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Denis Fortin announces return to full-time teaching

Denis Fortin, dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has announced his plans to return to full-time teaching, effective with the 2013–14 school year. Fortin has served as faculty at Andrews since 1994 and the last six years as dean.

“For personal and professional reasons, I have come to the conclusion that after serving in academic administration for the better part of the last 14 years, as director of the Master of Divinity program for three years, as associate dean for four years, and now as dean for six years, it is time for me to take a break,” Fortin said. “I have therefore asked President Niels-Erik Andreasen and Provost Andrea Luxton that I be permitted to return to full-time teaching in the Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy.”

Fortin was appointed dean of the Seminary in 2006. Since joining the Seminary faculty in 1994, he has served in multiple roles. Prior to coming to Andrews, he served as a pastor in the Quebec Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

“The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary has been very well served by Dr. Denis Fortin. The number of students, programs and services has grown under his leadership, and we have all been blessed,” says Andreasen. “I am happy to note that he will return to his first love: teaching Seminary students. We are delighted to welcome him back full-time to the faculty.”

A search committee will be established, overseen by Andreasen, to identify Fortin’s successor. The search committee will include representation from the Seminary faculty, Andrews University administration and Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership.

Fourth issue of Envision now available

The latest issue of Envision, Andrews University’s Christian collegiate magazine, was released in early November 2012. This is the fourth annual issue of the collegiate magazine produced by the collaborative effort of more than 50 Andrews’ students from multiple academic disciplines.

“The students have once again outdone themselves, providing top-notch writing, photography and design,” says Debbie Michel, associate professor of communication and editor-in-chief of Envision.

This year’s issue features articles on many topics of special interest to students, including ways to stay energized, how to get a great internship, and how to erase student loan debt. The new issue also includes several feature articles on Andrews students. “We feature some students who’ve tackled some pretty daunting challenges head-on, which, of course, would not be possible without the power of God in their lives,” says Michel. Among these inspirational stories is the cover story for this issue, featuring “G.I. Joe Rivera.”

Envision is created entirely by students in the classes Publication Production, Advanced Media Writing, Publication Design and Studio Photography.

“It was a great experience, and I learned a lot about how a magazine works,” says Tacyana Behrmann, one of the magazine’s student editors. After her first year working on the magazine, Behrmann believes that she learned a lot about the business. “It gave me a look into the magazine publishing world — what it takes and the work that goes into it,” she says, describing how she used the campus “grapevine” to find stories for the magazine.

Envision is available for purchase for $2.50 in the greater Berrien Springs, Mich., area, at The Gazebo on campus, the Andrews Bookstore, Apple Valley, Harding’s and the Adventist Book Center. For more information about Envision, contact Debbie Michel at dmichel@andrews.edu.