

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## A Note from the Executive Director



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In preparation for designing a new, comprehensive core curriculum for Honors College students, the JWHC faculty has deliberated at length this year on what it means for us to be a "Body-of-Christ-centered community of liberal learning." What is the essence of such an educational vision and how should we embody this vision in our curricular and co-curricular pursuits? We will share the fruit of these deliberations in the next issue of the newsletter; including

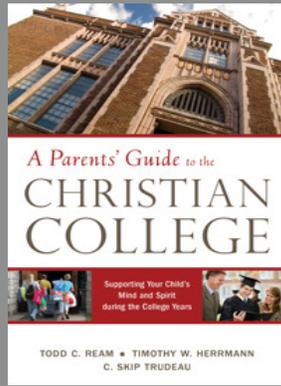
the enhanced JWHC mission, vision, and learning outcomes that will shape the development of the new core curriculum. For now, let me simply express my gratitude to the latest class of JWHC graduates for the collective role they have played in helping us to develop a more formative honors learning experience. The formal transition to a more comprehensive core curriculum began when the class of 2011 was thrown into a curricular work-in-progress their freshman

year called "Liberal Learning & Life Calling." Over the past four years, they have served as diligent, patient, and gracious guinea pigs. Thanks to their efforts the Liberal Learning & Life Calling curriculum has evolved into something that invigorates and excites us. Class of 2011, may the Lord bless you richly for the contributions you have made to the JWHC's future!

Grace and Peace,

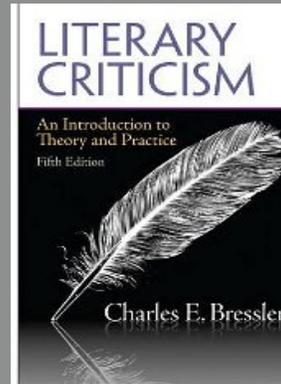
*David L. Riggs*

## Recent Faculty Publications



Dr. Todd Ream's two newest books are being released this spring: *Taking Every Thought Captive: Forty Years of Christian Scholar's Review* and *A Parents' Guide to the Christian College: Supporting Your Child's Mind and Spirit During the College Years*, co-authored with C. Skip Trudeau and Timothy Herrmann.

Dr. Charles Bressler's most recent publication is the fifth edition of *Literary Criticism: An Introduction to Theory and Practice*.



## Faith and Learning Luncheon with Dr. Kim Phipps

On April 7, 2011, Dr. Kim Phipps, President of Messiah College, spoke at the Faith and Learning Luncheon on the subject of "Hospitality and Christian Scholarship." The luncheon was the culmination of events at Indiana Wesleyan University's annual *Celebration of Scholarship*.

Dr. Phipps has researched and authored

numerous publications related to the structure, rhetoric, and climate of higher education and the development of educational community.

Referring to the example set by her parents and grandparents, Dr. Phipps explained, "Hospitality is more than just sharing a meal. Sharing [has] to be personal, communal, and intellectual."



Watch Dr. Phipps' address for the Faith and Learning Luncheon. It's available at the JWHC Event Video Archive.

<http://www.indwes.edu/Academics/JWHC/JWHC-Event-Video-Archive/>

Alumni Profile  
**Beth Boswell**  
Class of 2002

**What is your hometown?**

West Harrison, IN

**What was your major?**

English Education

**What is your current career/vocation?**

Junior High/High School English Teacher

**In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for your life now?**

It connected me to a variety of opportunities and people who I can call lifetime friends. It showed me how important it is to be a life-long learner.



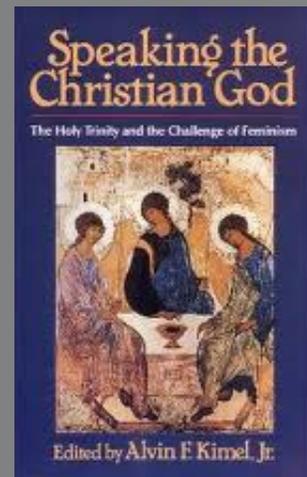
**Featured Class:**  
HNR 325-B  
**God Talk**

During the spring semester, Dr. Amy Peeler led her research tutorial students in a conversation about the complexities of calling God "Father."

Through the reading of such texts as *Reimagining God: The Case for Scriptural Diversity*, *Speaking the Christian God*, and *The Battle*

*for the Trinity*, Dr. Peeler helped her students gain a better understanding of God and how we can call upon his name. The class searched for answers to a number of questions:

- Is human language ever capable of correctly describing the majesty and mystery of God?



- How should Scripture and Tradition inform our theological language?
- What are the theological and pastoral implications of using gendered language for God?
- How does the Christian canon appropriate and also modify those meanings of paternity?

## JWHC Student Reading List

*Against the Gentiles*  
Athanasius

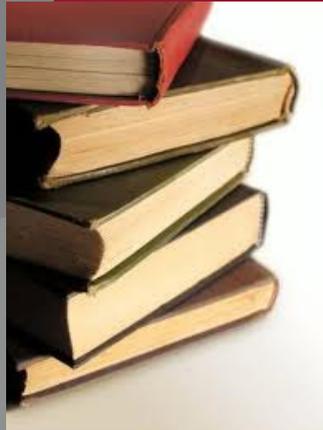
*On the Incarnation*  
Athanasius

*The Great Divorce*  
C. S. Lewis

*Speaking of God*  
D. Stephen Long

*Gods*

*Behaving Badly*  
Pete Ward



## JWHC Classes Spring 2011

Old Testament Survey, Dr. Brian Bernius

New Testament Survey, Dr. Amy Peeler

Forum: Faith and Arts II, Dr. Lance Peeler

Humanities Philosophy, Dr. Todd Ream

Liberal Learning Tutorials

Humanities World Civilization, Dr. Lisa Toland  
& Dr. Rusty Hawkins

Humanities World Literature, Dr. Charles Bressler

Honors Research Tutorials, Dr. Amy Peeler  
& Dr. Lisa Toland

Honors Research Seminar, Dr. Todd Ream

## Alumni Profile **Patrick Grindlay** Class of 2009



**What is your hometown?**

Valparaiso, IN

**What was your major?**

Major: Political Science and History

**In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for your life now?**

My Honors College experience helped me to view my studying as an act of worship. I try to constantly remind myself of how blessed I am to have this opportunity, and I remain grateful for the chance to study law at all. I think the Honors College, intentionally or not, fosters a heightened sense of academic responsibility, and it encourages students to regard academics as an exercise — not only of the mind but also of faith.

# Upcoming Events

## Principium Faculty Lecture Series

*Sibling Rivalry or Redemptive Concern:  
Five Christian Perspectives of  
Jewish Salvation*  
with Dr. Blake Neff

September 19, 2011

4:00-5:00 pm

Noggle Bistro Classroom

## Principium Faculty Lecture Series

*Bede's Use of the Psalms*  
with Dr. Steve Lennox

October 3, 2011

4:00-5:00 pm

Noggle Bistro Classroom

## President's Author Series

*Billy Graham and the  
Shaping of Modern America*  
with Dr. Grant Wacker

October 24, 2011

from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

Dinner in Henry West

Banquet Room

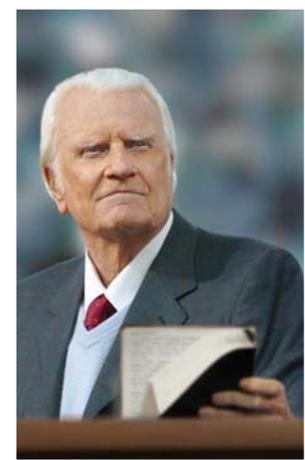
Conversational Interview in the  
Globe Theatre, Student Center

Cost is \$12 per person.

RSVP to

**honors.office@indwes.edu**

by Friday, October 14, 2011,  
if you wish to attend.



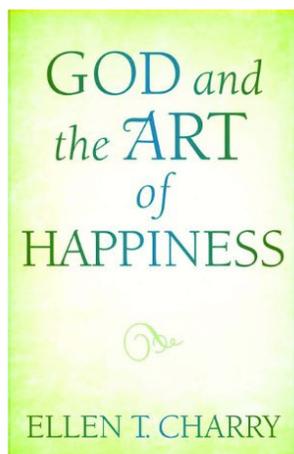
## Athens and Jerusalem Seminar

*God and the Art of Happiness*  
with Dr. Ellen Charry

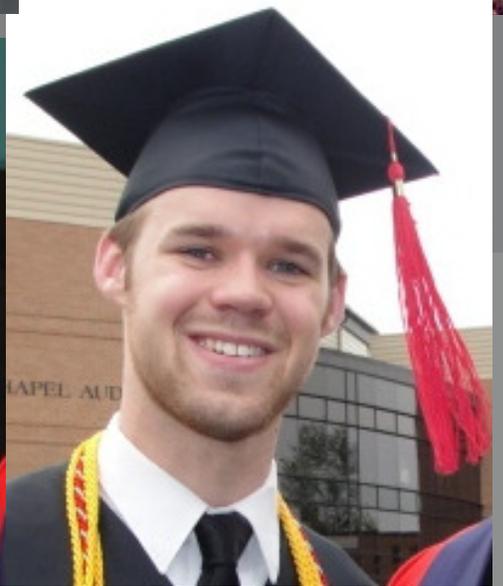
November 9, 2011

4:00-5:00 pm

Globe Theatre



# Class of 2011!



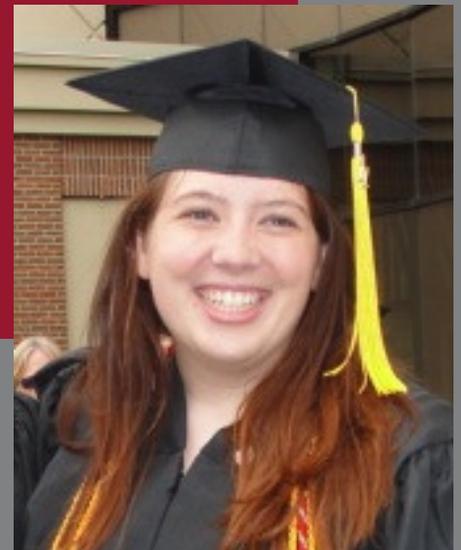
Pictured from left to right,  
top to bottom:

Kay Alderfer,  
Annastasia Bonczyk,  
Amy Brooker,  
Tyler Brooks,  
Stephen Coates,  
Andrew Cuthbert,  
Natalie Davis,  
and Ashley Davison



Pictured from left to right, top to bottom:

Caitlyn Easley,  
David Emerson,  
Jonathan Freije,  
Katie Oke,  
Emilie Schrock,  
Megan Snyder,  
Cory Sprunger,  
Evelyn Waymire,  
and Laura Wheeler.



## Class Notes

The John Wesley Honors College would like to congratulate **Jocelyn Blanchard (2010)** and her husband, Jon, on the birth of their son, Jeremy Stephen Blanchard.



## 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](mailto:honors.office@indwes.edu)**.

Feel free to include pictures in your email!



Find us on  
**Facebook**

Our group name is

**John Wesley Honors  
College Alumni**

# Opportunities to Get Involved

Please let us know if you are interested in helping the John Wesley Honors College!  
Email [honors.office@indwes.edu](mailto:honors.office@indwes.edu) if you'd like to serve.

Here are some ways to get involved:

- Writing articles for the Alumni Newsletter or the *Aldersgate Review*, the new JWHC magazine
- Facilitating the JWHC Alumni Facebook group
- Informing us of any internships or job opportunities at your place of employment
- Mentoring current JWHC students
- Organizing alumni activities



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](mailto:honors.office@indwes.edu)**. Thank you for helping us keep in touch!

## The New Look

You may have noticed we are sporting a slightly new look! Indiana Wesleyan recently took strides to present a consistent, compelling, and unified visual identity for the entire

University. This change calls for graphic standards that affect fonts, colors, and logos. As we share the IWU story, our goal is to present one look and one voice. Take a glance

around the JWHC website to get a feel for the changes we have made:

<http://www.indwes.edu/academics/jwhc/>