

Southern Factor

September 2017

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jodi Ruf will begin a doctorate in literature this fall at Middle Tennessee State University.

During the first week of August, **David Huisman, Carolyn Liers, and Kimberly Harris** attended the North American Division Planned Giving and Trust Services Conference in Tucson, Arizona. This biennial event is required for trust certified personnel in the North American Division (NAD). Topics included new NAD standards for certification and accreditation, and provided many breakout options for continuing education. Attendees were also blessed by a devotional series given by **Derek Morris**, president of Hope Channel and adjunct professor of Religion here at Southern.

Cynthia Gettys and Elaine Plemons attended the 2017 National Leadership Forum in Atlanta, Georgia, June 22-23. This conference provided an authentic, research-based discussion on how to lead today's students. It featured many conversations from educational and business leaders on reaching the newest generation: Generation Z.

Aaron Corbit was co-author on a paper published in the journal, *Wilderness & Environmental Medicine*, in June. The title of the paper is "Interfang Distances of Rattlesnakes: Sexual, Interspecific, and Body Size-related Variation, and Implications for Snakebite Research and Management." Other authors included researchers at Loma Linda University, San Diego State University, and Pacific Union College.

Stanley Cottrell attended the 2017 Ex Libris Users of North America Conference, May 9-12. He presented on the topic "Doing it the Hard Way: Manual Post-Migration Cleanup Practices and Lessons Learned."

Rachel Williams-Smith wrote an article titled "The Two Ellen Whites" published in the August 2017 issue of *Adventist World*.

Scott Kornblum was awarded the designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), the international standard for certification of fundraising professionalism. CFRE International certifies experienced fundraising professionals aspiring to the highest standards of ethics, competence, and service to the philanthropic sector.

SOUTHERN BITS TO SHARE

THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE

As skies across the nation darkened, the 2017-2018 school year began in a way students and faculty won't soon forget. For many across campus and beyond, Southern facilitated safe viewing of the first total solar eclipse in 38 years. **2,500 eclipse viewing glasses** were given to faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Southern. **An additional 2,500 glasses** were distributed to more than 40 schools across North America. **More than 300 of Southern's students, faculty, and staff** traveled to Athens to experience totality. Re-experience the eclipse through the lenses of Southern's 360 cameras at [facebook.com/SouthernAdventistUniversity](https://www.facebook.com/SouthernAdventistUniversity).

INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE

Southern's professors go above and beyond in their own academic pursuits. Over **65 percent** of Southern's instructional faculty have a doctorate or other terminal degrees.

STUDENT LEAVES POSITIVE IMPRESSION

Recently a vendor shared about a positive encounter with a Southern student on a plane from Atlanta to Chattanooga. She said the student sat behind her and visited with his elderly seatmate throughout the flight. He gushed with excitement over his upcoming participation in a leadership program at his school, where he would have the opportunity to help incoming freshmen. The student spoke with such kindness that it left a very positive impression on the vendor. When the seatmate asked him what school he was attending, he answered "Southern Adventist University."

"I just smiled," the vendor said. "Your students are genuine and kind and conduct themselves in that manner even when not on campus. What a true reflection of all that you believe and stand for, and it shows."

Adrienne Royo preached at Harrison Seventh-day Adventist Church on July 29. The title of her sermon was "Heaven's Cellphone Service."

Aaron Corbit and **David Nelsen** traveled to Queretaro, Juriquilla, Mexico, for the annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society, June 24-28. They presented a talk titled "A Sticky Situation: Properties of Defensive Silk and Use by the Western Widow Spider (*Latrodectus hesperus*)."

HATS OFF!

Our nursing students were so blessed by the attention to physical and social needs, in the form of yummy food, provided over the summer by **Kari Shultz**, SA Social Vice-President Jake Strauss, and crew! It was especially nice to have the food prepared and served in Florida Hospital Hall. Many thanks!

-Barbara James

Many heartfelt thanks to all who participated in We-Haul over the last two months. A meaningful difference was made through you! Special thanks to **Brennan Kierstein** and **Marc-Anthony Pierre** who organized the Campus Ministries student leaders and who demonstrated excellent customer service and energetic enthusiasm at the August event. You eased many burdens and created many smiles. See you next year!

-Leslie Ann Schwarzer

I want to give a shout out to **Bob Young** for renting a van at the North American Division Faith and Science Conference in Utah, taking the Southern faculty out separately from the large group and letting us do some extra exploring while spending time building relationships with our colleagues. It was very thoughtful.

-Edwin Reynolds

PERSONAL NEWS

Elaine Plemons spent a week in Jacksonville, Florida, where she welcomed her second granddaughter, Giuliana Marie Schroeder, into the world on July 19.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

During the summer, the **Center for Teaching Excellence and Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning** hosted two Summer Institutes to coach faculty on Southern's Higher Education Biblical Foundation Course Design Model. Sixteen faculty, new to the model, attended along with 12 faculty who came back for a refresher session. Several guests from other institutions also participated. In the last four years, more than 90 Southern professors have received training in this model, learning how central it is to Southern's mission. Many professors have shared how their teaching has changed simply from thinking differently about teaching from a biblical foundation, designing their courses to reflect the change. But most exciting is that students have seen the difference; they have commented on changes that have been made in their own spiritual walk and world view.



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ALUMNI
GOLF TOURNAMENT
September 17, 2017



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T-OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE

University employees are invited to play in the annual Alumni Golf Tournament at The Bear Trace (Harrison Bay), a Jack Nicklaus Signature Design course. Registration is \$65 per player. Proceeds support the Dave Cress Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for students at Southern. For more information and to register, visit southern.edu/golf or call Lori Thompson at 423.236.2829.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Southern Union Great Haystack, 12 p.m.
- 7 School/Department Convocation, 11 a.m.
- 9 Andrew Peterson Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Employee Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 3:30-5 pm
- 13 Faculty Showcase, 12 p.m.
- 14 Shawn Simons & Alvaro Llanos Convocation, 11 a.m.
- 15 Reynolds Chair Symposium, 6 p.m.
- 15 Lawn Vespers, 8 p.m.
- 16 Reynolds Chair Symposium, 9:15 a.m.
- 18 BRIDGE Luncheon, 12 p.m.
- 20 Faculty Tech Bytes, 12 p.m.
- 23 All-Night Softball Tournament, 8:30 p.m.
- 25 Faculty Portfolios due
- 25-29 Fall at the Wall, 7 p.m.
- 27 Faculty Showcase, 12 p.m.
- 29 Campus Research Day Registration Deadline

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

Regulations require that the university records complaints and makes sure they are responded to in a timely manner. Share the concern by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository."

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

- Daniel Johns**, accounting clerk, Accounting Services
- Kristy Johns**, housekeeping assistant, Thatcher Hall
- Omar Mendez**, data analyst, Records and Advisement
- Shaina Mercer**, systems analyst, Information Technology
- Amanda Orozco**, academic adviser/administrative assistant, Online Campus
- Tise Suzuki**, biology assistant, Biology
- Abigayle White**, cafeteria floater, Food Services

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

- Charolette Brand**, patrol officer, Campus Safety
- Tamara Mallory**, junior accountant, Accounting Services
- Jeremy Rogers**, patrol officer, Campus Safety
- Henning Volker**, associate vice president, Academic Administration

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

- Teresa Adams**, from office assistant for Transportation Services to administrative assistant for Academic Administration and Graduate Studies

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Tyler Rand**, WSMC
- 1 **Teri Reutebuch**, Student Development
- 1 **Nick White**, Information Technology
- 2 **Zach Gray**, Visual Art and Design
- 3 **Justin Brooks**, Purchasing and Mail Services
- 3 **Wes O'Ffill**, Technology
- 5 **John Beckett**, Computing
- 6 **Frank Mirande**, Village Market
- 8 **Donald Martin**, McKee Library
- 10 **Tim Burgess**, Landscape Services
- 10 **Maddie Wade**, Guest Services and Lodging
- 11 **Mindy Jamieson**, Visual Art and Design
- 12 **Jason Bryner**, Marketing and University Relations
- 12 **Candy Reichert**, Advancement
- 13 **Doug Brown**, P.E., Health, and Wellness
- 13 **Doug Frood**, Financial Administration
- 13 **Evie Nogales Baker**, Social Work
- 14 **Michelle Doucoumes**, Business
- 15 **Tim Trott**, Biology
- 16 **Jennifer Brown**, Food Services
- 16 **Teshia Price**, Business
- 17 **Rick Anderson**, Enrollment Management
- 18 **Janelle Dietrich**, Religion
- 18 **Eric Schoonard**, Food Services
- 19 **Michael Hasel**, Religion
- 21 **Monya Khan**, Thatcher Hall
- 22 **Norman Gulley**, Religion
- 22 **Eve Knight**, Academic Administration
- 23 **Jud Lake**, Religion
- 24 **Terry Evans**, Food Services
- 25 **Rachel Byrd**, English
- 26 **Maria Valenca**, Nursing
- 27 **Judy Dedeker**, Nursing
- 28 **Annette Heck**, Social Work
- 28 **Stephen Smith**, Enrollment Management
- 29 **Sukie Myers**, Campus Shop
- 29 **Paula Walters**, Financial Administration

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:9

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