

DR. DAVID DOUGLAS RAHN

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2009 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

The Alumni Association of Huntington University annually recognizes one of its own for outstanding achievement or honor. The individuals who receive this award represent the ideals of Huntington University through their profession or other area of service. The 2009 Alumnus of the Year Award is presented to Dr. David Douglas Rahn.

Dr. Rahn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and religion from Huntington University in 1976. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Christian ministries from Wheaton College and a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Purdue University. Dr. Rahn serves as the vice president and chief ministry officer of Youth for Christ/USA and directs the Master of Arts program in youth ministry leadership at Huntington University. His involvement with Youth for Christ spans more than 13 years, and he has taught at the university for 22 years.

A youth ministry researcher, author, and leadership strategist, Dr. Rahn guides a team at Youth for Christ whose focus is to coach, train, resource, and serve YFC men and women from all across America. This team leads nearly 2,100 community-based relational outreach ministries for teenagers.

His latest book project is "Evangelism Remixed: Empowering Students for Courageous and Contagious Faith," co-authored with Dr. Terry Linhart and released in June 2009. Dr. Rahn has more than 80 publication credits, including numerous articles, book chapters, and five co-authored books. One of his books, "Thinking Theologically about Youth Ministry," recently was translated into Arabic. Dr. Rahn also has served as a contributing editor for both YouthWorker Journal and the Journal of Student Ministries.

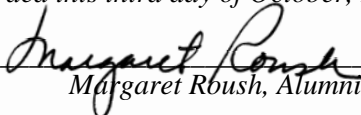
Dr. Rahn has led several research projects in the field of youth ministry, including one to determine the effectiveness of DCLA, a national conference organized by Youth Specialties. In addition, his projects have addressed discovering common qualities of student-leaders effective with outreach, assessing Protestant youth ministers in America, determining common factors in youth evangelism stories, and measuring the effectiveness of strategies by the Urban Youth Workers Institute.

After serving for several years in leadership for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ denomination, Dr. Rahn joined Pastor Luther Whitfield on the leadership team for New Covenant Worship Center, a multi-ethnic church planted in Fort Wayne during the summer of 2004.

Dr. Rahn is known for his willingness to do anything – no matter how unorthodox it may seem – to draw young people closer to Christ. He is deeply committed to finding ways to stretch, teach, and train youth workers to be more intentional, Biblically grounded, and passionate about their call to lead teenagers to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dr. David Douglas Rahn, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Huntington University Alumni Association, and in recognition of your commitment to the mission of Huntington University and its youth ministry leadership program as well as for your outstanding contributions to the youth ministry field and significant work with Youth for Christ/USA, I present you with the Huntington University Alumni Association's Alumnus of the Year Award.

Awarded this third day of October, 2009


Margaret Roush, Alumni Director