

## Dean named for new School of Health Professions

*Rudatsikira comes with a wide range of leadership in health professions education and research*

Emmanuel Rudatsikira has been appointed dean of the newly created School of Health Professions. This new school will include all of the health-related sciences: the Departments of Nursing, Physical Therapy, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, and Nutrition & Wellness. Rudatsikira began June 1, 2012, and occupies an office suite in Harrigan Hall.

“Emmanuel Rudatsikira brings to Andrews University a successful and wide-ranging background in leadership in health professions education, as well as a significant history of research, much achieved through receipt of research grants,” says Provost Andrea Luxton. “His professional focus is on service and he has engaged in many international projects to improve the quality of life through health awareness.”

Rudatsikira earned a doctorate in public health epidemiology from Loma Linda University and his medical degree from Kinshasa University. He is a member of several professional societies including the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, the Global Health Council, and the Adventist International Medical Society (AIMS).

Prior to accepting the position at Andrews, Rudatsikira was a tenured professor and chair of the School of Community and Environmental Health at Old Dominion



Emmanuel Rudatsikira

University in Norfolk, Va. He has also served as a professor and program director at San Diego State University and Loma Linda University, developing several new programs and courses in tobacco control, emergency preparedness and response, and public and global health at both universities. He began his career as a physician in Burundi, Africa.

A devoted researcher, Rudatsikira has published 75 articles in peer-refereed journals. He has led and co-led several research projects funded by NIH Fogarty International Center, Health Resources

and Services Administration, California Department of Public Health, American Academy of Pediatrics Julius B. Richmond, Association of Schools of Public Health and American Legacy Foundation. He is a recognized figure in the global health field, with particular experience in the areas of disaster management, preparedness for global emergencies, refugee health, violence prevention and tobacco control. He has conducted research in more than 30 countries in all six regions of the World Health Organization and given a variety of presentations both in the United States and internationally. He has also worked as an evaluator and consultant for programs including ADRA's Child Survival projects in Guinea, Zambia and Haiti.

Rudatsikira is actively involved in church and public service. He serves as public health specialty editor for *WebMed Central Plus*, associate editor for *BioMed Central Public Health Journal*, guest editor of the special issue on preparedness and emergency response in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, and site visitor for the Council on Education in Public Health. He is also a frequent contributor and reviewer for numerous peer-refereed journals, including the *Academic Pediatric Journal*, *Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health*, and the *Risk Reduction Journal*.



## Banks and Gashugi head to LLU

*Both gave large portions of their careers to Andrews*

John Banks, previously professor of anatomy and physical therapy in the Department of Physical Therapy, has accepted a position as associate professor of anatomy in the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, which he began in January 2012. Banks taught at Andrews for 28 years.

He holds a BA in biology and chemistry and a master's in biology from Andrews University, and a doctorate in biology from Loma Linda University.

Banks taught the foundation classes for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, as well as the Human Anatomy class for pre-med students. In 2005, he authored the *Atlas of*

*Clinical Gross Anatomy* which won the R.R. Hawkins Award for Outstanding Professional, Reference, or Scholarly Work and the Richard Asher Prize from the Royal Society of Medicine.

Banks' students and colleagues remember his outstanding teaching abilities and awareness of student needs. “John's teaching enthusiasm has kept his students both interested and challenged. He is always encouraging and knows how to communicate well,” says his colleague Wayne Perry, chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. “We will all greatly miss Dr. Banks and we thank him for the many contributions he has made to the department.”

## Sallie Alger retiring July 1

After serving at Andrews for 24 years

Following 24 years of service at Andrews University, Sallie Alger is retiring as head of Bibliographic Services at the James White Library. A retirement reception was held at the Library in her honor on Tuesday, June 12.

“In addition to doing an outstanding job of managing her department and its people, Sallie has constantly monitored the changes in information technology and has sought ways to use that technology to provide the information needed by our students and faculty,” said Lawrence Onsager, dean of Libraries.

Alger holds a Bachelor of Science from Andrews University, a Master of Library Science from Indiana University-Bloomington, and a Master of Science in Administration from Andrews University.

She first came to the University in 1984/85 as a part-time P.E. teacher at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. She became interested in library science and began working at the Library in 1986 as a periodical associate, and since then, she has worked as a reference associate, head of the periodical department, head of bibliographic services, and her current position as head of bibliographic services, periodicals and SAIL. She is also the director of Collection Development and the Library Liaison Program. Alger also worked as the director of major gifts for the Office of Development, and held positions as assistant and associate professor of library science.



Sallie Alger

Alger has presented at library and academic conferences around the United States, as well as presenting at the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians' conference in South Africa in 2007. She has also written for professional journals and denomination magazines. From 2004–2012, she served as the editor of *ASDAL Action*, the professional publication of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians.

In 2006, she was asked to travel to Chiang Mai, Thailand, where she spent two weeks

organizing and cataloging a mission library for Adventist Frontier Missions.

Alger also sits on several University committees and has volunteered at the Berrien Springs Community Library for 22 years, where she has also been president of the Library Friends' group. In addition, she has served as president and vice president of the local Optimist Club of Berrien Springs. She is currently president of the Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA).

Alger serves as an elder at the Pioneer Memorial Church and has helped organize several local building projects for the Berrien Springs Public Schools in her capacity as chair of the Community Connection's Committee. Because of her many community involvements, she was awarded the 2008 Michigan Campus Compact Award. This prestigious annual award is the highest MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan.

She enjoys reading, traveling, exercising and being with her grandsons. After retiring, she plans to continue her many service projects and volunteer as a fund raiser for Adventist Frontier Missions, as well as spend more time with her family.

Opposite left: John Banks  
Right: Leonard Gashugi

Leonard Gashugi, chair of the Department of Accounting, Economics & Finance and associate professor of economics and finance, has accepted a position as graduate faculty in the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif.

Gashugi has held his current position since 1996, and has taught at Andrews University since 1979, a total of 33 years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in economics from Fordham University, a Master of Arts in religion from Andrews University, and a PhD in economics from Boston University.

While at Andrews, Gashugi has been well recognized for his teaching. This year,

he received the Teaching Award from the nominations of undergraduate students in the School of Business Administration. He has received four other Excellence in Teaching awards since 1982, in addition to the Daniel A. Augsburg Award for Teaching Excellence in 2007. Gashugi also received the J.N. Andrews Medallion in 2007. He has published several articles in the *Journal of the International Academy of Case Studies* as well as a book chapter and a book review.

Of his move across the country, Gashugi felt it was a call from God, “and I said yes,” he says. Gashugi will teach economics, finance and operations management.

