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Spotlight on Bible & Religion

The Bible & religion degree provides a solid Biblical and theological foundation for a wide variety of ministries. The major is molded around a framework of core Biblical and theological courses upon which students can create individualized areas of focus, depending upon how God has called the student.

Bible & religion majors may choose between two concentrations: Biblical studies or theological and religious studies. Additionally, Bible & religion majors are encouraged to take on optional minors that may help clarify vocational choices.

Bible and religion majors may acquire experience through field work which enable students to lead others in the interpretation of the Bible through preaching, teaching assignments, or leading Bible studies.

Students have the opportunity to study in Israel at the Jerusalem University College during their junior or senior year. Students may continue graduate study in the Huntington University Graduate School.

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BUILDING ON A SOLID CORE

Nate Wood chose Huntington University for the Christian atmosphere, strong Bible & Religion and Philosophy departments, and excellent financial aid package. After graduating from Huntington in 2006 with a double major in philosophy and religious studies, Nate continued his study of theology. As a Ph.D. student in systematic theology at Fordham University, he is a graduate assistant, aiding his supervising professor with teaching and research. Nate will teach courses independently later in the program. With a goal of becoming a college professor, Nate is gaining experience teaching other students.



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- Nate Wood ('06)

"Dr. David Woodruff's philosophy courses relied heavily on student participation and discussion," Nate said. "They taught me the importance of reading for understanding before class and gave me plenty of practice at speaking up in discussions.

"One of the difficulties of graduate theological education is participating in student-led seminars. You not only have to read a large portion of a difficult text before class, but you have to form an understanding of it and have the confidence to share it with other students."

Nate advises students to practice sharing their thoughts and ideas. "The more you talk, the more you realize that your fellow students are often just as confused and intimidated as you are, and you start to picture them as fellow travelers on the road to understanding. Before you know it, talking about the deepest mysteries of being becomes as natural as discussing last night's game."

Another way Huntington prepared Nate for graduate school was with essay exams. "In my graduate studies, there are few exams, but they are all essay exams. The practice I had as an undergraduate helped me to excel on my graduate exams."

Nate also became prepared for teaching students by tutoring in philosophy.

"Huntington provided me with a solid grounding in the Bible, Christian history, theology, ethics and philosophy, all areas that are essential to my current work," he said. "I ended up attending one of the best seminaries in the country. I've been in seminars with students from universities and colleges across the country, and I've never felt that my education was inferior to theirs. I moved easily through my Master of Theological Studies and straight into a good doctoral program. There's no doubt that Huntington has the potential to prepare students to excel in some of the best graduate theology programs in the country." ■

Faculty & Staff

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Huntington University's newly-launched Institute for TESOL Studies has hired **Mrs. Valerie Geer** as associate director. TESOL stands

for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. In her new position, Geer has designed courses for the TESOL/English as a New Language (ENL) programs and selected textbooks and library holdings related to the TESOL field. Her other tasks will include raising awareness about the institute, networking with organizations and agencies that work with ENL populations, communicating with current and prospective students, and teaching the Foundations of TESOL course.

Prof. Jim O'Donnell, associate professor of business and executive-in-residence, gave a strategic planning presentation Sept. 25 to the joint boards of MarkleBank and Grabill Bank. In addition, O'Donnell had a radio interview on Oct. 5 with Mark Mellinger, host of "1090 Today" on Christian radio station WFCV. Mellinger also serves as an anchor on WANE-TV.

Dr. Todd Martin, professor of English, recently presented his paper, "'To have her Home and Leave it too': Katherine Mansfield and her Middle Class Values," at a Katherine Mansfield Symposium. The symposium took place in the south of France where Mansfield lived for a time as an expatriate from New Zealand. In attendance were the New Zealand ambassador to France and numerous notable Mansfield scholars.

Dr. Jack Heller, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Deconstructing Hypocrisy with Shakespeare Behind Bars" on Oct. 3 at the Shakespeare Connects Conference, hosted by Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich.

On Sept. 15, WBOI 89.1 featured Senior Leadership Team members **Mr. Jeff Berggren**, **Dr. Ron Coffey** and **Dr. Ann McPherran** on the station's weekly Midday Matters program with a theme of "Focus on Finance." The group discussed issues

and opportunities facing Huntington University. Topics included student demographics, academic programs, market distinctives and athletic programming.

Dr. Dave Rahn was named the Huntington University Alumnus of the Year during the 2009 Homecoming ceremonies. Rahn, a 1976 graduate, 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. He was lauded for "his commitment to the mission of Huntington University and its youth ministry leadership program as well as for his outstanding contributions to the youth ministry field and significant work with Youth for Christ/USA." A youth ministry researcher, author and leadership strategist, 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.

Recipients of the Huntington University Peer Award for the month of October are **Dr. Rick Upchurch** and **Mr. Jeremy Rufener**. **Dr. Margaret Winter**, director of nursing, passed the Peer Award to Upchurch who serves as director of the EXCEL Adult Degree Programs and has been with the university for one year. **Mr. Nate Perry**, director of undergraduate admissions, passed the Peer Award to Rufener who is a field representative for the Office of Advancement and has been with the university for five years.

Huntington University instructor **Mr. Phil Schurger** presented a guitar recital on Oct. 8 at the Merillat Centre for the Arts. Schurger completed a Bachelor of Arts program at Northern Illinois University in 2003. He earned a Master of Music in jazz guitar, composition and electronic music from Northern Illinois University in 2004. Schurger has been an instructor of guitar at Huntington University since 2005. The Phil Schurger Group, a collective of musicians, draws strong influence from the jazz tradition. In 2007, the Phil Schurger Group released two albums, "Motion" and "The Black Hat." They will return to the studio this fall to record another set of Schurger originals.

LIFESPING OPENS

Free clinic staffed by grad students

The Huntington University Graduate School has opened LifeSpring Counseling Center, a free counseling clinic on the university's campus.

The clinic is staffed by students in the graduate school's Master of Arts in counseling program and supervised by the program's director, Dr. Jerry E. Davis.

LifeSpring Counseling Center accepts donations, but the counseling sessions are free. The hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The counseling center is open to the public and serves individuals, couples, families and children.



Play therapy is available for children. The center is also equipped to address the needs of adults who have drug and alcohol addictions.

In addition, LifeSpring will offer therapy groups as common needs are determined. These may address issues such as support for the unemployed, adult children of alcoholics and survivors of abuse as well as anger management.

Graduate counseling students Joel Harris and Lisa Wanner have a conversation in a counseling room in the new LifeSpring Counseling Center.

The center's name and mission are based on Proverbs 4:23: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Teaching people how to guard their hearts is a passion for Davis.

"The idea was to help people take care of their hearts," he said. "With the difficulties we face in today's society and the pressures in relationships, we wanted to provide a safe outlet for the community. Our counselors can assist clients with setting boundaries, learning new skills, and generally understanding how to guard their hearts."

Currently, there are seven students counseling clients at LifeSpring. All sessions are videotaped for supervision purposes.

"This is to the benefit of the client," Davis explained. "I can see what is going on and be directly involved in their treatment."

LifeSpring Counseling Center is located at 479 Campus St., Huntington. It is the second house east of Kids Kampus. With questions or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 454-5500. ■

Sports Highlights For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit www.huntington.edu/athletics.

Hosting its annual Homecoming E. DeWitt Baker Invitational on Oct. 3, both Forester cross country teams captured first place finishes.

The golf team was second after round one of the Bethel College Invitational and improved with an even better Saturday round to finish second with a score of 599 on Sept. 26.

Looking to defend their 2008 doubles' title, **Gonzalo and Martin Vivas** put together a fantastic MCC tournament performance to repeat as the 2009 MCC Men's #1 Doubles Tennis Champions on Oct. 10.

Having advanced three singles players and two sets of doubles players to the semifinals, the women's tennis team placed fifth in the MCC tourney on Oct. 10.

A game against Bethel in which the women's soccer team scored first ended in a 1-1 tie after two extra periods on Oct. 10.

In a men's soccer game, the Bethel Pilots came up with the 3-1 win over the Foresters on Oct. 7.

Outlasting the Crimson Wave in game one 28-26, the volleyball team went on to win the next two games (25-20, 25-21) for the

three-game sweep over Calumet College of St. Joseph on Oct. 9.

Eric Ade, a former Huntington University runner and now the Bishop Dwenger High School cross country coach, ran onto Parkview Field and, on a rising tide of cheers, crashed through the tape to win the Fort-4-Fitness half-marathon in 1 hour, 11 minutes and 47.4 seconds on Sept. 26.



Around Campus

Huntington University's Student Senate hosted a 43rd birthday party for Lake Sno-Tip on Saturday, Oct. 10. One of the two men for whom the lake is named, **Mr. Gene Snowden**, the guest of honor, arrived by helicopter. The helicopter was flown by its owner, **Mr. Junior Geiger**, a member of the university's Board of Trustees. Following Snowden's arrival, Sodexo served dinner. After dinner, Huntington University students participated in raft races on the lake. Lake Sno-Tip, established in 1966, was named in honor of **Mr. Gene Snowden** and **Mr. Floyd L. "Bill" Tipmore**. Tipmore served as the director of development and public relations for the college. Snowden is a past member of the Huntington University Board of Trustees.

The Huntington University Enterprise Resource Center, in collaboration with Coffee D'Vine, will host four résumé workshops for displaced workers or for those who need assistance updating their résumés. All of the following workshops will be held at Coffee D'Vine, 44 Vine St., Huntington:

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to noon
- Wednesday, Oct. 21, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to noon
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 4 to 6 p.m.

The workshops are free, but all participants need to register in advance by calling the Enterprise Resource Center at (260) 359-4104.

The Huntington University Foundation honored **Mrs. Emmaline "Emmy" Purviance Henn** with the Distinguished Service Award at its annual dinner on Sept. 28. The foundation established this award in 2002 to recognize individuals or organizations that embody the principles associated with the mission of Huntington University. Recipients give substance and credence to the university's beliefs, serve as effective role models for students and receive recognition for the

tremendous contribution they make to the Huntington County community. Henn was honored for her "outstanding leadership and service in Huntington County."

HuntingtonPolitics.com and Huntington University are teaming up to sponsor the Indiana State Senate District 17 town hall forum at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the university's Merillat Centre for the Arts. The forum will include Whitley County Councilman Mr. Jim Banks, Huntington resident and Coffee D'Vine owner Mr. Ron Fusselman, and Huntington County Commission President Mr. Tom Wall, as well as any candidate that is announced prior to the forum. **Dr. Dwight Brautigam**, professor of history and chair of the Department of History and Political Science, will host the event, with Mr. Gary Snyder and Mr. Kris Underwood, both of HuntingtonPolitics.com, acting as the candidate moderator and the audience moderator, respectively. Hoosieraccess.com will provide a live video web cast of the event.

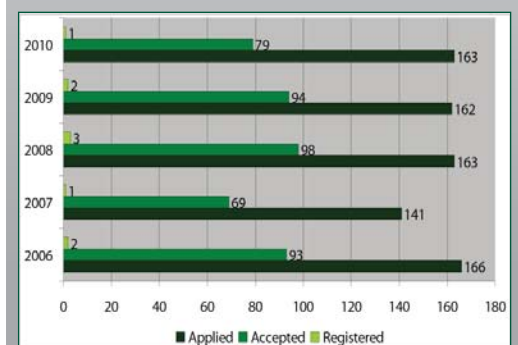
STAR 88.3 and Huntington University have partnered to present "Reach," an evening of music and message with the Newsboys at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, at Fort Wayne's Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. "Reach" partners with local radio stations, community ministries and neighborhood churches to bring the Gospel message to towns across America and beyond. This ministry is wrapped up in a Newsboys concert that includes a Gospel presentation followed by a call for new believers to connect with a local church. Seventh Day Slumber, Meinmotion, Bread of Stone and In Honor of Him will join the Newsboys for "Reach's" Fort Wayne event. No tickets are needed for "Reach." A suggested donation of \$10 will be taken at the door, although no one will be turned away for the inability to give. Organizers also will collect nonperishable food items for the Associated Churches Food Bank.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

The Advancement staff concluded an eventful couple of weeks with Homecoming, the fall PACE meeting and the annual HU Foundation dinner. In addition, October will include the fall meetings of the Board of Trustees, the annual fall student phonathon and the HU Foundation Fund Drive. Along with these activities, the Advancement staff continues in the leadership phase of *The Campaign for Huntington University*. To date, the campaign has raised \$8.6 million in gifts and pledges. Huntington University greatly appreciates the gifts given by alumni and friends.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

The chart below summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2010 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.



Newsboys with John James (far left)

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN



Dr. Norris Friesen
Vice President and Dean of Huntington University

A decade has passed since I was asked to chair the Diversity Task Force, a committee that discussed how we could form a more diverse campus community. Our final report recommended several initiatives toward becoming that diverse campus. Today, the Diversity Task Force has become a standing committee, indicating our ongoing commitment to this goal; we have established the Horizon Leadership Program that each year recruits top urban and minority students. Arthur Wilson staffs a position dedicated to safeguarding a communication climate for students of every ethnicity. Five percent of the student body and five percent of the faculty come from racial and ethnic minority groups.

It's a good start. The question now is whether we

have the spiritual fortitude to continue the race beyond standing committees and five percent benchmarks. At Huntington University, we seek to be a community that values unity in diversity, a community where all individuals are viewed as being uniquely created in the image of God and capable of making valuable contributions to the campus and broader Huntington community. As President Dowden said so eloquently in his State of the University address, God's desire for diversity is summarized in Galatians 3:27-28 where the Apostle Paul states, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." God's intent for us is very direct and inclusive. So, why is it such a challenge for us to become the diverse community we seek to be?

Martin Luther King's "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" was written in response to the request by white church leaders for more patience and time by the African-American community in seeking change. King's rejection of this gradualism resulted in the civil rights movement and eventually the passage of the Civil Rights Amendment. In the book "A Many Colored Kingdom: Multicultural Dynamics for Spiritual Formation," the authors note with regret that the broader Christian community doesn't seem bothered by the lack of diversity. Christians of

every race and language need to feel restless with the continued segregation of our neighborhoods, our income levels, our prison percentages, our schools and our churches on Sunday mornings. At Huntington University, we are committed to that godly restlessness.

In the book, "A Many Colored Kingdom," the Yale University theologian Miroslav Volf identifies the core issue when he is quoted as saying:

"Baptism into Christ creates a people as the differentiated body of Christ. Bodily inscribed differences are brought together, not removed. The Pauline move is not from the particularity of the body to the universality of the spirit, but from separated bodies to the community of interrelated bodies—the one body in the Spirit with many discrete members." Volf concludes by saying, "It is imperative that all of us give ourselves to others and welcome them, to readjust our identities to make space for them" (page 10).

Diversity adds depth to the body of Christ—and to Huntington University. We don't want to be diverse to be diverse, but to reflect the multi-faceted Kingdom of God—which is diverse. We want to care about what God cares about. I look forward to a great year pondering the question of what it means to be a diverse, Christ-centered institution.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct./Nov. campus calendar			14 M Soccer/4 pm	15 Board of Trustees Fall Meeting Golf/9 am	16 Board of Trustees Fall Meeting Golf/10 am Divine Hours/11 am Volleyball/3 & 5 pm	17 Volleyball/10 am & 2 pm Cross Country/11 am M Soccer/2 pm W Soccer/4 pm
18	19 Mid-Semester Break	20 Mid-Semester Break M Soccer/7:30 pm	21 Breast Cancer Awareness Week W Soccer/4 pm Volleyball/7 pm Midnight Study Break	22 Breast Cancer Awareness Week M Soccer/3 pm Forester Lecture Series/7 pm	23 Breast Cancer Awareness Week Divine Hours/11 am Artist Reception/6 pm	24 Cross Country/noon Volleyball/1 pm W Soccer/7 pm
25	26 Breast Cancer Awareness Week	27 Breast Cancer Awareness Week W Soccer/4 pm	28 Breast Cancer Awareness Week Volleyball/7 pm	29	30 Divine Hours/11 am Junior Recital/7:30 pm	31
1	2 Volleyball/7 pm	3	4	5 Volleyball/7 pm	6 Divine Hours/11 am Volleyball/7 pm Senior Recital/7:30pm	7 Women's Basketball Alumni Game/3 pm
8	9	10	11 Foundation Breakfast/ 7:45 am All-Area Music Student Recital/4 pm			