaplain in Iraq. He currently is 181st Infantry Brigade chaplain at Fort McCoy, Wis.

Amy (Smith) Alumbaugh (G07) and **Bevan Alumbaugh** (G08) live in Westminster, S.C., where both are employed at Wilderness Way Girls Camp. She is a group supervisor and he is maintenance and project supervisor. The camp, in Fair Play, S.C., is for girls 8-16 who are struggling in their families, schools and communities. It was founded in 1990 as a private, Christian, not-for-profit, therapeutic camping program. Those participating spend up to 14 months as they are provided with "friendship therapy" in small-group settings.

Greg Foley (MBA07) was a newly commissioned second lieutenant in the field artillery when he began a personal journal in



2004 prior to leaving for Iraq. His journal is now a new book, *Journal of a Christian Soldier in Iraq*, published in June by Xulon Press, the world's largest Christian self-publisher. Foley was attached to the 1st Calvary Division, serving with the Oregon Army National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade, 2-12 Infantry, Alpha Company. He first served as company fire support officer and later assumed command of 2nd Platoon on daily combat patrols in hostile neighborhoods of Baghdad. A member of the National Coalition of Men's Ministries, he uses his experience in military and business to inspire and challenge men in the church

to fulfill their calling. He and his family are living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he is a Target store manager.

Michele DeBuhr (MBA07) was promoted to vice president/consumer credit administration with OnPoint Community Credit Union in Portland. She has 16 years with the firm, most recently as vice president/organization effectiveness. Previously she was an assistant branch manager, training and development manager and project manager for database conversion for the credit union.

Laurel Emory (MBA07) was named chief of staff, reporting to the CEO of the Denver

site of Coram, a national healthcare provider of infusion services. In January, she completed exams in the Regent University PhD program in organizational leadership. Now she is working on her dissertation, focusing on the path to leadership of Christian women in executive leadership positions.

Bryan Harada (G08) in May promoted his first major showcase, Seattle Hip Hop Resurrection. The event was sponsored by Luis Palau's Creative Arts Alliance and World Concern. Harada works at Spirit 105.3 FM radio in Seattle as its promotions/events coordinator and also owns ONE Entertainment Music Group, a company that works with entertainers to create "new and innovative ways to impact and inspire the culture through the arts." He also volunteers with Young Life in Shoreline, Wash.

Katherine (Winning) Schweitzer (EdD09) is the new principal at Kelso Elementary School in Boring, Ore., part of the Oregon Trail School District. She moves from a position as vice principal at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore., where she was an administrator for one year after serving as vice principal for student life at La Salle Catholic College Preparatory in Milwaukie, Ore.

Caring for the Caregivers

When **Steve Ristow** wrote his master's thesis in 1996, it wasn't just to earn a degree in Christian studies from George Fox – he was simultaneously preparing a business plan and a career.

A year later, he established Quiet Waters Outreach, which serves individuals with developmental disabilities in four Oregon counties. Now helping up to 2,500 individuals annually, the ministry has grown to nine full- and part-time employees in addition to 350 volunteers. A multi-pronged effort helps participants (called "treasures" or "guests") with disabilities ranging from Down syndrome to cerebral palsy and autism. At the same time it helps their parents and caregivers by providing a much-needed break.

Ristow prepared for the outreach in his thesis, "Respite Care: A Comprehensive Study on the Need for Respite Care for Families and Caregivers of Individuals with Mental Retardation and/or Developmental Disabilities."

"This laid the foundation for where I am today," he says. He originally planned to become a Christian psychologist, but while studying for his master's felt "God was not calling me there, but to ministry in a very special area." He adds, "This was a really pivotal shift, clarifying the future for me."

He took the operating name for his organization from the 23rd Psalm: "He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul."

"Our mission is restoration and our source is God's power," explains Ristow. "The name 'Quiet Waters Outreach' perfectly assimilates the two and defines our ministry."

Ristow grew up with an adopted sister with Fetal Alcohol Effects, and that planted the seed for his efforts. With firsthand experience caring for someone with a disability, he knew the imminent need for spiritual, emotional, mental and physical restoration for the caregivers.

Quiet Waters has now grown to include two bed and breakfasts that provide a three-day weekend of activities for individuals with developmental disabilities while their caregivers enjoy a mini vacation; a Discovery Day Program that allows these individuals to learn valuable life skills and become engaged in the community through service-oriented involvement; and other programs that provide activities at local churches and support for families.



2010–11

Lydia (Yokoi) Funaishi (G10) is a charge nurse at Friendsview Retirement Community's health services center in Newberg. She initially became familiar with Friendsview as a student while volunteering to give flu shots, then worked in the health center as a certified nursing assistant during her senior year.

Adam Cuneo (MBA11) has been hired as senior sales consultant for Tribute Media of Boise. He is responsible for sales and client consultations, helping in Web design, Web marketing, social media and search engine optimization. Previously, he spent four years with Cable One in its sales department.

Jonelle (Fodge) Liddell (G11) is a registered nurse with Providence Kodiak Island Medical Center in Alaska.



JUST MARRIED

Walt Everly (n77) and Lisa Springgate, March 24, 2012, in Butteville, Ore.

Ronecca Dockter (G04) and Owen Norvell, Sept. 2, 2011, in Portland.

Amy Smith (G07) and **Bevan Alumbaugh** (G08), Jan. 7, 2012, in Estacada, Ore.

Beth Saavedra (G09) and Robert Ritchie, Sept. 3, 2011, in Seattle.

Frederick Liddell (G10) and **Jonelle Fodge** (G11), Jan. 1, 2012, in San Diego.

Kaylee Scholz (G10) and Benjamin Corrado, March 3, 2012, in Newberg.

Hannah Frost (G11) and Andre Sam, June 15, 2012, in McMinnville, Ore.

BABY BRUINS



Kerry (Aillaud) Rueck (G95) and Scott Rueck, a girl, Macey Elizabeth, Feb. 5, 2012, in Corvallis, Ore.

Abigail (Popp) Holloway (G96) and Nick Holloway, a boy, Karsten Arthur, July 31, 2011, in Moscow, Idaho.

Nathan Sundgren (G96) and Felicia Sundgren, a boy, Aaron Christopher, March 19, 2012, in Houston.

Jonelle (Jones) Retsema (G97) and Thom Retsema, a girl, Mari Elena, March 17, 2012, in Newberg.

Barbara (Smith) Holmes (G98, MAT05) and **Michael Holmes** (MAT05), a boy, John Michael, Dec. 17, 2011, in Olympia, Wash.

Amy (Baer) Peterson (G98) and Jason Peterson, a girl, Bailey Allyse, Feb. 24, 2012, in Portland.

Pete Macy (G99) and **Linsey (Insko) Macy** (G00), a boy, William Merrick, Feb. 12, 2012 in Yamhill, Ore.

Brian Herling (G00, MAT05) and **Krista (Bibby) Herling** (G03, MAT05), twin girls, Hope Elizabeth and Joy Elaine, March 15, 2012, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Marisa (Muñoz) Landero (G00) and Samuel Landero, a girl, Sofia Adela, July 9, 2011, in Harlingen, Texas.

Lindsay (Stratton) Ruhnke (G00) and John Ruhnke, a girl, Margaret Sophia, Jan. 20, 2012, in Portland.



Tristan Symons (G00) and Scott Symons, a girl, Simone Irene, March 30, 2012, in Seattle, Wash.

Kim (Reimer) Hale (G01) and David Hale, a girl, Paige Madelyn, Jan. 15, 2012, in Salem, Ore.

Brooke (Krovius) Martinez (G01) and Mark Martinez, a girl, Gabriella Christine, June 15, 2011, in Ventura, Calif.

Raya (Knauss) Nichols (G01, MAT06) and **David Nichols** (G02), a boy, Cohen David, Nov. 1, 2011, in Newberg.

Holly (Keeney) Webster (G01) and Brett Webster, a boy, Asher James, Sept. 24, 2011, in Seattle.

John Felton (G02, MAT03) and Amy Felton, a boy, Jack Robert Kerry, June 27, 2011, in Portland.

Nathan Paisley (G02) and **Melissa (McKenzie) Paisley** (G03), a girl, Kara Tatum Lane, Nov. 9, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Mandi (Zollman) Cannon (G04) and Brian Cannon, a girl, Carlie Lynn, March 5, 2012, in Portland.

Dave Tussing (G04) and **Carice (Fell) Tussing** (G06), a girl, Abigail Annette, April 4, 2012, in Wilsonville, Ore.



Troy Snyder (G05) and **Rebecca (Wahls) Snyder** (G06), a boy, Elias Snyder, Sept. 27, 2011, in Portland.



Nic Schneider (G06) and Jenny Schneider, a girl, Josephine Emilie, March 10, 2012, in Escondido, Calif.

Jaime Hudson (G07) and William Hudson II, a girl, Abigail Moriah, March 21, 2012, in Silverton, Ore.



Kimberly (Novakovich) Kersey (MBA07) and Joe Kersey, a boy, Micah Joseph, Feb. 10, 2012, in Tualatin, Ore.



Caitlyn (Boultinghouse) Bennett (G08) and **Daniel Bennett** (G08), a boy, Henry Richard, April 10, 2012, in Carbondale, Ill.

Katie (Andrews) Meinzinger (G08, MAT09) and Stephen Meinzinger, a boy, Benjamin Daniel, March 28, 2012, in Baker City, Ore.

Bradley McConnell (MA09) and **Courtney (Knauss) McConnell** (MA09), a boy, Cullen James Shapiro, Aug. 14, 2011, in Stockton, Calif.

Arin Clark (MAT12), a boy, Kason James Squires, Dec. 3, 2011, in Lake Oswego, Ore.

IN MEMORY

Orrin Ogier (G46), June 20, 2012, in Medford, Ore.

Loren Mills (G49), April 18, 2012, in Newberg.

Wally Russell (n50), June 30, 2012, in Newberg.

Richard Hampton (G79), March 25, 2012, in Olalla, Wash.

Laine Holdahl (G89), April 29, 2012, in Portland.

Dennis Horton (ADP91), March 26, 2012, in Portland.

William (Bill) Lind (MBA94), March 20, 2012, in Portland.

Eleanor Powell (MA06), June 7, 2012, in Tigard, Ore.

Keaton Coffey (n11), May 24, 2012, in Afghanistan.

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Join alumni, parents and friends of George Fox at Keller Auditorium for live performances of *Memphis* (Sept. 12), *The Nutcracker* (Dec. 15), *Swan Lake* (Feb. 16), *War Horse* (Feb. 27) and *Addams Family* (June 26). Discounted tickets can be purchased for individual shows or as part of a package, but they are limited so order yours today! For more information, visit broadway.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134.

**Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
September 15**

Join us as we honor our 17th class of George Fox Sports Hall of Fame inductees with a ceremony held at Bauman Auditorium. Jon Newkirk, Ryan Munoz, Rob Wunder, Jim Jackson and the women's 1996 track and field team will all be recognized, followed by a reception. For more information, e-mail alumni@georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134.



SHARING OUR STORIES
2012 HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

October 26-28

Alumni and parents of current students alike are invited to campus for a weekend filled with all manner of exciting events, including the Homecoming Coronation and Variety

Show, reunions, lectures by current professors, the annual Family Weekend Luncheon, a kid-friendly tailgate party, the Alumni Awards Banquet, theatre and music performances, Family Weekend Bingo and much more! Whether you are coming back to campus to visit with old college friends, spend time with your student or both, it will be a fun-filled weekend your whole family will enjoy. For more information, visit sharingstories.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134.



**Bruin Madness III
February 2, 2013**

Throw on your blue, gold and white and bring your family to Bruin Madness III! Alumni, students, parents, community members and other fans will all come together for some delicious tailgate fare and family-friendly activities at the Indoor Tailgate Party Dinner and KidZone. Then, everyone will head off to Miller Gymnasium to cheer on the Bruins! After the basketball games, young alumni (those from the past 10 years) are invited to head over to Abby's Pizza to continue the celebration. For more information, e-mail alumni@georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134.

We Can Help With Estate Planning



Do you find estate planning complicated or have an estate plan that is out of date? If so, George Fox has the resources to help.

Call or write for your free "Will and Trust Planning Guide" and "Estate Inventory Form." We can help provide you with information on:

- **Wills**
- **Powers of Attorney**
- **Living Trusts**
- **Property Disposition**

Have questions? Contact Dave Adrian at **503-554-2113** or e-mail him at dadrian@georgefox.edu.

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Three Ways You Can Get In The Game:



Show class, have pride,
and display character.
If you do, winning
takes care of itself.

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John Doe, class of '72

1. Bruin Backer Club

By making a "Build and Play Pledge" of two \$2,500 donations for the first two years of the program (2013-14), you'll help finance operational costs.

With your donation, you will:

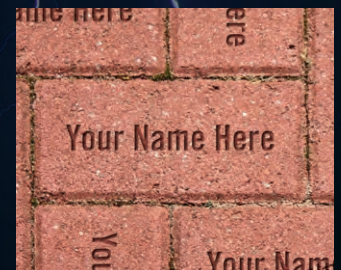
- Sponsor one of the 100 players who suit up the first season
- Receive two season tickets/parking spot for first two seasons
- Be invited to special tailgating events and opportunities to interact with players and coaches

2. Legacy Lockers

Your name, your quote, your legacy. Inspire players for generations to come by purchasing a Legacy Locker (\$1,500) and placing your favorite inspirational quote on a plaque on or above a locker. You'll also get two season tickets to the inaugural 2014 season.

3. Buy a Brick

Buy and name a brick in the football plaza (\$200). By engraving a brick with your name or that of a loved one, you'll honor memories of the past while paving the way for the future.



GIVE ONLINE: georgefox.edu/football

LEARN MORE: Contact Fred Gregory at 503-554-2120 or fgregory@georgefox.edu for more information.

A Bright Idea

Solar panels installed on the plant services building, Villa Academic Complex, Coffin and Le Shana halls, and the Stevens Center will save George Fox \$13,000 annually over the next 15 years, significantly reducing the university's carbon footprint.

Associate Director of Plant Services Dan Schutter (pictured here with students Dmitry Artikov and Katherine Fuller) was tasked with overseeing the project, which is just one of several green initiatives being implemented. Visit georgefox.edu/green to learn more.

