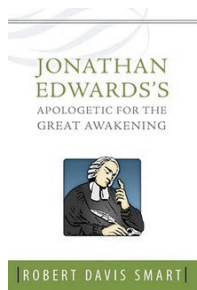


Adjunct Publishes New Book



Dr. Robert (Bob) Smart, adjunct professor for Urbana Seminary, recently published *Jonathan Edwards's Apologetic for the Great Awakening* (Reformation Heritage Books). Historian George Marsden, University of Notre Dame, writes that "Robert Davis Smart provides us with a thorough, impressive, and theologically informed account of one of the great debates in American history. His work will be a point of departure for future discussions of the topic." Dr. Smart is a full-time pastor at Christ Church, PCA, in Bloomington-Normal.



E Newsletter

This spring, Urbana Seminary started a weekly e-mail called "A Word From Urbana Seminary". The email includes our weekly blog post and information about upcoming events. If you would like to receive this email please sign up on our website at: <http://www.urbanaseminary.org/contact-uts/>

Student Spotlight



Aaron Meeks
Master of Arts in Religion

Meet Aaron Meeks, Master of Arts in Religion student at Urbana Seminary. Aaron is the Assistant Pastor at Crossroads Church in Monticello, IL. When he began searching for the right seminary, Aaron considered Urbana Seminary alongside several other options through distance learning. He was familiar with Urbana through his senior pastor, Mike Heiniger. Mike graduated from Urbana Seminary and strongly recommended the Seminary. Aaron then met with Dr. Cuffey over pizza and was sold. Dr. Cuffey's passion, Christ-centeredness and willingness to meet one on one were definite selling points.

Urbana Seminary has made a huge impact on Aaron. His undergrad experience was a time where instructors told him what to think and believe about the Bible. Aaron appreciates that Urbana Seminary is focused on trying to teach him and other students how to think on their own about the Bible. This gives him the ability to interact with other Biblical scholars and Bible teachers and form an understanding of Scripture that is both personal and in continuity with historic Christian teaching.

To read more about Aaron's experience at Urbana Seminary, visit our Student Spotlight online at: <http://www.urbanaseminary.org/prospective-students/student-spotlight/aaron>

Academic Highlights

- Continuing progress toward accreditation, featuring a December visit from a representative of ABHE, receiving high marks for academics and curriculum, and a challenge regarding finances that birthed the Founders Fund Campaign.
- Outstanding and well-attended student planned and led worship services each semester.
- Hiring of a new librarian, Katie Card, and a recruiter, Brent Dickman.
- Completion of articulation agreement with Columbia International University in SC for transfer of credit.
- First Seminary course offerings in Bloomington/Normal.
- Partnership with Immanuel Bible Foundation to sponsor a new lecture series for the Bloomington-Normal community.



Letter from the President...

Each spring we observe Founders Day. So many of the watershed milestones of our beginnings occurred in the spring that it seems especially appropriate to commemorate what God has done at this season. Praise God with me for the initial gifts which launched Urbana Seminary; the people who have formed our faculty and staff; the students who have come to study; the alumni scattered throughout the United States and the world to serve Christ; the commitment of faithful prayer supporters; the ongoing generosity of donors; and now the Founders Fund campaign and advances in seeking accreditation that have highlighted this past school year. Who knew what God had in store for all of us? I'm so thankful to watch his hand in crafting a quality and unique education that seeks to deepen a student's love for God, enrich knowledge of God and his truth, and refine skills to be used in effective service of our Lord. Praising God,

Kenneth H. Cuffey

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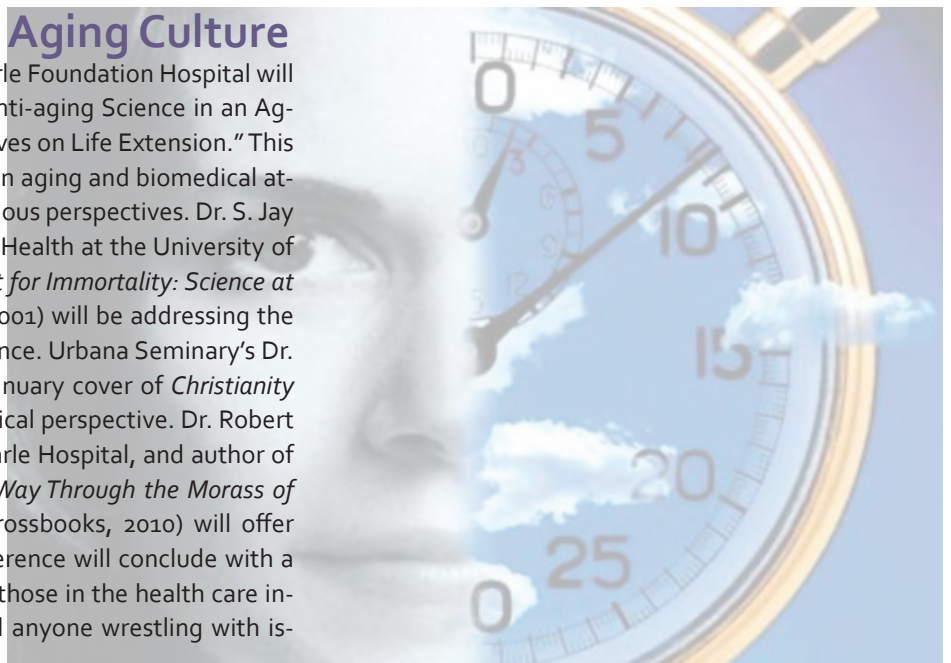
Founders Fund Campaign 2011



This spring Urbana Seminary launched the Founders Fund Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 for the Seminary and its students. At present the Seminary has raised nearly \$175,000. We believe that this will soon rise to \$200,000 based on conversations we have had with a few more people. We are asking you, the broader Urbana Seminary family, to help us bring in the last \$50,000 this summer. Urbana Seminary is thankful to God for all the support you have shown us in the past. We would not have been able to fulfill the Seminary's mission if it were not for your generosity. We believe God has significant plans for Urbana Seminary and your participation in the Founders Fund Campaign will help make this possible. Thank you!

Anti-aging Science in an Aging Culture

On December 10th, Urbana Seminary and Carle Foundation Hospital will be hosting a one-day conference entitled "Anti-aging Science in an Aging Culture: Scientific and Religious Perspectives on Life Extension." This conference will explore the meaning of human aging and biomedical attempts to overcome it from medical and religious perspectives. Dr. S. Jay O'Shansky, Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago and co-author of *The Quest for Immortality: Science at the Frontiers of Aging* (W. W. Norton & Co., 2001) will be addressing the science of longevity and its religious significance. Urbana Seminary's Dr. Todd Daly, whose work is featured on the January cover of *Christianity Today*, will address anti-aging from a theological perspective. Dr. Robert E. Cranston, neurologist and bioethicist at Carle Hospital, and author of *Bioethics and Today's Christian: Finding Your Way Through the Morass of Today's Overwhelming Medical Dilemmas* (Crossbooks, 2010) will offer reflections on several case studies. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion. This conference is ideal for those in the health care industry, pastors & philosophers, students and anyone wrestling with issues concerning aging.



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Congratulations May 2011 Graduates



CLASS OF 2011

On May 17, 2011, Urbana Theological Seminary celebrated its seventh annual graduation. Join us in congratulating our newest graduates. We are grateful for each of them and excited to see how God will use them in the work He is calling them to do. Bob will continue to work in computer programming until he and his wife are ready to go out on the mission field. Brent has recently been hired as Urbana Seminary's Recruiter. In the future he plans to continue his education to get his PhD in Theology. Desirée is currently working within her church and other various women's ministries in the Peoria area. Buulinh is working on earning an ESL certificate so she can pursue her dreams of international mission work. Charlotte continues her work as a full time pastor at a church in the Champaign-Urbana area. Clint will continue to work in the IT area and be a lay minister in his church.



Skip Binch - Board Chairman
Robert Kuo - Master of Divinity



Brent Dickman
Master of Divinity



Desire Clark - Master of Arts in Religion
Buulinh Quach - Master of Arts in Religion



Clint Stearns
Graduate Certificate of Christian Studies



Dr. Kenneth Cuffey - President
Charlotte Blissit - Graduate Certificate of Christian Studies

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2