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“ At Wheaton, I was able to see something beautiful about radical hospitality that demonstrates genuine love and radiates true welcome—two things I found in abundance here.

**Creating friendships that will last a lifetime taught me that home transcends any specific geographic location.”**

— Jake Wierenga '19

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*“We are a culture that runs on antagonisms.”*

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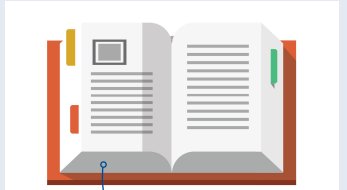
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### President's Perspective

DR. PHILIP G. RYKEN '88  
PRESIDENT

**W**HEATON'S life-giving relationship with the City of Chicago goes all the way back to the beginning of the College.

When Jonathan Blanchard stated his reasons for accepting Wheaton's presidency, he said that the College "is near Chicago, the gate city between the Atlantic and the Pacific, between Western Europe and Eastern Asia."

Blanchard's words have proven to be prophetic. Today Chicago stands among the world's most influential cities in culture, commerce, and creative innovation—along with global cities like Singapore, Seoul, and Shanghai.

Connect with Chicago, connect with the world.

During the days of Jonathan Blanchard, Wheaton students provided assistance during and after the Great Chicago Fire. Jonathan's son Charles was a regular visitor to Chicago, traveling downtown to preach at the Moody Church and helping to found the Moody Bible Institute.

In 1919, Wheaton entered a new era of civic engagement. That year the College began organizing weekly outreach to Chicago, especially through Sunday school services in black communities.

Wheaton's ministry to Chicago has continued for the last century. In the 1980s, I was one of hundreds of students who traveled into the city every week in a fleet of blue vans to lead worship, tutor kids, and share the gospel.

**"OUR PRAYER IS THAT GOD WILL DO IN WOODLAWN WHAT HE HAS DONE IN LAWNSDALE: USE WHEATON COLLEGE TO BLESS A CITY HE LOVES."**

In recent decades, Wheaton engages Chicago not merely as outreach visitors, but as ministry partners who work and worship in the city alongside the neighbors we live with and learn from. Wheaton in Chicago started back in 1992 as a residential academic experience for students with internships in business, government, education, and the arts. The program is thriving under Dr. Noah Toly '99, M.A. '12, who also leads Aequitas, Wheaton's scholarship program for students committed to urban engagement.

Last summer, Wheaton's trustees saw this work firsthand through a three-day retreat in Chicago. We visited with educational and ministry partners in Woodlawn, where Wheaton in Chicago has a cooperative lease arrangement with Sunshine Gospel Ministries. The trustees were also inspired by their visit with leaders from Lawndale Community Church, where over the last 40 years, Wheaton students, alumni, and faculty have witnessed dramatic community development under the leadership of Coach Wayne Gordon '75.

Our prayer is that God will do in Woodlawn what he has done in Lawndale: use Wheaton College to bless a city he loves. This will take more than people who care. It will take a new generation of graduates who know what to do because they have lived alongside the Chicagoans who can show them how.

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KARI MILLER '20 EXPLORED HER PASSION FOR ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING AS A CONSTRUCTION TEAM LEADER AT HONEYROCK.



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SPORTS  
ANDERSON PARK '21 IS MIND-BOGGINGLY GOOD AT TENNIS.

## Introducing the New Director of the Office of Multicultural Development

**DR. DAVID CHO M.A. '19** is the new director of the Office of Multicultural Development in Wheaton's Student Engagement Division. Consistent service and leadership advancing cultural engagement have been hallmarks of Dr. Cho's professional career and life. He has assumed leadership in developing critical race studies across the curriculum wherever he worked at both departmental and institutional levels. Dr. Cho is known for his pastoral leadership, his caring support of college students, his spirit of hope in communicating truth and love across cultural realities, and his eagerness to learn. He brings an expansive and thoughtful vision for intercultural engagement to Wheaton College.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY BOOK MAILING

This Christmas, 386 alumni missionary families serving in 75 countries outside the United States will receive the following gifts, thanks to publishers who donate books and to the College's Board of Trustees, which gives funds for shipping costs.

*Wheaton* magazine: Volume 22—Issues 1, 2, 3

*Born to Wander: Recovering the Value of Our Pilgrim Identity* by Michelle Van Loon (Moody Publishers, 2018)

*Called: The Crisis and Promise of Following Jesus Today* (Audio Book) by Mark Labberton (IVP, 2014)

*Christians in the Age of Outrage: How to Bring Our Best When the World Is at Its Worst* by Dr. Ed Stetzer (Tyndale, 2018)

*Special God* by Julie Whitecotton Melilli '95 (Crossway, 2018)

*You Welcomed Me: Loving Refugees and Immigrants Because God First Loved Us* by Kent J. Annan (IVP, 2018)



## New Christ-Centered Diversity Commitment

President Ryken and Chief Intercultural Engagement Officer Sheila Caldwell announce new commitment for diversity, inclusion, justice, and unity.

PHOTO BY JOSH AND ALEXA ADAMS

In 2018-19, Chief Intercultural Engagement Officer Dr. Sheila Caldwell led the College community in a collaborative process to develop the Wheaton College Christ-Centered Diversity Commitment that articulates the College's enduring intention to reflect the beautiful diversity of the kingdom of God. The development process included 27 representative groups of faculty, students, staff, and alumni. The Board of Trustees approved the document in July 2019, and it was introduced in September. This Commitment describes the way Scripture, the Statement of Faith, and the Community Covenant shape the College's efforts to pursue kingdom diversity, inclusion, justice, and unity. **W**

 WATCH A VIDEO AND READ THE FULL COMMITMENT AT [WHEATON.EDU/DIVERSITY](http://WHEATON.EDU/DIVERSITY)



THIS SUMMER, WHEATON COLLEGE HOSTED THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION, ATTRACTING OVER 100 STUDENT MUSICIANS FROM 13 COUNTRIES.



WHEATON COLLEGE'S ACADEMIC AND SCHOLARLY TECHNOLOGY TEAM WON THE 2019 INNOVATIVE IT TEAM AWARD AT THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES' COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE.



WHEATON WAS NAMED A 2019 "BEST COLLEGE VALUE" BY Kiplinger's.

## Human Needs and Global Resources Symposium 2019

**THIS YEAR'S HUMAN NEEDS and Global Resources Symposium** centered on "Radical Discipleship: Loving Jesus in All of Life." Speakers filled Barrows Auditorium and the Billy Graham Center's classrooms to celebrate three central commitments of the late Anglican priest John Stott: strengthening global church leadership, broadening Christian social engagement, and demonstrating that creation care is a call for every disciple. As a key leader of the worldwide evangelical movement, John Stott's words, ministry, and daily walk communicated the radical simplicity of conversion integrated with wholehearted discipleship. In that spirit, global leaders conducted workshops and lectures on campus to equip participants to fulfill these commitments in their daily walk, wherever that may be.



Wheaton's academic centers enrich student education by providing significant experiences beyond the classroom, while also supporting and inspiring faculty to pursue areas of expertise and interest. These centers and institutes attract top scholars, invest in outreach and service to the world, and provide resources in the areas of scholarship, spiritual development and evangelism, and practical assistance.

## CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Global research, exclusive resources, and community enrichment from Wheaton's world-class students and scholars

### Center for Applied Christian Ethics

Director: Dr. Vincent Bacote, Associate Professor of Theology

THE CENTER FOR APPLIED CHRISTIAN ETHICS' 2019-20 theme is "Speaking Well...Together." The spring semester ended with a faculty workshop that set the tone for the upcoming year: Dr. Ken Chase and Dr. Theon Hill spoke on "Speaking Truth with Grace." CACE hosted outstanding lectures by Paul de Vries, Jeffrey Stout, and Jemar Tisby, and co-sponsored a lecture with Karen Swallow Prior during the fall semester. CACE also co-hosted a public conversation between Matthew Lee Anderson and John Corvino, demonstrating the value of engaging those with different ideological perspectives. CACE Director Dr. Vincent Bacote taught for Cru in Fort Collins, Colorado, during the summer, and gave the T.B. Maston Lecture in Ethics at Truett Theological Seminary in October. Additionally, Dr. Bacote served local churches through preaching and teaching lectures. He contributed to the volume *Cultural Engagement: A Crash Course in Contemporary Issues* (Zondervan Academic, 2019) and is co-author with Nathaniel Perrin '18 of a *Christian Scholars Review* article entitled "Redemptive Rehabilitation: Theological Approaches to Criminal Justice Reform." **W**

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### Wheaton Center for Faith, Politics & Economics

Director: Captain David Iglesias, J.D.,  
Jean and E. Floyd Kvamme Associate Professor of Politics and Law

WHEATON CENTER FOR FAITH, POLITICS & ECONOMICS' Iron Sharpens Iron program brought 19 students to Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Singapore for eight weeks of summer 2019. The time abroad afforded firsthand exposure to the impact of varying political and economic approaches on human flourishing. Daily field visits were bolstered by classes taught by Wheaton faculty members Dr. Timothy Taylor, Dr. Min-Dong Paul Lee, Dr. Hannah Stolze M.A. '19, and Dr. Michael McKoy on topics of globalization and foreign relations. The students received an inside look at key institutions during meetings with the Banyan Tree Resorts CEO in Singapore, the U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, and a National University of Vietnam administration official in Hanoi. In addition to meetings, numerous field trips provided hands-on learning opportunities including observing manufacturing at the world's largest motorcycle factory in Indonesia, seeing the Southern Cross constellation from a small island in the South China Sea, attending a church service in Singapore, and climbing the ruins of a large temple in Angkor Wat. **W**

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### Billy Graham Center

Executive Director: Dr. Ed Stetzer, Billy Graham Professor of Church, Mission, and Evangelism

THE BILLY GRAHAM CENTER had nearly 600 people attend Amplify 2019, the evangelism conference co-hosted by the Billy Graham Center and Lausanne North America. Additionally, the BGC officially launched its sixth in-house institute: the Global Diaspora Institute, led by Dr. Sam George. Dr. George is a leading expert in diaspora missiology in academia and in church and ministry contexts. Now, well into the academic year, the Center is hosting a variety of pastor networking events both on campus and throughout Chicagoland, with an emphasis on one-day summits for rural pastors. Also, BGC launched a new podcast, "Living in the Land of Oz," focused on Christian engagement in cultural issues today, that can be heard at [wheaton.edu/listen](http://wheaton.edu/listen). **W**

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Welcoming New Faculty

ROW 1 (L-R): Dr. Esau McCaulley, Assistant Professor of New Testament; Dr. Danielle Corple, Assistant Professor of Communication; Ms. Julie Newberry, Instructor of New Testament; Dr. Litong Chen, Visiting Associate Lecturer of Chinese; Dr. Vilma (Nina) Balmaceda, Visiting Professor of Politics & International Relations; Dr. Angela McKoy, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Dr. David McNutt, Associate Lecturer of Core Studies. ROW 2 (L-R): Mr. Daniel Haase '98, M.A. '02, Associate Lecturer of Christian Formation and Ministry; Dr. Michael Lee, Assistant Professor of Ministry & Leadership; Dr. Jordan Ryan, Assistant Professor of New Testament; Dr. Alexander Sorenson, Visiting Associate Lecturer of German; Ms. Dyanne Martin, Assistant Professor of Core Studies and English; Dr. Thomas Martin, Professor of English and Department Chair of English. ROW 3 (L-R): Dr. Muhia Karianjahi, Visiting Assistant Professor of Outdoor & Adventure Leadership and OAL Program Coordinator; Dr. Jerry Blackstone '74, Visiting Professor of Music; Dr. Ho Lun Wong, Associate Professor of Economics; Dr. Mark Yarhouse, Dr. Arthur P. Rech and Mrs. Jean May Rech Professor of Psychology; Dr. Francisco Xavier Beteta, Assistant Professor of Music.

READ MORE ABOUT THESE FACULTY MEMBERS AT [WHEATON.EDU/MAGAZINE](http://WHEATON.EDU/MAGAZINE)

Introducing the New Deans



Dr. Bryan McGraw

DEAN OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT CHAIR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICS

Dr. Bryan McGraw is a home renovator, an outdoors enthusiast, a barbecue pitmaster, a father of three, and the husband of a neurologist. Now, he's also the Dean of Social Sciences, a new position at the College. As dean, one of McGraw's major goals is to break down silos among the College's departments and centers to create more opportunities for discussion. "The thing about the social sciences is that we all tend to focus on similar kinds of questions, explaining social and political phenomena of anything, from voting to public opinion to various kinds of inequalities and economic growth, but we tend to ask the questions from very different methods and perspectives," he says. "I think that if I could do anything I would help facilitate conversations across those differences."



Dr. Becky Eggimann '00

DEAN OF NATURAL SCIENCES, CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT CHAIR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

In her new role as Dean of Natural Sciences, Dr. Becky Eggimann '00 aspires to create greater unity among the faculty in her division, while also strengthening their sense of common purpose as they strive to live out the Wheaton College mission distinctively as scientists. "I want to see us grow in our engagement with our fields through research and scholarship, to continually improve as teachers and mentors to our students, and to lead the church in our thinking about the relationship between science and Christian faith," Dr. Eggimann says. "But all of this is really driven by just one goal: to enable faculty and staff to flourish in their callings, both as Christians and as scientists."



Dr. David Lauber '89

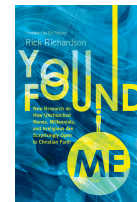
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

As a student athlete, Dr. David Lauber '89 set the Wheaton College record with a 98-yard touchdown catch during his second game as wide receiver for the Crusader football team. Now, Dr. Lauber is in the game as the new Dean of the School of Biblical and Theological Studies at Wheaton. "One of my goals is to help foster a common mission for the School of Biblical and Theological Studies while honoring and supporting the unique ways individual faculty members live out their academic vocations in service of the College, the wider academic world, and the mission of the church," Dr. Lauber says. After studying philosophy and English literature at Wheaton, Dr. Lauber joined Wheaton's faculty in 2000. His recent academic research focuses on the patience of Jesus.

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



*You Found Me: New Research on How Unchurched Nones, Millennials, and Irreligious Are Surprisingly Open to Christian Faith* (IVP, 2019) by RICK RICHARDSON, PROFESSOR OF EVANGELISM AND LEADERSHIP, DIRECTOR OF BGC RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND DIRECTOR OF THE CHURCH EVANGELISM INITIATIVE



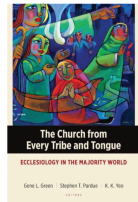
*The Gardeners' Dirty Hands: Environmental Politics and Christian Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2019) by NOAH J. TOLY '99, M.A. '12, PROFESSOR OF URBAN STUDIES AND POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR URBAN ENGAGEMENT, AND DIRECTOR OF THE AEQUITAS PROGRAM



*Savior of the World: A Theology of the Universal Gospel* (Baylor University Press, 2019) by CARLOS RAÚL SOSA SILIEZAR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT



"The Impact of Mandatory Arrest Laws on Domestic Violence in Times of Economic Stress" (*Economics Letters* 178: 77-81) by TIMOTHY TAYLOR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH JEREMY COOK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS



*The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Ecclesiology in the Majority World* (Majority World Theology) (Langham, 2018) by GENE L. GREEN '76, M.A. '77, PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT EMERITUS WITH STEPHEN T. PARDUE AND K.K. YEO

Faculty Sabbaticals & Research

CAROLYN AND FRED MCMANIS PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT TIMOTHY LARSEN '89, M.A. '90 was awarded the Fowler Hamilton Visiting Research Fellowship from Christ Church at the University of Oxford.

PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION MARK LEWIS and ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART JEREMY BOTTS taught theater and art at Black Hills Science Station during the summer.

SUSAN DUNN-HENSLEY, VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, and SHARENDA BARLAR, SENIOR LECTURER OF SPANISH, both of whom study pilgrimages, took a pilgrimage through Ireland during summer 2019.

HANNAH STOLZE M.A. '19, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MARKETING AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, and PAM BARGER M.A. '00, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF TESOL, have both been awarded Fulbrights and will spend a semester in Indonesia and Thailand, respectively.

DANIEL MASTER, PROFESSOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY, published groundbreaking research in *Science Advances* that proves the ancient Philistines were immigrants to the Ashkelon region in the 12th century B.C.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC JOHN TROTTER has begun a year-long sabbatical during which he will serve as a Fellow at Selwyn College, University of Cambridge. He and his family will also travel to East Africa as a part of a Stott Global Faculty Study/Research grant.

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*“My time in Woodlawn helped me to understand God’s heart for the city.”*



## LEANING INTO CROSS-CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CITY

BY PIPER KIRKPATRICK '20

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AFTER EIGHT MONTHS OF LIVING IN the community of Woodlawn, I was discouraged and questioning my presence in the neighborhood.

One Sunday, I found myself on a run-down sidewalk telling my neighbor Quilen about my exhaustion in navigating cross-cultural relationships. He listened intently and occasionally roared with laughter at the awkwardness of my stories. In the winter, Quilen would wear a black beanie with the words “Jesus loves you” across the forehead. While we talked, his smile proclaimed that same truth to me, and he encouraged me to continue in the cross-cultural work I was doing.

I became connected to Quilen, who has become a good friend and cultural mentor, through a service day that Wheaton coordinated. Quilen owns a nonprofit called Eco House, which grows and sells flowers in an effort to alleviate poverty by employing youth.

Quilen’s encouragement to *continue* exemplifies something I learned during my Wheaton in Chicago experience: lean into cross-cultural relationships. Through Wheaton in Chicago and Global Urban Perspectives, I had the privilege of learning and serving alongside the community of Woodlawn. My time in Woodlawn helped me to understand God’s heart for the city. I am thankful for Wheaton’s partnership with the work that God is already doing on the South Side of Chicago. **W**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHEATON IN CHICAGO AT [WHEATON.EDU/URBANSTUDIES](http://WHEATON.EDU/URBANSTUDIES)





“HE’S BECOME A LEADER ON THE TEAM NOT JUST BECAUSE OF HIS TALENT, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS WORK ETHIC AND CHARACTER.”

## Consistency and Community, Courtside

Anderson Park '21 credits his incredible tennis career to consistency, hard work, and community, both on and off the court.

BY KATHERINE BRADEN '16

### ANDERSON PARK '21 IS MIND-BOGGLINGLY GOOD AT TENNIS.

As a freshman, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) named him 2018's Newcomer of the Year. He finished 2019 with a singles record of 20-1—all at the number one position—securing him another CCIW title: Player of the Year.

“Anderson has a great backhand, a great return, and he rarely misses,” says Head Men's Tennis Coach Brad Pihl '99. “He's a fierce competitor who fights for every point.”

When asked what makes him so good, Anderson is down-to-earth about his success, crediting his prowess to “working hard, being coachable, and maintaining a clear mindset.”

In fact, Anderson's humility is one of the things that sets the Illinois native apart. “He doesn't carry himself like a superstar or look for attention, and he's become a leader on the team not just because of his talent, but because of his work ethic and character,” Coach Pihl notes.

Talk about work ethic: Anderson is double majoring in psychology and Spanish. As a semester in Spain has been a highlight of his Wheaton experience so far, he would love to work abroad upon graduation, and he is considering going into counseling.

Anderson admits that maintaining steady day-to-day routines while juggling

tennis and two majors can be a challenge, but he's realized that those routines are essential to his academic and athletic success. He's also realized how essential community is, since, if he's being honest, he's wrestled with his faith while at college more than ever before.

“But that's why I'm glad I'm at Wheaton,” says Anderson. “Both on and off the court, I'm surrounded by faithful friends, teammates, and professors who support me spiritually and help me grow.” **W**

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CONSECUTIVE CCIW WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP WINS BY MARIN HALVORSEN '22. THE FIRST TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2010.

## ATHLETIC THROWBACK



**BETH BLACKSTONE '40**, a native of Nanking, China, won the Illinois state singles title in women's tennis both her sophomore and junior years. During her senior season, Beth had an appendectomy, but played at the state singles competition nonetheless, finishing third and winning the Sportsmanship Award for her valiant persistence.

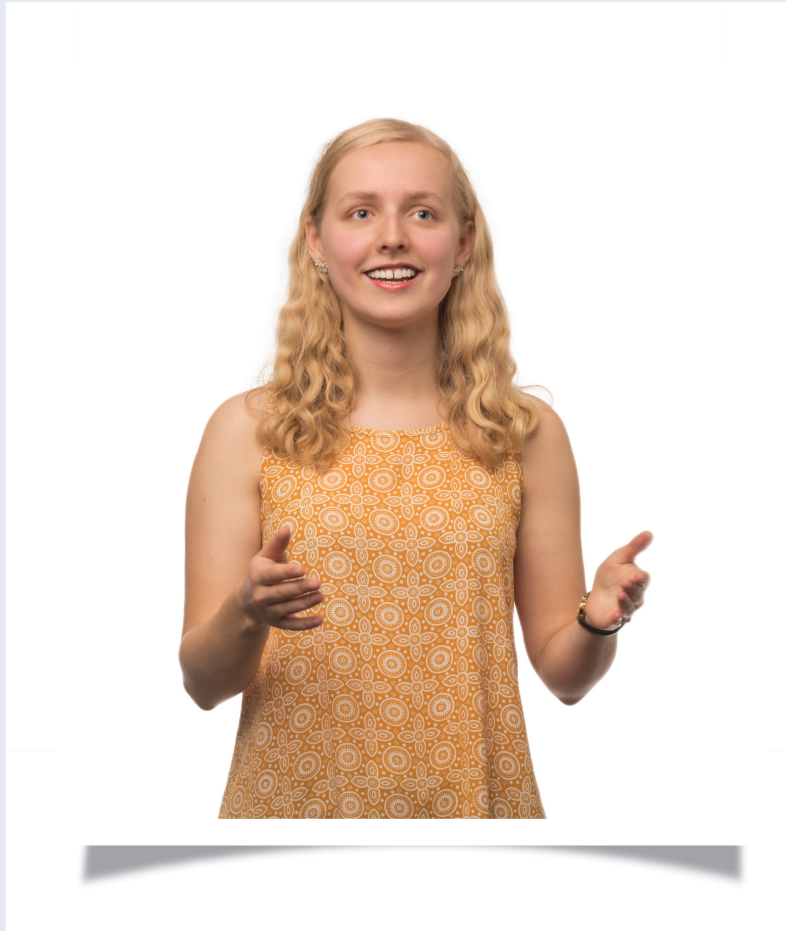
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IS THE PLACEMENT FOR WHEATON ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT IN THE 2018-19 DIVISION III LEARFIELD IMG COLLEGE DIRECTORS' CUP, THE SECOND-HIGHEST FINISH FOR WHEATON SINCE 2003-04.

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CAREER VICTORIES FOR WHEATON HEAD FOOTBALL COACH MIKE SWIDER, WHO ACHIEVED THIS MILESTONE AT MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY IN SEPTEMBER. HE IS THE 29TH COACH IN DIVISION III HISTORY TO REACH 200 VICTORIES, AND HE RANKS EIGHTH AMONG ACTIVE DIII HEAD COACHES IN WINS.

# Kari Miller '20



**UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENT PROFILE**

**HOMETOWN:**  
WEST CHICAGO, IL

**MAJOR:** B.S. IN LIBERAL  
ARTS ENGINEERING

**EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES:** TOLKIEN  
SOCIETY, SWING  
CLUB, IRON MAN  
CHALLENGE, HONEYROCK  
CONSTRUCTION TEAM  
LEADER

**FUN FACT:** KARI FIRST  
DEVELOPED A PASSION  
FOR ARCHITECTURE  
AND CONSTRUCTION IN  
HIGH SCHOOL WHEN  
SHE HELPED HER FAMILY  
RENOVATE THEIR  
1890S HOME IN WEST  
CHICAGO, IL

BY ASHLEY MOSTELLER RABINOVITCH '10 **WHEN KARI MILLER '20** considers a building's design, she sees so much more than walls and floors and furniture. She envisions a sacred space for community to form and flourish. "I've always been fascinated by how practicality and beauty work together to meet people's needs," she explains.

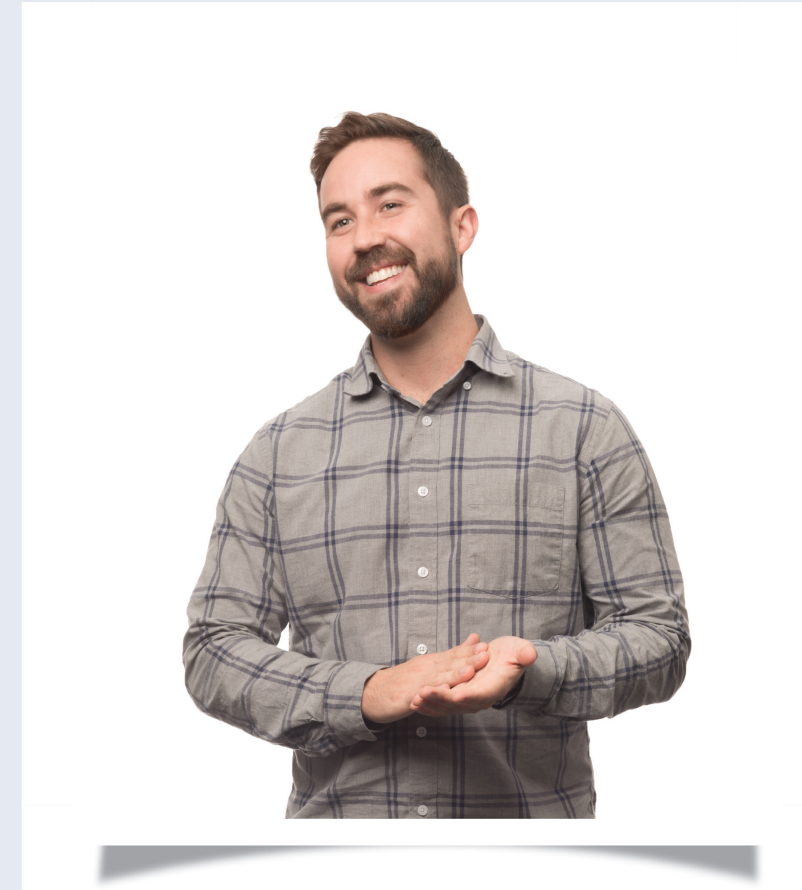
Throughout her time at Wheaton, Kari has directed her passion for architectural engineering toward benefiting the people around her. She spent two summers serving the HoneyRock community as a construction team leader, breathing new life into venues like Wellspring Cabin through painstaking repairs and renovations. During one spring break, she joined a Wheaton Breakaway team to help rebuild homes alongside homeowners devastated by Hurricane Harvey. "One of the things I love most about my work is the opportunity to build relationships as I'm building a structure," she says.

Kari dreams of using her technical expertise and gift for relating to people to design affordable housing. "My goal is to honor the dignity of each person and draw them into the life of the church," she says. "Ultimately, I want to engineer spaces in a way that brings people closer to God." **W**

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*"I want to provide additional support for international students to ensure they have proper ways to cope with issues once at university."*

# Sean Harrison M.A. '20



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WHEATON COLLEGE (IL);  
B.A. IN GEOGRAPHY,  
TEXAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY

**FUN FACT:** SEAN HAD  
NEVER EXPERIENCED A  
TRADITIONALLY COLD  
WINTER UNTIL HIS MOVE  
TO WHEATON

BY JASMINE YOUNG '13 **BORN AND RAISED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, SEAN HARRISON M.A. '20** never imagined he would settle elsewhere. However, when his dream job of teaching high school social studies arose at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, he leaped at the opportunity.

Over the past seven years of teaching in Nairobi, Sean realized many of his students struggled to find a sense of belonging once they arrived at college, which negatively affected their academic performance. While searching for graduate programs that would enable him to explore solutions to this problem, Sean discovered the Higher Education/Student Development M.A. program at Wheaton College.

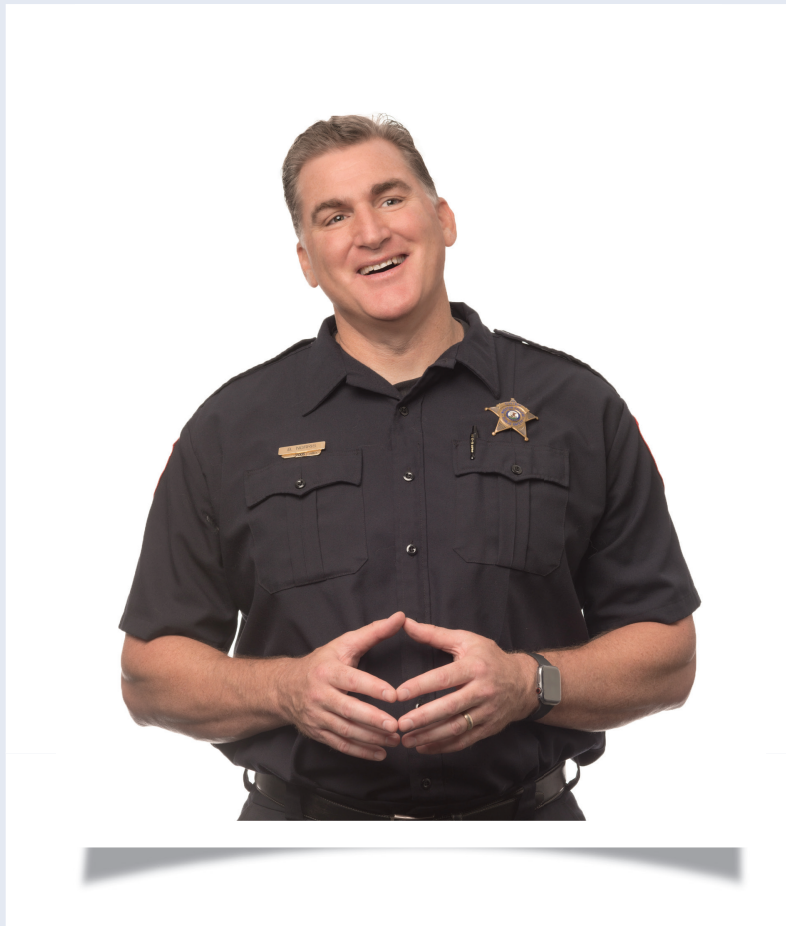
"My students were children of military parents, diplomats, and missionaries, and many moved every two years," says Sean. "I want to provide additional support for international students to ensure they have proper ways to cope with issues once at university."

Upon graduation in 2020, Sean intends to find a teaching position with an international high school to put his knowledge into practice.

"I'm unsure of where I'll land next on the globe, but I know that God will lead me," says Sean. "As long as I'm able to help international students, that's where I'll go." **W**

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## Bob Norris



**STAFF  
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BY MARGARET MCKENZIE '18

**CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY BOB NORRIS'S** morning mantra: “Today I’m going to love God, I’m going to love people, and I’m going to show up.” And at Wheaton, he does show up—frequently eating meals in the dining hall, working out at the gym (he’s in a power-lifting phase), and attending *all* of the football games. It’s all a part of his regular effort to connect and build relationships with staff, faculty, and students on campus, relationships he believes help keep the campus safe.

Bob’s role combines his heart for compassion, justice, ministry, and law enforcement. A people person, Bob says his favorite times of the year—besides Christmas—are “when students come back, and graduation. I’m a lot like a golden retriever. When I see students, it’s great.” Bob ought to know about golden retrievers, because he’s had a few, and has spent most of his adult life around beloved dogs at different times: Benson, Baxter, Blakeley, Bonnie, Belle, and Bailey.

What are the best things he’s noticed about Wheaton? Bob says, “It’s a neat place where students are cared for, there’s room to make mistakes, and there’s room for forgiveness.” **W**

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*“The church and the academy are meant to be connected, and I am grateful for my part in advancing that dynamic.”*

## Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell McNutt



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BY ADRIANNA WRIGHT '01

**THE REV. DR. JENNIFER POWELL MCNUTT** discovered her interest in the Reformation around the dinner table.

“Growing up as a double PK in a Presbyterian household meant Scripture, theology, and John Calvin’s Institutes were a regular part of family conversation,” Dr. McNutt recalls.

Recently appointed Franklin S. Dyrness Associate Professor in Biblical and Theological Studies, Dr. McNutt has spent over a decade teaching the history of Christianity from the Reformation through the Enlightenment at Wheaton.

“This juncture in history fascinates me,” she says. “Tremendous shifts were happening in politics, science, economics, technology, culture, and society-at-large, and the story of the church, the Bible, and theology were all integral to those shifts. There is really no way to understand modern Christianity apart from studying this period of history.”

Believing that such an understanding of church history is critical to the well-being of the church, Dr. McNutt and her husband, the Rev. Dr. David McNutt, launched McNuttshell Ministries in 2016 to share their knowledge with a broader audience through speaking, writing, and teaching.

“The church and the academy are meant to be connected, and I am grateful for my part in advancing that dynamic,” Dr. McNutt says. **W**

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# Trauma Team



**Dr. Jamie Aten**

Blanchard Chair of Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership

Founder and Executive Director of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute

**Dr. Tammy Schultz**

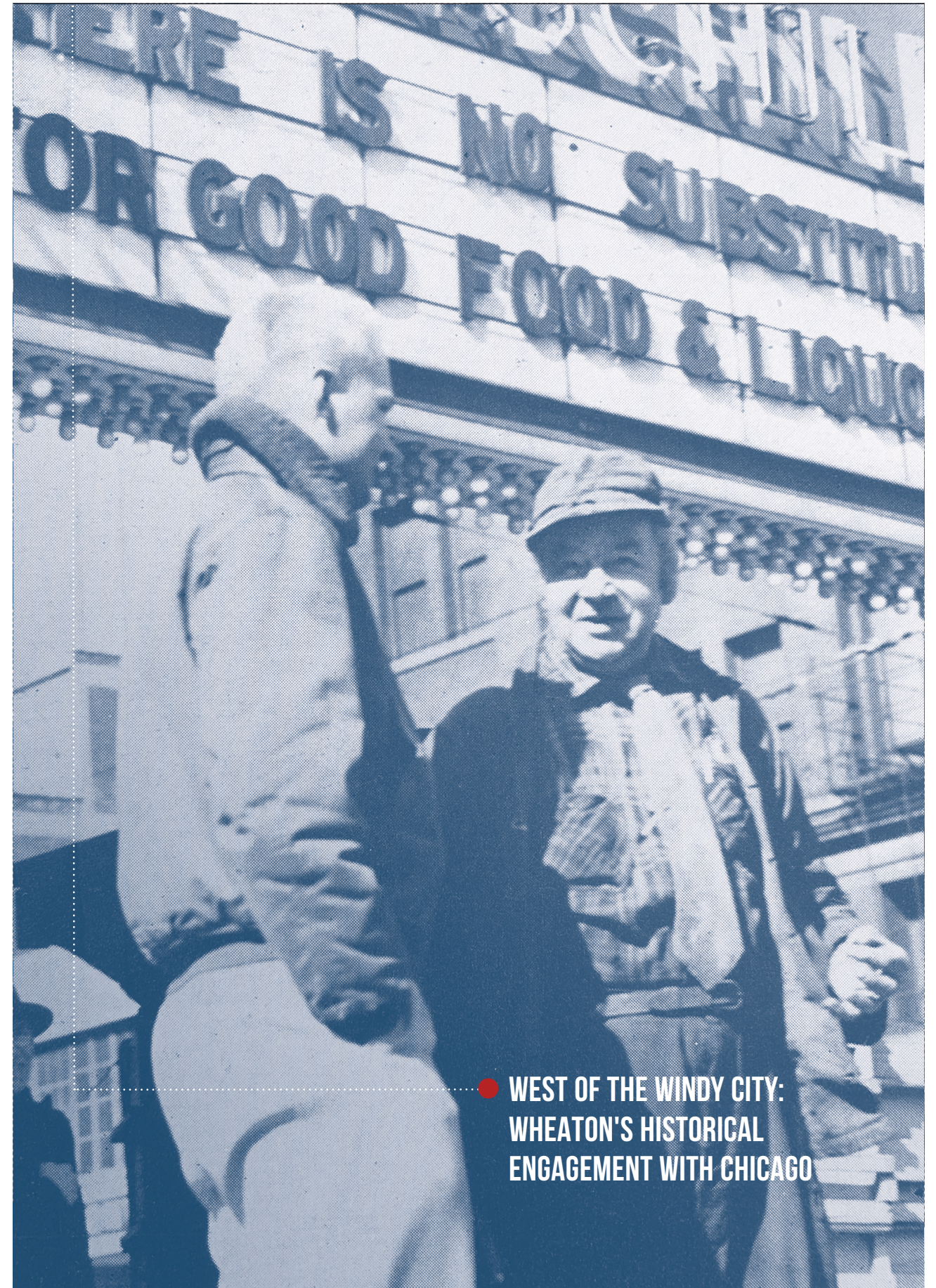
Professor of Counseling

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Training Coordinator

Trauma is on the rise on both domestic and global scales. Clinicians, responders, and caregivers in a variety of contexts are increasingly encouraged to obtain specialized training to meet the need. The School of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy and the Humanitarian Disaster Institute have teamed up to offer a specialized nine-credit Trauma Certificate for both future and current trauma responders and care providers. Available on-campus or online.

[wheaton.edu/TraumaCert-wm](http://wheaton.edu/TraumaCert-wm)



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THE WHEATON COLLEGE ENDOWMENT

# PROXIMITY

FROM WHEATON TO CHICAGO TO THE WORLD

● 1859 TO THE EARLY 1900s

WHEATON COLLEGE HAS ALWAYS had its face turned east toward the City by the Lake. Its relational posture toward the city has changed over the 160 years since its founding; there have been times of reaching and times drawing near; times of kneeling and times of leaning in; times of shouting and times of listening; times of teaching and times of learning; times of giving mercy and times of receiving mercy. All the time, though, Wheaton has turned east.

Throughout the College's long history of engagement with Chicago, the relationship has developed with new emphases in new eras. Early in Wheaton College's history, Chicago was seen as the gateway to global missions, and in the early twentieth century, students engaged with the city primarily through personal evangelism. The focus changed mid-century to more direct service and care for the people of the city. Later, and in recent memory, Wheaton students have engaged with the city through urban studies.

Highlighting significant moments, this timeline traces the shifting contours of Wheaton's relationship with Chicago from the College's founding through to the present day.

● THE STORY OF WHEATON COLLEGE'S HISTORICAL ENGAGEMENT WITH CHICAGO

# WEST OF THE WINDY CITY



1954 Tower, Wheaton College

- 1860**

**Wheaton College is founded**

*"This college is located within an hour's ride of Chicago, upon a double track, over which some six or seven railroads pass into the city.... The site of the college is healthy and delightful, and families in the city who wish to have their children away from its noise and temptations, and yet within an hour of home, will find in Wheaton instruction for both sexes in the various branches of academic and collegiate education."* — Board of Trustees Letter to the *Congregational Herald*, 1859
- 1865**

The Union Stock Yard & Transit Co. (meatpacking district) is founded
- 1871**

**Great Chicago Fire**

Jonathan Blanchard and students brought aid to victims of the fire

*"Monday, October 9, Fire raging in Chicago all day... the people of Chicago call for food and clothing."* — Wheaton College student diary
- 1890**

University of Chicago is founded
- 1891-93**

Charles Blanchard served as senior pastor of what was then known as the Chicago Avenue Church, now known as The Moody Church

Provident Hospital—where Wheaton students would minister in coming years—is founded
- 1892**

The Chicago and South Side Rapid Transit Railroad, Chicago's first "L" line, went into operation
- 1893**

The World's Columbian Exposition (World's Fair); World's Parliament of Religions opens

Charles Blanchard opposed the Fair being open on Sundays

Young Men's Christian Association is founded for spiritual growth and to connect with other Christian college students in the Chicago area
- 1895**

Young Women's Christian Association is founded for spiritual growth and to connect with other Christian college students in the Chicago area

# EVANGELISM

CARRYING THE TESTIMONY TO CHICAGO'S CHILDREN, SICK, PRISONERS, AND DESTITUTE

## EARLY 1900s TO THE MID-1900s

For many students at the turn of the twentieth century, evangelism was at the core of what it meant to be a Christian, and Chicago—this center of political and religious influences—was a place of particular importance. As Wheaton College students looked east and saw people in need of the good news of Jesus Christ, they began directing many of their activities toward evangelizing Chicago residents. Thousands of students in this era ministered the gospel to countless people in Chicago. The proliferation of student-led evangelistic organizations during the first half of the twentieth century is a testimony of Wheaton students' deep sense of Chicago's need for the Good News. And with regular day trips into Chicago, Wheaton College students were exposed to other needs in the city as well.



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# SERVICE

CARING FOR CHICAGO'S PEOPLE

## MID-1900s TO THE LATE 1900s

After the 1950s, Wheaton College students began seriously engaging with the social issues of the city, a different posture than in the past. Evangelism was necessary, but service and relationships were too. The goals of Christian service had become explicitly holistic—expanding beyond proclamation of words of Good News to engagement with societal issues. During this era, evangelism remained central, but relational service and social justice were emphasized.

1919

### Chicago Race Riots

The Christian Union formed to facilitate cooperation between Christian service organizations on campus

The Gospel Team program is founded to host evangelistic services

1929

Wheaton College YMCA voted unanimously to withdraw from the national organization due to its modernist shifts

St. Valentine's Day Massacre

1930

League of Evangelical Students is organized in place of YMCA

Merchandise Mart opens

Wheaton senior Carl Anderson '31 founded the Scripture Distribution Society (SDS)

1934-35

YWCA is dissolved into the League of Evangelical Students

Missionary Volunteers, the SDS, and the Ministerial Association came under the umbrella of The League of Evangelical Students

1937

Christian Council is organized to coordinate all student service activities

Chicago Housing Authority is founded

1943

Billy Graham identified as President of Christian Council; year's emphasis is on "personal evangelism" including Sunday witnessing on "L" trains and visits to Cook County Hospital, Chicago Servicemen's centers and railroad stations

1949

Wheaton students founded popular Sunday school for children on the South and West Sides of Chicago

1963

"Chicago Negro Evangelism" (CNE) became "Inner-City Christian Action" (ICCA): "ICCA hopes to eventually tie all the CSC Sunday schools to strong indigenous works."

*"To one who has had too much religion preached at him and religion which only disappoints time after time, a tract is a joke and a Bible is an excuse to sneer. There is only one thing that can meet the needs of 900,000 Negroes in Chicago. It is not charity, promises or hopes of heaven. It is a person who cares for them, each as an individual friend. It is a person who is willing to learn of past heartaches, frustrations and forgotten hopes; one who is an ally in the new hopes. It is a person who will respect each of them as the highest creation of God. Only when they see and know a 'little Christ' will they listen to the claims of the Lord Christ. The latter cannot effectively precede the other."* — Student Roger Winter '64, *The Record*, September 12, 1963

1964

Southwest (Adlai E. Stevenson) Expressway completed

1966

**Martin Luther King Jr. moves to Chicago** and leads the Chicago Freedom Movement (Chicago open housing movement), marching against segregation in education, housing, transportation, and employment

1972

Christian Service Council (CSC) was "composed of a student cabinet and the chairmen of various ministries (Gospel and Folk Teams, Young Life, Youth For Christ, Campus Crusade, Operation Mobilization, Pioneer Girls, Christian Service Brigade, jail and hospital visitation, coffeehouse ministries, work with children with disabilities, tutoring projects, inner-city work)," *College Catalog*, 1972-73

# STUDY

## EXPLORING AN URBANIZING WORLD

### 1980s TO THE EARLY 2000s

Up until the late 1980s, most of the College's engagement with the city was temporary. It was day trips. Weekend visits. Perhaps a week here and there. Of course, there were exceptions—particularly a few summer-length stays in the late 1960s. But in general, from the College's founding until the 1980s, the engagement with the city was short-term. Through the 1990s and early 2000s, however, Wheaton's posture toward Chicago became more sustained and listening as the College sought to establish deeper connections with community partners. With sustained contact, the city came into focus as a place from which Wheaton students could learn—about the world, about cultures and society, about politics and religion, about business, and more. It was also a place to learn about evangelism and ministry. The city itself was worthy of study as well. The world had changed and Wheaton needed to augment its studies with social science perspectives to prepare its students for the urban world. Thus, while evangelism and service remained central as the new millennium was dawning, urban studies programs were offered at the College for the first time.

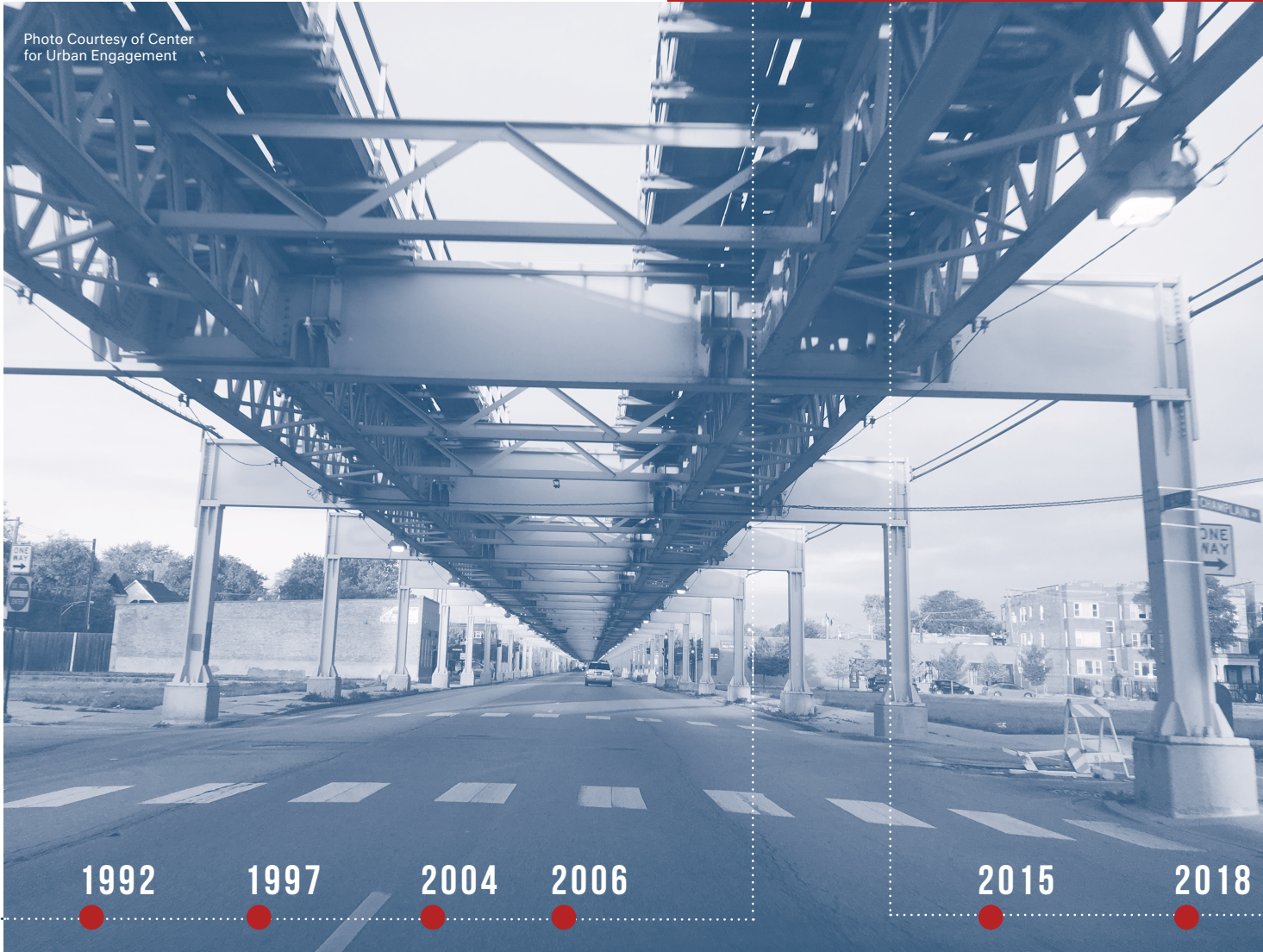


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1983

**Harold Washington becomes the first African American mayor**

1984-85

National City Ministries is founded  
*"Recognizing the Biblical mandate to minister the whole gospel by meeting physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, this ministry is committed to making Christ's presence real in the inner cities of America."* — 1986 CSC Brochure

1989

Urban Studies Program formed and Lyle Dorsett named director  
*"We're living in a world that is rapidly urbanizing. You don't understand this by viewing it from afar. We need to get into the city and get our fingers on the pulse-beat of the city."* — Lyle Dorsett HON, *The Record*, December 15, 1989

1992

First catalog to include the Urban Studies program  
 Semester-long internship in Chicago's South Side and certificate in Urban Studies offered

1997

Wheaton in Chicago named and launched in Uptown neighborhood  
 Elementary Education Department began partnership with Cleveland Elementary School in Irving Park neighborhood

2004

Millennium Park opens

2006

Noah Toly '99, M.A. '12 is named Director of Urban Studies

2015

Center for Urban Engagement is launched

2018

Aequitas Program in Urban Leadership is created  
*"You are not embarking on studying poverty, racism, crime, family life. You are coming alongside to understand people who are living in poverty, who must deal with crime and who have difficulties in their family life."* — Margaret DuPlissis Diddams '83 in an address to the first Aequitas cohort in fall 2018

Wheaton in Chicago relocates to Woodlawn neighborhood on the South Side at the invitation of community partners

# PRESENCE

## ACADEMICALLY GROUNDED CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

### 2010s INTO THE FUTURE

Wheaton's ongoing urban ministries as well as new programs from CUE signal Wheaton's continued commitment to Chicago. Wheaton sees the city not as a problem to solve or an opportunity to seize, but rather as a neighbor in a reciprocal relationship. Wheaton students will learn from and with the city. Wheaton will serve with people in the city. And Wheaton's mission as a premier Christian liberal arts educational institution will continue to involve the City on the Lake for years to come.

While there are countless more ways in which Wheaton College students have engaged with Chicago over the years, this survey has attempted to describe the major contours and varying emphases over time.

The development of these emphases—proximity, evangelism, service, study, and presence—is not completely linear, nor are the transitions clean from one era to the next. The historical development is like the musical form of theme and variations, with one melody repeated in different iterations throughout the course of the piece. When the emphasis shifted to service, for example, Wheaton did not lose evangelism—and service had been an element previously. When the emphasis shifted to urban studies, Wheaton did not lose evangelism or service—and the academic engagement also existed prior. As each development occurred, the other elements were shaped by the primary posture.

Undoubtedly, Wheaton will continue to develop in its relationship with the City of Big Shoulders, as the tower of Blanchard Hall will continue to stand in reference to the skyline of Chicago. **W**

Download a full-length e-book on the history of Wheaton's engagement with Chicago at [wheaton.edu/magazine](http://wheaton.edu/magazine)

# JESUS and the ENEMY- MAKING

Habitual outrage has exhausted American political culture and the church alike. These Wheaton scholars hope to revive both.

# MACHINE!

BY MARTYN WENDELL JONES '10  
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"AMERICAN POLITICS HAS OFTEN been an arena for angry minds." So wrote historian Richard Hofstadter in 1964; it is the first line of his now-famous essay "The Paranoid Style in American Politics." He continued: "I call it the paranoid style simply because no other word adequately evokes the sense of heated exaggeration, suspiciousness, and conspiratorial fantasy that I have in mind."

The paranoid style is as familiar as a postage stamp: it is one species of demonization, of casting your opponents as not only wrong, but evil.

This theme has remained latent in American political discourse even during seasons of bipartisan agreement and fellow feeling. Fast-forward a half-century from Hofstadter's essay to 2014, to the waning days of Obama's



presidency and the anarchic ferment of new media, Alex Jones, and Twitter, and one finds the paranoid style not latent but ascendant. It only needed a catalyst to envelop American politics entirely. In 2015, a catalyst arrived by way of a Manhattan escalator in the form of a man who is now president of the United States.

The stakes seem to have only gotten higher since President Donald Trump took office in early 2017. As studies by Pew Research Center and other organizations attest, generalized outrage and accelerating polarization are two of the new stable features of our politics. Other studies show they have increasingly become features of life in the American church, as well.

"This is the way politics has now developed in full bloom in the United States," Dr. David Fitch '77 says. "We are a culture that runs on antagonisms," and "the church has lost who it is and has entered into conflicts on the terms given to us by the world."

Fitch is the the B. R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology at Northern Seminary and the cofounder of Missio Alliance, which offers guidance for pastors navigating ministry in a post-Christendom era. He sees our moment as the product of antagonism, a concept he describes as "the making of an enemy by turning someone into an 'other.'" In his book *The Church of Us vs. Them: Freedom from a Faith that Feeds on Making Enemies* (Brazos, 2019), Fitch characterizes antagonism as "a social dynamic in which we are always forced to take sides," and calls the social phenomenon of antagonism "the enemy-making machine."

Why did the church succumb to this dynamic so easily? In Fitch's analysis, for most of American history, the church has enjoyed a position of cultural preeminence and power, a condition he calls "Christendom." In recent decades, as American culture has opened to receive more diverse presences and voices and has become a less monolithic entity, white Protestants in particular have lost the comforts of their former implicit hegemony. Defensive reactions such as the "Moral Majority" of the 1980s demonstrated a longing for the old status quo—and the power and cultural dominance that went along with it.


With that power and dominance came an ability to determine the shape of the American historical narrative. An example is the Civil Rights era, which some prefer to remember as a time during which racism was finally scoured from American society.

However, the tensions and injustices that many Americans considered dealt with in the Civil Rights era were not actually resolved but instead suppressed or hidden, as the recent uptick in hate crimes and racist rhetoric since 2015 makes clear. Dr. Vincent Bacote, associate professor of theology and director of the Center for Applied Christian Ethics, sees the triumphalist narrative as willfully myopic.

"You think 300-plus years of racial hierarchy can be undone by 50 years?" Bacote asks. "We're still waiting for that revival." Though the accounting is painful, "the complexity and difficulty of all that is being unveiled" when it comes to race and violence in American culture at least does away with a convenient falsehood that would prevent the truth from being visible at all.

Unsurprisingly, the reappearance of the founding





American sin has done its own part to fuel outrage and mutual suspicion across ideological divides.

Dr. Ed Stetzer, Billy Graham Distinguished Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism and executive director of the Billy Graham Center, says social media is another major driver of the kinds of social fragmentation that have helped to amp up our culture of outrage. He compares new communication platforms and technology to lead pipes, which were once considered a major technological innovation adopted without reservation until their consequences for public health began to emerge.

Though social media affects secular and believing Americans alike, according to research by the Billy Graham Center collected in an appendix in Stetzer's book *Christians in the Age of Outrage: How to Bring Our Best When the World Is at Its Worst* (Tyndale, 2018), evangelicals actually spend more time on social media than their nonevangelical compatriots. In digital spaces, they also prioritize associating with people who share their beliefs at a higher rate. These trends may contribute to the development, even in the church, of online echo chambers that reinforce polarization and tribalism, rendering ideological opponents not only wrong, but evil.

Stetzer says it is becoming urgent for American Christians to develop practices of social media discipleship.

"We don't have any discipleship practices around it," he says, even though there are "thousands of people on the other side of [that] screen" tasked with the job of making every part of the digital experience more difficult to pull away from.

Outrage is becoming a reliable generator of engagement for social media companies. A 2018 Pew Research Center study found that Facebook users selected "angry" responses more often than "love" responses to posts by members of Congress, with the "angry" response rate increasing more than threefold after the 2016 presidential election. Reporters and editors at major national media companies judge the newsworthiness of each of Trump's tweets as it comes in, and the president's short messages are a regular feature of broadcasts on Fox News and CNN. The president's tweets are often "ratio'd," which means the replies outnumber the "likes"—a situation that normally comes about when more people respond with anger than passively mark a tweet with their approval.

Professor of Political Science Dr. Amy Black notes that "We've never had a president basically patrol social media content so directly himself," adding, "Trump is really our first Twitter president." With the loss of unspoken cues and the nonverbal means by which people communicate during face-to-face interaction, social media can alienate users from one another and suppress the sense that there are people on the receiving end of their posts—people with no less inherent worth or dignity than the person living next door.

Alienation, growing tribalism, and latent anger

provided key vulnerabilities for hackers to exploit during the 2016 election, which they did by encouraging division and dissent among people at both ends of the political spectrum. "Fake news" played on the fears and antipathies of Americans who were losing trust in legacy media institutions.

"Declining trust data goes right along with polarization data," Black says, and there is likely a causal relationship between declining trust and the changing nature of the media environment.

"Trust is really at the center of democratic government," Black says. "It's difficult to sustain a healthy democracy when you lose trust."

When one adds natural sinful proclivities to the mix of shifting cultural power, resurgent racial anxieties, a technological environment engineered to provoke omnidirectional outrage, the manipulations of hostile agents of foreign powers, and a generalized loss of mutual trust, it seems all but inevitable that the church would give in to the moment and embrace the angry spirit of the present age.

But hope remains a necessary Christian virtue.

In addition to studying the underlying reasons for our culture's darkening mood, Fitch, Stetzer, Bacote, Black, and others are also attentive to the places where the light gets in.

A guiding theme for much of the research these scholars are doing is the notion of the common good. "For me, ultimately, the question is: 'Can we live together?'" Stetzer says. "My desire is that men and women might not burn down bridges with their neighbors, but would instead build bridges with their neighbors."

Against the "enemy-making machine" and in the context of an open horizon of possibilities for the church to re-approach the American cultural conversation without directing it or setting its terms, Fitch recommends a stance for Christians that sets limits around the value of temporal power.

"I'm pushing for a renewed practice of reading Scripture, doing evangelism, and engaging culture that renews our presence as the witnesses to the reign of Jesus Christ as Lord in our culture," Fitch says. As he writes in *The Church of Us vs. Them*, "It is Christ's supernatural presence that breaks the hold of the antagonistic frame."

Wariness about the ways power militates against this vision has led Fitch to prioritize politics with a local instead of a national emphasis. He hopes Christians engaged in politics would prioritize "healing and restoring and understanding the struggles and pains and antagonisms" that are part of life in their own neighborhoods and cities, and to build a national movement only on top of one that is primarily directed at the problems found down the street.

One of those problems is a lack of civic education. Black's book *Honoring God in Red or Blue: Approaching Politics with Humility, Grace, and Reason* (Moody, 2012) was a response in part to an experience she had while teaching an adult education class at her church. When she asked the group what they wanted to talk about, many of

the participants mentioned wanting a primer on American government. For some, it had simply been too long since high school civics for them to remember how a bill becomes a law or what part of government oversees what areas of public life.

Black sees this as an important part of her own work: by building her principles for Christian political witness on the foundation of an explanation of basic civics, she hopes to equip her readers and students for the sort of political engagement that prioritizes the common good, an approach that embodies "an aspect of the command to live out our love for neighbor."

Black's colleague, Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Kristin Darr Garrett '07, uses empirical tools and methodologies such as survey experiments and even physiological measures in lab studies to conduct research into the question of how people engage one another in the political sphere. Related to the issues of declining trust, growing outrage, and accelerating polarization, her most recent research question is: "How does virtue help citizens navigate political differences in pluralist democracies?"

This question is at the heart of a forthcoming study on the effects of humility and social identity on the hostility and stress that arise over political differences. The study is part of the Self, Virtue and Public Life Project, which is funded by the Templeton Religion Trust.

Garrett's study will make use of a uniquely multidisciplinary approach. She will work with professors from the Wheaton College Departments of Biology, Philosophy, Mathematics, and Psychology to develop a multifaceted perspective on the ways the virtue of humility might provide a source of mollification in encounters between people who hold conflicting views.

"I think the project has important real-world implications for reducing the partisan division and hostility we see in our current political climate," Garrett says. "Because we have experts on virtue ethics, character development, relationship conflict, morality and politics, political polarization, democratic theory, statistics, and the neurobiology of stress, we can properly theorize about and evaluate how virtue mitigates hostility and stress across political differences."

Dr. Bryan McGraw, dean of the Social Sciences at Wheaton, characterizes Garrett's work as being in the line of moral psychologist Jonathan Haidt, with whom she shares an interest in the way unconsciously held moral presuppositions shape an individual's outlook.

The prereflective responses that emerge from these hidden assumptions can be very powerful, and one of the practical questions of the study is whether those

responses can be redirected or mitigated in a way that might cool our heated public debates.

The conversation about race, for example, is an area where hidden assumptions exert a tremendous amount of power. Although racism in American society has proven to be an unvanquished enemy, Bacote finds that a more open and honest conversation about the issues creates reason for hope. "Yes, the times are fraught, but they're also one of the greatest opportunities for Christians to show another way," he says. A scholar of the work of Dutch Reformed statesman-theologian Abraham Kuyper and author of *The Political Disciple: A Theology of Public Life* (Zondervan, 2015), Bacote hopes Christians may grow more willing to "let Jesus interrogate their political commitments," a process made easier when one remembers that politics is a limited sphere in the scheme of things: "no political party can deliver the *eschaton*."

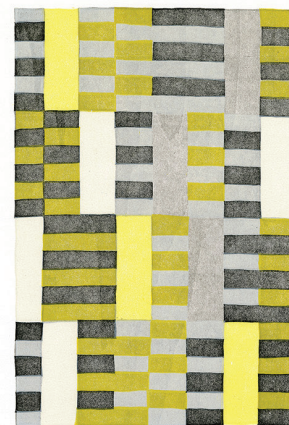
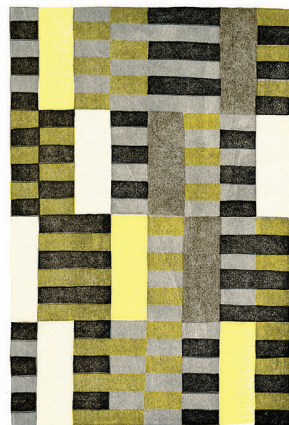
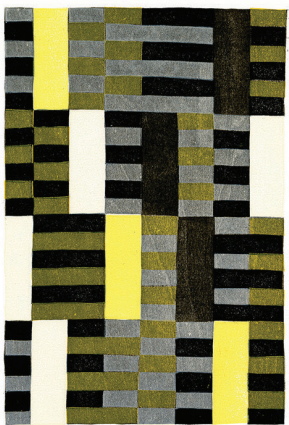
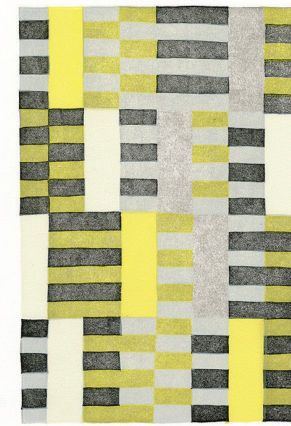
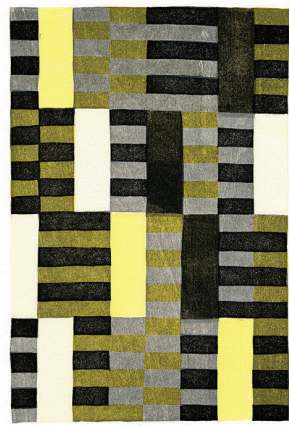
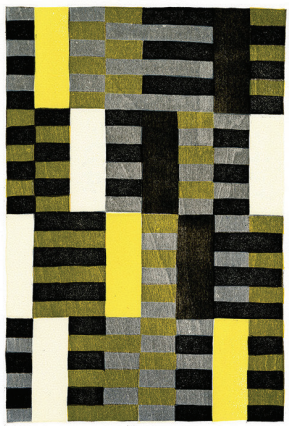
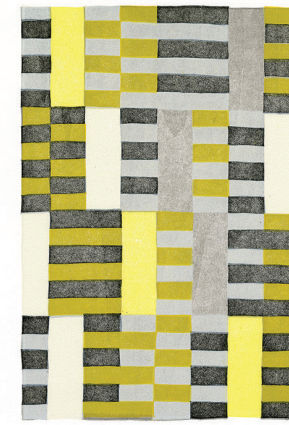
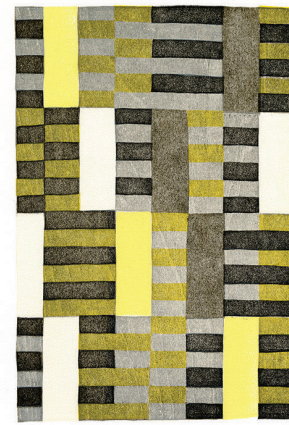
Before Christ's return, a politics that seeks the common good while upholding the dignity and humanity of one's opponent could help bring a robust Christian political witness back to life in the public square.

"Disagreeing with people while humanizing them in the process—the lane is wide open for someone to operate that way," Bacote says.

Humanizing can also mean understanding and sharing in lament for causes of outrage.

Dr. Noah Toly '99, M.A. '12 is the executive director of the Center for Urban Engagement and professor of both urban studies and politics and international relations at Wheaton. Through Wheaton's urban engagement programs, Toly observes students placing themselves in proximity with neighbors who have been victims of oppression. "One of the things our students have to learn is how to share in the grief and the lament and to share in the righteous outrage, but in a way that is loving toward their neighbors and transforms the conversation," Toly says. "And they actually see that modeled by [the College's] community partners."

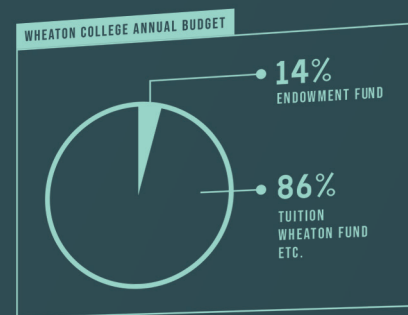
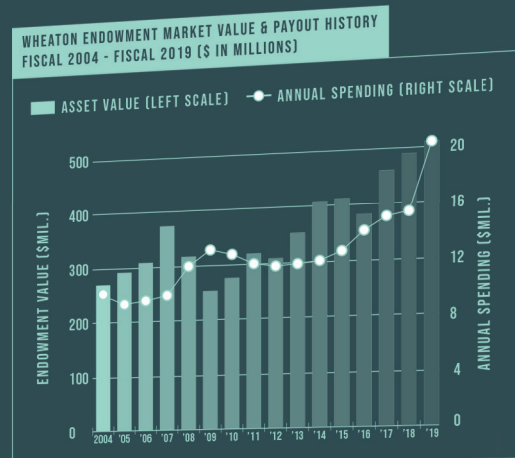
It is hard to say how far this empathetic engagement can go toward changing the tone of our larger cultural conversations, just as it is difficult to tell whether an old virtue could help a person navigate political differences, or whether a model of social media discipleship might help Christians to be less vulnerable to political deception and exploitation. Who knows, too, if anyone will notice if Christians consciously allow their political commitments to be interrogated by the teachings of Jesus, or if a Sunday school class with a civics component helps revitalize a congregation's sense for the common good, or if a church's putting limits on the value it ascribes to temporal power helps bolster a local community's mutual trust. But certainty is inimical to faith. Sometimes the important thing is to try. W



# UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATING WHEATON COLLEGE'S ENDOWMENT

WHEATON'S TOP-RANKING ENDOWMENT IS IN GOOD HANDS THANKS TO THE FAITHFUL GENEROSITY OF ALUMNI AND STEWARDSHIP OF TRUSTEES AND STAFF

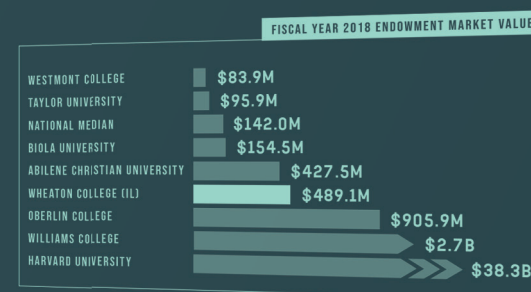
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**\$503,366,000**

WHEATON COLLEGE ENDOWMENT AS OF 2019



IT IS REALLY NO SURPRISE THAT KEN LARSON '84 is a Minnesotan, though "Minnesota nice" doesn't quite capture the depth of his personality. Yes, he is courteous and mild-mannered and polite, and carries a warm, inviting expression. But he is also keen and analytical. As Wheaton College's long-time investment manager—steadily overseeing the College's investments for decades with wisdom, humility, and attention to detail—Ken is just the right person to clear the fog on a topic that remains a mystery to many: the endowment.

"The endowment funds nearly 14 percent of the College's annual budget," he says, "so it plays a very important role in keeping Wheaton affordable and maintaining academic excellence."

The \$503 million endowment exists to generate a dependable stream of income to fund the costs of specific Wheaton College programs and the overall College budget. The College can count on this income every year into perpetuity. This stream of income comes from a permanent investment of donor gifts and College equity in stocks, bonds, hedge funds, and private equity. It supports College programs including scholarships, faculty positions, facilities, and more on an annual basis. The endowment also helps to fund general operations of the College. Notably, returns from the endowment decrease the amount that students need to pay in tuition—by about 15 percent during this past fiscal year.

## WHO'S IN CHARGE

"Ken manages one of the largest Christian college endowment funds in the country but never lets it go to his head. He listens with wisdom and humility to the many strong advisors and fund managers surrounding him," says Larson's Wheaton College roommate, Kevin Engel '84, director of development, who fondly remembers sharing long car rides along I-90/94 home to Minnesota for breaks.

Larson has played a central role in stewardship of the endowment for 34 years. As a business/economics major at Wheaton, he had entry-level exposure to finance and investments that made him a leading candidate for a position in Wheaton's Investment Department in 1985. In those early

years, he earned an M.B.A. in finance from the University of Chicago. "At the time," Larson says, "I did not imagine that I'd work at Wheaton as long as I have, but God has created opportunities for me along the way that have presented new challenges and ways for me to grow professionally at a place that I love." Larson's commitment to the College and its mission runs deep. He met his wife, Laurel Praschan Larson '86, at Wheaton, and three of their four children are either Wheaton graduates or current students.

"Wheaton has had a transformational impact on me personally and on my family, so it is a privilege to serve here," Larson says.

According to Larson, though, oversight of the endowment is exercised primarily by the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees, which includes Phil Hubbard '72, Kurt Keilhacker '85, Shundrawn Thomas, and Dale Wong '85. These four trustees—who have extensive investment knowledge and experience—work closely with Larson and Vice President for Finance and Operations Chad Rynbrandt '94 on all matters relating to the endowment. Rynbrandt serves as the senior College administrator with responsibility over investments. Larson reports to Rynbrandt and has a six-member team (including alumni Tom McCully '77 and Kent Olsen '89) that works with him to manage and account for the endowment and planned gifts.

"Our endowment team is a rare jewel," Rynbrandt says. "There are a few

attributes that I think contribute to its rarity and value. First, we have world-class investment management expertise. You simply need to look up the career history of those involved to see how privileged we are. Second, our team has continuity. Ken's steady leadership has been supported by trustees who have worked with the endowment for many years running. That provides a long-term perspective that helps us make good investment choices and weather challenging periods in the financial markets. Third, we have a unique capability in helping people think about optimal ways to give with the teamwork between our Advancement and Gift Planning teams."

One compelling example of the Investment Committee's leadership, courage, and agility occurred in 2009, during the Great Recession.

"Our committee of four can be nimble," says Hubbard, who serves as chair of the Investment Committee. "We meet four times per year, but we can meet quickly if something happens in the markets. March 2009 is a perfect example. I'll never forget the conference call when the markets tanked. I said, 'Now's the time. Let's put more money into equities.' Some people said, 'Are you crazy?' But when you feel the worst, that is when you want to invest. Not when you feel the best. We were able to put the higher end of our allocation into equities, and as a result, we rebounded well."

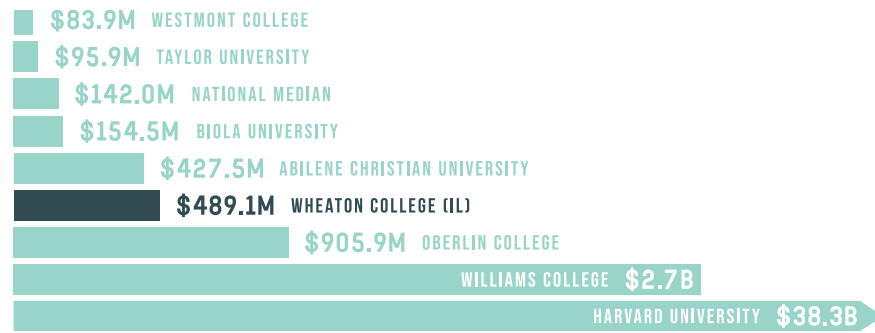
Over the last 10 years, Wheaton's endowment has taken off. It is now worth over \$503 million, which is more than double the \$250 million it was worth back in 2009.

But Hubbard doesn't intend to stop there. He hopes to double that number—to \$1 billion by 2028.

"It might be a little bit of a pipe dream, but why not dream big?"

Larson echoes this sentiment.

"The goal is not to have \$1 billion just to have \$1 billion, but



FISCAL YEAR 2018 ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE (NACUBO)

to have a growing endowment so that we can continue to fund the expanding impact of Wheaton," Larson says. "The cost of education is expensive, and the more we can fund scholarships with the endowment, the more opportunity we will have to help students afford Wheaton."

## HOW IT GROWS

Based on the most recent survey of over 800 endowments by the National Association for College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) for periods ending June 30, 2018, Wheaton's endowment performance ranked in the top five percent for three years.

Reflecting on the endowment's evolution, Larson notes that the "extraordinary generosity" of Wheaton's donors is a major source of the endowment's stability and success: Over \$161 million has come in from donors during the past 25 years, or 42 percent of the endowment's growth during this time. Additionally, investment returns of \$516 million funded \$329 million of spending to fund scholarships and College programs. Investment returns, net of spending, account for \$187 million, or 49 percent of the endowment's growth, with transfers from other College funds providing the balance of \$35 million, or 9 percent, of the endowment's growth. Total growth of the endowment, net of spending, over the past 25 years, is \$384 million.

In addition to generous donor gifts, Wheaton's endowment has grown through earnings from a diversified portfolio of investments. The College employs 14 investment management firms that are thoroughly vetted by both Larson and the Investment Committee to manage segments of the endowment portfolio, which comprises U.S. and international stocks, bonds, hedge funds, and private equities.

"We know who the best traders are and the best money managers are in those particular fields and those are the ones we recommend to Wheaton," Hubbard says. "We look at two things: the head and the heart. What makes this money manager the best in the world at what they do? We don't settle. We also look at what I call the 3P's: pedigree, performance, and professionalism."

Larson is clear that the College integrates its faith and ethical beliefs into investment management.

"Security selections are limited to those firms whose principal or subsidiary business is not in conflict with both the general philosophy and specific policies of the College," Larson says.

The College's investment policy includes the following

guidelines: "Examples of holdings which are not appropriate are securities issued by companies that engage in gaming; that have a significant involvement in the production or distribution of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, agents that cause abortions, or questionable entertainment products; or that knowingly engage in or condone practices—such as racially discriminatory employment policies—inimical to the College's moral and ethical standards."

Looking to the future, Larson's vision is clear. "Specifically, I hope our endowed scholarships grow to enable us to provide more financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students to keep Wheaton affordable and accessible," Larson says. "I also hope endowed faculty chairs increase to further elevate the already high quality of our faculty and provide resources to benefit the teaching and scholarship of all faculty members." **W**

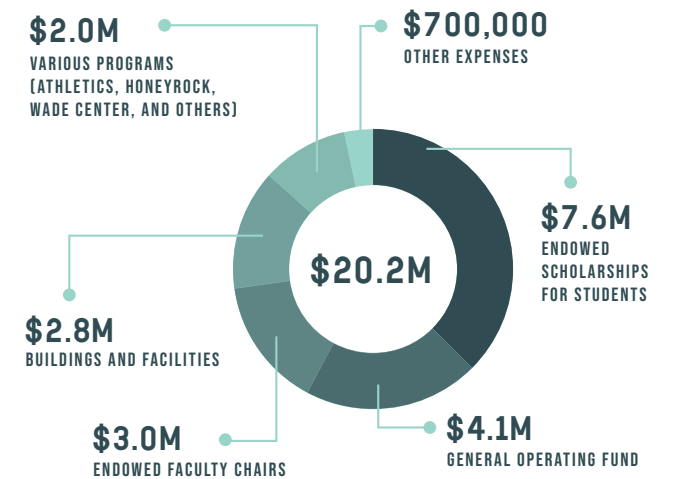
## HOW IT'S USED

Four and a half percent of the endowment is paid out annually to support College scholarships and programs.

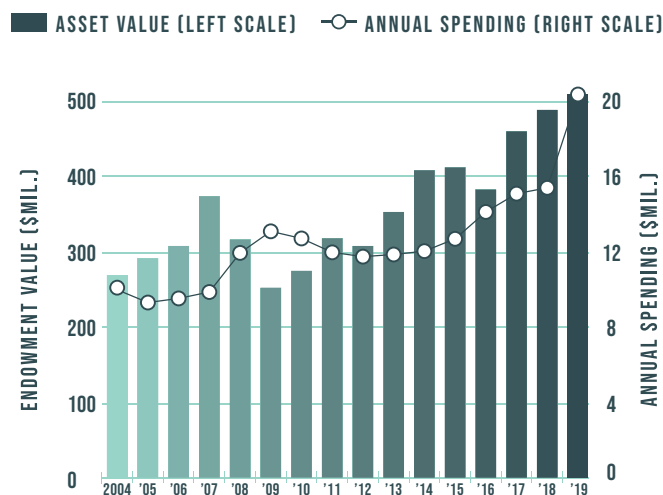
"Scholarships are the top outflow of spending," Larson notes. "Our donors' generosity in giving toward scholarships is remarkable. It's important to know that Wheaton donors have been very generous in funding our endowment in many areas, but in particular, in scholarships and faculty chairs."

"Endowed chair funding pays for the salary and scholarly activities for a faculty member who has been recognized as an expert or major contributor in their field," Provost Margaret DuPlissis Diddams '83 says. "As we look into the future, having endowed chairs allows us to attract top-notch faculty in a way that's not burdensome to tuition. These gifts allow us to offer both a competitive salary and healthy stipends for faculty members to teach and do research that will benefit the church and society worldwide."

## 2019 ENDOWMENT SPENDING BREAKDOWN



## WHEATON ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE & SPENDING FISCAL 2004 - FISCAL 2019 (\$ IN MILLIONS)



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018–JUNE 30, 2019

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### BALANCE SHEET HIGHLIGHTS

	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$933,426,000	\$905,198,000	\$856,563,000	\$785,063,000
NET ASSETS				
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	317,618,000	313,105,000	278,657,000	258,233,000
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	450,817,000	421,375,000	404,348,000	360,657,000
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$768,435,000</b>	<b>\$734,480,000</b>	<b>\$683,005,000</b>	<b>\$618,890,000</b>

### REVENUE/EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
TUITION AND FEES	\$94,468,000	\$91,059,000	\$89,827,000	\$88,888,000
SCHOLARSHIPS	(34,112,000)	(32,219,000)	(30,814,000)	(30,582,000)
<b>NET TUITION AND FEES</b>	<b>\$60,356,000</b>	<b>\$58,840,000</b>	<b>\$59,013,000</b>	<b>\$58,306,000</b>
AUXILIARY REVENUE <i>(e.g. Room, Board, Conference Services, etc.)</i>	22,124,000	21,594,000	21,748,000	21,101,000
GIFTS AND GRANTS	42,237,000	35,606,000	27,747,000	29,327,000
ENDOWMENT SPENDING	20,207,000	18,405,000	17,865,000	17,211,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>128,161,000</b>	<b>126,231,000</b>	<b>124,133,000</b>	<b>119,059,000</b>

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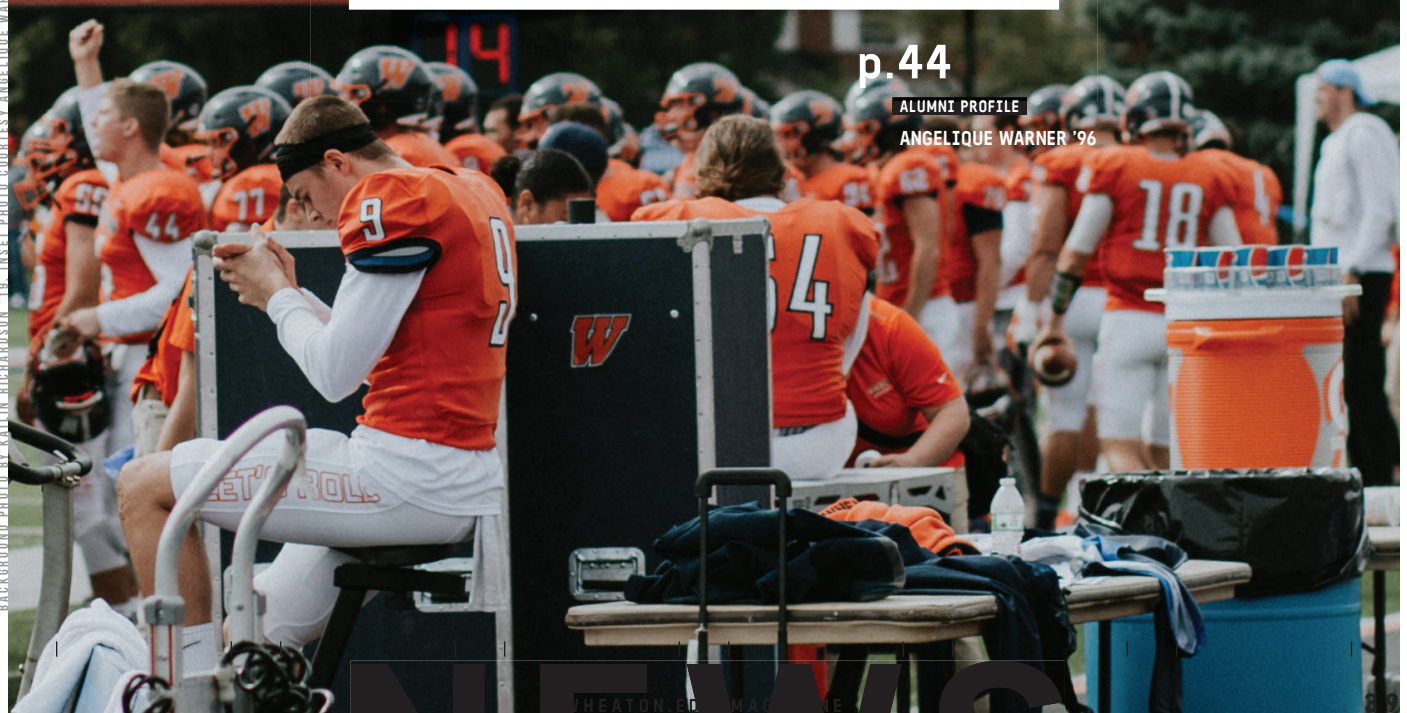
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# ALUMNI

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ANGELIQUE WARNER '96



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# NEWS



## A Word With Alumni

DR. KIRK D. FARNEY M.A. '98

Vice President for Advancement, Vocation, and Alumni Engagement

**W**HEN I WAS IN high school, the revered newsman and commentator Eric Sevareid stepped away from his duties at the microphone of CBS News (Okay, I'm dating myself, but let's not dwell on that). In his final 1977 commentary, the sage Sevareid explained his philosophy of broadcast journalism, and his words have stuck with me to this day because of how apropos they are to a principled, ethical life in general (I even re-watch them occasionally on YouTube).

Sevareid, who began his career as a correspondent during World War II, stated that he had operated under "self-imposed" but important "rules," though "these were few." They included, "To elucidate, when one can, more than to advocate...to retain the courage of one's doubts, as well as one's convictions, in this world of dangerously passionate certainties."

Where have you gone, Mr. Sevareid? My interactions with Wheaton alumni make it clear that our graduates populate broad spectra of theological, political, social, and ecclesiastical thoughts, which, for many, are far from static. Yet I am inspired by

the conscientiousness with which our alumni express their opinions while exhibiting openness to engaging different ideas. I think that this is at least in part a manifestation of their Christian liberal arts education.

In his classic, *The Idea of a Christian College*, Wheaton's now-sainted Professor Art Holmes '50, M.A. '52, wrote:

*The educated person shows independence and creativity of mind... the power to gather, sift, and manipulate new facts and materials, and to handle altogether novel situations. The educated Christian exercises critical judgment and manifests the ability to interpret and to evaluate information, particularly in light of the Christian revelation. In a word, if she is to act creatively and to speak with cogency and clarity to the minds of her fellows, the educated Christian must be at home in the world of ideas and people.*

If those of us who come to work on this campus do our jobs rightly, we will prepare the next generation of Christian leaders to "elucidate" with "cogency and clarity," while retaining the "courage" of both their "convictions" and their "doubts." With God's help, we will equip them to exercise "independence and creativity of mind," while being "at home in the world of ideas and people." **W**

**"THE EDUCATED CHRISTIAN MUST BE AT HOME IN THE WORLD OF IDEAS AND PEOPLE."**



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PHOTO BY MIKE HUDSON '89

## Wheaton College Alumni Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meet your new board members



**KARI SHOOK ANDERSON '91** lives in St. Louis, Missouri, where she works as an analyst with BJC Healthcare. Kari holds a graduate certificate in general theological studies from Covenant Seminary and graduated with an M.B.A. from Webster University in August of 2019. At Wheaton, she led a Discipleship Small Group, was part of the tennis team, and served with *Kodon* as their business manager. Kari has four children: Elise '21, Ben (age 19), Ian (age 17), and Emma (age 13).



**AUSTIN CHU '18** is our young alumni representative. He graduated with a degree in elementary education with an endorsement in special education, and is currently teaching special education math and science at Marquardt Middle School in Glendale Heights, Illinois. While a student, Austin was a volunteer coordinator for the World Relief tutoring program, news editor for the *Record*, a member of the Student Alumni Board (SAB), and the list goes on. Austin's sister is Grace Chu Mayell '11, his brother-in-law is Marcus Mayell '11, and his brother Justin is Wheaton Class of 2020.



**ELISABETH VERSEPUT JONES '08** earned an M.D. from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and works as a pediatrician at Lawndale Christian Health Center. Her pediatrics residency took place at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. While a student, Lissy was on the cabinet of the Student Missionary Project (SMP) and was part of the Diakonoia Admissions program. Lissy and her husband, Kevin '08, live in Chicago and keep busy with their two young children: Gwendolyn (age 2) and Henry (age 1).



**REBECCA GRAY JORDAN '88** recently retired after 25 years as an English teacher, debate coach, and reading specialist at a high school in the Chicago suburbs. Becky has a master's degree in organizational leadership and a post-master's degree as a reading specialist from National-Louis University. As a student, Becky was on the debate team and was active in Student Government. Becky is married to Thomas Jordan and has two stepsons: Tommy (age 27) and Chris (age 25). The Jordans also have two grandchildren.



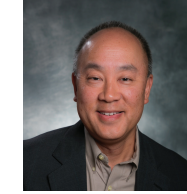
**JEFFREY SHAFER '96** lives in Winter Park, Florida, where he is the CEO of CommonGood Capital. After Wheaton, he received a master's in business administration from Rollins College, and a CFP and ChFC from the American College of Financial Services. Jeff serves on multiple boards, is active with the Nehemiah Project, and has a passion for prison ministries. At Wheaton, he played basketball, football, and worked for 20+ elderly couples in the Wheaton area. Jeff and his wife, Shelly Storer Shafer '96, have two children: Ellie (age 17) and Nick (age 16).

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## Working on Work

*Rebekah King Kikama '12 helps Chicagoans restore their vocations.*

BY CIERA HORTON MCELROY '17 **NOT FAR FROM WHEATON**, in the South Side Chicago neighborhood of Woodlawn, the unemployment rate is more than four times the national average. Rebekah King Kikama '12 is working to fix that through her work as executive director of OneonOne.

The vision at OneonOne (formerly Hope Works) is simple. They're "working on work." But the impact is immeasurable—in just five years, Kikama has led the nonprofit organization from helping 75 people find, secure, and maintain jobs to 700 annually.

The organization trains participants in a range of soft skills, such as problem-solving, creativity, and interviewing, while also helping community members create a resume or apply for available jobs. Kikama tells the story of one single mother of five who proudly showed off her new business cards with the title, "Manager."

"Vocation doesn't have to mean that you love everything at work," says Kikama, who became the Executive Director of OneonOne at only 24 years old. "Part of our dignity as being made in God's image is that we are called to work. And so what does it mean for people who are unable to work for a variety of reasons, or who society has cut off? And how do we have a role in restoring and affirming that calling?"

Kikama credits her experience with the Honduras Project as being exceptionally informative in laying the groundwork for her calling. Being the director of the Honduras Project allowed her to learn about how "various public and private entities collaborate to make change."

Kikama remains active in the Wheaton community, serving on the advisory board for Wheaton in Chicago and engaging dozens of students as ambassadors and volunteers. **W**

## MOTHER OF INVENTION

*How Angelique Warner '96 stepped out in faith and became the first Black female in the United States to invent a baby carrier.*

Angelique Warner '96 is no stranger to stepping out in faith.

She applied only to Wheaton because she knew that's where she was supposed to be, and upon acceptance, she relied on God to provide the funding she needed.

While at Wheaton, Angelique joined Gospel Choir. Years later, she was speaking with Gospel Choir Director Tanya Egler when another "knowing" came to her.

"During our conversation, I suddenly 'knew,' like I know my own name, that I was supposed to work at Glenwood Academy at the end of the summer," Angelique recalls.

As house parents at Glenwood, Angelique and her husband had 14 teenage boys in their home as well as their own four children, ages four and under. One day, while trying to breastfeed her baby, potty train her one-year-old twins, and run after her four-year-old, Angelique had a vision for a way to keep her hands free while still allowing her baby to nurse: the prototype for what would become the GoGoVie Premium Baby Carrier, the only hybrid sling and soft structured carrier on the market.

There was only one problem: Angelique didn't know how to create what she had seen.

"Little by little, over time, God would awaken me, always at 3 a.m., and give me revelation as to what design revisions would move me closer to achieving my desired end," Angelique says.

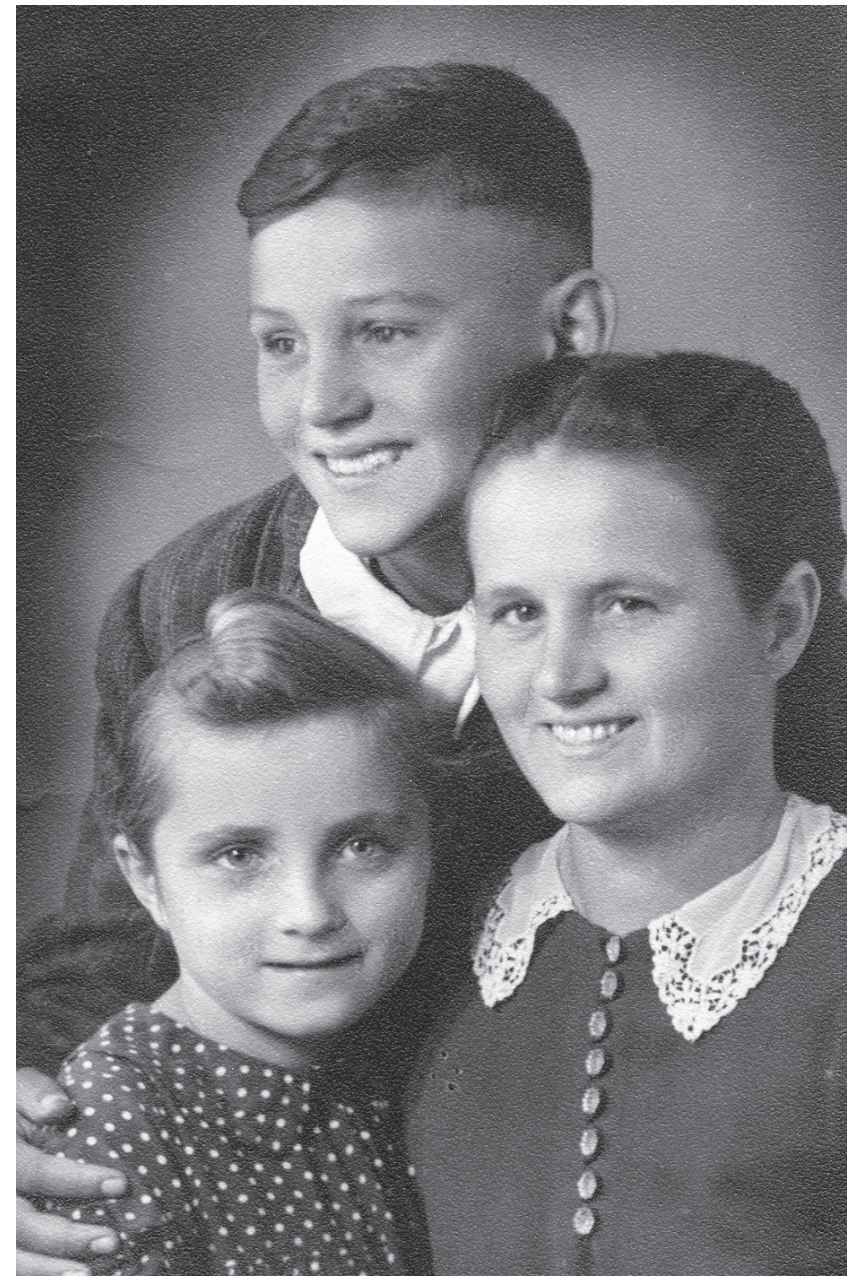
Eight years later, GoGoVie was ready, and shortly after its launch became one of the highest-rated baby carriers available.

"My gift of faith has led the way for my career as an entrepreneur. When God gave me the vision for GoGoVie, I jumped. I believe that if he gives vision he will give provision," says Angelique. **W**

BY ADRIANNA WRIGHT '01

PHOTO COURTESY OF REBEKAH KING KIKAMA '12

*"The credit for my good life is God's grace."*



## EXILE, INTERRUPTED

*Displaced by the ravages of World War II, George Shoning '62 found a home at Wheaton College.*

BY DAWN KOTAPISH '92

PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGE SHONING '62

**GEORGE (SCHUDNACHOWSKI) SHONING '62** was born in 1937 in present-day Ukraine on the cusp of World War II. His past reads like the pages of a political thriller.

Within a year of George's birth, Communist authorities arrested and executed his grandfather, great uncle, and uncle. A decade later, after being repeatedly uprooted by shifting borders and regimes, the family lost George's father to a Siberian labor camp.

And yet in the face of such a cataclysmic journey, George is certain that the seemingly improbable, life-saving interventions along the way were divinely orchestrated.

For example, overrun by the Russian army in February 1945, the displaced and starving family stumbled upon a burned-out Polish farmhouse with enough scorched potatoes and frozen livestock to feed them for three months.

A few years later, in 1951, the godly folk of the First Baptist Church of Arlington, Massachusetts, sponsored the family's emigration to the United States. When it came time for George to attend college, it was none other than longtime Wheaton College trustee Dr. E. Joseph Evans (aka "Uncle Joe") who helped George secure a full four-year scholarship to Wheaton College through the generosity of his friend, Susan Howes.

At Wheaton, George majored in mathematics and indulged in as many literature, theology, and philosophy courses as possible. As a member of ROTC, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery Branch upon graduation out of a desire to "repay" the nation that had taken him in.

Today George lives in Boulder, Colorado, with his wife, Allida. They have two children and four grandchildren.

"The credit for my good life is God's grace," says George. "My family and I received so much undeserved love from God's people that no matter how much gratitude we express it never can be enough." **W**



## CONSISTENCY AND ARTISTRY IN LIFE-LONG SERVICE

*For nurturing diversity and unity among the body of Christ, the Wheaton College Alumni Association is pleased to posthumously honor Rodney K. Sisco '84 as Alumnus of the Year for Distinguished Service to Alma Mater.*

BY LIUAN CHEN HUSKA '09

**RODNEY K. SISCO '84** was charismatic. Dr. Sam Shellhamer HON., retired vice president of student development, remembers Sisco yelling out “Wild times!” to him across campus when Sisco was a student and he was an administrator. President Philip Ryken '88 recalls first encountering Sisco as a big man singing “Hava Nagila” in Glee Club. “Even if you didn’t know Rodney personally, you knew Rodney,” said Sisco’s classmate, Beverly Liefeld Hancock '84. Sisco’s positive presence was felt across campus.

“It wasn’t until after I left Wheaton,” Hancock, president of the Alumni Association, said, “that I began to understand how difficult it must have been for Rodney as one of only a handful of black students on campus. And yet, he chose to return to Wheaton and be a leader in bringing greater diversity and creating a space for those students.”

Today, Sisco’s gentle, affirming influence can still be felt across campus. Though he passed away in December 2018 after a battle with cancer, Sisco’s service to Wheaton, first as an admissions counselor and then as director of the Office of Multicultural Development (OMD), continues to have lasting impact.

### Embodying Unity Within Diversity

When Sisco was a student at Wheaton, just over three percent of undergraduates were students of color. Today, they make up nearly one quarter of the student body. These positive changes came with challenges.

“The work of deepening diversity is a spiritual struggle,” Ryken said. Sisco played a major role in guiding the campus through the “growing pains” of becoming more diverse. “He was good at loving and

affirming the mission of the College while also challenging the systems, policies, and procedures that weren’t as effective at serving a changing student body,” said Dr. Paul Chelsen '91, vice president of student development.

While such work can be divisive, Sisco had the unique capacity to translate across various groups, bringing people to common ground. “Rodney was very encouraging on themes of unity and diversity,” Ryken said. “His instinct, rather than finding fault with what was deficient, was to find ways to affirm what was God-honoring. That’s highly motivational in the body of Christ.”

Sisco’s leadership shone through during a difficult moment in recent campus history. After some students tweeted racially insensitive remarks during a chapel focused on African American worship, Sisco helped the campus work through pain and lament. He also recognized a “cultural moment,” said Chelsen, and made the case for moving the Office of Multicultural Development to the lower Beamer Center, making the conversation around cultural diversity more central—literally and figuratively—to campus life.

In its new location, the OMD became a hub for students of all backgrounds. Sisco’s disarming and nonjudgmental presence encouraged even those new to conversations around diversity to engage. “I told people who were interested in getting involved to go and talk to Rodney,” said Thomas (TJ) Whitfield '20. “Rodney wouldn’t say, ‘Oh, you’re not a student of color,’ but instead, ‘Oh, you’re someone who is here to learn, willing to grow. I respect that. I’m going to help nurture that in any way I can.’”

Tanya Egler worked with Sisco ever since he invited her to direct the Gospel Choir nearly 30 years ago. As program assistant for the OMD, she has been part of the welcoming space that Rodney pioneered. “People come in

just to chill out and to have conversations around the table, solving problems about the world.” The OMD, Egler added, shows Rodney’s vision of a family-oriented space of ethnic expression.

Eugene Bae '21 joined the Gospel Choir cabinet as a freshman and did not expect Sisco to know her name. But “he already knew who I was,” she said. “Every time, he asked me ‘How are you doing?’ He didn’t dismiss any of us.” Bae’s experience was typical of the way Sisco personally invested in every student. He made each person feel “heard and seen as if my issues were the most important thing he had on his mind,” said Morgan Jacob '17, former member of the Wheaton College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

This deep love for the students at Wheaton, said longtime friend, Reggie Bass '81, was what enabled Sisco to persist through the challenges of working to make the campus a true place of shalom.

### An Expansive Vision of God’s Kingdom

Sisco did not carry out his work alone, but invited others into it. Jerry Woehr '08, M.A. '13 worked closely with Sisco as director of International Student Programs, an office which grew out of the MuKappa student organization within the OMD. While Sisco was often approached as the go-to person for resolving cross-cultural issues on campus, he consistently identified the giftings of others and empowered them to leverage their own experience and connections to better serve students. “I loved having him bring me onto his team and point to others, saying, ‘Here’s another voice,’” Woehr said. “He saw Jesus in everybody and was ready to invite them into the work that Jesus had called him to do.”

Sisco’s vision was not just about serving students of color, but the entire campus. “Rodney was very com-

mitted, very available to majority students. He had a significant impact on many, many Caucasian students,” Shellhamer said.

Beyond leading the OMD, Sisco served on the Faculty Diversity Committee, chaired the Diversity Council formed by President Emeritus Duane Litfin HON., and encouraged the College to hire its first Chief Intercultural Engagement Officer. He also provided national leadership on diversity issues through the Association of Christians in Student Development and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), among other groups.

Woehr regularly met with Sisco in his office. As he would sit facing Sisco’s computer screen, he would see photo screensavers pop up of Sisco’s family—his wife Hasana Pennant Sisco '86 and their two boys—along with Wheaton students and staff. To Woehr, those photos reflected Sisco’s legacy of “inviting many beyond his nuclear family into the family of God, across what some might say are cultural barriers.” Woehr saw the kingdom of God in Sisco’s screensavers. “Rodney was a faithful servant dedicated to making that kingdom a reality,” Woehr said.

“Rodney had a deep commitment to the College, faith in the reconciling work of Jesus, grace, and patience—along with a big smile,” said Hancock. For 34 years, Sisco shared his gifts of patience, grace, and good humor to encourage and support thousands of Wheaton College students and alumni. With a gentle, affirming presence, Rodney embodied Christ’s love for people of all backgrounds, inspiring others to join him in the work of reconciliation. For his consistency and artistry in nurturing diversity and unity among the body of Christ, the Wheaton College Alumni Association remembers and honors him as the 2019 Alumnus of the Year for Distinguished Service to Alma Mater. **W**



In November 2018, the Wheaton College Alumni Association voted unanimously to award Sisco the 2019 Alumnus of the Year for Distinguished Service to Alma Mater. Wheaton College alumni, students, faculty, and staff gathered with Rodney’s family and friends during Homecoming 2019 to celebrate.

# CLASS REUNIONS

## Homecoming 2019

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**1989:**  
**30 YEAR**  
**REUNION**  
**ATTENDEES**

Cynthia Rosenblad Ambler, Mark Anderson, Brian Aycock, Lorrie Koelkamp Barrett, Bradley Baurain, Marie Hass Benware, John Biedeback, Deborah Hokanson Buchstaber, Elizabeth Squire Carrera, Judith Bagot Chudek, Karen Coley, Amy Swanson Cox, Mark Crockett, Wendy Aspden Curran, Denise Carrazana Davis, Paul Davis, Renee Chavez De Jager, Wendy Spencer Dean, Kristin Greener Dettmer, Bryan Eklund, Debra Walker Emery, John Ericson, James Fadel, Sherry Johnson Fadel, David Farrell, Amanda Carper Friesen, Jeffrey Golz, Leanne Carlson Goth, Sally Moore Graham, Tassie McLennan Green, Valerie Grimes, Heather Ross Hall, Theodore Harro, Elizabeth Wood Heredia, Troy Hill, Patricia Goetz Hinkel, Kirsten Nelson Hood, Nathan Hoppe, Michael Hudson, Clarinda Schwenk James, Jeffery James, Gina Kemp, K. Todd Keylock, John Kramer, Timothy Larsen, David Lauber, Wayne Losey, Derrick Max, William McCauley, Kathy Kleidon Mellowe, Jennifer Kuhlmann Merck, Ronald Miller, Terri Correll Miller, Curtis Misteale, Laurinda Taylor Misteale, Rebecca Wang Mullins, Robert Mullins, Bryan O'Byrne, Jessica Thomas Oliver, David Pao, Angela Luming Pullen, Christopher Pullen, Susan Bennett Reed, Timothy Reed, Shalie Jones Schacht, Kristen Schry Schoenbeck, Paul Schoenbeck, Lisa Fuller Seward, John Shank, William Shirley, Randall Steinkle, Thomas Stoner, Daniel Strack, Man Tam, Gregory Thompson, Susan Huish Tolentino, Jill Allison White, Kelli Greener Whiteside, Robert Woodburn.



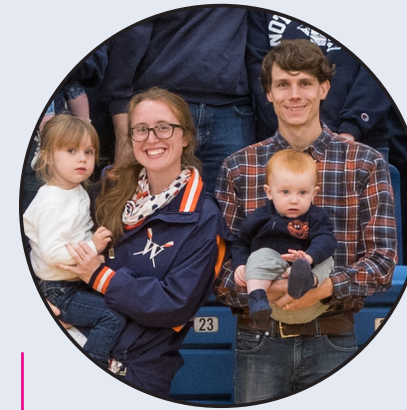
**1994:**  
**25 YEAR**  
**REUNION**  
**ATTENDEES**

Hans Anderson, Vanessa Rull Anderson, Kari Dooyema Ballard, Janet Earhart Barnett, Paul Barton, Larissa Bell Bell, Anne Winnes Bickle, Amy Rose Blanton, Sheryl Henderson Blunt, Barton Brezina, Brayden Brezina, Denesha Brezina, Grayson Brezina, Ruth Choi, Jennifer Gray Cole, Matthew Cole, Jason Crawford, Courtney Holt Crowder, Daniel Dailey, Heidi Mitchell Daniels, Heather Malas Davis, Timothy Dew, Daniel Doeblner, Karen Kottmann Edwards, Caryn Pederson England, Susan Hanak Erickson, Christine Yoder EscareOo, Michael Everest, Nancy Palm Everest, Angela Fisher Fisher-Enders, Amy Fox, Peter Fox, Aimee Paulson Fritz, Sean Fry Fry, Rebecca Smoot Gardner, Maria Geiger Geiger, Douglas Gilmour, Janice Rudolph Gilmour, Kristianne Goff Goff, Roberta Setzer Gustafson, Sonja Anderson Halcomb, Jason Harrod, Suzanne Davis Heegaard, Ami Henson Henson, Cheryl Joerres Hoffner, Amber Broersma Hudson, Christopher Hudson, Jacqueline Madison Huggins, Kristen Rolund Janfrancisco, Esther Jhun, Nathalie Ramsborg Johnson, Dene Paget Joubert, Kwesi Kamau, Michelle Hekman Kinzer, Brian Knot, Emily Langan Langan, Rachel Miller Lawson, Keuno Lee Lee, Shannon Crowder Lins, Natasha Martin Martin, Aubretia black Meadows, Deborah Long Mellott, Stacy Gosselin Mercurio, Laura Moran, Phyllis Nsiyah-Kumi, Bryan Oakley, Patricia Sawyer Parker, Jennifer Marshall Patterson, Michael Perez, David Phillips, Michael Plette, Esther Prins, Joel Regier, Shawna Shogren Regier, Curtis Robbins, Angela Dinkins Roberts, Elizabeth Pipes Rooney, Tricia Brown Rosina, Brenda Moore Ryan, Chad Rynbrandt, Marcia Tobey Salzman, Shelley Didrickson Shamp, Susan John Sheen, Alison Shirley, Shelley Wehr Shirley, Michele DeVries Smith, Amy Sporleder, Lori Regier Steger, Camille Hoffner Steiner, Gwen Stidham Stidham-North, David Sue Sue, Amy Norman Vandenberg, Sandra Reinke Venden, Elizabeth Franklin Wall, Gregory Warren, Craig Webster, Wade Wollin, Jennifer Powell Wyse, Melissa Lowe Zart.



**1999:**  
**20 YEAR**  
**REUNION**  
**ATTENDEES**

Stephen Bagnoni, Robert Batt, Allison Yoder Bonga, Bruce Bonga, Katherine Gieser Brink, Noah Brink, Farrah Lauten Brown, Jennifer Brown Brown, Marcus Brown, Matthew Brown, Bridget Hensiek Campbell, Kathryn Wright Carter, Katie Stephen Cuprys, Sarah Wilson Curry, Anne Edwardson Edwardson, Glynka Fritz FritzMiller, Matthew Miller FritzMiller, Angela Gamble, Carrie Sonstroem Geiger, Christopher Geiger, Julie Sterrett Gerber, Bryan Gintz, Christopher Greenway, Margaret Hoover Greenway, Candis Bounds Grover, Adam Groves, Derek Hamilton, Heidi Hagglund Hendricks, Craig Henninger, Sarah Hanlon Henninger, Todd Hilkemann, Julia Hutchins, Jennifer Indelicato, Ryan Issakainen, Lori Nungesser Johnson, Jennifer Reich Karls, Jesse Karls, Kerry McGee Kennedy, Bryant Kong, Eva Lewis Ledbetter, Richard Lyon, Valerie Smith Malicki, Catherine Carlson McNeil, Kristie Turner Monteiro, Paul Monteiro, Janine Brown Petry, Benjamin Pyykkonen, Kristi Bertolet Rice, Amy Vinson Ritter, Kristopher Ritter, Jessica Meldrum Sanders, Andrew Saur Saur, Majken Hanson Schwartz, Saija Waarna Searles, Bethany Mall Sethi, Kara Anderle Sorensen, Amy Carlson Sterner, Catherine Shelton Stevens, Jason Stuck, Kristen Bernthal Stuck, Kristen Bernthal Stuck, Kristen Bernthal Stuck, Lena Keith Stumper, Eric Taylor, Robert Teichler, Sarah Ortiz Teichler, Tanya Thomas, Noah Toly, Rebecca Calderwood Toly, Grant Tregay, Lorena Gonzalez Vicente, Michael Vogel, Carolyn Christensen Walter, Jeanette Wheeler, Christianna Whitekettle, Daniel Wolbrink.



**2009:**  
**10 YEAR**  
**REUNION**  
**ATTENDEES**

Karlan Arellano, Benjamin Ashworth, Nathan Askren, Melinda Brown Babarskis, Derek Bailey, Jason Barney, Karen Bartos, Joshua Bell, Suzanne Allen Brakhage, Erica Breitbarth, Julia Lederhouse Buckingham, Aubrey Senyard Buster, Joshua Carr, Christine Walsh Choe, Sarah Cobb, Daniel Creamer, Daniel Creamer, Molly Teune Denton, Annie Eby, Timothy Ellingsen, Shannon Jeske Englert, Robert Eschmann, Andrew Ewert, Andrew Ewert, Katherine Kienitz Ewert, Katherine Kienitz Ewert, Stephen Franz, Adam Garrett, Maria Smith Goertz, Gisela Parker Gottlieb, Aniela Kamienski Gwinn, Karen Hansen, Margaret Harper, Josiah Harrant, Sarah Warnet Henderson, Brian Herman, Christy Schweigert Hillebrand, Jillian Bittner Huberty, John Hutson, Rachel English Hutson, Mark James, Amy Jahns Jantzen, Matt Jantzen, Lorin Jenkins, Hannah Johnson, James Kemp, Jared Kindt, Benjamin Krumsieg, Patricia Fallon Krumsieg, Megan Gullikson Kuehl, Rachel Arno LaPlante, Whitney Edgecombe Lecocq, Gloria Cho Lee, Joseph Lim, Rebekah Geno Lipp, Christopher Lloyd, Colin Marlowe, Hannah McGinnis, Hannah Page Mosby, Lisa Goetz Mutchler, Amy Kingman Nelson, Sarah Jahns Nitz, Andrea Nordstrom Nordstrom, Angela Redfield Oldham, Meredith Malony Patterson, Adam Payne, Erin Hendriksen Payne, Matthew Ravenscraft, Andrew Redmann, Jacob Rhode, Ashley Richardson Sheldon Richardson, Meghan Anderson Robins, Molly Rose Rose, Grant Roszkowiak, Kelli Jackson Russell, Olivia Heaton Ryan, Rebekah McAuley SalEs, James Schroeder, Anna Scott, Alex Smith, Kathryn Matthews Smith, Larissa Smith, Scott Sommerville, Amy Schock Soule, Julia Stanton, Ryan Stegink, Laurelin Sterns Sterns Nesbitt, Stephani Thornton Studebaker, Laura Wilcox Tanaka, Matthew Tanaka, Zachary Taylor, Adam Temple, Eric Theisen, Michelle Cameron Theisen, Elise Bremer Tomlin, Zachary Troyer, Katherine Drach Ulreich, Kirstin van Gend, Kara Vance.



**2014:**  
**5 YEAR**  
**REUNION**  
**ATTENDEES**

Mallory Alpert, Evana Abel Andersen, Mark Andersen, Brittany Anderson, Amanda Azadian, Derek Babb, Benjamin Baker, Andrew Bayer, Molly Bender, Andrew Bliss, Stephanie Bell Bliss, Rachael Botting, Mary Karg Bragg, Rebekah Evans Brown, Emily Buyse Bruere, Lauren Carini Burand, Jonathan Burdett, Kirsten Bell Burdett, Ashley Boyce Charleston, Tyler Charleston, Lillian Chou, Emily Ciesil, Stacey Cladis, Andrew Cochrum, Christine Coley, Kailin Cornwall, Shaina Davidson, Kelsey Voydanoff Dewar, Jessica Parsons Edelblut, Susan Eichling, Jared Ellingsen, Christopher Erdos, Enjie Fang, Madeline Cole Feder, Jessalyn Foggy, Alexander Foote Foote, Alexandra Offerdahl Francis, Wills Francis, Sarah Swanson Gallagher, Lydia Gantz, Courtney Goll, Virginia Melby Graham, Joshua Green, Lauren Gross, Kathryn Hamilton, Steven Harrison, Meredith Hawkins, Jessica Duttweiler Henderson, Julian Henderson, Chelsea Hutchings, Amanda Iglesias, Lauren Anderson Kelly, Ashley Kiley, Andrew Kilgore, Taylor Kohlhepp, Carl Larsen, Tessa Larsen, Nadia Quiggle Lohse, Matthew Lorier, Kelsey Mastin, Bethany Ludens McCollum, Matthew McCrary, Suzanna McKinney, Matthew McMillan, Liliana Mejia Mejia, Joshua Miller, Elsemarie deVries Mullins, Kristin Glastad Nankervis, Lee Nankervis, Justine Nham, David Ourada, Donald Page, Maria Panaggio, Jamie Walitsch Placeway, Elizabeth Pax Rabideau, Deron Rindels, Holly Brackin Smith, Joel Smith, Ruffin Stirling, Hannah Taetzsch, Megan Thornton, Stephanie Thorsen, Rachel Wassink, Benjamin Williams, Kelsey Boes Williams, Kayla Witcik, Allison Hayes Young, Alyssa Linnane Zarn.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
*Through his own redeeming love,*  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above.

CECIL FRANCES HUMPHREYS ALEXANDER,  
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