

Methodist University Theatre Department to Present Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Theatre Department will present Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* Thursday, Feb. 24 – Sunday Feb. 27, 2011. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$4 for children. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

The Mousetrap has been on the London stage since its opening in 1952. The story is about a young couple who opens their recently inherited home as an inn, only to find themselves snowed in on their opening weekend. Four expected guests arrive just before snow blocks the roads and then a mysterious stranger arrives, asking for shelter. A detective arrives on skis the next day, just before a killer strikes—a killer who is still in the house.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES
BUSINESS SUCCESSION FORUM NETWORK PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s first program of 2011 titled “Your Estate Planning Team.” The event will be held Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn. BSFN registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

James W. Narron, Esq., will be the speaker for the BSFN. Narron is a member of the North Carolina Bar and practices law in Smithfield, N.C., with Narron, O’Hale and Whittington, P.A. He has earned degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (A.B.), Wake Forest University (J.D., *cum laude*), and New York University (LL.M.). He often speaks about tax and estate planning issues, and is active on the North Carolina Bar Association’s Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section.

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**NEW PRESIDENT TO MAKE FIRST LOCAL PUBLIC APPEARANCE
AT MU-SPONSORED CHAMBER COFFEE CLUB**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s new president, Dr. Ben Hancock, Jr., will make his first public appearance in Fayetteville on Thursday, January 20, 2011 during a University-sponsored Fayetteville/Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce Coffee Club meeting. The meeting will take place from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Expo Room of the Holiday Inn Bordeaux.

Methodist traditionally sponsors the January Coffee Club to kick off the University’s annual Loyalty Day campaign for student scholarships. Methodist University’s Board of Trustees Chair Harvey T. Wright II ’70, Monarch cheerleaders, and members of the Methodist University Foundation Board of Directors will also be in attendance to launch this year’s annual fund raising campaign.

Dr. Hancock, who was named the fourth president of Methodist University by the Board of Trustees in November 2010, will take office in March 2011. He succeeds Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, who served as President of the University for 27 years.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES WINTER GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University graduated 207 students during the 38th Annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Dec. 18, 2010. The commencement ceremony took place at 2:00 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center.

Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have *specifically requested omission* from external publications.

Academic Honors

****Summa Cum Laude*: Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.90 and above

***Magna Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.70 and above

**Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.5 and above

Name	City and State	Honors
Lawrence Adair II	Parkton, N.C.	
James Alexander	Goldsboro, N.C.	
Ashley Allen	Buies Creek, N.C.	
Laren Anderson*	Linden, N.C.	Dean's List
Joshua Arendt***	Waynesboro, Pa.	
Frank Aycock	Boone, N.C.	Dean's List
Andrew Banner	Clarion, Pa.	
Trisha Barfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Amber Barnhill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Brian Barrows	Chambersburg, Pa.	
Tracey Bass-Caine	Fayetteville, N.C.	

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Devin Beck*	Tiverton, R.I.	Dean's List
Alfred Bell	Raleigh, N.C.	
Gregory Benson	Sewickley, Pa.	
Marianne Benson	Rocky Mount, N.C.	
Landon Bentham	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Grover Berryhill III	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Charles Biney	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Joseph Binns	Raleigh, N.C.	
Arieanya Blake	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Joanie Blevins	Thurmond, N.C.	
Michelle Bohannon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Zachary Brady	Huntington, N.Y.	
William Breese	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Joseph Brislin	Greeley, Pa.	
Joseph Brown	New Castle, Del.	
James Buie	Gastonia, N.C.	
Allyson Burak*	Willoughby, Ohio	Dean's List
Mario Burnette	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Denise Busbin	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Brice Busse	Hanover, Md.	
Patrick Cadigan	Hingham, Ma.	
Matthew Caister	Clinton, N.Y.	Dean's List
Jennifer Calvelo	Sanford, N.C.	
Ryan Carroll*	Wautoma, Wis.	Dean's List
Andreas Carver	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Wilson Cedeno***	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ralph Chew	Glen Burnie, Md.	
Gerald Childress	Mooresville, N.C.	
Staci Chiomento*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Darla Cole	Sanford, N.C.	

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Mason Colling	Schenectady, N.Y.	Dean's List
Patrick Cording	Arnold, Md.	
Nathaniel Cowan	Palm Bay, Fla.	
Benjamin Creighton	Senoia, Ga.	
Megan Creighton***	Senoia, Ga.	
Chad Crocker	Osterville, Mass.	
Monica Crumpler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Ernest Cuthbertson	Greensboro, N.C.	
Elizabeth Damato	Solon, Ohio	
Zachary Darnell	Orange, Va.	
Siobhan Day	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Matthew Decker	Apex, N.C.	
Lucas Diserio	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Dionne Drakes	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Patricia Driggers	Jacksonville, N.C.	
Kellie Eason	Clinton, N.C.	
Heather Eckhardt	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Rameses Encarnacion*	Marlborough, Ma.	
Sara Falcon	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Dwayne Faulkner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Rosemarie Ferrell	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Andrea Filipkowski	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Melissa Fisher**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Justin Flynt	Greensboro, N.C.	
Jeremy Ford	Florence, S.C.	
Randall Forrest	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Megan Fox	Cary, N.C.	
John Gaeta	Lynbrook, N.Y.	
Courtney Gallagher	Gainesville, Fla.	
Mary Gardner	Harrells, N.C.	

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Claire George	Orlando, Fla.	
Tanya Gibson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Angela Gillett	Eastover, N.C.	
Charles Golibart	Olney, Md.	
Jason Goodhind	Sunderland, Mass.	
Matthew Gowins	New Philadelphia, Ohio	Dean's List
Megan Grande	Las Vegas, Nev.	
Salvatore Grosso	Ronkonkoma, N.Y.	
Lydia Haig	Edenar, Md.	
Daniel Hannibal	Trumbull, Conn.	
Keon Hannibal	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Amanda Harris	Newton Grove, N.C.	
Jordan Harris	Bean Station, Tenn.	Dean's List
Kanten Harrison	Sanford, N.C.	
Jason Hastings*	Millsboro, Del.	Dean's List
Horace Hemley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Shawn Henry	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Becky Herrmann	Monroe, N.C.	
William Hickman	St. Pauls, N.C.	
Meleah Hilton	Shelby, N.C.	
Lance Hoepner	Fort Bragg, N.C.	
Toby Holland	Hope Mills, N.C.	
William Holloman	Seven Springs, N.C.	
Alexander Holroyde*	Bluffton, S.C.	Dean's List
Thomas Hutton*	Ridgewood, N.J.	President's List
Koneil Ingram	Fayetteville, NC.	Dean's List
Brandon Iseman	Florence, S.C.	President's List
Morgan Jewell	Medford, N.Y.	
Rachel Juren	High Point, N.C.	
Karen Kalevas	Hope Mills, N.C.	

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Peter Kalogerinis	Greenville, N.C.	
Mark Ketchum	Richlands, N.C.	
Treniese Kirklen	Fort Campbell, Ky.	Dean's List
Dylan Knox	Lillington, N.C.	
Ashley Kolano	Marcy, N.Y.	
Kraiwee Kumvachirapitak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Michele Larson	Clayton, N.C.	
Howard Lattimore	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Gerry Lemus	Raeford, N.C.	
Rebecca Lewis	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Hope Lipscomb	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Richard Loveless	Jacksonville, N.C.	
Matthew Lowell	Buckfield, Maine	
Latisha Lynch	Spring Lake, N.C.	
John Macurdy	West Barnstable, Mass.	
Walter Manuel IV	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Gabriel Maravelas	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Susan Martin*	Norcross, Ga.	Dean's List
Thomas Maxwell	Nogales, Ariz.	
James McBryde	Roseboro, N.C.	
Ryan McGinnis	Louisville, Ky.	
Joshua McKenzie	Winter Haven, Fla.	
Jessica McReynolds	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Thomas Mead*	Stedman, N.C.	
Nena Menscer	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Gary Michel	Perrysburg, Ohio	
Kevin Modlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Melissa Montanez	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Malinda Montgomery-Fryer	Fuquay Varina, N.C.	
Nicholas Monticello	Allentown, N.J.	

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Adam Monts de Oca	Spring Hope, N.C	President's List
Sam Morrison	Fayetteville, N.C.	
John Morton	Langhorne, Pa.	
Stephen Mose	Grovetown, Ga.	
Lena Myers	Lexington, N.C.	
Erica Nath	Clairton, Pa.	Dean's List
Ksenia Nikolaeva	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Vivian Nino	Fuquay Varina, N.C.	
Michael Olson***	Bothell, Wash.	President's List
Hubert Owens	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Sandi Owens	Fayetteville, N.C.	
James Peckham	Lone Tree, Colo.	
Jeffrey Pelletier	North Dartmouth, Mass.	
Robert Peterson**	Greenville, N.C.	Dean's List
Cindy Petithomme	Raeford, N.C.	Dean's List
Vicki Pope	Clinton, N.C.	
Rachel Poteet	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Alan Preston	Delmar, Del.	
Tyrone Pulley	Raleigh, N.C.	
Jana Rachels	Warthen, Ga.	
Richard Ramos	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Gladys Reyes	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Mark Reynolds	Horseheads, N.Y.	Dean's List
Steve Rightmyer	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
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Precious Robins	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Marcelo Rothbarth	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Megan Rourke	Senoia, Ga.	President's List
Christine Rudolf	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Teresita Ruoff	Fayetteville, N.C.	

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Lauren Sandoval	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ninette Sawyer	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Robert Schultz	Benson, N.C.	
Adam Seely	Sherrill, N.Y.	
Alan Semethy	Mayfield Height, Ohio	
Ryan Sharp	Concord, N.H.	
James Shorten	Boone, N.C.	
Matthew Sim	Leland, N.C.	
Jo-Etta Simmons	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Tonya Simpson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Dharam Singla	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ekaterina Skripova	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Samantha Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Valerie Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Derrick Soellner	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Bryan Springer	New Hartford, N.Y.	
Tiffany Stephens*	Linden, N.C.	Dean's List
Ronald Story	Raeford, N.C.	
Alana Swain	Kenilworth, Ill.	Dean's List
Mark Teed	Trumbull, Conn.	
Adam Thomas	Richmond, Ind.	
Binh Thi Tran	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Milena Trudell	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Faye Turner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Paul Uzzle	Clayton, N.C.	
Jennipher Vallery	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Sheila Vance	Fort Bragg, N.C.	
Matthew Vencill*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Christopher Vlahos	Dublin, Va.	
Jolanna Watson	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List

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Annette Webster	Stedman, N.C.	
Erin Weidman*	Sanford, N.C.	Dean's List
Jessica Wells	Cameron, N.C.	
Julia West	Moncure, N.C.	
Dieter Wiedmayer	Manchester, Mich.	
Michael Wilcox	Tampa, Fla.	
Allison Williams	Charlotte, N.C.	
Demory Williams	Lincolnton, N.C.	
Mark Williams	Fort Bragg, N.C.	President's List
Rodney Williams, Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Donna Wilson*	Spring Lake, N.C.	Dean's List
Kenneth Wolff	Virginia Beach, Va.	
Michelle Wright*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
David Wulff	Cary, N.C.	
Angel Zajkowski**	Sanford, N.C.	Dean's List
Correy Zoller	New Castle, Del.	

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Note: Graduate listing compiled with assistance from Anja Sakotic, a sophomore at Methodist University. Sakotic is working as an editorial assistant in the Office of University Relations.



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Seventy-nine students were named to the winter 2010 **President's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 GPA with at least 46.8 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of *D*, *F*, or *I* (Incomplete) and no developmental courses. The following students were named to the **President's List**:

Name	Hometown	Class Status
Joscelyn Abreu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Randee Arnett	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Richard Bagley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lorleila Bartlett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandria Bass	Clinton, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Beam	Cherryville, N.C.	Senior
Dandra Bennett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Courtney Benton	Rocky Point, N.C.	Junior
Alexandra Bowman	Brookville, Ohio	Freshman
Celena Brock	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Laura Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Junior
Angelo Catucci	Davidsonville, Md.	Senior
Monica Cauffield	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Alexander Combs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cody Conklin	Trevorton, Pa.	Freshman

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Cassidy Conley	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Heather Cook	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Lindsey Cosgray	Middletown, Md.	Senior
Jacob Cruz-Taitague	Linden, N.C.	Sophomore
Kim Cunningham	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Meadow DeFosche	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Katelyn Dockery	Chatham, Va.	Junior
Christine Ellington	Belmont, N.C.	Junior
Gerard Falls	Beaufort, S.C.	Sophomore
Olivia Florence	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stephen Fox	Bradenton, Fla.	Senior
Sadie Fox-Perdue	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alysa Freeborough	Erie, Pa.	Sophomore
Christopher Glass	Sterling, Conn.	Freshman
Robert Glass	Sterling, Conn.	Junior
Jasmina Gobeljic	Zivinice, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sophomore
Nicholas Gonneville	Northfield, Vt.	Sophomore
Jessica Greene	Elk City, Okla.	Senior
Jaclyn Horn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tammy Horton	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
John Iseman	Florence, S.C.	Senior
Brandon Jourdan	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Abhishek Kansakar	Kathmandu, Nepal	Senior
Chelsie Keene	Newton Grove, N.C.	Freshman
Christina Kenon	Linden, N.C.	Sophomore
Rebecca King	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Matthew Kumm	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Bella Lafountain	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Howard Lattimore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

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Nancy May	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kahley McCune	Corry, Pa.	Sophomore
Elizabeth McDonald	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Mary Meadowcroft	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Lauren Miller	Frazeysburg, Ohio	Senior
Mangaliso Mohammed	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Adam Montsdeoca	Spring Hope, N.C.	Senior
James Moore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Morales	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nolan Outlaw	Albertson, N.C.	Junior
April Pardo	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Seth Pattan	Rockingham, N.C.	Junior
Gregory Patterson	Elon, N.C.	Sophomore
Alana Rauhoff	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Steve Rightmyer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Geneva Runion	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Dawn Sanderson	Brighton, Colo.	Senior
Jo-Etta Simmons	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jay Sorenson	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Julianne Summers	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Zachary Sweet	Madison, Maine	Sophomore
Matthew Taylor	Waynesboro, Pa.	Senior
Joel Thomas	Overland Park, Kan.	Senior
Nicole Thompson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lacey Truelove	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Joseph Turner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Whitney Walker	Swansboro, N.C.	Sophomore
Bruce Ward	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ian Ward	Apex, N.C.	Sophomore
Jolanna Watson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

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Sharilyn Wells	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christine Wheeler	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Senior
Joseph Yurisich	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Peter Yusckat	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kristyn Zeiler	Lutherville, Md.	Senior

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and eleven were named to the winter 2010 **Dean's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better grade point average (GPA) with at least 42.0 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or I (Incomplete) and no developmental courses. The following students were named to the **Dean's List**:

Name	City and State	Class Status
Jordan Adams	Wilmington, N.C.	Sophomore
Davis Agnew	Linesville, Pa.	Freshman
Tania Aguero	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Anchalem Alemayehu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Sara Altman	Hamlet, N.C.	Junior
Jacqueline Alvarez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Immaculate Apchemengich	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Nadia Arellano	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tyler Arnold	Chesapeake, Va.	Junior
Rosaura Arreola	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amber Barnhill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Courtney Barrow	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Joshua Bass	Salemburg, N.C.	Senior
Veronica Bates	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Victoria Bates	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
William Beddow	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore

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Bryan Beiersdorfer	Levittown, N.Y.	Junior
James Bell	Houston, Del.	Senior
Kimberly Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Valerie Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lindsie Bentham	South Dayton, N.Y.	Junior
Christopher Biggins	Clarksville, Md.	Freshman
Charles Biney	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Arieanya Blake	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
William Boyle	Bloomfield Hill, Mich.	Junior
Stephanie Breitenbach	Owings, Md.	Freshman
Megan Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Melissa Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Elnetta Buck	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mahlia Burgess	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tyler Burrell	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Paige Caldwell	Hudson, Ohio	Senior
Gonzalo Camina	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gypsy-Storm Cassidy	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Rachel Chapman	Claremont, N.C.	Sophomore
Autumn Cheek	Franklinville, N.C.	Freshman
Staci Chiomento	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
William Coleman	Lynchburg, Va.	Senior
Kevin Collins	Cary, N.C.	Sophomore
Preston Combs	East Windsor, N.J.	Senior
Megan Connell	Owings, Md.	Senior
Stephanie Corder	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Brooke Corley	Wingate, N.C.	Sophomore
Rachel Cornett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Monica Crumpler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Chepiernael Cruz-Rodriguez	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Joseph Dargin	Acton, Mass.	Sophomore
Mohammed Darkhawaja	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman

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Brittany Davis	Coats, N.C.	Junior
Ivette Davis	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Melanie Delatorre	El Paso, Texas	Senior
Anita Djonlic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Christopher Douthit	Saint Pauls, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Dreher	Coplay, Pa.	Junior
David Dundore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Angie Durand	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Susic Dzana	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Dzenana Dzanic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Maida Elezovic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Eleazar Encarnacion	Marlborough, Mass.	Senior
Melisa Eslinger	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rachel Evans	Elizabethtown, N.C.	Junior
Michael Faison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Ninotchka Ferrer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Aleksandra Fetisova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Janel Fields-Burse	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Fink	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Gregory Fischer	Hamburg, N.Y.	Senior
Alex Foster	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Aaron Franklin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Adam Franks	Kure Beach, N.C.	Junior
Michelle Free	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Nathan Friedman	Dover, Pa.	Senior
Caitlin Funk	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Maggie Gaines	Goldston, N.C.	Senior
Robert Gamble	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jessica Gamboa	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Charles Gault	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Nathaniel Gienger	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Loretta Giovannettone	Shirley, N.Y.	Freshman

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Cameron Gombatz	Raleigh, N.C.	Freshman
Olivia Grace	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Elaine Grant	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carrie Green	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Andrew Harper	Apex, N.C.	Freshman
Maeve Harper	Dayton, Ohio	Sophomore
Tyler Hawk	Batavia, Ohio	Senior
Jeffrey Headman	Conneaut, Ohio	Junior
Jessie Heath	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Connor Heinz	Overland Park, Kan.	Freshman
Horace Hemley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brianne Hendrick	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Kristina Herrera	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Vanessa Hines	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Casey Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Stephen Horne	Stedman, N.C.	Junior
Karen Horton	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Sarah Howard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amy Huffman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brian Inghram	Chesapeake, Va.	Senior
Koneil Ingram	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nessy Iroha	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Patrick Jacobs	Smithfield, N.C.	Sophomore
Rachel Jacobs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Brandon Johnson	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Jasmine Jones	Dunn, N.C.	Freshman
Larhonda Jones	Rowland, N.C.	Freshman
Lauryn Justice	Statesville, N.C.	Freshman
Nucharin Kantapasara	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Maranda Keeney	Four Oaks, N.C.	Sophomore
Tonya Kelly	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Elicia Kieser	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior

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Jung Kim	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Marissa Kuzbyt	Plainsboro, N.J.	Junior
Myles Larsen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael Layao	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kenneth Leonard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Angela Lewis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kyle Loucks	Ballston Spa, N.Y.	Freshman
Shawn Lovette	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Matthew Lumpkin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Daniel Lupo	Monroe, Conn.	Freshman
Angelina Martzloff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Pedro Massinga	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Mcauliffe	Rocky Mount, N.C.	Freshman
Katherine McCandless	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marcy Mckee	Milford, Del.	Freshman
Henrietta McKoy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Michael McLaughlin	Woburn, Mass.	Sophomore
Jason Mehlhoff	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Katherine Meindl	Raleigh, N.C.	Sophomore
Ashley Mercado	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Jason Mills	Arlington, Mass.	Sophomore
Danielle Minichello	Eden, N.C.	Junior
Brittany Mize	Dunn, N.C.	Freshman
John Moore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Freshman
Erica Narvaez-Ojeda	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Kasey Nichols	Richmond, Va.	Senior
Nyomaclement Nicknora	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Nyamsaikhan Odsuren	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Hansel Ong	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Ongley	Spartansburg, Pa.	Sophomore
Amanda Orpen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman

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Kelly Orpin	Fredericksburg, Va.	Senior
Rachel Paone	Denville, N.J.	Senior
Renae Parker	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Misty Patrick	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Grace Payne	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Lindsey Payne	Sanford, N.C.	Freshman
Courtney Pearson	Clinton, N.C.	Sophomore
Matthew Pelletier	North Dartmouth, Mass.	Sophomore
Matea Peric	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cindy Petithomme	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Anthony Phillips	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Phillips	King Of Prussia, Pa.	Freshman
Christopher Poole	Durham, N.C.	Freshman
Michael Poole	Durham, N.C.	Senior
Michael Porter	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Tiffany Prokop	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christin Ransom	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jillian Reed	New Bern, N.C.	Junior
Elizabeth Rice	Rougemont, N.C.	Junior
Gaspar Rich	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jorge Rivera	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Tevin Rogers	Sanford, N.C.	Freshman
Mary Rose	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Anastasiya Saakova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Sondra Sackewitz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nicholas Sauls	Severn, Md.	Junior
Katherine Scheller	Newton, N.C.	Sophomore
Blakeley Scott	Cary, N.C.	Freshman
Christina Selbe	Fredericksburg, Va.	Sophomore
Heather Shackelford	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Shaffer	Dunn, N.C.	Freshman
Luke Sheetz	Grand Rapids, Minn.	Freshman

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Ryan Slagle	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Emily Smith	Shippensburg, Pa.	Freshman
Charles Stephenson	Springville, N.Y.	Sophomore
Paul Stroebel	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Sean Teeter	Grapevine, Texas	Senior
Natalie Thompson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Brittany Tisdale	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Faye Turner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Laziz Tursunov	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Candice Tynes	Smithfield, N.C.	Senior
Veronica Valentine	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Patrick Vancura	Dripping Spring, Texas	Junior
Tijana Vasiljevic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Joshua Walsh	Erwin, N.C.	Sophomore
Kaitlyn Warren	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Tiffany Webster	Hamptonville, N.C.	Senior
Victoria Welch	Fairfax Station, Va.	Freshman
Kevin Wells	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Isuru Wijesundara	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Trista Willard	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Hayley Williams	Tallahassee, Fla.	Sophomore
Adriana Wilson	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Darren Wilson	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Wolfe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kenneth Wolff	Virginia Beach, Va.	Senior
Kristina Wolfrom	Voorhees, N.J.	Junior
Lauren Ashley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Trisha Wyman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bradley Wynalek	Freehold, N.J.	Senior
Brian Yeatts	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Vanita Young	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Angel Zajkowski	Sanford, N.C.	Senior

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Qunchao Zhan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bei Bei Zhou	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Edward Zielonka	Hillsborough, N.J.	Senior

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MU HOSTS FOUR OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host four Open House sessions for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program at Methodist University. The Open House sessions will be held in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, **Feb. 7, 2011**
- Monday, **March 14, 2011**
- Monday, **April 11, 2011**
- Monday, **May 9, 2011**

The face-to-face Open House format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the fall semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. The MBA cohort's concentration is in either organizational management and leadership or health care administration. The 12-13 course program is completed online with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term. The Professional MBA at MU is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 16-18 months. The application deadline for the fall semester is May 19, 2011.

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MU HOSTS FORENSIC SCIENCE EXPERT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Justin McShane, Esq., forensic science expert, will speak at Methodist University Thursday, Feb. 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Medical Lecture Hall located in the Physician Assistant (PA) Program Complex. The lecture is open to the public at no charge.

McShane has defended citizens who have been accused of crimes ranging from driving under the influence (DUI) and drug possession to assault and capital homicide. In addition to lecturing before the American Chemical Society, he has lectured at many national forensic and DUI seminars. He serves as chairman and CEO of The McShane Firm in Harrisburg, Pa.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY LOYALTY DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2011
New Loyalty Day Event: Benefit Concert Friday, February 4 Features the Embers

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—This year’s Methodist University Loyalty Day campaign has a new element added to the traditional canvassing of area businesses by 100 community volunteers to seek support for scholarships—a benefit concert will feature North Carolina’s official musical ambassadors, The Embers, Friday, Feb. 4, 2011.

The concert will be held in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus, with beach music DJ King Curtiss kicking off the evening at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the 2011 Loyalty Day scholarship campaign.

An increasing percentage (over 90 percent) of Methodist’s 2,400 students receive financial assistance, and scholarship funding for deserving students is a critical need. Dr. Eric Mansfield, honorary chair of this year’s Loyalty Day campaign, knows how important scholarships are, because they enabled him to achieve his dream of becoming a physician.

“I know that education is the key to advancing our community and opening opportunities for future growth and prosperity,” said Dr. Mansfield. “Donations to Loyalty Day will make a difference by empowering the next generation with the education they need to lead productive and rewarding lives.”

This year’s Foundation Board members are: Barb Lahiff, president; Stephen Driggers ’76, vice president; Sharon Moyer, treasurer; George Matthews, immediate past president; Lauren Cook Wike, secretary; Richard Alligood; Germaine Bowles; Bill Bowman; Joy Kirkpatrick Crowe ’93; Kensley Edge; Louis Feraca; J. Duane Gilliam; Linda Goff; Marilyn Holstein; T. J. Jenkins; Kristin McCarthy; Ramona Moore; Sharon Moyer; Dr. Bryant Murphy; Gayle Nelson; Frank Scott; Sharon Valentine; Chris Villa; and Guyla Wilkinson ’92.

Rather than the traditional breakfast on campus, this year a Loyalty Day Luncheon is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. February 8 in the Wellingtons Room at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Media may R.S.V.P. for the Loyalty Day benefit concert Feb. 4 and/or the luncheon Feb. 8 by calling (910) 630-7043. For more information or to make a contribution, call (910) 630-7200, e-mail lwike@methodist.edu or visit www.methodist.edu and see upcoming events.



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SPRING CONVOCATION FEATURES MUSIC, POETRY, AND DANCE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host spring convocation Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The event celebrates Black History Month, and is free and open to the public.

In “A Celebration of the Harlem Renaissance,” the MU Jazz Ensemble will present a musical offering, and the event will feature a poetry reading and dance performance.

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STUDENT NAMED FINALIST IN NATIONAL DESIGN CONTEST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jordan Adams, a 20-year-old sophomore majoring in graphic design, has been selected as one of 13 finalists in a logo design contest for the first annual Florida Blueberry Festival in Brooksville, Fla.

The first, second, and third place winners will be announced May 7, 2011. Adams, who is from Wilmington, N.C., is the daughter of Ed and Kim Adams. Six students from Methodist University entered the national competition, which was open to all art students.

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FEBRUARY 3, 2011

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ACCLAIMED CONDUCTOR TO DIRECT CONCERT AT MU

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Chorale will combine with the vocal talents from Sanderson High School in Raleigh and students from Cape Fear High School in Fayetteville to perform in a concert at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 in Reeves Auditorium.

Weston Noble, an internationally acclaimed conductor and music educator, will conduct the MU Chorale and combined groups in the concert. He will be working with the MU Chorale on the campus of Methodist University Thursday, Feb. 2 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 4 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. On the evening of the concert, a donation of \$5 will be requested at the door. Students and seniors will be admitted free of charge.

About Weston Noble

Noble's career includes conducting more than 900 music festivals throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, Europe, Russia, and South America. The venues include Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Los Angeles Music Center, Chicago Orchestra Hall, the Ordway Theater in St. Paul, Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, and the Bolshoi, Kremlin and Tchaikovsky Halls in Moscow. He is the only living director to have led all-state choruses, bands, and orchestras in all 50 states.

In the spring of 2006, Noble conducted the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in a national radio broadcast. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, making him the only non-Mormon to ever receive this award.

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MU TO HOST MISS METHODIST PAGEANT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host its fifth annual Miss Methodist Pageant Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium on the campus of Methodist University.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, and the event is free to Methodist University students, faculty, and staff members. Sixteen contestants will be judged on talent, evening wear, and the on-stage interview.

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**MU TO DISPLAY 47 SELECTED PIECES OF ART FROM
THE FAYETTEVILLE MUSEUM OF ART**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Forty-seven selected pieces of art from the permanent collection of the Fayetteville Museum of Art have been put on display in the David McCune International Art Gallery at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. until March 4, 2011.

Silvana Foti, chair of the Art Department at Methodist University, Sandra McFarlane, owner of Old Town Gallery, and John “Mac” Healy, president of Healy Wholesale Company, Inc., moved selected pieces from the Fayetteville Museum of Art to the William F. Bethune Center Jan. 31, 2011. The art was put on display in William F. Bethune Center Friday, Feb. 4, 2011.

“It is a pleasurable opportunity to be able to select a body of work from the Fayetteville Museum of Art’s permanent collection,” said Foti.

In May of 2010, the Board of Trustees of the Fayetteville Museum of Art voted to close its doors and retain its name with the intention of reopening the museum at a future date.

“Although saddened by the museum’s closing, Methodist University’s Art Department can now display works by local, national, and international artists,” said Foti. “Methodist University is fortunate to be in a position to help the Fayetteville Museum of Art in a way that will also benefit those persons at Methodist University and within the community.”

According to Healy, over 700 pieces of the remaining art will be housed in storage at the Fayetteville Museum of Art until further notice.

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information, please contact Silvana Foti at (910) 630-7107, send an e-mail to sfoti@methodist.edu, or view the photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kingmonarch/sets/72157625822719959/>.



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MU ANNOUNCES B.F. STONE ENDOWED LYCEUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host the fifteenth annual B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum March 30, 2011 to discuss an academic piece titled, “Sharing the Tomb of Christ: Conflict and Boundaries Among Jerusalem’s Christians” presented by Vida Bajc, Ph.D.

The lyceum, which is free of charge and open to the public, will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall. Bajc is an assistant professor of sociology at Methodist University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Akron, a Master of Science from Texas A&M, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania.

The discussion is part of the B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum Series, which was started in 1998 with a gift from the estate of B.F. Stone. The mission of the discussions is to foster scholarly interaction among the faculty, students and the community-at-large.

A native of Elizabethtown, N.C., Stone was a pharmacist, philanthropist, and active layman in the United Methodist Church. The proceeds from his estate have also been used to endow student scholarships.

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STUDENT SELECTED TO RECEIVE 2010 TROUTMAN-RAINEY AWARD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jason Trudell’s research titled “Environmental Performance Indicators: A Comparison by State” was selected for the 2010 Troutman-Rainey Award by the North Carolina Political Science Association (NCPSA). The NCPSA award recognizes the best political science undergraduate paper in the North Carolina.

Trudell is a 28-year-old senior who is majoring in political science. He completed his research in PSC 460 Senior Seminar in the fall of 2010. Trudell will present his paper at the 40th Annual Meeting of the NCPSA in Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 25, 2011. He is the son of William and Emily Trudell of Baraboo, Wis., and a graduate of Baraboo High School.

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MU ANNOUNCES THE 21st SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The 21st Southern Writers Symposium will take place in the Medical Lecture Hall located in the Physician Assistant Program Complex at Methodist University from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011.

The event, which is themed *Celebrating Emerging Writers: A Day of Reading and Workshops*, will feature writers from Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The presenters include Lorraine M. López, Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés, Michael Colonnese, Beth Copeland, Robin Greene, Brenda Jernigan, and Shannon Ward.

The general admission fee for the symposium and lunch is \$15.00. For an additional fee, participants will have an opportunity to receive individual feedback on their own writing. Students with a valid Methodist University I.D. card may attend the symposium free of charge.

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**Please see the attached PDF for more information about the 21st Southern Writers Symposium.*

About the Southern Writers Symposium

Created by English professor Sue Kimball in 1982, the Southern Writers Symposium has featured lectures by contemporary authors such as Lee Smith, Reynolds Price, Jill McCorkle, and Marsha Norman.

For the 2011 Symposium, we created a day to honor emerging writers. Centered around a luncheon reading by Lorraine López, the day offers writers and readers a chance to connect, cultivate, and celebrate.

Join us to

- connect with fellow writers and readers
- cultivate your own writing
- celebrate award-winning works of literature

Join us for

- Pimp My Prose
- or
- Pimp My Poem

These mini-clinics offer writers of all genres the opportunity to submit some of their own writing and meet with published writers to talk about the work.

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Featured Writers

Lorraine M. López is the author of three novels—*Call Me Henri*, *The Gifted Gabaldón Sisters*, and *Realm of the Hungry Spirits* (Spring 2011)—and three short story collections, most recently *Homicide Survivors Picnic*, a finalist for the 2010 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. Her fiction has appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *CrazyHorse*, *Cimarron Review*, *StoryQuarterly/Narrative Magazine*, and *Latino Boom* among other publications. The recipient of the inaugural Miguel Marmól prize for fiction and the Paterson Prize for Young Adult Literature, she has also edited two collection of essays, *An Angle of Vision: Women Writers Discuss Their Poor Or Working Class Roots*, and *The Other Latino* (Spring 2011). López teaches in the MFA program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and she is an associate editor of the *Afro-Hispanic Review*.



Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés is a professor of Latino/a literature and writing at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Her short story collection, *Marielitos, Balseros and Other Exiles*, was released in June 2009 by Ig Publishers. Her chapbook *Everyday Chica* won the 2010 Longleaf Poetry Prize. Rodríguez Milanés's story "Muchacha" is collected in the *Norton Anthology of Latino Literature* (2010).



Michael Colonnese has worked as an advertising copywriter, as a chemical salesman, as a vegetable farmer, as a real estate agent, as a lobster fisherman, as a house painter, as a beer-truck driver, as a Pinkerton guard, and as a soundman and editor for a documentary film company. He holds a Ph.D from SUNY Binghamton, and currently lives in Fayetteville, NC, where he directs the Creative Writing Program at Methodist University. His novel, *Sex and Death, I Suppose*, brings new meaning to noir mysteries.



Beth Copeland was raised in Japan, India, and North Carolina. Her book, *Traveling Through Glass*, received the 1999 Bright Hill Press Poetry Book Award, and her poems have been published in many literary journals, including *e: The Emily Dickinson Awards Anthology* (2002 and 2003), *Hunger Mountain*, *The Kerf*, and *The Ledge*. Her poems have received awards from, among others, The North Carolina Poetry Society, and *Peregrine*, and have been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.



Robin Greene is professor of English and Writing, director of the Writing Center, and editor of Longleaf Press at Methodist University. Greene has published two collections of poetry, *Memories of Light and Lateral Drift*, and a collection of women's birthing narratives, *Real Birth, Women Share Their Stories*. Greene has a MA in English and a MFA in Writing. Her novel, *Augustus: Narrative of a Slave Woman*, is forthcoming in March 2011.



Brenda Jernigan is the author of the novel *Every Good and Perfect Gift*. Her short fiction has won awards including the Robert Ruark Prize and the Rupert Hughes Writing Award. She has also published a mystery, *Angel's Aura* and has some publishing stories that will curl your hair.



Shannon Ward's poems have appeared in numerous literary journals, including *Tar River Poetry*, *Marginalia*, and *Main Street Rag*. She received the 2007 Bruce and Marge Petesch fellowship, the 2007 Longleaf Press Student Writing Award, and she was a finalist for both the 2009 Brenda Smart Poetry Prize and the 2007 Charles Johnson Student Fiction Award. She holds a B.A. from Methodist University and an M.F.A. from North Carolina State University.



Program

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Saturday, February 26, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Registration opens

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Publish or Perish:
A Reading with Michael Colonnese, Beth Copeland, Robin Greene, Brenda Jernigan, and Shannon Ward.

After the reading the panel will host a Q&A on publishing creative work.

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.—**Keynote Speaker—
Lunch and Reading with Lorraine López, finalist for the 2010 PEN/Faulkner Award for her short story collection *Homicide Survivors Picnic***

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Longleaf Press winner Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés, author of *Everyday Chica*, reading

2:15 to 3:15 p.m.—Reading by Emerging Writers Contest winners

3:30 to 4:45 p.m. —Pimp My Prose/Pimp My Poem (Mini-clinics)
Members of the morning panel will conduct mini-clinics to help participants see strengths as well as areas for improvement in their writing. Participants are invited to submit their writing (poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction) in advance for a short one on one critique session with the authors.

5:00 to 6:00 Open Mic emceed by Celeste Doaks
All attendees are welcome to read. Readings from *Tapestry*, Methodist University's literary magazine, will kick off the event.

5:00 to 6:00 Book signing by featured authors

Book sales from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments served from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Registration fees
Symposium and lunch \$15.00
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FEBRUARY 21, 2011

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MU PRESENTS ANNUAL BULLARD-TEMPLETON LECTURE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Robert Russell, Ph.D., will speak on “Cosmology: Science and Theology in Creative Mutual Interaction” at Methodist University Monday, March 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium. The presentation is part of the Templeton Lecture Series on Science and Religion, and the event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Russell is the founder and director of the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, and an Ian G. Barbour Professor of Theology and Science in Residence at the Graduate Theological Union, in Berkeley, Calif. He is a leading researcher and spokesperson for the growing international body of theologians and scientists who are committed to a positive dialogue between these fields. He has written and edited many volumes in the field. Dr. Russell is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He earned a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Santa Cruz, a Master of Arts in theology, and a Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion.

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ART EXHIBITION OPENS AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—David McCune will present a collection of artwork in an exhibition titled “Heavy Metal” at the David McCune International Art Gallery March 14 – April 4, 2011. An opening reception is scheduled in the gallery for Saturday, March 12 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

McCune is a nationally recognized metal wall art and sculpture artist with works displayed in homes, businesses, government facilities, colleges and universities across the country, and over twenty galleries. While he is well known for his metal sculpture, he also works in watercolors, acrylic, metal wall art, jewelry, and custom furniture.

“In my Heavy Metal 2011 spring show, I have combined the disciplines of art, science, mathematics, engineering, and technology to produce a series of two-dimensional and three-dimensional art,” said McCune.

The David McCune International Art Gallery is located in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts on the campus of Methodist University. The gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, from March 14 to April 4, 2011.

The opening reception for the exhibit will take place prior to the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra performance at 7:30 p.m. in nearby Reeves Auditorium. “Methodist University strives to engage the community with its offering of art exhibits, lectures, musical performances, theatrical productions, seminars, and facilities for special events,” said Delmas Crisp, Ph.D., interim executive vice president of Methodist University.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University has announced that Dr. Delmas Crisp has been promoted to Executive Vice President/Academic Dean of Methodist University. For the past four years Dr. Crisp's has served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs. His outstanding service and commitment to the university has brought increased recognition and prominence to the institution. He has most recently served ad Interim Executive Vice President from January 1 to February 28 after Dr. M. Elton Hendricks retirement.

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MU HOSTS SCREENING OF “PLAYGROUND”

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host a screening of the documentary “Playground: Child Sex Trafficking in America,” presented by the Department of Sociology and the Department of Social Work at Methodist University.

The screening, which is free of charge and open to the public, will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Medical Lecture Hall April 8, 2011. The documentary will be followed by a panel discussion on the topic of domestic child sex trafficking. The panel will feature three experts: Sharon W. Cooper, Elzbieta Gozdzia, and Charity Magnuson.

Sharon W. Cooper, M.D., F.A.A.P., is a forensic pediatrician and board member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. As a pediatrician for more than 30 years, she is the lead author of a comprehensive text on child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. She serves on the faculty of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School Of Medicine.

Elzbieta M. Gozdzia, Ph.D., is the director of research at the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University. She has published several articles about human trafficking and child victims of trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation, including a special issue of *International Migration* on Improving Data and Research on Human Trafficking.

Charity Magnuson is the director of NC Stop Human Trafficking. She is a published author who has written about human rights and development at Harvard University, and about human trafficking issues in North Carolina.

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MARCH 21, 2011

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MU RANKED TOP FIVE IN THE NATION FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University was recently named one of the top five schools in the nation for student activities by the readers of *Campus Activities Today* magazine.

This is the second year in the row that the Student Activities Committee (SAC) at Methodist University has been voted “Campus Program of the Year” by readers of *Campus Activities Today* Magazine. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), and Central Michigan University placed first and second, respectively. Methodist University was ranked third, the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cobleskill was ranked fourth, and Winthrop University was ranked fifth in the nation.

SAC is a team of more than 55 students that is responsible for the planning and implementation of campus entertainment. The team prepares for numerous events throughout the year, including Miss Methodist, comedy shows, novelty acts, Homecoming events, Spring Fling, Casino Night, and the Exam Breakfast, among others.

“This is a great honor for a small school,” said Doris Jackson, director of student activities at Methodist University. “There is no doubt that I am working with the greatest group of students on campus. I am encouraged by the fact that they love what they do, their willingness to volunteer, and their passion for fun.”

“Working for SAC is an amazing experience,” said Jordan Atych, a sophomore at Methodist University and a member of the SAC board. “It gives me opportunity to get out of my room and meet new people.”

“This nomination is an honor, not only for the members of SAC, but for all of those people who are standing behind the scenes, helping us settle everything and clean up after the events,” said Brittany Wiggs, a sophomore at MU and a member of SAC.

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CFE HOSTS 34TH ANNUAL STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University will host its 34th Annual Stock Market Symposium at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

Michael P. Hennessy is the keynote speaker for the event. Hennessy is a co-founder and managing director of investments at Morgan Creek Capital Management. Prior to joining Morgan Creek Capital Management in 2004, he was vice president and a founding member of UNC Management Company, Inc. He earned a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in finance from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, and a bachelor's degree in philosophy, psychology and mathematics from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In addition to the keynote address, the CFE will honor five business leaders with the Silver Spoon Award, Small Business Excellence Award, American Business Ethics Award, and Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

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JUSTIN GRAY PRESENTS SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Justin Gray, a senior who is majoring in art at Methodist University, will present his senior art exhibition titled “Unpredictable Journey,” April 6 - April 18 in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The show will be held in the David McCune International Art Gallery. A reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

“My imagination is always searching for new artistic forms. Because I have been especially interested in abstract forms and shapes, I am inspired by the work of great masters, such as, Vincent Van Gogh, Jean Michael Basquait and Pablo Picasso. My aim is mostly to be expressive and my work is concentrated in experimentation with wet and dry mixed media,” said Gray. “Creating art is my way of expressing myself to others.”

Gray’s exhibition will feature over fifteen pieces of his work, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, and prints. Gray uses a wide variety of materials. In addition to paints, the viewer will see sand, rope, wood, non-traditional use of canvas, sticks, and debris.

Justin Gray is from Charlotte, N.C. He is the son of Beth and Kelly Gray. He attended Louisburg College before transferring to Methodist University, where he played intercollegiate football.

The art exhibition is free and open to the public. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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**MU PROFESSOR PUBLISHES HISTORICAL NOVEL ABOUT
A FAYETTEVILLE SLAVE**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Plain View Press recently published *Augustus: Narrative of a Slave Woman*, a work of historical fiction written by Robin Greene, professor of English and writing, and director of the Writing Center at Methodist University.

The book will be available for purchase April 1, 2011, shortly before the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, which began April 12, 1861.

A Synopsis of the Book

Augustus: Narrative of a Slave Woman

When fictional character “Greene” told a freshman composition class about her scholarly interest in women’s narratives, Samantha Henderson, an African American student, invited Greene to meet her grandmother and to listen to a series of reel-to-reel tapes that both Samantha and her grandmother insisted should be part of the official WPA archive of ex-slave narratives. Greene accepted the challenge of authenticating the recordings. After a year of unproductive exchanges with historians and archivists, Greene decided to transcribe the tapes and to publish the resulting narrative so that readers may judge for themselves if the tapes are—or are not—authentic.

In her transcription, Greene presents the first-person account of Sarah Louise Augustus, who comes of age during the Civil War and whose story involves the moral ambiguities of slavery. Readers follow Sarah Louise as she becomes *Augustus*—the name she assumes when she takes control of her destiny. Her story begins in the antebellum period and unfolds as Augustus recollects a brutal war and its social carnage. Readers also discover the connections that bind Greene, Sarah Louise, Samantha, and Samantha’s grandmother. Greene becomes Professor Greene, the fictional narrator whose story frames the

narrative and whose own scholarly need for authenticity and precision nearly costs her more than she is willing to lose.

As a work of historical fiction, Greene's account focuses on the quest for identity and reactions to historical inquiry. The content is intended for mature audiences.

About the Author

Greene has published two collections of poetry, *Memories of Light* and *Lateral Drift*, and one collection of birthing narratives, *Real Birth, Women Share their Stories*. Additionally, Greene is co-founder and editor of Longleaf Press, a university press that primarily publishes poetry chapbooks. She recently returned from Mexico after leading "Lifting Your Creative Voice: A Women's Writing Retreat" in Oaxaca March 4 - 10. Greene holds a Master of Arts in English from Binghamton University and a Master of Fine Arts in writing from Vermont College of Fine Art at Norwich University.

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MU STUDENT PRESENTS SENIOR ART SHOW

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Senior art major at Methodist University, A. Camilo Gomez, will present his senior art exhibition, “Bridge of Society,” April 22 – May 4 in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The show will be in the David McCune International Art Gallery. A reception is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

“Visual Arts have been my passion throughout all of my life. During my childhood, paper and pencil were always my toys,” says Gomez. “Most of my artwork is connected with my life experiences because each piece tells and expresses what I have lived and what society has shown me.”

Gomez’s art exhibition will feature over 25 pieces, including prints, drawings, paintings, and sculptures. “When I develop my technique every day, it gives me the freedom to express and to speak what some people in society cannot. And this freedom speaks throughout a personal aesthetic beauty.”

Gomez is from Ibague-Tolima, Colombia. He has been an orphan since being a young child. He grew up at the Aldeas Infantiles SOS (SOS Children's Villages) Ibague-Tolima, Colombia.

The art exhibition is free and open to the public. The David McCune International Gallery is in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts on the campus of Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University's Davis Memorial Library will host its annual Book Sale of tomes, paperbacks, and miscellaneous educational books from Sept. 19-30, 2011. Popular fiction, science and religion, math, and educational materials are being offered, and the Book Sale is open to the public.

The hours are Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Paperbacks will be available for 50¢, and hardbacks for \$1.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY
EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Department of Education at Methodist University earned accreditation this month under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The Department of Education at Methodist University, which is a part of the School of Science and Human Development, hosted the accreditation visit April 2 – April 6, 2011. Prior to the 2011 visit, a third-party call for comments was announced Sept. 16, 2010. The last NCATE accreditation visit was conducted in 2003.

“Seeking NCATE approval is voluntary for private institutions in North Carolina, so I commend our Department of Education for working to achieve this important accreditation,” said Delmas Crisp, Ph.D., executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the University, in an e-mail that was sent to the faculty and staff. “This distinction helps ensure that our graduates are prepared to teach at the highest level anywhere in the United States.”

According to Dr. Crisp, the evaluation contains six major standards and 28 sub-standards, and the Visiting Team determined that the Methodist University Education Program satisfactorily meets all of the standards. Three areas within the program were rated as commendable—far exceeding the level required.

About NCATE

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institution must have partnerships with P-12 schools that enable candidates to develop the skills necessary to help students learn. Candidates must be prepared to understand and work with diverse student populations. Faculty members must model effective teaching practices, and the school, college, or department of education must have the resources—including information technology resources—necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards. To incorporate best practice and research, NCATE revises its standards every five years.

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**MU PROFESSOR PREPARES TO BIKE ACROSS AMERICA
IN SUPPORT OF AN ALUMNA'S LITERACY PROJECT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Spence Davis, Ph.D., associate professor of financial economics at Methodist University, will bike across America this summer in support of an alumna's literacy project in Afghanistan.

Dr. Davis plans to begin his journey May 12, 2011. He will pick up his bike from the Life Cycle Bike Shop and begin his journey from the Mad River Beach in Arcata, Calif. Cycling an average of 80 miles per day, he will travel through northern California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, and North Carolina. He estimates that he will complete the trip from California to North Carolina in approximately two months. Dr. Davis's efforts will raise funds for "100 Mothers Literacy Program"—one of his former student's projects to raise literacy levels among women in Afghanistan.

While Rahila Muhibi '09 was a student at Methodist University, she received a Davis Peace Project grant of \$10,000 to open a youth summer camp in Afghanistan. Forty students came together within the camp to share stories, exchange cultural insights, and serve rural communities. Muhibi's story was featured in the *Fayetteville Observer*, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and *Los Angeles Times*. The project encouraged her to launch her next effort, "100 Mothers Literacy Program." Muhibi graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in global studies and political science, and she is now pursuing a master's degree at the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London, England.

"This effort demonstrates the collaborative spirit of the Methodist University community in a society that is globally engaged," said Dr. Ben Hancock, president of Methodist University. "I commend Rahila for her commitment to global literacy and Spence for his willingness to give of himself in support of an alumna's project."

Dr. Davis has cycled across America on two previous occasions. In 1982, he traveled approximately 4,400 miles from Williamsburg, Va., to Florence, Ore., with Bike Centennial (now Adventure Cycling Association). In the summer of 1993, he traveled from Virginia Beach to California with a student from Norway. In the early 1990s, Dr. Davis was teaching at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

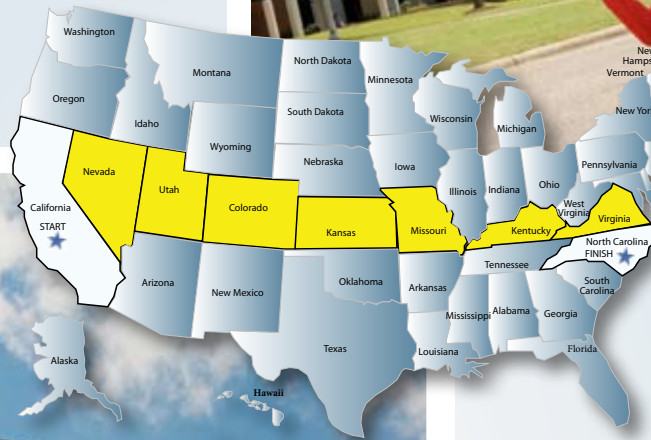
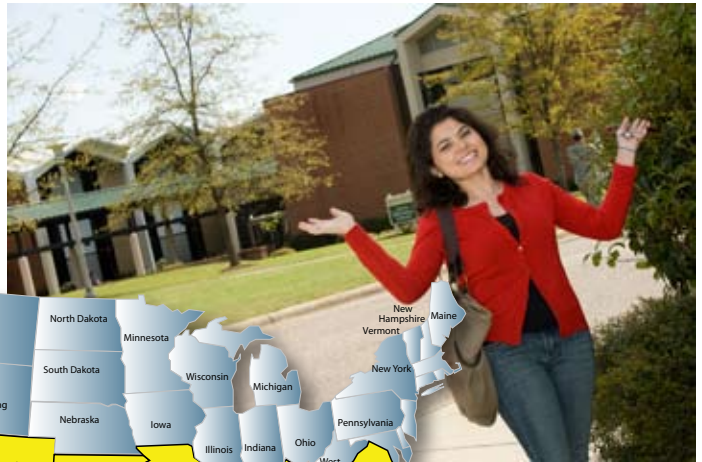
“I have been dreaming of the solo trip for many years,” said Dr. Davis. “For me, this trip is all about trying to raise money for Rahila’s project.”

“I thank Dr. Davis for his confidence in this initiative,” said Muhibi. “Durable change is not a short and easy journey; it’s a long process, which takes patience, strength, and courage. I thank and congratulate Dr. Davis for sharing his journey with Afghan mothers as they take steps toward a better future.”

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Dr. Davis is Cycling Across America

in support of an alumna's literacy program!



Rahila Muhibi '09 founded "100 Mothers Literacy Program" to raise literacy levels among women in Afghanistan.

Dr. Davis, a professor at Methodist University, is cycling across the United States to raise money for Rahila's cause!

Please make a pledge and support this neat partnership! Dr. Davis will travel through 10 states. Every cent will go directly to Rahila's literacy program. Questions? Send an e-mail to spdavis@methodist.edu. To make a pledge, please visit www.spencesbiketrip.com. Thank you!



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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University has received questions concerning an occurrence on campus. We would like to reassure the campus community and others concerning this matter. A Methodist University student was arrested on campus, Tuesday, April 12th, for the possession of knives on campus. The student was taken to the Cumberland County Magistrate, booked and released on bail. This act violates federal and state statutes as well as university policy. The occurrence has resulted in the student being suspended from the university and barred from returning to the campus pending results of a trial. The university administration is taking appropriate measures to maintain the continued safety of the campus community.

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**BUILDING DEDICATION FOR THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HUMAN ANATOMY
LABORATORY AND MEDICAL LECTURE HALL SET FOR APRIL 26, 2011**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate the opening of the Human Anatomy Laboratory and Medical Lecture Hall for its Physician Assistant (PA) Program with a ribbon cutting and building dedication at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011. PA student-guided tours of the original PA Program Building, the Medical Lecture Hall, and the Human Anatomy Laboratory will be offered from 12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m.

Congressman Mike McIntyre will be one of the individuals speaking at the dedication, which will be held in the Medical Lecture Hall. Congressman McIntyre, with strong bipartisan support from the Cumberland County delegation, assisted the University in securing grants of \$876,000 for construction and equipment. In speaking of the upcoming dedication, Congressman McIntyre said, “The dedication of the new PA buildings at Methodist University is another chapter in its commitment to doing all it can to help students, help the community, and build a stronger and better future for all. These facilities reflect the heart of Methodist and will be a shining light of opportunity for years to come. I am honored to have played a role in making this day a reality.”

The Methodist University PA Program was established in 1996. Since its inception, its focus has been to help alleviate the primary care provider shortage nationally, and specifically in the underserved areas of North Carolina. The PA Program has continued to grow in reputation and has emerged as one of the premier programs in the state with an overall pass rate of 97% on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam. The program has also grown in demand, averaging over 400 applications per year for 34 openings.

In order to expand its Physician Assistant Program enrollment, in November 2008 Methodist approved the construction of two buildings—a 7,000 square foot Medical Lecture Hall and a 3,800 square foot Human Anatomy Laboratory, at a project cost of \$2,500,000. Funding assistance came from federal

grants and private gifts and grants from the Board of Trustees, the medical community, foundations, and friends of the University. PA Program alumni and their families stepped forward to meet a \$50,000 challenge grant from The Shamdasani family, a member of whom is a 2004 graduate of the program. Jason Williams, a member of the Program's first graduating class, gave a significant gift to the campaign. "I owe a debt of gratitude to Methodist University's PA Program for a superior education," said Williams. "I encourage my fellow alumni to get involved and give back to this program to help it become even more outstanding in the future."

The Belk Foundation provided a grant of \$250,000 to assist in the construction of the buildings. "We're hoping to change the world through education and we're starting in our own backyard, in the neighborhoods where Belk associates live and work," said Katie B. Morris, chair of The Belk Foundation board of directors. "The Belk Foundation is pleased to support the outstanding efforts of Methodist University to continue building a strong Physician Assistant Program that will benefit people across the state, especially those in underserved areas."

"We are grateful for the support of our trustees, donors, legislators and many friends who helped make these facilities possible," said Ben E. Hancock, Jr., Ph.D., president of Methodist University. "The opening of the Human Anatomy Laboratory and Medical Lecture Hall represents just the latest step in the University's efforts to provide signature facilities for our growing academic offerings in health-related fields and in response to the community's needs."

Methodist PA graduates are impacting the delivery of health care in the state of North Carolina. As of May 2010, a large majority (71%) of these graduates were practicing in 34 counties in North Carolina, with many in medically underserved areas.

"The success of the Methodist University PA Program relies on attracting the best students, incorporating state-of-the-art facilities and technologies for medical education, and having faculty and clinical preceptors who are passionate about engaging students, and committed to their success and well being," said Sekhar Kommu, M.D., director of the PA Program.

Through the integration of technology into the overall learning experience, the Human Anatomy Laboratory will enable the PA Program to enhance the existing anatomy curriculum. The lab will provide increased space, including 15 stations that can accommodate up to 56 students and staff members. The state-of-the-art cadaver lab is in the top one percent in technology of all PA programs nationwide.

The Medical Lecture Hall has also enabled the PA Program to increase its class size with expanded classroom space. Beginning in August 2011, there will be a total of 40 seats available for the entering class, which will, over the next few years, increase to 47.

The main lecture hall will provide room to combine both didactic and clinical classes for first- and second-year students in the program. The breakout rooms, housed on either side of the auditorium,

are designed to accommodate 24 persons each. The lecture hall and breakout rooms will also serve as a community resource for continuing medical education events or seminars.

“We are delighted to have the opportunity to engage the community with our offering of facilities for events, lectures, and seminars,” said Delmas Crisp, Ph.D., executive vice president and academic dean for the University.

Now in its 14th year, Methodist University’s PA Program has a well-established track record of educating high quality mid-level medical practitioners. More than 75 area physicians serve as adjunct professors in the didactic portion of the PA Program. Students currently participate in clinical rotations at over 140 clinical sites, which include Womack Army Medical Center, VA Medical Hospital, Cape Fear Valley Health System, Southeastern Regional Medical Center, Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital, Moses Cone Hospital, Carolinas Medical Center, Cary Wake-Med Hospital, Central Carolina Hospital, Scotland Memorial Hospital, CMC-Union Medical Center, Hanover Medical Specialists, Hefner VA Medical Center, Hoke County Medical Center, and Lumberton Medical Clinic.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE
48TH ANNUAL SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 48th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Hollister K. “Holly” Petraeus will deliver the commencement speech and the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Yow, III '66 will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

“We are so fortunate to have Holly Petraeus on the campus as our commencement speaker,” said Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr., president of Methodist University. “Her commitment to a liberal arts education, her work as an advocate for families, and her record of community service provide testimony that she shares Methodist University’s core values. It is also wonderful to have Dr. Yow back at Methodist to share his words of inspiration and reflection with our graduates.”

About the Commencement Speaker

Holly Petraeus is currently leading the Office of Servicemember Affairs at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The Office of Servicemember Affairs works in partnership with the Department of Defense to ensure that military family members receive the education they need to make the best financial decisions; that complaints and questions from military families are monitored and responded to; and that federal and state agencies coordinate their activities to strengthen consumer protection for servicemembers and their families.

Prior to serving in her current position at the CFPB, Petraeus spent six years as the director of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line, a partnership between the BBB and the Department of Defense Financial Readiness Campaign that provides consumer education and advocacy for servicemembers and their families. Petraeus, who is a former Department of the Army employee, has extensive experience as a volunteer leader in military family programs. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., *summa cum laude*. Petraeus is a recipient of the Secretary of the Army Public Service Award, the Boy Scouts of America “Service to Families” Award, and the Department of the

Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award. She is married to U.S. Army General David H. Petraeus, who assumed command of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A) July 4, 2010.

About the Baccalaureate Speaker

A baccalaureate service will be held in recognition of the graduates at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Yow III '66 will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. A graduate of Methodist College (now Methodist University) and former president of the Student Government Association, the Rev. Dr. Yow went on to earn a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Education from Duke University. He recently retired from serving as the president of the United Methodist Foundation in Nashville, Tenn. Prior to his appointment with the United Methodist Foundation, he served as president of Young Harris College in Georgia. Before his 13-year tenure with Young Harris College, he served as president of Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee. A recipient of the Methodist University Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award and Outstanding Alumni Service Award, the Rev. Dr. Yow also served as Methodist University's director of admissions and financial aid for four years.

Methodist University Graduates

There are presently 199 candidates for 206 degrees. The following United States Army R.O.T.C. cadets will be commissioned during the ceremony: Mysty Applegate, Yvonne Basco, Valerie Burton, Joseph Hernandez, and Jason Trudell. In a custom inaugurated at Methodist University in 1985, graduating student Milca Baptista will present to Dr. Hancock the flag of her country, East Timor, and Pedro Massinga will present the flag of Mozambique. The flags and a list of their donors are permanently displayed in the Berns Student Center.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University held its annual awards ceremony April 4, 2011 in Reeves Auditorium. What follows is a list of award recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year, along with the class status (if applicable), and hometown city and state of each recipient.

The Professors' Spanish Award

Nicole Yard, B.S., M.S.
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Instructor of Athletic Training and Physical
Education and Exercise

Willis C. Gates Music Award for Excellence in Performance

Colin Neal, sophomore
Holly Springs, N.C.

Cumberland Oratorio Singers Choral Award

Orrin Barry, freshman
Fayetteville, N.C.

Wessley Futrell, sophomore
Ellerbe, N.C.

Monarch Theatre Award

Dorothy Walker, senior
Candler, N.C.

Michelle Zaun, freshman
Linden, N.C.

Robert S. Christian English Achievement Award

Heather Eckhardt, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

George and Lillian Miller Award

Jose Pablo Salas Rojas, senior
San Jose, Costa Rica

Plyler Award in the School of Arts and Humanities

Wilson Cedeno, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Outstanding Health Care Administration Student Award

Annette Webster '10
(Currently enrolled in the MBA Program)
Stedman, N.C.

Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar

Meadow de Fosche, senior
Sanford, N.C.

David G. Wilson Community Service Award	Joel Thomas, senior <i>Overland Park, Kan.</i>
Samuel J. Clark Award in Accounting	Angie Carter, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Ronald P. Kirchner Award in Resort Management	Richelle Modolo, junior <i>Guilford, Conn.</i>
William "Bill" Bailey Memorial Marketing Award	Brittany Mullins, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Coach Larry Kirchner Gold Medal Award	Courtney Creech, junior <i>Wendell, N.C.</i>
Wenda D. Johnson Leadership Award	Stephen Fox, senior <i>Bradenton, Fla.</i>
Sport Management Rookie of the Year Award	Emanuel McRae, freshman <i>Charlotte, N.C.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Senior Female	Paige Caldwell, senior <i>Hudson, Ohio</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Senior Male	Joel Thomas, senior <i>Overland Park, Kan.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Junior Female	Kelsey Magnine, junior <i>Amery, Wis.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Junior Male	Robert Glass, junior <i>Sterling, Conn.</i>
Outstanding Social Work Student	Katelyn McCain, senior <i>Siler City, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Social Work Senior	Crystal McDonald, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Justice Studies Service Award	Elicia Kieser, junior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
	Tonya Kelly, senior <i>Cameron, N.C.</i>
	Stephanie Craig, freshman <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Justice Studies Graduate Award	Kenneth Wolf '10
Mass Communications Outstanding Major of the Year	Aaron Franklin, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
The Publisher's Award	Jessie Heath, senior <i>Wilmington, N.C.</i>
Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence	Anastasia Danilyuk, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Political Science Student Award	Jason Trudell, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>

Wenda D. Johnson Physical Education Major of the Year Award	Brandon Iseman, senior <i>Florence, S.C.</i>
HOPE Exercise Science Award	Morgan Hauck, senior <i>Kannapolis, N.C.</i>
American Institute of Chemists Student Award	Vicky Binh Tran '10
The Mendeleevium Medallion	Geneva Runion, senior <i>Dunn, N.C.</i>
CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award	Cassidy Conley, freshman <i>Spring Lake, N.C.</i>
Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award	Alex Combs, <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Ott-Cooper Science Award	Kristyn Zeiler, senior <i>Lutherville, Md.</i>
Clark Memorial Science Service Award	Amanda Beam, senior <i>Cherryville, N.C.</i>
Senior Athletes of the Year Award	Kaitlyn Flaherty, senior <i>League City, Texas</i>
	Brian Inghram, senior <i>Chesapeake, Virginia</i>
Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising	Stephanie Hooper Marosek, B.S., M.S., Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Exemplary Teacher Award from the General Board of Higher Educational Ministry of the United Methodist Church	Sharon Kendrick, B.S., M.A., Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Resort and Club Management Director of the Resort and Club Management Program
Distinguished Professor of the Year Award	George Hendricks, B.S., M.S.W., Ph.D. Associate Professor of Social Work Chair of the Social Work Department
Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching	Jerry Hogge, B.A., M.S. Associate Professor of Business Administration Director of the Institute for Golf and Tennis Management and the PGA Golf Management Program
Fayetteville Rotary Club Dr. William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award	<i>(Awarded at a separate ceremony)</i> Brittany Davis, junior <i>Coats, N.C.</i>
	Katelyn Dockery, junior <i>Chatham, Va.</i>
	Maida Elezovic, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>

The Marshals Award

Nathan Kindley, junior
Mount Pleasant, N.C.

Marissa Kuzbyt, junior
Plainsboro, N.J.

Nancy May, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

James Alex Russell, junior
Deltona, Fla.

Maxie "Trey" Such, senior
Sanford, N.C.

Abhishek Kansakar, senior
Kathmandu, Nepal

Felicia Back, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Ashley Baggett, senior
Godwin, N.C.

Amanda Beam, senior
Cherryville, N.C.

Stella Blankenship, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Demetris Branch, sophomore
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Alex Combs, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Courtney Creech, junior
Wendell, N.C.

Anastasia Danilyuk, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Lawrence Dawson, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Ashley Deese, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Courtney Fernandez, senior
Sewickley, N.C.

Thomas Lee, senior
Washington, N.C.

Kaitlyn Leger, sophomore
Conover, North Carolina

Richelle Modolo, junior
Guilford, Conn.

Jessica Green, sophomore
Elk City, Oklahoma

Geneva Runion, senior
Dunn, N.C.

Jose Pablo Salas Rojas, senior
San Jose, Costa Rica

Lisa Sanders, senior
Dunn, N.C.

Dawn Sanderson, senior
Brighton, Colo.

Ashley Williams, junior
Morehead City, N.C.

Kristyn Zeiler, senior
Lutherville, Md.

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Award Descriptions

The Joe Cannata Memorial Award is given in memory of Joe Cannata, a former sociology student. The recipient is a senior sociology major selected by the sociology faculty in recognition of academic achievement and service in advancement of the discipline.

The Robert S. Christian English Achievement Award was established in 2002 by the English Department faculty to honor Dr. Robert S. Christian for his many years of service to the department and to the university as a whole. The award is presented annually to the graduating senior English major deemed to be most worthy of receiving the award by members of the English Department faculty. Only graduating English majors with an overall GPA of 3.40 or higher in courses counting toward fulfillment of requirements for the major in English will be considered. Other distinguished contributions to the intellectual and cultural life of the department and of the university as a whole will be evaluated. The award consists of an honorarium of \$200 and a certificate.

The Plyler Award in the School of Arts and Humanities, established as the Plyler Humanities Award in 1988 by Dr. Lorenzo Plyler and his family in memory of the late Elizabeth (Betty) Plyler, consists of \$100 presented to a graduating senior in the School of Arts and Humanities chosen by the Chairs of the Departments within the School of Arts and Humanities.

The Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising was established during the 2009-2010 academic year by the Academic Advising Committee to honor excellence in Academic Advising. The award is presented annually to one or more academic advisors who demonstrate superior knowledge, skills in developmental advising and the ability to foster exemplary mentoring relationships. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium, an acrylic, individual trophy, and a memorial plaque inscribed with the recipient's name. The memorial plaque is proudly displayed in the Horner Administration Building.

The Cumberland Oratorio Singers Choral Award is given annually by the Cumberland Oratorio Singers to a member of the Methodist University Chorus whom the conductor feels most nearly embodies the characteristics of an ideal choral singer. It is an award of \$100 and an engraved plaque.

The Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award is given in memory of Dr. Tony DeLapa for his service as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Education Department. It is presented to a junior or senior Art or Art Education major selected by the Fine Arts Division. The award is based on academic excellence, contributions to the arts, and potential as an artist. The award consists of a \$250 honorarium, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a permanent plaque displayed in the Fine Arts Division.

The Willis C. Gates Music Award for Excellence in Performance was established by the music faculty in 1979 to honor Dr. Gates, one of the original faculty members of Methodist College and the first Chair of the

Department of Music. The award is presented to the student deemed by the music faculty to be the finest performing artist of the academic year. The student's name is inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display at the university and on a smaller plaque commemorating the award.

The George and Lillian Miller Award, established by Methodist College's first Dean of Women, who was also a member of the History Department, is presented to the history student with the greatest academic potential. The student must have completed 18 s.h. of work in history by or during the second semester of his/her junior year. The honorarium is a \$50 United States Government Bond or the cash equivalent.

The Pulliam Award was established in 1994 to honor Bruce R. Pulliam, Associate Professor of Social Science. The fifty-dollar honorarium is presented to the graduating History major with the highest G.P.A. in History.

The Professors' Spanish Award was established in 2009 by the chair of the department of modern languages to recognize the advancement of students majoring/minoring in Spanish. It is given to the student with the highest academic potential. Students whose native tongue is Spanish are not eligible. It consists of a \$50.00 check and a certificate of recognition.

The Outstanding Justice Studies Graduate Award is presented to the outstanding justice studies graduate in recognition of outstanding leadership, service and academic achievement. The recipient is chosen by the justice studies faculty.

The Outstanding Justice Studies Service Award is presented to the outstanding justice studies student in recognition of outstanding loyalty and service to the justice studies program. The recipient is chosen by the justice studies faculty.

The Outstanding Political Science Student Award was established by the Department of Government Studies in 2002 to recognize a student who has exhibited outstanding leadership, service, and academic achievement. The student must be majoring in Political Science and selected by Department faculty. The award usually consists of a \$250 honorarium and a certificate of recognition. The student's name will be inscribed on a plaque permanently displayed in the Trustees' Building.

The Outstanding Social Work Senior and Student Awards were established by the Social Work Department to honor top students as selected by the Social Work faculty, in recognition of leadership, service and academic achievement.

The Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence was established in 1999 to recognize a student who has exhibited outstanding leadership. The recipient must be minoring in Leadership Studies, be a rising senior, and have a demonstrated record of leadership excellence. The student is selected by Leadership Program faculty and representatives from the Advisory Board of the Tally Center. The award consists of a \$500 honorarium and a certificate of recognition. The student's name will be inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display at the university.

The Clark Award in Accounting honors Samuel J. Clark, Director of Computing at Methodist University and a previous Registrar and Director of Extension Services. Clark came to the Methodist College as an Instructor

of Accounting. This award is given yearly to the most outstanding junior or senior Accounting major based on a vote of the faculty of the Accounting Department. It consists of a \$100 United States Savings Bond.

The Outstanding Health Care Administration Student Award was established in 1995 by the Sandhills Healthcare Executives Forum, a local affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). The award is presented annually to a Health Care Administration graduating senior for scholastic achievement, service to the community, and for active membership in the ACHE. The award consists of a \$250 honorarium and a plaque; in addition, the individual's name will be permanently inscribed on a memorial plaque.

The Wenda D. Johnson Leadership Award is presented by the Sport Management Association in memory of Dr. Johnson, who served as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Methodist University. It honors a sport management student leader for outstanding contributions to the co-curricular life of the University, growth in leadership roles, and creative involvement in campus life.

The Coach Larry Kirchner Gold Medal Award was established in 2006 by Dr. Mary Kirchner, her husband Charles, and her four sons to honor her father, Lawrence Wayne Kirchner (1937-2002), for his lifelong contributions to inner-city athletic programs. Coach K. coached several Detroit area baseball players who went on to play professional baseball, as well as countless young men who benefited from his example of generosity and sportsmanship. This award is given to the most outstanding junior or senior in the Sport Management program, as determined by the Sport Management faculty. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a memorial plaque permanently displayed in the Reeves School of Business.

The Sport Management Rookie of the Year Award is given to an outstanding freshman or sophomore. It recognizes a student who has been actively involved in the Sport Management program and demonstrates potential in his or her chosen career.

The Ronald P. Kirchner Award in Resort Management was established in 2006 by Dr. Mary Kirchner to honor her uncle, Ronald Paul Kirchner (1936-2004) for his contributions to the resort industry. Mr. Kirchner was a founder and owner of the Hartland Glen Golf Club and maintained an interest in golf and resorts throughout his life. This award is given to the most outstanding junior or senior in the Resort Management program, as determined by the Resort Management faculty. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a memorial plaque permanently displayed in the Reeves School of Business.

The Outstanding Marketing Student Award recognizes an outstanding student majoring in marketing. Selection is based on academic achievement, participation in class and extracurricular activities, and potential for future success. The recipient is chosen by the Marketing faculty.

The Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar Award was established in 1993 to honor Mr. Charles M. Reeves, Jr. The award is presented to an outstanding senior at Award's Day. The recipient must have 106 s.h. for the academic semester ending in December and should be involved in extracurricular activity, preferably in the business areas. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium and a certificate of recognition.

The David G. Wilson Community Service Award was established in 1983 by Joe Doll to honor the first Executive-in-Residence in the Reeves School of Business. It is presented to a business student for outstanding service to the non-University community and consists of a \$100 honorarium, a framed certificate, and inscription of the student's name on a plaque displayed in Clark Hall.

The Writing Center Achievement Award will be given by the Methodist University Writing Center to the student who has shown the greatest progress in his or her writing during the current academic year. The recipient will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a \$50 gift card from Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

The American Institute of Chemists Student Award is sponsored by the American Institute of Chemists Foundation, Inc. to a senior student majoring in the area of chemistry, chemical engineering, or biochemistry who demonstrated a record of ability, leadership, and professional promise. The award consists of a certificate and a one-year Student Associate membership in the American Institute of Chemists Foundation.

The Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award was established in 1969 to honor Dr. Ofelia M. Balaez and Mr. Robert B. Ambrose, Professors of Mathematics. It is presented to the mathematics student with the greatest academic potential. The student must have completed 18 s.h. of work in mathematics by or during the second semester of his/her junior year. The award consists of \$100 in cash and a certificate of recognition.

The Clark Memorial Science Service Award was established in 1984 by the Biology faculty to honor Dr. Fred E. Clark, Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Biology. It is given to the student making the greatest contribution to the Science Department programs and activities.

The CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award is sponsored by CRC Press LLC to a student who is currently enrolled in the General Chemistry course on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in chemistry. The award consists of a complimentary copy of the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics and a commemorative scroll to be mounted on the inside cover of the book.

The Wenda D. Johnson Physical Education Major of the Year Award was established in 2006 to honor a student for outstanding character, high academic performance, professionalism, and community service.

The Ott-Cooper Science Award was established in 1971 by Mrs. Pauline Longest to honor the first and second Chairmen of the Science and Mathematics Division, Drs. Charles N. Ott and William C. Cooper. It is presented to a senior science major for scholastic achievement, interest, participation in Science Department activities and potential for success in a science-related career. The award consists of \$100 and a certificate of recognition.

The PGA Golf Management Outstanding Student Awards (funded jointly by The Acushnet Company & PGA Golf Management Staff) is given to the outstanding male and female students in their respective classes (Juniors and Seniors) who have shown outstanding performance in the classroom represented by a 3.25 cumulative GPA or above and during their Internship Experiences, successful completion of all PGA Checkpoints to date, service to the PGA Golf Management Program, service to the University, and service to the Community.

The Fayetteville Rotary Club William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards were established in 1995 by the Fayetteville Rotary Club to honor Reverend Lowdermilk for both his service to Rotary International and his 32-year service to Methodist College from 1963-1995. Nominations for the annual award

come from students, faculty, and staff, based on set criteria, including meeting the “Four-Way Test” of Rotary. Award recipients are selected by representatives from the University and the Fayetteville Rotary Club. Eight awards are now given annually. Four winners receive a \$1,000 cash award and a \$4,000 MU scholarship; another four students receive a \$1,000 cash award and a \$2,000 scholarship. Winners’ names are inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display in the Alumni Dining Room at Methodist University.

The Methodist University President’s ROTC Award is presented to the cadet who has displayed the highest level of leadership and military excellence since entering ROTC.

The Mendeleevium Medallion was established in 2010 by the chemistry faculty and is presented to a graduating Chemistry major. The recipient is selected by the Chemistry and Physical Science faculty in recognition of exceptional academic achievement and active involvement and service within the department. The winner must also have graduate or professional school aspirations. The award consists of a medallion, certificate, and monetary award.

The Senior Athlete of the Year Awards—Senior Female Athlete of the Year and Senior Male Athlete of the Year— are presented annually. A vote of the head coaches determines the recipients. Criteria include a minimum 2.0 G.P.A., athletic achievement and good character.

Marshals for 2009 Graduations were selected by a faculty vote from nominees from the sophomore and junior classes on the basis of academic standing. To be eligible, the student must have been a full-time student for two semesters.

The Exemplary Teacher Award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church honors an outstanding teacher who exemplifies excellence in teaching; civility and concern for students and colleagues; commitment to value-centered education; and service to students, the institution, and the community. The recipient is selected by the university president and the academic dean and receives a certificate of appreciation and a \$500 award.

The Distinguished Professor of the Year Award is presented to a faculty member who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the college in such areas as: model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development and/or instructional support. The distinguished teacher selected will receive a taxable \$1,000 grant.

The Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching was established in 2008 by Al Cleveland, chairman of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, to honor a faculty member who personifies excellence in mastery of his or her discipline, teaching methods, attitude, and interaction with students. Nominees must have taught full-time at Methodist for at least three academic years. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee comprised of the President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and two students—the president of the Student Government Association and the Chief Marshal for the current academic year. This is the highest teaching award given at Methodist University and includes a \$4,500 honorarium.

The Monarch Theatre Award is given to the students who have contributed the most during the season to Methodist University Theatre Department productions, either in performance on stage or as technical support staff backstage.



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ART EXHIBITION OPENS AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—A collection of art from the Fayetteville Museum of Art is hanging in the David McCune International Art Gallery for public viewing during the summer months. The summer gallery hours are from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In February of 2011, 47 pieces of art from the permanent collection of the Fayetteville Museum of Art were put on display in the David McCune International Art Gallery of the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. Many of the same works are being featured, as well as other works that were not featured during the spring semester.

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Art Department Welcomes New Faculty Member

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Purnima Swaharu joins the Art Department this fall as an assistant professor.

Swaharu earned a Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in graphic design from Iowa State University in the summer of 2010. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) from Mumbai University in India. She has previously taught at East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, and at Iowa State.

“I am excited to join the Art Department at Methodist University,” said Swaharu. “I hope to bring the best of my expertise and skills, and help build a strong and diverse design foundation along with my talented colleagues in the Art Department.”

“Purnima’s talents bring expertise in package, environmental, and print design to the MU studio courses,” said Kerry Jenkins, assistant professor of graphic design at Methodist University.

The studio courses in the graphic design major will be taught by Swaharu and Jenkins. “This will provide a diverse education within the program, with both of us teaching courses for sophomores, juniors and seniors,” said Jenkins. “Entering freshmen who declare graphic design as their major also begin with my typography course, and continue with design foundations taught by the remaining art faculty.”

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University students awarded the Golden LEAF Foundation Awards Scholarships through North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. “The Golden LEAF Foundation is committed to building the talent, knowledge and skill of North Carolina Students,” said Dan Gerlach, Golden LEAF president. “The Golden LEAF Scholarship program assists in providing vital funds needed for a quality education, and therefore, helps level the playing field for economic success in our rural, tobacco-dependent and economically distressed communities.”

Methodist University students receiving the \$3,000 scholarships are Thomas Lee, Beaufort County; Lindsey Hargrove, Alisha Washington and Adriana Wilson, Harnett County; Kaytlin Hales, Maranda Keeney, Candace Massengill and Syntina Nesbitt, Johnston County; Andriika Clark, Person County; Kimber Hall, Pitt County; Danielle Minichello, Rockingham County; Jarrett Covar, Wayne County.

The Golden LEAF Foundation has partnered with North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities to provide scholarship support for more than eight years. During this time, the Foundation has contributed more than \$4.9 million, helping over 800 students attend North Carolina independent Colleges and University. Recipients of the Golden LEAF Scholarships must reside in rural counties that are tobacco-dependent or economically distressed. The overall goal of the program is that these students will return home after receiving their degree and help their rural communities.

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The Advisory Board for the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development met June 7, 2011. Dr. Drew Ziegler, Tally Center Director, provided an update on Methodist's Leadership Program, and MU President Dr. Ben Hancock discussed his vision for the University. Pictured from the left are: Dr. Del Crisp, Mr. George Breece, Mr. Harry Shaw, Mr. Charles Broadwell, Ms. Robin Kelly, Mr. Burt VanderClute, Dr. Ben Hancock, Ms. Cynthia Wilson, Dr. Loleta Foster, Ms. Terri Union, Dr. Bonnie Belcastro, Mr. Jerry Meek, Rev. Dr. Ernie Johnson, and Dr. Drew Ziegler.



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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Davis UWC scholar at Methodist University, Maida Elezovic, was accepted and participated at the Davis UWC fellowship in Global Trade & Development of the Monterey Institute from June 20-July 15. Only 12 of the more than 1,000 Davis-UWC Scholars studying at US universities were selected to participate in this institute.



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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—On Friday, September 16, at 11:00 AM in Reeves Auditorium, Adam Shepard will be the guest speaker for the freshman class at MU. All students enrolled in First Year Seminar are required to attend this event because Mr. Shepard is the author of this year's *Book in Common* selection: [Scratch Beginnings](http://www.scratchbeginnings.com). If you would like to know more about this book selection, go to www.scratchbeginnings.com.

Although the primary audience for this event is the First Year Seminar students, all interested persons are welcome to attend. Additionally, the university will be conducting a food drive for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter concurrently with this event. All attendees are asked to bring at least one non-perishable item to the event. There will a location on stage for this collection and a group of students will transport the collection to the Salvation Army in downtown Fayetteville that afternoon.

After the Mr. Shepard speaks he will be in the Heritage Room in the Berns Center for a book signing and will then lunch with students from the First Year Seminar.

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MU HOSTS FOUR OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host four Open House sessions for the Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program. The Open House sessions will be held in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Monday, September 12, 2011**
- **Monday, October 3, 2011**
- **Monday, October 24, 2011**
- **Monday, November 14, 2011**

The face-to-face Open House format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the spring semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. The MBA focus is in either organizational management and leadership (each fall) or health care administration (each spring). The 12-13 course program blends online coursework with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term. The Professional MBA at MU is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 16-18 months.

Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,100 students from 41 states and 30 countries. Methodist University offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master's degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For more information, contact the MBA Admissions Office at 1 (800)-488-7110 ext. 7493, (910) 630-7493, or send an e-mail to MBA@methodist.edu.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s Legal Studies Program approved by American Bar Association.

The process to receive American Bar Association Approval has taken about three years to complete. A self study had to be submitted. It was return several months later with corrections and updates. The money for the ABA approval was donated by Mr. Robert Dunn, Methodist University ’70 and the university’s Board of Advisors for the Legal Studies program. His daughters, Diane Dunn Jones ’01 and Leslie Dunn ’05 graduated from the university. Diane graduated with the Legal Studies minor.

In January 2011, a site team was sent from the American Bar Association to ensure that the Legal Studies Program at Methodist University meet the requirements for approval. They spent three days on campus meeting with the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of School of Public Affairs, Career Services, Director of Library Services, and alumni of the program and current students.

The education committee recommended to the House of Delegates for the American Bar Association that the Legal Studies program at Methodist University be approved. At the Annual conference for the American Bar Association in August the House of Delegates approved the Legal Studies program for American Bar Association Approval.

The effort to gain approval was led by Wendy Vonnegut, Esq., Director of Legal Studies at Methodist University.

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ABA Standing Committee on Paralegal Approval Commission
August 6, 2013
Wanda K. Schaefer, Program Director
Legal Studies Program
Methodist University
2000 Riverside Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28404

Dear Ms. Schaefer:

At its August Meeting in August 2013, the American Bar Association House of Delegates granted approval to the Legal Studies Program at Methodist University. Congratulations!

As you may know, the House of Delegates is the governing body of the American Bar Association and the highest authority in the organization. The approval of the program is a significant milestone for your institution and the profession. The approval is effective as of August 14, 2013.

Having the approval of the House of Delegates is a testament to the quality of your program and the dedication of your faculty and staff. We encourage you to continue to provide the highest quality education and training for your students and to maintain the standards of excellence that have earned you this approval.

In addition to meeting the reporting requirements and maintaining or strengthening approved programs, you will be asked to submit an Annual Report to the ABA. The report should be submitted to the ABA by the deadline of June 30, 2014. You may find the reporting requirements and instructions in the attached report and instructions.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ABA if you have any questions or need assistance. We are committed to providing you with the support and resources you need to succeed.

Sincerely,
Mark C. Evans, Approval Program Manager



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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University announced a project to raise the awareness of students and faculty about the contributions nurses made in the Vietnam War. This project is made possible by a grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. According to Dr. Drew Ziegler, Director of the Tally Center for Leadership Development at Methodist University, “The nurses who served in Vietnam are often an overlooked group whose courage and sacrifice deserve to be remembered. This generous grant from the Arts Council will help us to honor the service of those nurses.”

As part of Fayetteville’s Heroes Homecoming, Methodist University’s Nursing Program and the Tally Leadership Center are hosting a luncheon November 10th to honor nurses who served in Vietnam. Beginning in early October and leading up to the event, large poster exhibits of nurses in various situations in Vietnam will be displayed across campus. These visual images will help students and faculty understand the experiences and challenges faced by nurses in Vietnam. The Arts Council grant covers the cost of producing these multiple artistic displays.

“The Arts Council is proud to partner with Methodist University in support of this project to honor nurses who served in Vietnam,” says Deborah Martin Mintz, Arts Council Executive Director. “Project Support Grants for 2011-12 will help fund 22 projects facilitated by 18 nonprofit organizations in our community. These projects help strengthen our community through festivals and concerts, youth education programs, outdoor public art exhibits, author lectures, and so much more.”

The purpose of Project Support Grants is to increase opportunities for access to arts, cultural and historical programming in Cumberland County. Project Support Grants may be awarded to nonprofit agencies in Cumberland County who demonstrate financial and administrative stability.

Methodist University launched its Bachelor of Science in Professional Nurse Studies last year. Currently, over 100 students are enrolled in this new major. The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development has been an important part of the Methodist University campus since 1995. Nursing and Leadership students are participating in the planning and preparation of the November 10th event.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County serves the 300,000 residents of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. For more than 30 years, the Arts Council has ensured growth in our children’s education, our community’s cultural identity and our economic progress. The Arts Council’s grants, programs and services are funded in part by contributions from businesses and individuals and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County and the North Carolina Arts Council, with funding from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources.

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LTC Teresa Hendrix

LTC Teresa Hendrix is the current Army Nurse Corps Historian in the Office of the Chief of the Army Nurse Corps. In this role she examines and critically analyzes historic events to determine lessons learned to guide future nursing practices and policies.

Her military career began as a Navy Corpsman. She commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserves in 1986 and entered active duty in 1990. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of South Florida, a Masters of Nursing Administration from University of Phoenix, a Masters in Science in Nurse Midwifery from the University of Texas Medical Branch, and a PhD in Nursing from The Ohio State University. She is a graduate of the Medical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College.

LTC Hendrix has been assigned to various Medical Treatment Facilities throughout the Army including a Combat Casualty Research Team in Balad, Iraq, 121st Field Hospital in Germany, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, 121st General Hospital in Korea, Tripler Army Medical Center, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, and Darnall Army Medical Center. Her clinical expertise is in Women's Health, Maternal Child Nursing, and Neonatal Nursing, and she is a subject matter expert on violence against women and sexual violence.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1 star, Iraq Campaign Medal with 2 campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and Army Service Medal. She is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

LTC Hendrix is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing, American College of Nurse Midwives and Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. She has held a variety of positions in the Army Nurse Corps including a staff nurse, chief of nursing administration, chief of nursing research, nurse scientist, and chief of maternal child nursing.



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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Alysa Freeborough has been accepted as a student affiliate to the International Association of Identification, (IAI) considered by many the most prominent CSI specific association in the world. Ms. Freeborough is the first student from Methodist University to apply for and be accepted in the IAI. Methodist University is the only university in the region that has an affiliation with the prominent forensic science associations. Alysa Freeborough is from Warren, PA.

As a student at MU, Alysa and several others have taken full advantage of attending forensic science training conferences in Washington, DC, Seattle, Chicago, Denver, Charlotte, Raleigh, and many other great cities. There are thousands of recipients of the IAI magazine ("IDentification News"), including nearly 16,000 law enforcement agencies.

As of 3 years ago MU has been listed on the AAFS website as an institution of higher education in forensic science. At the last CJFSA meeting two weeks ago, a new/freshman Forensic Chemistry student explained that she selected MU as a direct result of reading about our program on the AAFS website. She is one of many who found us in that manner.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University hosts a new **Homecoming** event this year. Homecoming events take place from October 22-23. On Saturday, October 22nd, a new event has been added. Families and individuals are encouraged to come out for a 5K/Fun Run in support of the Wounded Warrior Project and the MU Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. A Kid Zone, reunion games, Lunch on the Green, an Alumni Party with live Beach Music on Saturday night, and other activities will give everyone in the family something to enjoy! Come back to campus and cheer on the Monarchs vs. the Shenandoah Hornets Saturday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m. in Monarch Stadium! For information and registration, go to Methodist.edu or call 910.630.7167.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Luncheon to Honor Nurses Who Served in Vietnam. This special event is a part of Fayetteville's Heroes Homecoming

Methodist University will host a special luncheon November 10th honoring nurses who served in the Vietnam War. Twenty-nine Vietnam veteran nurses have already registered to attend, some from as far away as Georgia and Maryland, and more are expected.

The remarkable courage and personal sacrifice displayed by nurses who deployed to Vietnam are often overlooked, and that's why these special veterans deserve to be honored.

Thousands of nurses from all military services as well as civilian agencies of the U.S. government went to Vietnam. Several were wounded and nine died while serving. One, Army First Lieutenant Sharon Lane, was killed by hostile fire.

Unlike the familiar images of sterile hospital wards, nurses in Vietnam worked and lived in bug-infested, hot, humid, jungle conditions. Most were in forward areas billeted close to combat units. Many medical units received mortar attacks routinely, and just like the infantrymen, nurses wore lightweight olive drab jungle fatigues instead of their normal white uniforms.

In addition to their military mission, nurses voluntarily gave medical assistance to the Vietnamese during their off duty hours. They established and staffed clinics to give basic care to civilians, including immunizations. Nurses conducted sick call at various Vietnamese orphanages and gave courses on child care to villagers.

Organized by Methodist University's Nursing Program and its Lura S. Tally Leadership Center, the luncheon to honor Vietnam veteran nurses will run from noon to 2 p.m. on November 10, in the Nimocks Center on the Methodist University campus, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

Methodist University is grateful to the event sponsors, which include Army ROTC Nursing and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

This luncheon is part of the City of Fayetteville's Heroes Homecoming, a 10-day series of events that will run in the days leading up to and beyond Veterans Day to give all Vietnam Veterans the homecoming they deserved but never received.

The November 10th luncheon will include presentations, exhibits, special music, and guest speaker Lt. Col. Teresa Hendrix, Ph.D., who will present a unique historical perspective on the contributions made by nurses in the Vietnam War.

Hendrix currently serves as the Army Nurse Corps Historian, but began her career as a Navy corpsman. Commissioned into the Army 1986, she has served in Iraq, Germany, and South Korea, and counts among her awards and decorations the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, among many others. As historian, she examines the past to find lessons for future nursing practices and policies.

Retired Brigadier General Connie Slewitzke, a former Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, will be attending the luncheon. She served in the 36th Evac Hospital and the 6th Convalescent Center in Vietnam from 1967-1968.

Another nurse who will attend the luncheon is Jeanne Reed Gainey who was with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Vietnam from 1966-1968. When her clinic was under attack during the Tet Offensive, she and others were rescued by U.S. Army Special Forces. Following the rescue she met Army Lt. Col. Ramon Charles Reed in a bunker during another attack. The two were eventually married in Vietnam. The local province chief stood in for the bride's father to give her away.

Vietnam veteran nurses who would like to attend should contact the event organizers to register for the luncheon. Anyone with an acquaintance or friend who is a Vietnam veteran nurse should encourage them to register and attend. These veterans will be recognized at the luncheon as one of the honored guests.

Admission is open to the public, but advance registration is required, and tickets are \$25. Information is available at <http://www.methodist.edu/tallycenter/nurseluncheon/index.htm> and also at <http://www.heroeshomecoming.com/>.

Methodist University launched its Bachelor of Science in Professional Nurse Studies last year. Currently, over 100 students are enrolled in this new major. The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development has been an important part of the Methodist University campus since 1995. Nursing and Leadership students are participating in the planning and preparation of the November 10th event, and several students will attend.

Methodist University event organizers are Ms. Mary Hall, Director of the Nursing Program, mahall@methodist.edu and Dr. Andrew Ziegler, Director of the Lura S. Tally Leadership Center, aziegler@methodist.edu.

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Sidebar:

One nurse who served in Vietnam was Rose Sandecki:

"I went to the 12th Evac Hospital at Cu Chi. My first job was a head nurse, surgical intensive care unit, recovery room... I said, "No, I don't want that," because I'd never set foot in an ICU. I quickly learned you never said no in the Army; I had this job whether I wanted it or not... I couldn't believe the numbers of people coming in, the numbers of beds and the kinds of injuries that I saw in front of me – I really wasn't prepared for that... They were all so young. Seeing this on a daily basis 12 to 14 hours a day, 6 or 7 days a week, I think that I became somewhat callous and bitter... Every one of us has a sense of guilt of leaving the patients behind and the nurses that we worked with, the docs, the corpsmen... I felt that 12 months over there was probably one

of the most rewarding nursing experiences in my life, that I'll never equal that again." Rose Sandecki, from *A Piece of My Heart: The Stories of Twenty-six Women Who Served in Vietnam*, by Keith Walker, 2009.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University To Host World-Renowned Guitarist. The Department of Music and the University Guitar Society are pleased to host classical guitarist, Dr. Stanley Yates, on Friday Evening, October 28th at 7:30 pm. The concert will take place in Hensdale Chapel and is free to the university community and public.

Stanley Yates is one of the country's most sought after concert artists and lecturers. His programs are an intriguing mix of old and new and very often feature music of living composers, many of whom have written major works for him. Always displaying technical mastery and impeccable musicianship, Dr. Yates' concert will both entertain and edify.

As a researcher and transcriber, Dr. Yates has produced modern transcriptions of Bach and Albeniz that are more faithful to the original works than earlier transcription of the last century. He has also produced new versions of the major works of Villa-Lobos that are based on manuscripts unearthed in his extensive research. Much of this output is published by Mel Bay, a leading American publishing house.

This event is the first concert of the 2011-2012 Guitar Recital Series. For more information, please contact Deanne Renshaw at (910) 630-7100.

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DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—2011 Wesley Heritage Celebration To Showcase Student Project. The 2011 Wesley Heritage Celebration, planned for Wednesday, November 16 at Methodist University, will break new ground by showcasing an original project by a Methodist University student that honors John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

For the last eight years, the Wesley Heritage Celebration Fund and Methodist University have sponsored various events at Methodist to honor the legacy of John Wesley and Charles Wesley. These have included Steven Kimbrough, baritone, giving a concert of Charles Wesley hymns; a musical production entitled *Ride! Ride!* based on John Wesley's life, and the showing of a modern feature film about Wesley with a panel discussion by Wesley scholars and several actors from the film.

This year, Dr. L. Elbert Wethington, a Durham native and retired religion professor, challenged Methodist University personnel to find a new way of engaging Methodist University students more directly in the annual Wesley Heritage Celebration. The result was a contest in which 2,400 MU students were invited to submit proposals for creative, multimedia projects that would showcase the lives and legacies of John Wesley and/or Charles Wesley. Students were encouraged to let their creative imaginations soar and create a video; an original piece of art, music, or drama; or even a Wesley-style sermon in modern language.

Elbert and Lois Wethington agreed to offer a \$500 cash prize to the creator of the project judged to honor John Wesley in the most creative and engaging way. A committee made up of Heritage Fund officers, faculty and staff at Methodist, and United Methodist clergy and/or lay members will review the student projects in late October and choose a winner. The winner will then present his or her project at a Wesley Heritage Celebration luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center at Methodist University.

The 2011 Wesley Heritage Celebration Nov. 16 will also include a morning worship service and lecture about John Wesley's legacy in education and its implications for Methodist University. Dr. Mark Wethington will speak on the topic, "Whence Methodist U?" The worship service and lecture will take place at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel on the Methodist University campus. "The Methodist University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Michael Martin, will lead the singing."

The luncheon that follows the morning part of the celebration is free. Immediately after the luncheon, the winner of the Wesley Creative Project Contest will be announced and introduced. The winner will then present his or her project to those assembled in the Alumni Dining Room.

While the public is cordially invited to both parts of the Nov. 16 Wesley Heritage Celebration at Methodist University, seating is limited, and reservations will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Persons interested in attending the Wesley celebration should reserve a space by sending an e-mail to Donna Wilson, director of campus ministry programs, at dlwilson@methodist.edu by Nov. 7.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s 22nd annual Southern Writers Symposium announces its call for submissions to its Emerging Writers Contest. Symposium organizers seek submissions in fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction, especially as it relates to military topics.

Each category’s first- and second-place writers will receive cash awards of \$300 and \$200, respectively, and will read from their winning work at the March 17, 2012 Southern Writers Symposium on Methodist University’s campus. The contest is open to writers who meet at least two of the following criteria: 1) currently live in the South; 2) are a native of the South; and 3) write about the South. Additionally, writers must have not yet published a full-length volume in the genre that they enter for the Emerging Writers Contest. All submissions are due January 2, 2012, and a \$15 entry fee per submission is required.

“We are excited about the 2012 Southern Writers Symposium and believe that this year’s entries to the Emerging Writers Contest will continue the tradition of writing excellence we’ve enjoyed for more than two decades,” said Brenda Jernigan, Director of Methodist University’s Southern Writers Symposium. “We are especially pleased and honored that Darnell Arnoult and Dr. David Rigsbee, two award-winning Southern authors, will serve as judges and share their work with us during this year’s Symposium.”

Darnell Arnoult will judge fiction entries to the Emerging Writers Contest and serve as keynote speaker of the Southern Writers Symposium. Writer-in-Residence and Assistant Professor of English at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, Arnoult is the author of the prize-winning collection “What Travels With Us: Poems,” published by LSU Press, and the novel “Sufficient Grace,” published by Free Press. Arnoult has received the Weatherford Award for Appalachian Literature, the Mary Frances Hobson Medal for Arts and Letters, and in 2007, was named Tennessee Writer of the Year by the Tennessee Writers Alliance.

Judging poetry entries to the Emerging Writers Contest and Symposium presenter is Dr. David Rigsbee. Author of twenty books and chapbooks, Dr. Rigsbee has published critical works on Carolyn Kizer and Joseph Brodsky, whom he also translated. In 2010, Dr. Rigsbee received the Sam Ragan Award for distinguished contribution to the arts in North Carolina and the Oscar

Arnold Young Award given by the North Carolina Poetry Council for the best book by a North Carolina poet for “The Red Tower.”

For more information about the 22nd annual Southern Writers Symposium and its Emerging Writers Contest, please go to www.methodist.edu/sws/index.htm or contact Brenda Jernigan, Director of Methodist University’s Southern Writers Symposium at 910-630-7454 or bjernigan@methodist.edu.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society Inducts New Members. Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, announced that Megan Lee, Elizabeth Rice, Leanne Russell and Hayley Williams have been invited and inducted into its membership through the Tau Xi Chapter at Methodist University. Serving as the Methodist University counselor is Dr. E. Sue Godwin.

The Society inducts only those individuals who have exhibited the ideals of scholarship, integrity in service, and commitment to excellence in teaching and its allied professions. Selection as a member of Kappa Delta Pi is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude that assures steady growth in the profession.

Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi is the largest honor society in education, representing 572 undergraduate and professional chapters and more than 45,000 active members. Its most distinguished members over the last century have included Margaret Mead, Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, and current leaders in education Howard Gardner, Maxine Greene, and Carol Gilligan.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s Graphic Design Department will host its first Senior BFA Exhibition on November 12, 2011 at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William Bethune Center for Visual Arts. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. on November 12th. Three graduating seniors, Faye Charles, Kayla McLean, and Hansel Ong will exhibit their works and be available to meet. The exhibit runs through December 12th.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University’s Graphic Design Department will host its first Senior BFA Exhibition on November 12, 2011 at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William Bethune Center for Visual Arts. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. on November 12th. Three graduating seniors, Faye Charles, from Ashland Virginia, Kayla McLean, and Hansel Ong will exhibit their works and be available to meet those attending. The exhibit runs through December 4th.

Ms. Faye Charles is a senior graduating in December from Methodist University. She said her interest in graphic design began in high school and it led her to seek a college where she could pursue a degree that would allow her to work in the graphic design field. Graphic Design is a relatively new major at Methodist University and these three seniors are among the first to receive the Bachelors of Fine Arts degree.

While pursuing her degree, Faye, discovered that she has, “a love for photography and logo design. I like trying to find new and interesting ways to depict different ideas. Logo design allows me to do so by forcing me to create a simple, yet strong image that gets an idea across. Photography allows me to capture things in the way only I perceive them.” Ms. Charles enjoys photographing nature and doing portraits.

After graduation, Ms. Charles plans on moving back to Virginia and hopes to find a graphic design position in the Richmond area.

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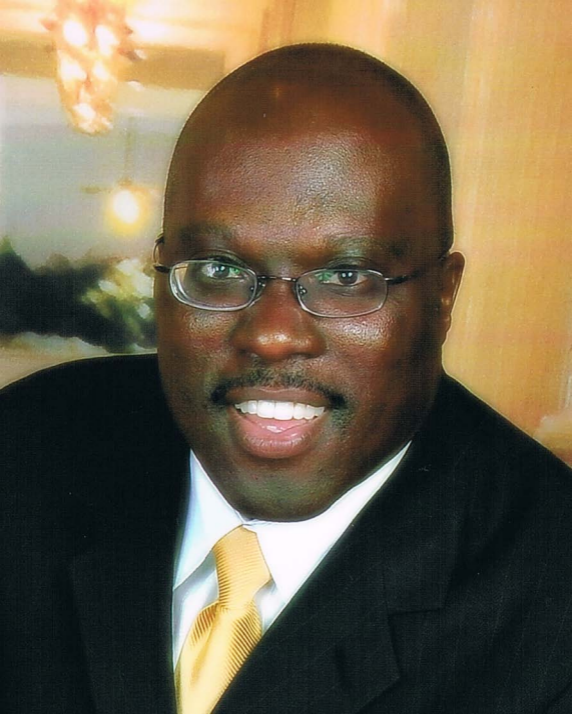
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NOVEMBER 15, 2011

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University names new Dean of Students. President Ben h. Hancock, Jr. announced that Rev. William Walker has been named Vice President for Student Development and Services. After a national search Mr. Walker was selected to lead the university's efforts for its students. Mr. Walker has most recently served as Interim Vice President for Student Development and Services and Senior Associate Dean of Students. Rev. Walker first served as director of housing upon arriving at Methodist University fourteen years ago. Rev. Walker is the first African-American to serve as a vice president at the university.

Mr. Walker is a graduate from Elon University and received a Master's in Student Development from Appalachian State University in 1995. Mr. Walker said, "This is an exciting time to be at Methodist University, and I am ready to take Student Development and Services to the next level."

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—*Yuletide Feaste Will Take Guests to Tudor England.* Friends of Music at Methodist University and the Methodist University Music Department will host a Renaissance-style dinner Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 in the Fellowship Hall at Hay Street United Methodist Church. “A Yuletide Feaste” will feature an elegant four-course meal catered by Sodexo, a festive banquet hall setting, a large cast of costumed characters straight out of Tudor England, and MU students singing carols appropriate for the Christmas season.

“This is an ambitious project for us,” said Dr. Michael Martin, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities and music education at Methodist. “We will use a script similar to one I used several years ago at Kent State University.”

After all guests are seated, a trumpet fanfare will announce the procession of Queen Elizabeth I and her court. The queen’s court will then sing “The Wassail Song,” and Lord Cheshire will offer a toast. As each course is served, members of the queen’s court will speak their parts, and singers from the MU Chorale will perform seven seasonal carols. Carols from the Renaissance period include “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake,” and “The Boar’s Head Carol.” Four modern carols will also be sung.

For the dinner’s first course, guests will be served wassail, bread, and butter. A second course will consist of squash soup with assorted cheeses and fresh fruit. The main course will feature Cornish game hen with a cranberry relish, bowls of roasted rosemary potatoes, and a fresh seasonal root vegetable medley. Vegetarians will be offered bowls of whole wheat pasta with mushrooms in a cream sauce. The fourth and final course will be a flaming figgy pudding with custard sauce.

“We mailed out 400 invitations to the dinner in late October,” said Brian Harris, president of Friends of Music, “but the feaste is open to the general public, and we would like very much to fill the hall both Friday and Saturday nights. We can seat 140 persons each night. All proceeds will go to the Methodist University Music Department.”

Tickets to “A Yuletide Feaste” are \$35 per person or \$30 per person for groups of two or more and must be purchased in advance. Persons desiring tickets should send a check to Brian Harris at PO Box 64515, Fayetteville, NC 28406, payable to Friends of Music at Methodist University, writing *December 2* or *December 3* on the *for* line to indicate the preferred evening. Tickets will be mailed to the purchasers; in the event of a sellout, checks will be promptly returned.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Homicide, Suicide, Accident or Natural Death? Assessing Equivocal Deaths & Open Cold Case Presentations will be the focus of a training held at Methodist University on November 28, 2011.

Methodist University is proud to announce a unique opportunity for criminal justice professionals and educators to learn innovative perspectives that will enable them to evaluate and investigate homicides in ways they may not have previously considered. This opportunity is open to **ALL law enforcement officers, crime analysts, and crime scene investigators**, and is **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. The Center for Excellence in Justice Administration is funding the entire cost of this seminar and there is no cost to seminar participants.

This training will begin with a brief review of Crime Assessment and the sub-types of crime that were presented in March 2011 in the university's Crime Assessment Course. The remainder of the morning will be devoted to assessing a variety of cases that have proven difficult for investigators to understand and presented challenges in developing effective investigative strategies. Mr. Richard D. Walter will present criteria to aide in the decision making when deciding the nature of a death.

The afternoon will be spent in reviewing cases presented by attending members to the audience and panel of experts. Participants will gain hands on experience analyzing the manner of death and investigative protocols. Those investigators who are interested in having a case examined should contact Mr. Dave Pauly, M.F.S., Seminar Coordinator, for details on presentation format and time requirements. Mr. Pauly is a member of the Vidocq Society.

This is an opportunity for an investigator and his/her agency to receive immediate input for a troubling cold case from your peers and guest speakers.

This seminar will be facilitated by Richard D. Walter who retired after more than 22 years as a Prison Psychologist for the Michigan Department of Corrections. He is an international expert in Crime Assessment, Profiling and Risk Evaluation. Mr. Walter has consulted with various agencies and governments in the United States, Great Britain, Australia, and Hong Kong. He lectures to law enforcement and academic groups on murder sub-types and signature aspects of interpersonal violence. He is the author and co-author of published and non-published articles relating to forensic casework. Also, he is a co-founder of the Vidocq Society, a group comprised of 82 forensic specialists worldwide who assist local criminal justice agencies in solving cold cases. Mr. Walter's forensic skills were acquired through academic, collegial and "hands on work". From a practical perspective, he has interviewed thousands of felony prisoners. Additionally, he has advised on forensic cases relating to Bitemark Evidence, Child Abuse, Sexual and Non-sexual homicides, Auto-eroticism, Munchausen Syndrome, and in the areas of Clinical versus Meta-Sadism.

Special guests will include Supervisory Special Agent Steve Chancellor, M.F.S, Forensic Science Consultant, U. S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID), and Supervisory Special Agent Elizabeth Toomer, M.F.S., Forensic Science Consultant, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), Forensic Science Division, Quantico, VA.

SEMINAR ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION: Point of Contact: Mr. Dave Pauly, M.F.S., VSM, Cell: 910.263.4720, or Email: dpauly@methodist.edu. Training Location: Methodist University Reeves Auditorium, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311. Class Date: November 28, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cost: all costs for the seminar are paid by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— FORSCOM BAND AND FAYETTEVILLE SYMPHONIC BAND TO PERFORM JOINT HOLIDAY CONCERT AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DEC. 15.

The U.S. Army Forces Command's own Army Ground Forces Band (www.forscom.army.mil/band) and the Fayetteville Symphonic Band (<http://fayettevillecommunityband.org/>) will perform a joint Holiday Concert at Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15.

The free performance will include traditional and contemporary holiday music that is perfect for the entire family's enjoyment.

General admission tickets are available, while they last, by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a request for the number of tickets desired (up to eight) to:

The Army Ground Forces Band
ATTN: Public Affairs
4700 Knox Street
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Requests should include whether or not disability accessible seating tickets are required. Requests need to be received no later than Thursday, Dec. 8.

Based at Fort Bragg, the 64-member Army Ground Forces Band performs about 300 concerts a year at local, regional, and national events and holds master classes and clinics at high schools and colleges around the country. Soldiers assigned to the band have passed highly selective auditions and are among the finest musicians in the Army Band Program.

FORSCOM, the band's parent unit, is the Army's largest command. It prepares conventional forces to provide a sustained flow of trained and ready land power to Combatant Commanders in defense of the Nation at home and abroad.

The Fayetteville Symphonic Band (FSB) consists of approximately 70 members. Fifty percent of the band is made up of Methodist University students, and the other half includes professionals, educators and students from the Cape Fear region. In its current form, FSB has existed since 2006. It annually performs four concerts, as well as at graduation ceremonies at the university. Additionally, FSB has both brass and woodwind ensembles.

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NOVEMBER 29, 2011

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Holiday lights offered by the Kinwood Community Group and Methodist University. On Saturday, December 17th the Kinwood Community Group will host the 24th Annual Kinwood-By-The Lights, and Methodist University will invite the community to view its new holiday lights. Everyone is invited to both of these special events are from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. In the Kinwood Estates, Kinwood-By-The-River and Kinwood Oaks developments, visitors will see signs at the entrance to the housing area that will guide them through a marvelous show of luminaries. Methodist University asks visitors to go through the Welcome Center and take a tour through campus. Rain date will be Sunday, December 18th, weather permitting.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University inducts new Pi Sigma Alpha members. Pi Sigma Alpha is the national Political Science honor society founded in 1920 for the purpose of bringing together students and faculty interested in the study of government and politics. Methodist University's Omega Chi chapter, chartered in 2001, inducted its 100th member December 2nd, 2011, in the Alumni Dining Room on campus. Inducted were Dan Dessauer, Gerard Falls, Jasmina Gobeljic, Marissa Kuzbyt, and Nikolas Mezas.

The attached photo shows new inductees and current members; from the left: Dr. Drew Ziegler, faculty; Jasmina Gobeljic, new member; Marissa Kuzbyt, new member; Shannon Simmons, previous member, recent MU graduate, and guest speaker; Dr. Chris Cronin, faculty advisor who conducted the ceremony; Nikolas Mezas, new member; Dr. Frank Trapp, faculty; and Dan Dessauer, new member. Not shown, but inducted, was Gerard Falls.

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MU HOSTS 39th ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 39th Annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center.

There are currently 225 candidates for graduation.

United States Army R.O.T.C. cadet, John Moore, will be commissioned during the ceremony.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. H. Gray Southern, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference Durham District will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Rev. Southern has been selected by the conference delegation to the General and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences as their nominee to be elected a bishop in The United Methodist Church.

Rev. Southern is in his fifth year as the Durham District superintendent where he has supervisory, mentoring, and coaching responsibilities.

In addition to being a district superintendent, Rev. Southern has served as an associate pastor at St. Paul in Goldsboro and senior pastor at Oriental, West Nash in Wilson, Trinity in Durham, and St. James in Greenville. He and his wife, Susan, have two children.

Rev. Southern received his BA in psychology and religion from UNC-Chapel Hill, divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, and D.Min from Columbia Theological Seminary.

This year's commencement speaker is Kent C. Nelson, retired chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of United Parcel Service (UPS). He held this position from November 1989 to December 1996. He continued to serve on the Board until 2002 when he stepped down and ended 43 years of service with the company.

Under his tenure as Chairman and CEP, UPS made major investments to broaden its global position and its leadership role in logistic services. Significant among Mr. Nelson's

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accomplishments was his investment in information technology which provided UPS with instant global communications regarding shipment activities.

Currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Carter Center, Mr. Nelson continues a long history of community service, which he began while he was employed by UPS. He has served on the boards and executive committees of United Way of America, Ball State University Foundation, Jim Casey Youth Opportunity Initiative and The National Museum of Patriotism. He has chaired the boards of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta and UPS Foundation.

A dedicated advocate for public education, Mr. Nelson served six years as Chair of the Board of the Kentucky Partnership for School Reform. He chaired the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, served as a member of the National Business Roundtable Policy and Education Committee and was appointed to the Georgia Governor's Education Reform Commission.

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Ball State University in 1959. He was elected by Ball State to The Business Hall of Fame in 1990 and honored in 1991 with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Nelson has received a number of honorary degrees, including an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Ball State University.

Mr. Nelson has served as a guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The University of Pennsylvania, Auburn University, Hillsdale College, The University of Maryland, Kennesaw State University and Ball State University. He is a recipient of a number of local and national awards for business leadership and community service.

He presently resides with his wife in Atlanta, Georgia.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University Model United Nations Team received multiple awards at the 2011 Carolina’s Model United Nations Conference. This scholastic competition was hosted on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Fifteen Methodist University students attended this conference. Jasmina Gobeljic and Stephanie Tanksley, representing the country of Poland, jointly received a Distinguished Delegate Award. Mariama Jabati and Esra Al-Shawafi, representing Kuwait, jointly received an Honorable Mention Delegate Award. As a group, the MU delegation was selected for the Position Paper Award. This is the top award for the Conference. Other students attending the conference included Immaculate Apchemegich, Mohammad Darkhawaja, Emina Efendic, Ammar Hasan, Lois Hammond, Qendresa Krasniqi, Filip Lazarevic, Natalie Mathews, Stefan Medan, Clement Nyoma, and Salam Saadi. A total of 155 students from North Carolina and the southeast US participated in the two day academic competition. The MU team is led by Frank J. Trapp, PhD, Professor of Political Science at Methodist University.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University names new Board of Trustees members.

Joining the university's board are Margaret Highsmith Dickson, H. Terry Hutchens, Esq., and Lawrence "Larry" H. Walsh.

Mrs. Dickson has served in the North Carolina House and Senate, where she was a strong proponent of education. She is a former local business woman and has extensive ties to the community. She served as the university's Loyalty Day chair in 2010.

Mr. Hutchens is the managing partner of Hutchens, Senter & Britton, P.A. He is actively involved in local and state organizations. He is the 2011 recipient of the Ethics Award presented by the university's Center for Entrepreneurship. He also serves as a member of the university's Lura S. Tully Center for Leadership Development Advisory Board.

Mr. Walsh is a '93 graduate of the university. He is Chairman and CEO of The Logistics Company, Inc. whose headquarters are located in Fayetteville; with branches in Colonial Heights, VA and Kennesaw, GA. Mr. Walsh and his company have gathered many awards in recent years. He serves on multiple boards both locally and out of state. The university's Center for Entrepreneurship tapped him for the Silber Spoon Award in 2009.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University Names New Dean of Arts and Humanities: Rev. Steven P. Brey, Ph.D. Rev. Brey has served the university as Department Chair and Professor of Religion. Rev. Brey's credentials include a B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University; S.T.M., Yale University; M.Div., Emory University; M.A., Ph.D., University of Notre Dame. His area of specialization is the early Church and his areas of academic interest include Biblical studies and the history of Christianity. His current research interests involve Origen's understanding of salvation in his *Commentary on the Gospel of John* and St. Augustine's *Tractates on John*

Rev. Brey grew-up in Ohio and went to college at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he double majored in history and religion (summa cum laude). His two senior theses were on "Pope Pius IX and Italian Nationalism" and "Pacifism in the Early Church." After taking a year off from school, he drove across the United States, earned some money working for his dad in his machine shop, and backpacked in India. He went to seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University (M.Div. 1990, magna cum laude).

He then spent two years in full-time ministry at a rural church in Ohio and was ordained an elder by the United Methodist Church, before heading back to graduate school. He received a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School, where he wrote a thesis for Professors Rowan Greer and Nicholas Wolterstorff entitled "Naming the Brilliant Darkness: On Divine Simplicity."

From Yale he was accepted into a doctoral program in the history of Christianity at the University of Notre Dame. His dissertation, under the direction of Dr. John Cavadinini, was on "Origen's *Commentary on John: Seeing the World as Gospel.*" While at Notre Dame he taught undergraduate classes on biblical literature and on the doctrine of creation, and he pastored two United Methodist Churches.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University has been named a participating partner of the North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative. Methodist University is the first private university to be admitted. The Child Welfare Course is designed to provide practice knowledge and skills for students preparing for positions in public Child Welfare and other child serving organizations.

Students who have been admitted to the Social Work major are eligible to take the course and apply as a Child Welfare Scholar for the Collaborative funding. Students are eligible for all aspects of Child Welfare employment after the course and a field Internship in Child Welfare. BSW students planning to do their four hundred (400) hour field Internship in a Public Child Welfare field placement in a North Carolina County Department of Social Services must complete the course and receive a minimum grade of “B”. Additionally, Field Internship in a Public Child Welfare Agency (NCDSS) requires a GPA of 2.5 overall and a 3.0 in the major.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University Awarded Military Friendly School Title from G.I. Jobs. G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has awarded the university the designation of Military Friendly School. The 2012 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members and veterans as students.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students. Student veteran survey feedback can be viewed at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/2012 list. Michael Dakduk, Executive Director for the Student Veterans of America agrees. “The Military Friendly Schools list is the go-to resource for prospective student veterans searching for schools that provide the right overall experience. Nothing is more compelling than actual feedback from current student veterans.”

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year’s list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. These schools are making the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans’ clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who served. The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools ® was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at <http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/advisory-board/>.

“Methodist University takes very seriously its role in providing ‘signature services’ to all its prospective and current students. It is our honor to do all we can to help both active duty personnel, veterans, and their dependants in their Methodist University journey,” said Pam McEvoy, Director of Public Relations.

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