

# Southern Factor

April 2018

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On February 24, **Michael Hasel** presented “The Intersection of Archaeology, History, and Faith” for the Saxon Lectureship on Science and the Bible at Southwestern Adventist University. On March 3, he preached a two-part series in Reykjavik, Iceland. He also presented a series of lectures on archaeology and the Bible titled “Astonishing Discoveries” Oxford, England, March 6-10.

From February 28 to March 6, **Laura Racovita-Szilagyi** conducted a research study in the Maricao region in Puerto Rico. The research explored coping, resiliency, and post-traumatic growth in an isolated community after Hurricane Maria. Based on their participation in the research study, the community wanted to learn more about healthy coping and what to expect after a disaster. Racovita-Szilagyi gave a short presentation on those topics to community members and organized therapeutic activities with community children in partnership with local social work professionals and students.

**Rachel Williams-Smith** was featured in the Emily McDonald Local Author Series at the Collegedale Public Library. On March 18, she presented on her book *Born Yesterday: The True Story of a Girl Born in the 20th Century but Raised in the 19th*.

Plant Services employees **Eric Schoonard, Dennis Clifford, Ryan Roesel, Dave Armstrong, Tim Mitchell, Jim Parks, and Mike Fisher** received Confined Space Certification on March 15.

**Alan Parker** spoke for the Helderberg College Week of Prayer in South Africa, March 3-10.

**Kristie Wilder, Stephanie Guster, Annette Heck, and Evie Nogales-Baker** attended the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, March 14-16. Heck and Nogales-Baker gave a presentation during the conference titled “Flipped Learning—a creative and engaging approach to social work education.”

**Sonja Fordham** attended the Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference in Richmond, Virginia, February 22-24.

On March 19, **Matthew Tolbert** partnered with Michael Waterson, assistant professor of life sciences at Chattanooga State Community College, on a presentation titled “The Neuroscience and Psychology of Mental Illness.” The presentation took place at Chattanooga State and incorporated recent research on the regulation of the hypothalamus on the prefrontal cortex. Tolbert presented the behavioral implications of this research to more than 100 Chattanooga State biology, anatomy and physiology, and psychology students.

**Adrienne Royo** attended the Central States Conference of Teachers of Foreign Languages Leadership Workshop and the annual Advisory Council Board Meeting and Reception, March 8, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Tyson Hall** attended the American Society for Engineering Education Southeastern Section (ASEE-SE) conference, March 4-6. He was presented with the 2018 Tilmans-Dion Service Award for rendering “outstanding service to the Section.” Hall has volunteered with the ASEE-SE organization for 13 years, serving in various elected positions including

## SOUTHERN'S SELECT CHOIR SINGS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ICONS

The School of Music's select choir, *I Cantori*, had the unique, impromptue opportunity to sing for Jesse Jackson and Andrew Young at the National Civil Rights museum in Memphis, Tennessee. The reverend and the civil rights ambassador happened to be at the museum commemorating the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

Jackson posted on Facebook and Twitter saying, “We were moved to tears when a Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN, college choir sang ‘We Shall Overcome’... The spirit of Dr. King continues to guide us.”

## SOUTHERN HOSTS FORMER ASTRONAUT

The Physics and Engineering Department partnered with Collegedale Academy to host astronaut Don Thomas. He spoke for students and staff in Lynn Wood Hall on March 14.

Thomas flew four space shuttle missions during his 20 years with NASA. He now visits dozens of schools each year, endeavoring to help students understand what space flight is like. He's also authored a book detailing his experiences during the STS-70 mission of Space Shuttle Discovery in 1995.

conference technical program chair, section vice president, and section president.

## PERSONAL NEWS

During the Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers 2018 annual salon, **Braam Oberholster**, won best of show with an image of Crowned Cranes. He was also awarded first place in the “wildlife” category, a second place in the “abstracts in nature” category, a third place in the “scenic” category, and two honorable mentions. His images can be viewed at [momentsofprovidence.com](http://momentsofprovidence.com).

## CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

**Dionne Felix**, associate vice president, Academic Administration

**David Hartman**, associate professor, Religion

**Monty Murdoch**, associate professor, Education and Psychology

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

**Monya Khan**, office manager, Thatcher Hall (effective May 2018)

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

**Josh Fraker**, from associate director to fire and life safety specialist, Campus Safety

**Sandy Garcia**, from customer service manager to bookkeeper, Village Market

**Shawn Haas**, from office manager to associate director, Campus Safety

**Irene Royo**, from dispatch supervisor to dispatch supervisor/office manager, Campus Safety

**Ruth Tillman**, from part time cashier to full time cashier/office, Village Market

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Janice Cosme**, Human Resources
- 1 **Jana Dietsche**, Student Finance
- 1 **Andrew Myaing**, Risk Management
- 4 **Lorella Howard**, Nursing
- 5 **Matt Tolbert**, Education and Psychology
- 8 **Randy Craven**, Visual Art and Design
- 9 **Gennevieve Brown-Kibble**, Music
- 9 **Michelle Mix**, Health Services
- 9 **Nancy Soapes**, Food Services
- 9 **Amy Steele**, Human Resources
- 10 **Lisa Hess**, Global Community Development
- 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
- 19 **Cathlyen Robertson**, Food Services
- 20 **Carol Raney**, Education and Psychology
- 22 **Debbie Strack**, Biology
- 22 **Ruth Williams**, Education and Psychology
- 23 **Dale Walters**, Technology
- 25 **Shirley Menhennett**, Food Services
- 27 **Dana Krause**, Nursing
- 28 **Gary Sewell**, Information Technology
- 28 **Osmin Yanes**, Village Market
- 30 **Scott Clukey**, Plant Services
- 30 **Marc Grundy**, Enrollment Management
- 30 **Faith Laughlin**, Education and Psychology

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## GUEST LODGING EXPANDS

With the recent addition of the Kentucky building to Guest Lodging, Southern now has a total of 23 two-bedroom apartments right here on campus available for rent for visiting guests. Students, parents, faculty, and conference employees all receive a 15 percent discount on the already reasonable rates.

Guest Lodging offers basic (\$69), standard (\$79), and deluxe (\$109) accommodations right in the heart of campus. Contact Sandy James, manager of Guest Lodging, at 423.236.7000 to book a room or for more information.

