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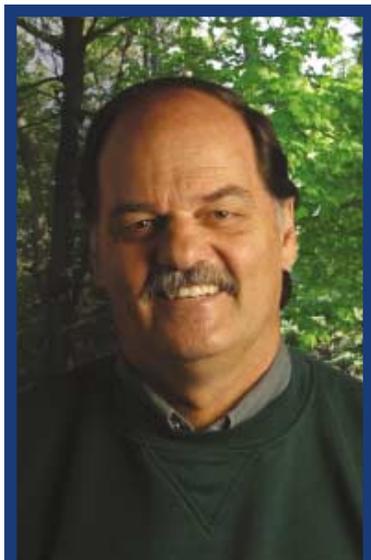
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Youth ministry specialists now have the opportunity to develop advanced competencies in professional ministry as local church, conference, or youth directors in the Doctor of Ministry program at the Adventist Theological Seminary.



Barry Gane is the youth ministry D.Min. cohort director.

Barry Gane, professor of youth ministry, says, "This program will give youth ministry professionals the opportunity to work with colleagues in the field and learn from each other as well as study the best texts that are currently available."

The first "module" of the new concentration launches this fall. Participants form a "learning cohort" and complete prescribed reading, journaling, reflection, writing

requirements, assigned work in regional groups, and a two-week teaching concentration at Loma Linda, Calif., Oct. 2003. The program is designed for committed professionals while they continue their ministry. Each module will take about a year to complete, and after three modules plus a professional project, woven throughout the four or five years of the program, the cohort will complete their doctoral degrees together.

Another cohort will not launch for two or three years, so youth ministry professionals who wish to advance their ministry skills should enroll now for this cohort. Call (269) 471-3306; or e-mail dmin@andrews.edu.

Skip Bell, Doctor of Ministry program director

Teacher in the Spotlight

He's young, he smiles, he cracks jokes, and when he talks to students they get the feeling that he's got all the time in the world for them. Jeff Wines, assistant professor of imaging and applied technology at Andrews University, is one of a kind. Wines graduated from Andrews with a B.S. in photography in 1997, and later, in 2002, he earned a master's degree in youth ministry.

The opportunity to teach at Andrews came as a surprise. Wines was offered a position as a contract teacher during the time he was working on his master's. Wines, then serving as a reader, thought to himself, "I'd rather be teaching than reading a bunch of papers!"

Wines began teaching full-time in August of 2002. He currently is responsible for four photography classes at Andrews. "I'm getting to know the students," said Wines. "In youth ministry it's a kind of rule that it takes three years to get to know the young people you are working with. It's sort of the same thing in teaching." Wines feels that he and the students are getting along well. "They'll come and talk to me," he said.

There has been cause for celebration in Wines' personal life as he and his wife are enjoying their newborn, Zakary. Definitely a proud father, Wines describes his son as "a good kid. It's the most incredible experience in the world to have a child."

Drawing from the memories of his time in college and other life experiences, the professor has some words of advice for college students. First, he feels that it is important for students to have a close relationship with Christ. "If you lose that, you've lost everything. The rest doesn't really matter." Also, getting good grades is important, but "it's more important to be in class because you want to," he says. Finally, Wines doesn't think that students should simply become study machines. He counsels, "Balance your life out, and make sure to have some social time."



Jeff Wines is an assistant professor of imaging and applied technology at Andrews University.

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