

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Even in Passing, Ben McArthur Sought to Inspire Students

Ben McArthur, history professor, passed away on April 10, after battling cancer. He taught history at Southern for 38 years. McArthur was passionate about his student's success. Before he passed, he wrote one final message of hope and encouragement to them:

Students:

By the time you receive this note, I will be gone. My departure wasn't of my choosing. But I find myself at complete peace with God's will.

Some of you I know relatively well; others I haven't gotten acquainted with, which I regret. I always have great hopes for our history students. I want each of you to create a future for yourself that will be personally rewarding and of service to your community. Discouragements will come, for sure, but you can find resilience in the knowledge that you have aptitudes and acquired skills that will carry you through.

I'm not one who believes that God has only one plan for each person's life. I believe He can bless your endeavors in a number of areas you might attempt (and don't be afraid to try different things in your life.)

You won't be surprised to hear me advise you to continue to read. That's the mark of a history student. It's one path to understanding the human experience. Travel. Make friends. Locate an Adventist church to which you can contribute.

Most important, nurture your relationship with God. This can be done in multiple ways, but there must always be intentionality in the endeavor. The peace of mind I enjoyed during my illness came only through an utter confidence in God's leading and salvific ends.

This is a great gift that I wish for every one of you.

Your friend, Ben McArthur



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Donald Keefe's artwork is featured in an exhibition in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center through May 19. The exhibition is titled "DRAWN." As both a juried and competitive exhibition, a total of 913 entries from 284 artists were reviewed, and only 43 works by 35 artists from all across the United States, Australia, and Sweden were chosen. Keefe will also have artwork displayed in the Utopia/Dystopia themed art exhibition at Main Street Arts in Clifton Springs, New York, May 20-June 30.

Adrienne Royo participated in the presentations for the Career, Calling, and Vocation luncheon, April 17.

Alan Parker was featured as a Week of Prayer speaker for Bogenhofen Seminary in Austria in March.

Sonja Fordham, Amanda Livanos, and **Laurie Stankavich** attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Portland, Oregon, March 15-17.

Daniel Reynaud had two peer-reviewed articles published in April: "Signs of Spiritual Crisis or Evidence of Unexpected Commitment? Attitudes to Compulsory Church Parades in the First AIF," in the *Journal of Religious History*; and "The Practice of Linstening-Part 2," a follow-up article to one in the February edition of *Ministry Magazine*. He also participated in two book launch events in Atlanta and New York for *Testament: An Anthology of Romanian Verse (American Edition)*. Having helped in the translations of the poetry from Romanian to English, he spoke about the process of translation and sang several well-known Romanian folk songs in translation from the volume.

Michael Hasel co-published a new book entitled, *Socoh of the Judean Shephelah: The 2010 Survey*, and a scientific article: "Goddesses from Canaanite Lachish," in *Strata: Bulletin of the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society*.

Michael Cafferky's article "Estimating Retail Breakeven Using Markup Pricing" has been accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed *Management Accounting Quarterly*. He has been invited to write an article on the biblical theme of redemption and its implications for business, to be published in the *Christian Business Review* magazine.

Tara Hargrove and **Linda Crumley** accompanied four students to present research in the Undergraduate Honors Conference of the Southern States Communication Association in Greenville, South Carolina.

Billy Weeks had two of his photographed images win *Reuters* news service's Editors' Choice Awards. He also received a second place win in the recreational sports category from Pictures of the Year International for an image from the Great Sands National Park in Colorado.

Stan Cottrell attended the 32nd Annual Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, Virginia, March 28-30.

Jud Lake's new book, *A Nation in God's Hands* is now available for purchase in the Adventist Book Center and Amazon. It is a carefully researched and moving historical commentary on Ellen White's Civil War writings. In the endorsement section of the book, the late Ben McArthur wrote that this work is "Adventist history of a high order." Other scholars who endorse the book describe it as "undoubtedly the definitive work on Ellen White and the Civil War" and a "unique and thought-provoking look at our great national conflict of 1861-1865."

Laura Racovita-Szilagy gave two poster presentations at the 3rd Annual Southeastern Interprofessional Education Conference in Pigeon Forge on April 21. She presented on "Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation: Education, Nursing, Religion, and Social Work Students Level of Preparedness and Feelings of Contribution to Their Community," and "Multi Patient Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation: Students' Perceptions of Collegiality."

On April 20, 75 participants from the **schools of Nursing, Social Work, and Religion; Campus Safety**; volunteers; and **Southern Lights** came together for the Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation. The event simulated the aftermath of a disaster, to which nursing students responded, volunteers and Southern Lights acted as victims, and social work students provided spiritual support for acting family members and victims. Heritage Academy students applied all of the makeup for the simulation.

Stephen Bauer conducted in-service on current Seventh-day Adventist in-church theological controversies for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Pastors' Retreat, January 17-19. He also preached in Harrison, Tennessee, February 11 on Trinity issues; at Fletcher, North Carolina, February 18 on righteousness by faith; and at Colquit, Georgia, March 18 on biblical forgiveness. He was also a panelist for a local chapter meeting of the Adventist Theological Society, April 1.

Several members of the Student Finance team have participated in various conferences recently. The remaining team members plan to attend other training events in the coming weeks. Recent conference attendees include: **Matt Barclay, Ginger Cheney, Glenn Carter, Kathy Davis, Jana Dietsche, Xenia Figueroa, Lillian Loza, Lauren Turpen, Tom Verrill.**

Pamela Harris's two poems, "Fishermen" and "Family Reunion" were published in the December 2016 and March 2017 issues of *Insight* magazine. After 46 years *Insight* will cease publication in June 2017.

Geovanny Ragsdale represented Southern at the 22nd Annual National Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education in Washington, D.C., April 24-25, through Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities. She brought awareness for Southern's almost 23 percent Hispanic student population and the impact it will have for the State of Tennessee once 25 percent is reached, considering the Hispanic Serving Institution designation that will be obtained.

The **Global Community Development** has been working toward offering online classes to PUC students—these students will be able to register for GCD classes this fall. **Sharon Pittman** also traveled to the Dominican Republic this month to explore a new field school option for the program. The GCD department is hoping to facilitate classes in there during the Winter 2018 semester.

PERSONAL NEWS

On March 28 at 10:43 p.m., Joseph Andrew Reynolds was born to David, '09, and Tiffany (Peckham) Reynolds, '07, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. David is the son of **Edwin Reynolds** of the School of Religion and his wife Connie. Joseph is Edwin's first grandson and the only male Reynolds in that generation. David and Tiffany also have two daughters, Emily and Amber. David is completing his Master, of Divinity in Chaplaincy this summer.

Andy and Angela Compton are happy to announce the arrival of Dillon Cooper Compton! He was born April 11, weighing 8 lb. 7oz. and 20.75 in. long.

HATS OFF!

Campus Research Day was a smashing success: 481 students, 10 faculty, and 2 guests joined forces to celebrate research, inquiry, and the pursuit of truth on our campus. Special thanks to **Michael Cafferky, Ronda Christman, David George, LaShawn Horton, Bennett Judkins, Luceta McRoy, Rick Norskov, Alan Parker, Corneliu Rusu, and Keith Snyder** for the leadership they demonstrated by conducting research and presenting their work at Campus Research Day. Watch your email for information on how to participate in our next event, November 29, 2017!

-Katie McGrath

A huge thank you to **Katie McGrath** who organized the Campus Research Day! She was always available for questions and handled the details with precision and care. Her hard work enabled our campus to showcase the fine talent of our students in a way that built up their confidence and gave them a thirst for research.

-Alan Parker

A shout out to the amazing EP IPCP team that helped plan and implement the simulation! **Beth Scott, Becky Retzer, Brooks Kirschmann, Faith Laughlin, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Sonya Wrate, Maureen Baksh-Griffin.** Thank you.
-Ronda Christman

Thank you to **Jan Cathey** for her contributions to the Chemistry Department and for her support over the past six years. Her commitment to high standards for student learning in the classroom and laboratory and her care and concern for students have enriched the lives of our students. Also, thank you to **Herman Odens** for his contributions to the Chemistry Department over the past five years. The research he has done with our students and the relationships he has built with them as an adviser and mentor have made a difference in our students' preparation for life beyond Southern.
-Brent Hamstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Online Campus team would like to introduce our new knowledgebase, which is being developed to serve the needs of both professors and students. We have offered a collection of resources and tutorials on a variety of eClass and academic technologies topics for a number of years. Over the last few months, however, we have been working to construct a broader knowledgebase and simplify the process of finding exactly what you need there. You can check it out by going to the Online Campus website, southern.edu/online, and clicking Tutorials and Support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Level 1 Summer Institute for Course Design/Redesign will be held for faculty on June 12-17, and Levels 1 and 2 will be held July 17-21. All applications are due by June 2 and can be obtained from cte@southern.edu.

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

Jennifer Carter, Christian Services program director, Academic Administration

Linda Peoples, associate professor, Nursing

Kimberly Harris, Planned Giving coordinator, Advancement

Natalia Lopez-Thismon, assistant professor, Journalism and Communication

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

Nelly Montoya, Graduate Studies coordinator, Business

Robert Coombs, professor, Education and Psychology

Dora Desamour, Christian Services program director, Academic Administration

Sue Kaufman, Planned Giving coordinator, Advancement

Jason Stone, patrol officer, Campus Safety

Anna Montague, architect assistant, Architectural Services

Herman Odens, professor, Chemistry

Mario Ezra, database administrator, Information Technology

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

Geovanny Ragsdale, from associate vice president of development to associate vice president of philanthropy, Advancement

Sarah Shelburne, from HR generalist to payroll manager/assistant HR director, Human Resources

Jennifer Enevoldson, from payroll manager to payroll clerk, Human Resources

Doug Frood, from associate vice president to executive director of budgeting and financial analysis, Financial Administration

Russell Orrison, from director of purchasing to associate vice president for retail and auxiliary services, Financial Administration

Jackie Rose, from assistant store manager to store manager, Village Market

Delores Franks, from department manager to assistant store manager, Village Market

Justin Brooks, from assistant director of purchasing to director of purchasing, Purchasing and Mail Services

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 **Melissa Moore**, Chaplain's Office

2 **Karon Powell**, Global Community Development

2 **Tami Wery**, Records and Advisement

3 **Ray Artigas**, Transportation Services

3 **Becky Djernes**, Financial Administration

3 **Shawn Haas**, Campus Safety

3 **Joe La Com**, Visual Art and Design

3 **Kelly Sanchez**, Computing

3 **Ginger White**, Food Services

4 **Tricia Foster**, Social Work

4 **Richard Halterman**, Computing

5 **Stanley Cottrell**, Library

6 **Tara Hargrove**, Journalism and Communication

6 **LaShawn Horton**, Nursing

7 **Doru Mihaescu**, Information Technology

8 **Pamela Jansen**, Library

9 **Eric Baerg**, Advancement

9 **Kevin Penrod**, Campus Safety

9 **Michelle Younkin**, Records and Advisement

11 **Jackie Rose**, Village Market

12 **Mikhaile Spence**, Education and Psychology

14 **Kelly Hauge**, Food Services

15 **Peter Cooper**, Music

15 **Kevin Pride**, Talge

16 **Ginger Cheney**, Student Finance

16 **Steve Holley**, Plant Services

16 **Shelly Kalvoda**, Campus Shop

17 **Lisa Kuhlman**, Business

17 **Carolyn Liers**, Advancement

20 **Avery Botticelli**, Journalism and Communication

20 **Christopher Stewart**, Physical Therapist Assistant Program

21 **Lorraine Ball**, Journalism and Communication

21 **Jackie Price**, Food Services

22 **Ron Miller**, Information Technology

25 **Daniel Wibberding**, Village Market

26 **Mona Karst**, Student Development

27 **Lisa Hall**, Thatcher

28 **Jennifer Landivar**, Enrollment Management

29 **Maggie Mendoza**, Enrollment Management

31 **Holly Gadd**, Nursing