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New Chair in Abrahamic Partnerships Established

Seminary's national prominence in multifaith education enhanced



Left to right: Trudie Prior, Board Chair Van McMurtry, Seminary President Heidi Hadsell and Neil Prior

Hartford Seminary has established an endowed faculty chair in Abrahamic Partnerships that will further enhance the Seminary's national prominence in multifaith education.

The focus of the chair will be on the history and the practice of Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations.

The lead gift for the chair, of \$500,000, was made by the Prior Family Foundation.

Cornelius B. Prior, Jr., chairman of Atlantic Tele-Network Inc., headquartered in Beverly, MA, is the grantor of the Prior Family Foundation. Trudie J. Prior, president and general manager of Coral World Ocean Park in St. Thomas, V.I.,

is trustee. She serves on the Board of Trustees of Hartford Seminary.

Other significant donations came from the estate of The Revs. Jane and William Inderstrod, Lynn and John Fulkerson, and an anonymous gift made by a member of the Seminary Board of Trustees.

Heidi Hadsell, Hartford Seminary President, said, "I am profoundly appreciative of the generosity of Neil and Trudie Prior and the other donors for their commitment to interfaith education. We live in troubling times, and it is so important that Hartford Seminary continue its work in Abrahamic dialogue and understanding. These gifts will help make this possible."

At a reception in November, Hadsell announced that the first occupant of the chair in Abrahamic Partnerships will be Professor Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations. In 2002, Hartford Seminary hired Landau, an Israeli-American citizen, interfaith educator, and religious peace activist to augment its program in Abrahamic religions.

"Yehezkel has committed a lifetime to building such partnerships and I know he will continue to do that faithfully and creatively, now from this distinguished chair," Hadsell told the audience.

The Seminary also presented a panel discussion reflecting

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Kim Named Academic Dean



The Rev. Dr. Uriah Kim, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, has been appointed to a three-year term as Academic Dean of Hartford Seminary.

Seminary President Heidi Hadsell, who made the appointment, praised Kim for the dedication, skill and enthusiasm that he has brought to the position since he became interim dean in August. The new appointment is retroactive to July 1.

"Uriah is an excellent scholar who has shown great skill in developing new, fresh interpretations of Hebrew Bible texts and also an excellent colleague who has worked collaboratively with faculty and staff at the Seminary on a variety of initiatives," Hadsell said.

"It is a great honor and joy to serve the faculty, staff and students of Hartford Seminary as Academic Dean. This is a special place. Not only because of Hartford Seminary's long history of innovative and daring scholarship and teaching and its commitment to preparing religious leaders in today's

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Seminary Alumnus Honored for Peacemaking Work



Heidi Hadsell and Jackie Manuputty

The Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding in New York City has awarded the Rev. Jacky Manuputty, a Master of Arts and International Peacemaking Program graduate from Indonesia, its Peacemakers in Action award to recognize his peacemaking efforts.

Seminary President Heidi Hadsell attended the award ceremony and evening of conversation in October. She is pictured above with Manuputty.

While in New York, Manuputty also participated in two public events at New York University and at Church Center for the United Nations.

Manuputty helped form Peace Provocateurs

to use social media to combat religious conflict between Christians and Muslims in Indonesia.

“If provocateurs could use the new technology to incite violence, we could use it to undermine their incitement,” says Manuputty, a Protestant minister.

Manuputty and others dispatch volunteers to any location in a matter of minutes to check the credibility of disturbing claims. They then send the facts to the leadership, who double check the details with other witnesses and craft messages to set the record straight before preparations for revenge attacks can pick up steam.

New Staff

Melissa O’Brien is the new Student Services Coordinator, working with Uriah Kim, Academic Dean. Prior to joining Hartford Seminary, Melissa worked at the University of Hartford as a career counselor and adjunct professor. Prior to that, she worked part-time at Capital Community College in the English as Second Language Department as a coordinator of the Language Lab and ESL instructor. She primarily has worked in educational settings but also developed her career in the Hartford insurance industry upon relocating to Connecticut from Michigan. Melissa obtained her Master of Arts in Counseling with an emphasis on Student



Development in Higher Education. Melissa lives with her spouse and their two children in Granby, CT, where she enjoys cooking, hiking and contemplating her next creative project.

Kim Named Academic Dean

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multi-faith and pluralistic world, but also because of its people who genuinely welcome and are interested in knowing and forming relationship with the others,” Kim said.

“I am happy and proud to be a member of the Hartford Seminary leadership that sincerely desires to know the truth, to love God, and to serve others,” he said.

Kim also directs the Seminary’s Cooperative Master of Divinity program. He was Senior Editor of *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, a quarterly publication, for four years.

Kim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy at New York University, a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and a Master of Theology degree at Emory University. He received his

Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, in 2004.

Previously he was Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY and Visiting Professor at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, and Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA.

Kim has published *“Decolonizing Josiah: Toward a Postcolonial Reading of the Deuteronomistic History”* and *“Identity and Loyalty in the David Story.”* Forthcoming are *“The Politics of Othering in the Book of Judges”* and *“1 & 2 Chronicles.”*

He is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the Asian Pacific Americans and Religion Research Initiative.

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Convocation

Hartford Seminary held Convocation 2012 on Thursday, September 6 to celebrate the start of its fall semester.

Photos, clockwise from right:

Attending the service are faculty, students, staff and trustees.

President Heidi Hadsell talks with students Matthew Ridout and Mustafa Boz.

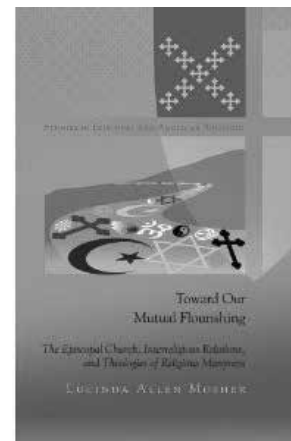
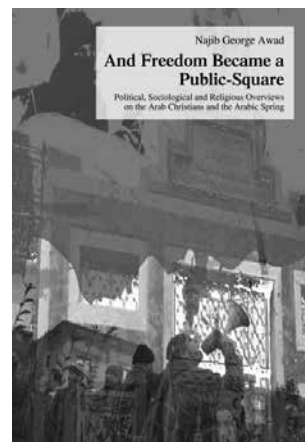
Ursula Sieg, a research scholar at the Seminary, talks with Junaid Sulahry, a new student.



Faculty Books

Professor **Najib Awad**, Associate Professor of Christian Theology, has written “And Freedom Became a Public Square: Political, Sociological and Religious Overviews on the Arab Christians and the Arabic Spring.” In his book description, Awad writes that “From an Arab Christian perspective, this book introduces some of the substantial components and the pivotal ramifications of the latest revolutions in the Arab World, known as ‘the Arabic Spring.’ It offers a fresh, timely, and intellectual reading of the promising ‘Spring’ in Syria and in the rest of the ‘born-again’ Arab world.”

Faculty Associate **Lucinda Mosher** has completed a new book, “Toward Our Mutual Flourishing: The Episcopal Church, Interreligious Relations, and Theologies of Religious Manyness.” In this book, Mosher tells the story of The Episcopal Church’s development of an official rationale for its ongoing engagement with religious diversity. At once a work of historical, moral, and practical theology, this volume contextualizes and explains what one church teaches about how religious difference may be interpreted in Christian terms.



LIBRARY, COMMEMORATIVE COURTYARD PROJECTS COMPLETED



Left to right, Jonathan B. Lee, Seminary Director of Institutional Advancement, Seminary President Heidi Hadsell, and Alex Vance of the H.A. Vance Foundation

Hartford Seminary has completed two major projects to enhance library services to students and the public and to honor alumni and friends of the Seminary in a commemorative courtyard.

At a reception in October, Seminary President Heidi Hadsell thanked the H.A. Vance Foundation as the primary donor, the Ahearn Family Foundation and other donors for their support of a \$75,000 library shelving project.

The Library has added nine mobile shelving units, increasing the accessible collection by 30 percent; space for a total of 21,000 volumes now is available for the first time. The need for the shelving was acute because there are current library holdings which could not be entered into circulation because of space limitations, and new acquisitions were on hold for the same reason.

“The Seminary’s library is at the heart of the school’s mission to increase understanding among all people,” Hadsell said. “Students, faculty, religious leaders, journalists, researchers and the general public all have access

to, and make use of, the Library’s resources.”

“The goal of the shelving project was not just to optimize the use of limited space, but to maximize the accessibility of practical information available to all our constituencies,” Hadsell said.

The Vance Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to supplement funds raised by the Seminary. “I would like to especially thank the

H.A. Vance Foundation for its generosity and support. We appreciate their understanding of the importance of our mission and the library’s place in serving that mission,” Hadsell said.

Hartford Seminary has evolved to become a graduate school for leadership development in the area of interfaith dialogue and relations. The library reflects this evolution, containing a

wide variety of materials of relevance to not only religious professionals, but those wanting to understand the basics of their own and other religions.

Since 2001 the library has seen a significant increase in use by non-Seminary visitors, and offers borrowing privileges to the public.

The library is directed by the Rev. Dr. Steven Blackburn, who also is Faculty Associate in Semitic Scriptures. “The library staff and I are very pleased that this expansion project is completed,” Blackburn said. “We have so many volumes that we want to make available to our students and the public and now we can add these to the accessible collections in the library.”

Most of the newly accessible volumes will be in the area of Islamic studies, a portion in Arabic, Blackburn said.

Systematics of Westborough, MA, installed the mobile shelving.

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President Heidi Hadsell with Beth Miller, left, and Mary Clare Mooney, right, of the Ahearn Family Foundation

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Commemorative Courtyard

This summer, Hartford Seminary installed a new front courtyard. As part of this project, through the generosity of 16 donors, the Seminary installed special pavers in the central square.

These pavers commemorate Seminary alumni/ae, family, friends, teachers and mentors.

One remembers a beloved pastor. Another recognizes the Women's Leadership Institute. A third honors the donors' parents. Another quotes Rainer Rilke: "God speaks / To each of us as / He makes us / Then walks with us / Silently out / Of the night."

"This commemorative courtyard reminds me of the outstanding spirit of our alumni and friends, each

time I enter the Seminary," Hadsell said. "Thank you to the 16 individuals and families who gave so generously to make the courtyard possible."

Donors of the commemorative pavers are: the late Robbins W. Barstow of Wethersfield, James F. Brennan of East Hampton, Janet Bristow of Farmington, M. Dosa Carlson of Phoenix, AZ, Lynn and John Fulkerson of Litchfield, Richard Hughes of West Hartford, Dwight L. Kintner of Los Gatos, CA, Lenell Kittlitz of Rocky Hill, Robert C. and Fidelia Lane and family of Cromwell, Elizabeth Miel of Middletown, Jo B. Mitchell of Seattle, WA, Mary Oliver of Hampton, Margaret and Robert Patricelli of Simsbury, Evelyn and Evans Sealand of Simsbury, the late Gunnar Wikstrom Jr. of Chaska, MN, and Joyce Hatton Yarrow of Middletown, CT.



Seminary Professor Scott Thumma, right, who serves on the Board of Trustees, talks with Lewis Robinson of Hartford.

Individuals who wish to purchase a commemorative paver should contact Jonathan B. Lee, Director of Institutional Advancement at Hartford Seminary, jlee@hartsem.edu.

Confirmation Classes Attend Interfaith Event

Hartford Seminary presented a special interfaith afternoon of exploration and discovery to confirmation classes from 10 United Church of Christ and Episcopal churches in October.

Close to 100 students attended to learn about Islam through the stories of Seminary students and to get a better understanding of the religion through conversation with the students, who are in the Islamic Studies and the Islamic Chaplaincy programs at the Seminary.

"Faithful Christian discipleship today will be lived out in communities in which there are many other faith traditions. This afternoon is an opportunity for young people and their advisors to meet, learn about, and be in conversation with our Muslim partners in

the Abrahamic tradition," said the Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Lee, Director of Institutional Advancement at the Seminary. Lee organized and moderated the event.

"Hartford Seminary, a school that specializes in interfaith dialogue, strives to reach out to faith communities with programs that expand understanding and awareness." Lee said.

Presenting during the afternoon program were:

- Sami Shamma, who offered an introduction to Islam
- Asmaou Diallo who spoke on her roots in Guinea and her wearing the hijab
- Junaid Sulahry, who spoke on the impact of 9-11 on him



Students and advisors listen to the student presentations.

- Jaye Starr, who spoke on the aspects of Islam that are attractive to her
- Morteza Rezazadeh, who spoke about his home country of Iran and the difference between Shi'a and Sunni Islam

The afternoon included presentation of a video *A Land Called Paradise*, followed by six discussion groups to reflect on the video. The groups were led

by the five presenters and Liza Arulampalam, who assists Lee in coordination of the International Peacemaking Program at the Seminary. Rezazadeh is a student in the program this year.

At the conclusion of the event, the students enjoyed a meal of stuffed grape leaves, pizza and baklava. The dialogue with the Seminary students continued during the meal.

Students from Iran, India in Peacemaking Program

Morteza Rezazadeh says that “one of the most rewarding religious activities is to use faith as a tool for peacemaking in society.” He expects that a year of studying peace-building at Hartford Seminary will help him “spread the message of love and peace in the world” when he returns to Iran.

Zulunungsang Lemtur says that “learning from and building on positive traditions and values of different faiths, we may draw strength, to overcome the apathy, selfishness and arrogance which have enfeebled and divided our communities and undermined the credibility of our religions.” He expects to return to India with new tools for dialogue and greater self-awareness.

Morteza and Zulu, as he is known, are the International Peacemaking Program students at Hartford Seminary for 2012-2013. Morteza is enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Zulu is in the Graduate Certificate in Interfaith Dialogue.

Hartford Seminary initiated the International Peacemaking Program (IPP) in 2004, recognizing the need for skilled peacemakers in countries where there is interreligious conflict. Students in the program spend an academic year honing their interfaith dialogue and leadership skills, as well as enhancing their public engagement and public speaking skills. In addition to their formal studies, students are hosted by a local faith community where they experience American religious culture firsthand.

Students receive a scholarship covering tuition, books, travel and housing. After a year, the students return home to put their new skills and knowledge into practice.

Morteza Rezazadeh
Morteza has Bachelor of Arts degrees from the Islamic Seminary of Qom and the Imam Khomeini Educational and Research Institute and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Religions and Denominations in Iran.

He is Cultural Deputy of the International Institute for Islamic Studies (IIIS) in Qom, Iran. In this position, Morteza arranges partnerships for students to spend time at institutions in other countries, trains the students for their international experiences, and promotes the work of the institute.

He said that he thinks “the future of the world will be shaped by the Abrahamic religions and, therefore, we need a proper understanding of and cooperation with each other to make this future as bright and peaceful as possible.”

“Dialogue and proper relations are in need of two basic things: a good level of knowledge about the other party and also competence and skills in dialogue,” he said.

He came to Hartford Seminary, which has a focus on dialogue among the Abrahamic religions, because it is important “to have a first-hand experience of living in a different religious environment.”

“Indeed,” he said, “this would be a practical example of practicing cooperation and social engagement. In my opinion learning how to relate to people is very important in interreligious understanding.”

Prior to coming to Hartford, Morteza participated in an International Catholic-Muslim interfaith conference in Rome in 2011; the fifth round of dialogue between Iranian Muslims and Filipino Catholics, held in Qom in April; and a conference on ethical values between the Center for



Zulu Lemtur and Morteza Rezazadeh

Interreligious Dialogue and the Armenian Orthodox Church, Catholicosate of Cilicia, in Tehran in May.

Morteza also has traveled to Tanzania to offer classes about Islamic ethics, beliefs and spirituality, and conducted workshops in England about social ethics. He had a radio program on “Spirituality in the Modern World.”

When he returns to Iran, Morteza expects to continue working at the International Institute for Islamic Studies. It can have a major impact, he said, through its efforts to promote an understanding of the true nature of Islam and the desire for peaceful relations.

Zulu Lemtur
Zulu, who is from Nagaland in India, has degrees from several colleges in India: a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fazl Ali College, a Bachelor of Divinity from Eastern Theological College, and a Master of Arts from United Theological College. He has been a part-time lecturer at Clark Theological College in his home province of Nagaland and was Headmaster at Poakkoam English School for two years.

Zulu said he decided to study at the Seminary because of its commitment to allow all faiths to study together peacefully. He also praised the quality of the faculty, the housing on campus, and the library.

As an IPP student, he said, “I want to learn skills,

including psychological and technical aspects, in peacemaking, techniques to apply the skills, and resources from different traditions.”

“Some of the skills that I imagine I will learn at Hartford Seminary and use on my return to my country are: Dialogue tools and meeting formats that support creative conversations, the importance of asking good questions; and the elements of good dialogue - listening, respecting, voicing and suspending judgment,” Zulu said.

He also expects to learn how to create safe environments for difficult conversations; deal with difference, disagreement and tension; maximize involvement; and create inclusive space.

“Each person should learn to deal with others from a position of mutual trust, based on an expectation that others come to the dialogue in a spirit of honesty and sincerity,” Zulu said.

When he returns to India, Zulu expects to work in a part of the country with religious tension, determined by his church.

During their time in Hartford, the two students will be part of the community at two local faith communities – Zulu at Rocky Hill Congregational Church in Rocky Hill, CT, and Morteza at the Jafaria Association of Connecticut in Middlefield.

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on how the Abrahamic Partnerships Chair will support both academic preparation for religious leadership and the practice of that leadership.

In her remarks opening the conversation, Hadsell said, “Not only those preparing for religious leadership, but faithful people in general, need the kind of engagement that is embodied in the work we expect this faculty position to carry out, and that such a position is now permanently endowed means that this Seminary’s commitment to Abrahamic partnerships will be steady, and consistent, and visible from now on.”

Speaking at the panel discussion were Landau, Najib Awad, Associate Professor of Christian Theology, and Mahmoud Ayoub, Faculty Associate in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.

Offering responses were Hartford Seminary alumnus and Trustee Salahuddin Muhammad, a Doctor of Ministry graduate, recipient of the Seminary’s Islamic Chaplaincy Certificate and chaplain; Anne Rapkin, a Master of Arts student; and Linda Spiers, a Doctor of Ministry student and pastor.

“I have had a personal interest in matters of

interfaith ever since my first visit to Israel in 1992. In standing on holy ground in Israel -- holy ground for Jews, Christians and Muslims -- I struggled greatly with why we can’t share that holy ground in peace. I continue to struggle with that as I know my Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers struggle. In this place of Hartford Seminary we can safely struggle together,” Spiers said.

The establishment of the Abrahamic Partnerships Chair is a clear sign of the Seminary’s commitment to Christian-Muslim-Jewish leadership formation at the heart of the school’s mission.

Central to the Seminary’s work in Abrahamic Partnerships is its *Building Abrahamic Partnerships (BAP)* program. Building on its strengths as an interfaith, dialogical school of practical theology, Hartford Seminary designed this program, led by Landau, to be a resource for Jews, Christians, and Muslims who seek a solid foundation in interfaith ministry. It is an eight-day intensive immersion in interfaith dialogue and understanding, meeting once a year in June.

BAP and the Abrahamic Partnerships Chair are further evidence of

Hartford Seminary’s pioneering approach to theological education. The Seminary offers the only accredited program to educate Muslim chaplains and has developed plans to offer certificates for imams and Muslim community leaders and for chaplains serving in multifaith contexts.

The creation of the chair, and the gift of the Priors, has been recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative. The mission of the William J. Clinton Foundation, and the goal of the initiative, is to increase the benefits and reduce the burdens of global interdependence; to make a world of more partners and fewer enemies; and to give more people the tools they need to build a better future. One of the areas of focus is mitigating religious and ethnic conflict.

About Cornelius and Trudie Prior

Cornelius Prior practiced law and investment banking in New York City before co-founding Atlantic Tele-Network (ATN) in 1987. He is the chairman of ATN, a public telecommunications industry holding company and the chairman of Caribbean – Central American Action (CCAA), a not-for-profit organization promoting investment in the Caribbean. He graduated from Holy Cross College

and currently serves as a member of its President’s Advisory Council.

His law degree came from Harvard Law School, followed by graduate work at the University of São Paulo Law School as a Fulbright Scholar.

Trudie Prior practiced law in Washington, D.C., before becoming president of Coral World Ocean Park. She is a former President of the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas and currently serves as a member of the Board.

About Building Abrahamic Partnerships

Hartford Seminary has offered Building Abrahamic Partnerships 14 times over the past eight years. Participants learn about the tenets and practices of the three faiths, study texts from their respective scriptures together, attend worship at a mosque, synagogue, and church, and acquire pastoral skills useful in interfaith ministry.

Combining the academic and the experiential, the course includes ample time for socializing over meals and during breaks. This team-taught program is a resource for religious leaders who are grounded in their own traditions while open to the faith orientations of other communities.

New Appointment

Lorraine Browne, Executive Assistant to the Dean, has an added position of Coordinator of International Student and Scholar Services.

“We hope that having Lorraine serve as Hartford Seminary’s first CISSS



will send a strong positive signal to our international constituents that the Seminary values them and is dedicated to serving them,” Uriah Kim, Academic Dean, said.

“We believe this position will centralize all matters related to international students and scholars, allowing services to be provided more efficiently and comprehensively and effectively coordinating all available resources to assist international students and scholars to achieve successfully the goals

that brought them to the Seminary,” he said.

In this position, Browne will:

- Serve as the point person for international students and scholars at Hartford Seminary
- Manage the Exchange Visitor Program
- Coordinate events to enhance the life of international students and scholars at Hartford Seminary
- Welcome and orient international students and scholars to campus

In Memoriam

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

Bishop Kenneth Cragg, Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Hartford Seminary from 1951 to 1958 and co-editor of *The Muslim World* journal, died on November 13 in Oxford, England. He was 99. Dr. Cragg was an Anglican priest and scholar who commented widely on religious topics for more than fifty years, most notably Muslim-Christian relations.

After attending the Kennedy School of Missions in 1955, **Edith G. Ford**, her husband, Norman, and their three daughters went to India with the International

YMCA and served there for more than 10 years, including at the Kodaikanal School in Kodaikanal, South India, and then in New Delhi. Mrs. Ford died at home in Frederick, MD, on March 5, at the age of 93.

Elizabeth Augur Hoskins, M.A. '46, died in New Jersey on June 29, at the age of 91. Betsey was the sister of Fidelia Lane, B.D. '52, and sister-in-law of Robert Lane, B.D. '52.

The Rev. Dr. Carl J. Schroeder, KSM '57, a fourth generation minister and missionary, died on September 3, in Holland, MI, at the age of 80. After Hartford Seminary, Dr. Schroeder served in Taiwan as presbytery missionary in rural evangelism from 1957-62, in Taichung doing work with college students in 1963-64, and as chaplain at Tunghai University from

1964-68. Returning to the United States, he was secretary for the Evangelism Reformed Church in America until 1973; minister of care for Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI, until 1982, and Minister to Seniors there again from 1999 to 2009. With his wife, Lucille, Dr. Schroeder was active in healing ministry. She survives him, along with three children and six grandchildren.

Edwin Shields, who studied at the Kennedy School of Missions in 1952, died on April 30, in Starkville, MS. With his wife Edna Mae, the Shields served as Methodist missionaries for 35 years in Southeast Asia. Ed was a principal and teacher in Rangoon and Kalaw, Burma, and a teacher and principal in Sarikei and Sibul, Sarawak,

Malaysia. He is survived by a son, daughter, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The Alumni/ae Office recently learned of the death of **The Rev. Dr. Robert DeValve**, Ph.D. '73, on January 17, 2010. Dr. DeValve taught in Turkey, Washington State, and in Nigeria at the Kagoro Secondary School and Jos Evangelical Theological Seminary. During the 1970s he was pastor of Main Street Baptist Church in Meriden, CT, then taught math and science for 14 years at Pioneer Valley Christian High School in East Longmeadow, MA. Until his death, Dr. DeValve was Pastor of Missions at Trinity Covenant Church in Manchester, CT. He was survived by his wife, Jean, four sons and extended family.

Alumni/ae Notes

After finishing his studies in Hartford, **Dr. Kamuyu-wa Kang'ethe**, B.D. '67, studied anthropology at Michigan State and then returned to Kenya to earn his doctorate from the University of Nairobi. He then taught at Kenyatta University until returning to the United States in 1990, and since then has taught at Michigan State University, Cardinal Stritch College in Wisconsin and Wayne State University in Detroit. Dr. Kamuyu-wa currently serves as a chaplain at a juvenile facility in Michigan. After reading the latest edition of *Praxis*, he writes, "I could not believe what I was reading. Hartford has really changed. I wish I lived nearer to Hartford—I would like to take some of the courses you are offering this semester, e.g., 'Introduction to Black Theology' (I taught this

course in Kenya), 'Religion, Conflict and Peacemaking' and 'World Religions and Worldly Politics.'"

Writing from the United Kingdom, **Tubanur Yesilhark Ozkan**, M.A. '08, reports "I am pursuing a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies on 'The Problem of Evil in Islam: The Risale-i Nur as Case Study.' In the meanwhile, I have married and have a wonderful little baby girl named Zula. I am teaching occasionally at King's College in London, 'Modern Islam,' 'Islam: The Basics,' and 'Sexuality and Religious Symbols in Islam.'"

On October 11, the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding awarded the **Rev. Jacky Manuputty**, M.A. '11, its Peacemakers in Action

award to recognize his peacemaking efforts in his native Indonesia (see related story on p. 2). Seminary President Heidi Hadsell attended the award ceremony in New York City. Jacky first came to Hartford Seminary after having received an International Peacemaking Program scholarship.

This past October marked the 14th year that **The Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas**, D.Min. '08, has served as pastor of the Congregational Church of New Fairfield, United Church of Christ, in Connecticut.

Amjad Tarsin, M.A. '12, was recently named Canada's first full-time Muslim chaplain at the University of Toronto, selected from a pool of more than 20 applicants.

The University of Toronto is Canada's largest university, with an estimated 5,000 Muslim students.

Congratulations to **The Rev. Dr. Mark Caruna**, D.Min. '03, and the congregation he serves, Tabernacle Baptist Church of Utica, New York, who together were recently awarded a 2012 National Clergy Renewal Program sabbatical grant by the Lily Endowment, Inc.

Writing from Billings, Montana, **The Rev. Kenneth Crouch**, who studied at Hartford Seminary during the mid-1960s, reports "recently I retired from Mayflower United Church of Christ in Billings, and was elected to the Billings City Council. I am finding more time to pursue my interests in theatre."

A Study Conference to Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Duncan Black Macdonald



Hartford Seminary will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Duncan Black Macdonald on Sunday, April 14, 2013, with a special study conference at the Seminary. The commemoration also will include a reflection at his gravesite.

Macdonald, who was born April 9, 1863 in Glasgow, Scotland, came to teach at Hartford Theological Seminary in 1893 and remained in Hartford

until his death in 1943. He taught Islamic and Biblical studies and was a pioneer in Abrahamic dialogue. The Seminary named its internationally known Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations after Duncan Black Macdonald. In 1912, the Seminary formed the interdenominational Kennedy School of Missions, with Macdonald a lead faculty member. The school's program, with its focus on training missionaries not to convert but rather to converse with people of other faiths, quickly thrived.

Macdonald is buried at the Old North Cemetery in Hartford. At the suggestion of the Seminary, the City of Hartford recently restored his gravestone. At the gravesite commemoration, Seminary Librarian

Steven Blackburn, Faculty Associate in Semitic Scriptures, will reflect on Macdonald's life and career. The City of Hartford has been invited to send a representative to speak as well.

Afterward, the Seminary will host a conference with the following speakers:

- Jane Smith, Professor Emeritus at the Seminary and former Co-Director of the Macdonald Center, on Macdonald's life, particularly as a Christian Islamicist and his contribution to the evolution of missionary work and of interfaith dialogue at Hartford Seminary
- Yehzekel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations at Hartford Seminary, on Macdonald's two books examining "The Hebrew Philosophical Genius" and "The Hebrew Literary Genius"
- Yahya Michot, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at the Seminary and editor of *The Muslim World* journal, on Macdonald's 1908 sabbatical in Egypt, with

slides. While in the Near East, Macdonald became convinced that missionaries were largely ignorant of Muslim faith and culture, and he committed himself to their education in Islam.

- Kenneth Garden, Assistant Professor of Religion at Tufts University, on Macdonald's studies of the famous Muslim scholar Abu Hamid al-Ghazali, d. 1111
- Muhsin al-Musawi, Professor of Arabic Literature at Columbia University, on Macdonald's studies of the *One Thousand and One Nights*, commonly known as the *Arabian Nights*

The conference also will feature an exhibit of artifacts from Macdonald's archives in the Seminary library and a display of the books that Macdonald wrote.

Seminary President Heidi Hadsell will moderate the conference.

A biography and collection of Macdonald's important writings will be available on the Seminary website, www.hartsem.edu.



Professor Michot at Conference in Tunisia

On September 4 and 5, at the invitation of the Moulay Hicham Foundation for Social Science Research on North Africa and the Middle East and The Arab Policy Institute, Professor Yahya Michot took part in the international conference organized in Tunis, Tunisia, on "Transition in Tunisia: Towards a New Citizenship." The conference was attended by the Moroccan prince Moulay Hicham, the leader of the Ennahda party, which is now in power in Tunisia, gave a paper on "Citizenship and Islam." The discussions addressed the hopes and challenges of the post-revolutionary situation in Tunisia. Michot introduced the participants to the work of Hartford Seminary and *The Muslim World*. He is pictured here with Rashed Ghannoushi.

2012 JANUARY INTERSESSION & WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

Hartford Seminary's January Intersession will run from Monday, January 14 through Saturday, January 19. The Winter/Spring 2013 semester will run from Tuesday, January 22 through Monday, May 13. The Seminary's courses carry three graduate credits and are open to the public. Individuals who do not wish to take courses for credit may register to audit them. Many classes fill up quickly, so participants are urged to register early to ensure a place in their courses of choice.

For those enrolled in a three-credit course, the cost is \$1,890. The non-credit audit fee is \$575. A special audit fee of \$385 is available for: persons age 60 and older; persons 55 and older receiving disability income; graduates of Hartford Seminary degree programs or the Certificate of Professional Ministry (Cooperative M.Div.); donors of \$250 a year or more; Hartford Seminary Adjunct Faculty; and up to three specially designated members of churches that participate in the International Peacemaking Program of the Seminary. There is a limit of one course per academic year to receive the special rate except persons age 60 and older, for whom there is no limit.

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

JANUARY INTERSESSION

Adaptive Leadership for Religious Practitioners NEW

Monday, January 14 through Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This seminar will review some of the leading theoretical and practical resources on religious leadership with an emphasis on the relationship between leadership, organizational innovation and religious renewal. *William McKinney, Adjunct Professor in Religion and Society and past President of Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA*

Ministry to the Incarcerated: Responding to the Challenge

Monday, January 14 through Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This course will examine the historical, theological and social implications of incarceration in America, with a particular emphasis on ministry to women and men in these settings. *Charles Williams, Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry and Chaplain at Osborn Correctional Institution, Somers, CT*

Cross Cultural Family Systems NEW

Monday, January 14 through Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In order to prepare students for practical ministry and academic engagement within a cross-cultural milieu, this course pursues a theoretical introduction to anthropological theories of culture and kinship, as well as psychological family systems theory, and gives students

the tools to apply these concepts to further religious study and/or ministry. *Erin Raffety, Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry and Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, Princeton University*

WINTER/SPRING SESSION

ARTS OF MINISTRY

Building Participation and Engaging Members NEW

Mondays, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning January 28

Studies show that a majority of congregations have less than half their members involved in the ongoing life of the community. So while they struggle to grow, in essence, half of their current human resources are under-utilized. This course will explore patterns in society, congregational expectations, and leadership norms that contribute to this reality. *Scott Thumma, Professor of Sociology of Religion*

Essential Skills in Pastoral Counseling and Ministry

Thursdays, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning January 24

This course will offer pastors, lay ministers and caregivers an opportunity to learn basic counseling skills for use in pastoral settings. *Benjamin Watts, Faculty Associate in Religion and Community Life and Senior Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, New London*

Assisting the Process: Life Transitions in the Context of Spiritual Care and Counseling NEW

Online, beginning January 22

This course will examine life transitions such as birth, death, marriage, divorce, chronic illness, and so on - but also comparatively more subtle (but often no less important) adjustments brought on by things like retirement, children leaving home, moving, relationship endings, and more - in the context of spiritual care and counseling, looking carefully at the ways in which religion and spirituality can help (and possibly hinder) the negotiation of life transitions. *The Reverend Danny Fisher, Adjunct Professor in Chaplaincy and Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Buddhist Chaplaincy Program at the University of the West, Rosemead, CA*

DIALOGUE

Suffering, Theodicy, and Repentance: Interreligious Readings of Job and Jonah

Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 19, April 9 and April 30

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. Aiming at an inclusive, interreligious method of "practical exegesis," the course will juxtapose Jewish interpretations with teachings from the Christian and Muslim traditions. *Yehezkel Landau, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations*

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ETHICS

Follow the Money: The Ethics of Money

Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Jan. 24, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 21, April 4, April 18 and May 2

This course is an opportunity to think about money. It will look at money through the lens of philosophers, theologians and ethicists, and also, more concretely, it will look at money from the perspective of contemporary daily life and ministry. *Heidi Hadsell, President and Professor of Social Ethics*

HISTORY

Abrahamic Faiths in the Middle Ages **NEW**

Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning January 23

This course will explore the interactions of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam in the Middle Ages. *Jonathan Elukin, Adjunct Professor of History and Associate Professor of History, Trinity College, Hartford, CT*

Death and the Afterlife in Judaism and Early Christianity **NEW**

Online, beginning January 22

This course will survey views of death and the afterlife in ancient near eastern traditions, biblical and early Rabbinic Judaism, the New Testament, and early Christianity. Topics that will be addressed include heaven and hell, eschatology and apocalypticism, the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body. *Vanessa Avery, Adjunct Professor of History and Adjunct Instructor in Religious Studies, Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, CT*

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Religion and the Arab Spring **NEW**

Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 23

This course investigates the role of religion - Islam in Tunisia, Libya, Bahrain, and Yemen, and Islam and Christianity in Egypt and Syria - during the "Arab Spring," the political rebellions of 2011 and 2012. *Ralph Coury, Adjunct Professor of Islamic Studies and Professor Emeritus of History, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT*

Tackling the Issue: Retaining Young People in Mainline Denominational Congregations

Online, beginning January 22

"Why are there so few youth and young adults now in this congregation? What can we do?" This is a familiar plaint in many congregations and echoed in their denominations'

national offices. Recently there have been many articles and books on the spiritual culture(s) of young people, what they seek, where they look, and what might keep them within their church's folds. *Adair Lummmis, Faculty Associate in Research*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew, Mark and Luke: The Synoptic Gospels

Tuesdays, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning January 22

This course is an in-depth study of the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith in light of current biblical scholarship with special attention to the theological perspectives of Matthew, Mark and Luke as reflected in their varying presentations of the Good News in the synoptic Gospels. *Shanell T. Smith, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins*

The Qur'an and Its Place in Muslim Life and Society

Mondays, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning January 28

This course will examine Islamic concepts of the Qur'an as divine revelation and guidance. Major Qur'anic themes will be studied in English translation, with reference to classical and contemporary Muslim commentaries. *Omer Awass, Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*

THEOLOGY

Theology and Contextuality: A Systematic Survey of the Theology-Context Relationship in Western and Non-Western Contexts **NEW**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:40 p.m. to 9:10 p.m., beginning January 22

This course aims to introduce the multifarious hermeneutics of the relationship between theological knowledge and cultural contexts in Christian thought. At the end of the course, the students will acquire basic knowledge about the nature of contextual theological reasoning. *Najib Awad, Associate Professor of Christian Theology*

Readings in the Shi'i Tradition

Thursdays, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning January 24

This seminar will examine the Shi'ite tradition from within. We shall read and discuss primary-source materials in English translation including samples of Qur'an exegesis (tafsir), hadith tradition, philosophy, mysticism and theology. *Mahmoud Ayoub, Faculty Associate in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*

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Christian-Muslim Encounter: The Theological Dimension

*Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 6, Feb. 20,
March 13, April 3, April 24, plus additional online sessions*

This course explores the complexity of Christian and Muslim theological interpretation of each other, and of themselves in light of the other, in various times and contexts. *Lucinda Mosher, Faculty Associate in Interfaith Studies*

Muslim Political Theology in the 20th and 21st Centuries

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:40 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.,
beginning January 22*

This course offers an in-depth exploration of

geographically and thematically organized case studies that address Muslim theological approaches to politics in the 20th and 21st centuries. *Timur Yuskaev, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Islam*

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Islamic Spirituality

Tuesdays, from 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning January 22

This course explores the nature and diversity of Sufism by looking at the origins and development of Islamic spiritual thought and practices in history. *Yahya Michot, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations*