

David Ferguson accepts newly created position

As director of undergraduate leadership development

David Ferguson, the first to hold the newly created position of director of undergraduate leadership development underneath the Division of Student Life, brings a wealth of leadership experience to the role. His mantra for leadership is simple, yet profound: “Lead by permission, not by position.”

Ferguson’s role as a director involves oversight of the Undergraduate Leadership Development certificate in addition to being an adjunct professor in the College of Arts & Sciences and School of Education.

Students who wish to receive the Undergraduate Leadership Development certificate must complete 11 credit hours which include the course Intro to Leadership, a change project, and a combination of capstone and cognate courses. “In today’s climate, it gives you an edge,” says Ferguson. “I believe that in a fairly short period of time, we will be able to demonstrate a qualitative difference that will set our students apart.”

Ferguson holds three degrees from Andrews University: MA in education with an emphasis in religious education (’90), BA in religion (’87) and AS in business administration (’87). “It’s not hard to go back to somewhere you love,” he said of his return to the Andrews University community.

Following completion of his studies, Ferguson spent several years working for the Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, first as a pastoral intern and later as senior pastor for a two-church district. In 1993, he accepted the position

of youth director for the Pennsylvania Conference where he remained until 1999. During this time, he gained a wealth of experience working with youth and young adults through conference ministries such as Pathfinders and summer camps, in addition to conducting multiple national and international seminars and speaking engagements. In 1999, he was called to serve as a chaplain and religion/leadership teacher at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) in Pennsylvania. During his time at BMA, Ferguson taught junior and senior religion/leadership courses and mentored student leaders as the head Student Association sponsor. Ferguson says, “Our students were known for being persistent, proactive and involved in whatever was happening.”

In 2005, during his time at BMA, Ferguson felt called to cofound TrueWind, a leadership development organization created to inspire, equip and launch young leaders for God’s kingdom. It was his previous leadership experience and success with TrueWind



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that made him an ideal candidate to head up the University’s undergraduate leadership development program.

“Dave Ferguson comes with a rich experience in leadership training. He is a strongly self-motivated individual who in the three or so weeks he has been on campus has initiated a meeting of the leadership council, established relationships and jumped right into improving the start to the program stimulated by Steve Yeagley last year,” says Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

“I am excited with the possibilities Dave brings to our campus in developing this undergraduate leadership program and look forward to seeing a difference in our students as a result of this important program.”

Ferguson is a natural storyteller whose greatest loves include his family, and coaching and teaching the next generation of leaders. His unique perspective on Scripture unavoidably matches humor with creative depth. “Little makes me happier than the laughter of God’s people,” he says.

Faculty mentoring leads to research presentations at ISCS

Kudos to Department of Behavioral Sciences faculty and students

It has been a significant year for the Master of Science in Administration’s community and international development program at Andrews University. Research requirements for the program increased and the students had a magnificent response. Two students had papers accepted for oral presentations at the annual meeting of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations (ISCS). The ISCS began in Austria in 1961 under the direction of sociologist Pitirim Sorokin, the society’s first

president. It is affiliated with comparative studies programs worldwide and promotes internationalism throughout its annual meetings and publications. This year’s meeting was held at Western Michigan University and took place June 3–5.

On Friday, June 5, Dorica Kafunya presented a paper entitled, “Membership in the World Trade Organization and Gross Domestic Product.” The second paper was presented during the same session by Polina Kadatska, “How Education Leads to Peace.”

In addition to these presentations, Dorica was asked by the conference organizers to chair a session.

“This is another important milestone for our program and reflects very positively on Mioara Diaconu’s leadership and the research mentoring of Øystein LaBianca in his research symposium and the project mentoring of many of our faculty,” says Duane McBride, chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Lionel Matthews and Dana Kendall attended the conference with the students.

Chemistry & Biochemistry gains two new professors

David Randall and Ryan Hayes return to serve their alma mater

The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry said good-bye to two long-time professors this year, William Mutch and Peter Wong, but their former student, **David Randall** (BS '91), is returning to his academic roots to carry on their tradition of quality Christian education. He joins the department as associate professor of chemistry.

Randall, a native of the Los Angeles area, received his BS in chemistry with honors from Andrews University in 1991. During his time as a student, Randall was mentored by chemistry professors Mutch and Wong, who are now retiring, and Robert Wilkins and Dwain Ford, both retired. He also met his wife, **Lisa** (BS '91), who studied biochemistry. Following his experience at Andrews, Randall headed to the University of California-Davis to study for a PhD in Biological Inorganic Physical Chemistry, which he completed in 1997. That same year he began his post-doctoral studies as an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in physical bioinorganic chemistry.

In 2009, Randall took a position first as system applications engineer and later as a review marketing manager for KLA-Tencor Corporation near San Jose, Calif. During his career as a student and a professional, Randall has been published in numerous professional publications including *Semiconductor International*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Journal of Physical Chemistry* and *Journal of Biological Inorganic Chemistry*, to name a few. He is also coholder of two industry-related patents.

"I am very happy God is leading my life's journey back to where I came from," says Randall. "I am honored to have the opportunity



David Randall



Ryan Hayes

to work with the outstanding Andrews students interested in science and technology and to share my life experiences with them."

Ryan Hayes (BS '94), a native of Michigan, is returning to academia as associate professor of chemistry at Andrews University after spending nearly seven years in the business sector commercializing new chemical technologies with small businesses located in Michigan and Texas.

Most recently, Ryan was the director of business development for Dendritic Nanotechnologies (DNT) in Mount Pleasant, Mich. While at DNT, he helped develop and work toward commercialization of a polymer technology called dendrimers. These products are improving the properties of personal care products, inkjet inks, water treatment chemicals, coating additives and agricultural protection products.

Before working at DNT, Hayes worked for Lynntech in College Station, Texas, as a research scientist. There,

he helped secure grant funding, develop prototypes and commercialize advanced sensor systems for medical and industrial applications.

His graduate work was in chemistry at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., from 1997–2002, where he spent time synthesizing novel molecular electronic molecules and studying their properties using time-resolved laser systems. The two years before entering graduate school were spent working as an analytical chemist/microbiologist for Great Lakes Scientific in Stevensville, Mich. He also spent a year as a high school teacher at Greater Lansing Adventist School in Lansing, Mich., after receiving his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Andrews University in 1994.

More new faculty

In CAS and the College of Technology

Diane Myers (BT '91), is assistant professor of graphic design in the Department of Art & Design. Following graduation, Myers took a variety of positions well-suited for her graphic design skills working at media, publishing and advertising firms. Most recently, she was the art director and senior graphic designer for Dynamic Publishing in Ontario, Canada. Myers has received numerous Suburban Newspaper Awards from the American Press Institute including "Best Ad with Local Creative" and "Best New Vertical Product."

Trina Thompson is joining the Department of Music as an assistant professor of music. Thompson is a PhD candidate in music theory at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. She holds a Master of Music in piano performance and pedagogy from Northern Illinois University and a BA in music, humanities and Spanish from Walla Walla University. Most recently, Thompson was the dissertation year fellow in the Music Theory Department at Indiana University.

Patricia Dyett (MS '99) is assistant professor of food & nutrition in the Department of Nutrition & Wellness. Dyett holds a BA in home economics, MS in human nutrition, and PhD. Most recently, Dyett was assistant professor in the Family & Consumer Science Department at Oakwood University. Dyett is director of the didactic program in dietetics.

Two familiar faces in the Department of Nursing have transitioned to full-time faculty. **Samuel Abraham** (MS '93) has been a clinical instructor since 2001 and is now associate professor of nursing. Prior to his new faculty appointment, he was manager of psychiatric services for Lakeland Hospital and taught at Andrews and Lake Michigan College. **Gisele Kuhn** formerly assisted in the skills lab and clinical instruction for nursing and is now instructor of pediatric nursing. Kuhn has worked in rehabilitation and medical-surgical nursing in Michigan and Massachusetts.

New RMES principal is David Waller

Coming from John Nevins Andrews School in Takoma Park, Md.

Bringing over 36 years of administrative experience in elementary and secondary education to the position, David Waller is the new principal of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES). Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, a University School located on the campus of Andrews University, is a K-8 school with an annual enrollment of approximately 270. This Seventh-day Adventist Christian school is well-known for having a very culturally and ethnically diverse student and teacher population. Waller fills the position following the departure of Sunimal Kulasekere, who accepted a position with the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Waller's career in education began in 1969 as a teacher at Highland Lakes Junior Academy in Avon Park, Fla. In 1973, he accepted his first principal position at Fort Myers Junior Academy, in Fort Myers, Fla., where he stayed until 1977. His administrative duties were coupled with teaching responsibilities, a work dynamic he took with him in 1977 to serve as principal and upper-grade teacher at Jacksonville Junior Academy, in Jacksonville, Fla. During his tenure there, Waller was responsible for the oversight of a major renovation of the campus

which converted from an open concept structure to a more traditional facility with a central library, administrative office suite and six classrooms. While principal at Jacksonville Academy, he also served on the Board of Education for the Florida Seventh-day Adventist Conference.

From 1982-1995, Waller served as vice-principal and a teacher at John Nevins Andrews School in Takoma Park, Md. He relocated to rural New Jersey in 1995 to serve as principal of Garden State Academy. While there, he held a number of committee assignments including the New Jersey Conference K-12 Board of Education and the Columbia Union Administrator's Council and Curriculum Committee.

In 1998, Waller returned to John Nevins Andrews School, but this time as principal. He was there for 11 years before coming to RMES.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the outstanding Ruth Murdoch



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faculty," says Waller. "My goal is to continue the long tradition of excellence in Christian education for which Ruth Murdoch is known while also building on that foundation to make it an even more rewarding educational experience for our students."

Waller holds a Bachelor of Arts in theology ('69) from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., and a Master of Education in educational administration ('85) from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. He is a member

of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Waller and his wife, Amy, now reside in Berrien Springs. He enjoys computers, traveling, photography, bicycling and locksmithing.

Barton joins CLS

With more than 25 years of experience in the field

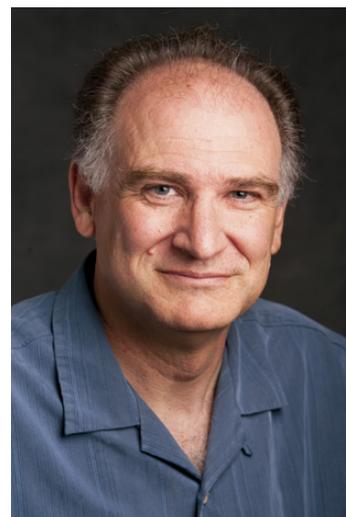
Donald D. Barton joined the Department of Clinical & Laboratory Sciences this fall as an associate professor. He comes to Andrews from Grand Junction, Colo., where he worked at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center as a medical technologist, laboratory client service educator, laboratory information systems coordinator, and most recently, point-of-care coordinator. The point-of-care coordinator is responsible for education, competency, training and documentation of all non-laboratory personnel who perform bedside testing in the hospital (about 800 individuals spread across 60+ instruments and 11 different tests).

Prior to living in Colorado, Barton taught at Cal State University in San Bernardino,

Calif., and worked at the Loma Linda University Medical Center in the microbiology department. He graduated from Pacific Union College in 1981 with a BS in medical technology and received his Master of Microbiology in 1985 from Loma Linda University. While he was a student at PUC he went as a student missionary in 1979 to Belize, Central America, where he taught math and science at Adventist Belizean College.

He is the owner/developer of Laboratory Database Designs, LLC, a laboratory software development company, and has been a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists since 1981.

Barton's hobbies include reading, hiking, philosophy and computer graphics.



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