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Moving Forward?

Andrea Luxton, president

I AM WRITING THIS HOURS AFTER OUR summer graduation events have concluded. A wonderful moment of celebration!

Our Sabbath speaker, Timothy Nixon, DMin, raised some vital questions to our graduates. One of his thoughts related to those moments when we stand gazing (as the disciples did when Jesus ascended to heaven), staring into a future that we really aren't sure we want to step into, especially without a frame that is comfortable for us.

The last 18 months have left many of us stunned, staring into the future and the unknown with high anxiety. We know we can't turn the clock back, but we don't want the current status quo. Too much fighting. Too much isolation. Too little community. Way too much loss. We want to throw out blame, and we do. Really, at heart, we know we have all been in this together trying to work things out in the best way possible, but it still somehow feels good to push the pain away and blame somebody, or God.

At Andrews University we in many ways had a very good year: innovative, financially sound, and we experienced daily moving examples of powerful community care and compassion. Yet we are not immune individually or corporately to the pain of these last, too many, months. And I anticipate that is true for you too, our friends and alumni.

So how do we move forward, especially when we don't know for sure when "it" will all be over. That indefinable "it." The pandemic? The polarization? The loneliness? The sense of incalculable loss?

How do we do it individually? How do we do it corporately? I don't know that I have the answers, but I am going to suggest a few principles that I trust will be a pathway forward.

First, we must unite around what is truly important. For us at Andrews that is our students who are all of our futures. It is about walking alongside them so they deepen their faith, become exemplary professionals and find commitment to bringing creativity, hope and healing to the world.

Second, we must commit to listening more than speaking. In times of community pain, it is so difficult to put aside our own fears and feelings of fragility to help another find greater resilience. And it is especially hard to listen if the "other" may have a different perspective to ours. Yet it is so important to healing.

Third, we must commune deeply with our God who is waiting daily to share his spirit, the comforter, with us.

Back to the graduation address. The disciples gathered together in the upper room. No more bickering and fighting over who was most important. They got their priorities sorted as they chose a new disciple to replace Judas. Then they prayed and the Holy Spirit came. Oh so easy, but also how difficult.

Lord, bring us your peace.



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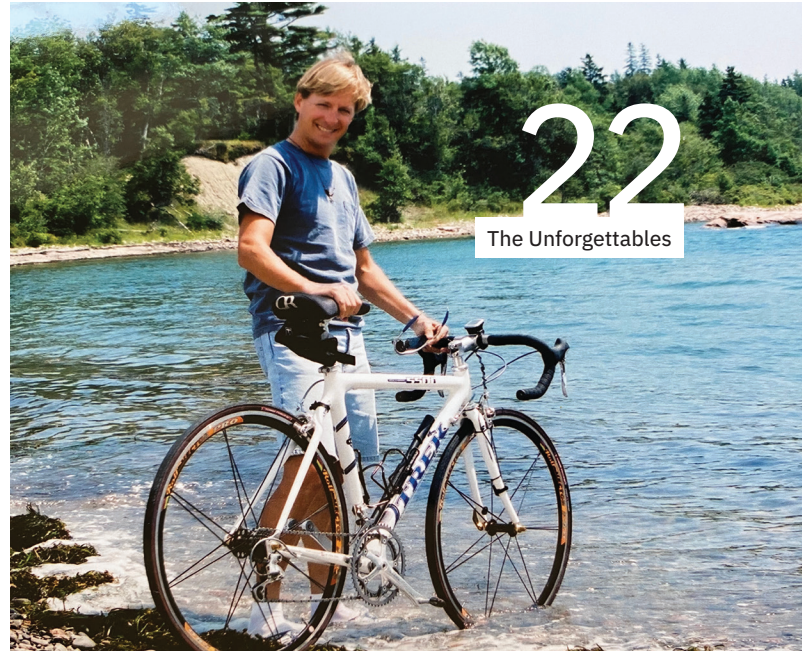
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Campus Update

"The Supremacy of Christ in a World of Religions"

Department of World Mission hosts Swallen Mission Lectureship

THE ANNUAL SWALLEN MISSION LECTURESHIP took place virtually over Zoom from June 4–5, 2021. Hosted by the Department of World Mission at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, it was titled, "The Supremacy of Christ in a World of Religions."

Timothy C. Tennent, PhD, president of the Asbury Theological Seminary and professor of World Christianity, was the featured lecturer for the event. Tennent has given frequent conference presentations throughout the world and is the author of numerous books and articles, including "Christianity at the Religious Roundtable" (2002) and "Invitation to World Missions: A Trinitarian Missiology for the Twenty-first Century" (2010).

He has previously served as professor of World Missions and Indian Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and teaches annually as an adjunct professor at the New Theological College in Dehradun, India. His expertise rests in the theology of missions, Indian Christian theology, global/world Christianity, and world religions.

The conference was broken down

into four main presentations. On June 4, Tennent addressed "Christianity and the Challenge of Hinduism: Questions Hindus Ask" and "Christianity and the Challenge of Buddhism: Ethics in Christianity and Buddhism." On June 5, Tennent spoke on "Christianity and the Challenge of Islam: The Trinity in Islam and Christianity" and "The Risen Lord and the Worldwide Mission of the Church." The lectures expounded on contemporary mission challenges among the major world religions and addressed the impact of the current pandemic on global mission work.

Approximately 100 individuals attended the virtual presentations each day, and an average of 150 viewed the first three presentations on YouTube.

Gorden Doss, lectureship organizer and emeritus professor of world mission, reports that "Dr. Tennent's presentations were informative and relevant to both seminary students and field practitioners with mission experience among the world religions. Seeing and hearing the authors of the textbooks we use is always valuable."



LIFE ON CAMPUS



A family visits campus for the July 19 University Preview



Keila Carmona, now assistant dean of Lamson Hall, speaks at the May 29 One Place church service



Prospective students attending University Preview play volleyball on the beach



A group of Wellness Ambassadors spends time beautifying the campus



Children enjoy playing on the inflatables in the Andreassen Center for Wellness Pool



Students attending Early College Experience enjoy time at several local recreation areas

ARC and AHSRA host joint virtual conferences

Participants joined from 16 countries

FROM MAY 17–21, 2021, THE ANDREWS Research Conference (ARC) and the Adventist Human Subjects Researchers Association (AHSRA) collaborated to host joint virtual conferences. The conferences featured more than 30 oral research presentations in the fields of education, family, health, industry, justice, media, politics, and sexuality. The joint ARC/AHSRA conference brought together 105 participants, including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, practitioners and administrators, from 16 countries. Countries represented include Australia, Brazil, China, France, Kenya, India, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States and more.

This year's program led to a deeper understanding of critical social, educational and religious challenges facing the church, schools and the wider community. Several of the presentations considered the impact of COVID-19 and identified important lessons learned.

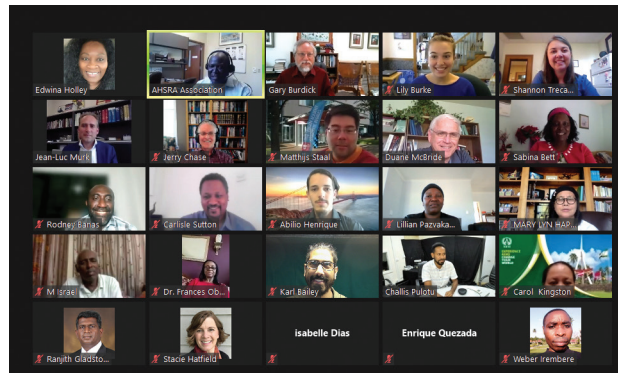
The Andrews Research Conference (ARC), which was developed for Adventist graduate students, post-docs and early career researchers to provide opportunities to present their scholarly research, was held May 17–18. This year the conference focused on the social sciences. The keynote speakers were Jean-Luc Murk, clinical microbiologist/virologist and physician at the Elisabeth-Tweesteden Hospital, the Netherlands, and

“One of our major objectives is to provide a forum for Adventist scholars to advance the mission of the Church through high-quality research.”

Cooper Hodges of Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. Murk's plenary was titled “Measuring the reliability of molecular tests to diagnose SARS-CoV-2 infection.” Hodges presented “Traumatic Brain Injury: How Interdisciplinary Research Has Furthered Our Understanding of Head Injury.”

“Each year I am impressed with the quality of the research produced by our researchers,” says Gary Burdick, dean of Research & Creative Scholarship. “ARC was established in 2014 as an annual conference to provide networking opportunities for young Adventist researchers at public universities and international Seventh-day Adventist schools that do not have a long history of research. ARC is run on a three-year cycle: STEM, Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences. The collaboration with AHSRA in 2021 exposed our young social science researchers to some of the best and seasoned researchers in the church.”

The Adventist Human Subjects Researchers Association (AHSRA) conference, held May 19–21, was themed “Health, Gospel, Community: Get Involved.” There were three plenary presentations. Gary Fraser, distinguished professor of epidemiology, Loma Linda University, presented “Six decades of exciting discovery about eating and health experience.” Thadeu Silva, director of Archives, South American Division, spoke on “A Sociologist in the Administration,” and Daniel Ganu, dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies, Adventist University of Africa, presented “African Seventh-day Adventist Health Studies: Phase One.”



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Duane McBride, AHSRA president, says, “We were pleased this year to partner with the ARC conference. One of our major objectives is to provide a forum for Adventist scholars to advance the mission of the Church through high-quality research. Our annual meeting provides the opportunity to share our research with global colleagues and impact the policies and programs of the Church through the participation and support of the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research. The conference also provides an excellent opportunity to build collaborative working relationships with our international colleagues. The global leadership of Andrews University is well served by the work of AHSRA.”

Next year's conferences will be held in person (with remote options) in May 2022. The “Andrews Research Conference: Early Career STEM Researchers” will be held on the campus of Andrews University, and the Adventist Human Subjects Researchers Association conference will be held on the campus of AdventHealth University in Orlando, Florida.



For more information, please contact research@andrews.edu

New summer mathematics program prioritizes research

Students recognized nationally for outstanding work

FROM JUNE 1–JULY 15, ANDREWS UNIVERSITY provided a unique experience for students in the field of mathematics. Under the direction of Anthony Bosman, assistant professor of mathematics, Andrews University's National Research Experience for Undergraduates Program was funded through the National Science Foundation and administered through the Mathematical Association of America. Bosman explains, "Its goal is to make a research career in mathematics more accessible by providing exceptional students from diverse backgrounds with a research experience midway through their undergraduate studies."

Four Andrews mathematics majors were invited to participate based on excellent performance in their courses and an expressed interest in research experience: Jeanelle Green, Gabriel Palacios, Moises Reyes-Rivas and Noe Reyes.

The students proved several new results in knot theory, an active area of mathematical research that studies knots and links, and have submitted their work for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Recently, the group presented their results at the national conference MathFest and won a Mathematical Association of America's award for outstanding student presentation. They also presented their research at the Young Mathematicians Conference and plan to share at a number of other academic conferences this coming year.

"The program gave me great hands-on experience of what research feels like in academia," says Reyes-Rivas, a sophomore double majoring in mathematics and religion. "It has given me a clear picture as to what I can expect as I continue pursuing higher-level mathematical education. I think my proudest

accomplishment was being able to code some of the really complicated figures and illustrations for the final version of the paper, considering how much time it took as well as the end result."

He adds, "I would absolutely recommend the program to other students, especially those pursuing a career/academic interest in STEM. It is extremely beneficial to get research experience as an undergrad, whether it is to prepare oneself for graduate school, become a stronger applicant, or even gain a better appreciation for how these academic fields continue to grow in knowledge and understanding."

The program also included presentations from Andrews faculty, including Yun Myung Oh, professor of mathematics, and mathematicians from across the country to expose students to various in-demand scientific careers.

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In the future, Bosman hopes to expand the program experience to include students from peer institutions. He voices his confidence in each of his students, affirming, "They are already being recognized on the national level for their outstanding research, and they're just getting started!"

L-R: Moises Reyes-Rivas, Gabriel Palacios, Anthony Bosman, Noe Reyes and Jeanelle Green working together on a national research project in mathematics



New Student Orientation 2021



FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: Meier Hall staff ready to check in new residents ■ Moving into Lamson Hall ■ Parents, faculty and staff line the sidewalk to welcome new students ■ President Andrea Luxton greets parents at Sunday's President's dinner ■ First Stop at the Howard Performing Arts Center





FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: New students process past the flag mall during Convocation & Matriculation Ceremony
 ■ Proximity Vespers, Aug. 27 ■ Alumnus Brad Sheppard chats with a mentoring group at the Alumni Barbecue ■ New students sign their names to commit to Everyone is Called
 ■ Rachel Keele (left), director, University Wellness, at a New Student assembly ■ Alyssa Palmer, dean for Campus & Student Life ■ Provost Christon Arthur distributes Andrews Study Bibles at Graduate Consecration and Bible Ceremony, Aug. 25



New Office of Undergraduate Education

Providing academic support for all undergraduates on campus

IN JUNE 2021, ANDREWS UNIVERSITY announced the new Office of Undergraduate Education, which was created to support the work of faculty, departments, schools and colleges on the Andrews University campus. “The Office of Undergraduate Education will provide a framework for initiatives and projects created in collaboration with the University’s colleges to enhance undergraduate education across the institution,” says Amy Rebok Rosenthal, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and dean of Undergraduate Education.

Initially, the office will focus on providing general support for the academic onboarding of new freshman and transfer students by creating a centralized hub of information and services that emphasizes connecting new students to existing resources within each college. Additionally, the Office of Undergraduate Education will facilitate first-year support to help students identify and explore areas of interest while providing a curricular structure focused on key academic success factors, such as credit-hour and course completion.

The office also plans to coordinate summer programming for pre-college students that will introduce them to the University’s culture and academic offerings. This programming will supplement the recruitment efforts of the Division of Marketing & Enrollment Management as well as the individual colleges.

“The Office of Undergraduate Education will function as an academic concierge service for undergraduate students,” says Aaron Moushon, who is moving into the new role of assistant dean for Undergraduate Initiatives. “We will work closely with Marketing & Enrollment Management, Academic Records, International Student Services & Programs and individual academic



Aaron Moushon, assistant dean for Undergraduate Initiatives

departments to provide efficient and timely customer service for academic issues,” says Moushon.

In his previous role as director of Academic Exploration and head of Advising Services, Moushon worked with programs such as Early College and Explore Andrews. These programs will now be housed within the Office of Undergraduate Education as they also provide academic support to undergraduate students. “The Explore Andrews Program exists to help students who are unsure of their undergraduate program find the best major for their abilities, talents and long-term career goals,” explains Moushon. “Students work with a dedicated academic advisor for one or two semesters and explore major and career options through individual advising, faculty engagement and job shadowing. In addition, we coordinate advising services and conduct yearly advisor training and development events for our staff and faculty advisors.”

Hayley Sanchez, who has a background in counseling and academic support, will serve as the undergraduate advising coordinator in the Office of Undergraduate Education. She will work as a general advisor and liaison to faculty and program advisors.



Hayley Sanchez, undergraduate advising coordinator

Moushon and Sanchez will also work with Joydel Trail, the new director of Career Services, to provide support for undergraduate vocational exploration, internships and networking.

Moushon reiterates that the Office of Undergraduate Education will offer academic support for all new and current undergraduate students. He says, “If a student is confused as to who can help solve a problem, we want them to come

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to our office as a central hub for information and campus service. Although we won’t solve every issue in our office, we will make sure that students know exactly which office or individual on campus can solve their problem and facilitate the connection.”

The Office of Undergraduate Education is located in Nethery Hall and can be reached at 269-471-3382 or via explore@andrews.edu.

Summer 2021 graduation services

An in-person celebration

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S SUMMER graduation took place from August 6–8 and celebrated the achievements of 320 graduates, of which 171 graduated in absentia.

Three Commencement services were held over the weekend in the Howard Performing Arts Center, where limited guest seating was available to family and friends of graduates. Each service included a welcome and invocation and a president's charge from President Luxton. Congratulatory videos from family and friends were played in lieu of Commencement addresses.

The weekend's key events began on Friday, Aug. 6, with the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary's Commencement service. On Saturday morning, two Baccalaureate church services were held in Pioneer Memorial Church. Timothy Nixon, lead pastor of the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church and pastor of the Niles Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church,

offered the addresses.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Nixon earned his BA in theology from Oakwood University and an MDiv and DMin from Andrews University. He pursued advanced studies in clinical pastoral education at Loma Linda University Hospital and has completed two years of doctoral course work in Marriage, Family & Child Counseling (MFCC) at Chapman University in Southern California.

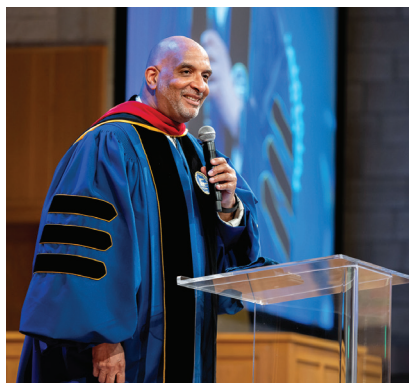
Nixon's pastoral ministry began in the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in June 1981. Since then, he has pastored churches in New York, California and Maryland. In 1998, he accepted a call to serve as administrative chaplain at Andrews University and associate pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church. As chaplain, he was the sponsor of New Life Fellowship, a student-led worship service at Andrews University, and in 2004, Nixon became New Life's senior pastor.

From 2014–2018 he served as executive secretary of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He has also worked as adjunct professor for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages at Andrews and been the featured speaker for conferences and churches in the United States and globally.

On Saturday afternoon, various schools and departments held individual celebratory ceremonies for their graduates.

The final two Commencement services—for the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education & International Services, College of Professions and College of Health & Human Services—took place on Sunday, Aug. 8.

For archived videos of the Commencement services, visit the Andrews University Facebook page and YouTube channel.



FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE:

A group of smiling graduates from the College of Health & Human Services ■ Friends were able to congratulate each other in person ■ Timothy Nixon offered both Baccalaureate services on Sabbath, Aug. 7 ■ Video tributes from family and friends were shared in place of Commencement addresses

Leadership, diversity and intercultural cooperation

Leadership Roundtable encourages innovation through collaboration

THE DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP'S Roundtable took place July 26–28, 2021, under the theme “Leadership, diversity, and intercultural cooperation.” The annual conference, broadcast from the Hope Channel's studios in Darmstadt, Germany, featured Bettina von Stamm, PhD, an expert on innovation, who shared “The Cultural Imperative: How Collaboration and Diversity Drive Innovation” with an online audience of 120 participants. These topics have deep roots in the department, where leadership development for principals, higher education administrators, and international leaders spans almost three decades.

An accomplished “doer” in the field of innovation for 30 years, von Stamm's leadership seminars, workshops and speaking engagements offer invaluable coaching, mentoring and modeling for MBAs and executives. She has helped leaders on five continents implement proven strategies to ensure success. Ultimately, she strives to inspire indi-

“Such collaboration requires mutual respect and cooperation based on our common humanity and equality before God.”

viduals and teams to apply creativity in innovative ways, enabling highly diverse teams to work joyfully with each other.

The conference's events began on Monday, July 26, and included an interactive, hands-on workshop involving virtual break-out groups, coordinated by Christiane Theiss, PhD, a graduate of the Leadership program. Each group reflected on the various challenges that result when individuals across disciplines, languages, cultures and time zones seek



Bettina von Stamm, keynote presenter, broadcast from Hope Channel's studios in Darmstadt, Germany

Photo by Christiane Theiss

to address problems that transcend individual communities, regions and countries. The goal of this activity was to help leaders appreciate the crucial role of collaboration and cooperation in leveraging everyone's potential contributions to solve crises.

“Rarely are challenges limited to the expertise available within single disciplines; rather, integration across various skill sets to define and solve unique problems is essential,” says Jay Brand, professor of leadership and higher education. “Novel, innovative solutions must be guided by fresh insights available only through empathy with members of relevant constituencies (e.g., customers, church members, students, parishioners) rather than merely by tradition or expert opinion.”

In addition to actively seeking different views and perspectives to

ensure creative results, von Stamm also recommended establishing a common language based on shared values for cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary innovation. Attendees considered such questions as “How can leaders strike a balance between deeply held convictions and practical flexibility?” Brand explains, “In other words, in areas where compromise would be difficult, how can empathy and tolerance still be practiced?”

The Department of Leadership hopes that attendees developed a broader view for representing and interpreting barriers that potentially divide people, enabling them to create new opportunities for innovation through collaboration. Brand says, “Such collaboration requires mutual respect and cooperation based on our common humanity and equality before God.”

HOWARD SERIES PRESENTS ...

Upcoming Concerts in the 2021–2022 Season



Risus Quartet

October 9, 2021, 8 p.m.



Nicholas Marks, Guitar

January 30, 2022, 7 p.m.



Violin Concerto No. 2 “Teshuah” by James Lee III

March 12, 2022, 8 p.m.

Jukebox Saturday Night

October 24, 2021, 7 p.m.



Chi Yong Yun, Pianist

November 21, 2021, 7 p.m.



Anthony Brown & group TherAPy

February 13, 2022, 7 p.m.

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Daniel Weber to teach video and photography

Bringing 30 years of diverse, professional experience

DANIEL WEBER, WHO HAS SERVED AS THE North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (NAD) communication director since 2014, is joining the Andrews University communication program. He will teach photography, film and general communication classes.

“Andrews is fortunate to have a professional of Dan Weber’s caliber in the classroom. He brings 30 years of diverse, professional experience to our visual art classes,” says T. Lynn Caldwell, chair of the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design (VACD).

At the NAD, Weber managed public relations, media relations, corporate communications, video production and editorial services. He was also the executive director of the Society of Adventist Communicators, and provided training for organizations such as Adventist Community Services, the Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN), various NAD Union communication advisories, and many others.

Prior to being the director, Weber was the associate director of NAD Communication, and he has also been video producer in the General Conference Office of Adventist Mission and senior producer with the Hope Channel. In that role, he traveled to more than 100 countries to capture hundreds of short form video stories. Before working for the denomination, Weber was a senior digital producer in the corporate sector, and he started his career as a freelance photographer for seven years.

This breadth of experience is a critical strength Weber will bring to the classroom. “I have worked for 30 years at different levels in this industry. I bring that experience to the table as I’m training students,” Weber shares. “Andrews has visual arts and communication in the same department, and I have experience in both worlds—experience working in photo and video but also experience in corporate communication.”

Weber is committed to training well-rounded communicators with a diverse skill set, which he says is

important in today’s job market. “A good communication person needs to understand a number of elements—photography, film, design, social media. You can specialize in one area, but you need to have a broad understanding. If we can graduate students who are really good at writing, public relations, the visual arts, but then can focus on one or two things, you’re creating really hireable people.”

Cross-training is especially important between film and photography. In the past, the Andrews University film program focused on the specific area of documentary production; now the focus will be on video and photography skills that can be used in a variety of settings. Weber explains, “If you’re

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a photography major, you need to understand how video works because the cameras these days do everything. There’s a crossover between the mediums now; you have to know both.”

Weber’s transition to Andrews University is a coming-home story. Weber first moved to the area at age 2, and he has now been away for roughly 30 years. The return was prompted by one of his first mentors—David Sherwin, who began teaching photography at Andrews in Weber’s sophomore year. Especially during his first few years after graduation in 1991, Weber would call Sherwin to discuss projects. Then in April of this year, Weber relates that Sherwin called him, encouraging him to consider teaching. “I protested, but I thought about how I wanted to be a mentor and how I called Dave all those



Photo courtesy of Daniel Weber

times early on when I needed help, now he was calling me,” Weber reveals.

Although he had hoped to transition to a more focused mentor role closer to the end of his career, Weber became convinced that now was the time to pursue this more fully. “I’m excited even though this is sooner in my career than I thought it would be, but we follow God’s timing, not our own,” he says. His wife, Heidi, whom he met while a student missionary in Iceland, agrees. “We felt led to this,” he shares candidly.

Weber is excited to be returning to the Andrews campus. He sees it as an opportunity to “give back to a community that was important to me when I was younger.” He is especially looking forward to teaching with his communication colleagues in the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design.

“I’m very excited about the team I’m joining. You have a broad group of experiences and academic levels. You have people who worked in the industry and people who have worked at the highest level of academia,” he explains. But most of all, Weber is looking forward to his students. “I’m excited to work with these professors as we educate and inspire the next generation of communicators.”

Heather Thompson Day rejoins Communication program

Returning as an associate professor in the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design

HEATHER THOMPSON DAY IS RETURNING to Andrews University as an associate professor in the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design (VACD). Thompson Day, who recently published her seventh book, “It’s Not Your Turn,” will teach graduate and undergraduate communication courses, including ethics and interpersonal communication. “We are very excited to once again share the classroom with Heather. She is an outstanding professor and writer who cares deeply for students,” says T. Lynn Caldwell, chair of VACD.

Since leaving Andrews two years ago, Thompson Day has been teaching at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado. In addition to teaching, she has also been busy writing for the Barna Group, contributing to the blog “I’m That Wife” (imthatwife.com) and developing a podcast for Christianity Today—Viral Jesus—that launched in late July.

“My calling from God is to stand in the gaps for our young people. Not just for our university students, but within the church, to stand in the gap for them and provide a path so they feel like there’s a place for them here.”

Thompson Day chose to rejoin the Andrews learning community for a number of reasons. She will be closer to her family, and she looks forward to being back in a diverse campus environment. Furthermore, Thompson Day believes it is important to serve one’s roots. She explains, “When you get to where you’re going, go back to where you came from and help people who are there.” Thompson Day is a graduate of Andrews University, and she describes herself as a “home-grown Andrews’ student.” “If I can go back and mentor kids just like me, what an honor,” she says. “Serving in my denomination is a unique experience, so I’m excited about that; just to be with young people and help them dream and reach whatever goals they have for when they leave the university. That’s how I approach my teaching, it’s really through mentorship.”

Providing opportunities for students to grow both professionally and spiritually is important to Thompson Day. For example, she recently helped a student secure a fellowship at Newsweek, and she hopes to include students in the production of her new podcast. She shares further, “My calling from God is to stand in the gaps for our young people. Not just for our university students, but within the church, to stand in the gap for them and provide a path so they feel like there’s a place for them here.”

Thompson Day has published seven books, including “How to Feed the Mediavore” (2013), “Cracked Glasses” (2013), “The God Myth and Other Lies”



Photo courtesy of Heather Thompson Day

(2014), and now, “It’s Not Your Turn: What to Do While You’re Waiting for Your Breakthrough” (2021), which is currently fifth on Amazon’s list of best-selling new releases in the category of Christian Inspirational. The book is about “showing up to our lives with intentionality and purpose even when it’s not our turn,” she says. Thompson Day continues, “Who we are when it’s not our turn is actually more important than who we will be when it is.” In a recent interview with the Detroit affiliate of Fox network, she described the challenge and importance of cheering for others when we are still waiting for our own big break.

World Changers Made Here.

Walking in faith

Elvin Gabriel retires after a career of collaboration

ELVIN GABRIEL HAS WORKED AT Andrews University as a professor of educational psychology and counseling in the Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling for almost 25 years. During that period he served as coordinator of the Community Counseling Program and is currently serving as coordinator of the Andrews University PhD Extension programs in Educational Psychology and School Psychology. These extension programs are housed at the University of the Southern Caribbean in Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies.

Before coming to Andrews, Elvin worked at University of the Southern Caribbean (formerly Caribbean Union College) for about 20 years in a variety of teaching and administrative roles. During his time there, he was encouraged to strongly consider working at Andrews University by two visiting professors. After seeking God's counsel and discussing it with his wife, Cressida, a decision was made to accept the offer to work at Andrews.

In fall 1996, Elvin began his teaching career at Andrews. He describes, "It felt good to return to the institution where I completed a graduate degree in guidance and counseling in 1975 and which helped shape my career as an educator." During his tenure at Andrews, Elvin found himself "impressed by the willingness of administrators, faculty, staff, students and other stakeholders to embrace the institution's mission, vision and philosophy." He saw those principles exhibited in every facet of University life.

Elvin affirms, "It was a privilege and an honor to interact with Andrews students from around the globe." He found that the scope of his multicultural and cross-cultural knowledge increased and his social and meta-cognitive awareness improved as he was continually striving to provide a stimulating, caring and



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inclusive learning environment. Elvin explains, "It was important for me to effectively communicate to my students the centrality of Seventh-day Adventist Christian faith to learning, instruction and life."

Working in the School of Education/ College of Education & International Services was rewarding and meaningful. Elvin knew that he was part of a caring and equitable community of educators because of the support and encouragement he received from Warren Minder, Karen Graham, James Jeffery and Robson Marinho, who served as deans, and Alayne Thorpe, the current dean. He also thrived under the innovative departmental leadership

of Elsie Jackson, Jerome Thayer and Carole Woolford-Hunt. "I was happy to be a part of a college and departmental culture that generated respect and trust among administrators, faculty, staff and students," Elvin expresses. "We worked together, grieved together, laughed together, socialized together and prayed together."

Elvin and his colleagues worked assiduously to ensure that both on- and off- campus programs maintained the highest levels of quality and efficiency, affirmed by accreditation from four organizations. Elvin was also honored to receive the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award in 2008–2009 and the John Nevins Andrews Medalion in 2015. He acknowledges, "These successes and accomplishments were a reflection of the importance of collaboration and collegiality in achieving program goals and objectives, and the efficacy of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education."

Elvin and his wife plan to remain in the Berrien Springs area for the time being. Over the next 12 months, he will work at Andrews University as professor emeritus in the Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling.

An important Biblical passage, Isaiah 40:31 (KJV), has guided Elvin's life and career: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." The verse assures Elvin that God continues to provide perfect strength to his family. He says, "Together we will continue to walk in faith and trust Him for guidance during this new chapter of our lives. Wherever God leads, we will follow."

Passing the mantle

Beverly Matiko retires after 29 years of service

BEVERLY MATIKO'S LOVE FOR TEACHING began early. She humorously recalls, "My mother often tells me that the only interest I had in my dolls as a child was to line them up in chairs and play school. When my brother came along, he joined the 'class.'" The act of learning was exciting and natural to her, and as she grew, she imagined becoming just like her own teachers. Years later, she went on to accomplish that dream and now has spent 29 years as associate professor of English and communication at Andrews University, including teaching in the J.N. Andrews Honors Program and supervising many honors theses.

Beverly earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees at Andrews, completing double majors in English and communication and secondary education certification in 1977 and, in 1978, an MA in English. From her first moments as an undergraduate on campus, she was particularly impressed with Pioneer Memorial Church—the size of the sanctuary and the amazing choral anthems and organ solos she heard there. But it was the inscription above the sanctuary's entrance, "An House of Prayer for All People," that most resonated with her and fostered a passion for equality and change. She longed to see more people—especially marginalized groups—accepted, welcomed and celebrated. Beverly affirms, "That proclamation above the church doors reinforced for me that I had come to the right place—and that there was important work to be done—in the classrooms, in the church, in the dormitories, everywhere."

After Beverly completed her master's, she moved back to her home country of Canada where she taught at Canadian Union College (Burman University) for seven years before pursuing her PhD in English at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Her area of specialized study was literary nonfiction. She then taught at Newbold College in England for two years before returning to Michigan in 1992 to teach

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alongside many former professors and classmates at Andrews. She notes, "In many ways, it was like coming home. I couldn't have felt more welcomed."

Beverly has enjoyed her students, colleagues and the range of classes she has been privileged to teach. Among her more memorable classes was a team-taught British Dramatic Arts course which included a week in London, exploring the sights and attending plays. Some of her other cherished Andrews experiences include co-planning the annual English-Music Vespers held in the Howard Performing Arts Center, and a series of Sabbath worship services created and hosted by the English department and held in a small country church not far from campus. "Andrews

gave me the opportunity to do those things I love best," Beverly acknowledges. "Here I was able to build a career out of crafting with words and conversing and creating with bright, curious, committed individuals."

Many of those individuals have become treasured friends and continue to stay in touch through letters, social media, phone calls and visits. Beverly has happily watched several former students choose career paths similar to her own. "The sense of passing the mantle is particularly rewarding," she notes.

Beverly plans to remain in southwest Michigan. She greatly enjoys the area's four distinct seasons and the close proximity to the Great Lakes and Canada. She says, "I feel more comfortable and more at home if that border isn't too far away. I consider it an especially good year when I manage to dip my toes into each of the Great Lakes. They are my favorite bodies of water."

After 61 uninterrupted years spent in school, Beverly looks forward to taking a "gap year" and exploring rhythms other than those dictated by the academic calendar—going on walks, reading for pleasure, writing, ordering and simplifying her space, cooking/baking/entertaining, and enjoying the University community without the demands of grading and deadlines. She says, "I'm hoping it's not too late to discover and cultivate more of the joys of just being."



THE FAMILY OF DR. FAY BRADLEY, Pittsburg State law school graduate, physician and philanthropist, has given a \$2.8 million legacy gift to develop a new Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

The donation will play a vital role in ensuring that one important component of the University's strategic plan becomes an immediate reality. "The donation will help us build a physical innovation space with both specialized and open areas," says Andrea Luxton, president. "It will also aid in the appointment of a director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship and the development of industry and community partnerships."

Bradley passed away in January of 2021. "During his lifetime, Dr. Bradley helped many students gain an education which allowed them to become productive citizens," Luxton explains. "It was as a result of his generosity helping students attend Andrews University that [he] was contacted by the Andrews University Office of Development. Now, the Bradley family has helped facilitate this gift to make Dr. Bradley's wishes of an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program a reality."

Ideas for the creation of the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship began cir-

culating during the 2017–2018 academic year, when the president and provost commissioned a group to begin thinking about innovation efforts on campus. The group was inspired by the need for all students, regardless of their majors, to have a place to develop new ideas. The first step toward this goal was to launch the interdisciplinary Innovation & Entrepreneurship Certificate; however, the vision for the program is larger. "We need a place where students can find an atmosphere of creativity and entrepreneurship. Engineering majors, business majors, dietetics majors, theology majors—any major can benefit by having mentorship, guidance and space to develop new and exciting ideas," says Ralph Trecartin, former associate provost and dean of the College of Professions. "We envision new product developments, new businesses launched, new ministries created and new social innovations that benefit an array of organizations."

by Moriah McDonald

Establishing a Culture to Change the World

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Bradley aided in the development of an innovation center in his own community. “He supported his local community college in the establishment of an innovation lab that enabled students, as well as members of the community, to explore ideas and projects that could be patented and/or manufactured,” Luxton says. “He knew that Andrews University did not have such a program, but that it was part of the strategic plan to establish one.”

The Andrews University Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship will provide a place for students to actively pursue projects and research. “[The Center] will enable students to enrich their curriculum and research projects, find a space to explore self-start projects and interface with business and industries that could offer work opportunities and/or internships,” says Luxton. “Additionally, it will provide opportunities for students to learn design thinking and methodologies of creating new ideas in all discipline areas. It will encourage students to not stop at knowledge accumulation or analysis, but to add to this action and implementation.”

These goals have become especially important in light of the pandemic. Professionals across fields have had to think flexibly and quickly to respond to the emerging needs of their businesses. “The world needs individuals who can build on solid traditions in new ways that are responsive to the needs of 2021 and beyond,” explains Luxton. “My dream is that employers will be increasingly excited to hire an Andrews University graduate, because amongst their value, knowledge and skill mix is the capacity to dig deeply, reflect robustly and then create solutions and pathways that will bring increased quality and meaning to the world.”

Any future gifts to the development of the innovation program will help in gathering further resources to support the needs of students. “We need successful innovators and entrepreneurs to give us help and advice as we mentor students and faculty members through the launch process,” says Trecartin. Additionally, the gifts will be used for creating a capital fund to invest in innovations, providing new equipment and potentially building expansion.



At the end of this summer, **Matías Soto** was appointed as director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship. Here he talks about his background, what he brings to this new role and his hopes for how Andrews University can change the world through innovation.

Tell us a bit about your “growing up” years. Where did you live and what was life like?

I grew up in Mexico. My father was a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist church and my mother was a teacher in different Adventist schools. We moved a lot because of my dad’s job as a pastor and lived in many different cities in Mexico. I’m the youngest of five siblings. My parents always emphasized church life and education a lot at home. I was a regular SDA kid who attended Sabbath school, was part of Adventurers and Pathfinders, and went to summer camp. I think a big change in my life came when I enrolled at an Adventist boarding school in the U.S. Leaving home definitely changed my perspective in life and made me much more independent. It switched my life from completely relying on my parents to now relying more on God. I started figuring out my personal relationship with Christ, to the point that He is someone who I can now call my friend.

When you came to the point of pursuing higher education, what did you study and why?

During my senior year in high school, I decided to study engineering. I always enjoyed math, physics, chemistry and building things; so, engineering was a natural choice for me. I never thought I would go to graduate school because my goal was to work as an engineer for the rest of my life. Eventually, I got a job working in the research and development department of a company in Monterrey, Mexico. While there, I realized that I really enjoyed research and would need a graduate degree to pursue that field. At that point I decided to pursue a master's degree in manufacturing at a local university. The research work I did during my master's actually became the foundation for future research during my PhD studies, which I pursued immediately after, at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

What were some of your favorite experiences as a student? What would you have done differently?

For my undergraduate engineering studies, I attended a public school (University of Texas at Austin), so there were a lot of extracurricular opportunities for undergraduate students. I joined a team called Design, Build, Fly Competition. My senior year I became the aerodynamics lead for our team and got to help design and build a radio-controlled aircraft (five feet long) that flew at an international competition where we earned fourth place. Looking back, I wish I would have participated in more, similar extracurricular activities, and from an earlier time in my undergraduate studies, because those opportunities allowed for learning experiences that were the most similar to my future workplace environment.

Share a summary of your professional experience.

I started as a teacher at Universidad de Montemorelos from 2009–2011, teaching courses in math, physics and chemistry. After that, I got a job as the director of research and development at a cutting tools company in Monterrey, Mexico. While there, we began writing proposals for small-business innovation grants with the Mexican government. A few of them were awarded, and the funds were used to do research and

develop products in collaboration with local universities such as Tecnológico de Monterrey and Universidad de Montemorelos. I was only there for about a year because I decided to go back to graduate school. After five years in graduate school (master's and PhD), I rejoined the workforce in 2017 as an intern and later an Entrepreneurship Fellow at Fannin Innovation Studio. There, I had many firsthand experiences in medical, diagnostic and surgical device development, including pre-clinical testing, and more small-business innovation grant writing but this time with government agencies in the U.S., such as the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health. After one-and-a-half years at Fannin, I became the chief technology officer of a local startup developing materials and construction technology (3Space Makers). Similar to my previous experience at Fannin, the startup

job provided me with more opportunities for technology development, grant writing, and management in a very fast-paced environment. My last experience before joining Andrews University started at the beginning of this year. After two years at 3Space Makers, I decided to start my own consulting company. This was a new experience for me that also provided me with a lot of successful moments. The consulting company (Covalent Innovation) focused on helping other startups and entrepreneurs develop their technology, which allowed me to participate in many projects and even travel internationally.

What interested you in Andrews University, and what do you look forward to about living in the Berrien Springs area?

Andrews University is a place with multiple disciplines, excellent faculty and



Matias Soto, director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, engages with faculty at a "Meet, Greet & Brainstorm" session during Faculty Institute.

a global reach. That provides a unique opportunity to come and establish a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that could truly be impactful not only locally but around the world. This is a very exciting challenge I look forward to.

The Berrien Springs area will be a great place for our kids to grow up. We look forward to exploring the many rivers, beaches, hiking trails, parks and towns around the area as a family.

**Explain your role here at Andrews.
What do you think your background
and experience bring to Andrews?**

As the director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, my main role will be to help create spaces and opportunities and provide resources for our students and faculty to invent and take their ideas to become commercialized. As an engineer, scientist and entrepreneur, I can relate to many of the ideas from faculty and students on campus, while at the same time help develop a plan for the idea to become a viable business. Small-business innovation grant writing will also become a significant tool that I can use to help bring funding to innovations coming out of our campus. My main area of expertise could be summarized as technology development. I have participated in many projects and from various industries, including construction, medical, aerospace, materials, social, among others. That experience can be used to contribute to some of the projects on campus. In addition to my professional experience, I bring about 10 years of experience working with young people, in both a university and a church environment. All those years working with youth and young adults have helped me appreciate their creativity, energy and genuineness and have created in me a passion to serve our young people. I always try to put myself in their shoes when creating spaces and environments for their enrichment and growth.

**How would you define innovation in a
Christian, Seventh-day Adventist context?**

As the “salt of the Earth,” we are called to go into all the corners of the world. Innovation and entrepreneurship allow us to become leaders in many areas of technology development, job creation, ministry outreach and community engagement—therefore, spreading us throughout

the whole world. Our goal for innovation and entrepreneurship is to use the talents God has given us to help those in need with our ideas and projects but also by being an example of Christ in the midst of our communities and places of work.

**How would you like to interact
with students in your work?**

Students are the main reason for the innovation and entrepreneurship efforts here on campus. There’s already a certificate which trains students in innovation and entrepreneurship. We want to strengthen the certificate course to reach more students with this program. Additionally, we want to create an innovation center that students can use to access space, equipment and resources for their innovation projects. The innovation center will be available for all students, not only the ones in the certificate courses. Additionally, we want to provide opportunities for students to participate in innovation projects led by faculty, industry or other students. I think that will be a tangible way to enrich their experience here at Andrews University.

**How can faculty, staff, students
and alumni assist you in reaching
your goals? What kind of support
would you like to see?**

Firstly, I will need to learn about all the amazing innovations already going on at Andrews; having people share those projects or ideas they have will be helpful in fully understanding the innovation ecosystem. Secondly, I will need people’s willingness to work together to develop their ideas into reality. We want to establish a culture of collaboration across disciplines, which will allow everyone to benefit from each other’s aptitudes. Finally, everyone needs to become a champion or cheerleader for our University. Once ideas start to become more fully developed, we will rely on everyone sharing them with their networks; all that “free” marketing will help innovations and enterprises from Andrews University grow and become successful.

**How do you see innovation
contributing to the mission of
Andrews University going forward?**

I believe a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship brings not only good

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experiences for students but also empowers them to be agents of change. At Andrews University, we want our graduates to become World Changers, regardless of their degree, and innovation and entrepreneurship tools will help them be better equipped to do so.

**How can Andrews take leadership in
innovation both in higher education
and the Adventist church?**

Andrews University has a unique global mindset and reach as the flagship institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Additionally, our students and faculty have a desire to live with purpose, more so than at many other institutions. I think that unique culture, paired with a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, will help ignite a boom of new ideas and enterprises coming out of our campus and impacting the world around us.

**What do you most hope for related
to innovation at Andrews?**

I really hope that we get some momentum going to develop new ideas and execute them to become successful enterprises, ministries or organizations, and I want to see our students become the leaders of those new organizations and startups coming out of our University. I think our students can truly change the world. ■

Aiding Families Facing Their Darkest Hours



During the early 1980s Tim Evans, Randy Schell and Tom Sherwin forged strong ties through music, sports, summer camps and camaraderie while studying at Andrews University. Now the friends are reuniting in a fundraising effort for a charity they all worked to launch 20 years ago in Southern California.

by Darla Tucker

All photos courtesy of Tim Evans

ON AUG. 20, SCHELL, A 1983 ANDREWS graduate in biology, cardiac anesthesiologist and avid cyclist, set out from Blaine, Washington, near the Canadian border on a Kona Sutra bike loaded with gear to ride 2,400 miles southward for a town along the border of Mexico. The six-week ride is a fundraising effort for The Unforgettables Foundation in Redlands, California. Through its chapters in Nevada, Ohio, Tennessee and Canada, the organization helps low-income and cash-strapped families whose children have died pay for proper burials.

Evans earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity respectively in 1981 and 1986 from Andrews University and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He is the former founding chaplain at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and established The Unforgettables as a nonprofit 501(c)3 in 1999–2000.

Sherwin, a pediatric emergency medicine physician in Loma Linda, served as The Unforgettables' first board chair during its beginnings and is now helping organize the portion of Schell's fundraising ride that passes through Yucaipa in Southern California where Sherwin and his family live. Sherwin's son, Spencer Sherwin, a former La Sierra University student, will travel along a short distance with Schell using an adaptive bike. Spencer continues to recover from a car accident that occurred in June 2020 during which he suffered a debilitating spinal nerve injury.

Schell, who was an anesthesiologist in cardiac health and other areas at Loma Linda University Medical Center at the time of The Unforgettables' founding, helped the fledgling charity move forward in 2001 with a fundraising bike ride covering 4,100 northerly miles between the West and East Coasts. This year's bike ride for The Unforgettables is a 20-year sequel

which the organizers have christened "Dr. Randy's Unforgettable Ride 2.0."

The journey is expected to conclude on Oct. 2, give or take, just two days prior to Schell's 61st birthday on Oct. 4. A reception celebrating the bike ride fundraiser will be held in Riverside on Sept. 25 with a special honor for Larry Geraty, noted archaeologist, La Sierra University President Emeritus and Andrews University alum and former professor.


For the three former Andrews University students and their friends, the fundraiser is a labor of love and a chance to reconnect and recall the good times they had at their college alma mater.

"Randy and I were in the band as trumpet players at Andrews with Pat Silver, Barbara Favorito and Leonard Olson directing at different times from 1979–1981. He was first chair and I was third and a rabble rouser," recalled Evans with a laugh. Evans and Sherwin played sports together, counseled youth during summer camps and sang tenor in the men's chorus between 1980 and 1982. Schell and Sherwin roomed together for a year and a half, and Evans served as a resident assistant for them in Meier Hall.

"Tom was the best man in my wedding and was always there for me as a friend," Schell added. "He was a fantastic athlete and played a lot of sports and intramurals at AU."

Schell, a former biology major and chemistry minor, recalled the numerous professors at Andrews who made an impact as they shepherded him through the formative stages of college life. Among them were Harold Heidke who "taught me to study really, really hard" in Foundations of Biology; Bill Mutch who "made general chemistry fun;" and Bible teacher Carl Coffman—"I remember leaving his class each day and desiring a closer walk with Jesus," noted Schell.

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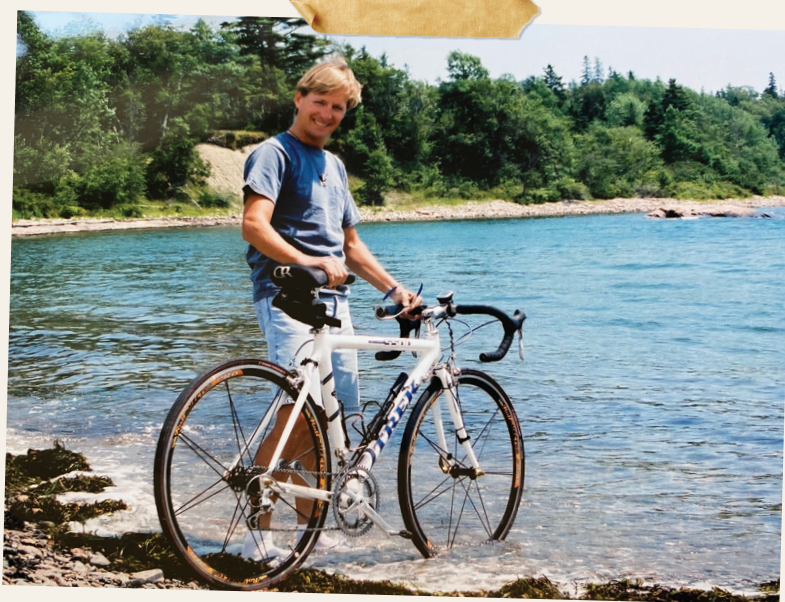
ronment. I am grateful for the teachers, deans, administrators, pastors and friends who helped me become a better learner and person during this critical stage of my life," he said.

Prior to Andrews, Schell and Sherwin attended Cedar Lake Academy and Evans attended Adelpian Academy. Evans, who enrolled at Andrews two years ahead of Schell and three ahead of Sherwin, recalls coaching Sherwin in 1980 in a game of flag football for a college days event when Sherwin was a visiting high school senior. "Tom was a hot shot Cedar Lake Academy guard just like my brother Nick Evans was at Adelpian Academy," said Evans. "I chose them and got 'em to share the ball with each other just enough so that they beat the AU freshman squad."

After Andrews, all three ended up in Southern California, Evans to serve as chaplain at the children's hospital and Schell and Sherwin to attend medical school and residency at Loma Linda University.

Schell is a professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Kentucky College of

LEFT: Andrews University intramural softball team with Tom Sherwin, front, second from left, and Tim Evans, second row, second from left



PHOTOS, CLOCKWISE:

Left to right, Lois, Connor and Randy Schell along the route of his first fundraising ride in 2001

Randy Schell at the Atlantic Ocean in Maine at the conclusion of his first cross-country ride to benefit The Unforgettables

Randy Schell, left, and Tom Sherwin, on Schell's wedding day

Left to right, Lois, Randy and Connor Schell, Tim Evans and former wife Sonya Evans following Randy Schell's return from Maine after the conclusion of his cross-country bike ride

Medicine where he has served for a little over a decade after years at Loma Linda. On July 1 he entered phased retirement which allowed him more time to pursue his cycling activities and prepare for the late-summer ride.

The notion of a second bike ride benefiting The Unforgettables took shape during conversations roughly three years ago between Schell and Evans when the two joined an Alaska cruise for their academy graduating classes.

"Everything kind of came together from about six or seven months ago when I decided to do a phased retire-

ment starting July 1 of this year," Schell said during a June interview. "Tim and I started talking and I said this year I want to do a Cascade [Range] ride, because it's so beautiful. And he said 'well why don't you do it for The Unforgettables,' and I said that sounds great 20 years afterwards, therefore the 2.0."

Schell originally planned a route to parallel and crisscross the famed Pacific Crest Trail but the route was adjusted due to wildfires, smoke and park closures in Oregon and California. Schell's route will now follow the Pacific Coast beginning from Bend, Oregon.

Schell will cycle to elevations of almost 10,000 feet in some passes. “That’s gonna be a challenge to climb with your food, your clothes, your sleeping bag and a heavy bike up through there, but I actually enjoy climbing and seeing what’s around the next bend, and it’s fun for me,” he said.

Cyclists are encouraged to ride along with Schell as he passes through their communities. Dr. David Materno, noted cardiologist and adventure cyclist, will join Schell along his lengthy journey, in part to make up for a ride the two had planned in Southeast Asia that was sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic. Local mayors in Southern California are discussing plans to join the cyclists and Spencer Sherwin in Yucaipa and Redlands.

Schell was influenced to participate in the first ride in 2001 in part due to the empathy he feels with those who suffer shattering losses—his first wife and their baby died in 1992. “It was a devastating time in my life where I just basically rode my bike, went to church and read and tried to get my life back in line,” he said. “And I realized [there’s] a lot of good that I could do to share with others and attempt to raise money for The Unforgettables.”

During Schell’s first bike ride fundraiser for The Unforgettables, his second wife whom he married in 1994 and their seven-month-old son, Connor, now a pre-medical student at Southern Adventist University, rode along with him in a rented RV which served as his nightly shelter. For this summer’s expedition, Schell’s shelter will consist of a backpacking tent strapped inside a waterproof bag attached to the back of the seat of his steel, 28-pound Kona Sutra bike. The bag will also hold a sleeping pad and down sleeping bag. In the side panniers he will carry a blowup pillow, two changes of lightweight clothes, a full set of rain gear, a tiny backpacking stove, dehydrated food and, in a small front pouch, maps, phone and credit cards. Loaded down he will be moving nearly 50 pounds along the roadways and mountain passes.

Schell took up riding during the late 1980s at the end of medical school at

Loma Linda University to get back into good physical condition following years focused on academics. His passion for cycling led him to long trips around the United States and through the Alps of France and Italy. While such riding keeps him fit, for weeks-long treks such as the Unforgettables fundraising ride, Schell has worked to achieve peak fitness. This has involved workouts with weights and longer and harder rides, upwards of 35–40 miles a day or more, with rainy days spent on a stationary bike in his house outfitted with a video screen that simulates the mountainous roads and trails of Europe. He expects to average 65–80 miles per day or more on his fundraising ride.

The Unforgettables is establishing additional chapters in Colorado, New Mexico, Florida and Maine with sites targeted in Kentucky and Michigan, “in honor of Schell and the three amigos, Evans, Sherwin and Schell,” Evans said. “The ride is to raise money for these and hopefully other locations.”

The Unforgettables has funded more than 7,500 cases since it began actively aiding families and parents in 2001. It is reliant on grants from private and



ABOVE: Randy Schell in June, wearing the riding jersey he wore during the first fundraising cycling trip in 2001

corporate foundations such as the Versacare Foundation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Davita Dialysis, Wescom Credit Union and the H.N. Frances C. Berger Foundation. In 2018 the California State Senate designated the nonprofit its Charity of the Year, and in 2019 the San Bernardino County Medical Society recognized Evans as its Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Noted Evans, “Drs. Randy and Tom know firsthand as caring physicians dealing with the operating room suite and the pediatric emergency room areas what it is like to try to support and encourage and comfort a family that has just lost a child. It is the hardest thing I as a chaplain and they as doctors have to do in the scope of clinical care for sure. To be there to be able to help with very real funds for a dignified funeral on their darkest day when a family is grief-stricken and cash-strapped is a sacred privilege and God-given responsibility that the three of us share.”

Schell plans to post photos and updates during his 2,400-mile ride. To follow along, visit unforgettables.org and [theunforgettablesfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/theunforgettablesfoundation) on facebook.com. ■

Darla Tucker has a background in public relations and is assisting The Unforgettables Foundation as a friend and former colleague of its founder Tim Evans.

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LEGACY

Among our new students coming through FIRST STOP during New Student Orientation on Sunday, Aug. 22, 124 identified themselves as Legacy students—students with a sibling, parent and/or grandparent who attended Andrews. The Alumni Association celebrated this legacy connection by taking photos of the students and/or families.

1980s



Michael Adewale Adeniyi (BA '88, MA '90, PhD '00) lives in Indiana. He is the founder, president and CEO of Adeniyi Memorial Hospital & Lifestyle Center (AMHLC) in Nigeria, as well as the founder, executive chairman and president of Adventist College of Health Technology (ACOHT) in Nigeria.

2010s



Cooper Benton Hodges (BS '16) finished his PhD at Brigham Young University in 2020 and is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He just published his first first-author publication in the March 15, 2021, issue of *Neuropsychology Review*.

New Archaeology Bible scheduled for release in 2022

Mario Paulo Martinelli (DMin '96, MSA '96) developed a great interest in archaeology when he toured the Siegfried Horn Museum while attending Andrews University. He later noted the visit led him “to want to do something to help church members and pastors to realize how archaeology has been contributing to confirm the Bible and enhance its understanding.”

During his service at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, he began to dream of producing an archaeology study Bible. When he became president of Safeliz Publishing House (Editorial Safeliz, S.L.) in Spain, Martinelli decided to make his vision a reality. He enlisted the aid of retired Review and Herald head book editor **Gerald Wheeler** (BA '66, MA '81), who compiled a core list of nearly 600 subjects to include in the proposed volume.

At Martinelli's and Wheeler's invitations, more than 80 leading archaeologists and biblical scholars contributed to the project, ensuring the volume would represent the worldwide nature of the Seventh-day Ad-

ventist Church. Andrews University scholars, its archaeology program and Siegfried Horn Museum staff also contributed.

The “Archaeology Study Bible: Historical and Cultural Background,” a nearly seven-year project, will be released in early 2022. Printed in full color, the roughly 2,000-page volume will contain captioned photos, photographic spreads on such subjects as the history of Israel, armor and weapons, biblical occupations, foods and ancient deities, and illustrated spreads on the Wilderness Tabernacle, the Jerusalem Temple and the city of Jerusalem. Some topics have QR codes that link to continuously updated articles online. Introductions to each book of the Bible were written by **P. David Merling** (MDiv '83, PhD '96) and **Felix Cortez** (PhD '08).

The Archaeology Bible will initially be released in English and Spanish, featuring the New King James Version and the Reina Valera 95, respectively. The Bible will be available at the Safeliz Publishing House website (safeliz-bibles.com) or at Adventist Book Centers.



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Arthur Moffit (BA '70) died Aug. 8, 2021, in Cadillac, Michigan.

Arthur was born April 15, 1940, to Hilbert and Viola (Stickney) Moffit in Manton, Michigan. He graduated from Manton High School in 1958 and finished his education at Andrews University in 1970. He served in the Air Force

from 1962–1966, with 18 months deployment to Taiwan. His occupation was masonry construction, and he enjoyed building churches and schools for Maranatha Volunteers International. He was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and served as an elder. He also enjoyed basketball, volleyball and golf.

He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Carol Oetman Moffit; daughter Dawn of Camano Island, Washington; and sons Chad (Noelle) of Fletcher Academy and Seth (Shauna) of Stanwood, Washington.

Ray Aiden Nelson (BD '68) died on Aug. 7, 2021, after battling MDS and a rare auto-immune disease causing eosinophilic fasciitis for several years.

Ray was born Oct. 7, 1942, in Hamilton, Bermuda—the oldest



son of missionary parents Carlyle A. and Thelma (Ray) Nelson.

The eldest of four children (Harland, Meredith and Carlyle), Ray was always a student of learning and graduated from Atlantic Union College with a BA in 1964; Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary with a

BD in 1968; and Loma Linda School of Public Health with a MSPH in 1973.

Ray met his sweetheart and best friend, Valerie Kay Schneider, during the summer of 1970 in New York City. They were married at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University on Aug. 1, 1971. They became the proud parents of Vaughan Aldwin in 1973, Renita Ann in 1976, and Vanessa Marie in 1980. Ray passed away six days after celebrating 50 years of marriage with his wife Valerie.

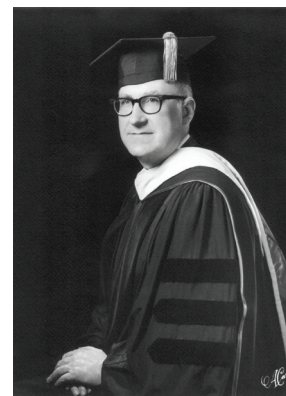
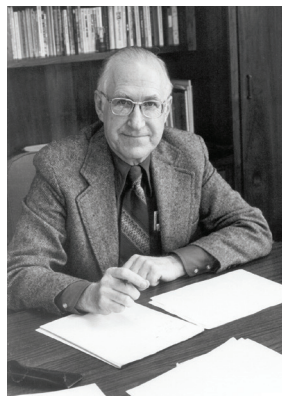
Ray and Val formed a team dedicated to supporting Ray's ministry as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and health educator for over 50 years from California to Connecticut, Vermont, Maine and Maryland. Ray's passion for recovery ministry helped to

Paul Hamel (DIP2YR '40, BA '48) died July 5, 2021, at his home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, surrounded by his wife and family.

Paul was born Aug. 8, 1919, in Kintyre, North Dakota, to Mahlon Glen and Irene Emma Flentie Hamel. Paul was a veteran of WWII including duty in the European Theater of Operations. He served as professor of music and chair of the Andrews University Department of Music from 1946 until his retirement in 1986, in the building that now bears his name. He was also an historian, scholar, author, pilot, world traveler and avid reader. He was a member of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In the last hours of consciousness, the recurring refrain on his lips was "It is well, it is well with my soul!" Paul left his home draped in the flag he loved and served, flanked by an honor guard of family.

He was preceded in death by his first wife **Beatrice Nelson Hamel** (DIP2YR '40, BS '66), his son **Glen Hamel** (BS '66, MMus '67), his parents Mahlon and Irene Hamel, his brothers Louis and Neal



Hamel (BA '43), his sister **Beryl Hamel** and one grandchild.

He is survived by his wife **Esther Hensel Hamel**, his sons **Carl** (CERT '74), **Gary**



(BS '75, MBA '76), **Loren** (BS '76) and **Lowell** (BS '76) **Hamel**, his brother **Lyle Hamel** (BS '49), 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

guide the development of a church Addictions Program that he continued to support and champion through his retirement.

Ray will be remembered as a pastor, husband, father, grandpa, uncle, friend, neighbor, counselor, health advocate, and trusted confidant. His legacy of ministry, servant leadership, addictions and health education, and his relentless dedication to the values and principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will always be cherished.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his younger brother Carlyle.

Left to mourn are his wife **Valerie (Schneider) Nelson** (BMus '69) in Fletcher, North Carolina; son **Vaughan** (BS '98, former staff) and wife **Nadine (Bubb) Nelson** (BBA '99, MBA '01, former staff) of Lincoln, Nebraska; daughter **Renita** (BBA '00, BA '05) and husband **Glenn** (BBA '99) **Saliba** of Clarendon Hills, Illinois; daughter Vanessa and husband Steve Hupp of Bensalem, Pennsylvania; brother Harland Nelson and wife Frances; sister Meredith (Silvers) and husband Roger; four grandchildren—Adele and Brendan Nelson, and Vivienne and Solomon Saliba, along with many nieces and nephews.

Wilce L. Cooke (Hon DHL '18) died Aug. 2, 2021, in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Wilce was born and raised in Benton Harbor. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1958 and went on to earn his LPN from Oakland Community College, Rochester, Michigan, an associate degree in political science and sociology from Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Michigan, in 1975, and a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from Western Michigan University (WMU), Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1977.

In 1968, as the only male nurse in Southwest Michigan, he began his 50-year-long distinguished service at Mercy Center, which later became Lakeland Health Systems and is now part of Spectrum Health.

Cooke was actively involved in the political, public and civic life of his local community and beyond. He served as three-time mayor of Benton Harbor from 1981–1987 and 2004–2011.

In the 2018 spring graduation ceremonies of Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Cooke was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in honor of his distinguished life of service, leadership and integrity to his hometown of Benton Harbor and his broader impact and contributions to Southwest Michigan and beyond.



Bonnie Ellen Steele (BA '89, current staff), died on Aug. 1, 2021, after a long and valiant battle against cancer.

Bonnie was born April 19, 1966, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Paul and Zella (McIntyre) Steele. When Bonnie was 9, the family relocated to Little York, Illinois. She graduated from Broadview Academy, LaFox, Illinois, in 1984.

Bonnie loved being with her family and her work family. She enjoyed connecting with her friends online, writing letters and sending cards. She

was a voracious reader. Bonnie loved baking for people and loved flowers, filling many pots with perennials, annuals and a few vegetables, too. Bonnie worked as an elderly caretaker for several years. She worked at Andrews University in the Office of Student Financial Services for the past 15 years.

Bonnie is survived by four siblings: Joyce Zacharias, Meredith (Beverly) Steele, Donovan Steele, and Jill (Terry) Leary. She is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews: David Zacharias, **Diane** (BBA '91) and husband **Tim** (BS '91) **Reynolds**, Ryan (Christen) Steele, Michelle McGuire, **Kai** (BBA '02, MBA '03) and his wife **Kristi** (BSELED '03) **Steele**, **Brit** (BBA '08) (Sherryl) **Steele**, Libby Partlo, **Eden Partlo** (BSCLS '99), Derrick (Tiffany) Leary, Aaron (Sara) Leary, Kellsey (Chad) Scott, and 15 great nieces and nephews. Bonnie also had several very special friends and honorary nieces and nephews.



Bonnie Louise Young (former faculty) passed peacefully to her rest on July 12, 2021, at the age of 96. She was surrounded by loved ones at her daughter's home in Springboro, Ohio, where she had been happily residing for the past few years. Bonnie lost her husband of over 60 years, Stephen W. Young, in 2009.

Bonnie was born in Joplin, Missouri, to Oscar and Ida

Hohliet on Oct. 2, 1924. She had two older brothers, Bud and Truman. She met and married Steve, a youthful Private First Class returned from World War II, at her home church in Joplin.

Steve and Bonnie both graduated from Walla Walla College in Washington state, received master's degrees at other universities, and went on to serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church educational system for many years. They traveled the world following their calling beginning at Sunnyvale Adventist Academy in Missouri. Next was Battle Creek Academy, Michigan, back to Walla Walla Valley Academy, Washington, then Malamulo Mission, Malawi, Africa. Home from abroad it was on to Adelphian Academy in Holly, Michigan, and finally Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Bonnie taught physical education, home economics and bookkeeping. In Malawi she was the hospital bookkeeper.

Berrien Springs was the home of their fruit farm "Glorious Gems." She was also a realtor and travel agent, which facilitated recreational global wandering. Bonnie and Steve had three daughters, named so their initials spelled Joy, Toy and Gay. Bonnie was a wonderful mother and her talents and interests were many. Her financial savvy and advice were often sought. An excellent seamstress, she made her children beautiful clothing and later numerous handsome quilts. New babies were gifted with crocheted blankets. As an artist she painted china and florals. She enjoyed antiquing and her hospitality was legendary—she could serve a delicious meal at a moment's notice. A capable and creative organizer, Bonnie was known to put on amazing events. This especially graced retirement when wintering in Desert Hot Springs, California, for 20 years.

Bonnie is survived by her daughters, **Judith O. Young Klein** (BS '72, MA '74) and husband Ronald, of Springboro, Ohio, and **Twyla O. Young Wall** (att.) of Berrien Springs (husband David W. Wall, deceased). Her youngest, **Gloria A. Young Hippler** (BS '78) of Berrien Springs, passed away in 2014. Gay's husband, **Jim Hippler** (BSA '02, March '03), remains close to the family. Bonnie's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life. There are seven of each: **Tonya Hippler Snyder** (BA '00), her husband **Chris** (BS '01) and two sons, Max and Monty, of Berrien Springs; Jason Hippler, his wife **Erica** (BS '01, BA '01), and their two daughters, Nevaeh and Hevanna of Berrien Springs; Stephen Klein, Kelly Robinson and their daughters, Nora and Teresa of West Carrollton, Ohio; **Reeve Wall** (BA '12, MBA '14) and his wife Sarah Heintzelman of Calhoun, Georgia; Michael Klein of Denver, Colorado; **Janelle Klein Dekdebrun** (BS '94, PMCERT '01, MS '01) and her husband Jason of Denver, Colorado; and Kelsey Wall Hahn, her husband Nick and son Brayden of Berrien Springs, Michigan.



Roy Wightman (former staff), 95, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died peacefully in his sleep on June 25, 2021.

Roy was born in Mission Ridge, South Dakota, on Dec.

16, 1925. He married Cleo Shepherd on Oct. 18, 1945. They were married for more than 60 years.

Born to a cattle rancher, he spent the first third of his life ranching. At age 33 he sold the ranch to further his education. He earned a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy and a master's degree in public health.

Roy worked in the medical world for many years and retired in 1989 to Berrien Springs. He was called out of retirement to work for Andrews University as a recruiter for the Department of Physical Therapy and did this for several more years. He enjoyed gardening, serving others, time with grandchildren and was actively involved in Neighbor to Neighbor, a local ministry of Adventist Community Services.

Roy is survived by his children: **Wanda Poole-Ferguson** (former staff) and husband **Duane Ferguson** (BA '64), Allen (Trisha) Wightman and Tim (Connie) Wightman; as well as eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife, Cleo Wightman; son-in-law, Merlin Poole; grandson, Don Poole; and all his siblings.

James Lee Anderson (BA '53, MA '62), 90, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died June 24, 2021.

James was born May 11, 1931, in Menomonie, Wisconsin, to Yanz Peter and Ruth Violet (Wait) Anderson. He was a science teacher, starting in 1954 in Benton Harbor and retiring in 1993 after 36 years in both elementary and high school, of which the last 25 years were in boarding academies. He also spent three years in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, setting up a high school science department.

Jim was a member of the International Bassist's Society,



and he played bass with the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Players, as well as various community orchestras. He volunteered for WAUS Radio, Adventist Information Ministries, and as a chaplain for the former Lakeland Specialty Hospital in Berrien Center.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Lafferty) Anderson, whom he married June 15, 1952, in the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church (now the 1839 Courthouse) in Berrien Springs; his daughter, Penny Smikle (Dave); daughter-in-law, **Linda Anderson** (BS '65); as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by a son, **James C. Anderson** (BA '76), and a brother, **Bruce Anderson** (BS '69, MA '78).

Karen E. (Knapp) McFarland (BSMT '63) died June 23, 2021, in Pasadena, California.

Karen was a clinical laboratory scientist and retired from Huntington Hospital, Pasadena, California, after 38 years. She was a member of the Eagle Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles.

She is survived by husband Jim, sons Brett (Barbara), Todd (Jan), brother **Col. S. Charles Knapp Jr, MD**, U.S. Army Reserves (BA '58), (Mary), grandchildren Emma, Charlie, Brody, Aidan and Kathryn, and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia Ruth Stern Meader (DIP2YR '50), 96, died June 2, 2021, in Stevensville, Michigan.

She was born Nov. 11, 1924, in New London, Wisconsin. Virginia graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College with a diploma from the two-year elementary education course in 1950 and with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Chattanooga in 1969. She taught elementary school for 34 years in the Catoosa County schools in North Georgia.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Pioneer Memorial Church and was a fifth-generation Seventh-day Adventist.

Virginia was loving, supportive, adventurous and a great storyteller.

Virginia was preceded in death by her father Dell Stern, mother Myrtle Haney Stern, by her former husbands **Raymond Huffaker** (BA '50), David Legg and James Meader, and her son Jonathan Legg. She is survived by her sister Carol Stern O'Day, her brother Richard Stern, her two daughters **Marlene Legg Rich** (BS '71, BS '71, MA '12) and Ellen Legg Larsen, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



James "Jim" Jordan (att., former staff), 73, of Berrien Springs, died May 31, 2021, at Spectrum Health Lakeland Niles Hospital.

Jim was born Jan. 21, 1948,

in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to Raymond and Myrtle (Van Sickle) Jordan. He graduated from Wisconsin Academy and attended Andrews University. He married Carol Nash on June 16, 1968.

Jim worked many years for Andrews University in construction—first as part of the University construction crew and then he earned his builder's license and hired his own crew and did many projects for the University while also building many new homes and doing commercial projects in the community. His passion, though, was donating his and his employees' time with many of those projects being donated to the Village Adventist Elementary School. He really

enjoyed going on a mission trip to Mexico to build a church.

Jim also had a passion for caring for the fatherless through adoption and foster care and was a support to the ministry God's Hands 4 Kids.

Sports was Jim's thing. He loved golf and Packers football.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carol Nash Jordan; his son, **Michael** (BArch '01) and wife **Darla** (BSMT '97) **Jordan**; his daughter, Asha Jordan; 12 grandchildren; mother, Myrtle Jordan; brother, **Richard** (BA '68) (Andrea) **Jordan**; twin brother, **John** (BA '70) (Diana) **Jordan**; many nieces and nephews; daughter-in-law, Davka Aparicio; and sister-in-law, Joyce Jordan. Also survived by "like a son" to

Carol and Jim, David (Sondra) Staggs and their children.

He was preceded in death by his sons, J. Nash and Todd; father, Raymond Jordan; and brother, Raymond Jordan.

Robert P. "Bob" Baird (att.), 79, of Niles, Michigan, died on April 20, 2021, in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Bob was born on Dec. 8, 1941, in Elkhart, Indiana, and grew up in New Carlisle, Indiana, before moving to Niles, Michigan, in 1975.

Bob was a Navy Veteran of Submarine Service. He had a bachelor's degree in Christian ministry from Great Lakes Christian College and studied electronics at Andrews University.



Bob served as the pastor of Prairie Gardens Christian Fellowship Church in New Carlisle, Indiana, for over 20 years. He became a pastor at 49 years old and loved his church family. Prior to that he worked for Kearney & Trecker as an

Lennart Oscar Olson (BA '50, former faculty), 98, died in Wichita Falls, Texas, on June 24, 2021.

Lennart was born July 9, 1922, in Stockholm, Sweden, to Oscar and Ellen (Johnson) Olson. Following the birth of his brother, Ellis, the young family moved to Media Persia (now Iran) where Oscar assisted in setting up Adventist schools and managed an orphanage. His two sisters, Betty and **Elise** (BS '67), were born during their time in Tehran.

Lennart came with his family to the U.S. as a young teen, settling first in the Bronx, followed by brief periods in Oregon, Canadian Junior College and eventually Pisgah, North Carolina. The family by this time was firmly established in the cultivation of music as their spiritual gift led by their mother. Family performances were commonplace during the children's formative years, inspiring Lennart to take his love of music, in particular the clarinet and singing, to be the focus of his educational and eventual professional life.

Soon after entering college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Lennart often entertained the troops with his clarinet during his time in Saipan. By the end of the war, the Olson family had settled at Emmanuel Missionary College where Lennart majored in music. There he met



Beverly Wykoff, his future wife, who was an accomplished pianist and organist.

After getting his Master of Music from Vandercook College of Music, the two were married in 1953, forming a union to last 67 years. Lennart conducted the band at Loma Linda Academy from 1952–1954, while playing principal clarinet in the San Bernardino Symphony. Their daughter Colleen was born in Flint, Michigan, where Lennart led the band at Adelpian Academy from 1954–1961. Following a brief time at Mountain View, Lennart moved the family to Atlantic Union College where he worked from

1962–1969 and Janelle was born. The call to head the woodwind department at Andrews University came in 1970.

He was commonly seen riding his motorcycle, playing tennis and of course performing. His students and fellow staff will remember his dry humor, invitations to picnic at his home, Hawaiian shirts, antique instrument collections, woodworking creations and always generous spirit until his retirement in 1987.

Lennart and Beverly moved to Loma Linda in 1993 where they lived until physical challenges made it impossible to live independently. As Beverly's Alzheimer's progressed, Lennart faithfully and lovingly cared for her until he fell and broke a hip at the age of 96. Lennart and Beverly moved to Texas in 2019 where he lived with his daughter Janelle and her family until his death.

Lennart will be remembered for his exemplary musical talents, complete devotion to God, the Adventist Church, country and family.

His daughters remember the best father and role model imaginable. He is survived by his wife **Beverly (Wykoff) Olson** (MMus '76), daughters **Colleen Olson** (BS '76) and **Janelle Olson**, and six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service will take place Oct. 16, 2021, at 4 p.m., in Loma Linda, California.

electronic technician and as an electrician at Bendix Corp.

On July 3, 1965, he married Connie J. Whiting in South Bend, Indiana.

Bob was a member of EAA in Niles, Michigan. He was a small aircraft pilot and instructor who loved flying and enjoyed tinkering with planes, cars and equipment. His favorite job was working with his family at the Harvest Café in Niles, Michigan, where he was known as “Beignet Bob.” He had a passion for life and his family and will forever be remembered for his smile, his friendliness, his love of the Lord, and his love of everyone around him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jane (Watt) Hooten; and his brother, Thomas “Mac” McCord Baird.

Bob is survived by his wife of 55 years, Connie Baird of Niles, Michigan; daughter, Pamela K. (Michael) Seasty; son, William M. (Marianna) Baird; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Lisa (Michael) Chakerian.



Sheila Rose Hall (BA '67, MA '69), 90, died April 1, 2021, in Apollo Beach, Florida.

A few years after receiving her graduate degree, she received a fellowship to the University of Bristol, where she completed a post-master's in curriculum development. Sheila taught in Jamaica, West Indies, as well as in the

Cayman Islands where she was curriculum development director for the Department of Education. After relocating to the U.S., Sheila went on to be the director of the Learning Opportunity Center at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, Florida. Her tenure there included certificates of commendations and other awards for her leadership. Sheila retired from Lake-Sumter after a total of 40 years of being an educator. She also served as first elder at the Bushnell Seventh-day Adventist Church, Florida.

Sheila is survived by her daughter, **Melodie Lopez** (BA '75), and son, Mark Hall, plus four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Helen Dean Knittel Ruf (BS '60, MAT '68, former faculty) died March 31, 2021, after a short battle with cancer.

Helen was born Nov. 26, 1929, in Plainview, Texas, to Albert and Orene Dean. She attended Ozark Academy in Arkansas.

After attending college at Southern Missionary and Madison, she received her associate degree from Union College in 1953 and completed a bachelor's degree in secretarial science at Andrews University. One of her first jobs was working in the treasurer's office for the Iowa Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Moving to Boulder, she

accepted a position in the Colorado Conference office. Helen met Frank Knittel, a doctoral student at the University of Colorado. In 1956, the couple married and began a decades-long partnership during which they served at several Adventist universities. At Andrews University, while Frank served as dean of students, Helen earned a Master of Arts in Teaching (English) and taught business classes. Their children, Jeff and Sherry, joined their family in Berrien Springs as well. She loved entertaining friends, gardening, reading, music and animals.

In 1967, the Knittels moved to Collegedale, Tennessee, where Frank served as academic dean and later president of Southern Missionary College. Helen was always active, holding teaching positions in the business and English departments, managing the Adventist Book Center, and hosting many faculty events.

In 1983, the family moved to California where Helen worked in academic administration at Loma Linda, as registrar at La Sierra Academy, and as a professor for La Sierra and Loma Linda University. In 2005, the Knittels moved to Alvord, Texas, and in 2013 Helen and Frank moved back to Tennessee to be closer to their children. Two years later, Frank passed away.

In 2016, Helen married Rolland M. Ruf, a retired minister from the Collegedale University Church. They spent four and a half years together before Helen died.

She is survived by husband Rolland; son, Jeff (Crystal) Knittel; daughter, Sherry and her husband **David** (AET '77) **Campbell**; stepchildren, Rolland (Tina) Ruf Jr., **Warren** (MDiv '79, DMin '96) and wife **Jane** (BS '78) **Ruf** and Stephen (Jodi) Ruf; grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters

Dorothy (Bill) Moon and Cheryl (Richard) Carpenter; and several nieces and nephews.



Donald W. Thompson (BA '69) died Jan. 16, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois.

He was born June 22, 1948, in Richmond, Indiana.

Don was one of those “big” men on the Andrews University campus in the 1960s. A “reader” for Elaine Giddings and a speech major, he was active in the Black Student Caucus and founded a student community outreach organization that provided tutoring for elementary students in the Benton Harbor schools.

After graduating in 1969 Don spent years in Chicago and Taos, New Mexico, where his gifts for community outreach and support were all in evidence. For the past 30 years he lived in Chicago providing financial advisory services to a long list of clients. He will be sorely missed by his clients and friends, including **Ken** (BA '69) and **Penny** (BA '69) **Tkachuck**, Elaine Kelly, **Margaret McFarland** (BA '71), **Dianna Connors** (BA '70), Bob Williams, **David Taylor** (BMus '69), **Gary Edwards** (BA '69) and more.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, **Ruby** (att.) and **Garth** (BA '46, MA '59, BD '67) **Thompson**, and his younger sister **Jean** (att.).

He is survived by his brother Ron (of California), sister

Janelle Thompson (of Tennessee), and cousin **Laurie (Omans) Sutton** (BS '70, MA '77), and many devoted nieces and nephews.



Karen L. (Aasheim) Fortune (BS '70), 73, of Berrien Center, Michigan, died Dec. 20, 2020, at Royalton Manor in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

Karen was born Jan. 21, 1947, in New York City, the daughter of Karsten and Mabel Aasheim, Seventh-day Adventist Norwegian immigrants. She attended Greater New York Academy and later received her BS in nursing from Andrews University. It was in 1966 when she studied abroad at Newbold College in England where she met John Fortune—a handsome Brit studying theology for the ministry. In her words, “It was love at first sight.” Karen and John were married June 20, 1970, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

Their eldest child, Mark, was born in 1971 shortly before John finished at the seminary. After that, she and John readily accepted a call to be missionaries in Hong Kong where they served from 1971–1975. Their second child Michael was born there in 1973. Karen and John welcomed Matthew into the world in 1975, making her the mother of three little blonde-haired, adventurous boys.

After three boys, finally having a daughter, Maegan, on March 5, 1988, was one of Karen's greatest joys.

Karen was a loving and devoted Christian, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, ministry partner, nurse, hospital administrator, matchmaker and friend. She was beautiful on the inside and out and never lost her smile or twinkle in her eye. She loved Jesus, music and her family.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Karsten and Mabel Aasheim.

She is survived by her husband, **John Fortune** (MDiv '72); brothers Richard (Sheila) Aasheim and Roger (Beverly) Aasheim; children **Mark** (BBA '95) (**Paula**) **Fortune**, **Michael** (BA '96, MDiv '99) (**Jackie**) **Fortune**, **Matthew** (BSELED '98, MA '05) (**Carla**) **Fortune**, and **Maegan** (BS '12) (**Jonathan**) **Janevski**; nine grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Norman Charles Farley (att.) died Nov. 24, 2020, in Loma Linda, California.

He was born July 22, 1937, in Gardiner, Maine. His education included an AA from the University of Maine in Portland; a BA from Atlantic Union College; a PhD from the California Graduate School of Theology; and postgraduate work at Pacific Union College, California State University at Sacramento and Loma Linda University. His doctoral dissertation, “A Social-Evangelistic Model for Church Use in the Community,” was published in 1972.

Norman became an ordained minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1965. He pastored in New York, West Virginia and California. His other church-related positions included Bible teacher, counselor and chaplain.

He was a chaplain of the

Santa Ana Community Hospital, founder of the Staff of Life, Inc., founder of the Family Fellowship Center, co-founder of the Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking, and member of the board of directors for Welcome Home Children's Home.

Norman was given the Kiwanis Community Service Award in Morgantown, West Virginia, in 1972 and a commendation from the Staff of Life for outstanding service on behalf of delinquent children.

He is survived by his wife Alice T. Farley; two sons, Gregory and Norman C. II; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Deborah Lynn Farley.

Jessica Dettmann (BS '05, MA/MA '08) died on June 11, 2020, in California after suffering a cardiac arrest and related complications connected with a long-term illness. Jessica was an organ donor and, in her death, that personal commitment led to a better life for others.

Jessica was in the dissertation stage for a PhD in counseling psychology, after having completed her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2005 and a master's in community counseling in 2008, both from Andrews University. During her undergraduate years Jessica served as a dedicated student leader of Benton Harbor Street Ministries and also spent time working with the 1,000 Missionary Movement in Africa.

Jessica's father **Ron** (former staff), who recently retired as the welding foreman at Plant Services, and her mother **Laura** live in Coloma, Michigan. Jessica has three siblings, including her sister **Sarah** (BSN '20) who lives in Saint Joseph, Michigan.



Vincent Lopez (BA '86), died on Feb. 1, 2020, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Vincent passed peacefully, surrounded by family, after a week in cardiac intensive care.

Born in Puerto Rico on July 27, 1948, his family moved to New York City when he was 8 years old. After graduating from high school, he served as a medic in Germany during the Vietnam War. Vincent was proud of his service during a difficult time in U.S. history.

His memorial service was held at the Southern Adventist University campus church in Collegedale, Tennessee, where he served as a greeter and was well-loved by many in the community. Interment with military funeral honors was held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

He leaves behind his wife, **Melodie Hall Lopez** (BA '75), plus two children and two grandchildren.

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A festive Welcome Back Party was held on the campus flag mall on Monday evening, Aug. 30, the first day of classes.
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