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Meet Beverly Tatum

By Christine Palm

The Hartford Seminary community is justly proud of all its alumni; each does God's work in varied, meaningful and often unacknowledged ways. However, once in a while a man or woman graduates with a Hartford Seminary degree and goes on to use that experience in a highly visible, remarkable way.

Beverly Daniel Tatum is such an alumna. *Continued on page 6*

Dale Bishop to Join Seminary

Dr. Dale L. Bishop, a Middle East expert with vast national and international experience in fostering interfaith dialogue, has been named Director of Relationships and Resources for Interreligious Understanding at Hartford Seminary.



Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Bishop, who starts his new post in January, served in several key positions with the United Church of Christ, including as Executive Minister, Wider Church Ministries; Executive Vice President, United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM); Area Executive for the Middle East for UCBWM and Division of Overseas Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and *Continued on page 4*

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To the Editor:

Hartford Seminary and *Praxis* are among the rarest and leading instruments of promoting interfaith understanding in the United States. My association with the Seminary dates back to the 1970s when the late Dr. Byron Haines was a member of the faculty, and then Barbara Brown Zikmund took over as the president. I also personally know Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Rabi. Although I (had) read a lot about Dr. Ingrid Mattson before moving to Atlanta in June, 2001, I did not have the pleasure of meeting her in person.

What impresses me most is the tremendous expansion of programs and community outreach instituted by the new president, Dr. Heidi Hadsell... Now that the University of Connecticut has established an on-campus Islamic Center, I hope the Seminary will use that center as well, to hold lectures, seminars and workshops to (help) dispel the stereotyped image of Islam and instead bring about the commonalities of the three great Abrahamic religions.

Mohammad Zaheer

To the Editor:

Just had to tell you that using the website has become so much easier with the new format. As a 1967 graduate with a Master of Arts in Religious Education, HSF (as I always knew it) continues to touch my life here in Biloxi, Mississippi. Please commend Christine Palm for the expertise that is so clearly evident in each issue of *Praxis*. It brings me back to a campus now finding its existence as a law school... and to a period when the "Scholarly Ministry Curriculum" was in vogue. Across the miles and years...

Shalom and Love,
Bruce M. Williams
(known to his friends as "Pipesmoker")

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news briefs

New Album Released

Miriam Therese Winter and the Medical Mission Sisters, known internationally for their initial award-winning recording, *Joy is Like the Rain*, and many others, released their latest album, *Keepsake*, in August.

Keepsake, a collection of new and newly arranged best-loved songs by Winter, extends an invitation to sing into being the world we dare imagine, a world united in common cause and deeply rooted values, a world for which we long.

Among the songs in this collection are such favorites as "Long Road to Freedom" and "Joy is Like the Rain," as well as 14 other selections that sing of hope, justice, peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

The singing is by Quanta, the Women's Leadership Institute choir at Hartford Seminary. Those who have loved the singing and songs of the Medical Mission Sisters will be pleased to discover that the sound and style of this new release evoke memories of earlier albums, creating a mood that is soul-stirring and engaging. These spirited songs celebrate life, linking our everyday moments to themes that are transformative of society and ourselves. Take the time to join in the singing.

Keepsake, in CD or cassette format, is available from Hartford Seminary's bookstore. Miriam Therese Winter, a Medical Mission Sister, is professor of liturgy, worship and spirituality at Hartford Seminary and director of its Women's Leadership Program.

Environmental Award

Hartford Seminary has received a Green Circle Award from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection in recognition of its outstanding environmental action and education projects.

The Seminary was honored for purchasing 100 percent certified renewable energy and for donating significant time and resources to environmental projects. The Seminary has retrofitted all lighting to low-wattage fluorescents, upgraded to computerized controls to manage and conserve HVAC energy; printed its letterhead on recycled paper, used only fertilizers on its lawns and supplied mugs for staff coffee to reduce use of paper and Styrofoam cups.

In addition, the Seminary is a partner in the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, which presents an annual environmental forum and works with faith groups on environmental issues.

Study Tour Planned

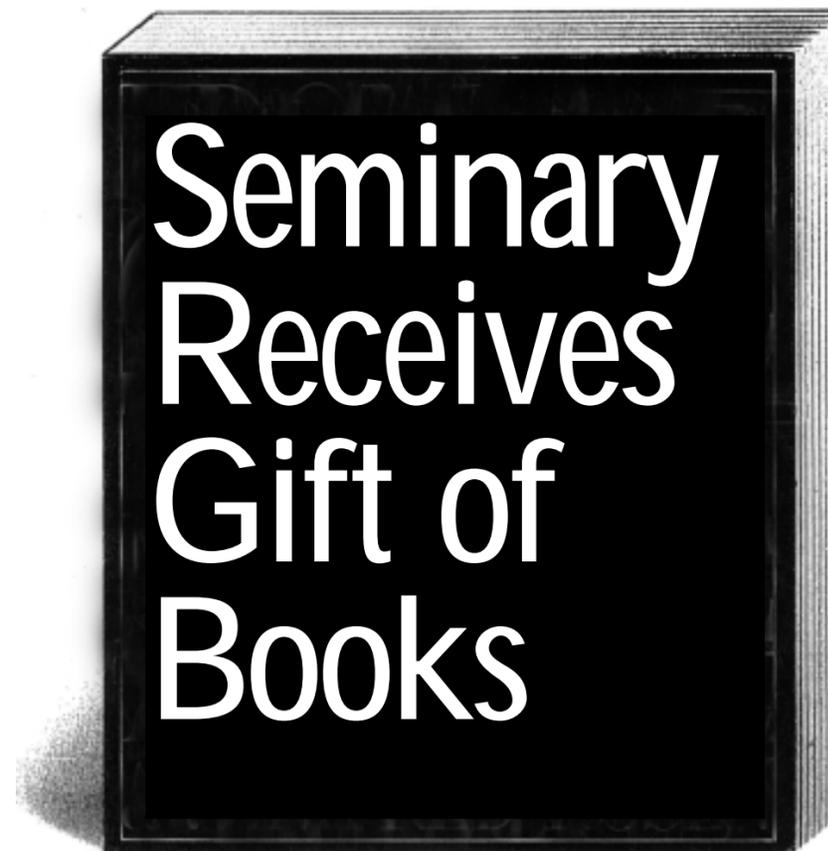
Hartford Seminary is planning a two-week study tour in January 2005 to India, Pakistan and Nepal.

This itinerary would allow participants to become acquainted with four major religions in the area: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Sikhism. In addition, the group would visit Christian churches and institutions in India.

Those interested in learning more about the study tour, including costs, dates and a more precise itinerary, should contact the Seminary's Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations at (860) 509-9534 or macd-ctr@hartsem.edu.

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By David S. Barrett
Director of Public and Institutional Affairs

Steven Blackburn, the Seminary's library director, was sitting at his desk this fall when the phone rang. Wendy Grammas was calling, offering a priceless gift – the book collection of her late father, Irving Berkelhammer, a Biblical scholar and advocate of interfaith understanding.

Since that phone call, Grammas has visited Hartford Seminary twice, and brought about 750 books, most of them rare Judaica works that the library did not own. Blackburn said of the gift, "we have been profoundly graced."

In a recent interview, Grammas, who lives in Greenwich, CT, described her father and the journey of this special collection from his library to Hartford Seminary.

Berkelhammer, his wife Phyllis and his children Allen and Wendy lived in Scarsdale, New York. A lawyer by profession, Berkelhammer was deeply religious. He also was deeply intellectual. "His favorite Sabbaths would be spent reading in his library," Grammas said.

"Books are very sacred," she said. "The books were his road map. They guided him in his personal journey and in teaching others."

Berkelhammer believed in interfaith dialogue. He felt that as people we must be open-minded and respect other religions. Grammas recalls that Seders at her childhood home usually included Christian clergy.

At the time of his death in 1969, Berkelhammer was president of his synagogue, Westchester Reform Temple. He delivered sermons there, as well as engaging in public speaking.

"His library is second to none. A tremendous collection."

According to Grammas, her father said that "knowledge provides personal freedom. It allows us to make educated choices."

Vince Bellew, in a memorial letter written to Grammas and her brother and published in the Eastchester Record newspaper, said of Berkelhammer, "Your father was the strongest man of the Jewish faith that I have ever met, but the most tolerant of all others as well. The spirit of tolerance prevails in your own home at this very moment as your mother is president of the Women's Interchurch Council of Scarsdale."

"He was a man of books. His library is second to none. A tremendous collection," Bellew wrote.

Grammas's mother died in 1999, and the book collection went into storage temporarily. But Grammas was looking for a new home for the library. "It was important to us to give back, to share what he learned," she said.

Grammas is on the board of New Neighborhoods, a non-profit organization that develops affordable housing, and a colleague on the board, the Rev. Mary Marple Thies, suggested that Grammas consider Hartford Seminary as the recipient of the book collection.

Grammas looked up the Seminary's website and immediately realized that the Seminary's commitment to interfaith dialogue and understanding matched her father's beliefs. She then called Steven Blackburn and the gift was accepted.

The donation includes, besides the books on Jewish theology, collections of sermons and addresses and texts on ethics.

The timing is providential, Blackburn said, because he has been considering ways to strengthen the Seminary's Judaica library. Yehezkel Landau is in his second year as faculty associate in interfaith relations and is teaching courses on Jewish spirituality and Scripture from a Jewish perspective. These texts will be especially useful to students in Landau's classes.

Grammas is delighted that her father's memory and wisdom will be able to live on at the Seminary through his books.

Hartford Seminary Launches New "Building Abrahamic Partnerships"

Hartford Seminary will launch a new interfaith training program for clergy, religious educators, and seminarians from the three Abrahamic faith traditions in June 2004. The initiative is called "Building Abrahamic Partnerships" and is funded by a three-year grant to the Seminary from the William and Mary Greve Foundation.

"Our society needs a new style of religious leadership, grounded in a particular tradition and, at the same time, able to interact effectively with other faith communities," Yehezkel Landau, faculty associate at the Seminary and director of the new program, said. "Hartford Seminary, building on its strengths as an interfaith, dialogical school of practical theology, has designed this innovative program to be a resource for Jews, Christians, and Muslims throughout North America who seek a solid foundation in interfaith ministry."

"Building Abrahamic Partnerships" will position the Seminary to serve as a resource center on Christian-Muslim-Jewish relations for clergy, seminarians, and all those engaged in ministry.

It will educate participants in the history and traditions of the three Abrahamic religions and give them practical applied pastoral theology and wisdom and guidance on relating to those of different faiths, especially with regard to complex or sensitive interfaith issues.

The program has three goals:

- Educating participants about the beliefs and practices of all three faith traditions
- Creating a safe and supportive environment in which clergy, religious educators, and seminarians can forge mutually beneficial relationships across communal boundaries

- Helping participants acquire pastoral skills useful in interfaith ministry

The format for the training programs will be eight-day intensive seminars in January and June. The aim for both sessions will be to enroll 10 members of each faith tradition, for a total of 30 participants.

Landau is in his second year as faculty associate in interfaith relations. His responsibilities include teaching courses in Jewish spirituality, Hebrew Scriptures, and religion and peacemaking and serving as a liaison with the local Jewish community and an educational resource for area churches and mosques.

The first session, in June 2004, is designed for seminarians and religious educators.

Those interested in participating should contact Landau at ylandau@hartsem.edu or 860-509-9538.

Lundeen Will Head Development Office At Hartford Seminary



Dr. Ronald A. Lundeen, ACFRE, one of the top religious fundraisers in the United States, has been named chief development officer and faculty associate at Hartford Seminary.

Lundeen, who started at the Seminary on September 15, brings an enthusiasm for theological education to his new position. He is an engaging individual interested in developing relationships with the many members of the Seminary community, locally, nationally and abroad.

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- Ronald A. Lundeen

Lundeen said that he is delighted to join Hartford Seminary because it is "an institution whose influence in church and society is far greater than its self perception. Few seminaries have better reasons for their existence than does Hartford Seminary because of its commitment to interfaith understanding. Moreover, Hartford Seminary increasingly provides training for a newly defined ecumenical constituency of Christians, Muslims and Jews."

No one else does the work that Hartford Seminary does, he said.

Seminary President Heidi Hadsell said that she is delighted that Lundeen has decided to join the Seminary team. "Ron is excellent at making people understand the importance of theological education and is intensely committed to this type of education. He will bring his passion for fundraising as well to the Seminary," she said. "I am

delighted that, in Ron Lundeen, the Seminary will have a preeminent spokesman for theological learning."

Already Lundeen has goals for advancement — the guiding vision that advances the cause of the Seminary; development — the planning of programs that result in the contribution of time and financial support; and fundraising — the implementation of those plans.

Lundeen said he plans to prepare, first, a compelling, urgent case for support, which motivates giving from the donor's point of view and, second, a comprehensive fundraising program, using both volunteers and staff.

Lundeen also will teach at the Seminary. His first course will be "Stewardship and Fundraising for Religious Leaders" in the June 2004 summer session. Other potential courses are "Stewardship Lessons in the Parables of Luke," and "Why People Give: Lessons from Hebrew, Islam and Christian Traditions."

Prior to starting at the Seminary, Lundeen was director of the \$40-million Mission Initiative fundraising campaign for the Presbyterian Church (USA). He raised \$6 million in just five months.

Previously he was vice president for advancement at San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), completing a successful \$11.5 million capital campaign there.

In 2000, Lundeen was recognized by National Public Radio as a top religious fundraiser in America.

Lundeen is chief executive of Northwest Development Counselors in Scottsdale, AZ, a consulting firm he founded in 1986. A 1979 graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary with a J.D. degree from Taft University in September, he also has worked as a development officer for Luther College in Decorah, IA; for Luther-Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, MN; and for the former Lutheran Church in America when it was based in New York City. His consulting firm has worked with more than 100 organizations in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Lundeen also is Visiting Professor of Stewardship at Chicago Theological Seminary and has taught at San Francisco Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union.

In 2001, Lundeen was a consultant to the Seminary and completed an assessment of the Institutional Advancement Department, which he plans to use as a basis as he begins his new position in Hartford. He was a member of the Seminary Board of Trustees, resigning his position to join the staff.

About Hartford Seminary, Lundeen said that, "In some wonderful way, I believe that God has called me to serve this institution. My contribution will be to maintain the commitment we have to our excellent faculty and outstanding students by being responsive to their needs through the solicitation of funds for their support."

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General Secretary for Mission Program, Common Global Ministries Board of the UCC.

From 1990 to 1993, he was Middle East Director of the Church World Service, National Council of Churches.

"When I heard Dale was retiring from the UCC, I jumped at the chance to bring him to the Seminary, because his expertise makes him ideal as someone who can help us build partner-

ship here at Hartford Seminary."

In his new position, Bishop will be responsible for increasing the profile of Hartford Seminary overseas, and identifying appropriate Christian partners, including other seminaries and institutions of higher education — especially those in areas of the world where Christians are in the minority. In addition, he will serve as an additional resource for

ularly, to see if we can develop outreach programs with these institutions both by bringing them here and sending Seminary scholars there."

Bishop, who earned his Ph.D. in Middle East Languages and Cultures from Columbia University in 1974, holds an M.A. in History from Columbia (1971) and a B.A. in Classics and History from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio (1968). He earned a

Middle East scholarly journals, *Christianity and Crisis*, *The Christian Century* and *The Columbia Encyclopedia of the Middle East*. He has given many lectures on global mission, including The Gregory Lecture at Lancaster Theological Seminary (1998), The Simpson Lecture at Andover Newton Theological School (2001) and The Frederick Trost *Festschrift* (2001). In addition, Bishop taught a course on global mission at Lancaster Theological Seminary during the summer of 1998.

His professional experience is punctuated with many notable achievements. For example, while at the United Church Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ, and the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bishop broadened the involvement of those bodies in the Middle East far beyond the traditional emphasis and initiated personnel assignments to Cyprus, Egypt and Israel/Palestine. He helped secure AID grants for UCBWM-related schools in Turkey, and led the process of creating an independent foun-

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ships," said President Heidi Hadsell. "Not only does he have tremendous experience in Christian-Muslim relations, Dale is a resource to help us think through international Christianity today. In addition, he knows about the meaning of mission in the 21st Century, which we consider to be strengthening relations between religious communities. And thinking in innovative ways about mission in our world today is the way we

Hartford Seminary faculty, students and visiting scholars.

"For me, this is a kind of reunion with Hartford Seminary," Bishop said. "For many years, while at the NCC, I worked with people at the Macdonald Center, and I always admired the work they do in furthering dialogue among Christians and Muslims. I will work to foster good relations between Hartford and other institutions of theological learning, partic-

Fulbright Faculty Fellowship for study in India in 1979. From 1974 to 1980, Bishop served as Assistant Professor of Middle East Languages and Cultures at Columbia, with a specialty in Iranian Studies (pre-Islamic and Islamic periods).

Bishop is the author of numerous articles on Middle East issues—notably the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Lebanon and Iran. He has written about Christian-Muslim relations in

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dition, the Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey, for the schools' long-term support, a move which freed the UCBWM of significant financial obligations to the schools and enabled their survival and development in that country. He also began dialogue with Iranian scholars and diplomats, which led to an invitation to participate in an international conference in Iran in 1988 and participation in dialogues with Iranian religious leaders in Geneva and Tehran from 1996 to 2001.

Also, while at the UCBWM, Bishop deepened the relationship of the UCC with the Armenian Evangelical Unions in the Near East and North America by negotiating the legal transfer of funds from a previously restricted fund held by UCBWM. This enabled the use of approximately \$100,000 per year in the Republic of Armenia and in Syria and Lebanon. He was the only non-Armenian invited to participate in a global conference at Haigazian University, an Armenian university in Beirut.

As Middle East Director of the Church World Service of the NCC, Bishop staffed a visit by 18 heads of NCC-related communities to the Middle East as a witness against the Gulf War. He helped conceive and direct "The Olive Branch," a relief and reconciliation project which raised \$2 million for humanitarian aid to Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and Turkey.

Most recently, as Executive Minister to the UCC's Wider Church Ministries, Bishop led the church through major

administrative restaffing and helped build the organization's endowment.

"What I bring to this position is expertise with Christians overseas, as well as Muslims," Bishop said. "I hope Hartford Seminary will benefit by having more contact with Muslims and with Christians living in Muslim lands such as Lebanon and Indonesia."

Tatum, who graduated in 2000 with a Master of Arts degree in religious studies, is now serving as president of Spelman College, a private, liberal arts, historically Black college for women located in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the author of the acclaimed book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race* (Basic Books, 1997), which The New York Times recommended as required reading for teachers and administrators dealing with race issues in the nation's schools.

In addition to her Seminary degree, Dr. Tatum holds a B.A. in psychology from Wesleyan University (1975), and both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan (1976, 1984, respectively).

Her personal religious journey brought her from the world of psychology to the world of Hartford Seminary, where she soon found her calling as an educator.

"Beverly's greatest asset is the fact that she has no ego," says her longtime friend and mentor, the Rev. Edward P. Harding, Jr., a Presbyterian minister who first encouraged her to consider Hartford Seminary, from which he had graduated in 1992 with a D.Min. degree. "Often, persons as gifted as she is, persons with her large skills, are far too vested with an equally large ego. But because of her humility, she has engendered such loyalty among her faculty and students alike, that people want to join her team. Beverly considers herself reserved, but she has an intellect and a wit that are just

unparalleled."

Tatum and Harding became associated when she was one of his parishioners at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Massachusetts, when he was pastor there. Harding, who recently completed a new church start for the Presbyterian Church in suburban Maryland, delivered the address at Tatum's presidential inauguration in 2003. He told a capacity crowd that day, "God uses generations to run this race as if it were a relay race – an upscale race. You go down to fight, but I'm going up to pray. The baton is passed on to the next generation. Dr. Tatum – it is your turn to take the baton and run this race..."

Q&A With Beverly Tatum

Beverly Tatum was interviewed recently by Praxis Editor Christine Palm.

Q. You are trained as a clinical psychologist, and earned a Masters degree in religious studies from Hartford Seminary. What led to the change in focus? What drew you to the Seminary initially?

A. My interest in Hartford Seminary was stimulated by my own faith exploration, rather than any professional reason. I had been involved for a number of years in social justice education – teaching about racism in particular. During that time, in the 1990s, I was on the faculty at Mount Holyoke College, and in the fall of '91, I gave an anti-racism workshop for clergy at a seminar in St. Louis which had a very powerful effect on me. It was an experience which led, really, to a strong spiritual awakening — my friends say I got "zapped in St. Louis." I left that workshop with some profound theological questions that had been stimulated during the discussions. So I followed up with my pastor, the Rev. Dr. Edward P. Harding, Jr. who was at that time pastor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Massachusetts. We started talking on a regular basis about the social justice and theology questions I was concerned with.

At the time, I was in sabbatical from my teaching in the psychology department at Mount Holyoke and I was doing all this reading. I read the Bible from beginning to end and was engaged in what I call an independent study with Rev. Harding. I

grew tremendously in my faith journey. But when Rev. Harding announced he was leaving for a position in Washington, D.C., I asked him how I could continue these conversations. He suggested that I talk to the Rev. Barbara Headley, who was then dean of admissions at Hartford Seminary. I didn't pursue it for a while but then, in the fall of 1992, my sabbatical had ended and I found myself distracted by my spiritual quest and I knew I needed to find a way to integrate my spiritual and professional lives.

Q. So that led you the Seminary...

A. Right. I went to see Barbara Headley, who was very gracious and spent a lot of time with me and eventually gave me a catalogue of Hartford Seminary courses. It wasn't that I intended to pursue another degree, but I was particularly excited about the descriptions of the Ministry Seminar. So I applied to the Masters Degree program.

Q. So how did you go from there to president of Spelman?

A. The Rev. Barbara Brown Zikmund was president at the time and she was teaching the Ministry Seminar. When I first started in fall of 1993, I took a few classes each semester while I was still teaching psychology, and although I had no intentions of aspiring to become an administrator, I had assumed the role of dean at Mount Holyoke in July of 1998. Once I became dean, my schedule was very busy and I found I didn't really have time for the courses at Hartford Seminary. But I really loved my studies there, and had invested a lot of time and energy in the program and wanted

to finish the degree. So BBZ and I talked about how I could finish the coursework in my spare time. Meanwhile, I had written my book *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* and we talked about how I might use that book toward the fulfillment of my requirements.

Eventually, I got my course writing done, and at the very end, BBZ and I were talking about what was next in my life. She was about to step down from her ten-year tenure as president, and on the day I completed my degree requirements, she and I discussed my future plans. She asked me if I had considered becoming a college president. When I said I was thinking about the possibility, she told me, "You can't be the president of just any college. You have to find one that you can truly love because the work is so demanding, you work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But, she said, "you will do a lot for your lover." And I have come to understand quite clearly what she meant – the match has to be perfect. I do love my work at Spelman, and it turns out she gave me some very valuable advice.

Q. Like Hartford Seminary, Spelman's roots are Christian and yet you embrace a multicultural and multi-faith student body and mission. How did your time at Hartford Seminary prepare you for your leadership of Spelman and your time at Mount Holyoke?

A. I am so proud of my Hartford Seminary education, and my work there has been tremendously useful for me. I, of course, identify as a Christian, but I took a few courses on Islam with Jane Smith and Ibrahim Abu-Rabi in which we looked at

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the intersections of the two religions. The students taking the course were very diverse — there were Christians, Muslims and Jews. The conversation was every engaging and I grew a lot. It became very valuable to me at Mt. Holyoke, where there were members of at least 10 different religions on campus. I worked with a woman named Andrea Ayvazian, who was dean of religious life, to build a state-of-the-art interfaith sanctuary. My experiences at Hartford Seminary were very helpful in nurturing that truly inclusive community.

At Spelman, similarly, we have a multi-faith community, but with a very strong Christian tradition. The college was established in 1881 by two white Christian women from the North for the education of women of African-American descent. In the first class, the women were all freed

slaves. And even though there's no particular faith tradition, we certainly honor our Christian tradition, but reframe it in a way that is inclusive. The essence of Christianity is the spirit of hospitality and welcoming the stranger – essentially, the principle of treating people the way you would like to be treated. Certainly, this is not unique to Christianity, but is true of all major religions. We embody that inclusiveness. I've tried to broaden people's thinking.

Q. Can you give us a few examples?

A. Last year, for example, instead of having the traditional Christmas party, we began a new tradition of a holiday party that is truly welcoming to everyone in our community. I also hosted an Iftar celebration at the President's house during Ramadan. We have a very diverse faculty, including several

Jewish faculty, and I sent out holiday greetings for the High Holy Days. I'm just trying to get people to pay attention to the diversity around us.

Q. What about the student body at Spelman?

A. While we are, indeed, historically an all-black institution, we have a non-discrimination policy and welcome students of all races. The school is now 97% black but is open to all. Most of our non-black students are foreign exchange students.

Q. In addition to providing a great education to women of color, Spelman is also one of the few women's colleges left in this country. What do you see as the strengths of this kind of education?

A. I think Spelman provides a unique opportunity to give young women – especially black women — center stage. In this context, there are multiple opportunities for them to emerge as leaders, and I think that's terribly important – for them and for society.

Q. What do you think of the ways Hartford Seminary has changed over the years since you were here? For example, its increased profile as a theological think-tank and increased international engagement?

A. I keep up with all the great institutional progress through Praxis. I have always thought Hartford Seminary is a wonderful place and I am still delighted with my Seminary degree. You know, Andrew Young, a Seminary alumnus, is here in Atlanta and we often talk about how valuable our Hartford days were. By the way, I am regularly asked to give sermons in various places and I am reminded often how valuable my Seminary experience was – learning how to give an exegesis comes in handy. I have Hartford Seminary to thank for that.

Q. What advice would you give students currently entering the M.A. program?

A. I think it is fabulous that there's a required course in dialogue, and my advice would be to take as many courses in interfaith dialogue as possible. I'm thrilled to see they are leading the way in that area. That's one of the main reasons I consider my Hartford Seminary experience to be among the very best I've had, and believe me, I've had a lot! So I would tell new students to take full advantage by engaging in interfaith education and awareness. Really soak it up!



PHOTO: SPELMAN COLLEGE

Rev. Dr. Edward P. Harding, Jr. and Beverly Tatum

Reunion Turns Strangers into Friends

How do you spell “stranger”? It’s a question people of goodwill grapple with daily. How do we recognize “the other” in our midst? How do we make those different from us feel welcome? How do we find commonalities, rather than differences?

Seeking the answers to such questions forms the foundation of true engagement in interfaith dialogue. And what better place to explore these questions than surrounded by old and new friends at the Hartford Seminary Reunion this spring?

On April 23 and 24, 2004, the Rev. Dr. William McKinney, former Seminary dean and keynote speaker for the event, will lead alumni/ae in this exploration. McKinney, president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, will be joined by Hartford Seminary professors Jane Smith, Ingrid Mattson and Yehezkel Landau, as well as Dean Ian Markham, and students and alumni/ae Shareda Hosein, Lorraine Bouffard, Alice O’Donovan, Frank

O’Gorman, Shelley Copeland and Cheryl Daniels for some insightful panel discussions.

“The purpose of the reunion dialogue is to get people thinking about whom they personally consider to be strangers and ways they might be uncomfortable with the group they have identified,” says Nancy Aker, Alumni/ae Relations Coordinator. “Most importantly, however, we’ll focus on the ways our individual faiths help us accept and welcome the stranger. We do not want the discussion to be a list of who is considered a stranger and who is not, as that is polarizing. Instead, we want to determine how our various faiths help to be inclusive and accepting of the ‘other.’”

McKinney’s address will take place on Friday night; on Saturday, attendees will gather in the Meeting Room for panelists’ responses. The discussion will be open to all attendees so that the discussion is interactive. Following this gathering, alumni/ae will be invited to attend one of many break-out groups led by the panelists.

Finally, the James Gettemy Significant Ministry Award will be given at Saturday’s luncheon. Please see below for a tentative schedule of the Reunion and facing page for the distinguished Alumnus Award nomination form.. Call Nancy Aker at 860/509-9518 or aker@hartsem.edu with questions and to reserve a place.

Alumni/ae Reunion Schedule April 23 & 24, 2004

Friday April 23

5:30	Registration and Refreshment	Lobby
6:00 – 7:15	Distinguished Alumni/ae Dinner	Meeting Room
7:30 – 8:30	Keynote Address – Rev. Dr. Bill McKinney	Meeting Room

Saturday April 24

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and Coffee	Lobby
9:30 – 10:00	Worship	Meeting Room
10:00 – 11:15	Panel Discussion	Meeting Room

Panelists:

Moderator – Rev. Dr. Bill McKinney

One member of each breakout group will react to Bill McKinney’s remarks from the keynote address and explain how the discussion will be continued and what will be focused on in their particular breakout group.

- Ingrid Mattson and Shareda Hosein (student) - Islamic Chaplaincy program and how it deals with the issues related to welcoming and being the ‘stranger.’
- Yehezkel Landau - Mideast peace and bringing strangers together
- Ian Markham and Jane Smith - Dialogue and the importance of an interfaith focus
- Lorraine Bouffard, Alice O’Donovan, Frank O’Gorman - issues of inclusion and exclusion for members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community
- Shelley Copeland and Cheryl Daniels – How urban ministry confronts the “stranger”

Discussion will be open to all participants after panelist comments.

11:30 – 12:45	Breakout discussions	
	• Ingrid Mattson and Shareda Hosein	Rm 205
	• Yehezkel Landau	Rm 206
	• Ian Markham and Jane Smith	Chapel
	• Lorraine Bouffard, Alice O’Donovan, Frank O’Gorman	80 Sherman
	• Shelley Copeland and Cheryl Daniels	76 Sherman
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2:30	Reunion closing	

Nomination Form Distinguished Alumnus Award

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee _____ Graduation year _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Program of Study _____

What are you nominating this person for? Distinguished Alumnus/a Significant Ministry

Why is this person a good choice for this award?

Nominator/Contact Information

Your name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you an alumnus/a of HS? _____ If so, year graduated _____

Your signature _____

Thanks for taking the time to submit this nomination!

Dudley Honored

Congregational Studies: Reflection and Celebration

Hartford Seminary hosted an extremely successful congregational studies conference and fundraising dinner, in honor of Carl S. Dudley, professor of church and community at the Seminary, who became faculty emeritus in residence July 1. The dinner raised more than \$150,000 toward the establishment of a new program, titled New Horizons in Congregational Studies, that will help the Seminary develop and train a new generation of leaders in congregational studies. More than 100 people attended the daytime conference, which was held at the Seminary and brought together congregational studies scholars to discuss how the field has matured and its future course. The dinner was held at the Town and County Club in Hartford and was attended by 170 people who enjoyed a sometimes funny, sometimes serious roast of Dudley.

Far too many of the Hartford Seminary family supported the Congregational Studies event on September 12, and the retirement dinner in the evening, for me to adequately express my appreciation.

Both the day and the evening exceeded our most exaggerated expectations – in the number of people attending and the amount of money donated to the New Horizons Program to develop new leaders.

Best of all, we heard so often that the daytime work and the evening roast were energizing and fun. I emerged with feathers singed but with great affection for Hartford Seminary and all our wonderful friends.

Yes, responding to inquiry, home videotapes of parts of the conference and the roast are available through Mary Jane Ross at the Hartford Institute for Religion Research (mross@hartsem.edu or 860-509-9543) – but the pictures are gone forever, I hope.

**Thank God! Thank you!
- Carl.**



Shown on this and facing page:

(A) William McKinney, president of Pacific School of Religion and former dean of the Seminary, listens during the afternoon session of the conference. McKinney led the audience in a participatory session that produced a timeline in the morning and was the master of ceremonies at the dinner.

(B) Carl Dudley and Barbara Wheeler, president of Auburn Theological Seminary, participate in the morning session of the conference. Behind them is a timeline that details the key developments in congregational studies over the past three decades.

(C) Dudley thanks the audience at the dinner.

(D) Eddie Perez, mayor of Hartford, talks with Davida Foy Crabtree, conference minister for the Connecticut conference of the United Church of Christ, during a reception before the dinner.

(E) Michael Rion, former president of the Seminary and a business ethicist and consultant, is among those listening at the morning session of the conference.

Aker Named Associate Director of Development



Nancy Aker, a development professional with several years' experience in project planning, operational management in corporations, grant writing and non-profit auditing, has been named Associate Director of Development, Ron Lundeen, Hartford Seminary Executive Director of Institutional Advancement announced.

In her new position, Aker will assist Lundeen in managing the Institutional Advancement Department. In particular, she will be responsible for grant research, alumni/ae relations, representing the Seminary to various foundations, expanding the donor base, and strengthening ties to prospective donors.

Aker first came to Hartford Seminary in July 2002 to work in the Seminary's Institutional Advancement department as a grant and research coordinator. She also is a Master of Arts student, and plans to graduate with a degree in theology and ethics in June 2004.

Before coming to the Seminary, Aker served with Lutheran Social Services, United Way, and The Hartford.

"Nancy's vast experience in a variety of settings has provided her with a wide range of skills and familiarity with a variety of constituencies," Lundeen said. "Along with her skills, Nancy's passion for Hartford Seminary makes her an ideal fit for this role."

Aker, 43, of West Hartford, attends Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford. She holds a B.S. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin and an M.B.A. from Boston University.

Of her new position, Aker says, "I intend to work to build our donor base across giving levels and in a variety of funding sources. Expanding such funding potential is critical to the institution's future. In addition, I'd like to deepen our ties to our alumni – a tie which, happily, is already very strong. I plan to create a number of

diverse opportunities for alumni/ae to maintain their connection with the Seminary in order to appeal to different alumni/ae groups. Those alumni/ae who graduated before the 1970s have a different

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Ron Lundeen, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

relationship to their classmates and the Seminary than do the more recent graduates. It is important for the Alumni/ae Council and me to develop events that will be attractive to both types of graduates – all our alums mean so much to us!"

Aker welcomes comments from alumni/ae and friends of the Seminary and can be reached at 860/509-9518 or by email at aker@hartsem.edu.

New Staff

Three new staff members have joined the Hartford Seminary community recently.



Saima Malik, who served as co-director of Educational Outreach programming from 1995 to 1998, has rejoined the staff as program assistant to the new Islamic

Chaplaincy program, where she works with Dr. Ingrid Mattson. In her new part-time position, Malik will respond to outside inquiries, and help promote the Chaplaincy program to prospective students, other institutions and the media. In addition, she will help develop and design a new website for the program.

"I am very happy to be back at Hartford Seminary and I'm excited to be working on this important program," Malik said. "It's an honor for me to play a role in a program that trains Muslim chaplains, as Muslims are an integral part of the American landscape."

Malik's parents emigrated from Pakistan to England, where she was raised and educated. Malik, 34, lives in Bloomfield with her husband and three young children.



Joining the communications and public information department as communications assistant is **Abdullah T. Antelpi**. In this capacity, he will be involved in educational outreach programming and registration, creating public information pieces and generally helping to get the word out about the Seminary's offerings.

A native of Turley, Antelpi, 30, came to the United States to attend the University of Pittsburgh, from which he graduated with degrees in both business and English. Antelpi, who joined the Seminary staff in August, is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts program, with a concentration in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations. He hopes to earn his Ph.D. in the future.

"I have had a lifelong personal involvement in interfaith dialogue," Antelpi says, "so Hartford Seminary is definitely the right place for me to be, because I can pursue this commitment academically and achieve my goal. There is so much strife in the world, and I believe this is a place institutionally committed to overcoming those differences."

Antelpi's background includes eight years teaching English in Burma and Malaysia. He will soon be joined by his wife and young daughter at his Hartford home.



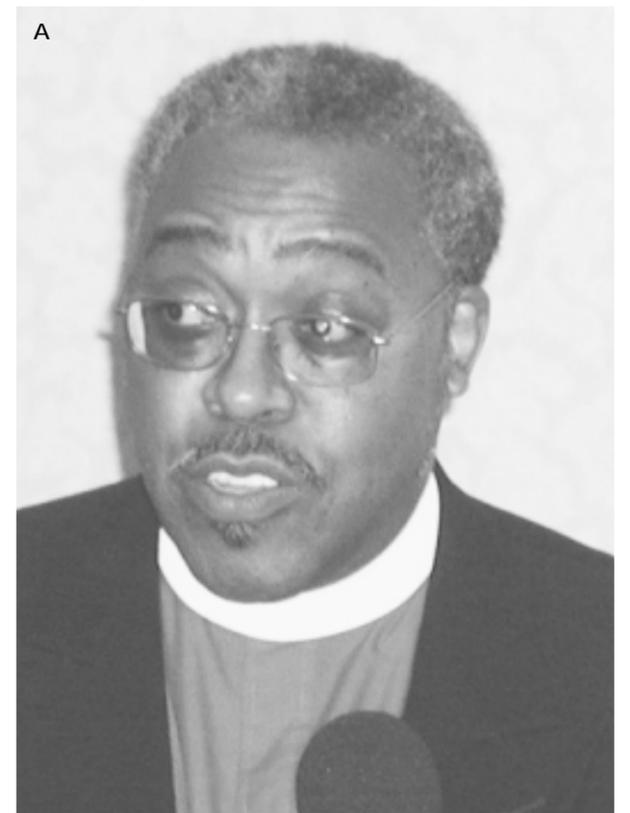
Lois Hiller, who retired in June from teaching math in the Simsbury and Naugatuck public school systems, has joined the Seminary as part-time library reference assistant. She began by volunteering at the Seminary over the summer, and became a staff member in September. She is available Mondays from 3 to 9 p.m. to help students and visitors to the library conduct research, find articles and books and navigate internet web sites.

Hiller's association with Hartford Seminary began in the summer of 2001, when she worked on a project with Jack Ammerman, who was then library director. The project was applied toward her Masters Degree in Library Science, which she earned from Southern Connecticut State University in May of this year. In addition to her job at Hartford Seminary, Hiller volunteers at Capital Community College as reference librarian, and works at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in West Hartford.

Hiller, who lives in West Simsbury, holds a Masters degree in education from Central Connecticut State University and a B.A. in English from New York University.

A 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Black Ministries Program

The Black Ministries Program's Class of 2003 sponsored a banquet on September 26 to recognize the 20th anniversary of the program and to celebrate their completion of the two-year course of study. Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt Jr., who initiated BMP and guided it for 12 years, was the keynote speaker. Bishop Hoyt (A) is the 48th bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, overseeing the district that comprises Louisiana and Mississippi and chairing the church's Department of Lay Activities. The Rev. Dr. James B. Walker, pastor of Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E. Church in Hartford and Trustee at Hartford Seminary, introduced Bishop Hoyt. Here they share a light moment during the introduction (B). Miriam Therese Winter, a professor at Hartford Seminary, is shown receiving an award for her 20 years of service to BMP (C). Receiving a similar award was the Rev. Dr. Alvan N. Johnson Jr., pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Bloomfield, shown here talking with Kelton Cobb, a professor at Hartford Seminary (D). In welcoming the audience at the banquet, held at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Hartford, The Rev. Dr. Benjamin K. Watts, director of BMP, said, "The program has made many changes but none of the changes has ever strayed from the founding dream. Today BMP is as committed as ever to educating future generations of women and men to serve the Lord with a pure heart and a well prepared mind."



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The Rev. Dr. Benjamin K. Watts, director of BMP

Faculty Notes



Efrain Agosto chairs the Hebrew Bible Search Committee this fall, which means soliciting applications and organizing interviews on

behalf of the committee. He offered a workshop on "Prophetic Preaching" to the annual retreat of the General Association of United Church of Christ ministers at the Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT, on September 22. On October 9 he attended a conference on Apocalypticism at Union Theological Seminary in New York. November was very busy with trips to Fuller Seminary in California to visit with a Latino doctoral student and his professors on behalf of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, a Latino Pastors Conference in the Pocono Mountains, PA, where Agosto spoke on "Leadership in Paul," and the Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta. Two essays from his sabbatical work also came out in November: "Commendation in Paul" in Paul Sampley, ed., *Paul in His Greco-Roman World*, and "Patronage and Commendation in Paul: Imperial, Anti-imperial" in a volume on *Paul and the Roman Empire* edited by Richard Horsley.

Though book reviewers are not usually paid for their services, **Steven Blackburn's** writings for *Choice*, published by the American Library Association (ALA), have resulted in the donation of approximately \$8,000 worth of new books for the Seminary Library from the ALA. Receiving guests to the Library from abroad has also kept Blackburn busy lately, with Department of State sponsored tours of scholars from Malaysia, Uzbekistan, and Indonesia coming to view our holdings. Individual scholars from Turkey and other lands have also been shown the Middle Eastern manuscripts and other highlights of the collection. Arabic enrollments in Blackburn's classes are up to record levels this fall, with ten students in his first year class. He continues his guest preaching in area Congregational-Christian churches, along with filling the pulpit at the Universalist Church in West Hartford on October 12.

Kelton Cobb represented the Seminary at a United Church of Christ symposium on the teaching of comparative religions in UCC-related seminaries and universities that occurred in New Orleans in October. Along with Ian Markham, who serves as its editor, he enjoyed the appearance of the premier issue of the new journal, *Conversations in Religion and*

Theology, which came out in the spring, and looks forward to the next issue, due out this month. Cobb serves as Associate Editor of *CRT*.

Carl Dudley was the keynote speaker at the Good Samaritan Conference on Urban Ministries at Hope College, Grand Rapids, MI, in October and preached at First Presbyterian Church in Hartford. He made two presentations at the Religious Research Association / Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting in Norfolk, VA. They were titled "Congregations Engaged In Conflict" and "Surprises and Confirmations in Faith-Based Community Ministries." Dudley participated in the Covenant Network Conference of the Presbyterian Church, USA, meeting in Washington, D.C., in early November.

In July, **Heidi Hadsell** continued her work with an ongoing working group on Ethics and Globalization, attending meetings at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. In September, she joined the Project 21 Seminary Advisory Committee in Des Moines to consider "Charting a New Path for Pastor and Congregation." That month she helped coordinate a National Council of Churches - Justice for Women consultation, titled, "The Status of Feminist Organizing in Ecumenical Churches since the 1970s: Projects and Challenges," at Hartford Seminary; spoke about the Seminary at the Seabury retirement community in Bloomfield, CT, and was the speaker at a Sunday forum on Ethics and the Environment at Round Hill Community Church in Greenwich. Hadsell participated in a consultation at the World Council of Churches on the world council and other religions in Bossey in October and in an interfaith dialogue session in Chicago. She led two forums at Saint John's Church in West Hartford, CT, in November and attended the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Atlanta. Hadsell wrote a book review on "Dissent from the Homeland" for *Christian Century*.

Yehezkel Landau participated in an international interfaith conference entitled "Agenda for Reconciliation" held in Caux, Switzerland, in August. September saw the publication of his research report commissioned by the U.S. Institute of Peace, entitled "Healing the Holy Land: Interreligious Peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine" (accessible online at www.usip.org/reports) and of an article in *Tikkun* magazine entitled "Religious Responses to Atrocity" (www.tikkun.org). During September and October Landau conducted a four-part course on "Healing the Holy Land" at St. James's Episcopal Church in

West Hartford. In October, he was guest speaker at a meeting of the board of the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council, led a discussion forum on Middle East peace-building at South Congregational Church, East Hartford, traveled to Nashua, NH, to speak at Rivier College on "Religion, Conflict, and Peacemaking" as part of its Peace and Social Justice Series and delivered the Shapiro Lecture in Jewish-Christian Relations at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He also addressed the challenges within Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations at a luncheon for local clergy and lay leaders, hosted by the Chicago office of the American Jewish Committee. At the end of the month, Landau was in Boston to co-lead a workshop on "Grass-Roots Peacebuilding among Israelis and Palestinians" at the national conference of *Brit Tzedek v'Shalom*, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace in Israel/Palestine. In November, he spoke on "Spirituality and Public Life" at the bi-monthly meeting of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue Group of Connecticut, addressed a public gathering convened by the Interfaith Council of Suffield, CT, on the subject "Healing the Holy Land," participated in a Jewish-Christian consultation on "Understanding Oneself through the Other" at Temple Emanuel in New York City, led an "Issues Forum" at South Congregational Church, New Britain, facilitated a discussion on the Torah portion of the week, *Chayyei Sarah* (Gen. 23:1-25:18), at Trinity College Hillel in Hartford and attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta and used the occasion to publicize the new "Building Abrahamic Partnerships" interfaith training program at Hartford Seminary. He also made media appearances on "Voices in the Wilderness," a cable access program aired around Connecticut and "Simply Put," a live talk show on Bloomberg radio.

In September, **Worth Loomis** attended the rededication of the renovated Sterling Quadrangle at Yale University, which houses the Yale and Berkeley Divinity Schools, and subsequently participated in the installation of Joseph Britton as the new Dean of Berkeley Divinity School. In October, Loomis attended as a member of its Advisory Committee the four day Conference I of the Episcopal Church's Reconciliation Project, meeting at the College of Preachers in Washington, D.C. As Chair of the World Affairs Council's Executive Forum he introduced Joseph J. Grano, Chairman and CEO of UBS Wealth Management and Chair of the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council who spoke on the US economic

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outlook. In November, Loomis introduced Leon Fuerth, National Security Advisor to Former Vice President Al Gore, who spoke to the Executive Forum on "The State of the World." He participated in the Ethical Concerns Discussion Group monthly meeting at the Seminary, which discussed Armand Nicholi's new book *The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex and the Meaning of Life.* Loomis also attended the two-day quarterly meeting of the Yale Development Board.

Ian Markham taught an eight-session course called "A Gallop Through History" for Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, and a two-session course on "Toleration and Disagreement" at Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford. He preached at the Unitarian Society of Hartford in November. The American edition of Markham's *The Funeral Handbook* was published by Hendrickson Press as well as the second issue of *Conversations in Religion and Theology*. In the journal, he wrote an editorial called "The Theology that Sells." He organized a session at the Association of Sociology of Religion on "Sociology and Theology" and presented a paper "Learning from Radical Orthodoxy: Challenging Sociological Assumptions."

Ingrid Mattson is pleased to report that, with the help of Scott Thumma and the new Assistant to the Director of Islamic Chaplaincy, Saima Malik, a new web site for the Islamic Chaplaincy program is on-line. We intend to develop this site into a resource for those interested in Hartford Seminary's Islamic Chaplaincy Program, for those interested in accommodating the needs of Muslims in institutional settings and for Muslims working in chaplaincy. We were delighted to award our first Graduate Certificates in Islamic Chaplaincy at the October graduation and to have the program featured in the Connecticut edition of *The New York Times* on October 12. On Labor Day weekend, Mattson gave a number of presentations in Chicago at the 40th annu-

al convention of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), an organization in which she still holds the elected position of Vice President. In mid-September, Mattson, along with other Macdonald Center faculty, met with a State Department sponsored group of Muslim leaders from Uzbekistan and Indonesia. Later that month, Mattson was invited to Washington, DC, to meet with senior Democratic Senators and a small group of national faith leaders to discuss the state of religion and politics in the country. Public outreach and lectures this fall have included events at St. James Church in West Hartford, the Islamic Center of Long Island, Westminster School in Simsbury, and Tunxis Community College. At the end of October, Mattson presented a paper at a conference on Muslim women at Georgetown University.

Jane Smith made a number of presentations over the past four months: in September, "Why am I as a Christian compelled to relationship with persons of other faiths?," Commission on Interfaith Relations, National Council of Churches and "American Islamic Women: Crafting Their Own History," Union Theological Seminary; in October, panel participant for "Christian and Muslim Women Gather for Dinner and Dialogue," St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church, Hartford, and "Muslim Women and the Challenge of American Society," Georgetown University conference. She has served as advisor to the "Listening to Islam" project of Faith and Values Media since the spring. Smith's publications included: "Muslims as Partners in Interfaith Encounter: Models for Dialogue," *Zion's Herald* (July-August 2003); "Sayyid Hossein Nasr and the Christian-Muslim Encounter," published in *Beacon of Knowledge: A Tribute to Sayyid Hossein Nasr: "The Islamic Understanding of Death and Resurrection,"* with Yvonne Haddad (Oxford University Press, 2003 reprint), translated into Indonesian, and "Women's Issues in American Islam", *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America* (Indiana University Press, 2004).

Miriam Therese Winter spent most of August in Australia as visiting lecturer for the Network of Biblical Storytellers, giving talks and workshops on the theme of "The Story Within the Story" in Melbourne and in Brisbane and keynoting the network's national conference at Alexandra Headlands in Queensland. Other sponsors of her visit were The Council for Christian Education in Schools in Victoria and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, where she led in-service Spirituality Days for primary and secondary school teachers. Her most recent CD, "Keepsake," was launched at the Uniting Church Centre in downtown Melbourne in collaboration with Rainbow Books, the distributor of her music throughout Australia and New Zealand. The new CD is available in the U.S. from the Hartford Seminary bookstore or directly from the Medical Mission Sisters. In November Winter was keynote speaker for the 9th Annual Helen Barrett Montgomery Conference at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY, where she gave presentations on the theme, "Remember the Sabbath."

In September, **Cynthia Woolever** helped lead a day-long workshop and meeting of U.S. Congregational Life Survey researchers and consultants in Louisville, KY. She attended the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association in Norfolk, where she presented a paper. Woolever was elected to serve on the Nominations Committee of the Religious Research Association. She delivered the keynote presentation in October to the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies in Washington, D.C., at the end of October. In November, Woolever participated in the Indianapolis Center for Congregations field project in Indianapolis and made a presentation to the Seminary Board of Trustees.

In Memoriam

The Hartford Seminary community lost the following beloved members recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their friends and families.

Jane C. Bourns, wife of Hartford Seminary Corporator Courtney Bourns, who died on Sept. 9 at the age of 66. She was a nationally recognized advocate for the rights and welfare of children, and served as director of children's services at the Wheeler Clinic in Plainville, Connecticut, from 1977 to 2000. "Jane embodied the spirit of child-abuse prevention," said Sid Johnson, president of Prevent Child Abuse America. "Her spirit lives on in the work she accomplished." Jane Bourns served as chair of the State Department of Children and Families' advisory council, as well as the Association of Child Guidance Clinics.

Dr. James Dixon Douglas, a 1955 Hartford Seminary alumnus (Ph.D.), who died on Aug. 13. Douglas, who earned his M.A. and B.D. at St. Andrews, Scotland in 1953, also earned his STM degree from Hartford Seminary, in 1954. His Seminary Ph.D. thesis became his first book, *Light in the North* (1964), a scholarly introduction to the Covenanters. He played a key role in the World Congress on Evangelism in 1974 at Lausanne. Among his many edited works are the *New International Dictionary of the Christian Church* (1974) and the *New Bible Dictionary*. Most recently, Douglas contributed sections on 20th Century Scottish churchmen for the forthcoming *New Dictionary of National Bibliography*. Friends remember him as an avid linguist, traveler and raconteur. At his memorial service, one recalled, "Who would visit Sydney and decline a ferry trip on our magnificent harbour, a visit to our unique Opera House, or a walk in the beautiful Botanic Gardens? Jim did, preferring instead the local supermarket, the Forsyte Saga on TV and planning a birthday party for his hosts' pet budgie..."

The Rev. **Charles Floyd Fuller**, 91, who died on Sept. 10. Fuller earned his M.Div. degree from Hartford Seminary in 1938. He served as pastor of the Advent Christian Church in Plainville, CT, as well as Congregational churches in Colchester, Hamden and Derby. Although serving as pastor was his first love, he was known as an avid and accomplished farmer, mechanic, patented inventor, activist and public school teacher.

The Rev. **Elsie E. Fuller Gibson**, who died on November 9 at Avery Heights, Hartford. She received her Bachelor of Divinity degree from Hartford Seminary in 1934 and was ordained that same year in Maine. She was a widely published author whose work on ecumenism appeared in *The Christian Century*, *Cross and Crown*, *Benedictine Review*, *Cross Currents*, and *Christianity in Crisis*. A Protestant observer to Vatican II, she was also the author of several books, including *When the Minister in a Woman*. Elsie Gibson was a member of

Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford.

The Rev. **Hollis "Hal" Huston**, Hartford Seminary professor from 1967 to 1968, who died in June. His wife, Lorelee, completed the Black Ministries Certificate Program in 1985 and received her M.A. in Lay Ministry in 1994, and his mother-in-law, Lucile M. Farr, completed the BMCP in 1987. Huston, 81 at the time of his death, also taught at Southern Methodist University, Ohio Wesleyan University and Amherst College. He earned both his B.D. and his Ph.D. from Duke and was a Fulbright Fellow to Oxford University. He served as minister of First Church in Windsor, and established an interfaith forum in that town. He also served as pastor of the Warburton Community Church in Hartford and on the ministerial staff of Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Hartford.

Ora Anderson Mongiore, who died on July 12, at the age of 92. She received her M.A. from Hartford Seminary in 1934 and served as a religious educator and in the domestic mission field in various locations, including with A.J. Muste at Labor Temple in New York City, and at the Albany (NY) Inner City Mission. In addition, she served at Casa Materna in Portici, Italy. She was the author of *Hope for America in Crisis*.

Bishop Mae Daisy Whitehead, who died on August 1 at the age of 86. She received Biblical training at Hartford Seminary, as well as at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She was appointed pastor of the Temple of Prayer and Worship, Keith Dominion House of God in Illinois and was later appointed State Bishop of Illinois and State Bishop of Diocese No. 1 in Connecticut. She provided spiritual guidance to members of churches throughout Connecticut.

The Rev. **Harry Yoder**, who died in October at the age of 96. Yoder, a longtime administrator at Bluffton College in Ohio and who served as pastor of several Mennonite churches, received his M.Div. from Hartford Seminary in 1935. He graduated from Bluffton College's Witmarsum Theological Seminary in 1932. An avid farmer, Yoder ran a farm with hundreds of chickens and was an expert furniture restorer. He served as pastor of five churches in Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania over his years in ministry.

In addition, we note the deaths of the following members of the Seminary community, about whom no other details were available:

Barbara C. Eicher, M.A. '58, of Glendale, California, who died on Sept. 13.

John H. Sunburn, who died on May 7, 2003, and received his M.Div. at Hartford Seminary in 1951.

The Rev. **Phillips Todd**, of Albion, Nebraska, who died earlier this year. He studied at Hartford Seminary from 1940 to 1943.

Alumni/ae Notes



Richard L. Carlson, '55, writes that he was ordained into the ministry of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on May 29, 1955. His wife, Estelle Miller Carlson (Kennedy School of Missions) and he served as that denomination's missionaries in Thailand from May 1956 through July 1974. They returned to the States and he was licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator in Connecticut. He was employed by The United Methodist Homes of New Jersey in October of 1977 and served that organization as administrator of Methodist Manor in New Jersey until his retirement in July, 1999. Estelle Carlson died in May of 1991, and Richard Carlson presently lives in Newton, New Jersey. Fellow alumni may contact him at 4 Dogwood Dr., Newton, NJ 07860. Tel: (973) 383-7664. E-mail is rcarlson@ptd.net.

Billie Baxter Earnhart, '68, writes from his home in Encinitas, California that he is retired from the United Methodist Church and as Chief of Chaplains at the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center in La Jolla, California. He currently serves as a volunteer Visitation Minister for St. Mark's UMC in San Diego, does volunteer ministry at a La Jolla nursing home and serves as Community Representative on the University of California San Diego/V.A. Medical Center Ethics Committee for Geriatric Research.

Margaret Berger Morse, '91, has published her fourth book, *Vermont Life Stories - Memories of Summer Living in the Green Mountain State* (Revised Edition, 2003, 1stBooks Library). The profits from this book, along with the profits from her previous books, are placed into a not-for-profit bank account for cancer patients who are in financial need. Morse and her husband live in Guilford, Connecticut, during the year and spend summers at their camp on Lake Champlain, North Ferrisberg,

Vermont. Morse can be reached at cplottie@aol.com; her books can be found at <http://VermontLife.com> and www.1stbooks.com and <http://torreysmiracle.homestead.com>.

Robert L. Polk, '55, has been honored by the Riverside Church in New York City. The Robert L. Polk Distinguished Criminal Justice Lecture Series honors the Rev. Polk, who founded Riverside's Prison Ministry in 1972. This bi-monthly series was conceived as a way to honor Polk's living legacy and to continue the work he started. Rev. Polk was a tireless worker for prison reform, strengthening family advocacy and developing restorative justice. His efforts, and those of the ministry he founded, are directed toward eliminating the social, political, and economic disparities within a punishment system that has betrayed its promise of "justice for all."

Corrie L. Triewth, '72 and '74, who was known as Genia Pauli Haddon at the time of her graduation, suffered a stroke in 2001 which paralyzed her entire right side. One year later, she had learned to use a special one-handed keyboard well enough to begin typing a manuscript about her experiences. It became the book *Through a Stroke of Luck: Seeing Simple Mysteries of the Universe* (Plus Publications, 2003). She says that the book tells "how I'd struggled, laughed, wept and even celebrated through that astonishing and revelatory first year as a hemiplegic..." (The book) challenges conventional understanding of how human and divine interface." Triewth dedicates all royalties from the sale of the book (which is available at amazon.com) in 2004 to her hometown's volunteer ambulance corps. She lives in Windham, Connecticut.

40 Leaders Participate in National Consultation on Feminist Organizing in the Church Held at Hartford Seminary



One panel discussion at the consultation focused on "Visions for the Future: Generation Gap?" Participating (top), from left to right, were: The Rev. Jennifer Butler of New York City, co-chair of the National Council of Churches' Justice for Women Working Group; Ann Delorey of Arlington, VA; The Rev. Kimberleigh Jordan Vaughn of New York City and Kathryn Lohre of Pine Island, MN. Listening (bottom) are, from left to right, Mary Ann Lundy, Santa Fe, NM; Kiyoko Kasai Fujiu, Skokie, IL, and Barbara Ricks Thompson, Silver Spring MD. In the background is Carol Q. Cosby, who is on the staff of the Christian Church (Disciples) Office of Disciples Women."

The Justice for Women Working Group of the National Council of Churches (NCC) brought a diverse group of 40 participants to a September national ecumenical consultation on the state of the women's movement in U.S. churches. The consultation was co-sponsored by Hartford Seminary, which hosted the event.

The consultation, titled "The Status of Feminist Organizing in Ecumenical Churches since the 1970's: Prospects and Challenges," was funded by a grant from The Sister Fund and contributions from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Commission for Women and the NCC's Justice for Women Working Group. The purpose was "to present an opportunity

to church leaders to reflect on the status of women's organizing for justice and equality since the 1970s and to strategize about the future of this work in the wake of backlash and denominational struggles."

"We hope that the consultation and report will provide a body of material helpful for historians and activists who seek to understand the recent history of women in the church and will increase awareness among foundations and individuals of the importance of contemporary feminist, mujerista and womanist empowerment in the churches," said Jennifer Butler, co-chair of the NCC's Justice for Women Working Group and Director of the Presbyterian UN Office. "We also want it to serve as a start-

ing point for new and innovative work."

The work completed at the consultation, along with a survey of the NCC Justice for Women network, will be compiled and synthesized in a written report for conferees and other interested parties. Hartford Seminary's Hartford Institute for Religion Research conducted the survey and Adair Lummis, Faculty Associate for Research at Hartford Seminary, offered an overview of the results for the Consultation.

Lummis identified key areas of concern that emerged in the survey, returned by 76 persons from 11 denominations. Concerns included the need to involve younger women, backlash from people who felt their power or prestige diminished by women's entry into church leadership, the persistence of racism and women's organizations' loss of control over their financial resources.

"In the works for a few years, the Consultation documented the backlash against feminist organizing in the form of challenges to women's commissions and organizations in the national denominations, among other attacks," said Karen Hessel, Program Director for the NCC's Justice for Women Working Group. "As it turns out, the timing was sadly prophetic, as a proposal was announced this week to dissolve the formidable ELCA Commission for Women as part of a restructuring in the ELCA. This conference, and more like it, are clearly needed to help us to mine our past stories and experiences and start thinking creatively about what to do in the future so that this vitally important work of women continues."

The 40 participants were chosen for their experience and expertise regarding the recent decades of struggle for full equality of women in all facets of life in the churches and in society.

They came from multiple denominations, including United Methodist; Episcopal; Presbyterian Church (USA); Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); American Baptist Churches; United Church of Christ; Progressive National Baptist Convention; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; International Evangelical Churches, Pentecostal, and Society of Friends. They were pastors, lay leaders, and seminary faculty, deans and presidents.

Aruna Gnanadason, director of the Women's Program for the Geneva-based World Council of Churches, also attended. She commended women in U.S. churches for their strong awareness of the special responsibility of U.S. women for advocacy from a faith perspective regarding U.S. policies and their effects on women and children globally.

The three-day event included worship, panel discussions and table groups looking at the past and future for women's leadership in the churches and in society.

To learn about the survey results, contact Adair Lummis, faculty associate at Hartford Seminary, at alummis@hartsem.edu or 860-509-9547.



Hartford Seminary's January Intercession will run from Monday, January 12 through Friday, January 16. The Winter/Spring 2004 semester will run from Monday, January 26 through Monday, May 3.

There will be no classes the week of April 5 – 9. The Seminary's courses are open to members of the public on

a space-available basis and carry three graduate level credits. Individuals who do not wish to take courses for credit may apply to take courses as an auditor. Many classes fill up quickly, so students are urged to register early to ensure a place in their courses of choice. For students enrolled in a three-credit course, the cost is \$1,150. The non-credit audit fee is \$575. A special audit fee of \$385 for those who are age 62 and older also is available.

To register, please contact the Registrar's Office at (860) 509-9511. Her e-mail is registrar@hartsem.edu. To see specific course syllabi prior to the semester or learn more about Hartford Seminary and its faculty, visit our website: www.hartsem.edu.

JANUARY INTERSESSION

Ministry in Multi-faith and Multi-contextual Communities Monday, January 12 – Friday, January 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the particular challenges created by diversity in all its forms. Particular attention will be paid to the different types of pastoral care required of, and the different demands placed on, persons working in multi-faith and multi-contextual ministry settings. *Ahmed Nezar Kobeisy, Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry and Counselor and Muslim Chaplain, Syracuse University*

Deep Growth: Empowering and Enabling Mission and Ministry to Mainline Churches Monday, January 12 – Friday, January 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Many people today believe that most numerically growing churches are conservative in character and theology, and that most mainline denominations and 'liberal' churches are in terminal decline. Using some of the latest research and scholarship, this course sets out to challenge that assertion. Using a range of materials (stories, scripture, problem-posing education, practical theology, etc), the course develops theologies, strategies and vision for empowering and enabling mission and ministry in mainline churches. *Martyn Percy, Adjunct Professor of Theology and Director of the Lincoln Theological Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Manchester, England*

WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Major Themes in the Bible and Qur'an

Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

This course will engage the scripture of Christians and Muslims (Hebrew Scriptures, New Testament and Qur'an) through a comparative reading of common themes. Similarities and differences of interpretation will be analyzed with reference to historical and modern forms of exegesis,

attention being given to the social-cultural contexts in which scriptures and commentaries exist. *Jane I. Smith, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations [Guest lecturers will be Efrain Agosto, Professor of New Testament, and Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations]*

Introduction to Islamic Law

ONLINE

This course is an introduction to the history and practice of Islamic law. During the first part of this course, the sources of Islamic law, the formation of Islamic jurisprudence, and the history of Islamic law in society will be examined. In the second part of the course, contemporary issues and developments in Islamic law will be explored. *Ingrid Mattson, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*

ARTS OF MINISTRY

Ministry in Daily Life

Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

This course provides an introduction to the biblical and theological basis for ministry, with special emphasis on ministry in daily life. The seminar also explores possibilities for integrating theory and practice by means of an appropriate spirituality and assists students in assessing their personal call to ministry. *J. Alan McLean, Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry and Pastor Emeritus, First Church of Christ, Hartford*

ETHICS

Theological Ethics and the Personal Life

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This course will examine issues of personal morality and faith. The course begins with a brief introduction to theological ethics, and then moves to practical issues in personal morality, which will be discussed in relation to family and society. The course will address issues such as marriage and commitment, homosexuality, friendship, abortion, lying, and the development of faith and virtue. Attention will be given to how one's theological commitments transform secular moral problems and their solutions. *Ian Markham, Professor of Theology and Ethics and Dean of Hartford Seminary and Heidi Gehman, Adjunct Professor of Theology and Ethics*

HISTORY

American Religious History

Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

In God we trust. If America is the most religious country in the world, how did we get that distinction? This course is designed to offer students a glimpse at the rich diversity of religious history of the United States. The readings, lectures and virtual field trips will highlight major movements and religious figures that shaped the distinct forms of faith in our society. We will explore the relationship between American culture and its religious life. The course will pay particular attention to the impact religion has had on our nation's history and inversely how religious traditions have been shaped by their encounter with American culture. After looking at the religious patterns within U.S. history, the course will end by speculating on future forms of American religion in the 21st Century. *Scott Thumma, Faculty Associate in Religion and Society/Web and Distance Education*

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RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Congregations and Communities

Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. for 11 sessions (1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28) and two Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 2/21 and 3/27

The course covers three areas: (1) an exploration of communities as local demographic settings within larger urban, regional, and national contexts; (2) an exploration of congregations as local religious organizations; and (3) the study of how congregations respond to their communities as well as how communities influence the nature and dynamics of congregational life. The primary emphasis is sociological and theological but interdisciplinary and experiential approaches are also included. *Cynthia Woolever, Professor of Sociology of Religious Organizations*

SACRED SCRIPTURE

New Testament Survey

Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

This course introduces the student to the study of the origins of Christianity by means of its canonical literature, the New Testament. We will undertake a historical study of the New Testament documents, seeking to understand their plan, origin, purpose and content within their broader historical and cultural context. Appropriate interpretive methods for each genre of the New Testament will be discussed. We will also seek to clarify the theological message of each document in light of its historical circumstances. *Efrain Agosto, Professor of New Testament*

Job and Jonah: Suffering, Repentance and Spiritual Transformation

Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. on 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 and 5/12

Job and Jonah are probably the two most "unorthodox" books in the Hebrew Bible. Their principal characters try to make sense of experiences that do not fit the images of God presented in the other books. Moreover, these challenging portrayals evoke the existential questions we all must face: Is there any meaning in suffering, and can the pain or trauma be redeemed? How do we repent, and how might we invite others, including our leaders, to repent? How can we transform ourselves and our communities to be more in keeping with God's promises and moral imperatives? Aiming at an inclusive method of "practical exegesis," the course will juxtapose Jewish interpretations with teachings in the Christian and Muslim traditions. *Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations*

THEOLOGY

Modern Theology

Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

This course examines the development of western Christian reflection from the late Renaissance through the present. Beginning in the 16th century with both loyal and dissenting Catholic figures, and then turning to the Reformers, key texts will be read and considered in light of their surrounding social and intellectual milieus. Other movements that will be examined through key religious thinkers and the cultural situations in which they are writing include: Puritanism, the enlightenment, romanticism, the social gospel, existentialism,

Black theology and feminist theology. *Kelton Cobb, Professor of Theology and Ethics*

Sin

D.Min. Schedule – Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 27, February 10, March 9 and 30, and April 27 Behind the word "sin" is a tangled and ancient lexicon of theological insights: original sin, disobedience, stain, burden, separation from God, Satan, hubris, concupiscence, guilt, total depravity, moral pride, self-centeredness, selflessness, self-justification, purgatory, repentance, forgiveness, powers and principalities, temptation, ten commandments, and seven deadly sins. What is it that sin gives us the language for understanding? This question will be explored under the guidance of Saint Augustine and several contemporary writers, with the aim of better understanding a Christian vocabulary of sin. Note: students will be expected to read Nick Hornby's novel, *How to Be Good*, before the first class meeting on January 27. *Kelton Cobb, Professor of Theology and Ethics*

Religion, Conflict and Peacemaking

D.Min. Schedule – Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 27, February 10, March 9 and 30, and April 27

This course will explore the paradox of religion as a source of division and conflict, on the one hand, and of peaceful aspirations and compassionate, sacrificial service on the other. Theoretical approaches to this paradox, drawn from the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, will be supplemented by practical case studies, with particular attention given to the Israeli-Palestinian-Arab dispute over the "Holy Land." How can our faith commitments be effectively applied to promote inter-communal reconciliation? How can our own lives exemplify a peacemaking vocation in the face of religious extremists within our own faith community and those of our neighbors? These and related questions will be addressed, with a central goal being to integrate the lessons learned from the readings with our everyday challenges as peace-seekers. *Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations*

SPECIAL TRAVEL SEMINAR

A Dialogue Between the U.S. and Cuba: Economics, Human Rights, Ecology and Religion (TH-620)
March 9 – 18, 2004

Aware of the critical importance of engaged and educated citizens in our interdependent global community, Plowshares Institute, in conjunction with Hartford Seminary and Leadership Greater Hartford, is sponsoring a travel seminar to Cuba. Participants will study relations between the U.S. and Cuba and give special attention to issues of religion, economics, ecology and human rights. The cost for the trip (visas, room, board, and airfare) is \$2,500 if audited, and an additional \$575 for three academic credits. *Efrain Agosto, Professor of New Testament, and Robert A. Evans, Executive Director of Plowshares Institute and Adjunct Faculty of Theology and Ethics, will lead the travel seminar.*

Coming Up

Hartford Seminary will present lectures, seminars and special events for people of all faiths starting in September. For more information or to register for any of the programs listed below, please call the Public and Institutional Affairs Office at 860-509-9555 or send an email message to info@hartsem.edu.

Annual Bible Lectionary

God's Word in Greek:

The Acts of the Apostles

With Don Larsen, Adjunct Professor of Greek and Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Hartford

Wednesdays, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A Drumming Circle

With Jan Gregory, executive director of the Renaissance Center: A Conservatory of Music in Southbury, and director of music ministry, Congregational Church of Easton

Monday, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10
Basics: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Beyond Basics for Experienced Drummers: 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Congregation Engaged

With the Faculty of the Hartford Institute for Religion Research

Monday, February 2
7 p.m.

The Rehabilitation of Mission:

The Interfaith Context

With Dale Bishop, Director of Relationships and Resources for Interreligious Understanding at Hartford Seminary and former Executive Minister for Wider Church Ministries, United Church of Christ

Thursday, February 12
7 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Workshop

With Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, graduates of the Women's Leadership Institute, Hartford Seminary

Tuesday, February 24
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In partnership with the Women's Leadership Institute

Special Lecture and Book Signing

Learning from Others:

A Christian Tradition

With Ian Markham, Dean of Hartford Seminary and Professor of Theology and Ethics

Monday, March 1
7 p.m.

Touching the Heart

A Women's Experience Based on the Novel "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd

With Janet Bristow, co-founder of the Shawl Ministry and a special education teacher, and Donna Manocchio, former Associate Director of the Seminary's Women's Leadership Institute

Saturday, April 3
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In partnership with the Women's Leadership Institute

Science, Sense & Soul:

The Mystical-Physical Nature of Human Existence

With Casey Blood, professor emeritus of physics at Rutgers University. "Science, Sense & Soul" was published in 2001.

Thursday, April 22
7 p.m.

Religious Resources for Reconciliation

With Azza Karam, Director of the Women's Programs at the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP) International Secretariat in New York; Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations at Hartford Seminary; and the Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, Associate General Secretary for Interfaith Relations at the National Council of Churches.

Thursday, April 29
7 p.m.

Biennial Michael Rion Lecture

Living Your Faith

With Samuel C. Hamilton, executive director and chief executive officer of the Hartford Economic Development Corporation and the Greater Hartford Business Development Center

Monday, May 17
7 p.m.

An Evening with The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong

The Tension between Respect for Other Religious Traditions and Commitment to One's Own

With John Shelby Spong, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, N.J., and author of 14 books, including "New Christianity for a New World: Why Traditional Faith Is Dying and How a New Faith Is Being Born"

Friday June 11
6 p.m.

Biennial Congregational Studies Institute

Taught by the Faculty of Hartford Seminary's Hartford Institute for Religion Research

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Sometimes I am amazed at how quickly time passes. I am entering my fourth year as president of Hartford Seminary, but I remain as enthusiastic about the work of the Seminary and its potential to contribute to a better world as I was four years ago.

There is so much to be thankful for. Our Board of Trustees today more than ever reflects the national and international scope of the Seminary. We have trustees from Virginia and Michigan, the Virgin Islands and Switzerland. Ron Lundeen has joined us as chief development officer. I am grateful that one of the top religious fundraisers in the country now graces Hartford Seminary. Our dean, Ian Markham, has pushed us to identify our educational strengths and build on them. Our faculty continue to publish and to speak, offering their expertise to both faith communities and the public.

In the planning process that we have engaged in, we have had many internal conversations about what we uniquely offer. It was easy to come up with a list. This is a special place that:

- Educates religious leaders for dialogue and effective service in a multi-faith world.
- Models faithful living and practices hospitality to other faiths.
- Offers texts and other resources by our faculty that are standards in classroom instruction across the country.
- Serves as a hub for international research in interfaith relations, educating international students and scholars to become authorities in their fields.

Our academic programs are thriving. Next fall, we are embarking on a Ph.D. in cooperation with the University of Exeter. This new program recognizes that globalization is a dynamic force and that higher education must embrace international

perspectives. Meanwhile, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Black Ministries Program in September and, in the coming year, we will honor the Hispanic Ministries Program on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

Our new mission statement has been adopted by the Board, and is reprinted here. I am eager to work with our vibrant Hartford Seminary community to make this statement a reality.

Heidi Hadsell
President

Mission Statement:

Hartford Seminary serves God

- By preparing leaders, students, scholars and religious institutions to understand and live faithfully in today's multi-faith and pluralistic world;
- By teaching, research, informing the public and engaging persons in dialogue;
- By affirming the particularities of faith and social context while openly exploring differences and commonalities

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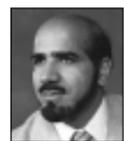
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Statement of activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002 and 2003:

	2003 Total	2002 Total
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT:		
Research and Grants	\$347,726	1,414,111
Investment income, net	1,121,110	1,178,774
Programs, scholarships and courses	892,050	873,648
Bookstore	193,907	228,405
Annual Appeal	621,499	195,446
Rentals	152,867	155,607
Endowment Contributions	170,627	128,817
Duncan Black Macdonald Center	45,425	51,248
Library	24,338	24,207
Miscellaneous	20,771	17,085
Total revenues and other support	3,590,320	4,267,348
EXPENSES:		
Change in net assets before other income and expense		
Institutional	\$1,048,493	\$1,086,751
Programs, scholarships and courses	1,006,150	1,019,910
Grants	329,395	643,136
Depreciation	328,551	315,047
Research	166,241	312,693
Library	229,646	233,051
Bookstore	210,921	225,690
Duncan Black Macdonald Center	169,575	195,403
Building and Grounds	228,974	187,638
Institutional Advancement	185,734	145,677
Public Relations	95,505	118,846
Technology	147,979	105,591
Administrative	133,710	100,727
Renovations and Maintenance	51,674	46,640
Total expenses	4,332,548	4,736,800
Change in net assets	(742,228)	(469,452)
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE:		
Net realized/unrealized gain on investments	267,639	(2,652,706)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		3,128,444
	267,639	475,738
Change in net assets	(474,589)	6,286
Net assets, beginning of year	42,746,512	42,740,226
Net assets, end of year	\$42,271,923	\$42,746,512

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