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Gerald A. Klingbeil, associate editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* magazines, is the new research professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He brings more than 15 years of teach-



Gerald A. Klingbeil

ing and ministry experience in diverse international contexts to the position.

Born in Berlin, Germany, Klingbeil completed a B.A. in Theology at an Andrews University affiliate campus, Helderberg College, South Africa, in 1990. The next year he attended the University of Stellenbosch, where he received his B.A. Honors in Semitic Languages & Cultures and an M.A. and DLitt. in Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

Klingbeil's professional experience spans educational institutions around the world. He has held academic positions in departments of theology at institutions in South Africa, Peru, Argentina and the Philippines. A member of several prestigious review boards in the past and present, Klingbeil recently held the position of editor of the *Journal*

of *Asia Adventist Seminary* as part of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines. He has also received many significant awards, honors and research grants from institutions such as the Adventist Theological Society, La Sierra University, Stellenbosch University and River Plate Adventist University, among others.

Klingbeil is also a member of a handful of academic societies, including the Adventist Theological Society, and a named fellow of the Institute for Biblical Research. He co-chairs the Ritual in the Biblical World consultation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

An avid writer, Klingbeil has published eight books, more than 25 book chapters, several dictionary/lexicon entries, a countless number of book reviews and academic journal articles, and numerous essays. His most recent work, *Shadow Figures: Background Characters of the Bible*, an adult Sabbath school Bible study guide, is scheduled for release in 2010.

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Financial aid available for undergraduate distance degrees

For the first time in the 12 years distance degrees have been offered, students taking six credits or more through the Andrews University Center for Distance Learning & Instructional Technology (DLiT) are eligible to apply for financial aid for the following degree programs: Associate of Arts in Personal Ministry; Bachelor of Arts in Religion; Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with an emphasis in Humanities; Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with an emphasis in Human Organization

and Behavior; and a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with an emphasis in Cross-Cultural Studies.

"Students accepted to Andrews University as freshmen but who wish to wait one year before coming to campus or would like to increase their GPA before attending are now eligible to take courses through DLiT without negatively affecting their Andrews Partnership Scholarship (APS), which offers



Sarah Lee

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freshman and transfer students \$2,000 to \$8,000 per year for up to four years," says Marsha Beal, director for DLiT.

Undergraduate distance-degree programs have been available at Andrews since 1997 for students studying off campus. The coursework is taught through paper-based correspondence and is electronically enhanced through several classes that are available online. DLiT was established in September 2003 to meet the growing distance-learning and instructional technology needs. Andrews University and Griggs University Partnership, a multimedia lab and Desire2Learn administration are all part of DLiT. Learn more by visiting www.andrews.edu/dlit.

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