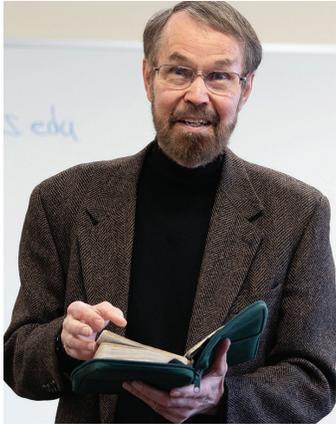


Endowed Faculty Chairs



The power of faculty endowment is the capacity to attract leaders in a particular field or discipline so Andrews University becomes known for that expertise. Faculty endowment allows more time for faculty to engage with students—to impact students in profound ways through teaching and research. Faculty endowment brings sustainability and flexibility, deepening the opportunities for faculty development and collaborative student learning. Andrews University currently has nine endowed faculty chairs funded by \$1,929,015. We appreciate the organizations and entities that generously provide support in this important way.



Richard Davidson, J.N. Andrews Memorial Chair in Religion, teaches classes on Old Testament Interpretation at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He has been a professor at Andrews University since 1979.

In addition to teaching, Richard has an impressive research record. His most elaborate, scholarly publication, his magnum opus, “Flame of Yahweh: Sexuality in the Old Testament,” is the most comprehensive study to date on the topic of biblical sexuality. Other academic and professional books were “Typology in

Scripture,” “In the Footsteps of Joshua” and “A Love Song for the Sabbath.”

“I have been tremendously blessed by being an endowed chair,” he says. “Even though I taught less than I would have otherwise, I still maintained a solid connection with students through teaching on a regular basis, and the cutting-edge research that I was doing at the same time gave my teaching a freshness and depth that it would not have had otherwise.”

Throughout his career, Richard has published seven books, edited one book, written numerous journal articles and contributed to or written chapters for over 80 books/volumes. He has also read over 94 scholarly papers in a variety of venues such as the Society of Biblical Literature. Between 2005 and 2010 alone, he presented approximately 200 lectures and sermons around the world. Currently, Richard is writing a graduate textbook on the sanctuary doctrine, commentaries on the Song of Songs and the book of Exodus, along with numerous journal and encyclopedia articles and book chapters on various Old Testament topics.

In 2016, Richard was presented with a Festschrift to honor his dedication to his students and to his continued scholarship. He has also been the recipient of the J.N. Andrews Medallion, the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research Award and the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award.



Liz Muhlenbeck, AdventHealth Endowed Chair in Healthcare Administration, and associate professor of management at the School of Business Administration, teaches classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels in management, organizational behavior, nonprofit administration, innovation and entrepreneurship, and healthcare administration.

Prior to Andrews, Liz served for 13 years as a consultant and senior executive conducting strategic planning and business development for health systems and venture projects. Liz’s experience has led her to the forefront of innovation in health systems design. She

has served on the board of several nonprofit organizations in the education and broadcasting sectors and currently sits on the board of a long-term care facility in Louisville, Kentucky, and the Berrien County Historical Association in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Liz enjoys her opportunity to create experiential learning environments for her students. You never know what you’re going to get when you step into her classroom. One day they may be using toothpicks and marshmallows to demonstrate the connections between mission, strategy and organizational structure; another day they may be role-playing employee discipline scenarios, rapid prototyping creative concept ideas, using Legos to uncover hidden agendas, mind-mapping or dissecting a movie script to learn about team dynamics and conflict resolution.

Thanks to the generous support from the AdventHealth Endowment, she is able to participate in many projects that have impact.

Liz states, “The AdventHealth Endowment enables me to pursue a research agenda that is within my area of passion. As a social scientist I am interested in how behavior affects relationships at work and the role leadership plays in enabling organizational progress. Concepts such as social learning theory, business pedagogy in higher education, leadership emergence in healthcare, and innovation and creativity are areas I hope to explore in the future with my students.”