

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Note From A Fellow Alumnus



Greetings, HC'ers!

Josh Weaver here. I have been working, paying bills, and doing lots of other real life things. It's harder than it looks! I recently moved back to Marion, and I'm excited to be involved with the Honors College again (I know, nerds for life, right?).

I have found my vocation as a project manager for a web development company yields many opportunities to learn about how

God works in everyday things, as I'm sure you have observed in your own lives. It's been fun to see God's guiding hand even in dealing with difficult clients.

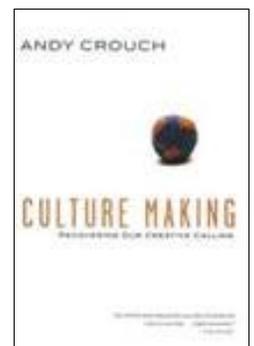
On another note, I want you all to know that there is a new opportunity for you to learn with the Honors College!

Dr. Riggs and I have been working together on a book study, covering *Culture Making* by Andy Crouch, that will run from February through April. If you're not in Indiana, have no fear! We are working on arrangements for video conferencing so remote members can participate in discussions. Also, a

fun note: we are hoping to have Mr. Crouch join us via Skype for the last discussion group.

We can only take the first 10 people who will commit to participating and making it to most or all of the meetings, so be sure to respond soon by replying to josh7weaver@gmail.com if you're interested!

Have a blessed Advent season, Joshua



Alumni Profile
Kaila Bowman
Class of 2012



What is your hometown?

Troy, Ohio

What was your major?

Exercise Science

What is your current career/ vocation?

I am in a Master's of Occupational Therapy program at the University of Indianapolis.

In what ways have your experiences in the HC prepared you for life now, professionally and personally?

They prepared me for interacting with others outside the Christian community while still staying rooted in the "Kingdom of God narrative." :) But, truthfully, I feel prepared to live out my faith in a world that doesn't often agree with the KOG. And the HC prepared me for research in grad school! The research tutorials really do pay off!

Featured Class:

HNR 130: Discerning One's Calling as a Servant Leader

This new HC course is co-
led by two of our very own
alumni, Emily Hathway and
Brian Clark.

HNR 130 is taken by first-
semester freshmen in the
JWHC and, together with two
other one credit practica,
serves as an Honors version
of what was once known as
World Changers.

The course introduces
students to the nature of
servant leadership and equips
them to begin discerning their
calling as servant leaders.

An additional objective of the
course is to help
students cultivate the healthy
habits and practices that will
sustain them as they seek
excellence in scholarship,
character formation, and
servant leadership during their
years at Indiana Wesleyan and
beyond.

A variety of topics are
addressed, such as managing
time, fostering spiritual
disciplines, caring for the body,
living well in community,
growing in healthy self-
knowledge of one's strengths



Emily Hathway (2012) and Brian Clark (2009)

and gifts as well as one's
limitations, and developing
academic skills. Students also
share in a community service
learning project to enrich their
experience.

In the spring of 2013, Brian
and Emily will be co-leading the
follow-up course, HNR 135:
Cultivating the Habits of a
Servant Leader.

JWHC Fall 2012 Reading List

Culture Making

Andy Crouch

“On the Unity of the Church”

St. Cyprian

Life Together

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Consuming Jesus:
Beyond Race and
Class Divisions
in a Consumer Church*

Paul Metzger

JWHC Fall 2012 Courses

This fall, we rolled out our new curriculum for the freshmen class—an Honors Humanities major (yes, a major!) that also covers students’ general education requirements. As a cohort, the freshmen took the first three courses:

- HNR 170: What is Truth?
- HNR 180: Foundations of the Christian Tradition
- HNR 130: Discerning One’s Calling as a Servant Leader (featured on page 2)

Upperclass students enrolled in honors courses such as a paleography research tutorial with Dr. Lisa Toland (2001) and Dr. Charles Bressler’s tutorial on “The Sacramental Imagination: Glimpses of God in Fiction.”

Alumni Profile Sara (Martin) Kjeldsen Class of 2005



What is your hometown?

Lexington, Kentucky and Managua, Nicaragua

What was your major?

English Education

What is your current vocation?

High school English teacher at Westfield High School. I am teaching ninth and tenth grade English as a creative writing course. This is my eighth year at WHS!

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

The Honors College gave me the opportunity to have in-depth discussions and really change WHY I believe the way I believe. The opportunities to shape myself as an intellectual and the discussions and cultural experiences I participated in helped prepare me for being a teacher. I have learned how to ask good questions with both my co-workers and students, as well as how to be an insightful listener.

What has been your best experience since graduating from IWU?

Becoming a mother has been the best experience of my life. Nothing compares to the joy I felt in becoming a mom this year.

Upcoming Events

Principium Faculty Lecture Series

Christianity in a Different Tongue:

The Emerging Chinese

Charismatic Churches in the U.S.

with Dr. Joy Tong

January 21, 2013

4:00-5:00 pm

Elder Hall, Room 143

Beyond Pushy Parents:

Classical Music Training in Asian Countries

with Dr. Pheonix Park-Kim

January 28, 2013

4:00-5:00 pm

Elder Hall, Room 143

All are welcome!

Athens and Jerusalem Seminar

Teaching and Christian Practices:

Reshaping Faith and Learning

with Dr. David I. Smith



March 13, 2013

4:00-5:00 pm

Globe Theatre

All are welcome!

President's Author Series

*How American Protestants Fought
for Freedom at the Movies*

with Dr. William Romanowski

February 25, 2013



7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Globe Theatre

Please contact Sara Scheunemann at sara.scheunemann@indwes.edu if you would like to come and join us for the dinner that precedes this event.

Faith and Learning Luncheon

with Dr. Brad S. Gregory

The Dorothy G. Griffin Professor
of Early Modern European History
at the University of Notre Dame and Recipient
of the 2011-2012 Aldersgate Prize for
Christian Scholarship for
The Unintended Reformation



April 18, 2013

from 12:00-1:30 pm

Henry West Banquet Room

Class Notes

**Congratulations to our
December 2012 Grad!**



Allison Schroer is joining
Teach for America
in Kansas City next fall.

Paige Vacha (2012) and **Jeff Dunn (2012)** were married in May of 2012. Paige is now working as a nurse, and Jeff is attending law school at Washington University in St. Louis.



Laurel Stone (2012) is attending Seton Hall University in New Jersey. She is enrolled in a Master's of Diplomacy and International Relations with the Whitehead School of Diplomacy.

Rebecca Shafer (2006)

Rebecca accepted a faculty position at IU School of Medicine in the Psychiatry Department as an assistant professor of Clinical Psychology! She started on September 1, 2012.

**Lisa
Velthouse
(2003)**



Lisa published a piece in the

July/August print edition of *Christianity Today*—a contribution to the Village Green section, which was billed as "Leading Christians address open questions." It discusses whether or not churches should fly the American flag in their sanctuaries.

Also, she and her husband Nathan welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Celia Grace in late April 2012.



Opportunities to Get Involved

Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved with the John Wesley Honors College!

You could . . .

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

Feel free to suggest any other ideas! Josh Weaver's discussion group is a great idea of what can happen with alumni initiative.

We would like to spotlight major events in your lives: career moves, weddings, births, etc. Feel free to include pictures in your email. Please email all announcements and any updates to amanda.sprouse@myemail.indwes.edu!

Do we have your current contact information?

Please send both email and mailing address changes to amanda.sprouse@myemail.indwes.edu.
Thank you for helping us keep in touch!



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**John Wesley Honors
College Alumni**