



The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University provided a free mental health and depression seminar conducted by Dr. Neil Nedley on January 27 in the Seminary Chapel. Nedley created the Depression Recovery Program which is highly effective in treating both depression and anxiety. Currently, Nedley is president of Weimar Center of Health and Education and owner of the Nedley Clinic, an internal medicine practice in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

John O. Waller Lectureship

Laski applies close reading literary techniques

THE 10TH ANNUAL JOHN O. WALLER LECTURESHIP ON THE Arts featured Gregory Laski, associate professor in the Department of English and Fine Arts at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This year's lectureship, "Frederick Douglass's Peace Theory: Race, Revenge, and Justice after the Civil War," utilized critical race theory, historical studies and literary studies to explore the discourse surrounding the Reconstruction period. Laski also addresses this in his recent book, "Untimely Democracy:



The Politics of Progress After Slavery," published by Oxford University Press in 2018.

In this book, Laski applies close reading literary techniques to historical documents and texts in order to address the challenges that have faced democracy and the ongoing recreation of democracy as it moves

from generation to generation. His emphasis on the discourse surrounding democracy is noticeable throughout the book as he places key historical figures such as Thomas Jefferson and W.E.B. Du Bois in dialogue with each other.

Flight time reduced

Aviation students save 500 hours of flight training cost

STUDENTS IN THE ANDREWS University Department of Aviation can now save 500 hours of flight training and related costs as they meet the requirements to become an airline pilot.

The department has received a Letter of Authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), stating that Andrews is authorized to "certify graduates...for an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate [ATP] with reduced aeronautical experience."

"Our goal is to provide our flight students with state-of-the-art training that culminates with pilots who demonstrate outstanding quality in the industry," says Ralph Trecartin, associate provost and dean of the College of Professions. "This latest Letter of Authorization from the FAA is equivalent to a seal of approval. It shows that we are accomplishing our quality goals. While we focus on quality, we are also concerned with the costly nature of aviation training."

Typically, according to a mandate by Congress, students pursuing a basic airline pilot license must complete 1,500 hours of flight time to be eligible to take the airline pilot exam. At the request of airlines, a few exemptions to this mandate were developed, including an exemption stating that students completing a four-year certified university bachelor's program would only be required to complete 1,000 flight hours if the university's aviation program is approved and it also has a certified flight school.

Five years ago, Andrews began the process of becoming a certified flight school, first completing private and instrument requirements, then, last fall,

completing commercial flight requirements. Andrews submitted certification paperwork, and the FAA evaluated all classes taught as part of the program to be sure certain criteria were met. Andrews was granted a Letter of Authority to issue waivers for the Airline Transport Pilot with reduced aeronautical experience on Oct. 19, 2018.

Students who graduate from the Andrews aviation program must now complete only 1,000 flight hours to be eligible to take the ATP exam.

"We are the only Adventist flight program to have this reduction in flight hours—it saves approximately a year's worth of time for our students between their graduation and working for the airlines," says Duane Habenicht, airpark manager and department chair. "Most of our students, if they go through our program the way it's designed, are able to graduate with 700–800 hours of flight time completed. Graduates would need an additional 4–6 months of additional flight time before taking the airline exam, though a few especially ambitious students have completed all of their hours before graduation."

Trecartin emphasizes the ability for aviation students to give back to those around them, as well. "Our mission is to help train students for ministry and service to others," he says. "It is our hope that many of our students will choose to receive certifications in both aviation maintenance and aviation flight. We believe that our students can live lives of dedicated service to others whether in the most advanced airlines or in the most primitive airfields of the world."