

1950s

John Burns (BA '56, MA '62) and **Barbara Byrd** (BS '56) wed on April 20, 2015 in Gobles, Michigan. Both of them lost their spouses and reconnected over the past year.

Russell L. Staples (MA '56, MDiv '58, professor emeritus) was recently honored with the 2015 Alumnus of the Year Award from Walla Walla University. Before



he arrived at Walla Walla College in 1954, he had already spent 10 years pastoring in South Africa. Prior to his work in South Africa, he received a three-year diploma in theology at Helderberg College. He completed his bachelor's degree at Walla Walla. He then attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington D.C., where he received a Master of Arts in theology in 1956 and a Master of Divinity in 1958.

He expected to return to South Africa, but received a call to Solusi College in Rhodesia—now Zimbabwe. While there, he taught and served as principal as well as developing a program for ministerial preparation in the Trans Africa Division and worked with the World Council of Churches to develop united theological seminaries in Africa.

Intending to prepare for further work in Africa, Russell returned to the U.S.

and completed a doctorate in systematic theology at Princeton Theological Seminary with ancillary studies in social anthropology at Princeton University.

Then he received a second unexpected call, this time to join the faculty at Andrews University to help prepare missionaries for service in Africa and to teach in the seminary. He taught at Andrews until 2009.

Staples has often been recognized as a professor, theologian and missionary. In 1992 he received the Andrews University Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and in 2003 he was named Helderberg College Alumnus of the Year.

1960s

Philip Abraham Lewis (BA '61) has been retired from the U.S. EPA for 20 years. He is still running races: a 5K race in Milwaukee in May, a 5K in Winchester, Ohio in August, and a 5K in Chattanooga, Tennessee on October 18. Since he is 83 years old these races don't have a category for him so he has to run against 60- and 70-year-old men.

He is also kept busy at his church where he preaches once or twice a month, teaches the Sabbath School lesson and gives Bible studies. He lives in Seaman, Ohio with his wife Gladys.

Martha and Thurman (MA '66)

Petty celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on August 21, 2015. Thurman served for 30 years as a pastor before retiring because of health in 1990. He wrote 18 books, among them five books on the Babylonian captivity of the Jews, known as the "Gate" series—"Gate" is in the title of each book. Available as e-books from Pacific Press.

Glenn Coe

(BA '66, MA '67, former faculty) was presented with the Arnold

Markle Award on October 2, 2015, by The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven, Connecticut: "In recognition of your exemplary service to the criminal justice system in the State of Connecticut and for your outstanding knowledge and achievements in law and leadership."

Attorney Coe was the chief trial attorney in the Connecticut office of the Chief State's Attorney (1974–1983) where he was involved in grand jury investigations and in the prosecution and trial of numerous governmental corruption, organized crime and other white-collar crime cases. In private practice he and others in his firm successfully sued the U.S. Government alleging that the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation suborned perjury resulting in the wrongful conviction of his firm's client who spent about 30 years in prison for a murder in which the FBI knew he was not involved. The verdict was among the largest, if not the largest recovered against the U.S. Government under the Federal Torts Claim Act.

Ralph Clinton Cline

(BA '68, MA '75) has recently authored a book titled "No Man's Sky" (Author House). It is the story of a B-17 waist gunner who flew 29 times over the Reich. Ralph was a history major at Andrews University. He recently retired after teaching high school for many years in Southern California.

1970s

Randolph Rasch (BS '74) was appointed as the ninth Dean of Nursing for Michigan State University (MSU), the eighth largest public university in America. Rasch is a fellow in the American Association of

Nurse Practitioners, a prominent scholar in the National Academies of Practice and has worked as a family practitioner for over ten years.

Prior to his current position, Rasch served as visiting professor and interim chair of the Department of Nursing at North Carolina Central University-Durham, professor of nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNGC) and chair of the Department of Community Practice Nursing in the School of Nursing at UNGC.

As an African-American male, Rasch is a pioneer in many fields: graduating in the nursing program at Andrews, earning a master's in the Family Nurse Practitioner concentration, earning a PhD in nursing and becoming a public health nurse in the State of Michigan.

Rasch says many things he's looked at concerning curriculum at MSU are rooted in what he was taught at Andrews.

"The commitment to provide the kind of care a nurse needs to was rooted in my baccalaureate program," he says. "While religion is a factor in how you're prepared, the nursing department at Andrews instilled in me how to meet patients where they are individually."

Adan Alcalá (MA '75) writes, "God is blessing me day by day as I share my knowledge. I teach at ADU and Seminole State College here in Orlando [Florida]. I also have a segment on one of the radio stations. Along with two others we study the Sabbath School lesson for the week."

1980s

Terri Wangard (BA '81) is the author of a World War II series. Her debut novel, "Friends & Enemies," releases in January 2016 with HopeSprings, a small

Christian publishing firm in Virginia. It was a 2013 WOTS winner. Two more books are slated to follow: “No Neutral Ground,” a 2012 Genesis finalist, will be released in May 2016 and “Soar Like Eagles,” a 2013 First Impressions winner will be released in September 2016.

1990s

Haldane Floyd Davies III

(MA '92, PhD '94), vice president for Business Development and Innovation at the University of the Virgin Islands, has been named to the Board of Examiners for the 2015 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award by The U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The Baldrige Award, the nation's highest honor for organizational innovation and performance excellence, is the only formal recognition of both



public and private U.S. organizations given by the United States President. In addition to his role as vice president, Davies serves as executive director of the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands. He holds a PhD in educational administration, with a focus on higher education, from Andrews University and certificates in related areas from Harvard University, Cornell University, University of the West Indies and Yale University.

James Marvin Whitney

(MAPM '92) retired June 1, 2015. Marvin and his wife, Sandra, have settled in Sequim, Washington. Prior to retirement, Marvin was superintendent of education for the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Marvin completed a career working for the Adventist Church as a pastor and district leader, hospital and campus chaplain, youth leader, secondary teacher, and school principal and administrator, and most recently as minister of education/superintendent of education for the Indiana Conference. He and his wife look forward to enjoying life at a slower pace while continuing to serve God in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

2000s

Isis Sofia Wellman (BS '01) graduated with a BS in pre-professional psychology and a minor in family studies. She currently lives in Bermuda and has been working in the substance abuse addiction field as an international certified substance abuse counselor for nine years.

Anthony Stahl

(MSA '00, PhD '14) was named chief executive officer for Central Texas Medical Center (CTMC) in San Marcos, Texas, effective October 5, 2015. He previously served as administrator for Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center-Lake Placid and vice president for the Florida Hospital Heartland Sebring and Wauchula campuses.

During his tenure, he provided oversight for many accomplishments at Heartland-Lake Placid, including the development of a new surgery service line, earning recognition as the top performing emergency department within Adventist Health System, and producing employee initiatives for his direct reporting

teams resulting in world-class Gallup engagement scores.

Prior to joining healthcare, Stahl served in various roles, including executive director and bureau chief for Adventist Disaster Relief Agency in Maryland, Nicaragua and Peru.

His hobbies include playing basketball and racquetball and traveling with his wife of 21 years, Karina, and their two teenage sons.

Stahl says, “I’m so grateful to Andrews University for the professional and personal contribution the institution has had on my life. The leadership program in particular has influenced me in a profound way.”

2010s

Molly Boersma (MA '15) recently completed a student internship at Berrien RESA and is a graduate of Grand Haven High School, Grand Valley State University and Andrews University. She was hired as school psychologist for the Ravenna Public Schools in Michigan.

Gerson Pires de Araujo

(MA '64, PhD '15) received his master's degree from Andrews University in 1964 and then came back to receive a PhD 50 years later. His family has grown to a total of 26 members and three of his sons are actively working in ministry. Gerson Jr. is a surgeon working as a missionary in Blantyre Adventist Hospital in Malawi; **Gilberto Carlos** (DMin '11) is a pastor and has worked for 28 years as a missionary in various countries in Africa. Recently he was called to work in the Middle East, living in Amman, Jordan. Gilson is a surgeon in Brasilia, Brazil and is one of the elders in the Adventist Central Church.

Gerson is currently a chaplain in a university center with 5,000 students, after working for 52



years for the Adventist church as pastor and teacher at Brazilian Adventist University.

Amanda (Jardine) Kharkovvy

(BSW '09, MSW '10) worked at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in South Bend, Indiana, from 2010–2014. Amanda began running in early 2011 as a New Year's resolution. She completed her first half marathon in May 2011. After she found out her brother was getting married in San Francisco on the same day, she decided to enter the lottery for the Nike Women's Half



Marathon, never thinking she would actually get picked to run. This race is Amanda's eighth half-marathon. She currently works at the Berrien County Council for Children/Children's Assessment Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.