

## Reeve & Thorpe given top recognition

*Presented with the J.N. Andrews Medallion during spring 2019 commencements*

**TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED** with the prestigious J.N. Andrews Medallion at Commencement services on Sunday, May 5.

The first recipient, at the 8:30 a.m. service, was **Teresa Reeve**, associate dean and associate professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. She was recognized for her consistent dedication to biblical study and her passionate service to her students and colleagues.

Reeve commented, "I am grateful to work with such a great team at the Seminary and at Andrews University."

Reeve graduated with a BA in multiple subjects/elementary education from Pacific Union College in 1982 and an MA in educational & developmental psychology from Andrews University in 1990. She also earned her MDiv from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1997 and a PhD in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity from the University of Notre Dame in 2008.

After teaching elementary and Montessori for several years, Reeve served as a writer, editor and consultant for NAD Child and Family Ministries for seven years. In 2002, she transitioned to become an assistant professor of New Testament Contexts at Andrews University. Currently, Reeve is an associate professor and associate dean at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. She is the first woman to hold the position of associate dean in the history of the Seminary.

Reeve has published articles in journals, contributed chapters to numerous Adventist books and serves on multiple General Conference committees, including the Biblical Research Institute Committee. She is also chair of the University's Interfaith Committee.

Some of Reeve's special interests include studying Luke through Acts and the role of the church and individual believers in both New Testament times and today. When she is not teaching or studying Scripture, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, especially outdoors or exploring books and the arts.



**LEFT:** Teresa Reeve receives the J.N. Andrews Medallion from President Luxton

**RIGHT:** President Luxton presents the J.N. Andrews Medallion to Alayne Thorpe



**Alayne Thorpe**, dean of the College of Education & International Services and dean of the School of Graduate Studies, was presented with the medallion at the 11 a.m. service. She was recognized for her professionalism and skilled leadership throughout times of change and transition.

"I was surprised and honored to receive this award," Thorpe says. "When I think of the life of J.N. Andrews and the generations of students, faculty and staff at Andrews University who have committed their lives in service to God, I am humbled. It is something I will try to live up to."

Thorpe earned her BA in English from the University of Maryland in 1977. She then went on to earn her MA in English in 1980 and her PhD in Modern British Literature in 1987 from the same university. Additionally, she did a fellowship at Cambridge University in 1985 and took postdoctoral classes from Georgetown University in 1987.

Throughout her career, Thorpe has dedicated her time and efforts to evaluate and improve education. She has served as a high school teacher, a course developer/editor and director for Home Study International and as an advisory teacher and

curriculum committee member at Takoma Academy. Thorpe also spent years working as the senior vice president for education at Griggs University/Griggs International Academy and as an adjunct professor for three higher education institutions.

In 2011, Thorpe became the interim president of Griggs University and dean of the School of Distance Education at Andrews University. During this time she played an integral part in supervising the relocation and re-establishment of Griggs University/Griggs International Academy at Andrews University. She was the only individual from the leadership team at Griggs to physically move to Andrews, where she has continued to serve with distinction.

Thorpe has served on many boards at the North American Division and General Conference and has served both inside and outside the church in advancing education through input into curriculum, distance education and accreditation. Both in Maryland and at Andrews University, her commitment to excellence and accessibility has impacted kindergarten through doctoral students, faculty and institutions nationally and internationally.