Entering Class of 2015

- 21 MDiv Students (including 2 Dual Degree candidates)
- 4 MATS Student
- 5 MAMP Students

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Follow my feet...
Spring 2015
Curt Davis

- MATS
- Age: 37
- Spouse: Dawn
  - Son: Jackson, 9
  - Daughter: Iyla, 5
- Assemblies of God
- Southwest Family Fellowship
- Austin, TX
- Has a passion for church planting.
Azar Ghandforoush

- MATS
- Age: 58
- Non-Denominational
- A Breath of Praise - Round Rock
- BA in Psychology from Univ. of Texas at Austin.
- Has three adult children and has grandchildren.
- A recent convert to Christianity from the Muslim faith.
- Interested in pursuing a PhD.
Randy Knighten

- MDiv
- Age: 39
- UMC
- Spouse: Maya
  - Son – Kaleb
  - Son – Dylan
- Youth Pastor at Covenant UMC – Austin
- Transferred from Memphis Theological Seminary.
Mac Morrison

- MAMP
- Age: 63
- Metropolitan Community Church – Austin
- BA in Religious Studies from College of Santa Fe.
- Former Film Director and Informal Professor at University of Texas.
- Pursuing a PhD after seminary.
Paige Alam

- MDiv
- Age 49
- Spouse: Omar
- Children – Layne, Riley, Quincy
- Tarrytown United Methodist Church
- BA from UT Austin
- Former anchor Fox 7 News
- Special Student Spring 2015
Adam Anderson

- MDIV
- Age: 32
- PC(USA)
- Spouse: Lindsey
  - Son: Abraham Edward
  - Daughter: Faustena
- Boulevard Presbyterian Church - Columbus, OH
- BS – Marketing Management
- Three Master’s degrees.
- Elizabeth Currie Williams Fellow
Eulla Allen

- MDIV
- Age: 24
- Non-Denominational
- BS in Social Work from Winona State University
- Certified Crisis Line Advocate
- Served as an AmeriCorp at Youth Villages Campus.
- Faith and Service Cohort member.
Becky Bryan

- MDIV
- Age: 26
- PC(USA)
- Christ Presbyterian—Largo, FL
- BA in History from Florida State University.
- Feels a call to campus ministry.
Ali Decker

- MATS
- Age: 25
- PCUSA
- First Presbyterian – San Diego, CA
- BS in Ministry Leadership from New Hope Christian College.
- Hopes to be an undergraduate professor of theology with an emphasis in Old Testament.
Gayle Evers

- MDIV
- Age: 59
- UMC
- Spouse: Shelby
- BS in Business Administration and Accounting from Univ. of Houston
- St. Philips UMC- Round Rock
- Former banker
- Seeks to be a pastor in The Fellowship of the Way.
Andrew Frazier

- MDIV
- Age: 29
- PCUSA
- Village Presbyterian – Prairie Village Kansas
- BA in Music Performance from Univ. of Georgia.
- Interested in environmental stewardship and social justice issues.
- Springall Scholar
Dana Gill

- MDIV
- Age: 30
- UMC
- Temple UMC – San Francisco, CA
- BA in English from Univ. of California
- Transferring from Drew Theological School where she was Student Body President.
- Jean Brown Scholar
David Hackenbracht

- MAMP
- Age: 25
- Southern Baptist
- Lake Pointe Church – Rockwall, TX
- Studied Political Science at Texas A&M.
- Former member of AYAVA House.
- Faith and Service Cohort member.
Jennifer Hallberg

- MAMP
- Age: 28
- PC(USA)
- St. Philip Presbyterian - Hurst, TX
- BS in Math from Univ. of West Florida.
- Former YAV in New Orleans.
- Faith and Service Cohort Member.
Madeline Hart-Andersen

- MDIV
- Age: 27
- PCUSA
- Westminster Presbyterian Minneapolis, MN
- BA in Mathematics and Anthropology from Grinnell College.
- Both of her parents are PCUSA pastors.
- Jean Brown Fellow
Tyler Henderson

- MDIV
- Age: 30
- PC(USA)
- Spouse: Jessica
  - Daughter: Ella
  - Daughter: Grace
- First Presbyterian- Wichita, TX
- BS in Geoscience and Sociology from Midwestern State Univ.
Jasiel Hernandez

- MDiv
- Age: 22
- PC(USA)
- First Presbyterian-Kerrville, TX
- BS in Marketing and Information Systems from Schriener Univ.
- Studied at Pan American School and interested in campus ministry.
- Trull-Herlin Fellow
Todd Jones

- MDIV
- Age: 22
- UMC
- Spouse: Julianne
- Bethany UMC – Austin, TX
- BA in History from Univ. of Texas in Austin.
- Serves as High School Director at Bethany.
- Passionate about camp and conference ministries in the UMC.
Karla Lara Maldonado

- MDIV/MSSW
- Age: 35
- PC(USA)
- Spouse: Omar
  - Daughter: Sarah
- St. Andrew Presbyterian – San Antonio, TX
- BS in Biology and a Master’s in Biological Science.
- Has taught English and Chemistry.
- Jean Brown Scholar
April Long

- MDIV
- Age: 30
- UMC
- Saint John’s UMC - Austin
- BA in Kinesiology From Southwestern.
- Started as a Special Student with us.
- Worked as Director of Development for Austin Classical Guitar.
- Seeks to be a UMC pastor.
- Jean Brown Fellow
Chelsea McCutchin

- MDIV
- Age: 31
- PC(USA)
- Spouse: Matthew
  - Son: Jackson
- First Presbyterian - Lakeland, FL
- BA in English from Univ. of Texas at Austin.
- Served as an Executive Director of PR.
Meagan McMillian

- MDIV
- Age: 28
- PCUSA
- Lake Murray Presbyterian–Chapin, SC
- BA in Religion – Christian Education from Presbyterian College.
- Former Youth Director at Lake Murray.
- Hopes to become a PCUSA Pastor.
Laura Messer

- MDIV
- Age: 28
- PC(USA)
- First Presbyterian–Topeka, KS
- BA in English and Creative Writing from Westminster College.
- Asks thoughtful questions and will be a joy to teach.
- Betty Wilson Jeffrey Fellow
Erica Nelson

- MDIV/MSSW
- Age: 24
- PCUSA
- Trinity Presbyterian – Ogden, UT
- BS in Social Work from Weber State University.
- Worked for the Utah Division of Child and Family Services as a case manager.
- Jean Brown Scholar
Hierald Edgardo Osonto

- MDIV
- Age: 30
- ELCA
- Luther Place Memorial Church – Washington D.C.
- BA in World History with concentration in South Asia from Messiah College.
- Former National Program Director for Lutheran Volunteer Corp.
- Jean Brown Fellow
Rev. Arnold Phiri

- MATS
- Age: 52
- CCAP
- Spouse: Alice
- Mzuzu CCAP - Malawi
- Bachelor of Theology from Justo Mwale College.
- Has served as missionary to establish Johannesburg Presbytery.
Vikki Schwarz

- MAMP
- Age: 49
- UMC
- Berkeley UMC – Austin, TX
- BS in Music from Colorado State.
- Also has a Master’s degree in Music.
- Wants to pursue the deacon track in the UMC to specialize in worship and music arts.
Susan Shaw-Meadow

- MAMP
- Age: 57
- UMC
- Spouse: Robert
- St. Matthew’s UMC – San Antonio, TX
- BA in French from Dartmouth College.
- Christian Educator
- Has been in our CIM program and a Special Student with us.
Jason Surdy

- MDIV
- Age: 44
- UMC
- Spouse: Sandra
  - Son: Jacob
  - Son: Ethan
- Wimberley UMC - Wimberley, TX
- BA in Biological Sciences from Univ. of California and a Master’s in Business Admin. From Phoenix Univ.
- Use to own his own restaurant.
Caroline Weaver

- MDIV
- Age: 48
- UMC
- Children:
  - Daughter: Maya
- First UMC – San Marcos, TX
- BA in Psychology from Northeast Louisiana Univ. and Master of Arts in Education from Univ. of Phoenix
- Former Special Education Case Manager/Social Studies Teacher
- Jean Brown Scholar
Masters-level Summary

Statistics

- Married 41%  Single 59%
- Female 62%  Male 38%
- Average Age 35
- Median Age 30
- 20% Racial/Ethnic Minorities Represented
- 9 Denominations Represented
- 45% PC(USA) representing 10 Presbyteries
- 28% UMC
PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteers

- **Olivia Daley**
  Serving at Justice For Our Neighbor

- **Austen Zoutewelle**
  Serving at Habitat Texas
AmeriCorps

- Ryan Nittinger
  Serving at A Community for Education (ACE)

- Ruby Fox
  Serving at College Forward
AmeriCorps

- Mariane Leon
  - Serving at A Community for Education (ACE)

- KC Branthoover
  - Serving at Austin 4-H
AmeriCorps

- **Rebecca Broussard**
- Serving at A Community for Education (ACE)

- **Diamond Dennis**
- Serving at A Community for Education (ACE)
Episcopal Service Corp

- Christopher Towner
  Serving at HAND

- Erin Edmunds
  Serving at Casa Marianella
Episcopal Service Corps

- Mary Karcher
- Serving at The Sustainable Food Center
Non-Degree Statistics

- 7 First Time Special Students
- 3 Returning Special Students
- 4 Auditors
- 60 Enrolled Certificate in Ministry Students
- 11 AYAVA House residents (2 YAVS, 6 AmeriCorp, and 3 ESC)
Follow my feet.... and when needed Shake It Off......