

## Frances Faehner and Marcia Kilsby receive J.N. Andrews medallions

For excellence in research, teaching, and academic and community involvement

During the summer commencement held on Sunday, August 3, 2014, Marcia A. Kilsby, associate professor of medical laboratory sciences, *emerita*, and Frances Mae Faehner, vice president for Student Life, received the J.N. Andrews Medallion.

“I was reminiscing over the 30 years of summer graduations I had attended, rejoicing in the accomplishments of all of our students, knowing this one would be my last one before

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retirement, and was stunned to hear my name announced,” Marcia says.

She was involved at the very beginning of the medical technology program at Andrews University in 1988. One of the original goals of the program was to educate young people from developing countries to take the knowledge and clinical experience they learned back home to their own countries to upgrade the level of diagnostic care available. Unfortunately, she says, “the vast majority of graduates stayed to work in the United States.”

Faculty looked for a way to keep the sense of mission before their students and got involved with a portable laboratory system called Lab-In-A-Suitcase, that could be used where electricity was unavailable or unreliable.

Kilsby involved her students and gave them the task of identifying key illnesses in different countries to determine if this system would be beneficial and utilized their different language skills to translate a user-friendly manual.

“Expertise in grounded clinical diagnostic

knowledge, creative application of problem solving, compassion and a willingness to serve in places that are outside the usual to take help, hope and healing to the suffering in this world are what I prayerfully aspire to exemplify,” Marcia says.

Marcia graduated with a BS in biology from Andrews University in 1981 and with a Master of Science the following year. She went on to complete an internship at South Bend Medical Foundation School of Medical Technology, a Master of Science in medical technology, became a specialist in blood banking, studied transfusion medicine, and in 2005 completed a doctorate in educational leadership at Andrews.

Marcia says, “There are so many people who have accomplished so much that to be selected to receive the award is very humbling and I am very honored.”

Frances Faehner was cited for her compassion and skill as a counselor and communicator, her creative leadership and expertise in strategic planning and crisis management in Student Life.

She earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Andrews University in 1976, then went on to complete a master’s in counselor education from Loma Linda University and a PhD in leadership from Andrews in 2007.

After earning her bachelor’s degree, she gained five years of professional residence life experience on the secondary level as dean of girls, first at Bass Memorial Academy and then at Shenandoah Valley Academy.

In 1981 Frances joined the Loma Linda University/La Sierra Campus student services

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team as associate dean of women. There she caught a broader vision of the vital role that Student Services can play in the restoration of young men and women in a total educational process. She accepted an invitation to serve as dean of women in 1983, which incorporated the administration of five residence halls.

In 1985, Frances and her husband, David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, moved to Andrews where she served as dean of women until 2003. She found special joy in the nurture of students, staff training and development, spiritual and educational programming and financial and facility management, which she took to the next level when she became vice president for Student Life in 2003. A hallmark of Faehner’s leadership is the high level of care she presents in all situations to ensure every person feels valued and understood.

After 34 years of living in a residence hall and the arrival of two sons, Joshua and Jeremiah, the Faehners moved to a country home in 2001. They regularly open up their home to entertain students, alumni and colleagues. Over the past 13 years she has shared her legendary hospitality with an estimated 10,000 guests.

Frances says, “I am deeply humbled to receive the honor of the J.N. Andrews Medallion and am very thankful for the wonderful team of colleagues with whom I share my work. I love Andrews University and its extraordinary body of students with every fiber of my being.”



President Andreasen presents Marcia Kilsby (far left) and Frances Faehner (left) with the J.N. Andrews Medallion at the summer 2014 Commencement

## Teresa Reeve named Seminary associate dean

*Historical nomination as the first female associate dean in seminary history*

Teresa Reeve, associate professor of New Testament at Andrews University, has been chosen as the new associate dean of the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Reeve succeeds R. Clifford Jones, who is now serving as president of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists following 19 years at the seminary, including ten years as associate dean.

Reeve comes to the position with several years of experience in teaching and ministry. She holds an MDiv from the seminary and a PhD from the University of Notre Dame, and has been teaching in the Department of New Testament at the seminary for 11 years.

“Reeve’s appointment is especially significant because she is the first female associate dean in seminary history,” says Jiří Moskala, seminary

gifted by God, and it is our responsibility as the body of Christ to put everyone to work for Him in the places most appropriate to their gifting.”

Reeve began her career as an elementary teacher, teaching in Adventist and Montessori schools for ten years and earning an MA in educational and developmental psychology from Andrews. She has developed materials and services in various aspects of child and family ministries for the General Conference and North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and AdventSource, including work with the Adventure Club and Sabbath School curricula.

Upon returning to Andrews to complete her MDiv, Reeve assisted the pastor and served as head elder at All Nations Church in Berrien Springs for several years, before completing her PhD and joining the New Testament department. During this time she has published numerous articles and served the church on a number of committees, including the Biblical Research Institute Committee, the Theology of Ordination Study Committee and the Seminary Deans’ Council.

“My central focus will be to work closely with the dean to pursue, in increasingly effective ways, our mission of preparing effective leaders to make disciples in preparation for Jesus’ soon coming,” says Reeve. “I especially hope to prioritize preparing students



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dean. “This is an historical nomination, and I am glad I can play a part in it. With this appointment comes unique diversity in our seminary.”

When asked about the significance of her role as first female associate seminary dean, Reeve says, “I will leave others to debate what the appointment means for the church. For the seminary, my appointment is simply an expression of our belief that every believer is

to work in a diverse, multicultural church by providing training, experiences and a diverse faculty that can serve as the needed educators and role models.”

Reeve says that she feels humbled by her appointment, but is counting on our gracious and mighty God for His wisdom and leading.

“I love my God, my church, and our seminary,” she says. “I am excited about serving the faculty and students and about seeking together the possibilities of the future and planning and working together in God’s wisdom for the service of His kingdom.”

## Condon presents at 2014 Conference on Philanthropy

*Highlighting alumni administration as the oldest profession within institutional advancement*

Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services, presented “100 years of Alumni Associations: Looking back, Moving Forward with Alumni” at the 2014 Conference on Philanthropy on June 24 in Baltimore, Maryland. Alumni administration is the oldest profession within institutional advancement.

With nearly 10 years of experience in alumni relations, Tami was invited to share insight on the historic roots, current challenges, and future goals of this profession. She discussed how technology continues to allow alumni offices to do more with less, such as utilizing mobile apps for distributing digital media.

These apps serve as an environmentally sustainable, affordable and globally accessible way to reach our alumni. Partnerships across campus are also essential, especially a closer integration with development and enrollment, where alumni events and alumni volunteers have proven effective in engaging prospective students and mentoring incoming classes. The key to reaching global constituents is creativity, collaboration and the willingness to adjust one’s strategies within a moment’s notice. The Andrews University Alumni Association is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary (1914–2014).



Tami Condon

## Professors to do research in Oslo, Norway

Øystein and Asta LaBianca will spend a year in further study and writing about Tall Hisban

The 2014-15 school year includes an exciting opportunity for professors Øystein and Asta LaBianca. Øystein is the associate director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of anthropology and Asta is instructor of English, both at Andrews University, and both have a long-standing involvement with Andrews' archaeological dig at Tall Hisban in Jordan.

Øystein's involvement has included working with Terje Stordalen, a professor at the University of Oslo in Norway. During the coming school year, Øystein will be based at the Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) at the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters in Oslo. This appointment is part of the CAS's annual selection of three research projects they fully fund and host for ten months.

Terje and Øystein's project, "Local Dynamics of Globalization in the Pre-Modern Southern Levant," is the CAS's humanities project this year. Projects are selected based on a rigorous vetting process involving Norwegian and international review teams. The multi-disciplinary and international team of eight full-time researchers was awarded a generous grant to collaborate on their research.

"We're looking to understand the role of canonized texts such as the Bible and the Koran in influencing and shaping the cultural and political programs in the pre-modern southern Levant—Israel, Jordan and Palestine," says Øystein. "Particularly we're interested in those that were championed by

kings and emperors."

"This research will contribute insight into the impact of globalization on traditional sources of cultural and political legitimacy, social order and conflict in the region today," he adds.

Øystein's input to this collaboration will be his research on the role of "great" (imperial) and "little" (local) traditions in shaping changes over time in the way of life of the inhabitants of Tall Hisban since early Iron Age times (1300 BC) to the present. In addition to contributing chapters to joint publications of the research group, Øystein aims to complete writing the final volume in the 14-volume series about Tall Hisban, *Hisban in Global History*.

Asta has been part of many field seasons in Jordan and has helped gather ethnographic information about the way of life of the present-day population living in vicinity of the ancient archaeological mound.

She will serve as lead editor and contributing author of the fourth and final publication of the series about Tall Hisban, *Ethnoarchaeological Foundations*. Kristin Witzel, adjunct professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, will also be assisting with this volume.

"This part will document and explain the nature of various 'little traditions' observed in



Øystein and Asta LaBianca in Petra, Jordan, 2010

the village of Hisban in the recent past," says Asta. "This includes residential flexibility, hospitality, honor and shame and tribalism."

A faculty research grant from the Andrews University Office of Research & Creative Scholarship has enabled two undergraduate anthropology majors, Brittany Swart and Doneva Walker, to assist the LaBiancas with computerizing archival records, ethnographic notes, photographs and relevant articles. This will make them accessible in digitized form in Oslo for Asta's use.

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## Rachel Williams-Smith authors book

Powerful, true story about a girl raised in a home of religious extremism

"It's easy to ignore that soft voice saying you need to do something," says Rachel Williams-Smith, chair of the Andrews University Department of Communication. "But the effect my story has on those who hear it tells me there's something in it that people need."

In July, Williams-Smith's book, *Born Yesterday*, was published in e-book format. What started as an auto-ethnography (a study of one's self set in culture) is now an intensely powerful, true story about a girl raised in a home of religious extremism; a child born in the 20th century and raised in the 19th.

"My life is not my own," she says. "I've

grown tremendously in my faith and in my respect and admiration for God as a result of this project. He says that all things work together for good to them that love Him and He keeps His promise. That's amazing for me to see. I live my life with the knowledge that God is alive and real and actively working in my life. He has drawn me closer to Him through this project, and it started the day I was born."

The print version of Williams-Smith's book is also available.

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Rachel Williams-Smith

## Winston & Jeanie Craig retire to the northwest

Where they will continue to lead a very active life of service in academia and missions

Winston and Jeanie Craig recently moved to Walla Walla, Washington, after retiring from service at Andrews University on June 1 and June 11, respectively. Winston taught in and chaired the Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness in the School of Health Professions for 26 years and Jeanie was the office manager for the Department of Christian Ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for 15 years.

Before joining the Andrews faculty in 1987, Winston taught at many colleges and universities, including Kingsway College, Ontario, Canada, the Adventist College of West Africa, Nigeria, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.

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Born in Victoria, Australia, Winston graduated with honors from the University of Newcastle, Australia in 1968, where he received a BS in chemistry. He went on to earn his PhD at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, in 1971. His dissertation is titled “Studies in Labdane Terpenoid Chemistry.” He also studied at Loma Linda University, California, where he received his Master of Public Health in 1975.

Winston became chair of the Andrews University Department of Nutrition (which became Nutrition & Wellness and is now Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness) in 1993. In the early 1990s the department had four to six graduates and about 35 majors. In 2013 there were more than 100 majors and 20 graduates along with 18 dietetic interns. The dietetic internship program went from eight students at six sites to 20 students at 12 sites scattered from Michigan to Florida and west to Texas. During this time period, the department also successfully went through three challenging accreditations.

Another advancement that Winston facilitated was the development of vibrant fitness programs. The department now offers a BS in Exercise Science and Wellness. A major change in the wellness component of general

education requirements was also facilitated. Students had to select from a variety of courses aimed at improving personal fitness (rather than just playing sporting games for wellness credit) and the Fit for Life course was structured to help students develop a strategy for lifetime changes to help them develop a fitness mindset when they leave Andrews University.

“My overall favorite teaching experience was teaching Nutrition and Wellness (FDNT 448) and sharing all the latest research to enthusiastic nutrition students to show how to prevent and ameliorate major chronic diseases in the U.S.,” says Winston.

Winston has given workshops/seminars in about 40 countries around the world (from Norway to New Zealand; from Peru to Philippines and Papua New Guinea; from Bulgaria to Bolivia), representing Andrews to the world-at-large and meeting people with various backgrounds and interesting cultures and tasting of their enthusiasm for learning about nutrition and health. “Interacting with Adventist youth at different venues around the world has been a joy of my work,” he says. “Helping the international students at Andrews University with their financial challenges was a rewarding experience. I felt a special calling to that mission.” He also enjoyed his work as the sponsor of two student clubs: the South Pacific Division Club for 20 years and the Ghanaian Club for 25 years.

He is a prolific author, having written eight books and over 300 articles for magazines, including 90 for *Vibrant Life*, and the monthly health column for *Lake Union Herald* for the past 11 years. Winston has also written 10 chapters for scholarly books and was co-author of the position paper on vegetarian diets for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Jeanie served the needs of five chairmen, as well as the Seminary chaplain, during the time she worked for the Department of Christian Ministry. She says, “It was truly a wonderful place to work. I was blessed by each one of my bosses and working associates who consistently displayed a kind and caring spirit. I loved working with the entire Seminary staff during special events when everyone worked hard and pulled together as a team. It made the work so much fun and I will miss those times particularly... I will miss the students’ smiles and hugs,



Jeanie Craig



Winston Craig

sharing stories with many of them, and listening to their joys, woes and worries. In short, I will miss the opportunity for ministry to a unique and special group of people on campus.”

Retirement for Winston and Jeanie will be very full. Already, Winston has presented at a global health conference in Geneva, Switzerland in July, taught two courses for the new Certificate in Health and Wellness at Newbold College in Bracknell, England, and presented at camp meeting in Northern California. This fall he will be teaching a chemistry course at Walla Walla University and has plans to give seminars in Singapore, South Africa and Argentina during the school year.

Jeanie and he are both going to work for Gospel Outreach in Walla Walla with its ministry to the 10/40 window of the world. Jeanie will also be employed by Walla Walla University to help with their mentoring program for freshmen, and both of them will enjoy being closer to their son’s family in Walla Walla.