

Shandelle Henson and Jane Thayer receive J.N. Andrews Medallion

Recognition received during spring graduation ceremonies

During commencement, the J.N. Andrews Medallion, an award recognizing significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education by Seventh-day Adventist teachers, scholars and writers, was presented to Shandelle M. Henson, professor of mathematics in the College of Arts & Sciences, and Jane Thayer, associate professor of religious education, emerita, in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Henson was recognized for her contributions to the field of mathematical biology and concern for the environment. Before coming to Andrews in 2001, she held different positions in mathematics departments at the University of Arizona, the College of William & Mary and Central Michigan University. She is a prolific researcher whose work has appeared in publications such as *The Journal of Morphology*, *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering*, *Animal Behavior*, and *The Journal of Animal Ecology*, among others, as well as news sources. Active in her discipline, Henson has also attracted numerous research grants and organized various conferences and workshops. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work and



Jane Thayer

is a member of several prestigious societies that advocate her interest and concern for the environment.

Jane Thayer was recognized for her abiding concern for the spiritual growth of University students. Her professional career as an English teacher began from 1962–1971 at Campion Academy in Colorado, College View Academy in Nebraska, and at Union College, also in Nebraska. She later pursued freelance writing and taught contract English courses at Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts. From 1985–1992, Thayer served as both associate director and director of University Relations at Andrews University. During this time, she modeled a high standard of



Shandelle Henson

productivity and fostered a corresponding commitment in her staff.

When she became the assistant professor and coordinator of the religious education program in 2000, Thayer began planning many in-service presentations about methods of assessment. Always interested in evaluating religious and spiritual outcomes, she created the assessment newsletter and helped to write the initial annual assessment reports for the university. She has also presented “how-to” papers on fostering student spiritual development to Andrews University, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, among other institutions.

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Bowlby recognized by WNDU Channel 16

Fourth grade teacher at RMES receives Excellence in Education Award on Wednesday, May 6

With a balloon bouquet in hand and a cameraman in tow, 16 Morning News' Tricia Sloma entered the library at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School to present a 16 Excellence in Education Award to Laura Bowlby, the fourth grade teacher. A very surprised Ms. Bowlby was in the school library with her students, including Bayley Schalk, the student who nominated her.

“Ms. Bowlby is very creative. She has taught our whole class how to knit (boys and girls) and she lets us knit after we finish our work. She also has lots of creative field trips for us to go on. We went bowling to learn about friction and to the grocery store to learn about nutrition. We learned about caring for animals at the Humane Society and she taught us about directions with a compass journey around the campus of Andrews University. Ms. Bowlby’s creativity makes

her special,” read Bayley’s nomination letter.

Bayley’s mother, Brenda, saw the call for 16 Excellence in Education Award entries and encouraged her daughter to nominate her teacher. “Ms. Bowlby reminds me of Ms. Frizzle from *The Magic School Bus* (a children’s cartoon). She’s a very creative teacher,” said Brenda.

Sloma asked Bowlby how it felt to receive this award. “It’s very overwhelming and very special,” she said. “I think Bayley is a remarkable girl.”

Bowlby received a \$1,000 savings bond from Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and



Laura Bowlby, RMES fourth grade teacher, was taken by surprise when a morning news anchor and cameraman from 16 Morning News showed up

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School will receive a check for \$250 and her story aired on 16 Morning News.

Three faculty receive awards

Dennis Woodland, Gunnar Lovhoiden and David Steen

On Thursday, April 16, Andrews University held its annual awards forum. The ceremony took place in a full Howard Performing Arts Center and was an opportunity to recognize the academic and athletic achievements of Andrews University. While the Awards Forum is a time to celebrate student accomplishments, it also serves as a way to recognize faculty who have demonstrated notable service to the students and to Andrews University. This year, three Andrews University faculty members were presented with awards.

Dennis Woodland, professor of botany, was presented with an Ecology and Stewardship Award for his foundational work in creating the campus arboretum. Gunnar Lovhoiden, associate professor of engineering, received the Advisor of the Year Award for his outstanding work in assisting students with their academic programs over the years. David Steen, professor of biology, was named as AUSA Teacher of the Year.

Woodland expressed an appreciation for the way students are unifying to consider the environment. He said, "After working for many years with AU students for a better environment, it is heartening to see more students getting involved and incorporating environmental stewardship principles into their personal religious philosophy. A oneness in purpose." Woodland received his award

along with the Village Green Preservation Society, a student-led group that exemplifies the environmental stewardship he promotes.

Lovhoiden confessed that being named advisor of the year enforced his belief in the importance of an individual approach to students. He remarked, "I am still learning how to advise but am committed to becoming a good advisor. This award will not change my approach to advising but rather affirm that it is important to look at each student individually and try to meet them where they are." He also added, "I know I have not gotten all the classes of all my students exactly right, but I do care about all my students, and to some that may have been just as important as getting their classes exactly right."

Steen was affirmed by students when selected as the 2009 AUSA Teacher of the Year. The recognition was presented by AUSA President Isaac Lee on behalf of the student body and Lena Caesar, who was the 2008 AUSA Teacher of the Year. Steen found the award encouraging, saying, "...when students momentarily suspend the busy flow of their lives and stop to say, 'Thank you, I appreciate your teaching. I am grateful for the way that you challenged me to grow,' I consider this to be the highest professional honor that I could ever ask for or imagine. All praise to God, the giver of all good gifts."



Woodland



Lovhoiden



Steen

Klingbeil joins Seminary

New research professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Gerald A. Klingbeil, associate editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* magazines, is the new research professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He brings more than 15 years of teaching and ministry experience in diverse international contexts to the position.

Born in Berlin, Germany, Klingbeil completed a BA in Theology at an Andrews University affiliate campus, Helderberg College, South Africa, in 1990. The next year, he attended the University of Stellenbosch, where he received his BA Honors in Semitic Languages & Cultures and an MA and DLitt in Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

Klingbeil's professional experience spans

educational institutions around the world. He has held academic positions in departments of theology at institutions in South Africa, Peru, Argentina and the Philippines. A member of several prestigious review boards in the past and present, Klingbeil recently held the position of editor of *Journal of Asia Adventist Seminary* as part of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines. He has also received many significant awards, honors and research grants from institutions such as the Adventist Theological Society, La Sierra University, Stellenbosch University and River Plate Adventist University, among others.

Klingbeil is also a member of a handful of academic societies including the Adventist

Theological Society and a named fellow of the Institute for Biblical Research. He co-chairs the Ritual in the Biblical World consultation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

An avid writer, Klingbeil has published eight books, over 25 book chapters, several dictionary/lexicon entries, a countless number of book reviews and academic journal articles, and numerous essays. His most recent work, *Shadow Figures: Background Characters of the Bible*, an adult Sabbath School Bible study guide, is scheduled for release in 2010.

Andrews University is honored to welcome Gerald A. Klingbeil, his wife, Chantal, and their three daughters into the University family.

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi induction

Andrews University chapter celebrates 20th anniversary

In the spring of 1989, 13 faculty members established the Andrews University chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society, founded in 1897. Six charter members—James Hayward (biology), Cynthia Helms (library science), Douglas Jones (English), Patricia Mutch (nutrition), Dennis Woodland (biology), and Bruce Wrenn (marketing)—are current faculty members.

Over the past two decades, 15 faculty members from 13 disciplines have served as chapter presidents. During that time, 52 faculty members, 23 alumni, 573 undergraduate students and 567 graduate students have been inducted into the local chapter, joining such distinguished members as U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Netscape founder James Barksdale, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, jazz musician Ellis Marsalis and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Phi Kappa Phi sponsors more than 300 chapters in the US, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. Only Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi have requirements for membership as exacting as those upheld by Phi Kappa Phi. College juniors must have taken 72 semester hours and be in the upper 7.5 percent of their class. Eligible seniors and graduate students are selected from the top 10 percent of their class. Distinguished alumni whose scholastic records in college were high and whose achievements since graduation have been outstanding may also be invited to join. On average, about two faculty, one alumnus, 29 undergraduate and 28 graduate students accept the invitation to join the Society and are inducted each year.

At these inductions (which follow delicious catered banquets), the chapter officers—dressed in full academic regalia—introduce inductees to the goals, motto and opportunities available to new members. For example, members are eligible for several monetary awards. The Fellowship (\$5,000) and the Award of Excellence (\$2,000) are for those entering first year graduate/professional program. Other awards are the Emerging Scholar Award (\$250), the Scholar and Artist Award (\$5,000), the Study Abroad Grant (\$1,000), the Literacy Grant (\$2,500) and the Love of Learning Award (\$500).

The Society offers cultural and intellectual programs involving outstanding lecturers,



2008–09 Phi Kappa Phi officers, left–right: Cynthia Helms (president), Brianna Payne (student vice-president), Brian Strayer (faculty vice-president), Aimee Vitangcol Regoso (president-elect), Deborah Everhart (secretary), Monique Pittman (public relations), Charlotte Groff (chapter historian), and Anna Park (student vice-president). Not shown: Gordon Atkins (treasurer)

musicians, poets, dramatists and artists. Memorable lecturers have included George Marsden (“The Place of Religious Commitment in the Academy”), Meredith Jones Gray (“Of Present Truth, Latin and Graham Gens at Battle Creek College”), and George Knight (“Edward A. Sutherland Moves a College”).

Musical groups like the Early Music Ensemble, the Shady Grove String Band, the Westside Brass and the Nigerian Melodians have delighted audiences. Slide shows, films and PowerPoint presentations have featured Coral Brenneise and Craig Winston (“A Concert on Period Instruments with Poetry and Nature Slides”), Bob Myers (“A Kaleidoscopic Picture of Berrien Springs at the Time of the Relocation of EMC”), and Greg Constantine (“Contemporaneous Genre Painting”). Poetry and drama features have included Herbert Mitag’s play “Mr. Lincoln,” Elizabeth Lechleitner’s drama “Existentialism for Breakfast,” and poetry written by members of the English Honors Society.

Linda Mack and Brian Strayer presented “Paper Trail: Discovering the Life of Someone We Thought We Knew, Blythe Owen, 1898–2000” at the March 29, 2009, Phi Kappa Phi induction ceremony

The officers for the incoming year are: Aimee Regoso (president), Brian Strayer (president-elect), Cynthia Helms (past president), Gisela Schmidt (faculty VP), Brianna Payne (student VP), Joana Lopez (student VP), Cheryl Jetter (secretary), Jacqueline Warwick (treasurer), Scott Moncrieff (PR) and Charlotte Groff (historian).

