“My Brother’s Keeper”

This is a new federal initiative focusing on the disparity in opportunities between young Black men and young White men. According to the White House, that disparity spills over into unemployment as follows: For young Blacks (over 20 years of age) 12%, Hispanics 8% and Whites 4.5%.

The initiative highlighting the case of young men involves several federal agencies, with participation at the state and local level. A number of large foundations have promised $200 million to kick it off in addition to $150 million already provided.

What does all that have to do with Andrews? On the face of it, not all that much. We enjoy a vibrant and impressive international, ethnic and cultural diversity, in fact we are rated as one of the ten most diverse universities in the nation (no doubt because we belong to a very diverse church community). Not only do we enroll growing numbers of Hispanic and Asian American students, we are maintaining a stable contingent of black students. We also have data to show that our minority students do well academically, with graduation rates comparable to any other student group, and they do not shy away from demanding majors.

However we do seem to share national statistics in one regard, and that has to do with the male-female student ratio. At the undergraduate level, nationwide and at Andrews, we enroll about 44% males to 56% females. That is not good, and it goes completely against one important aspect of the Adventist philosophy of education we have developed so carefully over 160 years (1874–2014).

The best way to visualize that philosophy is to remember our first Adventist colleges. They had an administration building in the center with the president’s office in front so that he (yes, it generally was a “he” in those days) could keep a watchful eye on the students walking past, some of them longing to hold hands! On one side was the men’s dorm and on the other the women’s, generally with about the same number of rooms. Our schools were always “coeducational,” long before Harvard, Princeton and Yale turned “co-ed.” We believed in and made room for all our young adults to attend college, get an equal education, meet each other and establish Christian homes committed to faith and service.

We have not always supported gender equality in employment within our church, but from the start we supported gender equality in education. Back then, outside our church, young men of means went to college and young women of means attended finishing school. But within the church, men and women attended the same college equally.

We must not give up on that noble principle now and allow national trends to infiltrate our institutions. Let us therefore urge all our young men to get an education. They will need it, as will our church and society, not forgetting the growing number of young women graduates looking for educated partners. Just think for a moment of the alternative to that!
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Leona Running belonged to the as-yet-unfounded Adventist Hall of Fame for a good part of her life. Although I never was one of her students, we often had contact during the years I taught at Andrews University. One of the reasons was her love for languages, modern and ancient. I still remember the day when she came to visit the language lab in what used to be Griggs Hall. I accompanied her around. She was sorry that she didn't have such tools at her disposal when she studied modern languages. Then she made a remark which I didn't forget: “In my mind, French is somehow associated with Greek, and German with Hebrew….” I often wondered how she managed to keep all her enormous knowledge in her mind.

I admired her permanent and youthful enthusiasm for new challenges as well as her generosity with her time in personal exchanges, but especially in editorial tasks, with only the satisfaction of having helped. Because of the international role of Andrews University and her many years of teaching, she somehow influenced generations of pastors and teachers in many countries around the world. Ways to honor her distinguished life in a memorable way will surely be found, including a well-researched biography. May her human and scholarly example keep having many followers!

Pietro Copiz (former faculty)

Poor journalism
Having just read the summer 2013 FOCUS I want to congratulate you on the production, writing and presentation. To old alums you created memories of an institution that gave birth to new ideas, a mission of faith, along with the belief that we could make a difference in our world.

However there was one portion of an article that did not deserve to be printed: “Three new department chairs appointed.” The last few paragraphs on Clive W. Holland are appalling. Why?

Nothing is mentioned of Holland’s years of preparation for Michigan State University at Andrews. I was a fellow student with him in the 1970s. AU is proud of what its graduates have achieved—the fact that this article mentions Holland as recipient of an honorary doctorate in 2003 testifies to that. But to leave out the years of his life at Andrews that formulated a vision for his remarkable achievements is lamentable. Andrews helped to shape and mold Holland to the extent that even in retirement he accepted the post as chair of the Department of Agriculture. Yet this is not recognized in the three paragraphs about him.

Secondly, I’m not sure how long you want Holland to stay around the University, but to put in print two ?? in place of his wife’s name is an absolute insult. It demonstrates poor journalism. It appalls an old missionary friend to read such a slight in your otherwise fine production.

Alex Currie (MA ’75, EdD ’77)

Editor’s Note: We deeply apologize to Carmen and Clive Holland for this egregious error. Their service at Andrews is greatly appreciated.
Financial realities headline board briefing

In the Howard Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, March 4

President Andreasen began the board briefing with a mention of the subcommittees which met prior to the board meeting. The Seminary Executive Sub-Committee discussed how students finance seminary studies.

“This is a major concern to church leaders, conference presidents, and others,” said Andreasen. “It is very easy for students to borrow money and very difficult for seminary graduates to pay it back on a pastor’s salary.”

Andrea Luxton, provost, reported examples of students performing exceptionally well through research, publication or service.

The Finance Committee reported on three main points. First they gave a review of the financial operating performance over the last year. At the end of January, Andrews was behind budget by approximately $1.3 million. Two factors contributed in a major way to this; tuition revenue has fallen behind expectations and benefit costs are running higher than expected.

Secondly, the Committee shared the proposed budget for next year, which is built on 98 percent of this year’s enrollment. Tuition discount for undergraduate students is at 36 percent; 22 percent for graduate students.

Randy Graves, vice president for Enrollment Management, reported on the effect of household income on enrollment. Within the North American Division, 39 percent of household incomes fall below $25,000, and 30 percent between $25,000 and $50,000.

“Now think about funding education at these income levels,” said Andreasen. “That’s a bit discouraging.”

Two capital items were voted: Remodeling of space in the Science Complex to benefit chemistry and the cadaver lab as well as medical laboratory sciences at a cost of $1.5 million, and expenditures in aviation of $600,000.

“People on the board are proud of Andrews University,” concluded the President. “They are pleased with what happens here and they appreciate what we do here. They feel good about this place, and I am grateful for all of you who make that a reality.”

Choral and orchestra music festival

More than 200 music students and teachers attend this annual event, Feb. 26–March 1

Alternating each year with piano/wind symphony and choir/orchestra, this year’s attendees represented 12 Adventist academies from across the Midwest and Canada.

“Our goal with this event is to provide participants with experiences that challenge and stimulate musical curiosity and expression,” explains Stephen Zork, associate professor of music and director of University Singers.

“We want the students to perform repertoire at a level of excellence that will reinforce the teaching objectives of the academy teachers, including vocal and instrumental technical issues that improve performance.”

A highlight during the festival event was the vocal master class conducted by Charles Reid, associate professor of voice and voice area coordinator for the Department of Music.

Eight students sang solos and Reid spent 90 minutes working directly with the students on the four pillars of good singing technique.

Attendees enjoyed a Department of Music showcase concert the night of their arrival.

“This concert is an inspiration and catalyst for high achievement amongst the festival attendees for the following three days of rigorous rehearsal,” explains Zork.

“I am devoted to working on specific orchestra technique,” says Claudio Gonzalez, associate professor of music and director of the University Symphony Orchestra. “I am especially interested in promoting interest in two instruments that are not very popular in K–12 institutions: viola and double bass.”

To that end, Gonzalez invited two advanced university students in viola and double bass to interact closely with the young guest players and perform with them during the event’s culminating concert (pictured below).

Choral and orchestra students combined their efforts to perform “Kyrie” by Rene Clausen and Andrews Academy soprano Taylor Troup performed a solo with the choir in “I’ve Been In the Storm So Long” by Jeffery Ames.

Orchestral pieces performed included the Telemann “Viola Concerto in G major” and “Concerto for Double Bass in A major” by Domenico Dragonetti.

“This festival rendered the finest performances in our history with this event,” says Zork. “Both the choir and the orchestra performed at the highest musical level in memory. We are already looking forward to the next time we get to work with these students.”
“When you bring 42 teams together composed of over 650 student athletes and their coaching staff, playing a total of 105 games in three days, you have to ask yourself, ‘Are you insane?’ The answer is probably ‘yes,’” however, I would do it all over again,” says David Jardine, director of Student Activities & Athletics.

Andrews University hosted the annual Cardinal Classic Basketball Tournament Feb. 6–8, 2014, with a record number of 22 boys teams and 20 girls teams participating. The tournament allowed the academies to interact with each other and gave the students an opportunity to meet new people and make friends from other schools, as well as experience what life at Andrews is like.

“The students and coaching staff were very respectful of one another throughout the entire tournament,” continues Jardine. “I personally felt that the leadership from the academies this year was exceptionally positive and supportive.”

While the students spent most their time practicing and playing games, they also had the opportunity to tour the Andrews campus and attend vespers and church services in the Howard Performing Arts Center featuring speaker David Hall Sr., youth director of the Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

“[Hall] delivered a message to our young people that was both inspiring and motivating,” Jardine says when asked about the highlight of the weekend. “You could hear a pin drop in the standing-room-only auditorium as he delivered his message about standing up for Jesus.”

Despite the well-below-freezing temperatures, the athletes and academy staff seemed to enjoy their stay at Andrews immensely.

“We actually like the snow, it’s been a plus!” says Dan Koliadko, coach of the JV girls basketball team from Collegedale Adventist Youth in Action (CAYA) of Collegedale Youth Ministry at Southern Adventist University. “We’re from Tennessee so it’s fun to see the snow. We like the accommodations here, we like the cafeteria and we always have a great time.”

“The Cardinal Classic was a great experience,” says Andrews Academy athlete Antoinette Cave. “It was cool getting to know and compete with so many other Adventist basketball players! I look forward to next year’s tournament with much enthusiasm.”

The Sportsmanship award was won by Union Springs Academy for both its boys and girls teams who demonstrated teamwork and fairness during the games.

The winners of the tournament were:
Division 1 Boys: Spring Valley Academy vs. Crawford Adventist Academy; Division 1 Girls: Ozark Adventist Academy vs. Michiana Home School; Division 2 Boys: Kingsway College vs. Union Springs Academy; Division 2 Girls: Georgia Cumberland Academy vs. Collegedale Academy (CAYA Collegedale Youth in Action).

Turbo prop donated to Aviation

William and Barbara Fisher recently donated an MU2 turbo prop aircraft to Andrews University. Andrews is now the only Adventist aviation school with a Lear Jet and Turbo Prop.

Pictured, L–R: Tim Sherwin, senior development officer; Brooks Payne; Duane Habenicht, chair, Department of Aviation; Randy Robertson, aviation faculty; William Fisher and Barbara Fisher.
Notable speakers visit campus

Andrews provides a wealth of opportunities to learn and be blessed by a variety of guest speakers

Far left: Majora Carter presented “Home(town) Security” for the January 14 University Forum. Carter is an internationally renowned urban revitalization strategy consultant and Peabody Award winning broadcaster.

Left: Jonathan Duffy, president of ADRA International, was the guest speaker for University Chapel on Thursday, January 16, as part of the 2014 MLK Celebration.

Far left: Barry Black, alumnus of Andrews University and chaplain of the U.S. Senate, was the featured speaker for this year’s Graduate Student Consecration Service on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Left: Lawrence Schiffman, vice provost of Yeshiva University, was the guest lecturer for the Horn Lectureship Series presentation, “The Sabbath in the Dead Sea Scrolls” on Sunday, Jan. 26.

Far left: C. Wesley Knight, senior pastor of the Mt. Olive Seventh-day Adventist Church in East Point, Ga., was guest speaker for Black History Sabbath on Feb. 8.


Far left: Ernie Medina, from the Loma Linda University School of Public Health, spoke for University Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 25. His wellness topic was the detrimental effects of long-term sitting.

Left: Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, shares a reflective moment during Seminary Worship on Tuesday, March 4.
Enactus team to participate in national competition

Using the skills they learn in the classroom to better their community

The Andrews University Enactus Team will be attending the Enactus National Competition, March 31–April 3, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Enactus is an international nonprofit organization comprised of a community of student, academic and business leaders who use the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world by improving the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. There are currently Enactus teams represented throughout 1,600 universities in 36 countries with 66,500 students involved and more than 7,400,000 project volunteer hours completed.

“Enactus provides Andrews students with an incredible opportunity to take the skills that we learn in the classroom and use them to better our community,” says senior Jason Shockey, president of the Andrews Enactus Team. “The National Competition gives us the chance to present our projects to national leaders in the world of business.”

The Andrews Enactus Team is involved in roughly six community projects a year. This year, the projects include running a recycling program on campus, conducting nutritional classes for third graders at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, helping with the Berrien Springs High School Business Bash, conducting several “Let’s Can Hunger” food drives, holding financial seminars for those in the community, and painting more than 200 faces at the Berrien Springs “Kindle Your Christmas Spirit” event.

At the Enactus National Competition students present to a group of executives from more than 400 companies around the United States, such as Walmart, Sam’s Club, Hershey’s, Johnson & Johnson, American Greetings and Wells Fargo. The competition includes several rounds that advance toward becoming the United States National Champion. The winner will move on to the Enactus World Cup, which will be held in Beijing, China.

Besides competing, students will have the chance to connect with peers and attend a career fair. They will have the opportunity to talk with companies looking for Enactus participants to work for them, hand out résumés and, in some cases, be interviewed. These companies recognize Enactus students as ones who understand the importance of community involvement, who have good time management skills and who can work well under pressure.

“Enactus instills a passion in students for both the Enactus organization and for becoming involved in the community that doesn’t stop once they graduate but continues on throughout life,” says Jacquelyn Warwick, professor of marketing and faculty sponsor.

“Our students are more self-confident, have a stronger résumé and are better prepared to enter the job market.”

Nursing board pass rate soars

100 percent overall board pass rate for the class of 2013

The Department of Nursing recently achieved the incredible feat of a 100 percent overall board pass rate for the class of 2013.

Nursing students are required to take the National Certified Licensure Examination (NCLEX) after graduation to receive their nursing license. Students in nursing programs and schools must reach a specific pass rate on the NCLEX each year in order for the programs to maintain state approval and accreditation for functioning as a nursing program.

Every three years, the examination is updated to current nursing standards. The most recent change occurred in April 2013 when nursing programs and schools were warned by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NSBN) that the next exam would be the most difficult NCLEX to date. Schools were expected to have an approximate 4–5 percent drop in their board pass rate.

While the initial data collected in the summer of 2013 revealed that national board pass rates dropped approximately 9 percent instead of the projected 4–5 percent, Andrews University was pleased to discover that its board pass rates had improved rather than declined. Last spring, a total of 15 students graduated from the Andrews nursing program, 14 of which have completed the NCLEX examination and passed. Fourteen of these students passed on their first attempt of taking the NCLEX which yielded a 93 percent first-time board pass rate for the class of 2013. One student has yet to take the exam.

“We at the Andrews University Department of Nursing are so pleased and excited that God continues to answer our prayers,” says Karen Allen, chair of the Department of Nursing. “Our students are doing well and we are confident and happy to be sending them out to serve the world.”
Student wins national awards

At the nationwide Sigma Tau Delta annual convention in Savannah, Ga.

Melodie Roschman, junior English literature and journalism major and honors student at Andrews University, recently won one of only two competitive Sigma Tau Delta scholarships. Sigma Tau Delta is a nationwide English Honors society. The Sigma Tau Delta Junior Scholarship of $3,000 was awarded at the annual convention in Savannah, Ga., where Roschman presented her project, “Costuming and Selfhood in Gregory Doran’s Hamlet.”

Competing against 400 applicants from 87 chapters nationwide, Roschman won the top junior scholarship for the association. She also won Best Critical Essay for British and World Literature from among 250 presented.

As Roschman’s research mentor, Monique Pittman, director of honors and professor of English, attests to the high quality of Roschman’s work.

“Melodie’s research moves with wit and facility across the time periods to contribute toward a more complex understanding of individual selfhood in Shakespeare’s day and in a postmodern context,” says Pittman.

“Her sound reasoning, strong source usage and innovative conclusions were rightly acknowledged by the national English Honors Society, and I am thrilled. Her success testifies to the investment Andrews is making in resources to support undergraduate research.”

Roschman will use the award money to apply to graduate school—she hopes to attend Oxford University in England—and for a study tour to France in May.

“Everyone who attended the convention [from Andrews University] compared well with students from other high profile schools,” says Roschman. “I’m completely humbled and don’t feel I deserve this kind of acclaim.”

Roschman will continue as editor of the Student Movement, the Andrews student newspaper, and president of the Andrews chapter of Sigma Tau Delta next year.

“I’ve always believed in doing my best with the talents God gave me, and He gave me wonderful parents who instilled in me a deep love for learning” she says. “It’s insatiable now, and I appreciate the Department of English teaching me ways to feed that love and share it with others.”

First PhD offered at USC

PhD in educational psychology offered in collaboration with Andrews University

The University of the Southern Caribbean’s first PhD, a PhD in educational psychology, offered in collaboration with Andrews University, was officially launched on Jan. 27, 2014. A Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities was also signed at the event.

Present at this reception were representatives from Andrews University, the Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA), administrators, faculty, staff and students of the program.

This program will prepare individuals for the professional practice of school psychology and current practicing school psychologists will be prepared for added responsibilities.

Upon completion, successful candidates will be certified as school psychologists in the state of Michigan, be eligible for NASP Certification (National Association of School Psychologists), and qualified to practice both in Trinidad and in North America. This degree is also accepted in other areas of the world.

Embedded within the program is an Education Specialist Degree (EdS), which all students are required to complete. This degree requires at least two semesters in the U.S. when schools are in session. It also requires one year of internship in school psychology employment in schools either in the U.S. or Trinidad.

During the hour-long reception, Clinton Valley, president of USC, gave a brief overview of the program and shared words of motivation and encouragement with the 22 students of the doctoral program.

Jim Jeffery, dean of the Andrews University School of Education, highlighted that almost all of the students now enrolled in the educational psychology doctoral program graduated a few years ago with a master’s degree in educational psychology from Andrews while it was being offered at USC.

An approximate 200 students graduated from that collaborative degree and have since been yearning for the opportunity to take their education to the next level.
Ernie Medina Jr. (aka “Physical Activity Evangelist”) (BS ’89)

Where did your journey take you after graduation from Andrews?
In the summer of 1989 I started the masters and doctoral programs simultaneously at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health. In 1993 I graduated with a Doctor of Public Health and began working with the Beaver Medical Group. I was with them for 21 years until January 2014 when I accepted a position at Loma Linda University. My current title is interim executive director & assistant professor, Center for Nutrition, Healthy Lifestyle, and Disease Prevention, School of Public Health.

What brought preventive health to the forefront of your interest?
I grew up in a healthcare minded family, so I was on track to do something similar. But instead of just fixing people up, I was more into preventing them from getting sick in the first place. In January of 1987 I learned about a program at Loma Linda called health science, taught by Wes Youngberg. I immediately changed my major from medical technology to health science.

What types of things did you do at Beaver Medical Group?
It was a combination of exercise physiologist, nutritionist and behavioral counselor. If you look at our non-communicable diseases (NCDs)—heart disease, cancer, diabetes, strokes, hypertension—the big 5 out of the top 10 killers, they all have components related to those areas. Lifestyle diseases cannot be changed overnight. The goal is to engage in a healthy lifestyle early so you can avoid those diseases down the road. I was always trying to get my patients more active. I’ve done New Year’s Day sunrise and noon hikes up a local mountain every year for the past 20 years (facing page, bottom left). This January about 130 people participated. I’m into cycling as well and started a home school mountain biking club, with about 25–30 kids from ages 8–15 mountain biking in the hills of Loma Linda in the morning (facing page, bottom right).

You’ve also done some very innovative things with gaming. Tell me a bit about that.
Around 1998 I started looking at video games and noticed there was a fair amount of technology out there that increases physical activity, and guess what, kids like to do it! That’s what got me on the road called exer-gaming. It’s now called active gaming. At the clinic, we didn’t have a track, a gym or a field, but I could have a TV set up where kids could play video games as part of their physical activity. Over time I did research with both Loma Linda and my former exercise-physiology professor at California State University-San Bernardino. He had the students and the equipment and I had the patients and exer-gaming equipment so we collaborated on quite a few research projects and showed that certain video games can reach the recommended MVPA—moderate to vigorous physical activity intensity levels. We found that boxing has the highest amount of calorie expenditure of most of the video games. The bottom line is to find games that involve running or jumping.

What about apps for smartphones?
That’s where everything is going because the hardware and the cost of making video games is very expensive, but everybody has a cell phone, even in third world countries. I was at a World Health Organization conference in Geneva last December and they are looking at how apps and cell phone technology can be used for health promotion in outlying countries in Africa because that’s the only thing they have. We need to use the technology in order to track eating, exercising and other lifestyle behaviors. I think technology is going to allow us to scale up healthy lifestyle interventions to the masses.

What is hypokinetic or “sitting” disease?
Hypokinetic, meaning hypo (low), kinetic (movement), disease is something I just got interested in the last year or so. The term actually came out in 1960 in a book with that title on it by two physicians who talked about the diseases related to physical inactivity. Another name for it is sedentarianism and the common name is Sitting Disease. If you sit for nine hours a day, your risk of death increases by 40%—that’s pretty significant!

Nilofer Merchant from Silicone Valley did a Ted Talk last year [2013] and she coined the phrase “Sitting is our generation’s smoking.” Because for our parents’ generation and before, smoking was the big public health thing. For our generation, because of technology, societal changes and changes in the workplace, going from agrarian to more technology-based and mental-based jobs, sitting is going to be our smoking.

What if I exercise regularly, at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week?
For the longest time I used to say, “Oh, I exercise. The recommendation is five days a week for 30 minutes, 150 minutes a week. I exercise an average of 45–60 minutes a day, have to practice what I preach?” I would pat myself on the back and say, “Okay, I’m doing good.” But recent research is showing that even if you exercise an hour a day, if you are sedentary the other 23, then that hour doesn’t protect you. The kicker is that it’s independent from what you do for physical activity.

How does sitting for long periods of time affect your body?
It often leads to chronic inflammation which causes insulin resistance, arteries to clog, cancer cells to get ignited and the list goes on. If you read about the non-communicable diseases, many times you will see the words “chronic inflammation” somewhere in the explanation.

As an Adventist community, we tend to think we’re doing good, we’re vegetarian, we don’t smoke or drink, but guess what everybody does? Sit in church, sit in meetings, sit at work, sit at home, and then BOOM someone suffers a stroke or gets cancer, and we wonder why, he was a healthy Adventist! This is another factor to consider in developing a healthy lifestyle.

What can be done to counteract the effects?
The good news is that you only need to get up for one or two minutes every hour to break that cycle. What we’re finding out now is that once you sit down your body automatically senses that and it knows it doesn’t have to keep the muscles active so it actually turns off the electrical system. The body goes on sleep mode basically. Certain chemicals start to be released that actually increase fat storage if you sit for a long period of time. Oxygen levels in your brain start to drop after 20 minutes so people start to get sleepy.

I bought a Varidesk™ (see photo) because I like standing while I’m doing my emailing and writing. I also wear a Jawbone Up™ device that will vibrate if I’ve been sitting for more than 60 minutes and that’s a physical reminder for me to get up and move, plus I have a stepper in my office and a little peddler.

I’ve been starting to try to change the culture slowly at the School of Public Health, because of all the schools we should be the healthiest. If meetings run longer than an hour, I lead out in standing up exercises, moving, just getting up and doing some things. We do as many walking meetings as we can, especially if it’s just brainstorming or hashing things out.

For a long time I’ve been a strong promoter of exercise, but I’m seeing that hypokinetic disease is a bigger problem because it’s hitting both exercisers and non-exercisers alike. Everywhere you look, everyone is sitting! Not to say you have to stand all day, but you need to break it up. Get up, move! I’m doing what I can to eradicate Sitting Disease.
Land co-edits book published by Oxford Press

In May 2014, Oxford University Press will release a new biography of Ellen Gould Harmon White (1827–1915), cofounder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 18 chapters prepared by 21 authors, Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet examines her ideas and the impact she has made on the Seventh-day Adventist Church and American religion generally.

The book is co-edited by Gary Land, professor emeritus of history at Andrews University, Terrie Dopp Aamodt, professor of history and English at Walla Walla University, and Ronald L. Numbers, Hilldale professor emeritus of the history of science and medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The discussions began at an October 2009 conference in Portland, Maine, the site of Ellen Harmon’s early upbringing. Chapter authors and respondents sought to examine the breadth of Ellen White’s 70-year public career while avoiding extremes of iconoclasm or hagiography. Land says, “At the conference there were two respondents, one an Adventist who would be knowledgeable and the second a non-Adventist who probably knew little about Ellen White but could detect apologetics and, most importantly, tell us what things historians outside the church would want to know, which often are not the same as what Adventists are interested in. For example, the non-Adventist scholars had little interest in the plagiarism and similar issues that often consume church scholars and members, but these scholars are very interested in the ways that Ellen White related to her surrounding culture.”

All of the 67 conference participants also read the chapters and applied a rubric designed to identify gaps and potential biases in the material. “Collaborative research, writing, and editing shaped the book. This project’s scholarly exchange between Ellen White specialists and students of her broader contexts would take decades to achieve in occasional meetings at professional conferences,” Land observed.

“Obviously, with a variety of authors—Adventist, former Adventist, and what I call never-Adventist—there will be a variety of viewpoints with the result that no one will agree with everything that is said. But we have made a real attempt to provide an account of Ellen White that will meet the objectivity expectations of scholars outside the church while not offending church members,” says Land.

Land also wrote abstracts of both the book and each chapter for Oxford to use in their online program.

Praise for the book has already begun. “An ingenious interconnected series of biographical studies, this collection effectively brings Ellen Harmon White, the seer of the Seventh-day Adventist tradition, into the thick of American religious and cultural history. As a collaborative venture, it is superbly orchestrated: it demonstrates White’s profound relevance to any number of historiographies—on gender and race, on medicine and education, on visionary experience and practical theology, on missions and globalization.” (Leigh Eric Schmidt, Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor, Washington University in St. Louis)

“Taken together, these chapters show how White was both a product and a producer of her age,” said Grant Wacker, professor of Christian history at Duke University, in the book’s foreword. “They also show that however one judges the role of supernatural inspiration, White ranked as one of the most gifted and influential religious leaders in American history, male or female. Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet tells her story in a new and remarkably informative way.”

Popp earns CSPG

Tari Popp, director of the Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services, has received the Certified Specialist in Planned Giving (CSPG) certification offered by the American Institute for Philanthropic Studies through the California State University at Long Beach (CSULB) Foundation. The CSPG is a professional designation program designed to a master’s level standard and developed to provide participants with the body of knowledge required for planned giving professionals.

This certificate allows Popp to provide general education about estate planning and help facilitate that process with the assistance of professional advisors.

Two years ago, the North American Division (NAD) of Seventh-day Adventists encouraged its union and institution planned giving and trust services directors to seek advanced certification in this area, offering to cover 50 percent of the certification program.

“In any profession, an individual needs to continue learning or they will fall behind,” says Popp. “I felt that in order to continue to offer the best possible service to our constitu- ents, it was important that I take advantage of this opportunity.”

Roughly 25 people achieve this certification every year. Popp is currently the only person at Andrews to receive it.

“I feel grateful to be given this education opportunity by Andrews University and the General Conference,” states Popp. “I will be able to better serve our alumni and friends in this specialty area which will eventually result in additional funds for the support of our students and this wonderful school.”
Russell leads mission trip to Honduras

This year’s Christmas trip reminded everyone of their responsibility to help others

During the 2013 winter break, 19 Andrews University students and two faculty members, Glenn Russell and Daniel González, traveled to Hogar de Niños, a children’s home in Honduras operated by REACH. They coordinated FLAG camp for more than 150 children from the Hogar de Ninos, the local daycare center and the surrounding community, led out in Sabbath School, held evening worship services, and generally assisted the regular staff.

This year’s group was the 23rd team from Andrews to partner with REACH International, a global humanitarian ministry to children. The trip was sponsored by PMC Youth Missions and directed by Russell.

“I always try to make sure it’s meaningful for the students,” says Russell, “but this year more than ever had a profound effect on me.”

The team not only conducted the camp but also put together large Christmas baskets for local families containing enough food to last a family for close to a month, plus toys for the children and more.

“The night we passed out Christmas baskets we all enjoyed a delicious dinner and we all had seconds,” recalls Russell. “We were full of food and the Christmas spirit.”

Russell drove the truck with the baskets in the back, and while they were delivering them, at least a dozen people came up to the truck and said, “We put our children to bed tonight and they haven’t eaten all day. Please, do you have some food for us?”

“You feel so helpless,” says Russell. “We do what we can, but we can’t solve this problem. I sat there thinking about Christmas back home, people giving presents to people who don’t need them, and how much we have. It makes you wonder, why am I so blessed? Why do I have so much? And it reminds you that we are part of a global church family—they are our brothers and sisters and we have a responsibility to help them.”

Russell says he never has to advertise much for these trips. Those who have participated before share their experiences with their friends and family, and he never has trouble finding volunteers.

“Last time we were there the director came to me and said, ‘Do not ask if you can come back; just tell us when you’re coming,’” he says. “We’re blessed to be able to serve alongside the dedicated staff at REACH, and we hope we’re a bit of a blessing, too.”

Nicholas Miller chairs IRLA drafting committee

Looking into the relationship between religion, secularity and religious freedom

During the first week of 2014, the International Religious Liberty Association, a multi-denominational religious liberty advocacy organization, held its annual Meeting of Experts in Athens, Greece. Nicholas Miller, associate professor of church history and director of the International Religious Liberty Institute at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, is a regular member of the IRLA Experts and served as chair of their drafting committee.

The current topic of the Expert consultation is the relationship between religion, secularity and religious freedom. Papers were presented on the tensions and even conflicts between religion and secularism and how these dynamics impact and at times threaten religious freedom.

“The consensus of the group was that while there are religious-friendly versions of secularity, in the west a more religion-unfriendly version of secularism is becoming increasingly prevalent,” says Miller.

This religious insensitivity can be seen in restrictions against wearing religious garb in France, forbidding religious home schooling in Germany, restrictions on speech and counseling in relation to sexuality in Canada and America. Secular governments tend to define religion narrowly, as only encompassing worship and ritual.

“The experts on the committee called for a greater understanding of the importance of respecting not just freedom of religious worship, but of religious practice generally,” Miller reports. “The ministry of churches and religious people extends beyond the church and synagogue door to encompass various kinds of educational, health and social welfare ministries. These activities in the public square also deserve religious freedom protections.”

Miller worked closely with David Little, professor emeritus of Harvard Divinity School, to do the primary drafting of a document on this topic to be released later in 2014.

Other Expert members involved in this project include: Ganoune Diop and John Graz of the General Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department; Rosa Maria Martinez de Codes, former Spanish Justice Department official, associate professor at Universidad Complutense de Madrid and president of the IRLA; and Robert Seiple, first United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom under President Bill Clinton.
This year’s annual Faculty/Staff awards night, held Sunday, March 2, at the Howard Performing Arts Center primarily gave recognition to faculty and staff “stars” through awards for Years-of-Service, Excellence in Service, Faith Development Leadership, Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship.

The evening’s entertainment also focused on “stardom” from among Andrews faculty and staff in a five-act variety show: Act I featured the Gane family performing Allegro from “Concerto Grosso in D minor” by Vivaldi; Act II shone the spotlight on six faculty and staff members who climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro; Act III was a performance of a traditional Malaysian dance by eight staff and community members; and Act IV featured Mickey Kutzner, research professor of physics, demonstrating inertia and bravery by lying under a board of 1,000 nails and having a cinderblock shattered with a sledgehammer on top of it.

Dave Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, well-known for his presentation of “Dave’s Top Ten” reasons to attend Andrews University during Convocation, presented “Dave’s Top Eight” reasons to work for Andrews University as Act V to conclude the evening.

Edwin and Magaly Hernandez, Board of Trustees member and assistant professor of nutrition respectively, were hosts for the evening.

Recognition of the 5, 10, 15, and 20 years-of-service groups (see page 20 for photos) was held before individual recognition of those in the 25, 30 and 35 years-of-service groups.
Nancy Carbonell was born and raised in California, but has come to love the seasons here in Michigan since she moved in 1980. After aspiring to be a teacher she has taught all grade levels and now serves as associate professor of counseling education and counseling psychology. She is a fully licensed psychologist and maintains a part-time private practice. She has published in the areas of family life, racial issues and the power of self-talk. For the past 25 years, Nancy has served as a professor, mentor and counselor, creating a caring, non judgmental climate for her students.

Tom Chittick, emeritus professor of agriculture, retired this academic year, leaving a legacy of dedicated generosity behind him. As chair of the Department of Agriculture and manager of the farm he always exemplified servant leadership. He was never too important to walk and work with his team, despite the unpredictable weather and in all situations. His colleagues and students remember him for his strong mentorship, patience and unique skills. Tom’s passion for service led him to Africa, Russia and South Africa.

P. Gerard Damsteegt, associate professor of church history, was born and raised in the Netherlands and has three passions in life. He encountered Jesus Christ as an aeronautical engineer in the Dutch Air Force. He used this passion to earn an MDiv from Andrews University and later a Master of Public Health from Loma Linda University. A second passion is health. He has directed an annual Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy workshop at Andrews for many years. Lastly, he is dedicated to evangelism and the defense of the faith. This spring he will lead his 20th study tour of the Reformation lands.

Bernard Helms has become a formidable connoisseur in acquiring materials for the James White Library. From finding obscure artifacts and dealing with difficult suppliers, Bernard has been an essential player in the growth and development of the world-class collection at the Center for Adventist Research. He is also excellent at finding sources for international periodical titles, has upgraded technical aspects in the periodicals area and serves as a good mentor to his student assistants.

Scott Moncrieff has been praised for his toughness, knowledge and unique spirit during his 25 years at Andrews University. He has served the Department of English as a professor, researcher, student advisor and department chair. His talents go beyond creating a bridge for rich tradition and future effectiveness for liberal arts and humanities; he even serves as the “official bard” in the department. His latest publication is a poem titled “Goldilocks,” which was recently published in The Christian Science Monitor.

Ronald Norton began working at Andrews University in 1978 as the wastewater treatment plant operator and assistant plumber. He is now the plumbing foreman at Plant Services. Ron is very active in the Buchanan Adventist Church preaching, teaching and serving as a Pathfinder director. He also plays clarinet with the Andrews University Wind Symphony and has shared his musical abilities on overseas tours. He is known as an even-keeled person who isn’t flustered easily, which is especially useful when dealing with plumbing emergencies.

Jeff Trubey started working for Grounds in the summer of 1987 and is now assistant manager for Plant Services as well as the campus locksmith. Additionally, he spends some of his spare time teaching classes in landscape equipment, welding and machine shop. Jeff enjoys skiing, horses and working on small engines. He has greatly enjoyed this historical winter because it has allowed him to drive his tractor with the snow blower attachment. His cheerful spirit and willingness to help are qualities that endear him to his coworkers.

Michael Harrington earned a certificate in automotive repair from Andrews University in 1978 and began his career in the mid-1980s with College Wood Products. After two years he became a full-time cow feeder at the Dairy. With the increased herd came increased milk production and the need for precision in the cows’ rations. Mike accepted these changes with a can-do attitude and a smile. He is conscientious, organized and adaptable with his responsibilities. His
optimism and work ethic have been a great addition to the Dairy team for the past 30 years.

Marcia Kilsby is the chair of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences and an associate professor with specialty areas in immunohematology and transfusion medicine. She has a rich history with Andrews University, joining the faculty in 1984 and earning three degrees here. As a teacher she demonstrates a breadth of knowledge highly coveted in the profession and strives to create applicable lessons for her students. Marcia’s talent and dedication has made the Andrews MLS program a premiere one.

Miroslav Kiš came to Andrews University in 1983 from Canadian Union College in Alberta, Canada. Over the last 30 years, he has served as professor of ethics in the Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy. For 27 of those years, he led the department as chair. He stepped down in 2013 to devote himself to full-time writing and teaching. He is passionate about ethics and is considered a beloved teacher and mentor of many church leaders today. Additionally, he travels widely as a speaker and consultant on ethical, professional and theological issues.

Eileen Lesher spent her first two years at Andrews working in Records, and joined Graduate Admissions staff in 1986. Since 1991, Eileen’s diligence and attention to detail has been wisely and effectively used in international transcript evaluations for international students wishing to enroll in an Andrews graduate program. She’s grateful for the technological changes that have provided easier access and communication for the “detective” work necessary in evaluating nearly 1,000 transcripts a year.

Brian Strayer, professor of history, is known for his tough, yet fair approach in the classroom. His colleagues appreciate his staunch support for the rights of the faculty. He is a prolific author, having published six books, most recently *J.N. Loughborough: The Last of the Adventist Pioneers*. He is knowledgeable and fair, whether discussing issues of European history, church history, historiography, social studies or politics. Brian’s Christian dedication to his students is inspiring. His expertise, thoughtfulness, organization and strong work ethic have served Andrews well.

Gary Williams is the senior associate registrar. He is not only perfect on paper for the job, being known for his attention to detail, order and thoroughness, but is kind to boot. He makes sure to check in personally with colleagues and student workers alike. He shines in choosing student employees who remain on the job for years, excels in coaching and mentoring them and cultivates lasting relationships. Gary diligently stays current with his professional field and frequently serves as a consultant to individuals and departments on academic records matters, degree audit processes and related functions.
director of the Writing Center. Beyond this he actively presents at professional and scholarly conferences.

When Marjorie Gadway’s family moved to the area in 1978 she decided to leave her career in God’s hands and 35 years later she is still working at Custodial Services. She is considered a “Mom” to many present and past employees and says that all of her workers are her “kids.” Her faithfulness and caring attitude make her a favorite person across campus and she is known to be “great to work with.”

SIEGFRIED H. HORN EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH & CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

This award was established in 2011 to honor Siegfried Horn’s legacy of scholarship and contribution to the field of biblical archaeology at Andrews University, and his impact upon the world church and the wider community of scholars. The award was established to recognize the lifetime scholarship achievement of Andrews University faculty members. Nominated from each of four categories by the chair of the Scholarly Research Council, and selected by the membership of this council, recipients must be associate or full professors, and full-time employees for a minimum of five years.

Arts, Humanities and Education: Greg Constantine, emeritus research professor of art and artist-in-residence, has always mixed humor and scholarship in the lectures given during his 42 years as a professor of art at Andrews University, as well as dozens of off-campus presentations in the United States and Europe. He is a prolific painter and exhibitor, having held 47 one-person exhibits in the United States and Europe. In addition, he was included in 64 group shows. He has had six books published; three widely acclaimed 80-page books of his drawings infused with sophisticated humor, followed by three children’s books about artists. His latest series, “Artist Licenses” and “Poetic Licenses,” use vanity license plates to convey his messages, and has been well received.

Pure and Applied Sciences: Gary Burdick is currently a professor of physics and associate dean for research, School of Graduate Studies & Research. Under Gary’s leadership, the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship has streamlined and improved processes for applying, reporting, recognizing and presentation of faculty and student research projects. Gary has been instrumental in shaping a culture of research and creative scholarship at Andrews University and helping Andrews become an institution where research is part of our academic fabric. Gary has published one book, two book chapters, more than 60 scientific peer-reviewed journal articles and made 50+ professional presentations.

Professional Programs: Marcia Kilsby is currently professor and chair of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences. She is a contributing author to more than 30 publications and has made numerous presentations to churches, local schools and university forums. Marcia’s work has earned her international recognition. She is very committed to mission outreach, evidenced by multiple trips to countries around the world to assist with training and improvement of infrastructure in the field of medical laboratory sciences. She served as consultant and advisory board member for Lab-in-A-Suitcase from 2006 to 2009 and consultant and trainer for Christian Friends of Korea, a nonprofit organization concerned primarily with giving humanitarian aid to North Korea.

Religion and Theology: Roy Gane’s dedication to excellence has led him to write 10 books, 29 chapters for different books, eight articles for encyclopedias, and 58 articles for professional and academic journals. With the publication of his book, Cult and Character, he attained international recognition as one of the foremost scholars in the book of Leviticus. Moreover, with his authorship of the NIV Application Commentary: Leviticus, Numbers, published by Zondervan, he became the first Seventh-day Adventist to have written a volume in a major non-Seventh-day Adventist Bible commentary series. Roy is professor of Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern languages at the Seminary.

DANIEL A. AUGSBURGER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Seven faculty members received the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty whose teaching reflects the high standards of excellence
modeled by Dr. Augsburger in his 60 years of teaching at Andrews University. Augsburger’s leadership, academic rigor, breadth of knowledge, teacher-scholar role, along with care and concern for students, exemplify the best of faculty endeavors. Faculty from each school nominate and choose their individual candidates.

Lauren Matacio serves as an instruction librarian in the area of Information Services in the James White Library. In addition to her library interactions with students, faculty and community members, Lauren teaches intensive classes on how to best use the library’s physical and electronic resources. She also plays an interactive role with the academic departments by reminding department chairs to use their budget wisely and advises what material to order that best meets their research and scholarly needs.

David Randall’s attention to detail is legendary. When something needs to be done right he can be counted on to be thorough and fair. In his teaching as an associate professor of chemistry, his highly usable Moodle interface and complete syllabus along with very clear homework and testing expectations is an excellent model for others. David is driven, relentless and tenacious, qualities that have had a practical impact as he gained the knowledge and skills necessary to keep the department’s nearly half-million dollar NMR running smoothly.

Kathryn Silva, assistant professor of history, is an up-and-coming scholar who presents two to three professional papers a year at history conferences. She has a national reputation for her work in the intersection of U.S. African American, gender and labor histories. She is a creative and innovative teacher who piques her student’s interests whether she is teaching a general education course or an upper division course for history majors.

Andrew von Maur is a gifted teacher and designer. He is diligent in everything he takes on, whether it is in the design studio, the analytical summer abroad, his lecture courses, or his responsibilities with the lecture series. Evidence of this diligence can be seen in the numerous Charter Awards from the Congress for the New Urbanism given to his Urban Design Studio and the 2013 Campus Master Plan for Andrews University, “A Campus for Health & Wellness,” produced by Andrew and his Urban Design studio class.

Ron Coffen is a licensed clinical child psychologist who teaches across all programs in the Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling and serves as the director of the Andrews Community Counseling Center. As a professor, Ron is highly respected by his students who appreciate his rigorous teaching style. He knows the material well and presents it in a clear and enthusiastic manner. He is extremely well organized, genuinely cares about his students and takes the time to understand their challenges. His research in the area of juvenile diabetes and its effects on learning has contributed significantly to the field.

Lee Olson, associate professor of physical therapy, exemplifies the best a teacher can be. He is a professional content expert with a passion for students to learn. Lee has dedicated more than 10 years to sharing with students his vast knowledge in the field of physical therapy. Both students and peers alike consistently rate Lee’s teaching abilities second to none. Lee has compiled his own course manuals, which provide his students with timely and relevant materials. He also has a passion for integrity, which, as president of the University Senate, led to the birth of the Student Academic Integrity Policy for the University.

Jerry Moon, professor of church history and chair of the Department of Church History in the Seminary, is an excellent teacher, advisor, editor and author. He took classes from Daniel Augsburger, Kenneth Strand, Mervyn Maxwell and George Knight. From these great teachers he learned a combination of excellent pedagogy and research. Now, he is mentoring Nicholas Miller, Trevor O’Reggio and John Reeve to continue a high standard of teaching and research. Jerry was associate editor and then editor of Andrews University Seminary Studies for 15 years. He has written extensively on Ellen White and also on the Trinity. He put together his research, writing and editing skills in the recently released Ellen G. White Encyclopedia (see page 22).
FAITH DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

This award is given to any employee, faculty or staff, who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of campus. Names are considered and voted by the Faith Development Committee. Instituted in 2005.

Susan Zork, assistant professor of religion and a pastor at One Place Fellowship, is one of those rare people who defy definition. Paul Petersen, department chair, would say, “It’s because she is far more than just a teacher. She is a preacher, a musician, a pastor, a mother in Israel, as well as an appreciated colleague who contributes to the spiritual impact of our department.” The most important thing she wants her students to know is that God is love. She emphasizes this constantly during class and more importantly exemplifies this through her life in service to students.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients of this award are hourly or salaried full- or part-time staff who have served for at least three consecutive years, and have not previously received the award. The award is given “in recognition of outstanding service to the University, the church, and the community, and for demonstrating, by precept and example, a Christ-centered life.”

Dorothy Show’s dedicated service as a secretary at the Theological Seminary, first in the Department of Old Testament and now in the Deans’ Office, is brilliant and exceptional. She is extremely efficient, practical and innovative in her work, and perfectly organized. She takes the initiative to keep track of what needs to be done to resolve work-related problems. Her extensive experience in the Seminary makes her insights particularly valuable. Dorothy is a godly woman whose mission is to promote God’s vision for humanity and the mission of the church.

Vicki Thompson, associate director of Student Financial Services, has great suggestions for process improvements and is a team player. She oversees operations of the department when the director is absent and can handle difficult situations that arise with a calm spirit. Vicki is continually given accolades for the excellent customer service she provides. Vicki is willing to do whatever needs to be done and has a servant leadership attitude. She is punctual, dependable and wise, always exercising sound judgment in difficult situations. She is also fair and equitable in her decision-making, refusing to show favoritism when fair treatment of students is at stake.

Jamie Wright started working for Plant Services in the electrical area in the fall of 2007. In 2011 he was promoted to the position of assistant manager. He is always willing to go the extra mile to get things done and help solve a particular problem. To be a worker in Plant Services you need to be willing to stop working on a job at a moment’s notice to take care of something else that is of higher priority. Jamie is very flexible and understanding in dealing with these often frustrating changes.” Whenever you call him, he is all about making something on the campus better. He wants to help.”
5 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS


Back row, L–R: Debbie Michel, Chi Yong Yun, Victor Antonov, Dawn Mutz, Raymond Spoon, Erhard Gallos, John Schnegg, Donald Cole, Penny Sisson, Juan Alvarez, Silmara Ferreira, Stanley Patterson

Not pictured: Gregory Almeter, Audrey Castelbuono, George Chittick, Christopher Davisson, Ronald Graham, Jean Hakiza Gaparayi, Kenley Hall, Timothy R Keough, Aaron Moushon, Marcellia Myers, Benjamin Panigot, Gillian Sanner, Joselito Santiago, Ana Tasi, Patrick Warner, Carole Woolford-Hunt, Kenneth Zehm

10 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

L–R: Martin Smith, Deborah Park, Cynthia Swanson, Jennifer Birney

Not pictured: Harvey Burnett, Ronald Coffen, Helena Gregor, Heidi Labbe, Jillian Panigot, Evelyn Perez, Andrew von Maur, Kristin von Maur

15 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Front row, L–R: Shelly Erhard, Karen Allen, Sharon Prest Ullom, Brad Christensen, Helen Susens, Cynthia Gammon, Roberto Rothermel, Jacquelyn Warwick

Back row, L–R: Teresa Reeve, Timothy Nixon, Terrence Dodge, John Beal, Steve Sowder, Gary Burdick, John Matthews, Carlos Flores

Not pictured: Camille Clayton, Marilyn Craig, Betty Gibson, Fred Guerrero, Jiří Moskala, Tami Urias, Dennis Waite, Stephen Yeagley

20 YEARS-OF-SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Front row, L–R: Arlene Saliba, Xiaoming Xu, Susan Oliver, Patricia Spangler, Mabel Bowen


Not pictured: Kathleen Allen, Lilianne Doukhan
Bruce Wrenn, J.N. Andrews professor of marketing at Andrews University, and Michael Cafferky, professor of business and management at Southern Adventist University, collaborated as founders and content editors for the Scriptural Foundations for Business Series, published by Andrews University Press. This new project contains monographs to be used in business classes at the Andrews University School of Business Administration.

“The experience as both an editor and author of the series has been the most demanding, but rewarding, of my career,” says Wrenn. “As editors, we have to recruit other authors, encourage them to persist in their efforts, and review and edit their work. Most manuscripts, including our own, have gone through multiple revisions before being accepted. The manuscripts are peer reviewed for both discipline specific content as well as the appropriate use of Scripture.”

The series will eventually include coverage of the core business courses. The first three entries in the series are marketing, management and business communication, and provide biblical grounding needed to prepare students for a career in the world of business. The textbooks include Scriptural Foundations for Marketing, Scriptural Foundations for Business Communication and Scriptural Foundations for Management. They will be required reading material for classes at Andrews that fit the subject of each monograph.

The goal is to integrate faith and learning into the business curriculum to demonstrate the benefits of Christian education. The booklets give students an understanding of course material from a spiritual vantage point and allow students to continue with their studies in a deeper and more practical way, both academically and spiritually.

“Student response has been extremely positive to the idea of building an understanding of business principles on a scriptural foundation,” continues Wrenn. “Eventually, all core business courses will have a monograph used in the course, providing a unique educational experience that cannot be duplicated in secular colleges.”

“The series gave me a whole new perspective on how wise business and marketing decisions are based on the choices that are coherent with God’s principles,” says Jennifer Espinoza-Ruiz, graduate student at Andrews finishing her MBA with an emphasis in marketing. “Spiritually it has helped me understand that every wise decision is led by God. The foundation of this series is learning to follow God’s directions as He leads us into making wise decisions in our personal lives and in the workplace.”

To make the monographs interactive, a space has been created on Wikispaces to access PowerPoint slides, teaching notes and devotionals to assist in the classroom. Students and visitors that access the website will have the ability to post a comment or suggestion and will be able to communicate with each other and the instructor.

Financial support is provided by Andrews University endowed chair funds, Southern Adventist University and the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Education Department. New titles will be added to the catalog after successfully passing through a rigorous peer review process and through the editorial team at Andrews University Press. While a book remains the ultimate goal, first introducing individually available monographs, equivalent to book chapters, speeds up the process of getting the material into the marketplace. This method of introduction also meets the market need for those adopters who desire to use a specific monograph in their course without adopting the entire book.

Because of the scriptural-based themes of the books, many business faculties at other Christian colleges and universities have requested examination copies of the first three published monographs for adoption consideration.

“Members of the business faculty at Andrews and other Christian colleges take seriously the obligation and privilege of integrating faith and learning in our business courses,” says Wrenn. “If this series proves to be effective in building a Biblical perspective into the education of business discipline principles, it isn’t hard to imagine a Scriptural Foundations Series for the humanities, education, the sciences, and so on, becoming a distinguishing element of undergraduate education at Andrews, with the Andrews University Press the leading publisher of these series. If you are going to dream, you might as well dream big!”
The recent publication of *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* represents approximately 14 years of dreaming, planning and work, and is to date one of the most comprehensive resources about Ellen White and Adventist history and theology.

The project was begun in the late 1990s by George Knight, at the time professor of church history at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Knight came across an advertisement for the *C.S. Lewis Encyclopedia* and imagined preparing a similar work about Ellen White, one of the most remarkable women of the 19th century. Despite thousands of pages published by and about her, there was no comprehensive source to which a new reader could turn for easy access to specific information. She was a prolific writer, successful health reformer, and co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a global religious movement that now claims some 20 million adult adherents, yet she remains largely unknown to the general public.

Knight envisioned this book as the standard reference work regarding Ellen White, written for an audience that would include scholars, students, lay people and the general public. He imagined it organized in two major sections: general articles and alphabetical entries, featuring signed and peer-reviewed articles, with bibliographies, written as far as possible by specialists in the various topics, but using language accessible to a general audience.

Skimming the indexes and tables of contents in existing works on Ellen White and Adventist history, Knight began a tentative list of articles needed. He promoted the idea to the Review and Herald and set about securing the cooperation of the Ellen G. White Estate. This was where the project stood in the fall of 2000. Meanwhile, as Knight began to plan for retirement, he realized that he had on his “bucket list” too many books to write or edit. In prioritizing those titles, he realized that *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* would be primarily an edited work. That meant it could be delegated to others.

Thus in November 2000, Knight met with Denis Fortin and Jerry Moon, and asked if they would be willing to co-edit the proposed *Encyclopedia*. Knight offered to stay on as a consulting editor, but would turn over the editorial responsibilities of choosing and contracting with a publisher, recruiting the authors, editing the articles, and seeing the project through to completion. They readily agreed to take on this great project, not yet realizing how much work it would be and how long it would take. The editor of FOCUS sat down with Dr. Fortin and Dr. Moon to find out how it all came together.
Did the project grow and evolve as you began the process?
If so, in what ways?
FORTIN: George Knight started the process and worked on it for about six months. He put together a list of tentative articles and by the time he passed on the project to us in 2000, the list had about 700 articles. We grew that list by more than 500. We expanded the number of articles in the biographical section and in the topical section. The project almost doubled in size by the time we finished it. As we worked on the articles, we figured out that a number more should probably be added. Almost to the very end we were still adding in articles here and there because we thought a topic should be addressed. George Knight remained a consulting editor and read the entire manuscript as a reviewer.

What were some of the major challenges of putting it together? What was the most difficult part? What was the most rewarding?
FORTIN: One of the most difficult parts was to get the writers to meet deadlines. Many didn't meet deadlines and then after a year or two of waiting we would have to reassign some topics if we didn't write them ourselves, which we ended up doing a great deal of. That's always challenging. There are approximately 1,300 entries in the encyclopedia. We worked with 180 people, so that's a lot of people with different schedules and commitments.

On the other hand, the same thing became very rewarding. We worked with 180 colleagues from all over the world—Europe, Africa, South America, Inter America, Asia, and of course North America. That was so wonderful to be able to partner with these colleagues, get to know them a little better, have them participate in this project. That was beautiful and very rewarding, and in the end produced a work that is very representative of the church.

MOON: We spent almost two years identifying authors for the articles. We started signing them as soon as we had them. When the first of the articles were coming in we were hustling to keep up with the editing. I recently looked at some correspondence from 2003–2004 which indicated our original goal was to have it out for the 2005 General Conference Session. That gave us a deadline of January 2004 for everything. We laid out a plan in the spring of 2003 where we would basically have to edit 100 pages a month to meet deadlines. Many didn't meet deadlines and then after a many didn't meet deadlines and then after a year or two of waiting we would have to reassign some topics if we didn't write them ourselves, which we ended up doing a great deal of. That's always challenging. There are approximately 1,300 entries in the encyclopedia. We worked with 180 people, so that's a lot of people with different schedules and commitments.

Overall, I think it was a challenge to establish a unified style of writing. There was a lot of rewriting, going back and forth with the authors, but when it was all done I think that's one of the things that was the most rewarding.

How did you go about selecting the experts included in the book?
FORTIN: Jerry and I took a preliminary list of titles of articles that George Knight had compiled, added to it, and made our own list of topics and articles that we thought should be written on. Then we began to brainstorm about who could write what. We knew specialists in some topics so it was natural to ask them, but of course we had hundreds of titles we needed writers for. We sent the list to all the religion departments at our North American universities and colleges and asked if anyone would be interested in writing two or three articles. Then we evaluated who could do the best job. Probably a third of the articles were chosen that way.

MOON: We started by talking to the fairly well defined group of people who are experts in Ellen White and Adventist history. We looked at each article and if it was about literature we looked for someone in the English department, and if it was about music we looked for someone in the music department and so on.

For example, there's more than one expert on a particular subject, what led you to choose a particular individual?
FORTIN: That goes with the tone we wanted the book to have. We wanted the book to be, first of all, friendly toward Ellen White and, at the same time honest and candid about the issues regarding Ellen White. We didn't want to brush them under the carpet as if there were no problems with some aspects of her writings and life ministry. So when we had more than one author, we basically decided to ask the one that would fit our philosophy—friendly and honest at the same time. Sometimes we had to just use who was available and wanted to do it!

MOON: We tried if possible to pick someone who had written a dissertation, thesis or book on the topic, someone already well known in that area. But we also tried to pick people that we thought were middle-of-the-road, centrist Adventists, at least on the topic we were writing on. Some authors we chose are considered more conservative or less conservative by some, but we tried to assign them articles where their personal bias wouldn't affect the piece. And of course all the articles are signed.

Can you give me some examples of the diversity of viewpoints represented by the writers?
FORTIN: On the one end of the spectrum we've got people like Herb Douglass, Gerard Damsteegt, Gerhard Pfandl—known to
be strong, conservative Adventists, and on the other end of the spectrum we've got very faithful Adventists that have some good ideas about Ellen White too, but perhaps people would say we're having issues with that particular person. We had the book reviewed by people from all over the spectrum. Our reviewers are mentioned in the preface. I think Adventism would consider these reviewers to represent diversity when it comes to respecting Adventist issues. They made some genuinely good comments and we tried to work with those comments to make the book as fair and central as possible.

**How would you describe the philosophy of the volume?**

**FORTIN:** Once again, we wanted the volume to be friendly toward Ellen White, looking at the biggest topics from a faith-based perspective, that the topic would be well-covered, not overly critical and at the same time honest and candid about some of the issues like plagiarism, issues of relationships in her life, criticisms that have arisen because of a particular expression of a topic. We also wanted the book to become the standard reference book on the writings of Ellen White, her life ministry, people that she knew. We wanted the book to be able to stand as a really good reference, that people both inside the church and outside the church could turn to for information about Ellen White. We tried to be careful about toning down the Adventist wording that only those in the church would understand, to make it accessible to non-Adventists as well. I hope we succeeded in that. We’ll see what critiques say.

**MOON:** The purpose was to make Ellen White accessible. We wanted to be truthful, non-apologetic as far as possible, provide a straightforward representation, and we recognized that in this day and age all the issues have to be faced, whether they’re particularly complimentary to her or not. We both believe that Ellen White was inspired of God and used to raise up this movement, but we also recognize that we’re in a world that demands transparency so we are trying to be as open as possible. We both believe that she was a genuine Christian, a genuine person used of God, and therefore even though she has faults, we believe the more we know about her the more we can trust her.

**What was the most interesting thing you discovered about Ellen White that you didn’t previously know?**

**FORTIN:** I kind of expected before that things were not so black and white, now I know for sure that they aren’t always black and white. There are a lot of things in Ellen White’s life that are not cut and dry, this or that—they are nuanced. Ellen White’s relationships with people she corresponded with—friends, acquaintances, church workers—those relationships were very diverse. It showed a portrait of Ellen White that is very much human, engaged in the lives of people, engaged in the mission of the church.

I wrote a fair number of biographical sections. Michael Campbell, assistant editor, wrote about a third of those, I may have written about another quarter of them, but I read all of them. We all came to understand a picture of the Ellen White who interacted with people so much through letters. In the 1890s and early 1900s, she easily wrote between 200–300 letters a year. Those are the ones we still have copies of, there are probably more. That’s almost a letter a day and some days much more than one.

**MOON:** The most interesting thing that most people don’t know would be the fact that when she was in Australia, Stephen Haskell came to visit after his wife died in 1894, and proposed marriage to Ellen White. She had been widowed since 1881. Haskell had been a colleague of James and Ellen for many, many years, and was one of her most loyal church administrators. They wrote to each other often on business matters, counsels to the church, and he really admired her. She declined his proposal and gave two reasons. One was that she felt given her position and authority in the church she needed to keep her last name of White. And the other was that she didn’t think anybody could ever compare with James. But she had a suggestion for Haskell. There was a Bible instructor she knew, a bit younger than Haskell, by the name of Hetty Hurd. Ellen told Haskell she thought this woman would make him a very good companion. They were married in 1897.

**If you could encapsulate the life that emerges from this huge mass of historical details and facts, how would you describe Ellen White in a short paragraph?**

**FORTIN:** Ellen White was a very committed woman who, in her understanding of her prophetic ministry, reached out to others to help them understand the will of God for the church and for their own lives. She acted sometimes as a mother to the younger people she corresponded with, sometimes as a colleague and friend to those who were closer in age, sometimes as a pastor to those who were doing things that may not be good; she wanted to help them along, spiritually reviving their lives. Sometimes she acted perhaps as a true blue prophet to shake people up, I’m thinking of Jeremiah for example, or Hosea, Amos. She would be very concerned about the direction some people’s lives would take or the kind of ministry they would do. I’ve got a picture of Ellen White that is very, very broad in her ministry that came from reading all those articles.

**MOON:** At the beginning she was a young teenager who had
been forced to quit school after the third grade due to an accident and she was not recognized as being an authority on anything. Joseph Bates defended her to some of the other Adventists saying, “Look, she’s not educated, she doesn’t know much about things in general, but she’s sincere and I believe she’s a genuine Christian and we need to listen to what she says she saw in vision.” She was pretty much forced to take leadership because of her visions; her husband had several strokes and was completely incapacitated for two or three years, and that’s when she really became a public speaker. Up until then she had been the main public speaker and she gave counsel and wrote letters. She would speak, but usually he would take the Sabbath morning service and she’d take something in the afternoon. After James got sick, she grew into a leader by the demands of the cause. When her husband died, she thought her work was basically finished. She said, “I don’t think I can accomplish much without him.” She had very poor health at that time, but God gave her recovery and she did most of her writing and the biggest share of her contributions in the 35 years she outlived him.

In what ways do you think this book appeals to both lay people and scholars?

FORTIN: For lay people I think it will be a treasure trove of articles on all kinds of topics gathered in one place, written in simple language, very helpful for them to quickly get a good grasp of a particular topic. For scholarly people the amount of references and further reading that is given, trying to tackle some of those hard issues regarding Ellen White’s writings and her ministry. The introduction articles on the life and ministry of Ellen White by Jerry Moon and Dennis Kaiser, my article on the theology of Ellen White, Merlin Burt’s article on the bibliographic essay on all that has been said about Ellen White, George Knight’s article on the various kinds of writing of Ellen White—those articles are very scholarly and will be helpful to the scholars.

MOON: There are a few exceptions, but I would say that with the exception of endnotes in some of the articles most everything is written at the level of a high school graduate. We tried to have the level of accuracy and disclosure such that it will be useful to scholars, but for the most part it’s not in academic language.

What else would you like people to know about the book?

FORTIN: Michael Campbell started as our grad assistant in the early years. He was doing an MA and then went on to earn his PhD. He was a great help connecting us with potential authors, doing preliminary work on the articles when they were received. On his own initiative, since he was doing his PhD in Adventist studies, he began to write a fair number of articles, particularly in the biographical section. Because of his great assistance we decided to put his name as assistant editor. He is currently an assistant professor of Adventist studies at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines.

Another volume on the life of Ellen White, Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet, published by Oxford University Press, will be coming out in May (see page 12). How does it differ from this book?

FORTIN: Jerry would be a better person to ask because he’s been a part of the project. I haven’t seen it yet, but I’ve been asked to review it. It’s a book of essays published by authors who interacted with each other at a 2009 conference of ASDAH (Association of SDA Historians) in Portland, Maine. It includes a number of non-Adventist authors who look at her more from a historical perspective, a woman in 19th century America.

MOON: The big difference is that the Encyclopedia is written entirely by Adventists and primarily for an Adventist audience, although we never forgot that it was supposed to be accessible to the general public. But we also felt that if it wasn’t trusted by Adventists that we shot ourselves in the foot. The other book is pretty well unified, but it’s not apologetic in the least. It’s pretty much straight history, but I think it’s basically a good book.

The idea was that just like Martin Luther was originally of interest only to Lutherans and Catholics—Catholics wrote against him, Lutherans wrote in favor of him—now he’s of interest to the whole world because he’s impacted world history. We’re at the point that Ellen White’s impact on American history is being recognized fairly widely and she’s no longer just of interest to Adventists. She’s of interest to everybody.

HOW TO USE THE ENCYCLOPEDIA

The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia is organized into three major sections, easily distinguishable by the reader. The first section includes major introductory articles on Ellen White, including her life story, the major themes of her writings and principles of interpretation, research resources, her theology, and a bibliography of secondary sources.

The second section is the biographical section, including people Ellen White interacted with, corresponded with, or wrote about. One can recognize the second section by its mostly short articles about individuals and by many photographs inserted in the articles.

The third section, the largest, contains articles on a great diversity of topics, which vary in length from several thousand words to under 100. Also arranged alphabetically and set in double-column format, this section includes entries on themes or doctrines of Ellen White, books she wrote, historical events and places, and institutions she was connected with.

Each article in the biographical or topical sections is arranged alphabetically by a boldface heading. Each article concludes with the name of the author. Unsigned articles are by the editors.
Winter 2014 at the Howard

Visit the Howard Center’s newly updated howard.andrews.edu for a schedule of more upcoming events and to purchase tickets online. Schedule is subject to change.

Great Lakes Academy Music Department Concert
Friday, April 4, 2013, 7 p.m.
No tickets required

Fountainview Academy Concert
Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m.
No tickets required

The Fountainview Academy orchestra and choir will perform a variety of uplifting and inspiring compositions. A freewill offering will be collected to sponsor future projects.

Andrews Academy Concert
Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.
No tickets required

St. Matthew’s Passion
Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.
No tickets required

The Department of Music presents a fully-staged performance of J.S. Bach’s masterpiece, “The Passion According to Matthew.” Produced jointly by Charles Reid, Stephen Zork and Claudio Gonzales, this production features an all-student cast of soloists, the University Singers, and the University Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are now available online! Visit howard.andrews.edu or call the Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442 to order by phone.
Regional events

1 Scottsdale, Arizona
Sunday, January 12, 2014
A dozen of us enjoyed breakfast at the lovely Camelback Golf Club in Scottsdale. Norman Johnson, spouse of L. Dolly Johnson (BA ’62), offered prayer. The warm sunshine was a welcome relief for those of us visiting from Michigan. Pictured are Robert (former faculty) and Linda (BA ’68, BSMT ’69) Carr.

2 Arlington, Texas
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Alumni and friends met at a new restaurant this year, Abuelo’s, where we enjoyed a Mexican buffet in their private room. Niels-Erik Andreasen (MA ’65, BD ’66), David Faehner (MA ’72), John Hilderbrandt (BS ’79), and Tami Condon (BS ’91, MA ’13) shared news and photos from campus. Lisa (Parry) Ward (BA ’93) with son Nathan and daughter Eden are pictured.

3 Las Vegas, Nevada
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
This gathering included local alumni from the area, as well as those attending the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting (CSM). PT professors from campus, Greg Almeter (BS ’96, MSPT ’97), Kathy Berglund (DScPT ’13), and Elizabeth Oakley (BS ’87, MSPT ’88) helped host guests and share updates on the PT program. David Faehner, Tim Sherwin (BS ’80), Tari Popp (BS ’81) and Tami Condon were there to share additional news. A light meal of stir-fry rice boxes and herbal tea was served. Pictured are Rod Olson (BS ’87, MSPT ’88) and Betty Oakley.

4 Roseville, California
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
Thirty local alumni and friends met at the Old Spaghetti Factory. We appreciated a private room, where Tami Condon shared pictures and recent news from campus, President Andreasen took questions, and David Faehner, Tim Sherwin and Tari Popp helped host. Pictured are Niels-Erik Andreasen and Ervin Thomsen (BA ’84, MA ’66, BD ’67, DMin ’77).

5 Napa, California
Thursday, February 6, 2014
About 30 alumni and friends joined us in Napa for a lovely Mexican buffet. Recent retiree G. William Mutch (BA ’66) offered prayer. Tami Condon shared pictures and news from campus, Niels-Erik Andreasen took questions, and David Faehner and Tim Sherwin helped host. Grethe Hartelius (DIP2YR ’51, BA ’54) and Demetra Andreasen (att.) are pictured.

6 Newport Beach, California
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Roy Vartabedian (BS ’77), recent honored alumnus, was one of the 20 guests in attendance. Seated at the table are, left to right: Daniel Hasso (BA ’46), President Andreasen, Nicholas Vallas (BS ’08) and Nephtaly Vallas (BA ’81, MDiv ’86).

7 Riverside, California
Monday, February 10, 2014
Close to 130 alumni and friends packed a private room at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Riverside. Tami Condon shared campus pictures and news, and Niels-Erik Andreasen provided an update and took questions. David Faehner, Tim Sherwin and Tari Popp were also in attendance to assist with hosting.

8 Alumni vs. Cardinals hockey game & open skate
Saturday, February 22, 2014
The Andrews Cardinals once again won the annual matchup, with a score of 6–4. The stands were full of cheering fans and many stayed to enjoy the free open skating session following the game. The Alumni Association provided refreshments.

9 Singapore
Monday, March 10, 2014
Local Singapore alums met to catch up on news from Andrews University provided by President Andreasen and David Faehner.
## Alumni calendar of events

For more information visit us online at [www.andrews.edu/alumni/](http://www.andrews.edu/alumni/) or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

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<td>North Carolina Regional Event</td>
<td>6 p.m.</td>
<td>Asiana Grand Buffet 1968 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville, N.C.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>Ohio Regional Event</td>
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<td>The Golf Club at Yankee Trace 1000 Yankee St, Centerville, Ohio Private Room: The Academy</td>
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<td>Commencement Services</td>
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<td>Michigan Camp Meeting Event</td>
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<td>Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church Cedar Lake, Mich.</td>
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<td>Detroit Regional Event</td>
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<td>Combined Commencement Service</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>ASI/Michigan Regional Event</td>
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<td>DeVoss Place Convention Center 1303 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Mich.</td>
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We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those who will be attending the ASI Conference. More information will be available at the Andrews University booth for conference attendees.

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Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you’re interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check the alumni website or call the office for updates.

### RSVP for an event

RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp.

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**Who are alumni?**

If you’ve attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you’re a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you’re invited to be our honored guest at any of the above alumni gatherings.

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L–R: Leola Innocent (BS ’82), Desrene Vernon (MA ’01, faculty), Maxine (Garriques) Anderson (BS ’81), Cletus Georges (BS ’87), Ruben E. Alarcon (BA ’86)
1960s

Jan Paulsen (BA ’57, MA ’58, BD ’62, MA ’83), immediate past president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is the patron of the newly instituted Harold Baptiste Lecture Series at the University of the Southern Caribbean (USO). The inaugural lecture was presented by Walter B.T. Douglas (BA ’62, MA ’63, BD ’66), professor emeritus of church history and history of religion, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. This lecture series was established in honor of Harold Baptiste (MA ’66), so that succeeding generations of pastors and church leaders may profit from it and be influenced by the moral and spiritual leadership of his exemplary life.

Since graduating from the seminary, T. Gregory Matthews III (BD ’68) served for 7½ years as a congregational pastor in Virginia, working for the Potomac Conference. He later served for 18 years as a U.S. Army chaplain, completing 20 years of active military service. Following that, he became a hospital chaplain for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. He retired on Feb. 28, 2014, with 20 years of VA service, culminating 50 years of service to God and country. His most rewarding assignment was as a member of the teaching faculty of the U.S. Army Chaplain School, where he mentored hundreds of students as to how to remain faithful to denominational tenants within the pluralistic organization of the Army Chaplaincy. Prior to this assignment he earned a Master of Arts in counseling psychology from Chapman University.

1970s

J. David Newman (MA ’74) is retired from pastoral ministry. However, he keeps busy teaching classes for Washington Adventist University and working on a PhD in London, England. The subject of his dissertation is how the Adventist practice of ordination comes from the Catholic church and not from the Bible. He is also the editor for Adventist Today magazine.

1980s

Susan Halchishak Allen (BSN ’81) graduated Dec. 14, 2013, with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Azusa Pacific University. She was the first student to complete this new program at the university. Allen currently teaches nursing in the BSN program at Pacific Union College in California, and is a nurse practitioner. After graduating from Andrews, she earned an MA in industrial education from Eastern Michigan University in 1989, and an MSN from Azusa Pacific University in 2010. Her clinical experience includes hospital nursing, public health and school nursing. In addition, she taught health occupations at the Jackson Area Career Center for more than 20 years. She is the daughter of Shirley and the late Steve Halchishak, and wife of Anthony Allen.

Jerry Thacker (EdD ’87) was named the 2013 Outstanding Educator by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS). Thacker is the Superintendent of Schools at Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation in Mishawaka, Ind., a post he has held since 2006. He received the award at a banquet in Indianapolis on Dec. 9, 2013, where he was recognized for his leadership in the school district and community. Under Thacker’s leadership, the Penn-Harris-Madison school district is rated an A and the district is ranked among the top school districts in Indiana with student achievement at an all-time high.

Patricia Cove (MAT ’89) recently published Chronicles of a Country Girl. It is the story of a girl growing up in the 1940s. She also published a child’s book in September 2013, William’s Problem, for a local Fun With Books Program. All children in the program get a free book each month until they are 6 years old.

2010s

Joshua Sanbria (BSA ’13) has founded Rurban Data Studio with the vision to use design and technology to make emerging communities more dynamic and innovative. The team includes two other Andrews students. The Rurban Data Studio is a hub for entrepreneurs that provides startup companies with a collaborative environment, back-office services, prototyping tools, and a warm introduction to potential investors. The team is currently crowdfunding on Kickstarter.com until March 31 to cover development costs.
**Weddings**

**Angela (Brown) Taipe (BA ’09)** and Daniel Taipe are happy to announce their marriage on Dec. 15, 2013 in Silver Spring, Md. They currently reside in Laurel, Md. They met in Lima, Peru, while Angela was working at the Peruvian Union University.

**Deaths**


Born March 19, 1925, in Can- nelton, he was the son of the late William T. (Wink) and Sarah Nelton, he was the son of the


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ing duty on the Mexican border.

The next year, he was transferred to the 38th Calvary Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, as part of the 38th Infantry Division. The unit served in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon.

After the war ended, he volunteered to join with a major from General MacArthur’s headquarters to scout the islands to talk the 150+ stray Japanese soldiers into surrendering. Bill Hawkes received the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Good Conduct, the Asiatic Pacific Combat with three battle stars, the Philippine Liberation medal, the World War II Victory medal and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Returning from the war, he converted and was baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist in February 1946.

As a missionary in Maracaibo, Venezuela (1953–1956), he opened an English speaking church school for the oil workers’ children and served as a pastor. Returning to the United States, he was ordained and served as a minister at Adventist churches in Holland, Mich.; Lansing, Mich.; Charlotte/Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Petoskey, Mich.; Cumberland, Md.; Parkersburg; Columbus, Ind.; Kokomo, Ind.; Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and in retirement at the Inverness, Fla., church.

His marriage to Wilbertha Weber Hawkes (d. 2010) ended in divorce.

On Nov. 21, 1972, in Berrien Springs, Mich., Bill was united in marriage to Lois Mae Briggs, who passed away July 31, 2011, following an illness. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Diana Hawkes (1984), and a son, William W. Hawkes (2003).

He is survived by his children, April Hawkes Noland of Alexandria, Va., Rebecca Hawkes of Hannibal, Mo., James A. (att.) (Shari) Briggs III of Visalia, Calif., Deborah S. Briggs (BS ’74) of Penn Park, Pa., and William J. (Bonnie) Briggs of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, (Diana) Jessica Mullens; (Rebecca) Tamoura (Adam) Thomas and Arabella (Nate) Martin; (Bill & Bonnie) Heather and J.J. Briggs; and (Jim & Shari) Thomas and Darhla Briggs; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Susan Denise Copin VanderWaal** (MS ’94) was born on Oct. 27, 1964, as the youngest child of John and Edith Copin of Hickory Corners, Mich. She joined older siblings John, Jeanne and Teresa.

Sue grew up in the Battle Creek area and attended elementary and secondary school at Battle Creek Academy, from which she graduated in 1982.

She continued her education at Andrews University and Lake Michigan College, receiving an associate degree from LMC and achieving her RN in 1985. She subsequently completed her BS from the University of Michigan and her Master of Science in nursing with a clinical specialization from Andrews University.

In elementary school, one grade ahead of her, Sue met Curtis Jon VanderWaal. They completed school together, worked at summer camp together, and married in Urbandale, Mich., on June 16, 1985.

Sue first met her vocation of caring for babies at the University of Michigan hospital, in the Step-Down Unit, or continuing care nursery. When the VanderWaal’s moved to the Berrien Springs area in 1990, Sue began work at the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit of Memorial Hospital of South Bend, where she pursued her career for the next 24 years. She began as a staff nurse, worked as a primary nurse, and later managed the unit’s computer systems and services. In the course of her career, she was responsible for primary, hands-on care of her tiny patients, training of new staff members, transporting babies to and from the hospital, parent education and helping to administer the unit.

Sue and Curt welcomed their own babies into their family, beginning with Michael Jon in 1991, then Benjamin Edward in 1995, and Emma Denise in 2001. A devoted mother, Sue helped out at school, cheered them on at many games, supported their participation in the Berrien County Youth Fair, nurtured their many interests, helped take care of their animals, loved and “adopted” their friends, and loved each child unconditionally. Sue and Curt loved to travel with their family throughout the United States and also to Europe.

In early 2012, Sue and her family learned that she had breast cancer. She fought valiantly through surgeries, radiation and chemo, and enjoyed every minute with family and friends. But the disease progressed to her brain and spine, and Sue lost her battle on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014.

Sue was preceded in death by her mother, Edith Copin, in 1982. She is survived by her husband Curtis (BS ’86, faculty), sons Michael and Benjamin, both current students at Andrews University, and daughter Emma; her father John Copin and stepmother Della (DIP2YR ’51); her brother John (att.) (Ruth Ann) Copin, her sisters Jeanne (Dale) Dent and Teresa (att.) (Mark) Cope; her mother and father-in-law Patricia and Neal VanderWaal (BA ’62) and their children, Greg (BS ’81) (Kimberly), Gail (James) Michieff, Robert (Jennifer), and Chris (Macie), many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, and a myriad of friends.

**Ross Hughes** (DIP2YR ’44) of Hendersonville, N.C., died on Feb. 11, 2014, at the age of 90.

Born in Oklahoma on Dec. 28, 1923, Ross spent the first 15 years of his life in China with his missionary parents, the late Alton and Emma Ortner Hughes.

He graduated from Emory Dental School in 1948, worked at the Charles George VA Medical Center, Oteen and retired from James H. Quillian VA, Mountain Home, Tenn. He was a faithful, active member of Mills River Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In addition to his parents, Ross is preceded in death by his daughter, Juana (Bo) Carwile of Midlothian, Va., and grandson, Richard Seidel.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Betty Howard Hughes; daughters Sharryn
life stories


Bruce was born May 30, 1936, in Chicago, Ill., the son of Leroy and Dorothy (Weimerslaugh) Ronk. He earned his doctorate from the University of Nebraska, and served as a professor of English at Andrews University from 1970–1990. Bruce taught at Union College before coming to Andrews in 1970, specializing in composition, Shakespeare, and C.S. Lewis. He left teaching in 1990 for private enterprise, and soon after established the Bruce A. Ronk Research Award, an award for outstanding publication in English studies by members of the Andrews University Department of English.

He is survived by his wife Judy (BS ’80, MAT ’86); his sister, Delores Prellberg; his six children and their spouses—Sherri Amstutz, John and Lorri Reese, Lelan (att.) and Robert Royce, Bruce and Deborah Ronk, Matt and Victoria Ronk, Naomi Reese; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene, in 1977.

E. Loren Hummel (former staff), 82, of Berrien Springs, died Dec. 27, 2013, at Silverbrook Manor in Niles, Mich. Loren was born August 11, 1931, in an old farm house near Nauvoo, Ill.

He graduated from an old country grade school and completed a year at Nauvoo High School before he dropped out to help his father run the farm. He later received his GED diploma.

Loren married Dorothy Reynolds (former staff) on Dec. 2, 1951, and was soon drafted into the Army as a helicopter mechanic/crew chief at Fort Riley, Kansas. They had two children, Connie and Kevin.

He was baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist Church after hearing about Adventists through Dorothy and taking Bible studies.

Before coming to Andrews University in 1971, he worked for seven years on an archaeology project with Nauvoo Restoration, Inc. At Andrews, he was first hired at Plant Services as an equipment operator. Later he worked in the carpentry and paint shops before settling in the supply room. He retired in 2001 after working at Andrews for 30 years.

He was remarried to Nancy Payne (former staff) on March 27, 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy (Payne) Hummel; a daughter, Connie (AS ’78) and her husband Martin Jackson (BA ’77, MDiv ’85) of La Center, Wash.; two stepdaughters, Debera Schutter of Calhoun, Ga., and Suzann Lewis of Kirkland, Wash.; four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Kevin and two brothers, Lewis and Lester.

Jean (Manuel) Reaves (BS ’76) died on Dec. 17, 2013, in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Jean was born on August 4, 1930, in Tulsa, Okla., to Bruce and Lucille Manuel. She was preceded in death by her infant sister Patricia and then her brother Bruce Manuel.

Embracing the third angel’s message in her teenage years, she remained a faithful lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and at her passing had been a member of the Patmos Chapel SDA Church in Winter Park, Fla., for 13 years.

Jean was born with a tenacious determined spirit. While attending Oakwood College she met her lifetime love, Benjamin Reaves. After marriage, while raising three children, she attended classes at Malcolm X College and Chicago State University. Continuing her educational pursuits she graduated with a BS from Andrews University and an MA from Alabama &M. These achievements were followed by doctoral studies at Ohio State University.

With this rigorous preparation, she taught for many years in Adventist schools including: Chicago, Ill. and Huntsville, Ala., at then Oakwood College for 21 years. Her passion to make a difference in the lives of her students continually challenged them to press for excellence.

She was a talented musician, gifted artist and accomplished seamstress. She will forever be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and colleague.

Jean is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, Benjamin Reaves Sr. (MA ’66, MDiv ’73), ninth president of Oakwood College, of Apopka, Fla., one son, Benjamin Reaves Jr. of Huntsville, Ala.; two daughters: Terrilyn (att.) (Thaddeus) Jackson and Pamela Reaves, both of Orlando, Fla., three grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

Elias G. Gómez (BA ’68, MA ’72, former faculty) died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013, at a care facility in Keene, Texas. He was 79 years old and had suffered the painful effects of spasmotic torticollis and ataxia of the cerebellum for 30 years.

He was born in Harlingen, Texas on Sept. 23, 1934. He served as a pastor evangelist in three world divisions, during which time five churches and 15 companies were organized. He organized the first Spanish-speaking church at Berrien Springs in the Michigan Conference. He worked as an administrator in California and Michigan where he was also a member of academy, college and university boards, including the Adventist...
Media Center, and the Pacific Press.

He was the first Hispanic American to be appointed associate director of the Office of Human Relations at the General Conference. During his life, he also served as chair of the Religion Department at Northeast Brazil College, the dean of the School of Theology at the Adventist University in Costa Rica, and as professor of theology at the Adventist University in Colombia.

He organized and implemented the Institute of Hispanic Ministry at the seminary at Andrews University where he was also associate professor in the Department of Christian Ministry.

His love was education. His greatest joy was seeing his students develop into church leaders in several divisions where he taught.

He is survived by his wife Marcia (att.) and his daughters, Rose-Yvonne Colletta, and Suzani McPherson.

Sandra (Mabley) Beucler (BS '71) was born Oct. 7, 1948, in Lacombe, Alberta Canada. She died Dec. 2, 2013, in Reedley, Calif., from a fast-growing glioblastoma brain tumor.

Her college was recognized as one of the top nursing schools in the State of California, and she was named “Teacher of the Year” prior to her death. She was greatly loved by her students and always sought to help them become all that they could be, and to be their very best.

As a minister’s wife, she was an integral part of her husband’s ministry for the past four decades.

She is survived by her husband, Terry, three brothers, Horace, Lonnie (MBA ’76) and Gerald (CERT ’79), and her two boys, Donovan and Charles, three step-children, Shelly, Kelly, Nathan, three adopted children, Jannet, Angela and Michael, along with 10 grandchildren.

John J. Robertson (MA ’46, BD ’65, MTh ’66) was born August 22, 1918, in Rosylyn, Wash., and died Nov. 27, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash.

John and his wife of 72 years, Katherine, served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in pastoral and educational positions from the 1940s through the 1980s. He pastored churches in Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts and California. He also taught religion on the faculties of La Sierra College and Atlantic Union College where he was also chair of the Department of Religion.

John was the first member of his family to attend college—doing so at Walla Walla College. He later completed a Doctor of Ministry at Andover-Newton Seminary in Newton, Mass., the oldest graduate seminary in the United States and the nation’s first graduate institution of any kind.

He was a true believer in the Adventist cause. As a child at a time when severely ill and with concern by his family that he may not survive, his mother made a promise to God. If young John would be spared, she would dedicate him to the work of the Adventist ministry. It was a commitment that he later fully shared.

Among the highlights of his ministry was a commitment to evangelism that was made in each of his churches. He was proud to be able to host R.R. Fighur, president of the General Conference at the church dedication of the Paradise Valley church sanctuary. At the Atlantic Union College religion department he, along with his faculty, were involved in plans to restore the oldest Adventist school building still on its foundations as Founders Hall and to develop that building into a home for the Department of Religion. Another building project John was involved with occurred at La Sierra College. John led his congregation in the complete remodel (including earthquake retrofit) of the La Sierra Collegiate Church—a remodel that included the installation of brilliant windows of swirling stained glass and a distinctive platform in the round.

Those who knew John experienced his enthusiasm for simple pleasures. He was always excited to play golf—playing weekly until well into his 80s. He took up watercolor painting in his 40s and provided a steady stream of landscapes, flowers and boating scenes to adorn the walls of his loved ones. He was a ringleader as a retiree in organizing weekly horseshoe matches with friends.

His Riverside retirement home boasted a variety of fruit trees. He was proud of his family and provided support in many ways.

John is survived by his wife, Katherine, two sons, John (MDiv ’72) and Douglas (MDiv ’77), four grandchildren, including Mary Robertson Peddycord (BFA ’03) and four great-grandchildren.

Richard Hearn (BA ’50) was born June 9, 1925, in Pontiac, Mich., and died Nov. 13, 2013 in Palm Bay, Fla.

Richard served in the army during WWII. Upon his return from the army he enrolled in then Emmanuel Missionary College, graduating with a BA in 1950. In 1961 he graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

He practiced optometry in Berrien Springs for many years and later in the Detroit area where he and his wife Carol moved aboard their sailboat.

In 1993 they retired, sold everything and sailed to Florida. They ended up in Melbourne where they have lived ever since. In 1996 they accepted a two-year mission assignment to Cambodia. Carol’s task was to develop a hymnal in the Cambodian language and Richard took 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses. During the
week she worked on the hymnal and weekends they went to the outlying villages and held vision clinics. Often the eye examination was done under a tree with an eye chart nailed to the tree.

Richard would do the exam and write out the prescription. Carol would search through the glasses for a pair that would best suit the patient. It was gratifying to see the reaction of people who had never been able to see well before and watch them put the new glasses on and off and even pass them to their friends to try.

In 1997 there was a coup in Cambodia and after several failed attempts they were finally evacuated by the U.S. Government to Thailand and then home. When things in Cambodia quieted down they returned to finish their work.

While Carol and Dick were on the other side of the world they were able to travel to Thailand, China, Australia and New Zealand.

Richard was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease in 2002. For the first seven years it was hardly a problem, but in December 2009 he began a slow decline.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carol (Morris) Hearn, three children, Hazel, Douglas (BA ‘79) and Jeffrey (att.), four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Douglas John Dunnett
(MA ‘54) was born in Folkestone, Kent, UK, on April 7, 1922. He died Oct. 7, 2013, peacefully at home. He was raised a Baptist, but converted to Adventism when he was about 14.

He attended Newbold College to study theology and graduated in 1942. Douglas married Mabel Howlett on August 9, 1944. His first pastorate was in war torn London during the Blitz. He received an external BA from London University, then was called to Newbold College to teach.

He decided to attend the seminary in Washington, D.C. and earned his degree with assistance from generous faculty who gave him paid work opportunities. He served at Caribbean Union College in Trinidad from 1954–1959. Then he returned to pastor in the UK until his retirement.

He maintained a long connection with Andrews University through Merlene Ogden, becoming her UK courier for the summer tours for decades. His retirement years were spent in Dexter, Winchester, and finally a rural home in Somerset. He continued to preach in local Adventist churches, rang handbells, gave Bible studies and delivered the village magazine until he became ill in August 2013.

His wife Mabel predeceased him on July 20, 2010. He is survived by his daughter April Dunnett.

Sandra (Allen) Jaster (BS ’62), 73, passed away on June 11, 2013, in Olympia, Wash., after a brief battle with a glioblastoma brain tumor. Sandy had survived four major cancers and associated surgeries over a 38-year period.

Sandy was born on Sept. 19, 1939 in Millington, Mich., to Robert and Esther Allen. She graduated from Adelphian Academy in Holly, Mich., in 1957 and graduated with a degree in home economics from Andrews University in 1962. Following graduation, she moved to Garden Grove, Calif., and taught home economics and physical education at Orangewood Academy until 1968 when she moved to the state of Washington. She taught briefly in public high schools in Longview, Wash., before moving to Olympia, Wash., in 1975.

She loved to sew, bake, and share flowers and vegetables from her huge garden. Sandy used her sewing knowledge by being employed for a number of years in local retail fabric sales.

She was able to attend her 55th academy reunion and her 50th Andrews University reunion in the fall of 2012 and was diagnosed with the brain tumor shortly after returning home. She fondly recalled the reunions as she battled her tumor and was very grateful that she attended and saw many friends.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Lesley Jaster of Olympia, Wash., brothers, Charles (Kaye) Allen of Portland, Tenn., and Dale (Brenda) Allen of Millington, Mich., and many nieces and nephews.

Isabelle B. Delacruz (BA ’70), 84, passed away in Springfield, Ore., on April 25, 2013, after a short illness. Isabel was born March 8, 1929, in San Diego, Calif.

She married Juan Delacruz (former staff) in the early 1950s, and traveled extensively due to her husband’s U.S. Navy commitments. They were baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist Church near San Diego in the mid-1950s. After Juan retired from the Navy in early 1965, they settled in Berrien Springs. Although she was raising three school age children, she enrolled at Andrews as a full-time undergrad student, completing a bachelor’s degree with a major in behavioral science in 1970.

The family travelled extensively across the country, visiting more than 40 states. She once remarked to her children that visiting historical sites was an essential educational pursuit. She worked as probation officer for Berrien County for almost 20 years, and retired to St. Helena, Calif.

A remarkable woman who deeply believed in the value of a Christian education, she spent the rest of her life promoting Christian values and affirming her love of Christ. Those who remember her always remarked about her energy, friendliness, and willingness to help. In her retirement she enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her three children John Michael Delacruz (BS ’78), Karen Ruth Delacruz-Davis (att.), Evelyn Jeanne Takahashi (att.), and six grandchildren.

CORRECTION IN FALL 2013 ISSUE: Audrey Gatewood, Nancy Miller’s stepmother, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Nancy’s survivors. We apologize for the error.
Leona Rachel Glidden Running (BA ’37, MA ’55), 97, professor emerita of biblical languages at Andrews University, died on Jan. 22, 2014, in Berrien Springs, Mich., after nearly six decades of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Andrews University.

Born on Aug. 24, 1916, in Flint, Mich., to Charles Comstock Glidden and Leona Mary Bertha Boat Glidden, Leona showed an early attraction to languages. Her mother, a teacher, began coaching her in reading skills when she was 3 or 4, and she entered Grade 4 at age 8. She graduated from Adelphi Academy in Holly, Mich.

Running graduated from Andrews University (then Emmanuel Missionary College) as valedictorian in 1937 with a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in modern languages. She went on to earn an M.A. in Greek and Hebrew from the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955, and a Ph.D. in Semitic languages from Johns Hopkins University in 1964.

She married Leif (“Bud”) Running on May 17, 1942. On August 20, 1946, when Bud was 37 and Leona almost 30, he died while undergoing his third lung operation.

During her early professional years, Running served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in many capacities. From 1944–1948 she worked in the Foreign Language Division of the radio program Voice of Prophecy, translating programs and typing scripts in German, Spanish and Portuguese. In 1950 she moved to Washington, D.C., to become the copy editor for Ministry magazine. During these early years, Running often far less than her male counterparts for doing the same amount of work. Nevertheless, she continued to do God’s work, traveling to many European countries, promoting the Seventh-day Adventist Church and, at the same time, expanding her cultural experience.

Running began working for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955, teaching Greek and Hebrew. At the time, the president of the seminary was skeptical about a woman’s ability to teach male students, and male students’ willingness to be taught by a woman. She began teaching on a trial basis, but in 1956 she was granted regular status and, shortly after, full tenure.

Not content to sit on the sidelines and watch her students, Running was actively involved in their professional and personal development, and her guidance helped countless individuals find their voice. Her strength and determination during a time when women were not always treated as equals with men, even within the church, were an inspiration to many. When the Seminary was moved from Takoma Park, Md. to Berrien Springs, Mich. in 1960, Running came with it, continuing on as a valuable and dedicated professor of biblical languages. Siegfried Horn (MA ’48), professor of history of antiquity at the seminary, nominated her to the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, and she served as the first female president from 1981–82.

Among her many interests, Running traveled extensively. In 1951, she traveled with Del Delker to the Paris Youth Congress and to seven European countries. Later she published 36 Days and a Dream, recounting her trip. In 1957, she joined Siegfried Horn’s first guided study tour to Europe and the Middle East. She wrote another travelogue of this trip, published in 1958 as From Thames to Tigris. In 1965 she traveled through Europe and studied six weeks in Israel, ending with a trip through Western Turkey and a cruise of the Aegean isles. In 1970, she again traveled through Europe to spend eight days in Iran, a weekend on Cyprus, and 10 days in Israel.

In 1974, she taught in a summer session at Newbold College, England, then spent three weeks in both France and Germany.

For many years Leona collected articles, journals and books on women in ministry. She donated the collection to the Center for Adventist Research in the James White Library (http://www.andrews.edu/library/car/collection/R/Running). The most notable of her multiple publications is William Foxwell Albright: A Twentieth-Century Genius, published by Morgan Press in 1975, a 436-page biography on the “Dean of Biblical Archaeologists.”

She retired from teaching at her 65th birthday, but for 21 years she continued to teach Egyptian, Akkadian and Syriac in the seminary, finally quitting in May 2002. She still edited dissertations and sponsored students, and until late last fall she copy-edited Andrews University Seminary Studies and FOCUS. In 1987 the AUSS staff surprised her with one issue as a Festschrift in her honor, recognizing her 25 years as copy-editor—and she continued another 25. She was featured in the winter 2010 issue of FOCUS.

At the May 2012 commencement ceremony, Leona was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Andrews University.

William Shea (att., former faculty), a close colleague, estimates that Leona assisted more students in writing doctoral dissertations than any other faculty member of Andrews University. She has probably touched the educational lives of more Seventh-day Adventist ministers than any other woman except Ellen White.

Leona Running was predeceased by her husband, Leif Running; her parents, Charles and Leona Glidden; her sister, Beth Habenicht (att., former staff); and her niece, Linda Joy Habenicht (att.).

Besides countless former students and friends around the world, she leaves to mourn her nieces, Merry Habenicht Knoll (BS ’68) and husband Thomas Russell Knoll Sr. (BD ’69) of Walla Walla, Wash., and Cheeri Lee Roberts (BS ’70) of Queensbury, N.Y., along with numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.
Looking for an easy way to make a lasting difference in the lives of future Andrews University students? For Dick and Dixie Scott, that’s just par for the course. By remembering Andrews in their estate plan, the Scotts can continue doing all the things they love today, and still make a significant difference at Andrews in the future.

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Four “snow days” in one month? No, really...January 6, 7, 27 and 28! This has been one for the record books. To date, Andrews has received more than 146 inches of snow this winter, surpassing the record of 125 inches in 2007–2008, the biggest snowfall at Andrews since Grounds started keeping track in 1979 and more than double the average snowfall for Berrien Springs of 65 inches, according to weather records. Grounds takes care of 13 miles of sidewalks and patio areas along with 100 building entrances around the Andrews campus. The staff at Transportation has also been putting in lots of extra hours keeping the six miles of roads and 24 parking lots cleared around campus. Excess snow even had to be hauled off-campus to a field on Timberland Drive. Compared to the same time last year, $100,000 more has been spent on snow removal. Hopefully spring is just around the corner.