

New principal of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School

Evelyn Savory has served for 33 years as teacher and/or principal

Evelyn Savory was raised in a small town in Guyana by Anglican and Catholic parents.

The principal of the town's school was a Seventh-day Adventist. "He was my mentor," says Savory. "He really lived his faith and ran our little public school like an Adventist school. Several students were baptized because of his influence—including me."

She graduated from Caribbean Union College (now University of the Southern Caribbean) with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and served as a missionary. After immigrating to the U.S., she earned a master's degree in education administration and curriculum & instruction from Atlantic Union College while teaching full-time.

She served for 33 years as teacher and/or principal of a number of Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Caribbean and the United States.

To further hone her skills, Savory enrolled in the PhD in leadership program at Andrews University. "I chose the leadership program at Andrews because it is job-embedded so it caters to the working person," she says.

While at Andrews, Savory served in the School of Education as internship coordinator and teacher at the University Center for Reading, Learning & Assessment. She also worked as a substitute teacher with Berrien RESA, Andrews Academy and RMES. In addition, she served on the Lake Union Accreditation team and made presentations for Department of Leadership webinars.

Savory's leadership philosophy is encapsulated in the acronym OPEN. Ownership: you're vested. Partnership: we're doing this together. Empower: build capacity, provide resources and support. Nurture: my responsibility as a leader. Given her experience as an administrator, Savory knows about the challenges facing Christian education and parents who struggle to keep their children in our system.

Savory plans to promote RMES's unique education philosophy which she has dubbed "STEAMS," an extension of what many recognize as STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, but with Arts and Spirituality added. She also wants to revitalize RMES as the laboratory school for



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Andrews University, and to foster continuous quality improvement.

"I've always told God I am open to Him and His plans for me," she says. "Today, I am just as open to Him using me, in concert with our teachers and staff, to keep RMES moving on the trajectory of excellence and a commitment to educate our children for here and eternity."

Lim appointed to service on national board

United States Distance Learning Association Board (USDLA) supports distance learning research

Janine Lim, associate dean for online higher education in the School of Distance Education & International Partnerships, was appointed to serve on the United States Distance Learning Association Board (USDLA) in April. Lim, a recipient of the 2008 USDLA Outstanding Leadership Award, was appointed to the board by Elaine Shuck, the current USDLA president.

"It was an honor to be a presidential nominee," says Lim. "I am looking forward to using my experience to help further the goals of distance education on our campus and throughout the world."

The USDLA, founded in 1987, was the first nonprofit association in the United States to support distance learning research. Created to meet the needs of various learning communities, USDLA works to support and improve methods of distance learning in the United States. In addition USDLA is also focused on international technology-based distance learning. The USDLA focuses on all

legislation impacting the distance learning community and its varied constituencies.

Lim completed her undergraduate studies at Andrews University in 1995, where she obtained her BA in communication with minors in reading and religion. The following year Lim received her MA in teaching, and in 2010 Lim concluded her education at Andrews by obtaining her PhD in leadership.

Lim and her team support over 200 online courses, provide training for faculty teaching online, and work through campus infrastructure to support online learning. They also provide educational technology and LearningHub support for faculty and students. In addition, she is responsible for the faculty and courses that make up the Consortium of Adventist Colleges and Universities.

Lim is currently engaged in a number of research pursuits to determine the factors necessary to reach higher levels of inter-subjectivity and rigor in online discussions



Janine Lim

including researching factors that predict the success of students in self-paced courses and activity patterns, researching the relationship between student surveys of teaching and teacher behavior in online courses and self and external reviews of online courses.

Will we find gravity waves?

Physics professor involved in groundbreaking research

The world of science is effectively on the edge of its seat as researchers are close to making revolutionary discoveries in the area of gravity and gravitational waves. Tiffany Summerscales, associate professor of physics, is an active researcher with the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) collaboration.

Summerscales explains the basis of this research saying, “Einstein’s theory of general relativity posits that mass curves space-time. When the distribution of mass changes, the curvature must also change and that change spreads outwards through space like the ripples on a pond. These ripples, also called gravitational waves, are very faint. Only the most significant events in the universe, like a supernova (an explosion that briefly outshines an entire galaxy), or massive objects are capable of producing gravitational waves of measureable strength.”

The machine features a laser and mirrors which have recently undergone several upgrades. LIGO is designed to detect these gravitational waves for the very first time. Once these evasive ripples are caught, they will reveal crucial information about the bodies releasing them. Additionally, these waves will allow for the possibility to watch scientific phenomena that have never been observed, such as neutron stars and black holes colliding, seeing into the heart of a supernova, and looking back to the moment of the universe’s creation.

“I’ve been a member of the LIGO collaboration since about the year 2000,” says Summerscales. “I started when I was in graduate school.”

The collaboration in which Summerscales works, the burst working group, is specifically interested in discovering short duration signals such as those from supernova explosions. Research is expected to peak within the next two years as the detectors increase in sensitivity to gravitational waves and decrease in susceptibility to ground motion and other sources of noise.

“When LIGO reaches its full sensitivity



Summerscales participated in the seventh annual Celebration of Research symposium in October, which seeks to highlight the recent and current research of faculty and graduate students at Andrews.

within the next year, its going to be 10 times more sensitive than it was originally, it will survey a much bigger volume of space,” she explains. “Our chances of detecting something have gone up significantly.”

Summerscales works with a team of researchers from around the world. Once or twice a year the whole collaboration gets together, with smaller groups like the burst working group meeting weekly, via voice services like TeamSpeak.

“I do a lot research with my students. LIGO research helps me mentor them with their own research projects. I have students working with me on LIGO and our Andrews LIGO group conducts data analysis, meaning students get to help write and test programs that can extract and characterize the gravitational waves in the data from multiple instruments,” she says. “I also have students working with me on public outreach projects. One student even writes computer games to help get kids excited about gravitational science.”

“I really enjoy working with the LIGO group; it’s exciting research,” she says. “It’s a nice environment where everybody helps each other out and you’re all working together toward this research goal.”

The research project is expected to yield results in the near future.

“We might get lucky very soon and catch something powerful that happens close to us,” says Summerscales. “The hope is that we will see something within the next year or two at the most.”

“A Certain Kind of Light”

Adjunct faculty produces first documentary

Keith Wakefield, adjunct faculty for the Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness, has produced his first short form documentary film, “A Certain Kind of Light,” to critical acclaim. Directed by renowned Hollywood filmmaker Brandon Vedder (“La Source,” “In Pursuit of Silence”), the film deals with the concept of whole person care in a healthcare setting.

Wakefield joined Vedder to make his debut as producer. The documentary, which premiered this fall, has been accepted into 11 film festivals both in the United States and abroad. Wakefield, who is also a chaplain at Lakeland Health in St. Joseph, Michigan, has been overwhelmed by the positive response to “A Certain Kind of Light.”



Keith Wakefield

“It’s been amazing to see the response to this film,” he says. “For people to connect with the film emotionally and take the ideas presented back with them to their particular context is really more than I could have ever hoped to accomplish with this project.”

In addition to premiering at a host of film festivals internationally, “A Certain Kind of Light” has won several prestigious awards.

The documentary, funded by Loma Linda University (Loma Linda, California), explores the history of the idea of “whole person care,” beginning with the life and work of Wil Alexander, the founder of The Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness at LLU, and concludes with the ongoing work of the Center. Alexander taught religion at Andrews University in the 60s. Additionally, the film features contributions of scholars, clinicians, students and administrators at Loma Linda University Health who have contributed to implementing the idea of whole person care.



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Campus Safety under new leadership

Ben Panigot appointed as director

Benjamin Panigot has been appointed as the new director of Campus Safety. The position was left open by Dale Hodges, who managed the Office of Campus Safety for seven and a half years until September when he accepted a position in Louisiana to be nearer to family.

Panigot served as assistant director and captain of Campus Safety for the past two and a half years. Since 2007 he has served in several different capacities in the same office.

“We are pleased to have someone who not only knows so much about safety and security but who is also so familiar with the Andrews campus,” says Larry Schalk, vice president for Financial Administration. “We believe Ben will be an excellent director of Campus Safety and welcome him to his new role.”

As a safety officer Panigot has maintained his skills and knowledge base

through multiple channels, including: FEMA Emergency Management Institute; Department of Education Readiness & Emergency Management for Schools; Michigan State Police; Secret Service; National Weather Service and more. He has trained in areas as varied as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), fire fighting, storm spotting, interviewing and interrogation, Clery Act compliance and more.

Panigot has also served on several University committees over the years, as well as been a part of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, the National Fire Protection Association and Professional Adventists for Safety & Security.

“The Campus Safety team works hard to take care of the students, faculty, staff and community members who enjoy being a part



Benjamin Panigot, new director of Campus Safety

of our campus community,” says Panigot. “I’m excited for the chance to lead this team and consider myself blessed to have had such great mentors to show me how to lead.”

Logan composes “We, From Battle Creek”

Four-movement suite for band that reflects on Adventist roots in Battle Creek, Michigan

“I did much of the drafting of this composition’s core material in an alpaca field in British Columbia [Canada].”

Such were the beginnings of Kenneth Logan’s new piece, a suite for band called “We, From Battle Creek.” Logan is a professor of music at Andrews University, also serving as organist and minister of music at Pioneer Memorial Church. His composition reflects on Adventist roots in Battle Creek, Michigan in four movements titled, “The Publishing House,” “The College,” “The Tabernacle” and “The Cemetery.” In all, the work is approximately 20 minutes in length.

The suite premiered on Friday, October 16, in the Howard Performing Arts Center during the 2015 Gift of Prophecy Symposium. Alan Mitchell directed the Andrews University Wind Symphony for the performance.

“For Adventists, several large paths extend from Battle Creek, in terms of our spiritual heritage,” says Logan. “I’ve chosen to focus on printing, educational and worship institutions in Battle Creek. And, of course, I’ve included the resting spot of a number of Adventist leaders, Battle Creek’s Oak Hill Cemetery.”

The first movement of the piece, “The Publishing House,” describes two things,

Logan explains: The earth as a globe, and streams of light.”

The second movement, “The College,” speaks to the Battle Creek institution that dates from the early 1870s. Early academic college history included the study of classics, and Bible subjects were only electives. In 1881, White wrote that “[Scripture study] should have the first place in our system of education.” In the late 1890s a clearer college spiritual focus emerged.

“The Tabernacle,” the piece’s third movement, features a building dedicated in 1879. The composer’s wife’s Grandma Losey remembered this tabernacle as a grand structure. Fully open it could seat around 3,000 people. History suggests the Adventist hymnal “Hymns and Tunes” (1886) was used there, inspiring this third movement of Logan’s suite to use fragments of more than a dozen hymn melodies from that hymnal, fashioning them into new melodies.

The fourth and final movement of Logan’s piece, titled “The Cemetery,” spotlights Oak Hill Cemetery, where many Adventist leaders



Ken Logan introduces his new composition at its premiere on October 16

are buried, including White and her husband James. The music in this movement looks back, “with pathos,” he says, to the solemnity and sadness of the burials of early Adventist leaders. However, the movement also looks forward to resurrection day, “with fanfares of triumph and cascades of celebration.”

“Today it is so easy for Adventists to largely ignore important roots, foundations, groundings,” says Logan. “This musical work can steer us toward some of those.

Logan’s dream is to see “a significant number” of Adventist school bands play the work, “and thus be drawn to consider Adventist roots.”