

HARTFORD SEMINARY ANNUAL REPORT 2012



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Greetings. I welcome you to our 2012 Annual Report.

In many varied ways, Hartford Seminary plays a significant role in today's plural world. In this message, I would like to outline just some of the activities that have taken place in the past year that demonstrate how the Seminary equips individuals and religious institutions to provide leadership that is faithful, contextually sensitive and open to dialogue with other faith traditions.

Having an outstanding faculty is one of our core strengths and I am pleased to report that this year we have appointed two new faculty members.

Najib Awad is Associate Professor of Christian Theology. Najib is a Presbyterian theologian from Syria. The breadth of his scholarship is reflected in his range of publications, from "The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of Matthew: A Historico-Narrative Criticism" to his most recent book, "And Freedom Became a Public Square: Political, Sociological and Religious Overviews on the Arab Christians and the Arabic Spring."

Shanell T. Smith is Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins. With

Shanell's appointment, Hartford Seminary has a special strength in post-colonial studies of the Bible since her work in this field complements the work of Uriah Kim, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible. In addition, Shanell focuses on womanist and feminist Biblical interpretation. At Drew University, her dissertation topic, "Empire, Gender and *Ambivalence*: Toward a Postcolonial Womanist Interpretation of the Woman Babylon in the Book of Revelation," won the Rabbi Dr. Sheldon J. Weltman Prize for the Best Dissertation in Biblical Studies. Shanell is ordained clergy in the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Speaking of Uriah, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that Uriah is now our Academic Dean. Our former Dean, James Nieman, was named President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago last spring. It was difficult to bid farewell to Jim. At the same time, I am pleased, we are all pleased, that Uriah has assumed the position of Academic Dean; he has shown dedication, skill and enthusiasm in the first few months of his tenure.

Our development efforts have led to several major achievements.



Thanks to the generosity of Board member Trudie Prior and her husband Neil Prior, the estate of The Revs. Jane and William Inderstrodt, Lynn and John Fulkerson, and another anonymous member of the Seminary Board of Trustees, we have established an endowed faculty chair in Abrahamic Partnerships. The first holder of the chair will be Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations, and the focus will be the history and practice of Jewish, Christian and Muslim Relations.

We also celebrated the completion of a major project to enhance library services. With the H.A. Vance Foundation as primary donor, and including significant donations from the Ahearn Family Foundation and a number of individual supporters, the Seminary was able to add nine mobile shelving units in the library, increasing the accessible collection by 30 percent.

Also, over the summer, we installed a new front courtyard. As part of this project, through the gifts of 16 donors, we installed special pavers in the central square. These pavers commemorate Seminary alumni/ae, family, friends, teachers and mentors.

Another major grant to the Seminary came from

the Shinnyo-en Foundation to support a Religious Diversity Leadership Workshop, held in June. The workshop will be an annual gathering of experienced and emerging leaders from diverse religious backgrounds, eager to share their own expertise and to learn new leadership practices. It is directed by Lucinda Mosher, Faculty Associate for Interfaith Studies.

Academically, we entered into an exciting new partnership in 2012 with the Jewish Theological Seminary for JTS students to study at Hartford Seminary to gain a first-hand understanding of Islam and Christianity and to contribute a Jewish presence and perspective so that together the three traditions may work toward creative and constructive relations among them. The Prior Family Foundation, led by Trustee Trudie Prior and her husband Neil Prior, made a generous gift to fund six course enrollments for JTS students here during the 2012-2013 academic year. Three JTS students participated in the Building Abrahamic Partnerships course in June. One of them said afterward, "The experience exceeded my expectations, which now, looking back, seem to have been far short of what I encountered."

The faculty at the Hartford Institute for Religion Research have continued their excellent work in congregational studies, helping faith communities understand the challenges they face and offering ways to strengthen their vitality. In the past year, the Faith Communities Today project issued reports on innovative and contemporary worship styles and the use of social media and Internet technologies. FACT also participated in two major studies of mosques in America. Scott Thumma participated in the U.S. Religious Congregations & Membership Study, collecting data on non-denominational churches.

You may know that Miriam Therese Winter, our long-time faculty member in liturgy, worship and spirituality, is a renowned songwriter. Last winter, we celebrated the release of her new CD, *Loving You*, which is the first in a series of new recordings of her songs.

A major focus for us is to increase the number of students studying at the Seminary. Tina Demo was hired a year ago as Director of Recruitment and Admissions and has been working with my

office and the Communications Office to make us more known to the public and increase the number of people interested in studying at the Seminary.

A final note: I attended a reception in New York City in October to honor our alum Jacky Manuputty, a Master of Arts and International Peacemaking Program graduate from Indonesia. Jacky received the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding's Peacemakers in Action award to recognize his peacemaking work. Jacky has helped form Peace Provocateurs to use social media to combat religious conflict between Christians and Muslims in Indonesia. To see Jacky put into practice what he learned in Hartford and to have his work thus recognized is a great pleasure and an indication of the value of the work we do.

I appreciate your support of Hartford Seminary. Please stay in touch with suggestions and feedback on our work. We would love to hear from you.

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	2012 Total	2011 Total
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Student housing	102,129	91,932
Less: Student Aid	<u>(310,855)</u>	<u>(279,235)</u>
Student tuition and fees, net	1,191,797	1,288,407
Investment return utilized for operations	2,207,000	2,205,034
Private gifts and grants	183,774	421,002
Research and grants	300,899	357,080
Auxiliary activities	138,948	109,585
Other revenue	<u>99,695</u>	<u>93,277</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>4,122,113</u>	<u>4,474,385</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Institutional support	1,584,925	1,453,164
Instructional	1,166,695	1,339,079
Academic support	778,586	826,911
Plant expense	599,773	612,398
Student Services	<u>150,096</u>	<u>157,937</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>4,280,075</u>	<u>4,389,489</u>
Change in net assets, operations	<u>(157,962)</u>	<u>84,896</u>
OTHER CHANGES:		
Private gifts and pledges	2,040,132	272,247
Investment return, net of amount utilized for operations	(2,573,579)	4,638,611
Change in value of beneficial interests	33,595	480,780
Gain on sale of assets	<u>0</u>	<u>51,258</u>
Total other changes	<u>(499,852)</u>	<u>5,442,896</u>
Change in net assets	(657,814)	5,527,792
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>42,120,385</u>	<u>36,592,593</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 41,462,571</u>	<u>\$ 42,120,385</u>

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The Seminary's Library is at the heart of our institution's mission to increase understanding among students, faculty, religious leaders, journalists, researchers and the general public. The mobile shelving project included the purchase and installation of nine new mobile book carriages to increase the shelving space available for current collections and future acquisitions.

Now complete, the mobile shelving has enabled the seminary to move 21,000 volumes into circulation, expanding the library collection by 30%, a significant increase with benefits to the entire community.

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The Alavi Foundation has also taken a leadership role in Hartford Seminary's campaign to secure funding to endow a faculty chair for the study of Shi'ite Islam. The Foundation recently provided major funding for a landmark conference last fall on "The State of the Study of Shi'ite Islam in North America and Europe" at which the endowment campaign was launched. The conference brought together leading scholars of Shi'i Islam to share perspectives on their rich heritage within the broader Islamic world and to identify efforts to increase interest in the study of Shi'i Islam in North America. At the conference, Dr. Sayeed Hossein Nasr of George Washington University gave the keynote address.

The Alavi Foundation continues to fund important educational enterprises as a reflection of its mission "to promote charitable and philanthropic causes through educational, religious and cultural programs." The Foundation does this by making contributions to not-for-profit organizations within the United States and Canada that support inter- and intra-faith dialogue, and promote Islamic culture and Persian language, literature and civilization.

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Lynn is a Hartford Seminary alumna, former President's Council Chair and former Trustee. With her husband, John, she has continued her involvement with and support of Hartford Seminary, and in particular, with this key program, which embodies Hartford Seminary's commitment to interfaith relations. The Fulkersons said, "Hartford Seminary offers a hopeful vision of the possibilities for peace. It brings together people of diverse religious perspectives and experiences in a unique environment of mutual respect and acceptance."

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