

# Southern Factor

April 2017

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Daniel Olson** attended a Career Services Roundtable discussion at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 24. The event provided an opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with career services staff from universities across the Southeast.

**Daniel Reynaud** co-authored an article, "The Most Overlooked Spiritual Discipline – Part 1," published in the February edition of *Ministry Magazine*.

**Michael Cafferky** traveled to Zhongshan, Guangdong Province, China, during spring break. While there he entered into an agreement with a Chinese manufacturing firm to provide process and efficiency improvement consulting services to the company during the next 10 months. The firm has invited him to return to Zhongshan in September.

**Adrienne Royo** attended and presented at the Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning, March 5-12. She presented a paper titled "On Being a Neighbor," exploring the importance of culture and language on being a neighbor, as defined by Christ in the story of the Good Samaritan and the Day of Pentecost. She was also invited to attend the Diversity Education Exchange Program deans and chairs retreat by invitation from Oakwood University, March 17-19, in Guntersville, Alabama. During this retreat Southern employees were able to meet with the individuals from Oakwood in the equivalent position to discuss the challenges and rewards inherent in one's position.

The Center for Teaching Excellence and Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning hosted the 2017 Biblical

Foundations of Faith and Learning Conference, held in the Eastern Caribbean, March 5-12. The following Southern professors presented papers for peer review at the conference: **Ken Caviness, Michael Dant, Pegi Flynt, Bob Gadd, Cynthia Gettys, Brent Hamstra, Greg King, Michael Liedke, Rick Norskov, Elaine Plemons, Adrienne Royo, Stephanie Sheehan,** and **Lilly Tryon**. The conference papers will be published in the next issue of the *Journal of Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning*. A generous donation to Southern from Ed and Ann Zinke made the conference possible.

**Pegi Flynt** and **Tammy Overstreet** presented at the Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium Conference on March 2. The theme this year was "Run the Gauntlet." The presentation covered student engagement through the use of Nearpod, an interactive presentation and assessment platform.

**Tami Wery** and **Sandy Tucker** attended the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers Conference, February 12-15, in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. The conference offered informative and insightful sessions to help registrars and admission personnel.

**Annette Heck** attended the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, "BPD for the Future: Social Work Educators, Allied Professionals, and Students," on March 1-3, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The keynote speaker challenged his audience to understand the historical, political, and generational impacts on racial tensions and poverty in the U.S.

**Katie McGrath** and **Deyse Bravo** attended the Collective Library Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Don Crumley** and **Michelle Younklin** attended the Ellucian Live Conference, March 19-22, in Orlando, Florida. Ellucian is the parent company for Colleague, the database software used by Southern's Records Office. Sessions included previews of upcoming software products and training on the student planner system currently being implemented at Southern.

**Sonja Fordham** attended the Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference at the University of Mississippi, February 16-18.

**Kristie Wilder** attended the Campaign School for Social Workers Conference on March 2-3 at the University of Connecticut. The Campaign School is a two-day workshop that trains social workers and advocates to run for elected office; work in leadership positions at local, state, and federal levels; and serve as effective advocates for social change. Attendees met political social workers, gained exposure to career paths in political settings, and learned valuable skills that can be applied to any practice setting.

**Sharon Pittman** was a speaker at the Adventist Ministries Convention early this year. Her presentation focused on the need for the end-time church to be engaged with communities through strategic service. Through her presentation she explained strategies and skills that are vital in finishing God's great commission.

Southern's Symphony Orchestra, led by **Laurie Redmer Minner**, completed a 10-day concert tour of Puerto Rico over spring break. The orchestra played nine concerts at Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools. They provided music for the week of prayer at Universidad Adventista de Las Antillas on the first Sabbath and played in Ponce, San German, Aguadilla, San Sebastian, and Moca. The tour ended with a formal concert at Bella Vista Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mayaguez. The orchestra also managed to squeeze in two beach days at Culebra and Rincon.

### PERSONAL NEWS

**Keith** and **Beth Snyder** are now grandparents. Their oldest daughter, Jodi Knott, and her husband, DJ, just had their first child, Hadassah, on March 6.

### HATS OFF!

The Global Community Development Department would like to show gratitude to **Information Technology**, especially **Eli Courey**! We greatly appreciate all of the work that the IT department does and we are grateful for their flexibility and understanding in working with our traveling department! Thank you for fixing all of our technical problems and making our jobs easier. Thank you Eli for being a computer expert and for all your help!



***“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58***

### CHANGING FACES

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

**Susan Porterfield**, shift supervisor, Food Services/Deli

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Jana Dietsche**, Student Finance
- 1 **Andrew Myaing**, Risk Management
- 4 **Lorella Howard**, Nursing
- 8 **Randy Craven**, Visual Art and Design
- 8 **Greg Wilson**, Religion
- 9 **Gennevie Brown-Kibble**, Music
- 9 **Michelle Mix**, University Health Center
- 9 **Nancy Soapes**, Food Services
- 9 **Amy Steele**, Human Resources
- 10 **Lisa Hess**, Global Community Development/  
Online Campus
- 13 **Ryan Harrell**, Online Campus
- 14 **Michael Liedke**, Nursing
- 14 **JP Mathis**, Thatcher South
- 15 **Terri Fillman**, Transportation Services
- 17 **Nina Nelson**, Social Work
- 18 **Lucinda Hill**, Biology/Allied Health
- 19 **Cathlyen Robertson**, Food Services
- 20 **Carol Raney**, Biology
- 22 **Debbie Strack**, Biology/Allied Health
- 22 **Ruth Williams**, Education and Psychology
- 23 **Dale Walters**, Student Finance
- 25 **Shirley Menhennett**, Food Services
- 26 **Diane Proffitt**, Nursing
- 27 **Dana Krause**, Nursing
- 28 **Gary Sewell**, Information Technology
- 28 **Osmín Yanes**, Village Market
- 30 **Scott Clukey**, Plant Services
- 30 **Marc Grundy**, Enrollment Management
- 30 **Faith Laughlin**, Education and Psychology

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