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COVER: Dr. David Williams speaks at his official Installation Ceremony

## A Note from the President



As I sit at my desk and look out my window I have conclusive proof that fall is over and winter has come. We are experiencing the year's first real taste of winter, and I love it! I have always loved the changing seasons and the newness and excitement that each one brings. Each season has its own beauty, its own feel, and its own challenges.

We at Taylor are also experiencing all that comes with a season of change. This semester has been very exciting with a greater sense of expectancy and vitality than we have felt in recent years. There is a strong sense of unity and community as we all pray, wait, and hope for what God has in store for Taylor.

We are excited about a number of upcoming events. First, on January 16-17 we are hosting Chris Folmsbee, author of *A New Kind of Youth Ministry*. On January 24, we are co-hosting, along with the ABA and Central Baptist Church, *The Fabulous Reinvention of Sunday School* with Aaron Reynolds. Third, in early February Dr. Peter Rollins, coordinator of the Ikon Community in Belfast, will engage our community in a conversation around the emerging church. Dr. Rollins' visit is co-sponsored by The Urban Bridge Church (an emerging church in the Pentecostal tradition), the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, and the Alternative Worship

ministry of St. Paul's Anglican Church. Lastly, in early March Dr. Os Guinness will be on campus for our annual Wahl Lectures. His topic will be *Challenges of Faith in a Changing World*. Be sure to check out our web site for more information on these events!

You might ask, "Why all the events focused on the Church?" The answer is easy: Taylor exists to be responsive to the educational needs of the church! Each of these events come under the auspices of the newly created EP Wahl Centre, and we'll be announcing more soon about the EP Wahl Centre.

Nothing that happens at Taylor could happen without your faithful support, so let me take this time to say THANK YOU! Thank you for your interest in what God is doing at Taylor. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your words of encouragement. Thank you for your faithful stewardship through Taylor.

The winter season will no doubt bring more changes to the Taylor community. It is comforting to know that we serve a God who is faithful in the midst of that change and who promises that our faithfulness will be rewarded with fruit that we can now only imagine..

Shalom!



Dr. David Williams  
President, Taylor University College and Seminary

## A Note from the Editor

It has been an extraordinary summer at Taylor; telling you about everything that is happening will be tough! Along with our challenges have been many encouraging stories. There is a fresh excitement among our students, and a summer of change and renovation has made the campus more welcoming and efficient. These details are included in the pages that follow, but we hope you'll drop by to see for yourself all that is taking place.

And to each of you who wrote an encouraging note to comment on the new look of *The Bridge* following our summer issue - thanks!

Tim Willson  
Communications and Marketing Director  
editor, *The Bridge*

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# Taylor in Historic Talks

## University College considers affiliation with U of A

by Tim Willson

Taylor University College has been in discussions with the University of Alberta and the province of Alberta to affiliate with the U of A, one of Canada's largest and most-prestigious universities.

The outcome of these talks, which began in earnest in July, was unclear at press time, but were proceeding under a general understanding that any affiliation between the University College and the U of A would strengthen Taylor's academic credentials and thus its ability to draw students, while preserving the school's faith commitments and campus ethos. Taylor Seminary would not be directly affected by the affiliation, as it would retain its own identity, accreditation, budget and faculty.

This is not the first time that the institution has explored the possibility of affiliating with the U of A in some form. The idea has been around since the earliest days of the Christian Training Institute, and was seriously considered in the early 1960's under president E.P. Wahl, again in the 1970's under Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg, and once again in the 1980's under Dr. Walter Goltz. In fact, Dr. Goltz' final official act as president in July 1988 was to sign an affiliation agreement that provided for course transfer arrangements.

The current situation emerged in the spring of 2008, when it became clear that rising costs, the need to invest in significant program development and infrastructure, and the effects of years of lower enrolment had pushed the University College into a very difficult financial situation. The Board began to explore the possibilities of a major re-investment in the programs and facilities of the school, but also initiated contact with the U of A to explore an affiliation agreement.

As the summer progressed, the possibility of affiliating with the U of A emerged as the best way forward. At an all-staff, all-faculty meeting on September 26th, Taylor president Dr. David Williams told the community that the 2008-09 budget went to the limit, with no additional resources to draw on. He reported that the U of A was

interested in an agreement that would be similar to the arrangement with St. Joseph's College, the Catholic college at the University of Alberta.

Such an arrangement would be of interest to the U of A because an evangelical college would contribute to the diversity of educational choice for its students. Other institutions enjoy similar arrangements, notably the various faith-based schools such as Wycliffe and St. Michael's that are federated within the University of Toronto.

Taylor University College may look very different in the years ahead, depending on the future of these discussions. Among the possibilities is that Taylor would not grant its own undergrad degrees, but would teach U of A courses from a Christian perspective and in a

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Christian environment under the degree granting authority of the University of Alberta. As well, the institution could be relocated to the U of A's south campus allowing both greater utilization of on-campus resources and easy access to other U of A programs and courses. Along with a strengthened academic base,

the changes would mean lower tuition (at U of A levels) and better services for Taylor students. It would also likely mean that Taylor would serve students with a greater range of interests than has been possible in the past.

There is a certain irony in the current situation, given that there has been so much to celebrate in recent months. A fresh enthusiasm has been felt across the campus, and the changes have included a new president, a number of new faculty members and staff, and an upgraded campus. A late surge in first-year enrollees, a strengthened student development team and a higher occupancy in residence have also helped rejuvenate the campus community, but with Taylor's resources spread so thin, the time for rebuilding may be short. At this writing, staff and faculty of Taylor are anxiously awaiting news of progress from these discussions. Any news will be communicated via email, letter, the Taylor website or through a media release. TB



# Taylor Faculty Publications, Papers & Public Lectures

Some of the academic output from the Taylor faculty during 2007-08

Dr. Kelly Arbeau (Psychology)

PhD, U of Alberta, conferred Spring 2008.

Dissertation: "Mood, Motives, and Alcohol Use: A Daily Process Study Assessing Models Predicting Alcohol Use."

Dr. Natasha Duquette (English)

Article:

"Laughter over Tea: Jane Austen and Culinary Pedagogy," forthcoming in *Persuasions-Online* (13 ms. pp.)

(Also presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Jane Austen Society of North America in Chicago in October 2008.)

Publications:

N. Duquette, ed., *Sublimar Aspects: Interfaces between Literature, Aesthetics, and Theology*, Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007.

"Anna Barbauld and Mary Anne Schimmelpenninck on the Sublimity of Scripture," in above volume, 62 – 79

"'Sublime Repose': The Spiritual Aesthetics of Landscape in Austen," in Nora Stovel, ed., *Jane Austen Sings the Blues*, Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 2008, 12 ms. pp.

"Horrific Suffering, Sacred Terror, and Sublime Freedom in Helen Maria Williams's Peru," in Holly Faith Nelson, Lynn Szabo, and Jens Zimmerman, eds., *Suffering, the Sacred and the Sublime: Trauma and Transcendence in Literature*, forthcoming from Wilfrid Laurier UP, 16 ms. pp.

Invited Public Lectures:

"The Writing of Everyday Forgiveness: Tlali, Kristeva, and Quotidian Sublimity," Malaspina University College Literary Theory Research Group, Nov. 2007.

"Trauma, Testimony, and Freedom: Sublimity in Helen Maria Williams's Peru, Lakehead University, February 2008

Dr. Allan Effa (Intercultural Studies)

Articles:

"Contemplating Death in the Battle of Flesh and Spirit" in *Centered: Thoughts on Evangelical Spiritual Formation*. Vol. 1, Number 3. July/August 2008, pp.19-23.

"Running as Prayer" in *Centered: Thoughts on Evangelical Spiritual Formation*. Vol. 1, Number 4. Sept./Oct. 2008, p.33-34.

"The Greening of Mission" in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. Vol. 32, Number 4, October 2008, pp.171-176.

Book Review:

"Faith Seeking Action: Mission, Social Movements, and the Church in Motion," by Gregory P. Leffel. *Missiology: An International Review*. Vol. 36, No. 3 July 2008, pp.398-399

Dr. Anita Helmbold (English)

"Chaucer Appropriated: The Troilus Frontispiece as Lancastrian Propaganda." *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*, in press.

Conference papers:

"Grotesque Encounters: O'Connor in the Classroom." Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Conference, Calgary, AB, October 4-6, 2007.

"Grace Unmerited: Experimenting with Forgiveness in The Two Gentlemen of Verona." Christianity and Literature Study Group (an ACCUTE Allied Organization), Vancouver, BC, May 31 - June 3, 2008.

Dr. Troy Janzen (Psychology)

Publications:

Das, J.P., Hayward, D. V., Georgiou, G., Janzen, T., & Boora, N. (2008). Comparing the effectiveness of two reading intervention programs for children with reading disabilities. *Journal of Cognitive Education and Psychology*, 7:2, 199 – 222.

Das, J.P., Georgiou, G, & Janzen, T. (2008). Single and Double Deficits in reading: An analysis of phonological coding, naming speed and PASS theory with Canadian Native children. *Reading Psychology*, 29, 366-393.

Dr. Mark Loo (Business)

PhD in Management conferred, summer 2008, Multimedia University, Malaysia. Dissertation: "Influencing Organizational Buying Process: Antecedents, Dimensions and Consequences."

Dr. Jeff McPherson (Theology)

Conference Paper:

"Edwards & Ecology: The Problem of Dualism and the Question of Value," delivered October 2007 at inaugural meeting of the Jonathan Edwards Society, First Churches of Northampton, Massachusetts. (Subsequently submitted to *Journal of the Jonathan Edwards Society*.)

Dr. Syd Page (New Testament)

Article

"Satan: God's Servant," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 50 (2007): 449-65.

Dr. Randal Rauser (Theology)

Books:

2008: *Faith Lacking Understanding: Theology Through a Glass Darkly*, Faith in an Emerging Culture Series (Paternoster)

Journal Article:

2008: "Worshipping a Flying Teapot? What to Do When Christianity Looks Ridiculous," *The Other Journal* (online journal) - URL: <http://www.theotherjournal.com/article.php?id=294>

Popular Article:

2008: Ask a Theologian Column: "How Could I Be Happy in Heaven with a Loved One in Hell?" *Faith Today* (Jan.-Feb), 38.

Darren Schmidt (History)

Articles – Darren Schmidt PhD (Candidate)

"The Pattern of Revival: John Wesley's Vision of 'Iniquity' and 'Godliness' in Church History, in *Studies in Church History* vol. 44, Revival and Resurgence in Christian History (Woodbridge, England: Boydell Press for the Ecclesiastical History Society, 2008)

"The Place of Church History in the Rise of Evangelicalism," *Canadian Society of Church History Historical Papers 2008* (online version at <http://www.augustana.ca/cschr/Schmidt%20Article.pdf>)

Conference Paper:

"'Established' Evangelical Church History at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century: The Historical Publications of Joseph and Isaac Milner and Thomas Haweis." Presented to the annual conference of the Christianity and History Forum (UK), St Deiniol's Library, Hawarden Wales, March 2008.

Dr. Jerry E. Shepherd (Old Testament)

Commentary

Shepherd, Jerry E. "Ecclesiastes." Pages 253-365 in vol. 6 *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*. Rev. ed. Edited by Tremper Longman III and David E. Garland. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.



Left: Dr. David Williams shares a laugh with Board Chair Barry Kossowan during his installation as president of Taylor. Above: Dr. Williams stands with members of his church, Edmonton's Mustard Seed, and Pastor Evelyn Ritch (centre). His wife, Jeanne, and sons Matthew and Andrew stand at right.

# New President of Taylor

## Dr. David Williams accepts 2-year appointment

by Tim Willson

Dr. David Williams was appointed president of Taylor University College and Seminary over the summer, as the Board of Trustees cut short the presidential search that was underway. The move was taken in light of the institution's extraordinary circumstances, considering various options as a way forward in a challenging fiscal environment.

Board chair Barry Kossowan said he was delighted that the board saw fit to make Dr. Williams' appointment permanent. "Taylor is in the midst of a significant time of transition, and David's wisdom and leadership have been invaluable through this process of change. The Board's decision reflects the confidence the institution has in him as well as our desire to have him continue leading us into the future."

Dr. Williams had been serving as interim president since the beginning of 2008, and it would have been difficult to ask a new president to step into the various discussions that were underway. But Barry Kossowan said that Dr. Williams had distinguished himself as a leader during his months as interim president. "His learning curve was near-vertical, and he showed a lot of courage when another person might have run," Mr. Kossowan said. "What I also appreciate is that he is a man of vision, he is a big thinker and has lots of inner strength."

An installation ceremony took place on October 18th. Called *The Start of Something New*, the service highlighted the ways in which Taylor is strengthening its commitment to its original vision: to serve the educational needs of the church.

Dr. John Franke, Lester and Kay Clemens Professor of Missional Theology at Biblical Seminary in Hatfield, PA (and a personal friend of Dr. Williams), delivered the installation address, "Taking Every Thought Captive: Christian Intellectual Life and the Mission of God." For the first time, Taylor introduced an "Oath of Office" as part of an installation service, reading as follows:

*I, David Alan Williams, pledge to support the mission and vision of Taylor University College and Seminary. As a follower of Jesus Christ, I pledge to lead by example, with humility and courage. I pledge to nurture an atmosphere marked by openness and respect, faithful scholarship, character formation and spiritual development. With God as my help, I pledge to serve Taylor University College and Seminary to the very best of my ability.*

The service has been posted online as an MP3, at [www.Taylor-Edu.ca/Installation](http://www.Taylor-Edu.ca/Installation). 



ABOVE: Taylor Alumni Homecoming and Reunion 2008; over 300 people took part in the gathering, and graduates from every era gathered for this group picture on the campus lawn. | BELOW: 1. Elma Hoffman ('42), a member of the first class at CTI, with her daughter Daphne Keck ('66) | 2. The opening night Chapel Service was a deeply moving time of worship, with a challenge presented by Dr. Willy Muller. | 3. The Alumni Reunion was preceded by a gathering of current and former faculty and staff. A | 4. Jon Bauer ('98) rehearses with the Taylor Reunion Choir at the city-wide Sunday morning worship service, held at West Meadows. Kelowna pastor (and Taylor alum) Tim Schroeder was the guest speaker. 5. Verda Schalm, a longtime member of the Taylor community, plays during the opening night chapel service. | 6. Pete Schroeder, Ed Link, Lloyd Kresier and Dave Follack sing together during the opening night service of the Reunion. | 7. Ron Mayforth, visits with a fellow attendee.



# Alumni Profile - Kurt Redschiag

Student: CTI '62

Faculty: 19 years - NABC '82-'92 - director of recruitment, church and alumni relations, communications, music ministries; EBS '92-'01 - registrar, director of church and alumni relations, communications

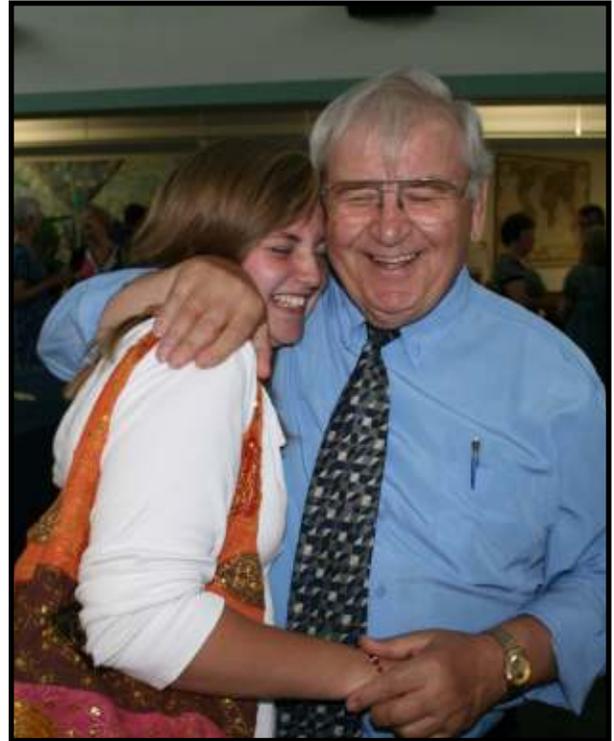
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*"God's amazing grace has made each student of immense worth to Him."*

As a young man, Kurt Redschiag enrolled at Christian Training Institute for a year of bible school before heading to university. Twenty years later, he returned to infect the school (then called NABC) with jollity and charm. Kurt is a man of integrity, full of the joy of the Lord in the truest sense. "I have always attempted," he says, "to model in my work and my relationship with students the kinds of spiritual and professional values that I wanted them to strive for."

Since leaving Taylor in 2001, Kurt has served as an interim pastor in churches throughout Alberta and in Saskatchewan. He has also journeyed to Russia several times to teach at a Bible school in Rostov. When at home in Edmonton, he serves in various capacities at Hillview Baptist, his home church. Pastoral work comes easy for Kurt: "I always enjoyed encouraging students in their personal and academic life." This encouraging nature, along his genuine love for Christ, has served him in good stead during seven years as a pastor. TB



Taylor alumnus and former faculty member, Kurt Redschiag shares a laugh with Chantelle Olson, the recent Taylor student who contributed this article. This picture was taken during the 2008 Taylor Alumni Homecoming and Reunion.



This winter, when Edmonton turns into a snow globe, be reminded to

*Think Globally, Start Locally*

If your vision of ministry starts with *your neighbour* and stretches to include *the whole globe*, see why ministry preparation at Taylor just makes sense.

Taylor Seminary serves the Christian community with ministry training and a wide range of courses. [www.TaylorSeminary.ca](http://www.TaylorSeminary.ca)

## Dewey Farewell

A farewell service for former Taylor president Marvin Dewey took place during the 2008 Alumni Reunion and Homecoming. About 200 people attended, and various speakers paid tribute to Dr. Dewey.

The Hon. Dave Hancock, who was Alberta's Advanced Education Minister during part of Dr. Dewey's presidency, said that Taylor had grown to become a stellar part of the educational landscape in Edmonton, making Edmonton and Alberta a better place for faith and education.

Faculty members remembered Dr. Dewey's kindness and faithfulness, and Corinne Schalm, former chair of the Trustee Board, said she always appreciated his big vision. "Marvin was never satisfied with the status quo," she said.

In reply, Dr. Dewey said that his service to Taylor had been a labour of love. "I benefitted from my time here as a student," he said, "and my service was a repayment for the benefit I received." He said that it had been an enriching experience to work with so many gifted people, adding that "anything attributed to me today is the result of so many people and the grace of God."

Dr. Dewey said he strongly believes in the mission of Taylor, calling the institution "essential," and he urged his audience to continue to support it.

Board chairman Barry Kossowan presented a painting of the Taylor campus to the Dewey family as a farewell gift. The painting was done by Barry's father, Edmonton artist Harry Kossowan. TB



Top: A painting of the Taylor campus by Edmonton artist Harry Kossowan was presented to outgoing president Dr. Marvin Dewey. Above left: Dr. Dewey is joined by his wife Becky (second from right) and daughter Rachel (second from left) for the presentation of the painting during a special farewell ceremony. Above right: Following his farewell ceremony, Dr. Dewey shares a moment with former president Dr. J. Walter Goltz.



## Insight09

Insight 09 is an opportunity to be a Taylor student for a day!

Join us on February 26th. Sit in on a class, stay in residence, hang out with students – it's like taking Taylor for a test drive!

Please pre-register by calling 780.431.5218.

# Re-envisioning Theological Education at Taylor Seminary

by Dr. Eric Ohlmann

A good school is always evaluating its performance and asking the question, Could we improve on what we are doing? To answer that question we need to ask further, what are the competencies needed for effective Christian ministry today and in the foreseeable future? What then would be the desired profile of ministers in such a time as this? What kind of theological education best equips such leaders? And how can Taylor Seminary better provide that kind of theological education? We are asking those questions, but you can help us in answering them.

Just maintaining the status quo is not an option. Although the basic spiritual needs of people remain the same, how people view those needs is changing as well as how they expect churches to assist them. That requires churches to adapt; pastors need to learn new approaches and skill; and seminaries need the agility and wisdom to assist them.

To ascertain what we might do, the seminary has organized a curriculum revision committee. One of the first questions it needs to answer is, what should be the seminary's central focus? What is the primary goal of all that we do? If it is to equip persons for more effective kingdom ministry, what qualities and skills do Christian leaders need and how can the seminary nurture and enhance them?

To that end, the committee is reviewing all of the

seminary's outcomes statements, particularly those qualities that the seminary wants all its graduates to attain, and asking what should be changed or added. Such a list quickly becomes far too long and unrealistic. So, a key question is, which outcomes are most crucial? That is where you the reader come in. Literature on theological education is massive, much more than we can hope to examine. But those of you who are currently in the practice of ministry, whether in a clergy or lay capacity, are another valuable resource. Insights from actual experience are among the most valuable. As a seminary, we would be more confident of the curricular decisions we are being called to make if they were made in concert with effective church leaders.

So, we invite you to work with us in designing the theological curriculum and the seminary of the future, one that aspires to be a vital force for the advancement of God's kingdom on earth. As a starter, what in your opinion should be our central focus (in a single sentence) and what competencies should our students bring to ministry in your context?

Send suggestions to [eric.ohlmann@taylor-edu.ca](mailto:eric.ohlmann@taylor-edu.ca) or to [terry.fossen@taylor-edu.ca](mailto:terry.fossen@taylor-edu.ca). You can also write to: Eric Ohlmann, Taylor Seminary, 11525 – 23 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6J 4T3. 



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## A Match Made in Heaven... by Dr. Rob McClelland

E. P. Wahl had a burden on his heart. He wanted current and future pastors of our North American Baptist churches to have a solid biblical education and to develop in leadership capacity. Taylor was the fulfillment of that dream. For almost 70 years Taylor University College and Seminary and the NAB Conference have served together to develop leaders and expand the Kingdom of God.

Today the sun never sets on Taylor alumni who are serving God around the world. Recently I asked NAB churches "where in the world" they were supporting missionaries or missions endeavors. The reports are inspiring. God is using the Taylor/NAB partnership to prepare choice servants who are taking the gospel to the ends of the earth!

What a privilege it is to work with affiliated institutions that are fully committed the same Kingdom values. I could not be more thankful for Taylor, the servant leaders that the school produces, and for the synergistic partnership we share. 



*Above: NAB Executive Director Rob McClelland at the 2008 Taylor Alumni Homecoming.*

# News and Notes

## Campus News

Renovation ("revitalization") PHASE ONE complete! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get numerous projects completed: concrete upgrades, Benke renovations, bookstore move, cafeteria updating, student lounge improvements, fitness room relocation, painting projects in the administration offices and gymnasium, and improved and updated signage. Speaking of repairs, a windstorm seriously damaged the chapel roof this fall, but (thankfully) much of the damage was insured.

## Faculty and Staff News

**Mark Loo earns Doctorate**  
Congratulations to Dr. Mark Loo who received his PhD in Management this summer from Multimedia University, Malaysia. The title of his dissertation: "Influencing Organizational Buying Process: Antecedents, Dimensions and Consequences."

**Prof Darren Schmidt defends dissertation**  
At press time, Prof. Darren Schmidt is traveling to Scotland to defend his dissertation titled "Revising the Past: Eighteenth-Century Evangelical Interpretations of Church History." Prof. Schmidt did his doctoral work at St. Andrews, and was to defend there on December 19th.

**Promotion for Dr. Allan Effa**  
Dr. Allan Effa was promoted July 1, 2008 from Associate to Full Professor. As the Ray and Edith DeNeui Professor of Intercultural Studies at Taylor Seminary, Dr. Effa holds Taylor's first endowed professorship.

**Comings...**  
Dr. David J. Hall, Academic Vice President (Interim), U-C  
Dr. Eric Ohlmann, Academic Vice President (Interim), Sem.  
Dr. Jessica Stevens, Athletics Director  
Mr. Doug Siewert, Campus Ministries Coordinator  
John Liong, Accounting  
Shannon Dimanis, Assistant to the President  
... and Goings  
Dr. Natasha Duquette, English (to: Biola University)  
Mr. Tom Joyce, Accounting (retiring)

## Alumni and Student News

Taylor Student wins Major Award  
Taylor University College student Cari Mcilduff was the

recipient of a Terry Fox Humanitarian award in 2008. This highly-competitive award recognizes volunteer work and, to qualify, students must maintain their academic, voluntary and career performance to a satisfactory level. Cari, a psychology student, has given her time to the Christmas Bureau, Santa's Anonymous, Roses of Hope, World Vision, Kids Kottage and Tembela Ministries and has assisted in coaching soccer.

**Seminary Alum Establishes New Ministry**  
Taylor Seminary alumna Joanne Van Beek ('05) has founded Riseup Ministries, a non-profit society that is committed to educating the church about the nature and dynamics of abusive relationships and offers weekly support groups for women affected by it.

**Alumnus Appointed to Taylor Trustee Board**  
Alumni Cory Scheel is giving back to the Taylor community by serving as a trustee, having recently started a four year team. Congratulations are also in order to Cory and his new bride Amanda on their recent wedding.

**David Keith Pastoring in Ontario**  
Taylor Seminary alumnus David Keith has begun serving as pastor of Pelham Friends Church in Welland, Ontario. Along with his wife, Wendy, David had served with OM for many years.

**Dave Hammer pens Autobiography**  
Dave Hammer (92) is about to release an autobiography that deals with his long recovery from severe burns suffered in childhood. Dave, whose brother Keir Hammer is a prof at Taylor University College, was age 5 when he was seriously burned in a deadly tent fire. *From Out of the Flames* will be officially released in the New Year. Read more at <http://www.fromoutoftheflames.com/>



## Alumni Updates

*We hope you will share your news with us -- marriages, moves, careers... we want to note these important events! Please stay in touch by email, and let us know if your news is free to be shared online or here in The Bridge. Email your updates to [alumni@Taylor-Edu.ca](mailto:alumni@Taylor-Edu.ca).*

# EXPERIENCING African Christianity

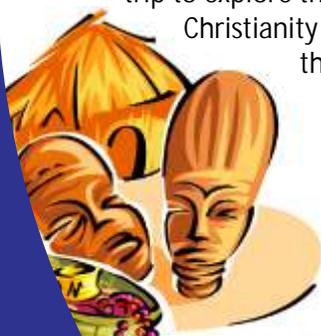
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"The Christianity typical of the twenty-first century will be shaped by the events and processes that take place in the Southern continents, and above all by those that take place in Africa."

- Andrew Walls, Missionary / Professor (University of Edinburgh)

What do the largest churches of Ukraine and the UK have in common? They were planted by Nigerian missionaries. Where do 25% of the world's Anglicans make their home, and which African nation has more Baptists than Europe and South America combined? Full marks if you guessed "Nigeria!" Not only is Nigeria the giant of Africa, but it is becoming a major force in global Christianity.

From May 11 – 31, 2009 a team of Taylor University College and Seminary students will accompany Dr. Allan Effa on an immersion study trip to explore the diverse expressions of Christianity in Nigeria. He promises that, those who come, will



"never view Christianity in the same way." Allan served there as a missionary from 1982-1990 and has planned an itinerary

that will engage students with African and European-initiated churches in large urban centres and small rural villages. Team members will pair up with students of the Mambilla Baptist Seminary for a three day rural home stay and will spend time reflecting on what the Canadian church can learn from this growing Christian movement. Students must raise at least \$3,300 to cover their costs, so donations designated to the "Taylor Nigeria Team" are most welcome.

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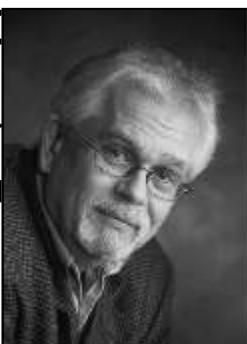
- Team members must be in good physical health.
- Expenses include air fare, inland transportation, visa, simple accommodations and some meals.
- Expenses for passport and immunizations and tuition for academic credit will be in addition to this amount.
- Space is limited.

To register your interest and/or for further information, [allan.ffa@taylor-edu.ca](mailto:allan.ffa@taylor-edu.ca) or call Dr. Allan Effa at 780.431. 



2008  
*Distinguished*  
Alumni  
Celebration

Morris Ertman



Ray Harsch



Trudy Schatz



At a special ceremony in September, the Taylor Alumni Association honoured three members as Distinguished Alumni. The three were Morris Ertman ('79), Ray Harsch ('51) and Trudy Schatz ('54). Ertman is an internationally known dramatist, with close to 200 theatrical productions to his credit. Ray Harsch, who was honored posthumously, was a pastor, a denominational leader with the NAB, and a representative of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Trudy Schatz was a career missionary; she served in Cameroon for 34 years, working as a nurse and as a trainer of nurses and midwives. She continues to serve as a leader in the missions movement in NAB circles. 



*African Praise Dance* (2003), Sonja Ohlmann 54.5" x 45.5"

#### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sonja Ohlmann is a Taylor Alumna (NABC) and an internationally-known fabric artist from Leduc, Alberta, with numerous exhibitions and juried art shows to her credit. *African Praise Dance* is the first of four quilts made for Sonja's Master's Thesis, entitled "Women of the World." In 2006 it received honorable mention at the Grand National Quilt Show in Kitchener-Waterloo, ON. Hand- and machine-quilted from cotton (including fabrics from Cameroon and Mali), it includes beading, trapunto, and hand appliqué. She writes:

*"African Praise Dance* is "a perfect visual pictorial of villagers coming down the hill with their 'pets' to a dance scene, full of movement and expression – dancers who are powerful and exquisitely flowing, pointing to the cross coming down from a star, while a large woman figure with baby in the lower right-hand corner gazes on."

## Calling All Artists!

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