

## 1960s

**Mary** (att.) and **Carlos** (BA '67) **Schwantes** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family on Oct. 28, 2016, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia at the historic Greenbrier Hotel. Though the actual wedding anniversary day was September 4, their children living in Singapore were able to return to the U.S. at the later date.

Carlos Arnaldo Schwantes met Mary Dassenko at Andrews University where Carlos was studying history and Mary home economics education. They married two years later in Nevada, Iowa on Sept. 4, 1966. Their careers took them first to Ann Arbor, Michigan for graduate school where Carlos earned a PhD and Mary a master's degree in science and later to Walla Walla



University where they both taught between 1969 and 1984. While in College Place, Washington, both of their sons were born.

After 14 years of teaching history and foods and nutrition courses they moved

to Moscow, Idaho and the University of Idaho where Carlos had an active research and writing phase for 19 years. In total he has authored or edited 20 books.

Mary started the first nutrition counseling service for the students and staff at the University of Idaho and organized health fairs for the campus and community for 11 years. Their most recent move was to Missouri where Carlos served as the first Saint Louis Mercantile Library Endowed Professor of History at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis from 2001 until May 2016. His teaching career spanned exactly 50 years.

Now retired, they travel the world and enjoy spending time with their granddaughter. The Schwantes family includes Benjamin and Elizabeth Schwantes and daughter Magdalena of Baltimore, Maryland, and Matthew and Nadira Schwantes of Singapore.

## 1970s

**Leon C. Wilson** (MA '76), provost and vice president for academic affairs, was recently named interim president of Alabama State University. Before being named provost, Leon served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the university. Before joining the administration at Alabama State University, he was a professor and chair of the department of sociology at East Carolina University.

Previously, Leon served on the sociology department faculty at Wayne State University in Detroit for nearly two decades.

Leon is a graduate of the University of the Southern Caribbean on the island of Trinidad. He holds a master's degree in religion and counseling from Andrews University and a second master's degree and PhD in sociology from the University of Michigan.

## 1990s



**Frank Hasel** (MA '89, PhD '95) served as a theology teacher, dean of the theology department and director of the Ellen G. White Study Center at Bogenhofen for the past 18 years. The center was upgraded to a full Ellen G. White Research Center in July 2016. Frank transitioned to the Biblical Research Institute (BRI) at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland in August 2016, as an associate director.

**Brian Johns** (BS '93), director of medicinal chemistry for GlaxoSmithKline, was recently awarded the "Hero of Chemistry" award from the American Chemical Society for his work in creating the drug Tivicay, which is now widely used worldwide to treat HIV infection.

Brian was honored along with a colleague from the Japanese company Shionogi & Co., who led an international team that developed the drug. More than 200,000 people have taken the

drug since it was approved in 2013. The drug has been lauded for its ease of use, requiring far fewer doses than previous drugs.

He is now leading the GSK team that is collaborating with the



UNC-Chapel Hill HIV Cure Center. That research is focused on creating a drug that will cure HIV, not just suppress the symptoms.

Brian earned his PhD at Wayne State University and did post-doctoral work at the University of Virginia. He lives on a farm in Efland, Virginia, with his wife and two children.

## 2010s

**Kristina Johnson** (PhD '15) recently joined Southern Utah University's center for Counseling and Psychological Services as a new dedicated psychologist and sexual violence prevention coordinator.

Johnson earned her PhD in counseling psychology from Andrews University and started her college counseling career while in graduate school at Andrews University's counseling center. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at SUU CAPS and her post-doctoral internship at University of Wisconsin at Lacrosse.