

Seminary Fall Perspective

The new school year is in full swing! Looking ahead... We anticipate the upcoming year and all the celebrations of the 10th Anniversary. We've had a good start of classes, and are excited for our new program students. There's a wonderful mix of people intent on following Christ, serving Him, and understanding their faith.

A series of special events mark the launch of this new season. The first of the 10th Anniversary events, a screening of two documentary films, *Eggsploration* and *Anonymous Father's Day*, presented by Jennifer Lahl, was on September 7th and 8th. This was also the second annual Bioethics seminar that Urbana Seminary sponsored along with Carle Hospital. On Saturday, October 20, Dr. Thomas S. Kidd, Associate Professor of History at Baylor University, will speak on the topic "God of Liberty: The Religious Dynamics of America's Founding Era." This will be timed to coincide with the upcoming 2012 presidential election. Also this fall the Seminary will host a lecture on "Emotions in Christian Counseling" by Dr. Lydia Kim-van Daalen, our candidate for the faculty position in Counseling (date to be announced, check our website). At this time we also move into the third phase of the Founders Fund campaign, seeking to raise the last \$50,000 to add to the \$150,000 already given or pledged.

And Looking Back...

God has been so good to Urbana Seminary in 2011-2012! For that we can praise God together! The Lord's gifts to the Seminary include:

- A grant from Brotherton Foundation that allowed us to add Brent Dickman, M.Div. as a part-time recruiter
- Bioethics seminar co-sponsored with Carle Hospital (December 2011)
- The launch of the Provisions for Pastors initiative and our first annual Forum on Preaching for Pastors (February 2012)
- A series of outreaches to potential students in Fall of 2011
- Founders Day 2012 and the launch of our 10 Year Anniversary celebration
- The completion of the first Founders Fund campaign with healthy giving in 2011.

The year past made clear that God continues to have his hand on this ministry. May God strategically use the Seminary and position us for future impact in 2012-2013.



1st Annual Pastor's Forum | February 6, 2012
Dr. Bob Smart | Dr. Randy Boltinghouse | Dr. Donald Sunukjian

E Newsletter



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/contacts-uts/>

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

How to pray for us? Please remember:

- The school year began August 27. Praise God for a great new class of incoming students. Pray for students as they study, for impact in their lives from classes, for the teachers.
- Lydia Kim-van Daalen will be a candidate for the faculty position in Counseling. Interview dates to be announced. Pray for wisdom for her and us in the search process.
- Pray for continued growing enrollment, for the new students God will bring here.
- Founders Fund campaign for 2012. For healthy and generous giving, and that we would meet (or exceed!) giving goal of \$200,000.
- For healthy year end giving as we approach the final months of 2012.
- Continued wisdom with strategic positioning of the Seminary for impact and ministry, strategic planning, and working on the accreditation process.
- For the stellar lineup of 10th Year Anniversary events. Specially remember the October 20 event with historian Dr. Thomas Kidd.

... preparing people for Christian ministry and leadership, equipping them to love, know, and serve God...

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Founders Day / 10th Anniversary

Founders Day 2012 launched Urbana Seminary's 10-year anniversary celebration. Keynote speaker Elaine Carovilla (M. Div. Class of 2008) fittingly reflected on her time of study at Urbana Seminary and how this has impacted her work as Director of Girls Toys at Disney. Founders Day premiered a new video capturing the many highlights of Urbana Seminary over the last ten years. The evening also introduced the 10-year anniversary events and speakers for the upcoming 2012-13 academic year. Finally, President Ken Cuffey unveiled Urbana Seminary's annual Founders Fund Campaign. The goal is to raise \$200,000. So far your giving has brought in over half of that amount. Urbana Seminary is thankful to God for all the support you have shown us in the past. Praise God with us as he continues to expand our reach and influence in the local church and around the world.



Thomas S. Kidd, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of History
Baylor University

October 20, 2012
God of Liberty: The Religious Dynamics of America's Founding Era.

Dr. Kidd's research interests are in 18th century North America, particularly the history of evangelicalism. He is the author of several books including *God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American Revolution*.



Scot McKnight, Ph.D.
Professor of New Testament
Northern Seminary

February 2, 2013

Dr. McKnight is a widely-recognized authority on the New Testament, early Christianity, and the historical Jesus. He is the Karl A. Olsson Professor in Religious Studies at North Park University. A popular and witty speaker, Dr. McKnight has given interviews on radio programs across the nation, has appeared on television, and is regularly asked to speak in local churches and educational events. He is the author of more than thirty books, including the award-winning *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others*.



Zack Eswine, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor
Riverside Church in St. Louis

March 4, 2013
Pastor's Forum

Dr. Eswine has served in pastoral roles for nearly twenty years. He served as Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Director for Doctor of Ministry for six years at Covenant Theological Seminary. Zack's most recent book, *Preaching to a Post-Everything World: Crafting Biblical Sermons that Connect with our Culture* (Baker, 2008), won Preaching Today's Book of the Year Award in 2009.



Todd D. Rendleman, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Communication
Seattle Pacific University

April 21, 2013
Founders Day Celebration Two Thumbs Up: The Christian and Culture.

Dr. Rendleman's writings examine the form and function of religious images in movies. His book, *Rule of Thumb: Ebert at the Movies*, is on the work of film critic Roger Ebert.

Introducing Our Newest Faculty

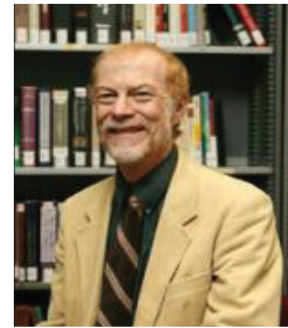


Dr. Peter Spychalla
Assistant Professor of
New Testament and Spiritual Formation

Dr. Peter Spychalla joins Seminary Core Faculty in New Testament and Spiritual Formation. We want to make sure that you've heard! In February, the Board appointed Peter Spychalla, Ph.D. to our core faculty as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Spiritual Formation. Dr. Spychalla will teach two courses a semester for the Seminary and is now included in the faculty decision making process. He holds his Ph.D. in Biblical Theology in the area of New Testament from the Graduate School at Wheaton (IL) College. Currently he is pursuing a D.Min. degree from Lincoln Christian Seminary in the area of Spiritual Formation. Over the last decade Dr. Spychalla has been involved with the mission of the Seminary as an Adjunct and then a Lecturer in Greek and New Testament. His interests include the careful understanding and use of the Biblical text, the ways that the New Testament uses the Old, and the entire process of personal spiritual growth.

Dr. Michael McQueen joins Seminary Core Faculty in Intercultural Studies

At their July meeting, the Seminary's board appointed Michael McQueen, D.Min. to the core faculty in Intercultural Studies. Dr. McQueen received his Doctor of Ministry degree from a joint program with Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS) and Highlands Theological College in Scotland this May. He will teach one course each semester and is also now a member of the Seminary's core faculty, as well as continuing in his ministry to international students at the University. Dr. McQueen was a member of the original board of the Seminary's predecessor, the Christian Studies Center. He has been a part of our history in a variety of roles: Board member, board chair, adjunct, acting Academic Dean, and most recently as a Lecturer. His focus in research for his D.Min. was on ministry to Chinese in America and his interests broadly include effective cross-cultural missions and understanding culture as a key to effectively communicating the gospel of Christ.



Dr. Michael McQueen
Assistant Professor of
Intercultural Studies

congratulations

Class of 2012



Debbie Lay
Graduate Certificate of Christian Studies

Dustin Webb
Master of Divinity



Debbie and Damian Lay



Dustin and Jen and Family

On May 11, 2012, Urbana Theological Seminary celebrated its Eighth Annual Graduation. This year we had two students graduate, Debbie Lay and Dustin Webb. Please join with the seminary as we celebrate their degree completion and wish them the best in future ministry opportunities. Since graduation the Lays have relocated to Asia and the Webbs actively serve Christ through missions and their church in Normal, IL.

individuals

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Ron & Nancy Angerer
David & Carol Archer
Dick & Lynne Barnes
John Bashian
Allen R. and Jeannette Bean
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Skip & Cheryl Binch
Salvatore & Elaine Carovilla
Janice Chang
Jamie & Amy Chesser
Kevin & Kimberly Coe
Jason Combs
Herb Corten
Robert Cranston
Ken Cuffey
Thomas & Diane Daly
George & Haley Degrella
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