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Celebrating Success

Success comes in many ways. This past year has been a wonderful one at Iliff - filled with innovation and creativity!

With your help, 2010 saw Iliff's largest entering class, we introduced our successful "Journey" MDIV Program, rolled out a number of graduate certificates, supported military veterans and their families through our MAPSC Program, initiated a business to business effort, and won awards for our marketing communications work.

As we start the new year, we know that there is much to look forward to. Your help – with student referrals, financial support, and your unbridled enthusiasm for Iliff – will take us to the next level.

Let's take the time to reflect, be thankful, and celebrate this amazing journey!


Rev. Dr. David Trickett
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Iliff to Honor Judy Shepard with First Frontiers Award

Iliff will honor Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, as the first recipient of the Frontiers Award, at the “Frontiers Award Event,” April 28, 2011, The Cable Center, Denver.

The Frontiers Award has been established by Iliff to acknowledge and celebrate individuals or organizations whose courage, persistence, and determination has changed an unjust situation in the world. Judy Shepard will tell the story of “The Meaning of Matthew” - her story of how her son’s death due to a hate crime propelled her to make a difference.



Judy Shepard

Judy and Dennis Shepard lost their 21-year-old son, Matthew, in October 1998, to a murder motivated by anti-gay hate. Their ordeal moved thousands of people around the world to attend vigils and rallies in Matthew’s honor. Determined to prevent their son’s fate from befalling others, Judy and Dennis established the Matthew Shepard Foundation to carry on Matthew’s legacy by embracing the just causes he had championed. This includes working for gay and lesbian equality, hate crime legislation, and raising awareness through programs developed by the foundation. Judy is now speaking to audiences nationwide about what they can do as individuals and communities to make our world a more accepting place for everyone regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, and expression.

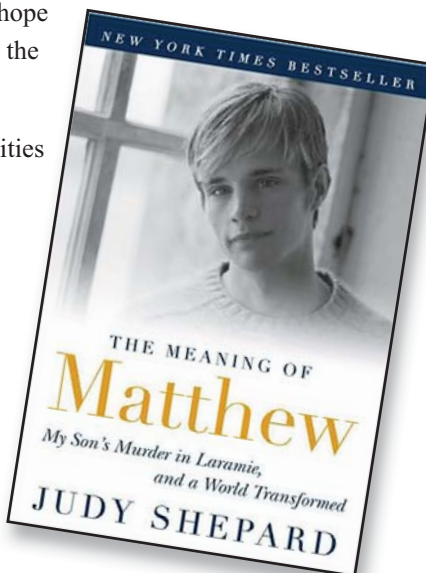
“It’s important that Frontiers Award recipients demonstrate a commitment to social justice, show courage and commitment in the face of hate, criticism, laws, mobs, and unpopular opinions – to be advocates for social change,” said Mary Underwood, vice president of institutional advancement. “Judy Shepard is changing the world with her powerful story and we honor her with the first Frontiers Award.”

Iliff’s legacy of honoring those who have cultivated social change by their peaceful actions began when the school hosted the Little Rock Nine, celebrating 50 years of progress in civil rights. “Now, we welcome Judy Shepard and hope to continue to make our world a more just place by the sharing of her story,” added Underwood.

Proceeds from this event will support Iliff’s Diversities and Justice and Peace Programs.

Patron tickets for the Frontiers Award Event are \$125/person; general admission \$25/person; and students \$5/person. Corporate or organizational sponsorships are also available.

For additional information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement, 303-765-3111 or wsparks@iliff.edu.



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2011 Events

Underground Railroad Quilt Exhibit - Feb. 1-29

Evening Worship: Jameson Jones Visiting Preacher Rev. Otis Moss III, with Daryl Walker, music - Feb. 9

“Ozella's Story - The Underground Railroad Quilts” - Presented by Quilter Kathi Wilson and The Spirituals Project - Feb. 17

Michelle Alexander – Reception & Public Forum “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” - Feb. 23

Social Change Praxis: Abolishing the Death Penalty with Sister Helen Prejean - Feb. 25, Feb. 26

Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame Exhibit - March 1-30

Conference on Religion, Human Trafficking, and Modern Slavery - The University of Denver/Iliff Joint PhD Program - April 1-3



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Couple Finds Dual Success in Ministries



“I know you were expecting William, but you’re getting me today,” Anna said as she addressed William’s congregation a few Sundays ago. So it goes in the Mandelstamms’ ministries – two churches six and a half miles apart in North Carolina. The two 2008 Iliff graduates, **William** and **Anna Mandelstamm**, pastors at Cummings

Memorial United Methodist Church, Horseshoe, NC and Balfour United Methodist Church, Hendersonville, NC, respectively, are finding creative ways to connect the valley they call home – even swapping pulpits on Sunday morning without notice.

The Mandelstamms received their second appointments last summer and preached first sermons for their new congregations on July 4. There have been several opportunities for them to assist each other at weddings, funerals and special services in their first years on the job. “Our dream is to one day be pastors in the same parish,” William said. “But until then, we are finding ways of ministering together – it’s the only time we get to worship together.”

Saturdays in the Mandelstamm household are exciting days for sermon preparation. “Both of us are extroverts so we work on sermons out loud,” Anna says with a laugh. “We have a friend who likes to come to our house and watch the show as we banter back and forth about the best way to approach the upcoming lectionary. Their friend tells them that the nice thing about both being pastors is that they can talk shop at home. But the bad thing about both being pastors is that they can talk shop at home.” They both laugh.

William says that helping to create a cooperative youth ministry is one of many successes in their ministries so far. “We worked on joint ministries for youth and children – cooperatively working with our two churches, plus two others in the area. The churches take turns hosting one month of Sunday evening youth groups.”

“It gets more kids together. Instead of just a handful in each of four small congregations, we have a good-sized group. Volunteers and leaders don’t get so burned out when they can plan for a few weeks instead of continuously. And of course, the kids love it,” Anna interjects.

“Iliff was so different for us, coming from the South. But learning how to think for ourselves, not feeling we have to buy into everyone’s indoctrinations, has served us well,” Anna says. “We must think innovatively about how to handle problems that arise – to think contextually. It’s not like we can run to the bookshelf and find a

source to tell us how something should be done. We have to make it up as we go - with the situation before us. Iliff trained us well for that.”

“The French Broad River Valley is very similar to the Denver area in some ways,” William says. “Tourism is the number one industry with the Dupont State Forest and Pisgah National Forest nearby. Also, the river is a huge rafting and kayaking destination with water enthusiasts using the church parking lot for their vehicles. Yes, we compete with outdoor recreation for Sunday morning interests, just like in Denver. We’re also a popular retirement area.”

Anna considers a success for her to be the continual embracing of the connectionalism with “the other” – those outside of the ministry. “I still feel passionate about ‘the least of these,’ remaining faithful to the values I brought with me when I began, even though those values are challenged every day.”

They wanted to acknowledge the ministry struggles to current students – the “joyous and the ugly of ministry” as they called it. “In these difficult economic times, it’s tough to feel affirmed in your ministry particularly when your leaders may not seem to recognize your gifts through the appointments made. We need to first understand that we are ordained by God,” William said.

Seamlessly, almost finishing his thought, Anna says, “Our call to ministry is only one of many callings. We are also called to be wives, mothers, friends, neighbors, mentors, disciples, and ourselves. They are all important callings. We may need to look to others for the affirmations of our gifts. Ministry is not the end all that says all of who we are. Affirmation may come through relationships and the people you are ministering to. Be true to the passions that God gave to you. The parish includes the world.” ■

New Faculty Books for Your Collection

Preaching in an Age of Globalization

Courtesy of Westminster John Knox Press

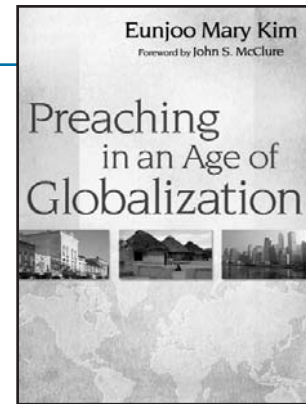
Eunjo Mary Kim, associate professor of homiletics, in *Preaching in an Age of Globalization*, has produced the first resource to explore the challenges of preaching in the midst of globalization. While there are many books on the market that address how culture, race, gender, or economic status affect the way preachers preach and congregations hear sermons, Kim's book is the first to address preaching that promotes solidarity across these differences.



Eunjo Mary Kim, associate professor of homiletics

Preaching in an Age of Globalization begins with the concept that preaching needs to be targeted to specific contexts. Kim provides further insights on how a preacher can handle specific contexts while living in a globalized world. What does local context mean and who defines it? What is the proper context for an all-white congregation in a racially mixed neighborhood?

Kim develops the concept of "trans-contextual preaching" to show how preachers can respect diversity and the global connections that every congregation has. She develops a new theology of preaching, examines the modes of biblical interpretation appropriate for trans-contextual preaching, and explores designs for sermons in this globalized world. She also provides excellent illustrations with her own sample sermons.



To order *Preaching in an Age of Globalization*, contact Cokesbury Bookstore, cokesbury@iliff.edu, 1-800-678-3360, ext 120 or Westminster John Knox Press, www.wjkbooks.com. ■

Latina/o Social Ethics: Moving Beyond Eurocentric Moral Thinking

Courtesy of Baylor University Press

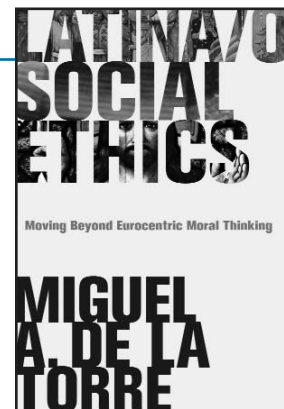
Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics, in *Latina/o Social Ethics: Moving Beyond Eurocentric Moral Thinking*, has written a groundbreaking corrective work.



Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics

The book strives to create a liberative ethical approach to the Hispanic experience by using its own tools and materials. First explaining why Eurocentric ethical paradigms are inadequate in their attempts to liberate oppressed communities, De La Torre looks with Hispanic eyes at

three major ethicists of the twentieth century – Walter Rauschenbusch, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Stanley Hauerwas – and how ethics is presented in U.S. culture wars, from the Religious Right to the Religious Left. He deconstructs these ethical paradigms and demonstrates why all are detrimental to and irreconcilable with the Hispanic social location.



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With a clean slate, De la Torre moves to constructing a new Hispanic-centered ethical paradigm that is rooted in the Latino community way of being. Re-viewing the field of Hispanic ethical thought, he pays special attention to specific concepts ripe with potential that have been developed over the past generation. In the final chapter, De La Torre offers his own constructive paradigm – an ethics para joder, which is

rooted in the Latina/o experience, and by which, he argues, the Hispanic community can survive within U.S. culture.

Latina/o Social Ethics, is available from Cokesbury Bookstore, cokesbury@iliff.edu, 1-800-678-3360, ext 120 or Baylor University Press, www.baylorpress.com. ■

Subversive Fire: The Untold Story of Pentecost

Courtesy of Emeth Press

Albert Hernández, academic vice president and dean of the faculty and associate professor of history of Christianity, in *Subversive Fire: The Untold Story of Pentecost*, offers a historical survey and analysis of the ways that medieval and early modern European Christian writers and visionaries conceptualized the meaning of the pentecostal narrative found in the New Testament.



Albert Hernandez, academic vice president and dean of the faculty, associate professor of the history of Christianity

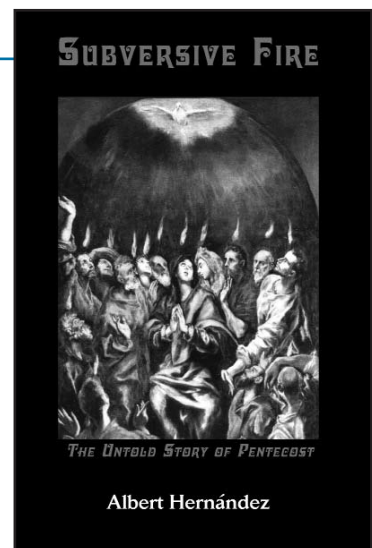
While the primary aim of this study is the recovery and examination of the various meanings of Pentecost as envisioned by Christian thinkers during these two historical periods, the relationship of such ideas and concepts to pneumatology in their respective contexts is also discussed in this book.

Key questions considered in this study are: What is it about Pentecost and the Western imagination that allows Pentecost to show up in a variety of literary and

theological forms throughout Christian history? Why have so many Christian visionaries revisited the story of Pentecost as an act of theological reconstruction often aimed at subverting dominant ecclesiastical paradigms?

What is the relationship between the miraculous pneumatic communication signified in the biblical story of Pentecost and the empowering voice and gifts of the Holy Spirit?

To order *Subversive Fire: The Untold Story of Pentecost*, contact Cokesbury Bookstore, cokesbury@iliff.edu, 1-800-678-3360, ext 120 or Emeth Press, www.emethpress.com. ■



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Community Update

Alums

David Amrie (MDIV '85) is senior pastor, Calvary UMC, Colorado Springs.

Merlene Barner (MDIV '90) is chaplain, Frasier Meadows Manor, Boulder.

Mike Bergman (MDIV '03) retired from Alameda Heights UMC.

Burry Bessee (MDIV '05) is pastor, First UMC, Gillette, WY.

Ed Bigler (MDIV '76) is pastor, Christ UMC, Sterling after serving at Hilltop UMC, Sandy, UT.

Sonja Waldmann-Bohn (MDIV '86) is intentional interim pastor of Cody UMC, Cody, WY.

Teresa L. Fry Brown (MDIV '88, PHD '96) was promoted in September to full professor of homiletics, Emory University, Candler School of Theology.

Paul Brunner (MDIV '91) is senior pastor, Lakewood UMC, after serving as senior pastor, Applewood Valley UMC.

The UMC approved the following Iliff alums for ordination this year; **Jean Bruscia (MDIV '06)** ordained deacon; **Bo Yong Lee (MDIV '04)**, ordained deacon; and **Tezenlo Thong (MDIV '09)** ordained elder.

Linda Cheek (MDIV '10) is pastor, Brentwood UMC.

Kun Sang Cho (MDIV '85) is pastor, Montclair and Highwood UMC, Belt, MT.

Susan DeBree (MDIV '90) is district superintendent of the Western Mountain Division of the Yellowstone Conference, UMC.

Anne Dunlap (MDIV '08), pastor, Comunidad Liberación/Liberation Community, Aurora, was featured in a *Washington Park Profile* article, "Solidarity Against Injustice Rings As Gospel Truth for Dunlap." Dunlap along with **Nancy Rosas (MDIV '09)**, program director, El Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores (Humanitarian Center for Workers), taught a social change praxis on immigration at Iliff this fall. Dunlap and **Sari Horovitz (MA '05)** of the Community Narratives Project of the Mizel Museum, were panelists, "Fasting in the Abrahamic Traditions," a forum of The Abrahamic Initiative at Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral.

Handi Jo Dolloff-Holt (MDIV '97) is senior pastor, Mountain View UMC, Woodland Park and is president of the Alumni/ae Association Board.

Pam Everhart (MDIV '07) is senior pastor, Niwot UMC.

Charles Fasanaro (MAR '80, PHD '83) retired this spring from St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM. He has been given faculty emeritus status and received an honorary alumnus award.

Betty France (MDIV '95) retired from Rocky Mountain Conference of the UMC.

Dale Fredrickson (MA '06) was named senior pastor, Rifle United Methodist-Presbyterian Church, after serving as an associate pastor in Anaheim, CA.

Anita Fricklas (MAR '05) co-authored with rheumatologist Dr. Stuart Kassan, *Lupus, My Doctor, and Me*.

Wallace "Wally" Ford (DMIN '79) has retired. He served as pastor of the First Christian Church, Boulder, during his Iliff studies and then served as executive secretary of the New Mexico Conference of Churches, an ecumenical network. Ford remains active as a mediator in Albuquerque.

Jackie Kendall-Gebel (MAR '82), director of children's and young family ministries, Central Presbyterian Church, and husband, Dave Gebel appeared on a segment of the *Today* show teaching couples the art of arguing. The couple has facilitated relationship workshops and marriage coaching for 25 years.

David King (MDIV '06), current Iliff MA student, was appointed part time pastor, James Memorial UMC, Hudson, after serving as senior pastor, First United Methodist of Coos Bay, OR.

Kenneth Hicks (MDIV '53) is retired in Little Rock, AK. He is a former bishop, Nebraska UMC, and recently celebrated his 87th birthday.

Yong Hui (MDIV '02) launched a new ministry, GriefPathway Ventures, which produces books, ebooks, audio, and DVDs to help people who are grieving.

Keith Hudiburgh (MDIV '83) retired after serving as pastor and cooperative parish lead pastor, Haxton UMC.

Kay Krebs (MDIV '06) retired as pastor, Deer Park UMC, Bailey. Krebs is the past president of the Iliff Alumni/ae Association board, and this fall facilitated a conversation with the Iliff community about developing a strategic plan for diversity.

Matthias Krier (MDIV '86) is senior pastor of Trinity UMC, Loveland, after serving as senior pastor in Steamboat Springs.

Yvonne Lee (MDIV '92, PHD '99) is pastor, Centenary UMC, Salt Lake City, UT.

Olon Lindemood (MDIV '83) is pastor, Sunrise UMC, Colorado Springs.

Francisco Castro Maria (MAR '98), since his Iliff graduation, has served as a pastor in two UM churches in Angola; was a host of a religious radio broadcast; served in several positions within the UM Angola West Annual Conference including bishop, and director of evangelism and Christian education; and was elected as a deputy to Parliament in Angola. Recently, he was part of the Constitutional Commission which created the new constitution for the Republic of Angola, adopted in January 2010.

Pete Meese (MDIV '95, DMIN '06) is senior pastor at East UMC, Colorado Springs.

William "Bill" Moore (MDIV '76), senior pastor, Mountain View UMC, Boulder, worked with nine other communities of faith to host a service of support and thanksgiving in response to the Fourmile Canyon Fire.

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Stephanie Munoz (MDIV '01) is senior pastor, Berthoud UMC, and assistant director of congregational development, Rocky Mountain Conference UMC.

David Nieda (MDIV '91) is a Vancouver district superintendent.

Deb Olenyik (MDIV '82), currently superintendent of the Wyoming/Northern Colorado District of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UMC, is now responsible for all UMC churches in Wyoming.

Stephanie Price (MDIV '07), current MTS student, was named associate pastor, Hope UMC, Greenwood Village.

Jeanne Redshaw (MDIV '84) is pastor, Palisade UMC.

Ramon Robledo (MDIV '93) is pastor, Lamar UMC.

Jessica Rooks (MDIV '02) is pastor, Cameron UMC, Denver.

Melanie Rosa (MDIV '84, DMIN '05) is superintendent, Mile High/Pikes Peak District of the Rocky Mountain Conference, UMC.

Chris Richardson (MDIV '81) is associate pastor, Wesley UMC, Pueblo.

Albert Scarffe (THM '49) (retired) served the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UMC for the past 61 years. He continues to serve as a supply pastor for John Collins UMC.

Robert Simison (THM '51) and his wife visited the Iliff campus, sixty years after their wedding in the Iliff Chapel, Aug. 29, 1949.

Don Sperber (MDIV '62), retired elder, Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, UMC, was appointed interim pastor at Brush UMC.

David Steffenson (THM '62), retired director, Wisconsin Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign, lectured at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in observance of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. Steffenson's lecture was in recognition of his 15 years of service to the school which has established an endowed scholarship in his name.

Katherine Sternberg Robinson (MDIV '03) is serving as a ministry developer within the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming.

Rich Stokes (MDIV '89) is half-time pastor, Carbondale UMC.

Amy Strader (MDIV '10) is associate pastor, Lakewood UMC.

Eric Strader (MDIV '10) is associate pastor, South Metro Cooperative Parish, Denver.

Lois Strohmeier (MDIV '80, MAR '88) (retired) continues to serve as a supply pastor for John Collins UMC, Denver.

Judi Taylor (MDIV '97) is lead pastor, South Metro Cooperative Parish, Denver.

Keith Thompson (MDIV '81) and his wife **Claire Childress (MDIV '85)** recently retired as pastors from the First UMC, Boulder.

Bob Toll (MDIV '72, DMIN '84) was appointed pastor, to Grand Valley UMC, Parachute, CO, after serving as pastor, Louisville UMC.

John Wilcher (MDIV '76), director of clergy and conference ministry, Methodist Healthcare, Memphis, TN, is celebrating his 25th year of official employment with Methodist Healthcare, Inc. The United Methodist Association of Health & Welfare Ministries awarded Wilcher the Distinguished Service Award, their highest honor.

Deaths

Louis Bloede, director emeritus of ministerial studies, Iliff, and emeritus pastor of University Park UMC, died June 20 in Denver.

H. Myron Braun (THM '47) died Feb. 24 in Arizona.

Don Browning, doctoral advisor and consultant to the Joint Ph.D. Program at Iliff and DU in religious and psychological studies, died June 3.

Kenneth Hairgrove (MDIV '61) died July 24 in Rapid City, SD.

Theodore "Ted" Schwartz (PHD '50) died Aug. 16 in Loveland.

Daniel Tohline (THM '59) died June 13 in Shreveport, LA.

Howard West (MT '53) died in Wichita, KS, in February. While studying at Iliff, he served UM churches in Idaho Springs and Central City. After graduation, he returned to Kansas where he served the church for many years. ■

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Community Update

Students

Rachel Mikaelson, MDIV student, received the Army Achievement Medal from the Ft. Carson Warrior Transition Unit for her service as deputy chaplain candidate this past summer. Mikaelson is a first lieutenant, 244th Engineering Battalion. Currently at Fort Bragg, SC, participating in an Officer Chaplains Leadership Course, she plans to return to Iliff.

Vivian Hiestand, MDIV and MASM student, is half-time local pastor, Faith UMC, Sterling.

Brett Stanislaw, MDIV student, is student local pastor, Deer Park UMC, Bailey.

Debbie Wacker, MASM student, is student local pastor, Genoa UMC.

Travis Walker is serving as the half time student local pastor to Cheyenne Faith UMC, Cheyenne, WY. ■

Students Active at AAR and SBL

Iliff students presented papers at the 2010 American Academy of Religion (AAR) annual meeting in Atlanta, GA. Presenting were: **Sharon Adams**, **Patrick Bowen**, **Aaron Conley**, **Kathleen Douglass**, **Robyn Henderson-Espinoza**, **Thad Horrell**, **Eu Kit Lim**, **Heike Peckruhn**, **Sarah Raven**, **Katherine Rousseau**, **Ben Sanders III**, and **Sophia Shafi**, a 2009-2010 Luce Fellow.

Students in the Joint Iliff/University of Denver Ph.D. program, included: **Felicia George Euell** who presided over a discussion, "Ethical Diversity in the Face of War;" **Robyn Henderson-Espinoza**, who served as a panelist in a discussion, "Bedazzling

Diversity: Mary Day's Transformative Influence on Lesbian, Gay, and Feminist Identities;" and **Michael Hemenway**, who served as a panelist in a discussion, "Theology and Technology: Intersecting Realities."

Iliff students in the Joint Iliff/University of Denver Ph.D. program, **April Favara**, **John W. Fadden**, and **Noah M. Marsh**, presented papers for 2010 Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) annual meeting in Atlanta, GA. ■

Faculty

Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics, was interviewed throughout the year by various media outlets including; "Cross-Talk on Cuba" on Cuba Libre, an English-language international television program based in Moscow, Russia; *The Baptist Standard*; and *Chicago Breaking News*. He has preached or served as a guest lecturer or keynote speaker on various topics including: "Loving Your Neighbor;" Foundry UMC, Washington, DC; "Jesus Enters the Empire Riding on a Donkey," Annual Statewide Christian Life Conference, McAllen, TX; "Let Justice Roll," Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN; "Reading the Bible from the Margins," The UMC Baltimore, MD; "Herencia Lectures," Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ; "Liberative Ethics," Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN; "Sprague Lectures," North Broadway UMC, Columbus, OH; "Trails of Hope and Terror," St. Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO; Labor Day sermon, Foundry UMC, Washington, DC; and Human Rights Campaign retreat, Religion Council, Washington, DC. See the review on De La Torre's latest book on page 6.



Miguel De La Torre

Carrie Doehring, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling, published, "Pastoral Care and Counseling in a Postmodern Context" in *The Concise Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, and "Pastoral Supervision and Field Education" in *Supervising Pastoral Care and Counseling*. Doehring's speaking and teaching schedule included serving as the keynote speaker at "In Support of Domestic Violence Survivors: The Faith Community Confronts Domestic Violence Summit," Denver; teaching "Facing Evil," St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver; "Resilience and Hope: Resources for Living a Full Life," a seminar sponsored by Boulder Interfaith Network on Mental Health, First Congregational Church, Boulder; and "Trauma and Spiritual Care," Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Columbus, IN. Doehring presented papers, "Minding the Gap When Cognitive Neuroscience is a Cognate Discipline in Pastoral Theology: Lessons from Neurotheology," Society for Pastoral Theology,



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Chicago; "Teaching Spiritual Care Online," New Directions for Pastoral Theology Conference, Richmond, VA; and "Five Ways of Understanding Suffering," Denver. Workshops and courses taught by Doehring included: "Finding Ways to Stay in the Here and Now: Partnering with Psychiatric Service Dogs to Practice Meditation," Psychiatric Service Dog Society, Sedalia, CO; a summer school course, "The Practice of Pastoral Care," College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati OH; a summer course on "Trauma and Pastoral Care," Boston College; and a two week series lecture, "Meditation: A Spiritual Practice with Many Benefits," Christ Church UMC, Denver.

Mark George, associate professor of Hebrew Bible, published "Masculinity and Its Regimentation in Deuteronomy" in *Men and Masculinity in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond*; and "Postmodern Literary Criticism: The Impossibility of Method," in *Method Matters: Essays on the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible I Honor of David L. Peterson*. George presented "Archaeology of the Exile" at St. Andrew UMC, a part of their "Armchair Archaeology" series.



Mark George

Albert Hernández, academic vice president & dean of the faculty, and associate professor of the history of Christianity, taught "Rediscovering the Holy Spirit & Pentecost," Redlands UMC, and addressed physicians, hospital chaplains, health care leaders, and hospice caregivers in Grand Junction on the subject of "The Healer's Call." In November, he addressed the Medical Association of Grand Junction on the theme of "Spirituality & Medicine." Hernández delivered "Medieval Mystics for the Modern Church," to the Progressive Christian Alliance of Colorado, Park Hill Congregational Church and was guest preacher at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, speaking on Islamic and Christian relations in our troubled times, "Turning Poison into Medicine." See the review on Hernández' new book on page 7.



Albert Hernández

Jeffrey Mahan, Ralph and Norma E. Peck Chair in Religion & professor of ministry, media and culture, presented at the 7th International Conference on Media, Religion and Culture, Toronto, Canada. He led a men's retreat at Montview Presbyterian Church, and an adult seminar on "Jesus in the Movies," Welshire Presbyterian Church, Denver.



Jeffrey Mahan

Mahan was appointed to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UMC. He is

consulting with community leaders in Longmont, CO, to plan a community panel discussion on "Religion and Art in the Public Square," following recent protests and the destruction of an art work.

George "Tink" Tinker, Clifford Baldrige Professor of American Indian Cultures, and Religious Traditions, presented the following lectures; "American Indian Religious Traditions: Violence and Non-violence – Harmony and Balance," University of Toledo, OH; "American Indians and Lutheran Theology," Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago; "Culture and Foreign Policy: American Indian Concerns," International Career Advancement Program, Aspen Institute, Aspen, CO; "Native Traditional Spirituality," National UM Native American Caucus, board training seminar, Minneapolis, MN; and "Acts of Repentance, American Indians, and the Sand Creek Massacre," UMC General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.



George "Tink" Tinker

David G. Trickett, president and Henry White Warren Professor of Ethics and Leadership, recently attended the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry President's Institute, and the Association of Theological Schools Biennial Meeting. Trickett preached at Trinity UMC, Denver and at First UMC, Grand Junction. Speaking engagements included presentations at the Denver Mile High Rotary Club, the Board of Ordained Ministers, and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns group meeting.



David G. Trickett

Emeritus

Donald Messer, Henry White Warren Professor Emeritus of Practical Theology and current executive director, Center for the Church and Global AIDS, recently published *Names, Not Just Numbers: Facing Global AIDS and World Hunger*.

Vincent Harding, professor emeritus of religion and social transformation and trustee, was the featured author at the Tattered Cover Bookstore for his revised edition of *Hope and History*. ■

“Journey” MDIV Welcomes First Class

Iliff successfully launched the “Journey” MDIV track this August. Students can now earn a master of divinity (MDIV) degree through online and hybrid courses without living in Denver.

Faculty and staff worked to develop and promote a degree track that requires the same courses, skilled faculty and rigor as the residential MDIV - one that is accessible to students wherever they are. The Iliff “Journey” program requires one-third of courses to be taken “in classroom” during a few visits to Denver with the remaining two-thirds taken through online courses. It was accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), and by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, prior to the launch of the program.



Iliff welcomed “Journey” MDIV students this summer.

To learn more about the “Journey” program, check online: www.iliff.edu or contact an admissions representative, admissions@iliff.edu or 303-765-3117. ■

Circuit Riding to Cyber Surfing – A Modern Wesleyan Ride?

By Mary Sue Alexander

If he were here today, would John Wesley be on the Internet, on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, etc.), providing news updates, Webinars, sermons and courses to anyone he could reach?

John Wesley (1703-1791), the founder of Methodism, authored an innovative plan to create many meeting places at once by building a highly mobile force of preachers who could travel throughout the vast frontier - first in England and then in America - with the first of the Methodist lay preachers. Known as “circuit riders,” the generally young, single, hearty men were charged with preaching the Gospel, connecting faith communities, and getting from place to place on a strict schedule in any way they could - generally on horseback.

Now, some 240 years since Wesley’s innovation was brought to America, we have a committed force of men and women harnessing a new horsepower in the form of the Internet for spreading the Gospel, being advocates for

justice and peace, and training a new force for good for people everywhere whether they are isolated in rural areas, urban high-rises, or have restricted mobility because of varied abilities. Some simply have busy lives full of job and family responsibilities and prefer to get their spiritual fulfillment and learning online.

What do you think? Tell us online. Go to our Web site www.iliff.edu and click on the “Facebook” icon at the bottom of the homepage. ■

Sources: “Circuit Rider,” The Columbia Encyclopedia, sixth edition, 2008, and “The Circuit – Riders in Early American Methodism,” Maser, Frederick and Simpson, Robert Drew, “If Saddlebags Could Talk,” 1998.



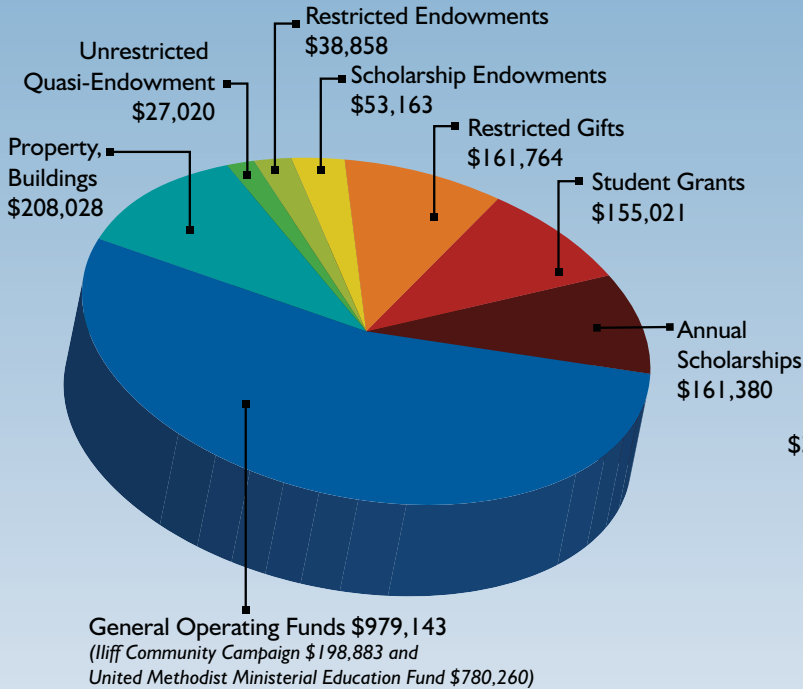
On the cover of Harper's Weekly magazine, October 12, 1867, a “circuit preacher” on horseback huddles under an umbrella in a vain attempt to stay dry.

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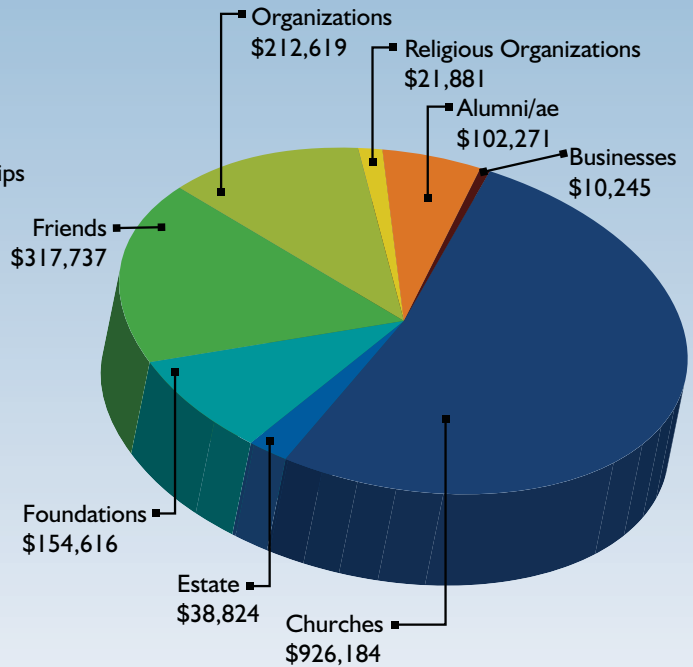
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The Iliff Circle: Photos That Tell Stories

Fall Opening Convocation 2010



Cathie Kelsey, Edward Antonio, Jin Ho Kang, David Worley, David Trickett, Albert Hernandez, Peggy Stempson and Tim Zeckser lead the Fall Opening Convocation in the Iliff Chapel.



Iliff faculty prepare to process for Fall Opening Convocation.

2011 Annual Alumni/ae Awards Banquet

The Iliff Alumni/ae Association Board invites you to the Annual Alumni/ae Awards Banquet, Feb. 3, 2011, 6-9 p.m., Great Hall. This year, we will honor the following:

Vaughn Hoffman, MDIV '84 - Outstanding Contributions to Parish Ministry

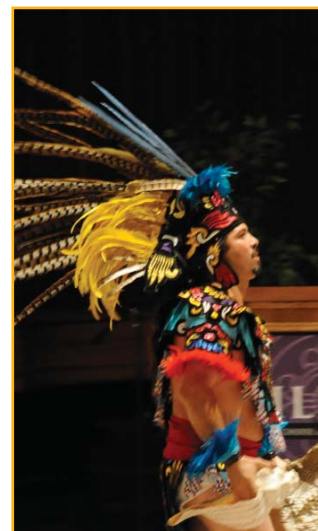
Daniel Klawitter, MDIV '02 - Outstanding Contributions to Specialized Ministry

Andrea Arnoldy, MDIV '04 & Anne Dunlap, MDIV '08 - Outstanding Recent Alumnae

Albert Scarffe, THM '49 & Walter Strickland, MDIV '80 - Distinguished Alumni

Contact Kari Buchanan, director of alumni/ae relations for information and/or RSVP, kbuchanan@iliff.edu or 303-765-3119. ■

Aztec Dance & Cultural Dinner

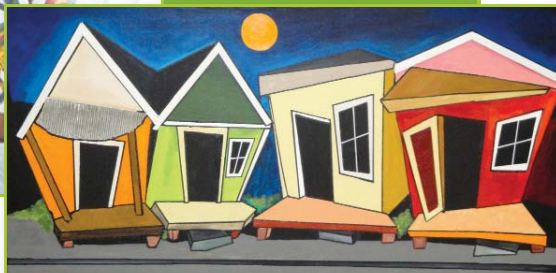


Aztec dancers presented colorful entertainment for a cultural dinner & dance presentation. Performers explained the cultural significance of dance steps and costumes.

Multi-Cultural Art Exhibit



Ella Maria Rey displays her work from the Iliff multi-cultural art exhibit. The Sankofa Art Collective and Chicano Humanities Arts Council participated in the October show and sale.



Art from one of the many artists included "Under a Bayoo Moon," a mixed media by Randy McAnulty.

Jameson Jones Visiting Preacher

Jameson Jones Visiting Preacher, Larry Rasmussen (left), author of "Earth Community, Earth Ethics," led evening worship and a workshop titled "Earth-Honoring Faith." Cathie Kelsey (center) and many students joined in the workshop discussion.



Community Chili Cook-off and Picnic



The Iliff community – 150 adults & children – enjoyed beautiful weather, good food, magic show for the kids, and renewed connections at the fall chili cook-off and picnic.

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