LOOKING OUTWARD

This regular column in Windows is titled “Looking Outward.” The image which the title evokes is that of the Seminary looking out through our institutional windows to view the church and the world for the purpose both of identifying an audience to which we want to speak and of inviting that same audience to speak to us. It is a dialogue we seek.

In fact, however, we always strive to look inward before we speak outward because we want to speak accurately. Therefore, this issue of Windows reflects a more intentional and focused inward look than usual. It is more descriptive than prescriptive, more immediate than looking toward the future or rehearsing the past. Our goal is to help you, our partners in theological education, be knowledgeable about what we are doing NOW and how we are doing it.

We invite you to reflect upon a few features of the Seminary which especially define our present striving to be effective and faithful in preparing women and men to pastor local congregations and to provide leadership for the church of today and tomorrow. We also present a picture of a typical day in the life of a Master of Divinity student living on campus, describe events taking place within the community, present various analyses of the Seminary, highlight some of the excellent teachers of ministry at Austin Seminary, and introduce new personnel.

As always, we invite your thoughts and comments about our endeavors and our ethos.

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Cover: Picture yourself here—Twenty-seventh Street, Austin, Texas. Seven o'clock, Friday morning. The first light of day warms the summit of the Austin Seminary Chapel. Prospective students are roaming the campus; elsewhere, sleepy middlers are grooping about for their alarm clocks and coffee cups. It's an ordinary morning, but already it's glowing with possibility, the promise of something new. This year, Austin Seminary begins its second century of service to the church. The future is still steeped in shadows, but at this moment our commitment and calling have never been clearer: to pass on the best part of our tradition; to dream new dreams and see new visions; and to enlighten and inspire the leaders of today for the church of tomorrow.

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In this, our Centennial Year, we will spend a great deal of time celebrating Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary’s past century of dedicated service to the church, and those individuals who contributed so faithfully to that mission. Also, we will spend considerable time thinking about and celebrating what we envisage for the future as spelled out in the Seminary’s Master Plan.

Both of these endeavors are very important. Yet tradition, correctly understood, involves not only the past and the future but the present. Just so, what about now? What is Austin Seminary doing now? In what are we seriously engaged? Where is our passion as a “school of the church?”

One important focus is the identifying of individuals in the church, particularly young people in congregations, who have definite gifts for ministry. We have changed our approach from passively receiving applicants who apply to Austin Seminary to taking the initiative in “recruiting” those who have gifts for ministry. This means not only going to colleges and universities to identify such individuals, it also means going to youth conferences and inviting young people to visit our campus and talk about ministry. In addition, it involves going to congre-
gations to encourage ministers and other congregational leaders to identify members, both young and older individuals, who clearly have gifts for ministry, and to ask them to consider seeking ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. It is simply a fact that the large majority of present pastors chose to seek ordination because one or more persons encouraged them to consider seriously ministry as their calling.

We have all heard about the crisis in ministerial leadership in the church today. The crisis is real and very disturbing. The need for quality, committed leadership in the church, especially at the congregational level, is broad and debilitating. It can only be addressed adequately if congregations and seminaries make common cause in confronting it. Austin Seminary is presently engaged in various programs to confront this need directly, and we are seeking funding for more initiatives in this regard.

Another significant focus of the Seminary today is the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program. This is a program consisting of study and reflection opportunities offered to clergy and laity alike, enabling participants to deepen and broaden their own spiritual lives, and to contribute to the enrichment of the spiritual lives of their sisters and brothers in Christ. One of several special aspects of this program is the serious involvement of our resident faculty in this enterprise, in which they, themselves, find their lives enriched spiritually and personally.

A third notable feature of Austin Seminary presently is the involvement of the faculty and administrators in local congregations and in the church’s governing bodies. For example, some of our professors teach church school classes for congregations on a regular basis. Others serve as parish associates, and still others lead officer training events for churches. At the presbytery, synodal, and denominational levels, professors serve on committees, commissions, and boards. Their involvements are broad, substantive, and ongoing.

As a “school of the church,” it is important that those who teach and those who work in the administration be actively involved as worshiping members of local congregations and also be willing and eager to provide leadership when asked and where needed. It is our hope that those of us so involved will contribute helpfully and creatively to the lives of congregations and the work of governing

Two thousand two is, indeed, a banner year! Celebrating a century of service to the church are the Seminary staff, faculty, and administrators (left) who are charged with carrying out the mission of this school of the church.

Robert M. Shelton is president of Austin Seminary.
proclaim "leadership education for all people who would serve and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in the Hispanic community and in the Hispanic church." Programs are planned and projected for Master of Divinity degree work, continuing education for pastors, as well as workshops, conferences and certificate programs. The director, Dr. Salatiel Palomino-López, was hired in the spring of 2001, and he coordinates and provides leadership for the various educational endeavors. Moreover, he has faculty status at all three institutions, and will offer courses for students in all three institutions. Certainly, the work of H.T.U. is critical for Austin Seminary’s mission today and in the years ahead.

Yet another important feature of Austin Seminary as it exists and serves the church today is the scholarly research and publication in which our professors are engaged. These academic pursuits are notably recognized by the scholarly guilds but also are offered in service to the church. Dean Andy Dearman’s commentary on Jeremiah, just published by Zondervan Press, is his sixth volume. Professor Michael Jinkins’ seventh book, Invitation to Theology: A Guide to Study, Conversation, and Practice, was published in 2001. Professor Tina Blair had her first volume published this past fall, titled The Art of Teaching the Bible: A Practical Guide for Adults. Professor Lewis Donelson has published four volumes, his latest being From Hebrews to Revelation: A Theological Introduction, published in 2000. Likewise, Professor Stephen Reid has published five volumes; the most recent, Uncovering Racism, was co-authored with his wife, Kathy, and published in 1999. Indeed, every professor on
the Austin Seminary faculty has either published or is presently engaged in scholarly research in his or her discipline to result in publication which will be, in a real sense, a contribution to the church.

I mention a sixth important characteristic of Austin Seminary today: We are telling the story of the Seminary to the church and to the world. A few years ago an extensive study was made of how seminaries were regarded and perceived by the communities in which they were relocated. The conclusion of those who conducted and analyzed the data, published in a booklet titled *Missing Connections*, was that the cities and communities in which seminaries were relocated knew practically nothing about the existence of theological schools or what they were about. We have found that such is the case here in Austin.

What is true with respect to the City of Austin and Austin Seminary is unfortunately also true of Austin Seminary and the church. So in a variety of ways, we are committed to telling our story—in congregations, with groups from various parts of the church, among church leaders. And what we have discovered is a very receptive audience, eager to hear about our mission and our programs, interested in becoming partners with an institution dedicated to being a “school of the church,” and eager to support an institution committed to educating and forming pastors to serve local congregations in the church of today and tomorrow.

So I speak again and again telling our story. And I write articles with the same purpose in mind, even this one. ✩

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**AUSTIN SEMINARY BY THE NUMBERS**

- Ratio of Austin Seminary students to faculty: **12:1**
- Percentage of M.Div. students in Supervised Practice of Ministry: **100**
- Ratio of pets to people in campus housing: **62:211**
- Courses offered in 2001-2002: **77**
- Letters in the Greek alphabet: **26**
- Days to learn them in Greek “summer camp”: **1**
- Percentage of non-Texan students in 1952: **18**
- Percentage of non-Texan students in 2002: **37**
- Books in Stitt Library in 2002: **169,274**
- Seminary’s cost to educate each student: **$23,769**
- Percentage of Masters students receiving 100% tuition grant: **61**
- People attending continuing education courses in 2001-2002: **513**
- Ordained Austin Seminary graduates: **1,418**
- Chapel services held in 2001-2002: **136**
Mally Baum had worked in church ministry for twenty years. She’d wanted to go to seminary since her early twenties; she’d thought about it, talked about it. She watched kids she had led in youth groups and college ministries grow up. She longed to bless their marriages and baptize their babies, but reading Scripture at the ceremonies was all she could do without being ordained. She wasn’t getting any younger and the longing wasn’t going away. It was now or never.

So this summer, Mally resigned from Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas as director of college ministries. She, her husband, Chuck, their two boys, Alec, 11, Christian, 9, dogs Blackie and Buechner, cat Lillian, and Bubbles the water frog moved out of the manse and prepared to go to seminary. They decided Chuck would keep his job as an attorney in Dallas and commute to Austin on the weekends. He moved into an efficiency apartment and now goes to movies just about every night during the week because it’s so eerily quiet. In August, Mally, the boys, and the pets moved to Austin into a three-bedroom, one-bath house in the Seminary community. Now they eat out less and there’s a lot more fur per square inch.

This is a day in the seminary life of Mally Baum…
5:00 a.m. Mally gets up. She’s slept in a little; usually she’s awake by 4:30 a.m., but today she has a cold.

5:20 a.m. After a shower, Mally ventures into the extra-bedroom-turned-study to prepare for today’s classes. This morning she’s translating the Hebrew text from Jeremiah 13:1-11 and reading from the writings of Friedrich Schleiermacher. On the wall above her desk is an index card with a quote from Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology Michael Jinkins: “Understanding the Holy Spirit is like trying to nail Jell-O to the wall.”

6:45 a.m. Christian Baum, 9, a third grader at Robert E. Lee Elementary, also a chess player, Skittle candy lover, history buff, keen observer of life, and youngest Baum family member (not counting pets because Bubbles the water frog is only 4), rouses from the bottom bunk bed in the room he shares with his older brother, Alec.

7:05 a.m. Mally grinds fresh cantaloupe in a juicer for the boys while Christian kicks a soccer ball around the kitchen. A CD by singer-songwriter Billy Crockett plays in the living room.

7:11 a.m. Alec Baum, 11, artist, writer, excellent public speaker, tennis and volleyball player, and fifth grader at Robert E. Lee climbs down from top bunk to get ready for school.

7:33 a.m. With a quick kiss, Mally hands Christian and Alec their backpacks as they run out the back door to the awaiting mini-van.

7:37 a.m. Mally makes hot tea and gets dressed. On most days she wears jeans to class, but since she’s assisting in the Chapel service later this morning, she decides to wear a skirt.

7:53 a.m. With tea in a travel mug, Mally leaves for campus on foot. It starts to rain.

7:54 a.m. Mally greets fellow student Sheri Stice who shares her umbrella.

7:57 a.m. Mally arrives for her systematic theology class on the second floor of the McMillan Classroom Building.

8:04 a.m. After passing out five handouts on the Presbyterian Book of Confessions, Assistant Professor of Reformed Theology David Jensen introduces theologian Sallie McFague’s view of the universe. A handful of the thirty-five-or-so students type notes into laptop computers and key-boards connected to Palm Pilots. Mally pulls out white, lined notebook paper and begins taking notes with a blue ink pen.

8:12 a.m. Professor Jensen moves on to a discussion of German theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher’s writings in the wake of the European enlightenment; Mally moves on to page two of her notes.

8:47 a.m. “…sin to Schleiermacher is simply living as if we aren’t connected to others … it’s a lack of self awareness … I think this is his strongest critique of the Enlightenment.”

8:52 a.m. Class takes a break. A friend from one of Mally’s study groups last semester asks how her son Christian’s chess tournament went over the weekend.

9:11 a.m. Class has resumed and students pair off to contrast Schleiermacher’s view of sin with the way the Westminster Confession presents sin.

9:32 a.m. Professor Jensen launches into Karl Barth’s christocentric anthropology and theodicy (the way Barth accounts for evil in light of a good God).

9:56 a.m. Class over. Mally goes to McCord Community Center, checks her campus mail box, signs her family up for the community fajita dinner during Discovery Weekend, and chats briefly with a student who is taking ordination exams. “I’m praying,” Mally tells him.

10:12 a.m. “I think I have a little time to study,” Mally says and heads to Stitt Library.
10:40 a.m. “Time got away from me.” Mally hurries over to the Chapel where she’s assisting in the services this week. “You constantly have to make choices about how much time to spend where,” Mally says as she sets her bags down inside. “And it’s difficult to maintain that personal connection with Christ. You’d think with all this reading about God, it’d be easy. But what kind of a pastor would you be if you could quote Schleiermacher but don’t know Jesus from a hole in the wall?”

10:51 a.m. Mally talks with Timothy Lincoln about the service and how they will serve Communion.

11:00 a.m. The organ resonates through the Chapel. Mally sits in the choir loft, noticing the preaching professor and the introduction to worship professor when they come in—which makes her a little nervous.

11:09 a.m. “Listen for the word of God,” Mally reads from the Book of James, “What good is it if you say you have faith but have no works…”

11:16 a.m. Timothy Lincoln is in the middle of his sermon “…simply knowing the right information about Jesus is not enough … even the demons know him and shudder…if not matched by deeds of love our confession decays into watery ambiguity.”

11:37 a.m. Mally holds the fresh whole-wheat loaf of bread and serves it to the community during Communion. “The body of Christ,” she says warmly to each person who pinches off a piece. It’s Mally’s first time to serve communion like this—a way, she says, that feels more intimate and powerful than passing dry wafers on a plate down a pew.

11:58 a.m. After Chapel, Mally checks on the garden in the yard outside their house while dogs Buechner and Blackie play. There’s cilantro growing in a corner flower bed. The cilantro is a legacy from salsa-loving students who lived in this house before, but it was also a serendipitous sign when she moved in, she says, because she had tried to grow cilantro in her garden in Dallas for many years but was never successful.

12:10 p.m. Mally is back on campus in the cafeteria of the McCord Community Center. Several friends tell her what a great job she did in Chapel. “You’re a good reader,” one says—a nice compliment since there is an entire class at seminary devoted to such things as reading out loud during services.

12:11 p.m. Lunch on the go. Mally carries her lunch on an orange cafeteria tray over to McMillan for a noon seminar on how to search the library database.

12:31 p.m. Leans to a friend sitting beside her, “I hope you’re getting this, Kent.”

12:51 p.m. The seminar is over, the lunch plates are returned, and Mally is early for Hebrew exegesis. “Oh well, I’m too tired to do anything else.” So she goes on into the room and gets ready only to realize she’s forgotten her Hebrew Bible. She anticipates the razzing she’ll get.

1:00 p.m. Professor of Old Testament Studies Stephen Reid does notice: “Mally, you didn’t bring your Hebrew Bible?” It’s hard to hide in a class of only eight.

1:04 p.m. The class is well into discussing lexical forms, the etymology of cognate words taken from other languages, the second masculine singular, and the appropriateness of translating a Hebrew word as either “loin” or “waist” depending on the congregation.

1:33 p.m. It’s Mally’s turn to read from the Hebrew, “The sham toe al mote ni kaw the mabiemlow taveawho.”

1:52 p.m. Class is over until tomorrow. Mally and Joan Watson walk back to campus housing together discussing their papers that are due next week. They stop to admire their tiniest, new neighbor, then look up a question on the computer program Bible Works in Mally’s study.

2:25 p.m. Mally is driving the family’s red Ford mini-van to run the kid-shuttle from Robert E. Lee Elementary, a small neighborhood school where most of the Seminary kids go. Elaborate schedules of days and kids and parents have been arranged among Seminary moms and dads to help each other maximize their time. “This community thing is awesome,” Mally says. “Everyone helps each other out in so many ways.”
2:30 p.m. Mally waits beneath the oak tree where the seminarians park on carpool days. She usually brings something to study. “Ten minutes here, ten minutes there adds up to an hour I don’t have to stay up later.”

2:45 p.m. One of the Seminary kids, Stephanie, age 6, walks up and gives Mally a hug and runs down a long list of people who have been sick, including her father, “Poor Daddy,” Mally says. “Is he getting his exegesis written?”

2:46 p.m. Anna, 5, comes to greet Mally. “You look different,” Anna says. “You have a necklace on and earrings.” “I dressed up today,” Mally tells her. “I helped with worship.” They have a conversation about wishing they had some candy to eat, but how it can give you cavities if you eat too much.

3:01 p.m. Mally drops the children off at home. “See you later, alligator,” Mally tells Anna. “Bye, bye, butterfly,” Anna waves back.

3:03 p.m. Back to the school to get Christian, who’s stayed late to play football with his friends. On the way in to find him, Mally sees the sign on the door announcing that on Friday school will get out at 12:15. “Oh, that will cut the studying short on Friday.”

3:35 p.m. At home again, Mally has changed into jeans and a t-shirt and is heating up bagel bites for Christian, who is working on his homework at the kitchen table.

3:38 p.m. Mally and Lillian the cat rest in a living room chair. “Ah, five minutes of stillness. This feels good.”

3:46 p.m. Mally returns for the third and last carpool trip to Robert E. Lee, this time loading up five fifth graders after volleyball practice.

4:11 p.m. Back home, Mally tells the boys she’s going to hibernate and study for a little bit. The boys watch “Amazing Animal Rescue” on television while Mally reads and prepares her part for Friday’s Chapel service.

4:43 p.m. It’s time for Alec and Christian’s tennis lessons. On the way, Mally parks in a professor’s empty parking spot near the library to run in and check out a tape she has to listen to before her preaching class tomorrow.

4:58 p.m. Navigating five o’clock traffic, Mally and the boys arrive at Caswell Tennis Center two minutes early. “One more red light and I would have been hearing it from these guys. They don’t like to be late for the important stuff.”

5:05 p.m. Mally gives up on getting the mini-van’s cassette player to work and goes in search of an electric plug, instead she plugs the cassette player into the wall of the women’s locker room at the tennis center, drags a chair in from the lounge, and settles in among the sink, shower, and lockers to listen to a sermon by James Forbes, and African American preacher.

5:47 p.m. A woman comes into the locker room carrying a tennis racket and looks confused by the voice of a man coming from near the sink. “Come on in, we’re just listening to a tape,” Mally tells her, nonchalantly. The tape ends just in time to greet the boys outside.

6:02 p.m. The tennis coach tells Mally about a tennis tournament on Sunday he’d like the boys to play in. She takes the information, thinking, “I’m afraid I won’t be able to go with that paper due. Maybe Chuck can go.”
6:22 p.m. Alec takes a shower, Christian and Buechner watch television, and Mally walks back to the library.

6:29 p.m. The crew leaves for the elementary school where Alec is in a fifth grade music performance.

6:35 p.m. Mally sits down in the fifth row of the school auditorium with reading material for class: a book, *The Preaching Life*, and an article by Carolyn Ostek, “The Feminist and the Bible: Hermeneutical Alternatives,” but Mally decides, instead, to talk to the couple from China beside her.

6:52 p.m. Motown music starts to play in the auditorium and Christian has found his friend Merek who is now sitting beside them.

7:00 p.m. The fifth grade musical—a production on the contributions African-Americans have made to history—begins. Alec dances, sings, and speaks with the best of them.

7:31 p.m. Mally hugs Alec after the performance, beaming.

8:05 p.m. Finally finding time for supper, Mally runs into Melodie Long at Double Dave's Pizza and they talk about what they still have to read for class tomorrow. Melodie says she tried to read Karl Barth at a hockey game last weekend and Mally laughs, “Yeah, I tried to read Schleiermacher at the chess tournament and it just didn’t work.”

8:15 p.m. All the pizza is gone except for two pieces, Christian, Alec, and Mally snuggle into one booth so they can watch Olympic figure skating on television.

8:40 p.m. Walking to the house, Mally makes mental notes of everything left to read and figures out how long it will take to prepare for tomorrow’s classes: German theology reading class, “Thirty minutes to not look stupid,” more to look up the hard words; Hebrew section, forty-five minutes to an hour; preaching section, an hour to finish reading. Total: two-and-a-half to three hours to get ready for tomorrow, and that doesn’t include the Hebrew paper that everyone is stressing about due next week.

9:01 p.m. While the boys get ready for bed, Mally takes a moment to collapse on the couch and says it seems like seminary prepares people for being pastors partly by making them feel like they are constantly overwhelmed. “And you can learn to be at peace and know that it’s not all up to you anyway.” This night she decides to wash a load of laundry and go to bed, but there was a night she remembers from her first semester when she stayed up until 2:00 a.m. studying. “I was dog tired, but so excited. There’s no question in my mind how valuable it is and what a privilege it is to get to be here.”

9:13 p.m. Kisses Alec and Christian good night. “Night, night, dear ones, sleep tight. See you in the morning. I love you.”

9:31 p.m. Mally folds clothes from the dryer then crawls into bed and reads from the spiritual devotion book, *Space for God*. It’s not for class, just for herself.

9:59 p.m. Mally drifts off to sleep, the alarm set for 4:30 a.m.
The personality of any theological seminary is defined by its faculty. At Austin Seminary twenty-three men and women from diverse backgrounds, with varied interests and areas of expertise, are united under a common purpose: to struggle together to discern and to communicate the nature and will of God. In the following pages, some of them share their thoughts on what keeps life interesting as they follow their call to be seminary professors.

Stephen B. Reid, Professor of Old Testament

What inspires your teaching? My mentor Bob Neff was never famous but he was a great person and a devout Christian. I try to live the life that he modeled for me.

Teaching and research interests: I continue an interest in the Psalms as well as my current book on the Hebrew prophets and black theology.

Favorite extracurricular activities: I participate in civic activities, but it has been, oh, too long since I have had a chance to ride my horse with my friend and colleague John Alsup.

Favorite artists, authors, musicians: Toni Morrison, Tom Clancy, Robert Parker, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Miles Davis, and Reba McEntire

Most intriguing Scripture verse: John 11:35

Greatest influences: My friend Andy Dearman

Something else you should know about me: My life is an open book. Well, I almost failed SPM.
David Johnson, Director of the Supervised Practice of Ministry and Certificate in Spiritual Formation Programs

What’s the measure of success in teaching seminarians? Competent and exciting pastors who are intellectually and spiritually alive.

Favorite extracurricular activities / getaways: Building computers from scratch, cooking, reading / anywhere in New Mexico or Washington state

I collect: tea, dogs, bills
Secret (until now) aspiration
I want to play wide receiver for the Denver Broncos.

Why is theological education important and how is it different from other forms of education?
Theological education is a point of view—learning to look at everything in the light of God’s love. One can start this learning in church or in seminary or in a hundred other ways. It only ends in heaven, and maybe not even there.

Laura Lewis, Professor of Christian Education

What attracts you to your field of study? Christian education attracts me to this field because of its importance for forming and educating Christians.

What’s the measure of success in teaching seminarians? When I get a call, letter, or e-mail from ministers I’ve taught who often ask questions, share a new idea, want new book titles, ask for help, or just talk, then I consider the conversation a measure of success.

Favorite artists, authors, musicians (living or dead): Claude Monet and Andrew Wyeth; Barbara Kingsolver and Margaret Atwood; Sting and Enya

Favorite quote: “Keep everlastingly at it.”

I collect: Books, books, and books—but still not as many volumes as Professor Jinkins owns

Greatest influences: Spouse and children, parents, siblings, and of course, teachers!

David Jensen, Assistant Professor of Reformed Theology

What do you like most about Austin Seminary? Without question, the people. There is a remarkable awareness here that we need each other—in all of our quirks, warts, and gifts—if we are to respond to God’s calling.

Favorite artists, authors, musicians: Bill Monroe, Allison Krauss, The Nashville Bluegrass Band—I attended Bill Monroe’s funeral in Nashville and ever since have been captivated by the “high lonesome sound.”

Most intriguing Scripture verse: Colossians 1:15

Greatest adventure: marriage—walking hand-in-hand with Molly, knowing that lives shared are lives well lived

I collect: Memories

Greatest influences: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sallie McFague, and Karl Rahner. In their own distinctive ways, each theologian engages the Christian gospel in a broken and fragmented world.

Secret (until now) aspiration: To wear cowboy boots and a cowboy hat without feeling self-conscious and silly
Kathryn Roberts, Associate Professor of Old Testament

What attracts you to your field of study? The Old Testament gives us the big picture: of God and of ourselves. Old Testament characters are, like us, petty, frightened, self-serving, humorous, frail, and unfaithful, yet wanting to be faith-filled, and God perseveres with them because of God’s good grace.

Why is theological education important and how is it different from other forms of education? I used to teach Old Testament in a university. There we studied what it meant. Here we study what it means.

Teaching and research interests: The "chaos waters" creation texts in the Old Testament, exploring what they say to us about how we perceive God in times of suffering and loss, when things are out of control—I like to call it, “Help! I’m in Over My Head!”

Favorite getaway: I grew up on the shore of Lake Michigan. I go there for restoration. Lake Michigan means permanence and stability to me. It is always there, beautiful and powerful, yet it is never the same, always changing.

Favorite TV show and books: West Wing. I take Anne Morrow Lindbergh’s A Gift from the Sea to the beach every year. I’ve recently spent time thinking about Iain Pears’ An Instance of the Fingerpost.

Most intriguing Scripture verse: Ecclesiastes 9:7-10. Lately, Qoheleth’s advice cheers me.

Michael Jinkins, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology

What do you like most about Austin Seminary? We take seriously the life of the church and the practice of ministry—and we really enjoy doing this work together as a team.

What’s the measure of success in teaching seminarians? The real final exam is their practice of ministry in the church. If they do well, we (in seminary and church) are doing well.

Teaching and research interests: I’m currently thinking about faith and doubt, and the experience of the holy.

Favorite extracurricular activities / getaways: Golf, fly fishing, reading novels, and traveling. I’ve started making liqueur—and I love to cook, mostly Italian country cooking and Cajun.

Favorite artists, authors, musicians (living or dead): artists: Monet, Pintoricchio, Picasso (blue period); authors: Toni Morrison, George Elliot, William Faulkner, Francine Prose; musicians: Stevie Ray Vaughn, B. B. King, Brahms, Mozart, John Lennon, the Eagles, Buddy Guy

Most intriguing Scripture verse: I Kings 19:11-13

I collect: icons (and single malt whiskey, though you may not want to mention icons)

Secret (until now) aspiration: To learn Italian and to dance the jitterbug
Mike Miller, Research Professor in the Church and Higher Education

What do you like most about Austin Seminary? Austin Seminary has played a central role in my life ever since I first walked onto the campus in 1967. I love the Chapel and the atmosphere of anticipation that surrounds the students.

What attracts you to your field of study? The great gift of Presbyterian Christianity to the world of higher education.

What inspires your teaching? I want every Presbyterian and United Methodist minister to be a campus minister. So did Calvin and Wesley!

Favorite films, TV shows, and/or books: Casablanca, poems by Wilfred Owen, A Farewell to Arms, The Razor's Edge, Under the Volcano, The Naked and the Dead, The Catcher in the Rye, Invisible Man, Wise Blood, A Bend in the River

Most intriguing scripture verse: Ecclesiastes 2

I collect: Civil war relics, autographs, Latin American art, old photographs, first editions

Something you might not know about me: I was once Farah Fawcett’s bodyguard.

Ismael García, Professor of Christian Ethics

What do you like most about Austin Seminary? Students are served with care and passion.

What inspires your teaching? The commitments of students and their willingness to be confused at a higher level.

What’s the measure of success in teaching seminarians? That we are able to pose questions we did not consider before; that we are able to see why the commitments of others are worthy of our attention and respect; that we develop the skill to try to understand what matters to others.

Favorite extracurricular activities: Photography, board games, learning more about computers.

Favorite films, TV shows, and books: Smoke (film), Law and Order (TV), Karl Marx Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts from 1844.

Most intriguing Scripture verse: Matt. 20: 1-16

I collect: Chess sets

Greatest adventure: I found myself in Nicaragua during the Revolution.
Ellis Nelson, Research Professor of Christian Education
What do you like most about Austin Seminary? It is a community of like-minded people.
Why is your field of study important? Because the Apostle Paul considered teaching next to or a part of proclamation.
What inspires your teaching? The students
Teaching and research interests: The role of the congregation in communicating faith in God.
Most intriguing Scripture verse: Galatians 6:2
Favorite quote: Jesus is all that [a person] can be, all that God ought to be. —attributed to Irenaeus
I collect: Nothing but a few stray thoughts.
Greatest adventure: has not happened yet!
Secret (until now) aspiration: To write a good hymn

Cindy Rigby, Associate Professor of Theology
What do you like most about Austin Seminary? That it is a place where theological ideas can be discussed freely and openly.
What attracts you to your field of study? Theology finds ways to express what is NOT obvious without pretending that it is: that God loves us, that God forgives us, and that justice and hope are the real realities.
What’s the measure of success in teaching seminarians? Not whether they have learned enough about the Trinity, but whether or not they can invite their parishioners into why (e.g.) the Trinity matters to their lives.
Teaching and research interests: I’ve just finished co-editing a book on Mary from the Protestant perspectives. Now I’m working on sin and salvation.
Most intriguing Scripture verse: I Timothy 2:15
Favorite quote: “If you have understood, what you have understood is not God.” —Augustine
Greatest adventure: I went to Haiti for three weeks when I was sixteen and worked in a hospital with children who had tuberculosis. Most recent adventure: I got to play Karl Barth’s childhood piano!

John Alsup, First Presbyterian Church Shreveport, D. Thomason Professor of New Testament Studies
What do you like most about Austin Seminary? Seeing students learn to love the Greek New Testament and the exquisite, substantive interaction with faculty colleagues
What attracts you to your field of study? A day never passes without some new discovery for the good of the church emerging from the interaction with the Greek New Testament.
What’s the measure of success in teaching seminarians? Seeing excellent students produce their best work and seeing students who think they are marginal doing better than they had imagined possible
Favorite extracurricular activities: Whether or not they are actually “extracurricular,” horses—and learning from them daily—are an important part of my life.
Austin Seminary Rings (and Sings) in Centennial Year

Austin Seminary opened a year-long celebration of its century of service to the church with three special events: a city-wide choral festival, the annual E. C. Westervelt Lectures, and a symposium on the future of mainline denominations. On hand to usher in the Centennial festivities was David L. Stitt (MDiv’36), Austin Seminary president from 1945-1971 and honorary chair of the Seminary’s Centennial Committee.

The Choral Festival, January 27, 2002, featured the debut of Austin Seminary’s Centennial Hymn, “Called to Gather as God’s People,” written by renowned hymnologists Carl P. Daw Jr. and Alfred V. Fedak. Ara Carapetyan of University Presbyterian Church, Austin, directed a choir of almost 200 voices—representing twelve area Presbyterian congregations—in a wide array of sacred music. The hymn will be sung at all the Seminary’s Centennial events and will be distributed across the denomination as a gift to the larger church.


The “Symposium on Mainstream Protestantism,” January 29, brought church historian John M. Mulder into conversation with leaders from across the spectrum of mainstream churches. Mulder is president and professor of historical theology at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and co-author of Vital Signs: The Promise of Mainstream Protestantism. Panel discussions following each lecture allowed participants to discuss the implications of Mulder’s message. Panelists included: Rubén Armendáriz (MDiv’61), director, New Church Development, Mission Presbytery; Bobbi Kaye Jones (MDiv’80), pastor, St. John’s United Methodist Church, Austin; Blair Monie, pastor, Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas; and David Peterson, pastor, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas.

March 20-21, 2002
Thomas White Currie Lectures.
Highland Park Presbyterian Church,
Dallas, Texas. Lecturer: THOMAS CAHILL, author of How the Irish Saved Civilization.

April 24-25, 2002
George S. Heyer Jr. Lecture.
“Can Astronomers Now See God?” Lecturer: FRANK BASH, director of the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas, Austin.

May 19, 2002
Commencement. Speaker:
University Presbyterian Church, Austin.
JAMES A. BAKER III, former United States Secretary of State.

September 26-27, 2002
Robert F. Jones Lectures.
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Lecturer: DIANA GARLAND, director of the Center for Family and Community Ministry, Baylor University.

September 30, 2002
Seminary Women’s Gathering.

October 1, 2002
Centennial Gala. Luncheon, worship, and celebration. Preacher: JAMES WHARTON

The Currie Legacy
The two authors of Austin Seminary histories, James S. Currie, left, and Thomas White Currie Jr., right, enjoy the Centennial festivities with their spouses, JaAnne, and Eleanor.


The Centennial Hymn, “Called to Gather as God’s People,” is Austin Seminary’s gift to the church. The publisher has granted all rights for 2002. Your congregation is invited and encouraged to copy and make use of it throughout our Centennial Year.

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During the opening events of the Seminary’s Centennial Celebration, President Robert M. Shelton announced the funding of an endowed chair in Christian education, saying, “There can be no better way to begin our Centennial Celebration than by honoring the lives of Ellis and Nancy Nelson, two extraordinary human beings and two names which are synonymous with Austin Seminary.” The legacy of Ellis and Nancy Nelson will continue through the establishment of the C. Ellis and Nancy Gribble Nelson Chair of Christian Education.

The Nelson Chair is one of seven endowed professorships identified in the Seminary’s long-range planning, a goal which will help to enhance Austin Seminary’s reputation in scholarship and education. The Nelson Chair will continue the ministry of Ellis and Nancy Nelson by providing nurture and support for those who, in the footsteps of Ellis, seek to serve God by becoming “teachers of teachers.” In fact, the Chair was funded in part through numerous gifts and pledges from Christian educators across the country whose lives and ministries have been touched by Ellis and Nancy Nelson. A major, six-figure gift from Edward D. Vickery, former chair of the Austin Seminary Board of Trustees, completed the $1.2 million funding for the endowed chair.

A 1940 graduate of Austin Seminary, Ellis Nelson served on the faculty from 1948-1957, returning as research professor in 1984. During his long career, Nelson has had a substantial and enduring influence in the field of Christian education in the Presbyterian Church and throughout the world. He was a professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, president of Louisville Seminary, a research fellow at Oxford University, and has lectured at universities throughout North America, Australia, and Europe. Nelson’s pioneering book, How Faith Matures, introduced the concept of the congregation as a learning community. In it, he argues that the worship, ethical living, and the formal educational programs of the church are all part of one’s ever-developing spiritual life.

Reared on the Austin Seminary campus, Nancy Nelson has worked extensively with women and theological education. Her father, Dr. Robert Gribble, graduated from Austin Seminary in 1914 and later was professor of Old Testament languages and exegesis and interim Seminary president, as was Ellis. The Nelson Chair, then, represents a three-fold connection to Austin Seminary—that of C. Ellis Nelson, Nancy Gribble Nelson, and Robert Gribble—and lives whose ministries have inspired countless others.
Seniors receive fellowships for continued study

Each year, Austin Seminary awards four major fellowships for advanced study to graduating seniors in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement and promise for ministry. The fellowships were announced at the Austin Seminary Association Annual Meeting and Banquet on Wednesday, January 30, 2002.

The alumni/ae association honored the Seminary’s fourth president by establishing the David L. Stitt Fellowship for continued study in 1971. The winner of the 2002 Stitt Fellowship, which carries a stipend of $10,000, is Brett Hendrickson. A member of First Presbyterian Church, Harrison, Arkansas, Hendrickson attended Columbia University in New York, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Latin American Studies. While in seminary he completed an internship at University Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas. Hendrickson is a candidate for ministry under care of Arkansas Presbytery and has accepted a call as co-pastor of United Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, Kentucky, with his wife, Alex Hendrickson (MDiv’01).

In 1984 an endowment was established in honor of Leo V. Pile, Helen Porter Pile, and Edmond Holland Morgan of Harlingen, Texas, and Estella Martin Morgan of Dallas, Texas. The 2002 recipient of the $8,000 Pile-Morgan Fellowship is Peter Castles. A member of First United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, Castles has three bachelor degrees: one in history from the University of Texas at Austin; one from the Institute for Christian Studies (now the Austin Graduate School of Theology), and one from the University of Houston in architecture and civil engineering. Castles completed internships at St. Paul’s and Trinity United Methodist Churches, both in Austin, Texas. He is married to Pam Castles; they have two daughters: Katie and Elissa May.

In 1946 Mrs. W. P. Newell of Albany, Texas, established an endowment as a memorial to her husband. Martin J. Loberg is the 2002 recipient of the Newell Fellowship, which carries a stipend of $3,000. A member of First Presbyterian Church, Boulder, Colorado, Marty earned a B.A. degree at Colorado State University in 1990. While in seminary, he completed an internship at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas, and a unit of pastoral care in a hospital setting at St. David’s Hospital, also in Austin. A candidate for ministry under care of Boulder Presbytery, Loberg has been invited to participate in Excellence from the Start, a Lilly Endowment program for beginning pastors. He is married to Amber; they have three children: Alexa, Keegan, and Canon.

Mrs. Milton Morris of Austin, Texas, in a bequest, established the Janie Maxwell Morris Fellowship in 1953. Sheri D. Stice is the recipient of this year’s Maxwell Morris Fellowship, which carries a grant of $2,000. A member of the University United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, Stice earned her B.A. at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, in 1991. While in seminary she completed a unit of pastoral care in a hospital setting and an internship at Buda United Methodist Church, Buda, Texas. Sheri is single.
The cost of seminary education: no small change

Continuity and change at Austin Seminary was Jim Currie’s theme for the Westervelt Lectures this Centennial Year. Two vivid examples, for me, are the continuity of the Seminary’s emphasis on the formation of pastors and other leaders for the church, and the changes in the way that important work has been funded over the years.

Before 1955, Austin Seminary did not charge tuition to Presbyterian students, as the denomination funded the formation of pastors for the church. A year of study, including room, board, and books, cost $685, and a student could pay much of that with scholarships or by working on campus. Tuition was implemented in the fall of 1955, and remained constant for more than a decade.

In the 1970s, inflation and the rising cost of education prompted the use of monthly payment plans and government loans by students. Between 1965 and 1975, the annual cost of attending Austin Seminary rose 300 percent, reaching $2,730 by mid-decade. Today, the annual cost of tuition, fees, room, board, and books is approximately $11,500. Students with families require roomier housing at additional cost. Transportation, insurance, medical bills, and child care costs can raise the figure even higher.

Financial stewardship is a thorny challenge for seminarians and their families. It is also a challenge for the Church. The cost of seminary education remains constant at $2,730 per year—about what most students could pay in tuition alone in 1955. Costs have risen to $11,500 in 2022, with a significant portion of this cost met by the Church through scholarships, loans, and work study programs. These resources are essential to enable all students to graduate and enter into ministry with no debt. That goal is no longer feasible. Today, it is not unusual for students to enter seminary with $20,000 in student loan debt from the financing of their undergraduate education.

Faithful stewardship of resources is part of a responsible Christian life. Seminary graduates need to know this, believe it, teach it, and live it. However, seminary education should not present an unrealistic financial burden on those who choose to accept God’s call to serve. As educators and administrators, our response is to build the Seminary’s endowment in order to keep tuition relatively low and to seek gifts so that we may provide generous financial aid packages. Indeed, additional scholarship endowment is identified in Austin Seminary’s Master Plan and Centennial Campaign Case for Support as a funding priority. In that way, we will ensure that no qualified candidate forges a call to ministry for financial reasons.

And that epitomizes continuity, and change.

—Timothy Kubatzy
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Seminary staff plays musical chairs

Kathy Fowler has joined the Austin Seminary staff as part-time assistant technical services librarian in Stitt Library. Fowler has a degree from the University of Texas Graduate School of Library and Information Science and brings corporate and public library experience to her position. She and her husband, Faron, are parents to an eleven-month old son, John. Ron Reifsnider (MDiv’96), formerly assistant technical services librarian, has moved into a full-time position in computing services at the Seminary.

Sharon Pawlik, a former employee of Austin Seminary, has returned to our community as secretary to the Office of Vocation and Admissions. A native of Austin, Pawlik and her husband, Jim, have two grown sons. Deborah Butler, who served as Vocation and Admissions secretary for a number of years, has recently moved to a new position as administrative assistant in the Office of Student Affairs.

Cara Burgener (spouse of Austin Seminary student John Burgener) is the new director of Austin Seminary’s after-school and preschool program. A native of Colorado, Burgener has a degree in human ecology with a focus on children and family.

D.Min. students travel to Cuba

From January 16-28, 2002, Professor Michael N. Miller led a group of seven people, including two Austin Seminary Doctor of Ministry students, Lemuel García-Arroyo (MDiv’95) and Dale Southorn, on a tour of Cuba.

The visitors were graciously accommodated during their stay in Havana in a dormitory of the Luyano Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba. Carlos Ham (DMin’99), the former pastor of the church, now serves as the secretary for evangelism in the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland. The current pastor, Dora Arce, is one of a number of women leaders in the Cuban church. In the 1960s, according to Miller, a majority of Cuban ministers fled to Miami, leaving only a remnant, mostly women. Today the Cuban church is reviving, and the women who preserved the faith are venerated, according to Miller, for their “moral courage in keeping the faith alive.”

Each morning, after a sumptuous breakfast of fresh fruits, breads, and strong coffee provided by the church, the group heard presentations by Cuban church leaders. Meeting with Christian educators and denominational leaders “was a tremendous opportunity to engage the church,” says Miller. In addition to the lectures and conversation, a part of each day was spent experiencing some form of Cuban music. That was, for Miller, “extremely wonderful.”

In addition to their time in Havana, the Austin Seminary group also traveled to Mantanzas Seminary and the Veradero Beach Presbyterian retreat center. “There is a five-year waiting list to get into the seminary,” says Miller. It is full, as are the churches. “There has been a tremendous spiritual recovery in this ‘post-atheist’ period in Cuba,” he observed.

Kelly Pearson joined the Austin Seminary Office of Institutional Advancement as prospect researcher last fall. Originally from Houston, Texas, Pearson served most recently as assistant director of prospect research at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina. She is married to Scott.

Laura Taylor de Palomino is the new program assistant for the Hispanic Theological Union (H.T.U.). She comes to the Seminary from First Presbyterian Church, Austin, where she was associate pastor. She is married to Salatiel Palomino, director of H.T.U.
Conference addresses survival in ministry

The joys and privileges of serving a congregation are immeasurable; however, the costs can be equally staggering. What are the secrets of those who survive—and even thrive? “Resources for the Journey of Pastoral Ministry,” an innovative conference at Austin Seminary, February 27 - March 1, 2002, sought to promote the long-term faithfulness and effectiveness of pastors through the development and maintenance of habits and practices for a sustainable ministry.

Twenty-eight recent graduates of Austin Seminary—all currently serving congregations—explored spiritual, biblical/theological, and practical resources for congregational leadership. Thanks to a generous program grant from the Favrot Fund of Houston, Texas, the conference was fully funded for all participants.

Five leaders of national reputation offered lectures and workshops: **Jackson Carroll**, Williams Professor of Church and Society and Director, Ormond Center, Duke Divinity School; **Laura Mendenhall** (DMin’97), president, Columbia Theological Seminary; **David Bartlett**, dean of academic

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Jane Dupuy Stitt**, wife of former Seminary president David Stitt, died at their home in Black Mountain, North Carolina, on December 26, 2001. The former Jane Wilkinson Dupuy was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, on November 6, 1918. She was educated at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and attended medical school at the University of North Carolina in the first year that it was open to women. She left medical school to marry **David Stitt** (MDiv'36), who was then serving as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri. In 1945, David and Jane Stitt moved to Austin, Texas, where he became the fourth president of Austin Seminary. Together, they served God through the Seminary for twenty-six years.

When the youngest of their children entered public school, Jane returned to academic studies and earned a Ph.D. in childhood development from the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to raising six children, Jane was actively involved in life at the Seminary and in the Austin community. She was an outspoken advocate of civil rights and served as president of the Austin area Planned Parenthood. After their retirement from the Seminary in 1971, Jane and David moved to Houston.

Jane was one of the first women to be ordained as an elder and the first woman to be nominated as moderator of the Presbyterian Church U.S. She is survived by her husband, six children, fifteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Former Professor **Henry W. Quinius** (MDiv’43) died in Austin on March 1, 2002, after a long battle with cancer. He was born August 21, 1919, in Waco, Texas. After graduating from Schreiner College (now University) and Austin Seminary, Quinius served churches in Texas City and San Antonio, Texas. In 1955, he returned to Austin Seminary as director of field education and professor of church administration. After serving for twenty years, Quinius left to become the founding pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, Austin, the first church in the nation connected to three Presbyterian denominations.

Quinius also served on the boards of Schreiner University, Pan American University, the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, the General Executive Board of the Presbyterian Church, and the Board of National Ministries. Quinius was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Austin Seminary Association in 1975, the first year it was awarded. He is survived by his wife, Emma Lou Wright Quinius, three daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

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While first year Master of Divinity students studied ancient Hebrew texts this January term, other students studied more contemporary topics. A group of middlers and seniors went to Sun City, Arizona, to study older adult ministry with a side trip to the Grand Canyon. From left, top row: Linda Dinsdale, Melinda Csinady, Cheri Brewater, Director of Vocation and Admissions Sam Riccobene (MDiv'91) who led the group, Jacques Foumame, Joe McManus, and Tim Cho; bottom row: Craig King, Judit Anda, Tibor Anda, and Gitana Gasiunaite.
affairs and J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor of Preaching and Communication, Yale Divinity School; Scott Cormode, assistant dean for institutional research and George W. Butler Associate Professor of Church Administration and Finance, Claremont School of Theology; and Marjorie Bankson, editor, Faith at Work magazine.

The conference was inspired by a recent study on clergy burnout, conducted by Austin Seminary Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology Michael Jinkins. Assisting in designing the conference were Ian Evison of the Alban Institute, consultant Mike Murray (MDiv’61), and Keith Wulf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly. The findings of the study will be published later this year by the Alban Institute, along with an article by Jinkins titled, “Great Expectations, Sobering Realities.” Some data from the study and conference will also be available on-line later this spring, at www.alban.org.

Audiotapes of Jackson Carroll’s public lecture, “Facing the Giants: Pastoral Leadership in a Time of Change,” are available; contact Alison Riemersma, 512-472-6736.

IN BRIEF

Scott Black Johnston, associate professor of homiletics, will be the conference preacher at “God’s Living Water: A Small Church Celebration,” co-sponsored by the National Ministries Division and the Network of Evangelism and New Church Development of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The event will take place in Austin, Texas, April 13-16. Black Johnston is also the theology book review editor for the preaching journal Homiletic.

Professor of Christian Ethics Ismael Garcia participated in the International Conference on Migration and Religion in the Context of Globalization, in Tijuana, Mexico, on January 24-27. Garcia was one of 250 philosophers, theologians, and economists from fifteen countries selected to participate in the event.

Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology Michael Jinkins has been named associate editor of a new on-line journal, The Journal of Religious Leadership. The editor is Scott Cormode of Claremont School of Theology and the other associate editor is Tom Franks of Emory University. The first issue will be published in the fall of 2002. Jinkins was also keynote speaker for the Synod of Mid America in Kansas City, February 22-23. His address, “The Pastoral Leadership Crisis as a Crisis of Vocation,” explored new ways of encouraging young people to consider the call to ministry.

Michael N. Miller, research professor and director of the Center for Church and Higher Education, is serving on a recently appointed General Assembly team assigned to write an implementation plan for the PC(USA) General Assembly Overture 0071, “On Developing a Mission Strategy to Strengthen the Partnership between the Church and its Related Colleges and Universities.” The committee’s plan, including Miller’s work on the theological basis for our mission in higher education, will be reviewed and adopted at the General Assembly meeting in Denver, Colorado, in 2003.

Professor of Old Testament Stephen B. Reid led the Lay Institute at First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas, on January 15-17 and spoke at a Presbyterian Women’s dinner at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beaumont, Texas, January 26.

CORRECTION

The faculty news column in the previous issue of Windows mismatched professors and activities. The item should have credited Professor of Christian Education Laura Brooking Lewis with participating in a faculty seminar group at A.E.T.H.’s 2001 Hispanic Summer program. Lewis also led a workshop on the Presbyterian Church’s new catechism (of which she is co-author) for Grace Presbytery’s fall ACT Christian educators’ event in Fort Worth, Texas. We regret the error.
**Award honors Bullock, Logan, and Stotts**

The Austin Seminary Association (ASA), at its Annual Meeting and Banquet on Wednesday, January 30, 2002, recognized three people for their extraordinary contributions to the church and to the Seminary. Receiving the 2002 ASA Awards for Service were Robert H. Bullock Jr., Cynthia Weeks Logan, and Jack L. Stotts.

“There is probably nobody in this room who knows more about our denomination, and knows more people in our denomination,” remarked Ron Salfen (MDiv’73, DMin’78), “than Robert H. Bullock Jr.” Week by week, as editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, Bullock (MDiv’71) writes the story of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A graduate of Austin College, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the University of Michigan, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Bullock served churches in Texas and Virginia before signing on as editor of the Outlook.

Cynthia Weeks Logan (MDiv’79) is a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and the Perkins School of Theology. Her twenty-five year career in ministry includes service to three Dallas-area Presbyterian churches: Oak Cliff, Preston Hollow, and First. In recognizing Logan’s contributions as preacher, teacher, pastor, mentor, and leader, Trudy Morphew (MDiv’98) cited the “grace, discipline, devotion, and integrity” that have made her a model for ministry.

“The Latin title Doctor Eclesiae perfectly describes this candidate for a Distinguished Service Award,” observed Warner Bailey (MDiv’64). “For though not claiming a license to practice medicine, he nonetheless has facilitated the healing of the church in both local and national dimensions.” As chair of the General Assembly committee charged to draft *A Brief Statement of Faith* for the reunited Presbyterian Church, and later, as Austin Seminary’s seventh president, Jack L. Stotts has inspired confidence and hope in the people and institutions he has served.

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**M. L. King Preacher**

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan (MDiv’87), executive director of the Center for Women and Religion at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, was the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Preacher for 2002. She brought words of comfort and challenge in her sermon, “Christian Charades: Denying the Call of Justice,” delivered to the Austin Seminary community on February 5.
Student life makes history

Jim Mosley (MDiv'55), examines the new exhibit on student life which was unveiled in the McMillan Building on January 28, 2002. The display is one of three permanent depictions of Austin Seminary’s history; other displays on faculty and administrator contributions will be installed in time for the Centennial Gala, October 1.

ASA elects officers

By a unanimous vote of those in attendance at the annual meeting of the Austin Seminary Association (ASA), Ilene B. Dunn (MDiv’80, DMin’97), pastor of Madison Square Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas, was elected president, and Robert S. Rice (DMin’89), pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Norman, Oklahoma, vice president, of the ASA Board for 2002. Outgoing President Warner Bailey (MDiv’64), pastor of Ridgelea Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, presided over the meeting. Elected to the Class of 2004 were: Robert B. Fortney (MDiv’89), pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Brownfield, Texas; John E. Lively (MDiv’78), Wewoka, Oklahoma; Trudy Morphem (MDiv’98), pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Karen L. Vannoy (MDiv’81), pastor, Travis Park United Methodist Church, San Antonio.

WELCOME


To Alia Malaeva Davenport, born October 26, 1997, adopted May 2, 2001, in Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan, by Tracey Davenport (MDiv’99) and Jack Davenport.

Necrology

Manfred Holck (ThM’60) Austin, Texas, December 6, 2001.

Class Notes

1950s
William O. Walker Jr. (MDiv’57), the Jennie Farris Railey King Professor of Religion at Trinity University, is the author of a book recently published by Sheffield Academic Press LTD. in England. The book is titled Interpolation in the Pauline Letters. Walker currently serves as the interim chair of the Department of Psychology and will retire at the end of this academic year, having been a member of the Trinity University faculty for forty years.

1960s
F. Lindsay Moffett (MDiv’64) was awarded a Ph.D. in history from the University of Mississippi. The subject of his dissertation was “Electric Ewe in the Fold: A Fellowship of Concern and the Presbyterian Church in the United States, 1963-1968.”

1980s
James F. Morley (MDiv’88) has been presented the Quality Award in Leadership at the West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Donna F. Wilson (MDiv’89) is serving as professor in the Classics Department at Brooklyn College. She was presented the “Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Award for Teaching in the Humanities,” and her book, Ransom, Revenge, and Heroic Identity in the Iliad, will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2002.

2000s
Jacqueline Saxon (MDiv’2000) has been elected to serve a three-year term as a nationally nominated Representative of the General Board of American Baptist Churches U.S.A.

Celebrating the Centennial

with President Robert Shelton

Luncheon at GA

Wednesday, June 19
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m
The Morrow Room of the Hyatt Columbus, Ohio

Celebration 2002

Left, five former presidents of Austin Seminary attended the opening events for the Centennial Year: Jack Stotts (1985-1996), Prescott Williams (1972-1976), Robert Shelton (1997-present), Ellis Nelson (interim 1984-1985), and David Stitt (1945-1971). Below at left, a new watercolor of the Austin Seminary Chapel by David Watson (spouse of student Joan Watson); prints are available for sale in the Cokesbury Bookstore.

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