



# The Flame

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## from the president: starting it all right

This academic year began with student Orientation on August 19. The afternoon was packed with activities designed to foster a sense of community and belonging in the student body of the Seminary. The sessions also pass along the information and materials needed for students to successfully navigate the programs of the school. Incoming students were afforded the chance to meet those already in degree programs, as well as to connect with each other. The restructuring of Orientation represents an improvement over what had been offered last year. The new version was the result of the research of our Administrative Dean, Ann Jones, for a graduate paper on the effectiveness of Orientation.



The next Tuesday, August 22, the Seminary had a booth at the University's Quad Day. This was a success in connecting with numerous undergrads at the University about the college classes we offer which they can transfer into the University of Illinois. That night all Seminary students were invited to a welcome back barbeque, an evening to enjoy building relationships.



In Christ,

*Ken*

“Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep.’ ”  
John 21:17

## new semester begins

The Fall semester of 2006 is well underway. Classes began on August 23. Offerings range from the core academic foundations to the more specialized or practical (check the list of class names below to get the flavor!). This wide selection of opportunities lays foundations for understanding Christian faith and imparts skills to think as a Christian and minister in today's society. Our three full-time faculty are joined by seven adjuncts to equip the students God has given us.

*Utopian Communities in America*

*Old Testament* *Book of Hebrews* **Theology 1**

*Biblical Counseling* *Inductive Bible Study Methods*

*World Religions* *Ministry to International Students*

*Greek 1*

**Amos in Hebrew** *Church History 1*

...to build the kingdom of Christ by equipping people to love, know and serve God.

## welcome! the strategic addition of three new people

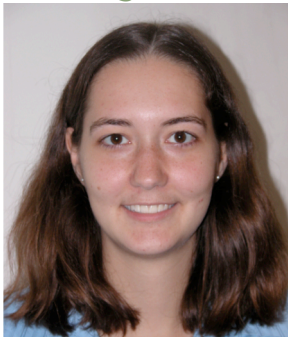
God has again provided in ways that go beyond what we could plan as humans, or even hope to engineer. In three weeks at the end of August and start of September we have announced in succession the addition of three new people to our "Seminary Team." God's gifts to the Seminary include:

### michael mcqueen



Michael McQueen, who assumed the role of Acting Academic Dean. Mike brings his years of pastoral and missionary experience, coupled with seminary background and a nearly completed Doctor of Ministry degree (in Missions) to the role that serves the students in administering academic affairs, as well as overseeing the faculty, both resident and adjunct.

### esther giezendanner



Esther Giezendanner, the new Seminary Librarian. Esther is a student in the Master's program in Library and Information Science at the University. Her background includes work in an academic library and an upbringing in an international setting as a "missionary kid."

### jim ward

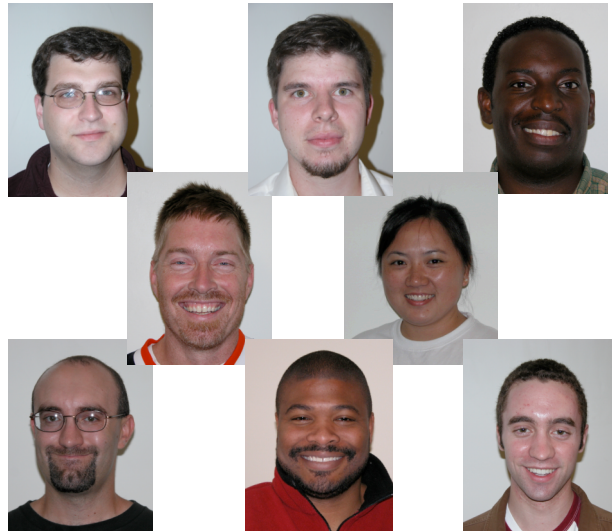


James Ward, who now serves in the role of Assistant to the President, Academic Affairs. Jim holds the Ed.D. degree and taught at the University of Illinois in the Department of Higher Education. Now retired, he is an involved layperson ministering in his church and excited to use his background to help the Seminary produce all that is needed for approvals and accreditation.

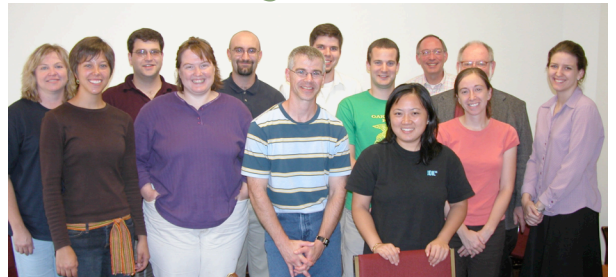
The rest of the staff are delighted to have these three working along with us to advance the Kingdom of Christ through theological education.

## focus on the students: welcome to the new class!

### fall semester 2006...



### introduction to graduate research...



### welcome back picnic...



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."  
John 10:14-16

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