



VITAL CONNECTIONS

For decades, we've asked students what led them to Moravian Seminary. Students consistently tell us that alumni—their stories and encouragement—drew them to MTS. We celebrate those vital connections in this article through conversations woven together between a recent MACC-MSW grad, Dewey Mullis '18, and his mentor, recently consecrated, Bishop Carol Foltz '78 MDiv.

Carol Foltz '78 & Dewey Mullis '18

Carol: I met Dewey Mullis when I became a pastor at Friedland Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC, in 2001. He was in elementary school, and I remember him as a snazzy dresser.

Dewey: My first memory of Pastor Carol is the day she was installed at Friedland. I was sitting in the balcony with my grandmother, and I thought it was cool that we were getting a new pastor!

C: Dewey was a very engaging young person who would have conversations with me at the meal table. Over the years we had conversations about his struggle with anxiety and found some creative ways for him to learn to cope with the anxiety. During confirmation training, Dewey was deeply moved to make a response of faith in Christ that took hold. It was an amazing group where God's Spirit was very present. I encouraged and guided him as his pastor in this experience as he developed and led this mission program.

D: Pastor Carol's encouragement and affirmation came at the two most important times of my life thus far. Starting at the end of 8th grade and continuing today, I had struggled with severe anxiety and panic attacks. Pastor Carol met with me formally, informally, and just for check-ins on countless occasions. Her radiant compassion



offered me a sense of calm in my personal storms. She offered both scripture and technique for understanding and coping with my anxieties. The one that lingers is a small stone she offered as a soothing and distracting tool. When anxiety came, I was to rub the stone and notice the details in its surface while also rubbing away my fears. I still use this 12 years later.

Pastor Carol was also there during one of the brightest times of my life: my first call from God. I was at summer camp when I started to notice something happening inside me. My mindset, my heart, and my spirit were being molded for a brand new chapter of my life. I was feeling an overwhelming call to service in some capacity. There were other close friends from Friedland and other youth groups who felt the same. While other adults suggested we were too young and needed to take more time to figure this out, Pastor Carol joined our excitement! I certainly credit her and a handful of other individuals for helping keep our spark alive through some of the most developmentally crucial times of our young adult lives. Because that flame never died, I'm sitting here today as a graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary and preparing to start a career of service to those who are incarcerated.

C: Dewey let me be his pastor. He would always talk to me as a person rather than as an "adult." I was with him for 14 years and through those years we became friends as well as pastor/parishioner. I am greatly encouraged by his development as a Christian and a counselor with a passion for serving God in the prison system.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

Crossroads Lay Leadership Program & St. John's UCC Allentown

The Rev. Wendy L. Williams, retired clergywoman and member of St John's UCC Allentown, writes about the impact Crossroads Contextual Outreach course had on her and her church community in Allentown, PA.



“Our hearts weren’t open to the children at Central Elementary School a little over three years ago, but today we couldn’t live without them and we believe that their lives, too, are different because we are in them.”

— Rev. Wendy L. Williams

In the fall of 2014, a team of three lay leaders and our pastor took the Crossroads Contextual Outreach class at Moravian Theological Seminary taught by Dr. Jill Peters. In that course, we thoroughly studied the make-up, trends, and demographics of our St. John’s neighborhood. We walked the streets to see where people hung out and interviewed everyone we met. We sought out people in the small, family-owned restaurant a block away and at city hall, in the drug and alcohol rehab place right next door, at the library, at the hair salon, and at the playground. We wanted to learn everything we could about our community to see what ministries God might be calling us to do. Several areas of need rose to the surface as a result of our study, but we felt most compelled to become involved in the lives of the children at Central Elementary School, and St. John’s became one of Central’s Community Partners.

We have monthly donations for Central. One month it was sneakers, in children’s sizes, in white, black, or blue. We were able to give 21 new pairs of sneakers to the children at Central. Another month was “socks and undies” month. We’ve long since overcome our shyness about saying “undies” in church. It’s a real thing, and it’s a need that isn’t being met in some of these children’s lives. We collected 138 pairs of socks and 107 pairs of underwear. This month it’s soap. We collect winter jackets in the fall, and school uniforms in the summer. When we began these monthly donations, we invited the children in the congregation to collect the designated items during the regular offering time and put them in the big “Central Box” in the front of the sanctuary—the one that’s decorated with drawings and notes from the students.

At first, there was some concern about placing too much emphasis on our ministry with Central for fear it would detract from our other local missions. But, as is the case with giving, it never divides. It always multiplies. And multiply it did. Becoming involved with Central has only created more awareness of and participation in all of our missions.

About a handful of our members are regular volunteers at Central, going into the same classroom on a regular basis to read a book to the class and, often, assist the teacher with a follow-up activity. Some of our volunteers are math or reading tutors, working with students at all grade levels, some even as young as kindergarten. These volunteers, also facilitate family nights, such as Science Night or a Book Blast.

Each one of our volunteers will tell you how much fun they have and how worthwhile their time with the children is at Central. They will tell you stories about their interactions with the children. They will speak with passion about the needs of the children, and you’ll be able to sense the depths of their conviction to creating a better, safer, more equal world in which the children can grow into all that they’re meant to be. Bonds are formed easily and treasured mightily. The children run up to greet you with shouts of your name, smiles, laughter all around, and hugs that could hold for days. In their lives, we are an adult who cares about them. That gives them a building block that they might not otherwise have had. I think each one of the volunteers would say that they felt like they got more out of their interaction with the children than what they gave. We give very little, yet we get so much more in return. Δ

**CROSSROADS UPCOMING
FALL & SPRING CLASSES**

Learn more about the Crossroads Lay Leadership Program and its upcoming classes at moravianseminary.edu/crossroads. You can also contact Jill Peters directly at petersj@moravian.edu or 610-861-1616.

RETIREMENT REFLECTIONS

Rev. Dr. Chris Nelson



On June 30, 2018, we wished “happy retirement” to Rev. Dr. Christine Nelson for championing the Seminary’s Advancement and Alumni programs for the past five years. We invited Chris to share her thoughts about working closely with alumni and friends of Moravian Seminary.

My work at the Seminary gave me a sense of completion around my ministry. I was trained, went out and did ministry in a variety of settings for 40 years, and then was blessed to play a small role in listening to the vocational dreams of the current generation of faith-filled folk. I appreciated the many students, alumni, and friends of the Seminary who extended a warm welcome and shared their ministry and faith journeys with me. Their stories expanded my understanding of how God works in our lives and world. I feel privileged to have been entrusted with these important pieces of their lives.

I hope I was able to broaden perceptions around giving and development. I truly believe development, stewardship, giving in the church, and in the world is about providing opportunities for people to support things they believe in and have energy for.

I give thanks that the Seminary is a passion for so many, and in these five years, together we raised nearly half a million for endowed scholarship funds, another \$135,600 in new financial aid, established 5 new scholarships and 3 new prizes, and 18 people named MTS in their will. It is satisfying work to know you have aided someone in making a gift that is meaningful to them and then seeing those gifts directly help very capable students prepare for their ministries.

I look forward in retirement to having the time and space to read, to play, to explore things that I did not make time for previously. I will do some traveling, including a mix of purposeful mission trips and leisure exploration of countries new to me. I leave with memories of wonderful people, a full heart, and ongoing curiosity about our world. Δ

Rev. Jane Williams Ph. D.



This May 2018 found Jane Williams transitioning from an 8-year tenure at Moravian Seminary to emeritus professor and retired life. We invited her to reflect on the past 8 years of work at the Seminary:

It has been amazing to have been part of the MACC program and the larger Seminary community

that honored the sacred dimension of our personal and vocational lives. It has been particularly rewarding to have introduced wary students to pilgrimage and other spiritual practices and to have seen many embrace what they had previously mistrusted. Seeing students in all degree programs grow, change, and be transformed by what they were learning and practicing at MTS has been priceless.

In addition, updating the MACC curriculum to meet LPC licensure and incorporating contemplative pedagogy into the MACC program as a means of facilitating spiritual integration, self-awareness, and mastery of counseling skills were rewarding projects. I am also proud of gaining tenure and asserting in that process that work with the institution of the church is a form of scholarship unique and valuable in a Seminary faculty

As I contemplated retirement, I was concerned that without conscious intention I could lose my professional identity and my social connections with others. I have been delighted to be asked to offer presentations, workshops, and retreats in subjects I love, such as holding hope in despair and the labyrinth as a tool for healing. I will be continuing a small spiritual direction and counseling practice out of my home office. I look forward to learning more skills in jewelry design, getting reacquainted with books that have been sitting on my shelf for too long, traveling to visit friends, weeding my garden, and perhaps trying a short pilgrimage.

I'd like to say thank you to faculty colleagues for your support, collaboration, and trust in me these past years. You are awesome in your care for students and your dedication to your work. I have treasured our time shared. Thank you also to administration and support staff for all the things you do to support faculty and students and the many areas of need in the Seminary. You amaze me with how you keep things running smoothly while at the same time juggling six balls in the air. Adjuncts, thank you for your work with students in teaching, reaching out, and offering real world experiences to them. Thank you, students, for sharing your lives with me and for letting me share eight incredibly fulfilling years with you. Blessings to all of you. I will miss you. Buen Camino! Δ

FACULTY ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Riddick Weber, Pastoral Ministry

Riddick conducted research related to his doctoral dissertation during his sabbatical during Fall 2017 and will be presenting the results in a paper at the Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music in the Fall 2018. He also served on the planning committee for the 2018 Southern Province Synod, and was heavily involved with the community committee once synod was in session. In June, he represented Moravian Seminary at the celebration of the 25-year partnership of the Moravians and Lutherans in Tirana, Albania (a country north of Greece). He spent two weeks in Albania supporting the work of the joint ministry of the six churches there. Lay-pastor leader, Dena Fortuzi, who has been taking classes at MTS via distance ed for the past year, coordinated Riddick's stay, which included participation at their youth camp, communion and worship leadership, visiting historical sites, meeting leaders at four of the six churches in Albania, and engaging with members of the congregations.

Barbara Martell, Formative Spirituality

In October 2017, Barb gave a presentation with Michaelene Ross on *Spirituality of Illness* for the Spiritual Directors of the Greater Lehigh Valley. The talk explored viewing illness as potential for individual and communal transformation, not as a condition of limitation or victimhood.

Marcella Kraybill-Greggo, Formative Spirituality

In February, Marcella presented a Lenten Evening on the Practices of a Wisdom Way of Knowing at Central Moravian Church. In April, she presented a talk on the Wisdom Way of Knowing for Spiritual Directors to the Spiritual Directors of the Bryn Mawr area. And in early June, she participated as a Member on the Board of Northeast Wisdom.

Craig Atwood, Moravian Theology & History

Craig co-chaired, with Deborah Appler, the recent accreditation process for the Seminary, shepherding the research and writing of the 140 page self-study. He published the lead article for the most recent issue of the *The Hinge*, titled, "**Why All the Fuss: The Moravian Discussion of Homosexuality in Historical Context.**" In the article Craig reviews the history of varied understandings of sexuality among Christians from the NT to the present. He charts different perspectives on a scale from Sex Negative to Sex Positive and includes attitudes toward marriage, polygamy, and other aspects of human sexuality. Over Memorial Day weekend, he led the Moravian Florida District Retreat on the history of the Moravian Church in North America, the fourth year of a five-year program. This year his talk included contemporary challenges facing the Southern Province and the Florida District, especially racism and immigration. Along with Frank Crouch and Riddick Weber, Craig was a delegate to the Southern Province synod in April. He was author or co-author/sponsor of ten proposals to synod, half of which were passed as resolutions.

Deborah Appler, Hebrew Bible

Deborah authored three publications this past year. She published “**Creating Safe Sanctuaries: Reading King David’s Last Days (1Kings 1-2) through the Lens of Elder Abuse**” in *Bridging the Divide between Bible and Practical Theology*, edited by Denise Dombkowski Hopkins and Michael Koppel. In the same resource, Deb and co-author Sharon Brown published “**Digging Below the Surface. Uncovering Microaggressions as an act of Atonement.**” And with several co-authors, she published “**Have We Found Naboth’s Vineyard at Jezreel?**” in the November/December 2017 issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review* 43(6). Deborah also gave a presentation in absentia at the 2018 North American Academy of Liturgy, entitled, “**God’s Judgment or Justice? The concept of Mishpat in the Hebrew Scriptures of Expanded Advent.**”

Nelson Rivera, Theology

Nelson published an article in the January/February issue of the on-line *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, entitled “**Freedom in Reading Scripture.**” The article examines the steps that Martin Luther took in interpreting Scripture anew, focusing on the ways in which he brought his own struggles and existential angst (Anfechtung) to bear on his take on the text. In addition, he presented a lecture on **Darwin and Divinity** at the Institute for Religion and Science at Chestnut Hill College in April. The lecture introduced Darwin’s struggles with faith and his changing views on questions of religion, especially in the context of his evolving views on nature and questions of theodicy. Also in April, he gave an abridged presentation of the same topic during the Moravian College Faculty Luncheon, sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

Michelle Santiago, Clinical Counseling

In June, Michelle was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Wolf to the **State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors**. In addition, she became part of the **Counselor Education Cooperative**, a co-op of 11 universities as well as Moravian Seminary to adopt and collect norming data for the first version of the Counselor Education Comprehensive Examination (CECE). She was selected to be one of 32 attendees from across the nation to participate in the **2018 Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologists**. And she was one of 6 interdivisional liaisons of the **APA Master’s Training Issue Task Group**. The group made recommendations to the APA that the Council support pursuing accreditation of master’s level programs in psychology.

Timothy Luckritz-Marquis, New Testament

In late June 2018, Tim accepted the position of Instructional Designer at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. In his announcement to the Moravian Seminary Community, Tim wrote:

“First, all the good news: I will put into greater practice the work I have done (in collaboration with all my wonderful colleagues at Moravian) with online and hybrid education. I will have an opportunity to continue teaching, mostly online. Most importantly, I will be working in Richmond and will come home to my family every night. At times, I will ride my bike to work. Christie and I are so grateful, relieved, and happy for this change, which will mark the end of my itinerant professorship.

I am so grateful for my time as a member of the Seminary family. Over nine years, I’ve begun my career, taught courses, helped revise curricula, advised and read awesome theses and projects, watched people begin amazing ministries and careers, drank way too much coffee, written a book, had two kids, moved three times, and become what I have come to call a “Moravian Catholic.” This amazing place has supported every single thing I’ve ever wanted to try, both professionally and personally, from my research, to my teaching, to the travel situation that lasted five of my nine years here.

Most importantly, I have been formed by the Seminary’s gift for community building and fearless hospitality. And I hope to carry these gifts to my new callings. Moravian Theological Seminary is an amazing place. It has great people because it attracts great people. I am fortunate to know you all and look forward to watching the amazing things you do and will do. (Friend me on Facebook!)”

We will sorely miss Tim and wish him all the best in Richmond.



NEW BEGINNINGS

2018 Commencement Honors 27 Graduates

Our 211th academic year came to a close when 27 graduates received degrees and certificates at the Seminary Commencement Service on Saturday afternoon, May 12, 2018. On the night before the graduation service, the SEC hosted a cookout for seniors and their families in the College Hill Fellowship Hall. The good food and fellowship were topped off with a slideshow, gift giving, and a rap by Becky Sausser (MDiv).



Rev. Dr. Jane Williams

For our Seminary graduates and faculty, the weekend included a new unified, campus-wide Commencement Ceremony held on Saturday morning where graduates of all the schools of Moravian College were conferred degrees. The Seminary graduation service followed the unified Commencement and was held at College Hill Moravian Church, providing a welcoming and intimate space for celebration. **Rev. Dr. Jane Williams**, Professor of Clinical Counseling and Chair, MACC Program, who retired at the end of the school year, gave the Commencement address, “Living and Leaving with Hope.” Elected by his fellow graduates, **Leonard Lightner** (Hellertown, PA) delivered a powerful Senior Address that focused on perseverance and community. Leonard graduated with the Master of Arts in Theological Studies.



Leonard Lightner

Other MATS graduates included **Maggie Donohue** (Bethlehem); **Micah Leonard** (York, PA); **Vanessa Romero** (Breinigsville, PA), who graduated with distinction (GPA of 3.9+); **David Schappert** (Wilkes-Barre, PA); **Naomi Solomon** (Bethel Village, Tobago); and **Mia White** (Allentown, PA), who completed her second degree from MTS after earning an MDiv in 2010.

The first to receive degrees in the new Master of Arts in Chaplaincy program were **Elrica Adams-Finney** (Easton, PA) and **Rebecca Stump** (Hellertown, PA).

Graduating with the Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling were **Jessie Holden** (Tawas City, MI), **Elijah Irving** (Plainfield, NJ), **Noelia Ortiz-Lightner** (Hellertown, PA), **Jennifer Willever** (Richlandtown, PA), and **Dewey Mullis** (Winston-Salem, NC), who completed the MACC-MSW dual degree program in partnership with Marywood University.

The Master of Divinity graduates included **Kim Adamson** (Schuylkill Haven, PA), **Andrew Craver** (East Bend, NC), and **James Heroux** (Sturgeon Bay, WI).

Completing the Spiritual Direction Graduate Certificate were **Kristy Christian-Petrow** (Bethlehem), **Jennifer Denlinger** (Bethlehem Township, PA), and **Maryann Kearns** (Bethlehem). **Sharon Frye** (Weatherly, PA) completed the Formative Spirituality Graduate Certificate.

Another new program, the one-year Spiritual Direction Certificate Intensive program, graduated students from across the country and around the globe: **Robert Janis-Dillon** (Merseyside, UK), **Jeanine Jones** (Asheville, NC), **Lisa Persons** (Decatur, GA), **Pamela Robertson** (Summit, NJ), **Heather Ruce** (San Diego, CA), and **Glen Stoudt** (Ottawa, Ontario), who is also a 1977 MDiv alumni and served on the MTS faculty from 2004-2009.

During the service a moment of silence was held to honor Audrey Rafferty, a student in the Spiritual Direction program who lost her life in 2017 in a tragic car accident. Students, faculty, friends, and family of Audrey have set up a scholarship fund in her honor to support students in the Formative Spirituality program.

Following the service, graduates, students, faculty, staff, friends, and families gathered in the Saal for a reception. Please join us in congratulating the MTS Class of 2018! We look forward to their unfolding ministries. Δ



MACC graduates Jennifer Willever and Jessie Holden

First MACH graduates Elrica Adams-Finney and Rebecca Stump



The Moravian Theological Seminary Choir sings the anthem, "Where You Need Me I Will Go," as part of the 2018 Commencement Service: (from L to R) Timothy Naisby MDiv, Rebecca Stump '18 MACH, Prof. Riddick Webber Assoc. Prof. of Pastoral Ministry, Cristy Potter Kass MDiv, James Heroux '18 MDiv, Rebecca Sausser MDiv, Kim Adamson '18 MDiv



Prof. Tim Luckritz Marquis hoods Margaret Donohue '18 MATS. This service was the last at which the Seminary will have Tim acting as Marshall. He took a new position at Virginia Commonwealth University that began in June. (See Faculty Activities Beyond the Classroom, p. 4-5, for more.)

2018 COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

- The **Cora Doster Moses Memorial Homiletics Prize** is granted to a member of the graduating class of Moravian Theological Seminary for the best work done in preaching and practical pulpit work: **Elrica Adams-Finney MACH.**
- The **J. Taylor Hamilton Biblical Language Prize** is awarded for the best work in Hebrew: **Timothy Naisby '19 MDiv.**
- The **Herman T. Frueauff Memorial Prize in Moravian History** is awarded for outstanding class work and research in the field of Moravian history: **Vanessa Romero MATS.**
- The **Faculty Academic Prize** recognizes high academic standing and superior creative scholarship: **Vanessa Romero MATS.**
- The **Barbara Martin Stout Counseling Prize** is awarded to an MACC candidate with outstanding academic achievement and professional development in counseling: **Jessie Holden MACC.**
- The **Rochelle N. Pavlov Santiago MACC Prize** is awarded to an MACC candidate whose clinical practice led to the improvement of the mental health and well-being of the disenfranchised, the underserved, and the less privileged: **Elijah Irving MACC.**
- The **Henry Gerdson Memorial Prize** recognizes intellectual, personal, and professional growth, as well as a commitment to involvement in the MTS community: **Dewey Mullis MACC-MSW.**
- The **Rev. Elmer Bender Memorial Award** recognizes a graduate preparing for ministry in the Moravian Church with exemplary qualities of leadership and integrity: **Andrew Craver MDiv**
- The **John David Bishop Memorial Prize** awarded to an MDiv candidate with superior record in scholarship, development of personality suited to ministry, and effective participation in Seminary activities: **James Heroux MDiv.**



Graduates who participated in the 2018 Seminary Commencement Service.

BOOK REVIEW BY DEAN FRANK CROUCH

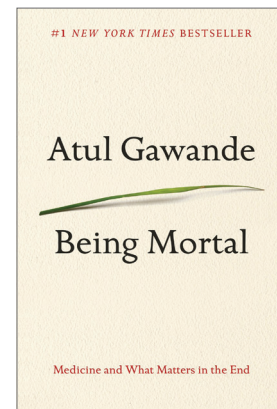
Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End

Years ago I heard of a family fight between an adult son and his aging mother. Twice each day the mother navigated stairs between her bedroom and the first floor by sitting and slowly bumping one step at a time all the way down or back up. “You need to move. What if there’s a fire?” said the son. She replied, “There probably won’t be.” An impasse: his anxiety over safety; her insistence on independence; his focus on increasing limitations; hers on remaining capabilities—with no clear way to settle which values or realities best determine what to do.

The book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* (2014) by Dr. Atul Gawande insightfully explores many dimensions of the reality that “we are all aging from the day we are born. One may even come to understand and accept this fact . . . But that’s not the same as saying one knows how to cope with what cannot be mended” (p. 8). The focus that ties the book together centers on the observation that American society has handed the process of dying over to the medical profession. This profession, by training, excels at fixing illness but remains significantly unprepared to provide guidance through the inescapably mortal elements of our bodies and our lives. Gawande follows the resulting implications into the examining rooms, operating rooms, living rooms, homes, and care facilities in which mortality sooner or later makes itself known to us all.

His book prepares readers to work through the overall complexities and the individual particularities we face at the end of life or, in many cases, the end of “life as we knew it.” Chapters move through relationships between self, family, and community as one ages; descriptions of the physiology of aging and the difficulties of finding good geriatric care; the difficulties, too, of finding assisted living facilities that focus on “life” within aging lives. Stories abound of different ways people discern paths among the mazes of conflicting values and make their own tradeoffs between health, safety, independence, privacy, and engagement with the larger world. He unflinchingly speaks the hard questions we must ask and answer in order to help ourselves, our loved ones, and those otherwise under our care through the challenges that test our mortal bodies and change our identity and abilities.

Being Mortal is not a traditionally spiritual or theological book, but Gawande decries the fact that “medical professionals concentrate on repair of health, not sustenance of the soul” (p. 128). The book offers a graceful bridge for uniting a core component of faith with a core challenge of all stages of life—discovering what matters for living the most life we can live in the finite time we have on this earth. Δ



Mullis & Foltz Cont.

D: *She has always been an advocate for me, and I hope I can return the same for her. Additionally, I hope that she realizes how her activity in my life led me to where I am today, and that she can take some credit as a reflection of her pastoral and personal character.*

After I left for college, Pastor Carol and I saw each other and spoke less, but her influence remained. We would have casual conversations about how college was going, where I saw myself, and how I felt God leading me. She always offered her insight as to where she saw God leading me, but not once do I recall her recommending I should go to Seminary. I think she already knew I would end up there. So, when she got the news, she didn't seem surprised. She was her typical jolly, gracious self as she congratulated me and offered words of celebration and encouragement.

C: I wanted him to enroll as an MDIV student, but he had other ideas. He was intrigued by the MACC-MSW program and Moravian was one of his top choices. His work in college in his criminal justice classes led him to the MACC-MSW course. I was thrilled that MTS offered the possibility for him. I did give a good reference for him. I am so grateful that that Dewey has proven himself up to the task to graduate from MTS and find a position that will allow him continue to develop his skills. I am confident that as he goes forward he will do so in faith, love and hope.

D: *This is what amazes me most about Pastor Carol. She has been so profound in her ministry without needing the bombast. So, my true hope for her as she embarks on her next chapter as “Bishop Pastor Carol” is that she finds a pathway to use this position to continue to compassionately shape the hearts, souls, minds, and strengths of the people and presence of the Moravian Church.*

We celebrate these vital connections! Δ



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FUND

Help sustain the tradition of supporting international students

A tradition of engaging international students in a Moravian Seminary education began over 60 years ago. International students who have earned degrees from Moravian Seminary have gone on to serve as pastors, denominational leaders, and faculty at graduate schools. They have come from Tanzania, Suriname, Nicaragua, Nepal, India, and countries in the Caribbean.

Each year, students from across the Moravian Unity inquire about attending Moravian Seminary. Most are unable to enroll because of a lack of finances. International students are not eligible for federal financial aid and must rely solely on scholarship support to cover tuition, fees, books, rent, food, and living expenses.

Distance Learning has expanded options for students to take courses toward a certificate or to take some initial courses online, followed by on-campus studies.

Moravian Seminary is committed to international theological education. In Fall 2018, a Moravian from Zambia will join our student body and a Moravian leader from Albania will continue to take classes through distance education.

We invite you to partner with us! Questions may be directed to the Director of Seminary Advancement at 610-625-7908 or seminary@moravian.edu. Δ



“Going to MTS was an opportunity that shaped us for a ministry we never could have done without the rigor and training

we received. So much gratitude for shaping us on the path to fulfilling the ‘Great Commission.’”

— Rev. Vani Pradhan '09, Nepal



“In my life and ministry, being an international student of MTS, has meant perspective, increased

knowledge and spiritual growth.”

— Dena Fortuzi, Distance Learning Student, Albania

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SCENES FROM THE SEMESTER



At the beginning of the 2018 spring semester, we welcomed 12 new students, ten on-campus students and two joining classes via distance technology: This may be the last per-renovation picture of Genanddhal in Common Thread. Genanddhal is being renovated this summer. Keep an eye out for pictures of its new look in the fall!



Mia White '18 shares her thesis, "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," during Thesis Day on May 10.

Five other graduating MATS students completed their thesis/projects this spring.

- Maggie Donohue: Inner Pilgrimage in Spiritual Formation & Development via Elizabeth Fry and Dorothy Day
- Vanessa Romero: On Earth as It Is in Heaven: The Role of Evangelical Juvenile Literature in the American Republic 1791-1840s
- Leonard Lightner: Fight Club: Fighting For Spiritual Maturity
- Micah Leonard: Fingerprint Youth Athletic Program
- David Schappert: Death at A Distance: Examining the Blood on King David's Hands

If you want to find out more about a project or thesis, you can read MATS theses in the Reference section of Reeves library. Elizabeth Miller, the Seminary Library Liaison, can help if you have questions.



Dean Frank Crouch and President Bryon Grigsby conferred on Rev. Dr. Thomas White Wolf Fassett the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity after Dr. White Wolf Fassett gave a lecture on *Politics of Religion—Native Spirituality and Christian Practice*.

MACC faculty and alumni fete Jane Williams' retirement at an MAPC/CC Alumni Wine & Cheese gathering on April 13. It was exciting to catch up with so many alumni and connect with students coming through the program.



While enjoying themselves at the Senior Banquet, Professor Craig Atwood talks to Eli Irving '18 MACC.



2018 John Hus awardee Moufid Khoury '93 MDiv-MATS, Diane Kareha '93 MDiv & '97 MAPC, and Jane Joyce '93 MAPC celebrated their 25th Anniversary at this year's Alumni Reunion.



The 2017-18 edition of *The Moravian Manuscript*, featured contributions from students Emily Klein MACC and Diomarys Nunez MACC, Assoc. Professor of Theology Nelson Rivera, and Academic Program Assistant Rachel Starmer '16 MACC. *The Moravian Manuscript* is an annual publication of Moravian College that includes a collection of poetry, short stories, personal essays, and artwork submitted by students, faculty, and staff across the institution. Congratulations to our Seminary creatives!



Sporting their Moravian Seminary t-shirts, SEC members (Christy Potter-Kass MDiv, Elizabeth Hayworth MDiv-MSW, Colleen Smith MDiv, Iliia Morales MACC, and Charles McDonald MDiv) celebrate a successful Day of Giving, March 21, 2018. 146 donors gave a total of \$17,021 to support MTS!



Crossroads Lay Leadership graduates Kathy Sofie, Jim Lutz, and Suzanne Schaeffer received their certificates of completion on Saturday, May 9th, 2018 as Crossroads celebrated its 9th annual graduation.



Local and distance Spiritual Direction students sign off each class by extending their hands and sharing the "blessing of the hands" with each other.



Dr. Robert Neimeyer gave the Psych & Spirituality Lecture on February 23 on Grief and the Quest for Meaning. This event was co-sponsored with Lehigh Valley Psychological and Counseling Assoc. (LVPCA).

SAVE THE DATE

Additional information and registration details can be found at moravianseminary.edu/continuing-ed

- **CROSSROADS** (Real-Time Distance Learning Available)
- **LECTURES**
- **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE & DISCUSSION / BOOK GROUPS**
- **ALUMNI GATHERING**

SEPT. 6–OCT. 25 THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY

Thursdays, 6:00–9:00pm, \$240 (early reg. \$220 till 8/23)
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bill Falla

SEPT. 10–OCT. 29 MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Mondays, 6:00–9:00pm, \$240 (early reg. \$220 till 8/28)
Instructor: Dr. Jill Peters

SEPT. 26–OCT. 24 CHRISTIAN & MUSLIMS TALKING TOGETHER

Wednesdays 7:15–9:30pm, Location: Respect Graduate School

OCT. 11 MOSES LECTURES

Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Topic: They Brought Their God: How Christian Missions Shaped Caribbean Imaging Of God
7:30–9:00pm, FREE

OCT. 11–13 MORAVIAN HISTORY AND MUSIC CONFERENCE

Exploring Moravian history and music from the fifteenth to twenty-first centuries. For more info visit moravianconferences.org

OCT. 25 MAROLD LECTURES

Obery Hendricks, Topic: The Political Economy of God
9:00am–Noon, FREE

NOV. 1–29 CREATIVE WORSHIP

Mon. & Thurs., 6:00–9:00pm, \$240 (early reg. \$220 till 10/18)
Instructor: Rev. Maggie Wellert

NOV 9 MACC/PC ALUMNI WINE & CHEESE GATHERING

4:00–7:00pm, FREE

Keep checking back as more 2019 Spring and Summer events will get added to our website. Events like the Wisdom School: The Divine Exchange 5 day retreat in July/Aug.



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