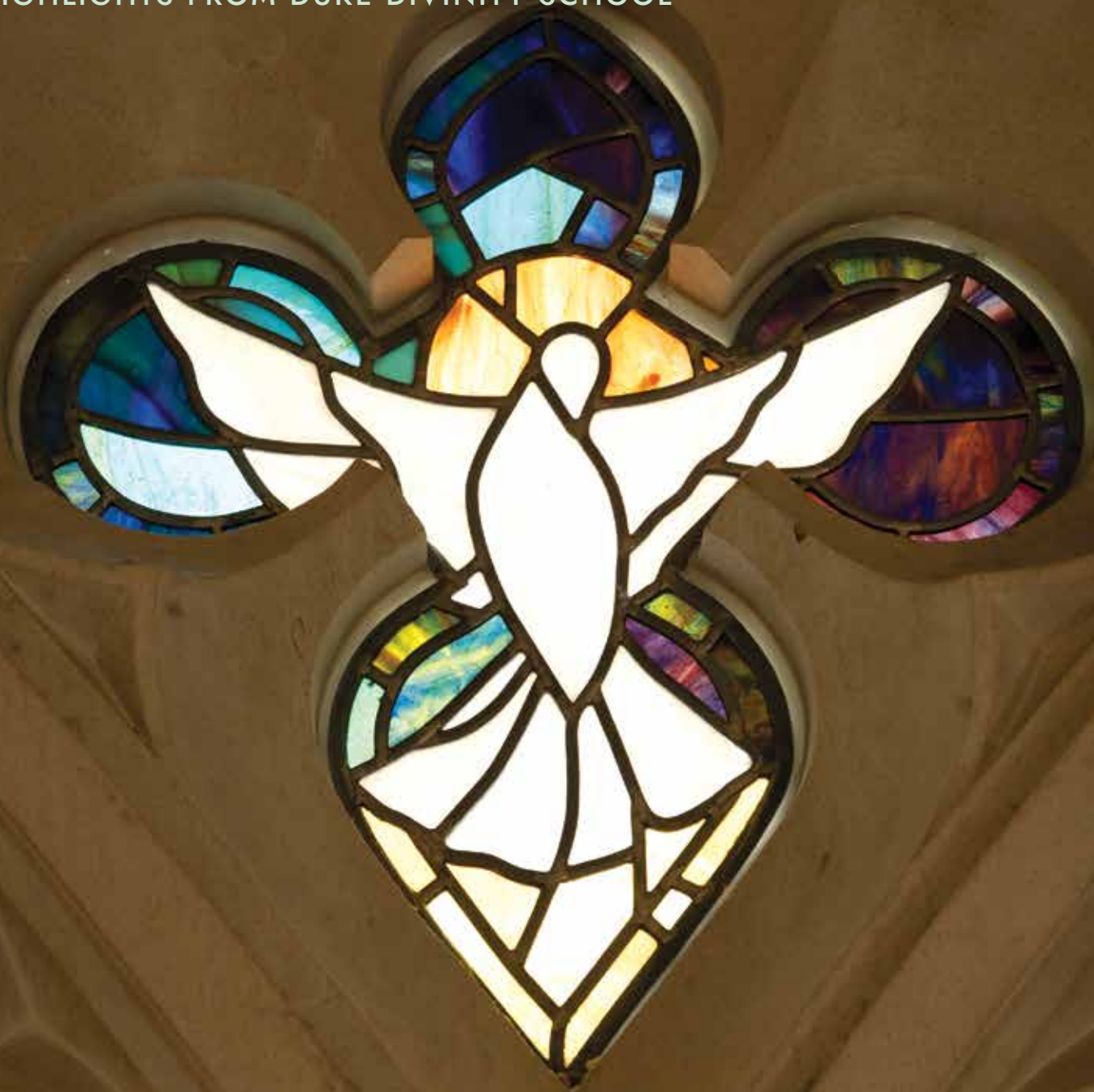


FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL TOGETHER

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL



A New Pentecost Is
PRESSING, POSSIBLE, AND PROMISED

THE DUKE DIVINITY WAY

Last fall, I was invited to participate in an event in Warren County, N.C., commemorating the 40th anniversary of the protests over a PCB landfill that birthed the environmental justice movement. It was a solemn and celebratory occasion that began with worship, followed by a justice walk, followed by food and fellowship. The walk began at Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church, which had served as mission control for the protest, and continued to the landfill site where men, women, and even children were arrested in 1982.

This was a sacred journey. But the destination for our walk in Warren County was beyond the landfill site. The true destination was environmental justice, an embodied enactment of the words of the psalmist: “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1).

Walking along County Road 1604, I talked with people who had marched 40 years earlier and were still walking for justice. I talked with alumni, including the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, who was arrested during the original protests and rightly named what was happening in Warren County as environmental racism. I heard from him and others the name of Dr. Fred Herzog, professor of theology at Duke Divinity School, who supported the protests with his scholarship and direct activism. These and other witnesses turned God-talk into God-walk on the roads of Warren County. They reminded me that the Duke Divinity way of doing theology is not from the balcony but from the road.

The Duke Divinity way is what is highlighted in this report. More than a laundry list of activities typical of a complex institution of teaching and research, what we present here is a Pentecost travelogue, a diary of the Spirit’s movement as we walk in the academy and the church, in Warren County and around the world. We are following God’s call together as wayfarers, not wanderers. The call is out of season. We are pursuing justice and mercy in a season of mass incarceration, embracing ecumenical and global connections in a season of polarization, expanding and rejoicing in a season of retrenchment and recrimination. **Even so, we walk with the conviction that a new Pentecost is pressing, possible, and promised.**

Following God’s call together—this is the Duke Divinity way. I believe that the stories and images in these pages can be read as postcards of God’s reign, invitations to Christ’s fiesta and to being filled with new wine from the Holy Spirit. I fervently hope that these highlights will illumine the signs of our times and encourage us to walk together, en conjunto, with the Divinity community on its Pentecost pilgrimage for justice and peace.



Edgardo Colón-Emeric

Dean of Duke Divinity School and Irene and William McCutchen Professor of Reconciliation and Theology; Director of the Center for Reconciliation

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A NEW PENTECOST IS PRESSING— Pursuing Justice and Mercy

To introduce these markers of our journey together, alumnus Avery Davis Lamb offers this witness about the urgent need for our pursuit of justice and mercy:

Climate change and the creation crisis are not only the most important justice issues of our time, as they affect deeply all the communities and issues we care about as Christians; they are also the most important spiritual issues of our time. They bring up questions that are core to our Christian faith: Where is hope? Who is God? How do we love our neighbors?

Hope is not the belief or expectation that we will solve climate change and get out of this mess. It is a belief that even in the midst of the death and destruction of God's good creation, resurrection is possible. A belief that by God's grace, the work of our hands might be turned into something beautiful and redeemable.

— AVERY DAVIS LAMB, M.DIV.'22, M.E.M.'22,
is the director of Creation Justice Ministries, which helps provide resources
for ministry leaders and congregations to address climate change and creation care.

MINISTRY LEADERS GATHER AT DUKE MARINE LAB

Professors from Duke Divinity and the Nicholas School for the Environment lead sessions on pastoral care for climate change

How can the church address climate change when many congregations say they care but don't act, and the problem is clearly urgent but too easy to ignore?

This question was central to the event, "Pastoral Care for Climate Change: Weaving Together Science and Theology for Justice," at the Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort, N.C. The event, led by Creation Justice Ministries, brought together Duke Divinity School faculty and alumni, as well as faculty from Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment and other Christian leaders. Recent alumnus **Avery Davis Lamb**, who graduated in 2022 with an M.Div. from Duke Divinity and an M.E.M. from the Nicholas School, is co-executive director of Creation Justice Ministries and helped to organize the event.

By connecting pastors, theology faculty, Christian leaders, and environmental scientists, the retreat aimed to discover approaches to addressing climate change that would empower Christian leaders to move their congregations to action and advocacy.

Faculty from both the Divinity School and Nicholas School offered presentations to help participants engage thoughtfully with the climate crisis. The scientists illustrated how climate change is a social justice issue, while the theologians offered practical ministry tools to take back to congregations.

FOSTERING EMPATHY

One of the challenges of spurring congregations to action is that not all congregations feel the same effects of climate change. Geographic location and socioeconomic status have an enormous impact on who is vulnerable to direct, immediate harm from climate change. Lower-income households already spend a higher percentage of income on food; price increases affect them most. When those most directly affected by climate change aren't the members of your congregation, fostering empathy and understanding that is strong enough to spur action and overcome helplessness and despair becomes critical.

Vulnerability is created, said **Wylín Wilson**, assistant professor of theological ethics; it doesn't just happen. Those who are vulnerable to climate change are put in that situation through social and economic conditions and through the norms and relationships that constrain our lives, she said.

"How do we address these issues in our congregations?" she asked. "Something as simple as having a Bible study, when you look at an issue from the lens of, *What is my role as a child of God? What does that mean? Does that role call us and help us move more deeply when it comes to thinking about our faith and lives?*"

Wilson led participants in creating

"eco-autobiographies," narratives that ask how your physical and natural environment influences your community's health, in positive and negative ways.

"These are good ways to foster empathy," she said. "Folks need to connect and can connect through narratives."

CONNECTING THROUGH FOOD MINISTRY

Churches are often active in food ministry, and helping congregations make the connection between climate change and food security can encourage congregations to take action before disaster strikes, said **Norbert Wilson**, professor of food, economics, and community and director of Duke's World Food Policy Center.

"When major events happen, it's difficult to access food even years after for some households," Norbert Wilson said. "Doing something before disaster strikes could be an important way to bolster the community when disaster does hit."

Over time, crops that once provided jobs as well as sustenance are more difficult to grow due to climate changes, and agricultural workers face extreme temperatures and dangerous working conditions. Congregations can take action now to improve food systems, address issues of food loss and waste, and involve the communities that are most affected in planning how to address these issues, said Wilson.



PREACHING HOPE

Jerusha Neal, assistant professor of homiletics, led a session on how to preach about hope in the midst of climate crisis, emphasizing the need to move beyond politicized trends.

“Creation care does tie into those big theological words: *covenant*, *reconciliation*, and *incarnation*,” she said. “And I would ask you to use those words when you preach about the climate crisis. It signals to your congregation that this is not some politicized fad, but it is central to Scripture. That doesn’t mean there is one scriptural-biblical narrative in relation to creation.

There are actually multiple streams. It’s one of the beautiful things about the biblical text. All of these books emphasize the relationship between creation care and theology in different ways.”

Not all congregations come from the same background, and they shouldn’t be preached to in the same way, she said.

“Some of us are the displaced people of God and some of us are more like Babylon. You can’t preach the same sermon to both groups. You better know where you are standing and what your hope is connected to,” she said.

She encouraged pastors to take the

long view on climate, preaching on climate justice often, with sermons that are biblically grounded; locally rooted, referencing the local environment and geography; concretely descriptive, relating to the pastor’s lived experiences with climate change; and covenantally committed, encouraging covenant with creation as well as with each other.

“We are in this to be counterculture witnesses to a different way of existing in this world. To live in equity as if our actions matter,” she said.

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WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SAY

“A lot of classes on climate care at Duke are theology-focused, but don’t always answer the question ‘How do we apply this in churches?’ Being with other clergy who are working on this, it was cool to hear the different things that they are doing in their contexts—the practical side. It was really encouraging to see how open people were to have these conversations despite our different backgrounds—the clergy and scientists coming together—even though we might not agree on everything. We could respect each other’s contexts because we are all working within different frameworks. This is complicated, and it’s okay to wrestle with some of these questions.”

— **FELICIA CHANG**, M.DIV.’19, children’s ministry coordinator at Chinese Mission Church in Durham, N.C.

“Dr. Wilson’s session on food insecurity and how it connects to climate change was an ‘aha’ moment for me. Food ministry is something churches love to talk about and do. If you’re going to introduce something like climate change into a congregation that doesn’t think much about it already, it can be tricky. One of the most effective ways I’ve learned to do that is by pairing it with a value that already exists inside the congregation. The Bible talks a lot about food, we meet at the table, we feed people in the neighborhood as a downtown Raleigh church. Asking our people to think about those food supplies and how climate change may affect it was really helpful for me.”

— **SARAH SEIBERT**, M.DIV.’19, director of Christian education at Hillyer Memorial Christian Church in Raleigh, N.C.

OBCS HOSTS PRISON REENTRY SIMULATION

Urging Churches to Support Programs for Those Returning from Prison

The Office of Black Church Studies (OBCS) hosted the event, “Justice Ministry Reimagined: Reentry Simulation,” which provided pastors, students, and lay leaders an opportunity to experience a simulation of reentry to society after serving time in prison and to learn from experts on how to support reentry programs and individuals returning from prison.

The event included a panel of experts on various aspects of prison ministry and reintegration, including the **Rev. Dr. Louis Threatt, M.Div.’11**. Threatt has been involved in prison ministry for over 18 years, and he currently serves as pastor at Cities of Refuge Christian Church, a congregation dedicated to serving all those impacted by incarceration and on the margins of life. He is the founder and executive director of UR Restored Ministries, a nonprofit that offers restorative love to those impacted by incarceration, and he teaches in the Divinity School’s prison studies program, helping students to think theologically about prison ministry, practical theology, and restorative justice.

Threatt also was a chaplain at Orange Correctional Center for years, where many different congregations came to preach about Jesus. He started a church inside the facility called Christ the King, because he said God showed him that the inside of prison looks more like what church is supposed to be than most congregations

outside. He lamented how formerly incarcerated people would visit churches when they got out and would never want to go back: “Those churches would . . . go into the prison and preach to them, but when they came out, they were not welcoming of them in their church spaces.”

Other panelists at the event included **Ben Haas** from the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham, **William Elmore**, a formerly incarcerated individual, and his mother **Bessie Elmore**, co-founder and executive director of Straight Talk Support Group.

During the reentry simulation, participants experienced some of the challenges of the first month of life post-release, with a packet of materials explaining the reentrant’s criminal background, current living situation, current job situation, and the specific weekly tasks that must be accomplished in order to avoid being sent back to prison for noncompliance with the requirements of supervised release. The simulation began with instructions from the facilitator, after which participants tried to navigate their new lives. Each week took place in 15-minute segments.

The reentry simulation gave students a small glimpse of the struggles of reentry, including prejudice and discrimination. Experiencing those feelings only made it more clear that the church should be different, participants said.

Deborah Williams, project coordinator for OBCS, said the reentry event tied into the mission to help churches seeking to serve underrepresented populations.

“OBCS recognizes that addressing the ills of mass incarceration is an ongoing focus in churches and wanted to provide a greater perspective of one tentacle of the broader issues—reentry,” she said.

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PRISON STUDIES AT DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

The event is part of Duke Divinity’s broader engagement with prison ministry, which includes a Certificate in Prison Studies that can be earned alongside a degree. The certificate enables students to study alongside incarcerated people and to learn about the criminal justice system within the context of theological education and formation for ministry. Students complete courses on justice, including a Project TURN course taught on site in a local prison, and have focused field education and spiritual formation experiences.

LAUNCH OF PRISON ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE



The co-directors of the Duke Divinity Prison Studies program have launched a new program with the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke. **Douglas Campbell**, professor of New Testament, and **Sarah Jobe, Th.D.'23**, a prison chaplain and educator, will direct the Prison Engagement Initiative. This project will bring together faculty, staff, students, and community members seeking to engage prisons, the people affected by prisons, and the politics and pathways surrounding mass incarceration.

Duke Divinity faculty (back row, from left: Douglas Campbell, Sarah Jobe, Ross Wagner, and Jerusha Neal) with women who completed coursework with Project TURN.

CHAVIS LEADS DISCUSSION ON JUSTICE

Civil rights leader the **Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., M.Div. '80**, gave the Robert Wilson Distinguished Lecture on "Environmental Justice: Past, Present, and Future" at the Sanford School for Public Policy at Duke. While on campus, he was the guest speaker for a conversation hosted by the Duke Divinity Alumni Association.

Known for coining the term *environmental racism*, Chavis is a leader in the environmental justice movement. "I feel like I'm back home," he said. "My time at Duke 42 years ago really helped me to sharpen my theological tools and understanding." Chavis transferred to Duke Divinity School in 1978 after he was unjustly convicted of arson as a leader of the Wilmington 10 and sentenced to a 34-year prison sentence. He could no longer

pursue the M.Div. program he had started at Howard University, and he arranged a transfer to Duke. Eventually, his conviction was overturned, and he and the rest of the Wilmington 10 were freed in 1980.

"We have to be a little bit more prophetic," he said. "One of the things I learned here at Duke: prophetic is not telling the future. Prophetic is discerning what is it God wants you to do right now, today, this hour, right now. That's prophetic. I think a lot of times, the church at large, I think we note history, we note tradition, but there's a hesitation to learn from that tradition, to learn from that history, and to not just imagine, but to embrace—by working together—shaping a better future forward."

TO HEAL THE WOUNDED SOUL LAUNCHES RETREAT SERIES

To Heal the Wounded Soul is a program supported by Duke Divinity School and The Duke Endowment for pastors who are people of color on a journey toward positive mental health. Co-sponsored by the Office of Black Church Studies, the Duke Clergy Health Initiative, and the Center for Health Inequalities and Research at Duke University, the program gives clergy room to pause and process the challenges of the last few years alongside their peers who are navigating similar experiences. In 2022, each cohort was invited to a series of three retreats with notable speakers and practitioners who help clergy develop reflections and practices to care well for themselves.



MARGUERITE BARANKITSE DELIVERS CATENA LECTURE

The Theology, Medicine, and Culture initiative welcomed Aurora Prize Winner **Marguerite “Maggy” Barankitse**, founder of Maison Shalom International in Rwanda, to deliver the Catena Lecture in Medicine, Faith, and Service. Launched in 2019, the Catena lectureship invites speakers whose work displays innovative scholarship, service, and institution-building at the intersection of theology, medicine, and culture. Barankitse opened Maison Shalom in Burundi in response to the ethnic violence in 1993, and it has served over 20,000 children from all ethnic groups—Hutu, Tutsi, and Twa. Forced to flee Burundi in 2015 after the government put her name on a “death list,” she relocated to Rwanda and opened a branch of Maison Shalom there.



INAUGURAL PAYNE LECTURE IN FAITH, JUSTICE, AND HEALTH CARE

Dr. David R. Williams, the Norman Professor of Public Health and chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University, delivered the inaugural Payne Lecture on “Social Inequities in Health: Opportunities and Challenges for Contemporary Christianity.” His research has examined the complex ways in which socioeconomic status, race, stress, racism, and health behavior can affect health. The Everyday Discrimination Scale that

he developed is the most widely used measure of discrimination in health studies. He has also studied the association between religious involvement and health, directed a national study on forgiveness and health, and co-edited (with Loren Toussaint and Everett Worthington) the 2015 book *Forgiveness and Health: Scientific Evidence and Theories Relating Forgiveness to Better Health*. The Richard Payne Award and Lecture aims to highlight and honor academic, clinical, and lay leaders who in their work and research embody Dr. Payne’s spirit of caring for the whole person.

DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED TEACHING AND LEARNING

Jan Holton, associate professor of the practice of pastoral theology and care, and **Warren Kinghorn**, Esther Colliflower Associate Research Professor of Pastoral and Moral Theology at Duke Divinity School and associate professor of psychiatry at Duke School of Medicine are leading a Bass Connections grant to research and recommend best practices for trauma-informed teaching and learning in university classrooms. The multidisciplinary team has conducted seminars and focus groups with undergraduate and Divinity School students, with plans to expand to School of Medicine students as well as focus groups with faculty. “The heart of what we’re wanting to do is to improve the learning experience for students,” Holton said.

CFR HOSTS CONVERSATION ON CREATION JUSTICE

The Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School hosts an ongoing Conversation Series, a safe space where anyone can learn, discuss, and imagine God’s works of reconciliation. One conversation held jointly with the Nicholas School for the Environment at Duke was “Faithful Action in a Time of Climate Change,” led by **Avery Davis Lamb** of Creation Justice Ministries. With his background in both theology and environmental studies, Lamb encouraged participants to ponder what the right relationship with God’s creation might look like and consider how they can each participate in creation care and justice.

DIVINITY PROFESSOR CO-LEADS UNIVERSITY COURSE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Norman Wirzba, Gilbert T. Rowe Distinguished Professor of Christian Theology, is one of two lead organizers for a new campus-wide Duke University course, "Let's Talk About Climate Change!" Wirzba and co-lead Emily Bernhardt, James B. Duke Distinguished Professor of Biology, selected 12 Climate Change Faculty Fellows from across the university who help lead class discussions investigating climate change from a different perspective—from the role language plays in policymaking to how social psychologists are working to give us smarter ways to calculate and reduce our carbon footprints. Students and faculty continue their talk over a catered dinner and in small breakout groups after dinner.

Duke has made the commitment to offer the course for the next five years as part of a university-wide initiative that aims

to infuse climate content into every aspect of the university's mission. To support that goal, each year, new Climate Change Faculty Fellows will be selected to help teach the course and work alongside past years' fellows to grow a multidisciplinary campus-wide network of scholars and practitioners who are engaged and working together to find solutions to climate change.

Contemplating our future under climate change can be overwhelming, Wirzba said, but by understanding how we got here, investigating better options, and charting a way forward, we cultivate hope, which is an essential prerequisite for any solution.

Norman Wirzba (far right), with other Duke Sustainability Award winners, was named an Outstanding Faculty Leader in Sustainability for leading University Course 102: "Let's Talk About Climate Change."







A NEW PENTECOST IS POSSIBLE— Embracing Ecumenical and Global Connections

To introduce these markers of our journey together, student Eliza Love offers this witness about the joy in our embrace of ecumenical and global connections:

“The people and classes at Duke Divinity School sparked and then fostered my interest in ecumenical relations. The spiritual and communal formation at the heart of my experience at Duke Divinity has gifted me a renewed sense of hope. I had the opportunity to travel to Germany with Dr. Jung Choi, Dr. David Goatley, and several other students, attending a Pre-Consultation Conference in Hamburg and the World Council of Churches Assembly in Karlsruhe. The Germany Travel Seminar allowed us to take our classroom experiences and explore ecumenism through building relationships.

As a United Methodist who feels a call toward ordained ministry, I see this time in the life of the church as one with great need of ecumenical dialogue. Care towards learning, hearing, and growing is at the heart of the gospel, and it is the ecumenical call.”

— ELIZA LOVE, M.DIV.'23,

is a United Methodist and Thriving Communities Fellow from Mount Washington, Ky.

She is pursuing ordination as an elder in the UMC.

ECUMENICAL MEETING AT THE VATICAN WITH POPE FRANCIS

Professor Peter Casarella Participated in Baptist-Catholic International Dialogue

Professor of Theology **Peter Casarella** met with Pope Francis at the Vatican as part of the Baptist-Catholic International Dialogue. The strategic ecumenical dialogue meets in five-year cycles, concluding with the presentation of a document on the theme of each cycle, which this time is “The Dynamic of the Gospel and the Witness of the Church.”

As part of his second five-year term as a delegate on the Baptist-Catholic International Dialogue Joint Commission, Casarella was in Rome Dec. 11–17, 2022, to join other Catholic and Baptist delegates in the cycle’s concluding meeting with Pope Francis, which was followed by a meeting with Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

Pope Francis encouraged the delegates to continue in prayer, with the aim of promoting works of charity through their theological dialogue. He underscored how Christian identity is always based on the memory, however dim, of being baptized with water in Christ. He also mentioned the brutality of the war in the Ukraine and urged the delegates to pray for those of all faiths in that country. Cardinal Koch encouraged the delegates to think about the church as communion and work patiently toward a common goal of achieving greater communion.

“Pope Francis was intellectually and spiritually very vibrant, even with a cane and a slow gait,” said Casarella. “He spoke

freely and encouraged everyone at this meeting of just 18 persons to do the same. I was struck by how closely his extemporaneous remarks echoed key themes of his pontificate. For example, citing Augustine’s sermon *On Pastors*, he urged today’s pastors to stay in touch with the people in their flock by guiding them while in front, learning from them while remaining in their midst, and being a support while standing behind them. Pope

Francis lambasted clericalism while still upholding the model of priests who are good shepherds. Cardinal Koch likewise gave our group lots of encouragement to continue the path we have started. He listened eagerly and told us to consider in the future various forms of dialogue besides the search for doctrinal agreement, like spiritual ecumenism and the ecumenism of martyrs.”

A LONG TRADITION OF ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE AT DUKE DIVINITY



Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric recently served as the Methodist co-chair of the Methodist-Roman Catholic International Commission and met in 2022 with Pope Francis at the Vatican, along with **Jung Choi**, associate dean for global and intercultural formation.



Dean Robert Earl Cushman (1958–1971) was the official Methodist observer at the Second Vatican Council.



The late **Geoffrey Wainwright**, Robert Earl Cushman Professor Emeritus of Christian Theology, met with Pope Benedict XVI on

multiple occasions in his capacity as Methodist co-chair of the Methodist-Catholic Dialogue from 1986 to 2011.



Curtis Freeman, research professor of theology and Baptist studies, served as chair of the Baptist delegation for an international dialogue between the Baptist World Alliance and the World Methodist Council from 2014 to 2018.



In 2022, Duke Divinity School co-sponsored an ecumenical conference on Christian unity in Bogotá, Colombia, which Casarella attended.



JUNG CHOI SELECTED FOR METHODIST-ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

Jung Choi, associate dean for global and intercultural formation and director of the Asian House of Studies, was selected by the World Methodist Council as a delegate on the Methodist-Roman Catholic International Commission (MERCIC). She is a New Testament and early Christianity scholar with research interests in prophecy in both the ancient Mediterranean and contemporary world concerning race, gender, and power. The delegation met with Pope Francis at the Vatican to present their report on the

11th round of dialogue, *God in Christ Reconciling: On the Way to Full Communion in Faith, Sacraments, and Mission*.

Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric, who has been a member of the dialogue since 2012, was also named the Methodist chair of the delegation. MERCIC began work in 1967 and has met since without interruption. After the papal audience, members focused on the current state of ecumenism with particular reference to relations between Roman Catholics and Methodists.

DUKE DIVINITY CO-SPONSORS ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE IN COLOMBIA

Duke Divinity School co-sponsored an ecumenical conference on Christian unity, which took place Nov. 3-4 in Bogotá, Colombia, and addressed the theme “Called to Unity so that the World May Believe (John 17:21), Gathering Together on the Way.” Professor of Theology **Peter Casarella** attended the Continental Ecumenical Congress 2022 in person and gave a closing address, “New Perspectives and Horizon on the Path to Unity.” **Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric** sent a video greeting to the conference, which was held mostly online, and instructors **Alberto LaRosa Rojas** and

Marco Strona from the Duke Divinity Hispanic House of Studies each gave online testimonies about their ecumenical teaching experiences at the school. Conference participants hailed from across Latin America and represented diverse denominations brought together by a vision of Christian unity based on shared practices of prayer, hospitality, communion, fraternity, and respect. The event was co-sponsored by the Latin American Bishops’ Conferences (CELAM) and 12 other organizations in addition to Duke Divinity School.

STUDENT ELIZA LOVE WINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR ECUMENICAL RESEARCH

The Council of Bishops (COB) of The United Methodist Church has named **Eliza Love, M.Div.'23**, as the 2023 recipient of the \$10,000 Bossey Institute Scholarship to attend the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute at Bossey in Switzerland. Love will study at the ecumenical institute in Switzerland and participate in lectures, experiential formation, the writing of a thesis, and pilgrimage trips to the Vatican. She is a member of the Kentucky Annual Conference and in the process of ordination. She was recommended by her bishop, Bishop Leonard Fairley.

The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey is located outside Geneva, Switzerland, and is connected both with the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva. Every year the COB selects one student to represent The UMC in its Certificate in Ecumenical Studies program. It requires the student to live in Christian community at Bossey from late August through January of the following year with other representatives from around the world.



CFR FACILITATES CERTIFICATE IN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION

The Center for Reconciliation at Duke now offers the Certificate in Conflict Transformation and Resolution (CCTR), which is facilitated by leading scholars and practitioners from Duke and other institutions. Through this 20-month non-degree certificate program, participants will cultivate theological foundations and spiritual practices to equip them for a ministry that fosters reconciliation amid division. Participants will learn to use practical tools such as active listening, conflict coaching, and restorative circles, and gain knowledge to increase their self-awareness

about implicit bias and other dispositions that tend to create barriers between individuals and communities.

The hybrid cohort model provides an opportunity for pastors and other church leaders from Methodist traditions to gain theological and practical skills to foster reconciliation. The program includes Word Made Flesh contextual theology methodology, restorative processes, and peer-mentoring and collaboration.

CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIANITY AND ETHNICITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BORDERLANDS

Xi Lian, the David Steinmetz Distinguished Professor of World Christianity, along with Ralph Litzinger (associate professor of cultural anthropology at Duke) and David Bradley (emeritus professor of linguistics at La Trobe University), organized a conference on Christianity, Modernity, and Ethnicity in the China Southeast Asia Borderlands. The 20th-century encounter between Protestant Christianity and the upland peoples in that region has been one of the most significant

historical developments in the region and reshaped the communal life of ethnic minorities.

With an interdisciplinary approach that draws on history, anthropology, linguistics, missiology, and gender and cultural studies, the conference explored the critical role of Christianity in the minority peoples' response to modernity. It focused on their identity construction, community building, and struggles for material and cultural survival in the face of political turmoil, social upheavals, and technological revolutions of the past century.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS EXPLORE FOOD AND THEOLOGY IN GREECE

Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric and Professor **Norman Wirzba** led a group of alumni and friends of Duke Divinity School on the summer trip “Ancient Sites and Modern Faith: A Culinary and Theological Exploration of Greece.” Associate Dean for External Relations **Dan Struble** commented, “Dean Colón-Emeric and Professor Wirzba provided rich theological and philosophical insights that embroidered our experience of Greece’s amazing history, culture, food, wine, and religious practice. Our fellow travelers became fast friends and sources of joy. We all hope to do another trip with Duke Travels and the Divinity School!”



WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SAY

“It was exciting to tour the Acropolis ruins in person. The Meteora landscape and monasteries were breathtaking! And the cuisine was excellent!”

— BLANCHE WILLIAMS

“Talks by Edgardo Colón-Emeric and Norman Wirzba (on such topics as the proper way to observe the Sabbath and the work of the Holy Spirit) punctuated our daily schedule, filling us with knowledge and spirituality.”

— ANNE BERNHARDT

“The lectures, the visit to the Hosios Loukas monastery, and the singing with the Father represented an experience of a lifetime. My son’s awe at the holiness represented in those icons was priceless.”

— MARIBEL PADIAL





A NEW PENTECOST IS PROMISED— Expanding Our Work Together

To introduce these markers of our journey together, staff member Elizabeth Styron Howze offers this witness about the call and commitment to expanding our work together:

“When we learn to perceive our communities as complex, living systems rather than static ones, we’ll be compelled to build unusual coalitions that harness the transformative power of lived theology, practical insight, and local wisdom. Sustainable solutions require holistic frameworks that not only deepen our sense of social connectedness but also call for prophetic imagination, faith-informed action, audacious courage, and revolutionary love. I enjoy inviting congregations to hope radically, imagine dangerously, and work collaboratively to grow the thriving of the local community. As disciples of Jesus Christ, Agents of Shalom, we can no longer go on being passive reactors but must take seriously the proactive, embodied, multi-dimensional tasks of knowing our communities, discerning our roles, and crafting relevant and revelatory responses in partnership with our Creator and our neighbors.”

— ELIZABETH STYRON HOWZE, M.DIV./M.S.W. '17,
is the director of teaching, training, and learning for the Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School.

ORMOND CENTER LAUNCHES COMMUNITY CRAFT COLLABORATIVE CURRICULUM

The peer learning experience nurtures faith-inspired imagination with faith-informed action

The Ormond Center has launched the curriculum and inaugural cohort in the Community Craft Collaborative. This six-week program enables congregations to craft powerful responses to pressing community needs. The collaborative leverages lived theology, practical insight, and local wisdom to help leaders (both lay and ordained) to faithfully adapt their ministries to a religious landscape that is shifting rapidly. The curriculum builds new mindsets and competencies by encouraging participants to research, discern, and imagine how they could grow the thriving of their communities.

Seven churches in Durham and Chapel Hill participated in the inaugural cohort: CityWell UMC, Chapel Hill Bible Church,

Cole Mill Road Church of Christ, Holy Infant Catholic Church, Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church, Nehemiah Church COGIC, and Wings of Eagles. The curriculum was developed by **Elizabeth Howze**, director of the NC Thrives' Academy of Teaching, Training, and Learning who earned dual M.Div./M.S.W. degrees from Duke Divinity and the UNC School of Social Work in 2017; **Kyle McManamy**, design and strategy lead at the Ormond Center; and **T.J. Bryant**, M.Div.'23, an Agent of Shalom Fellow at Ormond.

"I've seen congregational leaders learn how to participate in their communities in meaningful ways through their practical engagement with the Community Craft Curriculum, which helps participants

understand how different aspects of social life influence each other in both expected and unexpected ways," said Howze. "As director, I enjoy inviting congregations to hope radically, imagine dangerously, and work collaboratively to grow the thriving of the local community."

After being equipped with a toolkit that includes community asset mapping and congregational strengths assessments, participants develop an actionable, redemptive response to community challenges that leverage both church and community resources. They also have the opportunity to apply for up to \$4,000 in grants to implement their proposals to address community needs and enhance thriving outcomes.

For more information, see ormondcenter.com



WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SAY

"I just love this project. I can see the act of koinonia—working in Christian fellowship with the Lord and experiencing Christian fellowship with one another. I would recommend the Community Craft Collaborative, not just for churches but as a powerful paradigm for anyone in an institutional context that needs to solve a problem."

— DR. DEBORAH BOSTON,
Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church

"God has reconciled us through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That answers the 'why.' Community Craft Collaborative gives us the framework to answer 'how.' It is an excellent tool to use to ask questions about who is the community we are called to serve, and how do we actually engage with our community to understand their needs while bringing healing and restoration?"

— MARY, Chapel Hill Bible Church

"The chief benefit of the Community Craft Collaborative is how it invites the church to listen. Rather than pridefully calculating technocratic 'solutions' to problems, it calls the church into deeper relationships of mutuality and love with the community. Only through building relationships and making friends with our neighbors can we hear the important localized conceptions of the good, which are invaluable for being faithful disciples of Christ."

— T.J. BRYANT, M.DIV.'23



CONVOCATION & PASTORS' SCHOOL FOCUSES ON CREATIVITY AND COURAGE

The 2022 Convocation & Pastors' School theme, *Creativity & Courage: From Trauma to Tough Hope*, explored what it means to claim and practice faithful hope in the wake, or in the midst, of profound disturbance in the church, society, and personal life. The presenters—professional dancers, visual artists, musicians, and scholars—led participants in facing brokenness and sin honestly while offering insight, encouragement, challenge, and glimpses of “the beauty of holiness.”

The event, held on Duke University's campus, began with a special session of a live recording of **Kate Bowler's** *Everything Happens* podcast. **Bishop Peter Storey**, former president

of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and the South African Council of Churches, preached in Duke Chapel and led a plenary session.

The annual Convocation & Pastors' School is an intensive multi-day conference that offers lectures, worship, alumni gatherings, and seminars for Christian leaders of all traditions. Led by scholars and practitioners from Duke University and beyond, this event is a cooperative endeavor with the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church, The Duke Endowment, and Duke Divinity School.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH WESLEYAN COLLEGE IN MACON, GA.

A new partnership with Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., will enable qualified undergraduates to take master's level courses at Duke Divinity School beginning in 2023. The Duke Accelerated Pastoral Formation Program offers select juniors and seniors the option to begin coursework toward Duke's Hybrid Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or Master of Arts in Christian Practice (M.A.) degree programs while completing their baccalaureate degree. Funded by the generous support of the Kern Family Foundation, the Accelerated Program is designed to help students lower educational debt incurred in preparation for the ministry process and accelerate their timeline to engaging the field of ministry. Up to six graduate-level courses taken during the

undergraduate period may be eligible to be counted toward future enrollment in Duke's degree programs.

Said **Jung Choi**, associate dean for global and intercultural formation: “Through Duke Divinity School's partnership with Wesleyan College in Macon, a United Methodist-affiliated liberal arts college, we will create innovative ways to serve students seeking careers in ministry, helping students discern their vocational calling and cultivate their pastoral leadership. We are particularly excited about partnering with Wesleyan College, the first women's college in the world, to cultivate female pastoral leaders.”



DITA CONCERT CELEBRATES CRIES OF LOSS AND HOPE

Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts (DITA) hosted the concert event “Cries of Loss and Hope,” an evening of lament and celebration through word and song. It featured the New Caritas Orchestra led by **Jeremy Begbie**, the Thomas A. Langford Distinguished Research Professor of Theology and the McDonald Agape Director of Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts.

The program included music from *Schindler’s List* to jazz music by Leonard Bernstein, poetry, theological meditations, and audience participation. “I am honored to have been part of DITA again,” said **Whitney Pencina**, flutist in the New Caritas Orchestra. “As always, it was amazing to play with an orchestra at that level of talent, but that isn’t the only thing that made the concert special. It was a truly transformative experience to be a

part of something bigger than us, bigger than the hall, and even bigger than the music we were playing.”

The evening also featured guest appearances from VaChikepe: The Poet and a student ensemble from The Raleigh Music Collective, an organization that provides free music lessons to refugees. All proceeds went to organizations working with refugees in N.C. “I cannot even begin to explain how much my students enjoyed the evening,” said **Sara Maria Blanton**, executive director and founder of the Raleigh Music Collective. “It was so inspiring for them to see what they can do with their music.” The evening culminated in a rendition of an ancient hymn by the orchestra. More photos from the event are available at <https://ditatheoandarts.com>.

FAITH & LEADERSHIP RECEIVES ACP AWARDS

Faith & Leadership, the online offering of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, won three awards for work done in 2021 in the annual Associated Church Press “Best of the Christian Press” awards. The awards were announced at the virtual joint convention of the Associated Church Press, Religion Communicators Council, and Canadian Christian Communicators Association on May 12, 2022. The awards include an Award of Excellence for Website Redesign, project managed by **Jessamyn Rubio**, manager of web and interactive media projects at Leadership Education at Duke Divinity; an Award of Merit, Long Interview Format, for “Francis Collins: Science is ‘a glimpse of God’s mind,’” by **Aleta Payne**, senior associate editor of *Faith &*

Leadership; and an Honorable Mention, Professional Resource, for “Falling in love again—with a congregation,” by **Kelly Ryan**, director of Thriving Congregations Coordination Program.

The oldest interdenominational religious press association in North America, the Associated Church Press, founded in 1916, is an international community of communication professionals brought together by faithfulness to their craft and by a common task of reflecting, describing, and supporting the life of faith and the Christian community. Their membership comprises newspapers, newsletters, magazines, journals, news services, and websites.

FIELD EDUCATION AT DUKE DIVINITY

Increasing Hybrid M.Div. placements and resuming international opportunities

All M.Div. students, both residential and hybrid, are required to participate in field education during their degree program. These contextual learning experiences in churches and organizations across the country and world enable students to practice the skills of ministry, discern God's call on their life and vocation, and reflect theologically with an experienced supervisor.

FIELD EDUCATION PLACEMENTS IN 2022

329
TOTAL

311
Residential M.Div.

18
Hybrid M.Div.

STUDENTS SERVING INTERNATIONALLY IN SUMMER 2022

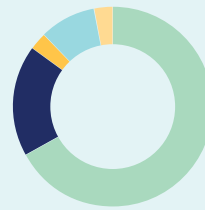
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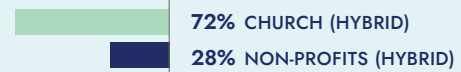
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4 South Africa

PLACEMENTS BY TYPE



- 67% CHURCH
- 18% NON-PROFITS
- 3% CAMPING MINISTRY
- 9% CPE
- 3% INTERNATIONAL







SIGNS OF LITTLE PENTECOSTS— Rejoicing Together

To introduce these markers of our journey together, faculty member **Alma Tinoco Ruiz** offers this witness about the transformative power of rejoicing together:

“Preaching can have healing or wounding effects on the recipients depending on who or what inspired the message, what is proclaimed, and how it is proclaimed. Preaching that is faithful to the word of God is a prophetic resistance to the judgmental, condemning, and hateful messages we commonly receive. When the Holy Spirit inspires the message and brings the word of Scripture to life in the sermon, the proclaimed word penetrates our souls, minds, and bodies, helping us discern our thoughts and the intentions of our hearts (Hebrews 4:12). When the preacher proclaims the word of God with faithfulness and humility and with love, grace, and care for the community, the ministry of preaching has the potential to heal and transform lives.”

— ALMA TINOCO RUIZ, TH.D. '22,
is assistant professor of the practice of homiletics and evangelism
and the director of the Hispanic House of Studies at Duke Divinity School.

GIFTS THAT ENABLE OUR MISSION TO THRIVE

Friends and partners participate in this Pentecost vision with their financial support

ALUMNI GIFT ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS—\$5 MILLION

A Duke alumni couple has made an anonymous bequest of \$4 million to endow scholarships and an additional \$1 million to develop new innovative courses and programs. The gift is part of a larger bequest of \$15 million to Duke University that also supports scholarships for students pursuing degrees at Duke University School of Nursing and Trinity College of Arts & Sciences.

The anonymous donors are both Duke alumni—one a graduate of Duke University School of Nursing and one of Trinity College of

Arts & Sciences. They have since come to be involved with Duke Divinity School through a strong commitment to their faith.

The donors said: **“We are pleased to support the schools that prepare students who will be future care providers as well as leaders in the church, academy, and other professions. Duke students are committed to developing their ability to care for people, in different ways, and to improve our communities and broader society. We are grateful to play a role in their development.”**

GRANT SUPPORTS LAUNCH OF TRANSFORMATIVE PREACHING LAB—\$1 MILLION

Duke University has received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its Compelling Preaching Initiative. The grant will enable Duke Divinity School to launch the Transformative Preaching Lab, which will build on its multifaceted programs to prepare creative, culturally competent preachers who can reach audiences in effective and engaging ways. The Transformative Preaching Lab will benefit from Duke’s commitments to both research and ecclesial life as the lifeblood of theological education and will strengthen the ecology of effective preaching at Duke and in the wider church.

The Transformative Preaching Lab will expand preaching training for Hybrid M.Div. students, provide cohort-based formation through peer learning experiences, and develop a preaching certificate through Divinity+.

“Duke Divinity is committed to training preachers who listen to God’s voice in Scripture and people’s concrete circumstances and—empowered by the Holy Spirit—boldly and lovingly proclaim God’s message to the world,” said **Alma Tinoco Ruiz**, assistant professor of the practice of homiletics and evangelism and principal investigator for the Transformative Preaching Lab. “With this grant from the Lilly Endowment, we will be able to strengthen Duke Divinity’s preaching program and enhance preaching formation in fresh ways that address some of the challenges preachers face today, such as understanding diverse ministry contexts and the effects and consequences of traumatic wounds.”

GRATITUDE FOR GUESTS

Invited lectures from notable scholars, preachers, and artists



Lecture to Honor Geoffrey Wainwright: The Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition and the Methodist House welcomed **Monsignor Paul McPartlan**, the Carl J. Peter Professor of Systematic Theology and Ecumenism at Catholic University of America. He delivered the lecture "Ecumenism, Geoffrey Wainwright, and the *Oxford Handbook*."



DITA Distinguished Lecture: Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts welcomed **James K.A. Smith**, professor of philosophy and Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology and Worldview at Calvin University and editor-in-chief of the journal *Image*. He delivered the lecture "Embracing the Ephemeral: How Art Honors Creaturehood."



The Baptist House of Studies welcomed **David French**, now contributing opinion columnist with the *New York Times* and the 2022 Pamela and Jack Egan Visiting Professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy and the Trinity School of Arts & Sciences at Duke University. He delivered a lecture on "Divided Churches, Divided Nation: Faith, Politics, and the Future of Democracy."



The Asian House of Studies and the Center for Reconciliation welcomed the **Rev. Dr. Bob Fu**, president of ChinaAid and editor-in-chief of the journal *Chinese Law and Religion Monitor*. He delivered the lecture "Struck Down But Not Destroyed: Twenty Years of Advocacy for the Church and Religious Freedom in China."



The Pauli Murray/Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture on Women and Religion: The Office of Black Church Studies welcomed **Sarah Azaransky**, associate professor of social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.



The Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture: The Office of Black Church Studies welcomed **Lerone A. Martin**, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute and associate professor of religious studies at Stanford University.



David C. and Virginia R. Steinmetz Lecture welcomed **Carlos Eire**, T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University. He delivered the lecture "Catholic Reform as a Reaffirmation of the Miraculous and the Impossible."



The Anglican Episcopal House of Studies, Methodist House of Studies, and Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition welcomed **S T Kimbrough Jr.** and **Timothy Kimbrough**. They delivered a lecture and sing-along on "The Sacraments Interpreted by John and Charles Wesley."



The Asian House of Studies welcomed **Helen Kim**, assistant professor of American religious history at Emory University. She delivered the lecture "Billy Graham in Transpacific Context: Race and World Christianity."

GRATITUDE FOR STUDENTS

Celebrating the students who follow God’s call to Duke Divinity, and rejoicing with those who move from here into their ministries in churches, communities, academia, and service organizations.

BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION

Duke Divinity School celebrated its 96th Baccalaureate Service on May 7, with **Wylín Wilson**, assistant professor of theological ethics, delivering a sermon that called on graduates to attend to God’s call despite fear and uncertainty.

DEGREES AWARDED

191
TOTAL

22

Master of Arts in
Christian Practice

19

Master of
Theological Studies

106

Master of Divinity

23

Doctor of Ministry

19

Master of Theology

2

Doctor of Theology

WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS

Duke Divinity School celebrated its 96th Opening Convocation service on Sept. 6, with **Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric** delivering a sermon that called on the community to be guided by mercy on its Pentecost journey.

INCOMING CLASS

226
TOTAL

13

Master of Arts in
Christian Practice

28

Doctor of Ministry

130

Master of Divinity

6

Doctor of Theology

6

Master of Theology

20

Certificate in Theology
and Health Care

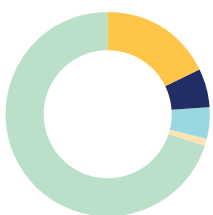
22

Master of
Theological Studies

19

Master of Theology

ETHNICITY ACROSS ALL DEGREE PROGRAMS



- 18% BLACK
- 6% LATINX
- 5% ASIAN
- 1% AMERICAN INDIAN
- 70% WHITE

The students come from 35 states and eight other countries: Canada, Colombia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, and South Korea.

DIVINITY ANNUAL FUND INCREASES SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

The Divinity Annual Fund designates 100 percent of all gifts to support Duke Divinity students with scholarships and program support. In a time when funding for theological education is more important than ever, we are grateful that friends and alumni have committed their resources to provide Divinity students with needed financial aid and valuable program development. Every gift makes a difference!

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Leadership gifts to the Annual Fund from individuals, churches, foundations, and other organizations

\$1,172,293

A record-setting year for the Divinity Annual Fund!

1,413

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FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



ABDULLAH ANTEPLI RECEIVES DANIEL PEARL AWARD FROM ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Abdullah Antepli, associate professor of the practice of interfaith relations at Duke Divinity and associate professor of the practice at Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy, was honored with the Daniel Pearl Award for his work in building bridges of understanding between Jews and Muslims and for promoting peace and religious tolerance.



CHARLES CAMPBELL HONORED WITH HOMILETICS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Charles Campbell, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Homiletics, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Homiletics. A past president of the Academy of Homiletics, he was honored for his contributions to the field of homiletics, with his particular focus on the Christological and apocalyptic aspects of preaching, the role of preaching in relation to the "principalities and powers," and contemporary homiletical theory.



FARR CURLIN NAMED 2022 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Farr Curlin, Josiah C. Trent Professor of Medical Humanities, was given the Educator of the Year Award by the Christian Medical & Dental Associations. The award is presented to Christian health care professionals who are exceptionally dedicated to providing the best education to their students, taking time to share their knowledge, and their integrity and compassion. His studies of Christian tradition regarding health and medicine led him to grapple with the history of the church and its witness in the world, and he has shown commitment to contending for good medicine and faithful practice.



KATE BOWLER NAMED "TARHEEL OF THE MONTH" AND AUTHORS *NEW YORK TIMES* BEST SELLER

Kate Bowler, associate professor of the history of Christianity in North America, climbed the *New York Times* best seller list again with her book *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*, co-written with Jessica Richie. Bowler was also named "Tarheel of the Month" in September 2022 by the *News & Observer*.



PETER CASARELLA WINS VIRGILIO ELIZONDO AWARD AND RECEIVED 2022 SABBATICAL GRANT

Professor of Theology Peter Casarella won the Virgilio Elizondo Award from the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. The award recognizes distinguished achievement in theology by the academy, which is dedicated to promoting research and critical theological reflection within the context of the U.S. Hispanic experience. He was also awarded a 2022 Sabbatical Grant for Researchers from the Louisville Institute.



RICHARD HAYS HONORED WITH 2022 BURKITT MEDAL FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES

Richard Hays, George Washington Ivey Professor Emeritus of New Testament, was awarded the 2022 Burkitt Medal for Biblical Studies by the British Academy for his internationally recognized and influential work on the Gospels, the letters of Paul, and New Testament ethics. The Burkitt Medal, established in 1923, is awarded in even-numbered years for special service to New Testament studies by the British Academy, the United Kingdom's national academy for the humanities and social sciences. In odd-numbered years, the medal is awarded for service to Hebrew Bible studies.



WYLIN WILSON RECEIVES TWO RESEARCH GRANTS

Wylin Wilson, assistant professor of theological ethics, received a Racial Inequality Research Grant from the Duke University Office of the Provost for her project “Bioethics and the Black Church: Addressing Racial Inequalities and Black Women’s Health in North America.” She was also awarded a Duke Social Science Research Institute Grant for her project “Womanist Framework for Fair Trade.”



NORBERT WILSON APPOINTED TO LEAD DUKE WORLD FOOD POLICY CENTER

Norbert L. W. Wilson, professor of food, economics, and community, was appointed as the new director of the World Food Policy Center (WFPC) and also professor of public policy in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. As of July 1, Wilson holds a joint appointment in the Sanford School and Duke Divinity School. He was also awarded a Duke Social Science Research Institute Grant for the project “Investigating the evolution and influences of spending patterns among low-income mothers receiving an unconditional cash transfer.”



NORMAN WIRZBA WINS 2022 ALDRSGATE PRIZE

Norman Wirzba, Gilbert T. Rowe Distinguished Professor of Christian Theology and senior fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, won the 2022 Aldersgate Prize from the John Wesley Honors College at Indiana Wesleyan University. He won for his book *This Sacred Life*, which advocates embracing God’s gift of life and seeking a harmonious life with creation and God. The Aldersgate Prize celebrates the outstanding achievement of an author whose scholarship challenges reductionistic trends in academia by yielding a broadly integrative analysis of life’s complexities and offering fresh illumination on ultimate questions that can enrich Christian conceptions of human flourishing.



PATRICK SMITH RECEIVES 2022 PELLEGRINO AWARD

Patrick Smith, associate research professor of theological ethics and bioethics and senior fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, received the Pellegrino Award at Samford University’s 2022 Healthcare Ethics and Law Institute’s (HEAL) annual conference in Birmingham, Ala. Patrick Smith received the award at Samford University’s 2022 Healthcare Ethics and Law Conference, which aims to encourage dialogue about pressing health care and law issues.



BRENT STRAWN NAMED DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Duke University awarded a distinguished professorship to Brent Strawn, now named Moody Smith Distinguished Professor of Old Testament. The designation is the most prestigious faculty appointment that Duke offers, recognizing both exceptional achievement and potential for future achievement. Strawn’s research focuses on ancient Near Eastern iconography, Israelite religion, biblical law, the Psalms, poetry, and Old Testament theology. He joined the Duke Divinity School faculty in 2019 and has a secondary appointment at the Duke University School of Law.

GRATITUDE FOR LEADERSHIP

Welcoming those gifted and willing to serve in academic and initiative leadership

SANGWOO KIM NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR VOCATIONAL FORMATION



Sangwoo Kim, senior director of the Methodist House of Studies, was named associate dean for vocational formation. He is responsible for providing oversight for the vocational formation of our student community, including the areas of spiritual direction/formation, community worship, field education, and student flourishing. Kim has taught theology, worship, evangelism, and Methodism at Duke, where he did his doctoral study on the embodiment of worship and prayer in Christian theology and life. He is an elder in the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and has served local churches in multicultural and cross-cultural settings.

LINDA COLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF ORMOND CENTER



Linda Coley was named executive director of the Ormond Center. She was a tenured faculty member and department chair at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and previously taught at Miami University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and University of Cincinnati. Coley is a globally recognized leader in supply chain management and ran a strategic marketing management company for 20 years. She earned an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School, a M.S. in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Michigan, an M.B.A. from Xavier University, and a Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Cincinnati.

JUNG CHOI NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR GLOBAL AND INTERCULTURAL FORMATION



Jung Choi, director of the Asian House of Studies, was named associate dean for global and intercultural formation. She oversees the school's delivery of diversity, equity, and inclusion educational engagements, as well as training and learning experiences in a variety of topics related to intercultural and international education. She leads the school's global partnerships and programs and continues to serve as the lead for the Kern Accelerated Programs.

DANIEL CASTELO NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC FORMATION



Daniel Castelo, the William Kellon Quick Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies, was named associate dean for academic formation. He continues to provide oversight and leadership as faculty director of the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition.

COLIN YUCKMAN NAMED DIRECTOR OF PRESBYTERIAN/REFORMED HOUSE OF STUDIES



Colin Yuckman, senior director of digital learning, was named the next director of the Presbyterian/Reformed House of Studies (PRHS). He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a New Testament scholar with extensive experience in both local congregational ministry and graduate theological education. He will support students' academic formation and serve as the primary liaison to denominations where our PRHS students are under care.



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To stay up-to-date with all the news, events, and stories from Duke Divinity School, subscribe to our e-newsletter News from Duke Divinity and follow our social media accounts.

OBITUARIES

With gratitude for their lives of service, dedication, and friendship to the community of Duke Divinity School



ANNE CARROLL



Anne Ewing Carroll, wife of emeritus professor Jackson Carroll, died in Durham, N.C., Dec. 9, 2022. She was 90. She was born Feb. 26, 1932 in Ellerbe, N.C., and married Jackson W. Carroll in 1954. Anne graduated

from Greensboro College, where she majored in elementary education with a minor in piano. Her career included teaching second grade at Holloway Street School in Durham and 10 years in real estate sales in Connecticut. She returned to Durham in 1993 when Jackson joined the faculty of Duke Divinity School. Anne served in leadership positions at Duke Memorial UMC and played in the handbell choir, and she served two terms as president of the Halcyon Literary Club. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, two daughters, and five grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to Croasdaile Village Benevolence Fund, Duke Memorial UMC Bell Choir, or DoctorsWithoutBorders.org. Please send your words of care and support to Jack Carroll, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, A380, Durham, N.C. 27705.

ROGER LOYD



Roger Leroy Loyd, emeritus director of Divinity Library, died in Durham, N.C., Dec. 30, 2022. He was 76. He was born July 23, 1946, in Lubbock, Texas, and received his B.A. in English from McMurry University in 1968,

his Th.M. from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1971, and a master of library science degree from the University of North Texas in 1982. He served as a United Methodist pastor at Forest Hill UMC in Amarillo and Christ UMC in Levelland, Texas, and as campus minister at the Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech University. In 1980, he became a theological librarian in Dallas, serving as associate director of the Bridwell Library at Perkins School of Theology. He served as the director of the Duke Divinity School Library from 1992 until his retirement in 2012.

Roger was an active member of Duke Memorial UMC for 30 years. He was a passionate advocate for justice and missions, serving on the missions team and as coordinator for Families Moving Forward, where he worked tirelessly to support families experiencing homelessness in Durham. In addition, he provided sermon support to the pastors, chaired the history committee, and led the digitization of the church historical records.

Roger is survived by his wife of 54 years, Leta Ruth Loyd, and a daughter and granddaughter. Memorials may be made to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church or Families Moving Forward in Durham. Words of love and prayer can be mailed to Leta Loyd, 3 Saint Andrews Court, Durham, N.C. 27707.

MARGARET WAINWRIGHT



Margaret Helen Wainwright, widow of emeritus professor Geoffrey Wainwright, died in Chapel Hill, N.C., Dec. 27, 2022. She was 87. She was born in Tonbridge, England, Sept. 10, 1935. She earned a degree in

modern languages from the University of Leeds. While working for the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute at Château de Bossey, Switzerland, Margaret met and fell in love with Geoffrey, who she went on to marry in 1965. They traveled widely, served as missionaries in Cameroon, ministered in a church in Liverpool, England, and settled in North Carolina when Geoffrey assumed a faculty position at Duke. Margaret worked at Duke University's Perkins Library and was an active volunteer for local and state organizations, including NC PATH, the Eno River Association, and the Inter-faith Council for Social Service. She is survived by three children and three grandchildren. Contributions can be made to the Nature Conservancy or Orange County Justice United in Margaret's memory. Cards may be sent to Lance and Joanna Paulman, 1124 Cambridge Oaks Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29223.

“Through the witness of people, the suffering of incarceration is meant to be shared because suffering endured alone suffocates. To isolate those who suffer is to protect the systems that cause their pain. It strains the call of the gospel.”



— REV. DR. JERUSHA MATSEN NEAL,
assistant professor of homiletics

“The Lord is your light and your salvation, and you must be confident, not in yourself but in the God that you serve. That the same God you serve will make sure that what you are working on will be completed in God’s time.”



— REV. DR. GABBY CUDJOE WILKES,
D.Min.’22, founding co-lead pastor of the
Double Love Experience church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

“When we are longing to be used by God, we are longing to receive God’s vision which is for all the people of God. We are to pray, we are to study hard, we are to raise one another up, saying, ‘Lord, speak to us.’ We are called to be united, just as Jesus calls us to be. We keep our particularities. We are not erasing our differences, but by the spirit of God, by God’s love, we become one. Not the same—but united.”



— REV. DR. JUNG CHOI, associate dean for global and
intercultural formation and director of the Asian House of Studies

“My conjecture is if we can walk humbly with God, that God chooses to walk with us. May I please tell you: The world is hungry for someone who would treat them right, show affection for the powerless, someone who comes from these ranks to tell them that everyone deserves respect.”



— REV. DR. MARCUS CROSBY, pastor of Wheeler Ave.
Baptist Church in Houston, Texas

“The good news is, God still chooses that sinner. God decided to justify him and have the tax collector experience a new relationship with the Lord.”



— ERIC EDWARDS, 3rd year M.Div. student

“God’s healing power extends to those who are overlooked. View it as an opportunity to expand God’s radical inclusivity and move toward a world that values all.”



— MATT COOPER, 3rd year M.Div. student

“We can rest in a trust that God is always for us and has plans infinitely better than we can imagine. As we pursue the work of becoming better followers of Christ, we will have to sacrifice safety, endure growing pains, make hard choices, and testify.”



— ZOE CORDES SELBIN, 3rd year M.Div. student

“Jesus calls us to stay awake, to pay attention, to prepare room for his return. One easy way is to walk with those who are hungry. ... God’s table is intended to unite, to give us a glimpse of what the great feast will be like, where no one will be hungry.”



— REV. ROBB WEBB, Th.D. student and director of the Rural Church Division of The Duke Endowment

“We act like Lamentations 3 is the hope of the book, but what if the book is hope? It is the love of God reaching. Where else can I find a God where horror and hope are held in both hands? This grief births the writer’s hope. This also I call to mind, this is what gives me hope: God’s mercy never ceases. Even here God can reach us.”



— YAZMIN SPEARMAN, 3rd year M.Div. student

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— REV. DR. SANGWOO KIM, associate dean for vocational formation and senior director of the Methodist House

“We are not meant to journey alone. To return to our communities, to share our burdens with our *gente*, that is an act of wisdom.”



— REV. DR. DAISY MACHADO, professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary



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