

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## A Note From the Director

Dear JWHC Alumni,

As the fall semester ends here in Marion, we can finally devote our full attention to the Advent season: that period in the Church calendar when we ponder and reflect on the coming of our Lord Jesus as the Savior who dwells in our midst. For centuries Christians have embraced this season as a time to cultivate a deeper appreciation for Christ's incarnation: the love of a God who takes on the fullness of our created humanity in order to redeem us and graft us into the eternal life of the Trinity.

As I reflect this Advent season on the power and beauty of this redemptive Truth, I am overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for all the ways in recent years that God has empowered the John Wesley Honors College to make this Truth the heart and center of who we are as a learning community. What a privilege it is to

watch JWHC students and alumni grow into the human potential that Christ's life, death, and resurrection makes possible.

The JWHC faculty established new program learning outcomes last year, and we are on the verge of proposing a new JWHC core curriculum. All of this work is part of our effort to create a community of liberal learning in the JWHC that will truly challenge and equip us all (faculty and students) to become more fully human in the image of Christ. For our efforts to bear fruit in the years ahead, we need to continue to attract bright and ambitious students who want to pursue their lives and eventual careers as expressions of their kingdom-of-God calling.

As the JWHC enters the height of our recruitment season, please take a moment to consider any prospective college students you know who

might be good candidates for our learning community. Your recommendation could make a significant difference and help shape the future of the JWHC. Direct any such students to [jwhc.indwes.edu](http://jwhc.indwes.edu) or tell them to contact us for more information ([jwhc.admissions@indwes.edu](mailto:jwhc.admissions@indwes.edu)). We are also pleased to announce that this year's JWHC applicants will be considered for the Servant Leader Scholarship Competition. More information is available online, but the top award is \$20,000 over four years.

May the hope, joy, peace, and love of the Lord overwhelm you as we continue to rejoice in this Advent Season!

Grace and Peace,



**Alumni Profile**  
**Rachel Campbell**  
Class of 2007

**What is your hometown?**

Greenfield, Indiana

**What was your major?**

Pre-medical sciences/biology

**What is your current vocation?**

I am a 4th-year osteopathic medical student at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee. I am interviewing for emergency medicine residency programs all across the country.

**What has been your best experience since graduating from Indiana Wesleyan?**

I delivered my niece, Layla, who is now 6 months old! In May 2012, my greatest achievement will be becoming a physician.



**Featured Class:**

*Religion, Race, and Resistance: The White Church's Response to the Black Freedom Struggle 1950-1975*

This fall semester, Dr. Rusty Hawkins has guided JWHC students through a challenging and thought-provoking research tutorial, grappling with a dark chapter in the Church's past.

Hawkins and his students asked pointed questions about the role of white evangelicals in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s: How did they justify their opposition to civil rights? How did their opposition change over time? What are the

ramifications of this opposition for the Church today?

The students also had the opportunity to practice resistance and champion civil rights when a car on the IWU campus was defaced with a racial slur. The class emailed university officials and petitioned to have the incident taken very seriously.

IWU President Henry Smith announced during the December 7th chapel service that the incident was being



treated as a federal hate crime. A time of corporate prayer and responsive readings followed.

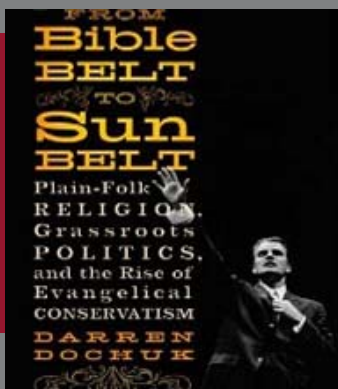
The *Sojourn* article about the incident can be found here:

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## JWHC Student Reading List

*From Bible Belt to Sun Belt*  
Darren Dochuk

*The Man Who Was Thursday*  
G.K. Chesterton



## JWHC Classes Fall 2011

Honors UNV 180, Dr. David Riggs

Forum: Faith and Arts, Dr. Lance Peeler

Intro to Christian Liberal Learning, Dr. David Riggs

Honors Research Tutorials,

Dr. Charles Bressler & Dr. Rusty Hawkins

Humanities Philosophy, Dr. Todd Ream

Humanities World Civilization, Dr. Lisa Toland

Humanities World Literature, Dr. Charles Bressler

Liberal Learning Tutorials

New Testament Survey, Dr. Amy Peeler

Old Testament Survey, Dr. Steve Lennox

Honors Research Seminar, Dr. Todd Ream

## Alumni Profile Kate Cook Class of 2010



### What is your hometown?

Cincinnati, Ohio

### What were your major and minor?

Major: Nursing Minor: Spanish

### What is your current vocation?

I am an R.N. at Mercy Hospital Anderson in Cincinnati.

### How did your experiences in the JWHC prepare you for life now?

Professionally, I was challenged to think critically about my faith and my vocation. Personally, I was challenged to reevaluate priorities. The experiences and insight I gained through my interactions with other members of the JWHC have been beneficial and invaluable to my growth.

### How did the JWHC shape how you view your vocation?

The JWHC encouraged me to integrate my career with the desires God has given my heart. According to Buechner, it is the place where my "deep gladness meets the world's deep need."

## Upcoming Events

### Principium Faculty Lecture Series

*What's Justice Got to Do with It?  
Heeding C.S. Lewis' Warning and Call  
for Justice in Our Utilitarian Age of  
Research Based Recidivism Reduction*  
with Professor Jim Lutrull

January 23, 2012

4:00-5:00 pm

Elder Hall, Room 143

### Principium Faculty Lecture Series

*Souled-Out Sisters: The Decline of  
Women Ministers in the Wesleyan-  
Holiness Tradition, 1930-1960*  
with Professor Russ Gunsalus

January 30, 2012

4:00-5:00 pm

Elder Hall, Room 143

### President's Author Series

*Reflections on the Life of a  
Public Intellectual*  
with Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain

March 22, 2012  
from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Dinner in Bedford, Jones, and  
Leedy Banquet Rooms  
Conversational Interview in the  
Globe Theatre, Student Center



Cost is \$12 per person.  
RSVP to

**honors.office@indwes.edu**  
by Thursday, March 1, 2012,  
if you wish to attend.

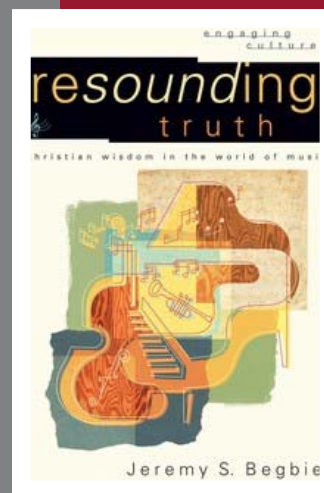
### Athens and Jerusalem Seminar

*Resounding Truth*  
with Dr. Jeremy Begbie

March 12, 2012

4:00-5:00 pm

Baker Recital Hall, PPAC



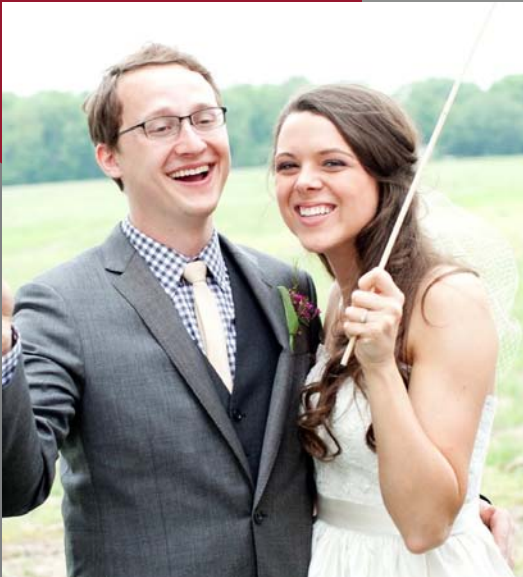


## Class Notes

**Andrew Cuthbert (2011) and Melissa Morgan (2010)** were married on October 23, 2011.



**Emilie Schrock (2011) and Logan Hoffman** were married on May 21, 2011.



**Katie Oke (2011) and Jeff McNutt** were married.



**Ashley Davison (2011) and Joshua Kelter** were married on June 11, 2011.

**Kay Alderfer (2011) and Allan Slagle** were married on August 27, 2011.



## Class Notes

CONGRATULATIONS, DECEMBER GRADUATES!



Left:

**Melissa Frecker (2011)**  
with Dr. David Riggs

Right:

**Emily Hathway (2011)**  
with Dr. Lisa Toland (2001)



**Micah Childress (2005)** received his Ph.D. from Purdue University. He accepted a one-year position at Grand Valley State University.



**Ashley (Ruffer) Schink (2008)** accepted a position as a line therapist with Applied Behavior Analysts, working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

**Becca (Smith) Shaffer (2006)** received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology with an Assessment concentration. She recently began a postdoctoral fellowship at the Christian Sarkine Autism Clinic at Riley Children's Hospital.

## ALUMNI SPOTTING:

**Lisa (Velthouse) Fleischaker (2003)** spoke at chapel on Monday, October 31st. The next day, she met with several JWHC students to discuss writing and her career as an author. Look for the article featuring Lisa in the next *Aldersgate Review*!



## Future Class Notes

We would like to spotlight major events in your lives: career moves, weddings, births, etc. Please email all announcements and any updates to your contact information to

**honors.office@indwes.edu.**

Feel free to include pictures in your email!

## Opportunities to Get Involved

Please let us know if you are interested in helping the John Wesley Honors College!

Email **honors.office@indwes.edu** if you'd like to get involved. You could:

- Write articles for the Alumni Newsletter or the *Aldersgate Review*, the new JWHC magazine
- Facilitate the JWHC Alumni Facebook group
- Inform us of any internships or job opportunities at your place of employment
- Mentor current JWHC students
- Organize alumni activities



Find us on  
**Facebook**

Our group name is

**John Wesley Honors  
College Alumni**



Do we have your current contact information? In order to receive the Alumni Newsletter and *Aldersgate Review*, please send both email and mailing address changes to

**honors.office@indwes.edu.**

Thank you for helping us keep in touch!