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—Shirley A. Mullen '76

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shirley A. Mullen '76, President

In the Book of Jeremiah, God tells his people, “I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for ill, plans to give you an expectation and a hope.” These words are as powerful for the students of Houghton College in this graduation season as they were for the Hebrews of the Old Testament. We serve a God who includes us in His generous plans and purposes for the world.

It is that confidence in a God who cares purposefully for his creation and who has invited us to partner with him in these plans that inspires Houghton students and Houghton graduates year after year both to prepare for achievement and to be ready for service.

Whether it is in the laboratory or on the athletic field, whether it is in writing a sermon or playing the cello, whether it is performing in college choir or teaching in an inner-city elementary school, whether in Erie County or in Ecuador, our students know that their gifts are, in some deep sense, not their own. The gifts are on loan—to be honed and developed—for joy and personal satisfaction, certainly, but also for effectiveness in meeting real needs in the world.

Houghton students know that effectiveness is directly related to their developed habits of purposeful attention—attention to their craft, attention to their community, attention to their friends, attention to those whom they wish to serve, and attention to God. Effectiveness does not happen by accident. It is what happens when our preparation meets up with God’s hopeful purposes.

I invite you to enjoy in this edition of the *Houghton* magazine some of these encounters when preparation meets God’s creative and loving plans.

Sincerely,



Shirley A. Mullen '76  
President









## COMMENCEMENT 2010

“Houghton has helped us to identify what is truly valuable in life and to distinguish it from what is not. We have been challenged, commissioned if you will, by the living tradition of this school to confront with grace the sweeping beauty and deep tragedy of this earth.”

With those words from **Luke Hands '10**, the class of 2010—271 undergraduates and 11 master's graduates—prepared themselves to walk across the stage of Wesley Chapel and into a new chapter of their lives.

**President Mullen** welcomed the graduates and commended them for their passion, questions and authenticity. She encouraged and challenged them to use their gifts, not solely for their own purposes, but rather for the benefit of the world. Houghton Medal of Honor recipient, **Dr. Eugene D. George '60**, shared with the class that “A Houghton education makes you look at things in a different light—as it is not always black and white—and you will be required to make choices.”

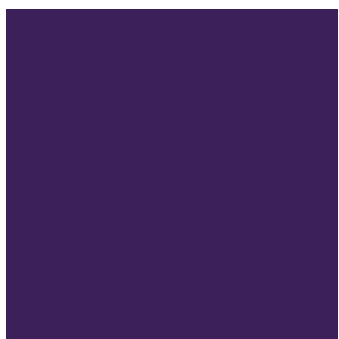
Dr. Eugene H. Peterson, commencement speaker and well known author, called attention to the lessons learned from the Hebrew prophet, Jeremiah. “I, like Jeremiah, realized that God was waving his huge windmill Jesus arms, calling me into something far larger than anything I had imagined—a way of life that absorbed me into the great story of salvation.” In honoring Dr. Peterson with an honorary degree, President Mullen remarked, “We want to recognize with gratitude your gifts and how you have chosen to steward these gifts for the glory of God.” Dr. Eugene H. Peterson has written 36 books on various aspects of spiritual theology, most notable, *The Message*, his paraphrased translation of the Bible.

### CLASS OF 2010 SNAPSHOT

- Valedictorian—**Brittany L. Ioset**, a biology major with a minor in chemistry
- Salutatorian—**Josiah B. Nunziato**, a double major in psychology and philosophy with a minor in theology
- 73 undergraduates achieved double majors
- 124 graduated with honors
- Graduates came from 24 states and 10 countries including Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Kenya, Nigeria, Slovakia, Taiwan and Tanzania











## P.A.C.E. GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Receiving a degree is the culmination of years of dedication, sacrifice and hard work. For the graduates of the Program for Accelerating College Education (P.A.C.E.), Houghton's adult degree program, that point was magnified in the knowledge that as adult learners with full-time jobs and responsibilities, they chose to make their education a priority in order to earn a bachelor's degree from Houghton College.

**Dr. Linda B. Mills Woolsey '74**, associate academic dean at Houghton College and P.A.C.E. commencement speaker, encouraged the graduates to live a generous life. "Just as there are many ways to live a good life, there are many ways to cultivate generosity. Be intentional and joyful in sharing what you know. A P.A.C.E. education is designed to stretch you, develop your problem-solving, communication and team-work skills, while deepening your knowledge of your world and your work. As leaders in your workplaces and communities, you will experience growth in your learning and become more useful as you share it. Live a generous life by living for something larger than yourself."

### DEGREE MINORS OFFERED

Beginning in July 2010, P.A.C.E. will offer degree minors in leadership, human resource management and marketing at all program

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—Dr. Linda B. Mills Woolsey '74

locations. Houghton College is the only higher education institution in Western New York to offer degree minors to adult learners.

By offering these additional courses in both classroom and online formats, the college anticipates serving existing and prospective students. Students will distinguish themselves from other job candidates and receive further training in their own areas of expertise.

"Based on a 2009 survey, we learned that our students and alumni value specialization as well as management training and knowledge," remarked Dr. Ronald Mahurin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. "As we looked at our regional competitors and national sister schools, we discovered that many offer specialized degrees, but none offer degree minors."

Looking for methods to make the adult learning experience more valuable to students is part of the college's dedicated approach to P.A.C.E. "We believe that our core program

in management cannot be matched and should be preserved," stated **Katherine Buvoltz '98**, associate dean for adult and distance education. "The addition of the minors will build upon the strengths of our program and equip students with additional skills for their future in the workplace."

P.A.C.E. continues to set industry standards while maintaining the integrity of a four-year degree program taught to adult learners. Houghton congratulates this most recent group of graduates and recognizes their extraordinary commitment to achieving their educational goals.





## AN ACADEMIC JOURNEY

Naomi (Spurrier '05) Smith

When Benjamin Stanford '10 walked across the stage to receive his diploma, he celebrated not only his graduation from Houghton but also the culmination of what he calls “the most rewarding academic experience of my college career.” In late April, Stanford stood before a committee of Houghton faculty and defended his senior honors project in philosophy, a 60-page investigation into the ideas of two philosophers. For students like Stanford, a senior honors project opens up a world of intellectual debate—and a window into the lives of their Houghton professors.

Even as an underclassman at Houghton, Stanford was eager to explore the possibility of an honors project. “Early on, it was clear that he wanted to try this out, perhaps to discover something about himself and his calling,” says philosophy professor Dr. Benjamin Lipscomb, who served as Stanford’s academic advisor. As he watched other philosophy students succeed in completing honors projects, Stanford saw that researching and writing a paper of this depth would be good preparation for graduate school—and for life. “I believe that college is about becoming a certain kind of person,” Stanford explains, “and part of that process is engaging in challenging activities that help bring you to that goal.” (Incidentally, Stanford filled his four years at Houghton with a plethora of challenging activities, including singing in College Choir and serving as the Resident Assistant for the Houghton Academy boys’ dorm.)

The inspiration for Stanford’s honors project came when a discussion in Lipscomb’s “Ethical Theory” class illuminated the connections between Aristotle, an ancient Greek philosopher, and Immanuel Kant, an 18th century German philosopher. While scholars have traditionally placed Aristotle and Kant on opposing sides of the philosophical debate about the “highest good” of the human life, Stanford discovered that the two philosophers have a great deal in common. In his paper, he argues, “Despite the inherent differences between their views of the lives we should lead as humans (Aristotle talks in terms of a “good” life and Kant talks in terms of a “moral” life), Kant is closer to Aristotle than the former could have ever dreamed.”

Political science professor Dr. Peter Meilaender, who helped Stanford fine-tune his project, describes a senior honors project as “an experience of intellectual depth rather than breadth.” As students walk through the process of asking questions, conducting research, brainstorming and writing, they gradually become “experts” in their chosen area of study. “As students look at the problems of a certain question,” Meilaender says, “they begin to see that everything is more complex than we think.” The depth and complexity of an honors project makes this a daunting task for students, one that requires great curiosity, self-motivation, diligence and endurance.

The students who embark on this academic journey seldom travel alone, however. During the course of his project, Stanford was mentored, encouraged and critiqued by



Lipscomb, Meilaender, and even President Mullen, who was a reader on Stanford’s honors committee and covered similar ground in her Ph.D. in philosophy. For these faculty, working one-on-one with a student like Stanford is a rewarding experience. “Advising an honors project exercises and gratifies both a love for one’s material and a love for one’s students,” Lipscomb explains. “I get to see students do things they hadn’t done before, things they didn’t know they could do,” he says, “and I am drawn in with them, all over again, into the process of inquiry.”

Inasmuch as an honors project draws students and professors together, it also becomes an invitation for students to “taste and see” what the scholarly life is like. For Stanford, who hopes to get his Ph.D. in philosophy and teach either high school or college, this project has only increased his desire to pursue a career in higher education. “It’s been immensely difficult to pull all the sundry parts of the project into a cohesive argument,” he admits, “but I have learned a tremendous amount about how one shouldn’t write a paper, and even a little bit about how one should write!” Whatever the future holds for Stanford, one point is certain: he is leaving Houghton a wiser scholar because of his journey within this community of mentors.



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## SENIOR REFLECTION

Elise Speiser '10

I serve an amazing God. He has blessed me and provided for me continually throughout my life, and my time at Houghton has been no different. It would be impossible for me to tell you about my college journey without also telling you about His love. To begin with, God guided me to Houghton—of that I am sure. As someone who had absolutely no connections to Houghton before deciding to attend, I was very nervous about who my roommate would be and spent a great deal of time in prayer over it, asking Him to direct that situation. Then, that summer, Laura, a girl I'd met at Welcome Weekend asked me to room with her and I was torn. I had told God I would trust Him for a roommate and not make a decision myself. Would saying 'yes' be going against that? Or was this His way of providing the right roommate? In the end I decided to say 'yes' and, after sending off my request to the then associate director of housing, Dennis Stack, I received a reply from him that would set the tone for my entire college experience. He wrote, "Hi Elise, you may find this hard to believe, but ... I have had a chance to look up what roommate plans I had made for you and Laura, and it turns out that I had already placed the two of you together as roommates before either of you requested it. As far as I can remember, this is a first in all my years of placing new incoming students." Wow! What confirmation! I had the assurance that God had His hand over me and had called me to this place. I sat there and prayed, thanking Him for caring enough to supply the right roommate and for not letting me say 'no' to her request!

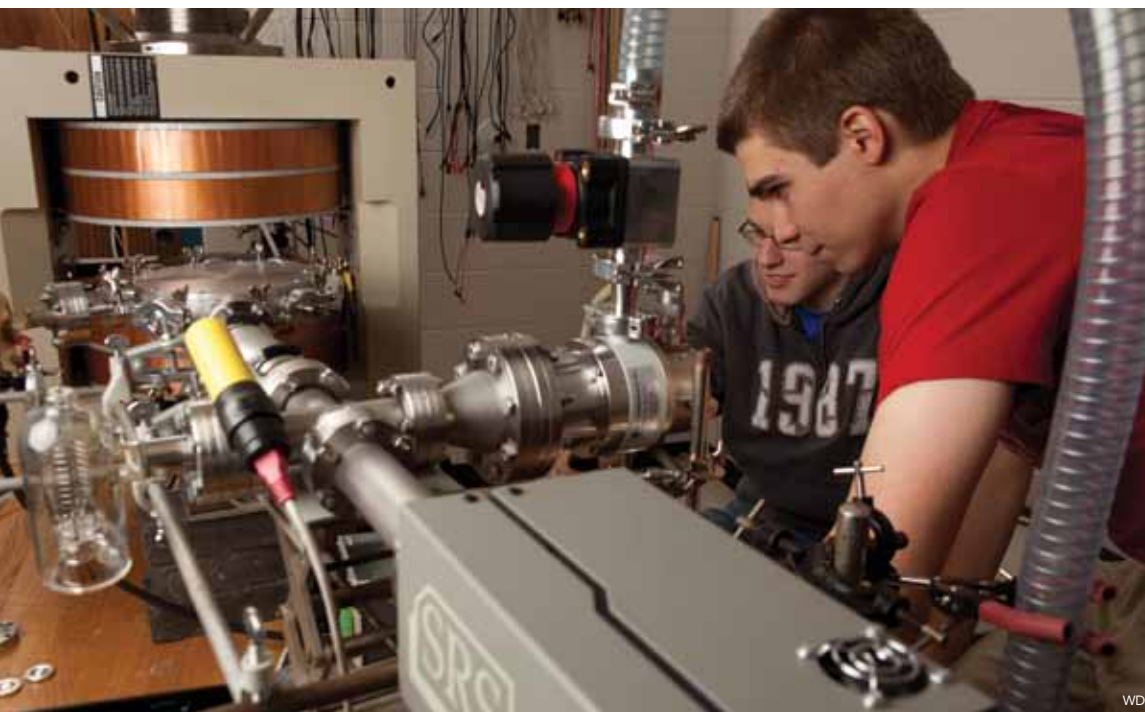
After a bustling first semester, which God used to confirm my decision to major in English Literature, we headed off to London for the First Year Honors Program. There I was stretched and challenged, learning so much more than just academics. All the while, I struggled with a health issue I did not know I had and that would eventually force me to temporarily withdraw from school in the spring of my sophomore year. I felt like a failure for having to leave, not knowing if I would even be able to return or eventually graduate. Because of my health, much of that year was a dark time for me, during which God was vastly more patient with me than I deserved, as I struggled with why He had sent me to Houghton at all if this was to be the result. Looking back on it, I can see how it was God's grace and care for me that helped me through those difficult days and weeks and allowed me to recover enough to return to school.

During my junior and senior years, I, like everyone else struggled with a variety of situations, be it trouble with friends, continued health problems, or my purpose within academics. Through it all, however, God upheld me and it is to His glory alone that I accomplished all that I did. He increased my passion for literature and gave me a desire to do His work in that field which fills me with excitement for the future. Graduation now has more meaning for me than I ever anticipated it could—not despite the trials I went through, but because of them—and because of how I have come to see His hand over my entire journey. He has continued to heap blessings on my life and to show me my direction and purpose: it is in Him.











## SCIENCE HONORS STUDENTS EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY OPTIONS

On a crisp spring day in late April, dozens of Houghton College students, staff and faculty gathered to witness the first-ever “car rally” to appear on the Houghton campus. In place of automobile hobbyists parading their antique cars, however, four teams of budding scientists were testing the vehicles they constructed to explore the use of alternative energy in transportation. These prototypes, the culmination of the 2009–2010 Science Honors Program, represented countless hours of probing thought and research geared toward addressing the mounting problem of our nation’s dependence on oil.

Most vehicles today run on gasoline (or oil in its natural state), but procuring this source of energy is both costly and unsustainable. Drilling for oil has an immense environmental impact on our world—highlighted most recently by the April 2010 explosion of Deepwater Horizon, the oil rig located in the Gulf of Mexico, which has threatened coastal ecosystems with more than five million gallons of oil. How far will we go to obtain the oil we use in our day-to-day living? What will we do when the oil supply runs dry?

Real-world problems like the current energy dilemma inform the core research questions of the Houghton College Science Honors Program. The Science Honors Program takes an interdisciplinary approach to solving important issues in today’s world—issues that call for both technical scientific know-how and a deep understanding of context. The

flagship of the program, the Science Honors course, immerses students in the study of a difficult scientific and societal problem and then offers the students opportunity to find solutions. The course is team-taught by a biologist, a chemist, a physicist, a writing professor, and a communications professor.

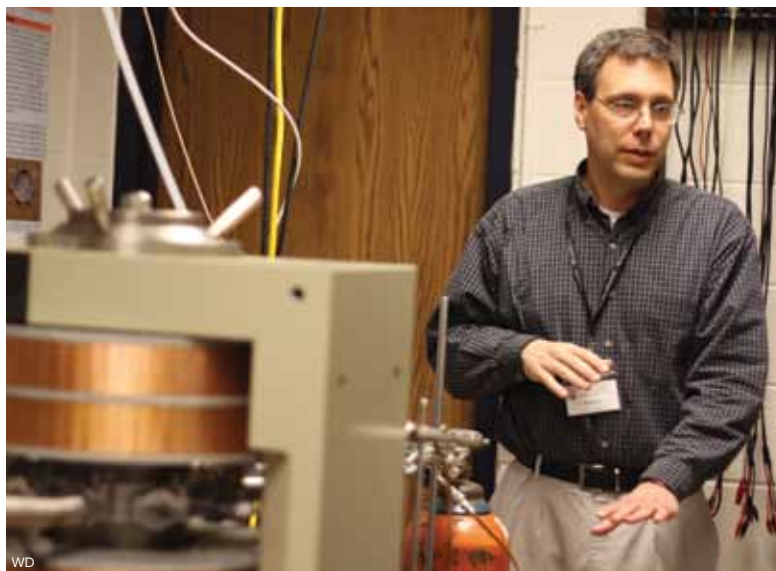
The focus of this year’s Science Honors course required that the 21 first-year students not only research various energy sources but also put their knowledge into practice by constructing alternative energy vehicles. Teams of students designed and built working prototypes that ran on alternative fuel sources while also experimenting with techniques for producing fuel and analyzing the environmental and economic concerns related to their design. At one point the students had a chance to interact with the GM Fuel Cell Team, discussing alternative fuel strategies and test-driving the Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell electric vehicle.

The teams worked hard to construct functional solar, ethanol, biodiesel and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles that were then tested at the demonstration—or car rally—for the entire campus. Each team faced challenges along the way, some throughout the entire process and some at the last minute. The biodiesel team confronted converting cafeteria frying oil into an energy source that would fuel the engine—and yes, it did smell like a french fry as it drove by. “Biodiesel is a viable option for today,” explained biodiesel team representative, **Stephen Trinidad ’13**. “It is a fuel that can be implemented right now, is adaptable and very clean.”

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The solar team was not shy in declaring its vehicle “cool-looking” but also pointed to its versatility as a benefit to the design. Their difficulties stemmed from the charge time necessary to properly “fuel” the vehicle. “While there are still details to be worked on with solar vehicles, the fact that this energy source is sustainable and has no emissions must be viewed as positive,” remarked team representative, **Austin Rudd ’13**.

**Andrew Evans ’13** extolled the virtues of the hydrogen fuel cell vehicle but admitted the team’s difficulty was in attaining speed. “Our maximum speed is 10mph—a nice leisurely pace,” he reflected. He also pointed out that the cost to produce these types of vehicles is prohibitive due to



a lack of infrastructure which in his mind is solvable and worthwhile to pursue.

For the ethanol team, the challenges were more operational. Their vehicle was able to reach 32mph, making it sometimes difficult to control, and the car crashed into a tree the day before the campus demonstration. “Basically, we and the car got into a fight with a tree—and lost,” stated **Joshua Mertzlufft ’13**. No one was injured, but the frame was a bit damaged.

The program generated a great deal of support on campus as evidenced by the large gathering of spectators surrounding the students and their vehicles for the car rally. Passionate about their chosen alternative fuel source, the students enjoyed the chance to articulate their findings and relate their hands-on experience to a wider audience. “This was a year-long project that required the students to be involved in every aspect of making these cars work—from building all the components to supplying the fuel necessary to make

them run,” explained Mark Yuly, director of the Science Honors Program and chairman of the physics department. “We all learned a great deal about alternative energy through this experience.”

### SMASHING ATOMS

A group of Houghton College physics students has built a machine capable of “smashing” the nuclei of atoms. This small particle accelerator, or “mini-cyclotron,” has a vacuum chamber the size of a human hand and can be remotely controlled. “Houghton students have hand-constructed one of only two or three working mini-cyclotrons in the world,” explains **Dr. Keith Horn ’75**, associate dean of natural sciences and mathematics.

Each year a number of Houghton physics students spend their summer working on nuclear physics experiments with Houghton Professor Mark Yuly at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center, part of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Their research

uses the half-mile long Clinton P. Anderson linear accelerator, one of the most powerful proton accelerators in the world. In order to prepare for their work with this world-class tool, the Houghton students begin by studying the principles of operation behind the machine. One of the best ways to understand how a large-scale machine works is to build it on a much smaller scale, and this is exactly what these students did.

On April 24, 2010, the mini-cyclotron took center stage as Houghton College welcomed visitors from around the United States to the very first mini-cyclotron conference. In attendance were scientists and students from Rutgers, Caltech, the University of Maryland, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, and several engineering companies. “This conference was a celebration of the students’ success and a chance for our team to share their knowledge with others,” remarked Horn.











## PREPARED TO ACHIEVE, MOTIVATED TO SERVE

Houghton has linked service and learning long before the term “service learning” became fashionable in higher education. Every year Houghton students serve in Allegany County, throughout Western New York, and around the world in places such as Sierra Leone, Russia, Latin America, Tanzania and Eastern Europe—teaching, coaching, and helping to empower communities to achieve their goals.

On March 31, 2010, President Mullen publicly announced two new initiatives in Buffalo, New York: Wesley ServiceCorps (in collaboration with WNY AmeriCorps) and City Semester. These programs aim to expand the college’s outreach and engagement in Buffalo during the next decade. “A 20-year Houghton College tradition of serving the Buffalo community will continue via the establishment of the Wesley ServiceCorps and City Semester program,” stated President Mullen. “Both initiatives embody the Houghton ideal of graduating students who are exceptionally well-prepared to achieve their professional and personal goals, but who are also motivated to offer those achievements in service to others.”

### WESLEY SERVICECORPS

Established in collaboration with WNY AmeriCorps, Wesley ServiceCorps will encourage and enable a select group of Houghton College graduates to serve for a year with organizations in Buffalo and Allegany County committed to education and anti-poverty initiatives. The work of the Corps will be coordinated with community partners to take full advantage of the talents and interests of Corps members and to establish continuity and consistency in the services provided. Housed in the Houghton College Office for Urban Connections in Buffalo, Wesley ServiceCorps will begin in September 2010. “Our involvement in Buffalo is a very deliberate part of preparing our students to be involved in the complex world of the 21st century,” commented Mullen. “These 12 Houghton graduates will be recruited together so that their appointments are more collaborative and cooperative. This strategic coordination will strengthen the impact that AmeriCorps has in Buffalo.”

For many years, Houghton College students, faculty and alumni serving through AmeriCorps have worked with community partners to address needs of refugees in schools, after school programs, health and human services, housing, and community development in Buffalo’s west side. Over the past year, nearly 200 individuals have served a total of more than 25,000 hours and provided services to over 3,700 persons. The Wesley ServiceCorps will continue this involvement but in a strategic manner that allows those recruited into the program to work together as a team rather than simply as individuals.

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—Katarina Kieffer '09

Houghton graduates already serving with WNY AmeriCorps recognize the benefit of this new program. “There are a number of educational and cultural barriers that these populations are facing,” stated **Stephanie (Smith '07) Lipnicki**. “Through my work with AmeriCorps, I have developed a program of financial education that we offer to four different language groups, allowing people to learn about our basic financial systems here in the United States. It allows them to navigate these systems successfully and manage their limited resources to move forward on the road toward self-sufficiency as they start new lives here in America.”

The impact on Houghton graduates serving in Buffalo is evident by their continued dedication to the community and willingness to remain in the city. “These Houghton students and graduates fall in love with Buffalo,” commented Charles Massey, coordinator of the Office for Urban Connections. “Today there are 24 Houghton graduates from the classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009 who live within walking distance of the Grant-Ferry neighborhood.”

The Corps carries the name of John Wesley, 18th century English theologian and founder of the movement that gave birth to The Wesleyan Church, sponsoring denomination of Houghton College. Committed to social reform, Wesley worked tirelessly to improve the lot of the poor, giving attention to education, prison reform, health care, employment and the abolition of slavery.

He combined simple acts of kindness with a continual effort to understand and address underlying causes of poverty and injustice. The Wesley ServiceCorps will perpetuate his tradition of serving.

#### CITY SEMESTER

Since the 12th century, cities have been the focal points for artistic, commercial, political, religious and intellectual activity. Understanding the dynamics of interpersonal city life, grasping the mechanisms that make a city work, becoming comfortable with the city's diversity, and learning to celebrate the resources of an urban context are important skills for making a difference in America in the 21st century.

The new City Semester combines a structured introduction to the patterns and dynamics of urban settlement with experiential learning via internships and service opportunities – pedagogically, reading and discussion with field study. Abstract ideas become more meaningful when introduced with a sense of place: an introduction to “the city” is best carried out in the context of a specific city with an urban experience that engages all the senses. The City Semester program, designed for a dozen students, will operate both fall and spring semesters beginning spring 2011. It is designed to serve primarily students in their junior and senior years of study.

#### WHY BUFFALO?

Several key factors influenced, or rather demanded, a commitment to the city of Buffalo:

- **In 2009, more than 30 percent** of the refugees coming to New York State have settled in Western New York.
- **The largest concentration of refugees is living in Buffalo** on the West Side. More than 2,000 Burmese are living in Buffalo (approaching one percent of the city's population) and most have arrived in the last five years.
- **Nearly 10 percent of the students in the Buffalo Public Schools** have a first language other than English. These 3,277 students speak 65 different languages.
- **Some refugee children have waited for as long as four months** for medical services required before beginning school.
- **There is a shortage of TESOL or ESL teachers** in the Buffalo Public Schools and supplemental education programs.
- **In addition to the education and health issues**, there are also issues of housing, employment, etc.



### A STRONG PARTNERSHIP

While Houghton College has increased its opportunities for service in the city, it has also recognized that it must find strong partners to address large needs. Neither the Wesley ServiceCorps nor City Semester program would have been possible without the financial commitment made by the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, which has pledged \$106,000 toward the first year of both programs. “The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation has played a critical role in partnering with Houghton College to provide opportunities for student learning and service in the city of Buffalo,” remarked President Mullen.

### HOUGHTON GRADUATES REFLECT

Houghton graduates currently serving with WNY AmeriCorps have learned as much about themselves as they have of the people they serve. “I’ve grown in my understanding of the value of tolerance and respect for all types of people, faiths, and experiences,” stated **Katarina Kieffer ’09**, a current WNY AmeriCorps volunteer working at Lafayette High School, running Buffalo Youth in Motion. “My experience has taught me to do my best to try to overcome the tendency to judge quickly based on my own beliefs and instead spend time really getting to know the people I am serving.” Kieffer advised others entering into service “to have respect for yourself and respect for the many different types of people you will encounter. Be willing to be led in your service by those you are

serving, rather than seeking to impose your own direction or thoughts about what they seem to need. It will be challenging, but you will learn much and have the opportunity to get to know many amazing people if you can manage to be humble in your service.”

**Timothy Chen ’09** has been directly involved with the creation of both the Wesley ServiceCorps and City Semester program through his work with WNY AmeriCorps and assignment to Houghton College’s Office for Urban Connections. He has also assisted with the Breckenridge Block Club which involves working with community members to improve the quality of living in the area. “Service has always been something I was drawn to and felt a responsibility for, and AmeriCorps has provided me an opportunity to participate in service within a community for a more prolonged period of time,” remarked Chen. “My position certainly has given me ample opportunities to test and strengthen the critical thinking skills and adaptability that are, in my opinion, both high priorities of a liberal arts education.” Chen concluded by stating, “Wesley ServiceCorps is an important step for the college in acknowledging that as a Christian college where academia is the primary focus, there is also a responsibility of educating students about their duties as Christians. I believe that Houghton has as much to learn from Buffalo as Buffalo has to gain from Houghton’s presence in the city.”

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—Timothy Chen ’09



## GOING GREEN

Ginny (Hoskison '97) Routh, sustainability coordinator

Houghton recognizes that being green is an arena in which Christians have contributed throughout the ages yet currently appear to be missing. That is exactly why Houghton is promoting green initiatives. It's about faith and praxis.

What does faith have to do with being green? It has the world to do with being green. That is precisely why Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger, author of *For the Beauty of the Earth* and religion professor at Hope College, was invited to visit on campus during Earth Week this year and why the Creation Care Committee chose to focus on the biblical basis of environmental stewardship for the week.

As Dr. Bouma-Prediger pointed out, creation care, or earth keeping, was mandated from the beginning when God appointed humans to serve and protect his good creation (Genesis 2:15). Themes and patterns of environmental stewardship weave throughout the rest of the Bible right through to Revelation. Yes, God gave us dominion

over the rest of creation, but we don't define our rule over creation apart from the rest of the biblical narrative and the example of Jesus. In Psalm 72, a good ruler cares for the poor, widows, aliens, afflicted and rescues and delivers them. Jesus himself exemplifies the rule of God, not by crushing and domineering, but rather by becoming a servant to those under His leadership.

Houghton is taking strides to practice earth care. Dr. Mullen signed the President's Climate Commitment in 2008 and appointed a Creation Care Task Force to lead the campus toward more intentional stewardship. This academic year, the Creation Care Committee was formed, and with the newly appointed sustainability coordinator, to identify and improve Houghton's environmental indicators and encourage earth keeping.

Most recently, the Creation Care Committee and Food Services rolled out a pilot composting program with the purchase of two 168-gallon compost tumblers. Already, a half ton of waste has been diverted from the landfill in a month's time. Protection

continues for the 1,000 saplings planted last year to reclaim grassy areas from unnecessary mowing. Students learned about creation care through lectures, panels, chapels, film screenings, the Earth Fair, and curriculum content such as the Science Honors biofuel project. More opportunities exist to participate in the community bike share program, grow vegetables at the community garden, recycle at the clothing swap, tour local farms, conserve energy, and recycle. Houghton leads the way, recycling the most materials of any organization in Allegany County. The Creation Care Committee commissioned a survey of dorm-sized refrigerators on campus that use nearly as much energy as their full sized counterparts and is working to substantively reduce energy consumption on campus.

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## THE START OF A NEW TRADITION

Daniel Noyes '93, executive director of alumni relations

On October 2, 1981, six Houghton student leaders, **Mark Anderson, Beth Andes, Alan Bushart, Joy Ellis, Albert Rapp, and Cynthia Rudes** were killed in a car accident as they traveled to be fitted for costumes for Houghton's Homecoming celebration. The tragedy had a deep and lasting impact on the Houghton campus. One month later in an article in the Houghton *Milieu*, editor **Dean Liddick '60** wrote the following about what this event revealed about the Houghton community: "Repeatedly, reporters expressed surprise, puzzlement and a kind of admiration over the way the campus drew together, managed crushing sorrow, tasteful commemoration and resolute continuity of program, all in a week. Such a profound witness didn't just happen, nor was it the result of a 'let's pull up our socks and get on with it' stoicism. Rather it was the considered result of a permeating faith."

Five years later a brass sculpture depicting six soaring eagles was created by David Caccia to remember the six students lost in 1981, and it was dedicated at Homecoming in 1986. Those eagles still soar above our campus, even as thousands of students have started and finished their college degrees in the past 25 years. Most of the members of the Houghton class of 2013 were born around 1991, well after this tragedy had occurred and the sculpture erected, yet the community of Houghton has remained much as Liddick described it almost 30 years ago, a supportive campus of "permeating faith."

As a means to connect this year's incoming class with the classes that have gone before and to this spirit of the Houghton community, the Highlander scarf tradition was started. On the evening of November 11, 2009, more than 250 members of the class of 2013 gathered around the sculpture of the eagles for a candlelight service. They listened, huddled together, candles in hand, as they were told the story of the six students who inspired the sculpture and about the strength and faith of the community they, as first year students, had recently joined. Each student was then presented with a scarf, embroidered with the Houghton College seal and their graduation year. Their class president, **Josh Mertzluff**, explained to them that their respective journeys through Houghton will not be undertaken alone, but navigated with the help of a loving, supportive community. He then asked them to consider an opportunity to honor this community of faith: "Before you graduate in May of 2013 or earlier if you are a transfer, we would like for you to present this scarf to someone who made a significant contribution to your success at Houghton. It could be a faculty or staff member who mentored you or a parent or classmate who walked with you through a difficult time. Whoever it is and whatever difference they have made, this scarf is to be a symbol of your thankfulness for their part in your success."

It is our hope that this tradition will help the memories of the six Houghton students and the message of the eagles sculpture to endure, and for us to continue to foster the type of community described following the tragedy in 1981.





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## DANIEL WOOLSEY '77

Family, friends, and colleagues gathered on an early spring Saturday in March to honor the career and contributions of **Daniel Woolsey '77**, recently retired professor of education, and to welcome Dan's last gift to the Houghton community: a children and adolescent literature library with over 6,000 titles. There could hardly be a more appropriate legacy from Dan Woolsey to his friends, students and colleagues, for Dan loved words and loved books and for the past two decades has kindled a passion for literature in the lives of Houghton College students. Not only has he inspired thousands of college students over the years, but he has indirectly touched hundreds of thousands of school children by equipping generations of teachers who value and promote the role of literature.

Dan worked tirelessly to build an expansive collection of books for children that tapped into multiple genres of literature: fiction, non-fiction, science fiction, historical fiction, multicultural literature, graphic novels, and fantasy. With these books and in his classrooms, Dan showed future teachers how to use literature to open their children's eyes to the world through books. He did this fearlessly for he did not shy away from controversial topics. He challenged his students to face difficult social issues head-on and used the tools of the liberal arts to examine and analyze the kinds of literature one might use for different purposes and with different audiences.

While an undergraduate, Dan majored in elementary education and English. He identifies his classes with Prof. Lola Haller as life-changing, especially a course in children's literature in which she assigned a book by Charlotte Huck entitled *Children's Literature in Elementary School*. In Dan's own words, "Charlotte was a significant leader in the movement to incorporate literature into literacy instruction in elementary grades while also celebrating the artistic and literary qualities of the books. Although I didn't know it at the time, this class opened the door to my interest and future career in children's literature, and it also introduced me to the person who would later be my advisor and favorite professor in my doctoral program at Ohio State University."

While teaching third grade in New Jersey, Dan renewed his old college acquaintance with **Kathie Kiefer '77**. Interest blossomed into friendship and then into love. That love has grown over the years and now includes their three children, Caitlin, **Jesse '10**, and Jamie.

Dan and Kathie's journey together took them from coast to coast: a master's degree for Dan at Simmons College in Boston, which provided connections with *The Horn Book Magazine*, one of the most respected journals devoted to children's literature, and interactions with two of Dan's favorite writers, Katherine Paterson and Madeleine L'Engle; then to Columbus, Ohio for a Ph.D. and the chance to work directly with Charlotte Huck; back to the Boston area for Dan's first teaching job at Gordon College; across the country to Seattle, where he taught both undergraduate and graduate students at Seattle Pacific; and finally back to Houghton in 1991 to replace Lola Haller, who was retiring after years of teaching children's literature and helping generations of students, including Dan, to find their passion for this part of the English education discipline—a legacy to which Dan has contributed in turn.

One of Dan's favorite declarations about the power of words comes from Edgar Dale: "Good books inform, but great books transform." Those who know Daniel Woolsey can add a corollary by changing one word. Good *teachers* inform, but *great teachers* transform. Dan's life proves that is so.

"During my senior year at Houghton, I enrolled in Dr. Woolsey's Children's Literature class. I am fairly certain I was the only art major in the mix! Dr. Woolsey's enthusiasm, gentle spirit and knowledge were exactly the inspiration I needed. He played a critical role in my development as an artist in exactly the moment when I needed clarity."

—Erin (Bennett '00) Banks

"I am grateful to Dr. Woolsey for the passion that he has for children's literature. He demonstrated a love and respect for books that impacted his students. We now pass that love of literature on to another generation."

—Stacy (Zandy '01) Rubin

"Dr. Woolsey opened class with prayer, instructed on the components of quality literature, and concluded class by reading a children's book. Many of the books I have in my teaching library are based on selections he read in class."

—Julie (Stevens '97) Zoller

"In his class, he always let his passion for literature, children, and their education be evident in how he taught and in how he fostered his own students' learning. He truly glorified God through his instruction."

—Steve Scott '09

## RACHEL MORAN '05

**R**achel Moran '05 lives in a high-rise overlooking the heart of the commercial district of Chicago and spends much of her time in jail—visiting clients as part of her position within the Office of the State Appellate Defender for the state of Illinois. She has defended individuals accused of murder and has met Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito. The Western New York native is a die-hard Buffalo Bills fan, an avid reader and also assists the Chicago-Kent Trial Advocacy Program.

While at Houghton, Moran majored in political science and minored in Spanish and communication. During her second year at Houghton, Rachel took the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)—“sort of as a back-up,” she remembered. She had been accepted to a few graduate schools to study Arabic/crisis negotiations but chose to attend Chicago-Kent College of Law after the school offered her a full scholarship.

In 2008, Moran graduated from Chicago-Kent having achieved several notable awards in her three years. Moran attended her first-ever advocate competition and was named Outstanding Appellate Advocate and winner of the Ilana Diamond Rovner Competition. She participated in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition where her team placed third out of 185 teams. In her final year of law school, Moran won the Moot Court National Championship and the

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National Ethics Trial Competition and was named Best Advocate at both competitions.

As National Best Advocate, she was invited to the annual convention of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She was introduced as a “Distinguished Guest” along with Justice Samuel Alito of the U.S. Supreme Court. “For some reason the crowd seemed much more interested in Justice Alito than me,” she joked.

Moran did not enter law school anticipating that she would leave and become a defense attorney. “I didn't really know what kind of law I wanted to practice when I started law school. Criminal Law was my favorite class my first year. During my second year of law school, I interned with the criminal defense clinic, loved it and basically just stuck with it,” Moran recalled.

During the summers of her first and second years at Chicago-Kent, Rachel externed for the Honorable Ann Williams at the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and interned with both the U.S. Army JAG Corps and U.S. Department of Justice. “I love criminal defense because I am representing real people with major problems, and sometimes they have no one else who will listen and try to help,” Moran

commented. “I also love the challenge of trying to communicate effectively with such a diverse array of people: my clients—who typically come from extremely different cultural and educational backgrounds; the clients' families—who are often stressed out, sometimes unreasonable, and usually struggling to understand why their family member is in jail; and ultimately, if the case goes to trial, twelve people—who bring their own experiences, opinions and preconceived notions into each case.”

Her faith plays a large part in her day-to-day life as she works alongside those who most need her help. “My faith informs how I think, how hard I work, my attitude toward setbacks, and perhaps most of all, how I treat my clients. Criminal defense is full of people who are desperately in need,” Moran explained. “I have a passion for advocating on their behalf because Jesus Christ looked at my unworthy self and accepted me despite my sin and died in the ultimate act of advocacy on my behalf.”





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## FACULTY ACCOLADES

**Mindy Airhart '99**, graduate music program coordinator, participated in an art exhibition at the Fountain Arts Center in Belmont, N.Y. called *Passion for Printmaking*. The exhibit was a collection of four local printmakers, including **Jillian Sokso**, assistant professor of art.

**Brian Casey**, assistant professor of orchestral studies and horn, has been featured as guest conductor for the Hornell Area Wind Ensemble, the Roberts Wesleyan College Wind Ensemble, and the winds of the Southern Tier Symphony. He has also written, arranged, or transcribed and self-published several brass pieces.

**Susan Hice**, director of Student Academic Services, was involved in a cultural exchange program that welcomed eight Russian English teachers to Houghton College for a week.

**Mark Hijleh**, professor of composition and conducting, appeared as “Composer of the Month” for March 2010 at John Kennedy School in Batavia, N.Y., and presented a poster session on rhythm at the First International Conference on Analytical Approaches to World Music at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. In addition, the Houghton Philharmonia premiered his original orchestral composition “Sama’li Hijaz al Hijleh,” and soprano **Amanda Cox '01**, instructor and **Rachel Smith '12** premiered his original “Three Hindi Love Songs” at Cox’s faculty recital.

**Irmgard K. Howard**, professor of chemistry, has compiled a booklet of songs she has used in her classes to teach scientific principles entitled *Chemsong*. A separate edition of accompaniments is anticipated in the near future.

**Lori Huth '00**, assistant professor of writing, was selected as a finalist for the Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction, as well as for Glimmer Train’s Very Short Fiction Award for her story “El Corazón.”

**Donna Lorenzo '75**, assistant professor of violin & viola, performed a concert with the Philharmonic Quartet in Buffalo, N.Y. on January 24, 2010.

**Sharon Johnson**, assistant professor of piano and collaborative piano, and her two-piano partner Nancy Davis are now under management with Scott Management Agency. They call themselves ‘Music By Two’ and kicked off their spring tour in Houghton on January 13, 2010. They have performed in concert at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Radford University in Radford, Va. Later this spring, they will be teaching a master class at the College of Wooster as well as to perform as guest pianists with the Canate Singers for their spring concert. In addition, Sharon performed on the “Live from Hochstein” radio broadcast via Public Radio 90.3/91.5 (WXXI) in Rochester on April 7, 2010.

**Don Little**, missionary scholar-in-residence, was keynote speaker for a day-long conference on Islam held at Houghton College called *Islam, Jihad & Terrorism: A Christian Response*. Other faculty members who offered seminars and workshops during the day were **Ben Hegeman**, missionary scholar-in-residence, **Paul Shea '69**, associate professor of missions, and **Jon Case**, associate professor of theology. Ron Mahurin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, joined the group in an hour-long panel discussion to close the well-attended conference.



**Peter Meilaender**, associate professor of political science and chair of history and political science, participated in a conference on “Love and Honor in Shakespeare” at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. where he presented a paper on the political/theological teaching about marriage in *Measure for Measure*. In addition, he presented a paper on the political thought of Jeremias Gotthelf at the Midwestern Political Science Association’s annual conference.

**William (Bill John) Newbrough**, associate professor of piano, was invited last summer to perform as guest pianist at First Baptist Church of Atlanta, the home of Dr. Charles Stanley’s In Touch television ministry. Newbrough had the honor of accompanying the choir, orchestra, and soloists, as well as presenting his own solo piano offertories. Other piano performances he has given this past year include Houghton College, Brooksville Wesleyan Church in Florida, Shadow Hills Baptist Church in Nevada, Asbury Methodist Village in Maryland, Civic Morning Musicals in Syracuse, N.Y. and Southern Tier Symphony concerts in Olean, N.Y. and Bradford, Pa. Newbrough also recently premiered two new hymn arrangements for solo piano, “Eternal Life” and “Rise Again,” at Houghton Wesleyan Church.

**Jean-Louis Roederer ’64**, associate professor of French and Spanish and **David Kinman**, associate professor of Spanish, attended the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers at Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y. on March 13, 2010.

**Jillian Sokso**, assistant professor of art, is participating in an exhibition called Monumental Ideas In Miniature Books, a collection of 142 books handcrafted by international artists. Her work, *As A Woman I Want No Country*, combines elements of

embossing, archival inkjet and silkscreen and is presented as a 3” round book. The exhibit will travel for four years to 45 sites, ranging from Adams House Gallery at Harvard University to Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture in Karachi, Pakistan. Houghton College was the only stop for the exhibit in New York State.

**Paul Shea ’69**, associate professor of missions, continues his travels to Sierra Leone as part of the ongoing Houghton College connection to the work of the Wesleyan Church and World Hope in that country. Shea conducts a three-week in-depth exploration of ways to link Houghton students and faculty in future service and curricular ministries alongside the churches and theological institutions there.

**Carl Schultz ’53**, professor of Old Testament, and his wife Annalee are concluding 39 years of pastoral leadership at the Hinsdale and Ischua United Methodist Churches. First appointed in 1971 by Bishop Yeakel, Schultz served these churches while maintaining his Houghton position. Annalee served as organist and choir director. During their ministry, both churches added educational/fellowship wings. In addition, Schultz has offered courses to United Methodist pastors through both United Theological Seminary and the Course of Study.

**Gary Stith**, professor of music education, served as conductor of the 2009 Zone 2 NYSSMA Senior High Area All-State Band. The ensemble represented the most outstanding high school instrumentalists from the greater Rochester area. He was also recently featured as guest conductor for the 2010 Genesee-Wyoming Senior High All-County Band. In addition, he recently hosted a clinic session at the annual New York State Band Directors Association Symposium in Syracuse entitled “Interview with a Legend.”

He was afforded the privilege of interviewing Retired Colonel Lowell E. Graham, former conductor of the U.S. Air Force Band in Washington, District of Columbia.

**Ryan Thompson**, assistant professor of digital media and photography, recently traveled to Geneva, Switzerland to develop a body of artwork titled *Glacial Erratics: Geneva* to be seen in the larger exhibition Public Things for Galerie Analix Forever. The work consists of a map, a video, and a series of 3-D stereo animations with corresponding photographs that regard the erratic displacement of rocks by both glacial and human forces. The exhibition was organized by Conrad Bakker and runs from March 18—May 15, 2010. Ryan also participated in a panel discussion entitled “Doctor Artist: PhDs, MFAs, and the Future of Artistic Production” with James Elkins at the NEXT Art Fair in Chicago, Ill.

**Mark Yuly**, professor of physics and chair of the physics department, presented “How to Build Your Own Cyclotron” on March 26, 2010 at the Alfred University Physics Seminar. In addition, Yuly will be taking Houghton physics students to the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center this summer where they will participate in nuclear physics experiments with collaborators from MIT, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the University of Kentucky and Bogazici University in Turkey.

**Jim Zoller**, professor of writing and literature, has been named as a Fulbright Scholar for 2010-11 and has been appointed to Pusan National University in Pusan, South Korea

**B. David Benedict ’73**, professor of political science, has been named as a Fulbright Scholar for 2010-11. Benedict is currently awaiting details on his appointment.

## BOOKSHELF

## PUBLICATIONS BY HOUGHTON FACULTY AND STUDENTS

**H**oughton College faculty and students have had their research and writing published in journals and periodicals around the world. Continuing in the tradition of excellence, Houghton celebrates the work and findings of our faculty and students.

**Richard Eckley.** "Holiness in other Christian Traditions" *Be Holy: God's Invitation to Understand, Declare, and Experience Holiness* Wesleyan Pub. House, 2008

**Benjamin Hegeman.** "Flight of the Swans" *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, April 2010

**Mark Hijleh.** "Reforming Music Theory as the Centerpiece of a Twenty-First-Century Curriculum" *College Music Symposium, Volume 48* The College Music Society, 2008

**Wei Hu.** "Identification of Highly Conserved Domains in Hemagglutinin Associated with the Receptor Binding Specificity of Influenza Viruses: 2009 H1N1, Avian H5N1, and Swine" *Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering*, 3:114–123

**Wei Hu.** "Cryptanalysis of TEA Using Quantum-Inspired Genetic Algorithms" *Journal of Software Engineering and Applications*, 3:50–57

**Wei Hu.** "Quantifying the Effects of Mutations on Receptor Binding Specificity of Influenza Viruses" *Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering*, March 2010

**Wei Hu.** "Identifying Predictive Markers of Chemosensitivity of Breast Cancer with Random Forests" *Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering*, 3:59–64

**Wei Hu.** "The Interaction Between the 2009 H1N1 Influenza A Hemagglutinin and Neuraminidase: Mutations, Co-mutations, and the NA Stalk Motifs" *Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering*, 3:1–12

**Wei Hu.** "Analysis of Correlated Mutations, Stalk Motifs, and Phylogenetic Relationship of the 2009 Influenza A Virus Neuraminidase Sequences" *Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering*, 2:550–558

**David King '09, Roger Cherry '11, and Wei Hu.** "Covariation of HIV-1 Mutations from Different Treatments and Subtypes of Protease and Reverse Transcriptase" *Journal of Biomedical Science and Engineering*, March 2010

**Ronald Mahurin.** "Torture after 9/11—The Road to Abu Graib," a response to Karen J. Greenberg in *Religious Faith, Torture and Our National Soul*, Mercer University Press, 2010

**Ronald Mahurin.** "Balancing the Quantitative and Human Side of Curriculum Analysis," panel presentation at the Council for Independent Colleges & Universities Chief Academic Officer's Conference, November 2009

**Peter C. Meilaender.** "The Meaning of Meddling: Obama, Lincoln and Democratic Statesmanship" *The Cresset, Michaelmas 2009* Vol LXXIII, No. 1, pp 28–31

**Peter C. Meilaender.** Review of the book *The Virtue of Aristotle's Ethics* by Paula Gottlieb. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2010.02.15 Pp. xx, 241

**Kaitlin Smith '10 and Hillary Chartrand '11.** "Green" Oxidation of Alcohols to Ketones/Aldehydes in an Industrial Context." Poster session presented at Western New York American Chemical Society (WNYACS) Section Meeting at Niagara University on March 6, 2010

**W. Christopher Stewart.** "On Giving Intelligent Design Theorists What They Say They Want" *Divine Grace and Emerging Creation: Wesleyan Forays in Science and Theology of Creation*, Wipf and Stock, 2009

**Linda Mills Woolsey '74.** "Elizabeth Barrett Browning," "Harriet Beecher Stowe," "Evelyn Underhill" and "Teresa of Avila." *The Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*, ed. George T. Kurian and James P. Smitt, III (Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield/Scarecrow Press, April 2010)

**Linda Mills Woolsey '74.** "Helen Maria Williams," "Helen Maria Williams, Letters from France" and "Sydney Owenson, The Missionary." *Encyclopedia of Literary Romanticism*, ed. Andrew Maunder. (New York, NY: Facts on File, August 2010)

**Jo-Anne Young.** "Equestrian Safety" *Equestrian Medical Safety Association News*, Winter 2009–2010



## PUBLICATIONS BY HOUGHTON ALUMNI

**H**oughton College alumni have published their writings and research on a myriad of topics in a variety of media. If you have had some of your work published, please contact the Public Relations Office so we can celebrate your achievements with you.

**Peter Galuteria '57.** *Heart of a Hero, Charles Reed Bishop*  
P. Galuteria, 1999

**Mary Anne Phemister '63.** *Lessons from a Broken Chopstick: A Memoir of a Peculiar Childhood*  
Hannibal Books, 2009

**Robert Orr '62.** *Medical Ethics and the Faith Factor*  
Eerdmans, 2009

**Nan (Miller) McCullough '68.** *Entertaining for Eternity*  
Campus Crusade for Christ

**Nick Chamberlain '69.** *Galilean Nights*  
OakTara, 2009

**Nick Chamberlain '69.** *The Worm Within the Skull*  
OakTara, 2009

**David Eckman '69.** *Knowing the Heart of the Father: Four Experiences with God That Will Change Your Life*  
Harvest House Publishers, 2008

**David Eckman '69.** *Sex, Food & God: Breaking Free from Temptations, Compulsions, and Addictions*  
Harvest House Publishers, 2006

**David Eckman '69.** *Becoming Who God Intended: A New Picture for Your Past, A Healthy Way of Managing Your Emotions, A Fresh Perspective on Relationships*  
Harvest House Publishers, 2005

**Kenneth L. Parker '76.** *Tradition and Pluralism: Essays in Honor of William Shea*  
University Press of America, 2009

**Kenneth L. Parker '76.** *Authority, Dogma, and History: The Role of the Oxford Movement Converts in the Papal Infallibility Debates*  
Academica Press, 2008

**Victor V. Claar '87** with Robin J. Klay. *Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy and Life Choices*  
InterVarsity Press Academic, 2007

**Brian Kvasnica '95.** "Shifts in Israelite War Ethics and Early Jewish Historiography of Plundering" in *Writing and Reading War Society of Biblical Literature*, 2008

**Brian Kvasnica '95** and Randall Buth. "Temple Authorities and Tithe-Evasion: The Linguistic Background and Impact of the Parable of the Vineyard Tenants and the Son" *Jesus' Last Week*  
Brill, 2006

**Matthew Burden '05.** *Freedom Cry*  
OakTara, 2009

**Alicia B. W. Clifton '07.** "The Priscilla Project: Facilitating Equality and the Self-Empowerment of At-Risk Women in Healthcare Encounters"  
*Gender Issues* Volume 26, Number 2  
Springer Science + Business Media, 2009



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## HOUGHTON READS: OPEN A CONVERSATION

Mark Hijleh, director of integrative studies and professor of music

**H**oughton Reads. “Well, of course we do,” one might be tempted to say, but the idea of a reading program that aims each year to provide some common ground for reflection and discussion among students, faculty, staff and even alumni across the campus and across the world may not be so axiomatic. We may read a lot, but *reading as an act of community* seems increasingly rare in our audio-visually saturated world, especially when that reading might extend beyond devotional materials and into the broader realm of human issues and ideas important for Christians to be engaged with spiritually, intellectually and culturally.

The goals of the Houghton Reads program, an initiative of the College’s Integrative Studies Committee, are to: 1) Encourage reflective Christian response to important issues; 2) Create common reference points and areas of inquiry for the College community; 3) Provide opportunities for significant ideas and issues to be viewed through a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary lenses; and 4) Encourage thoughtful discourse that extends beyond the classroom.

Each fall semester, faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to read one book selected the previous spring by campus-wide vote from among campus-wide nominations and to participate in formal and informal discussions face to face, in classes and other public forums, in writing through the *Houghton Star* newspaper, and across the world through the Houghton Online Community website.

The topic or perspectives represented in each Houghton Reads book should not be assumed as the official perspective or belief of Houghton College. Not everyone will agree with the ideas shared within the chosen book, and such points of discussion and even disagreement are part of the intent and design of the program. Through dialogue about thought-provoking topics, all of us are challenged to evaluate our perspectives as well as the perspectives of others and to develop a thoughtfully Christian way to address the complex cultural issues we face.

For 2009-2010, the first year of the program, Houghton read *unChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...and Why it Matters* by Barna Group president David Kinnaman, who visited campus for a lecture during the fall semester. For fall 2010, the selected book is *ReSounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music* by Duke University professor Jeremy Begbie, who also appeared on the Houghton campus in November of 2009 as last year’s Woolsey Lecturer in Theology and Culture.

Consider joining us for Houghton Reads 2010. Go to the Houghton Online Community at [community.houghton.edu](http://community.houghton.edu) and join the discussion group.



## ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

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### UWC

**Shelley Lynn Berry**, 56, passed away on Friday, March 5, 2010, at her home in Conyers, Ga. Before she was a wife and mother, and an administrative assistant for the South Coastal District of The Wesleyan Church; she was the Dean of Women at United Wesleyan College. She was a leader of women and a wonderful wife and helpmate to her husband as they labored in a lifetime of Christian ministry. Shelley is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Pauline Miller. In addition to her husband, **Dan A. Berry**, she is survived by her two sons, Jason Daniel Berry and Joshua Robert Berry, and two sisters, Susan Green and Cheryl Barr.

**Jane "Janie" Lee McCormick**, 65, died unexpectedly at her home on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Janie taught at several colleges and universities including United Wesleyan College. Students fondly remember her as fiercely independent, remarkably witty, and full of opinions. She loved German opera, Scottish and Yorkshire Terriers, Devon Rex cats, "Jeopardy", prime rib dinners and chocolate chip cookies. She is survived by her mother, Glenna Jane Sultzbaugh; two brothers, Nelson McCormick II and John "Mac" McCormick; a

sister, Cynthia "Cindy" Keefer; two cousins; several nieces and nephews; and Tabitha, her Devon Rex.

**Robert Lee Stoudt**, 67, died October 21, 2008 at Fellowship Manor in Whitehall, Pa. After serving his country in Vietnam, Robert owned and operated Stoudt's Restoration and Radiators in Lehighton, Pa. He was a member of Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church, the Carbon County Gideons and the Nash Car Club of America. Robert is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sharon; a son Lloyd Stoudt; a daughter, Denise Suess; three sisters, Janet Sharp, Jean Tice, Linda Gible; a brother, Harry "Sonny" Stoudt; and three grandsons.

**Jerald Allen Travis**, 55, died Friday, February 15, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Jerald attended Frankfort Pilgrim College and was an ordained Wesleyan minister. He served as pastor for several churches throughout Ohio and Indiana including Cicero Wesleyan, Silver Lake Wesleyan, Union City Ohio Wesleyan and Grace Wesleyan in Shelbyville, Ind. Additionally, he was District Wesleyan Men's Director of Indiana South District and treasurer of Shelbyville Holiness Association. Jerry loved to sing and preach and did both enthusiastically for the

glory of God. He was preceded in death by his mother and triplets, JeLene Travis, JeVonne Travis and JeLaine Travis. Surviving are his father and stepmother, Ronald and Linda Travis; his wife, Joyce; two sons, Ilie Travis, and Ian Travis; one daughter, Jewelle Canter; three brothers, Dale Travis, Tracy Travis, and Theron Travis; three sisters, Theresa Below, Tara Clymer, and Trina Wolph of Fostoria; and four grandchildren.

### 1936

**Marion S. Rice** passed away on January 3, 2010 at the age of 94. She was a teacher and statistician at Eastman Kodak Co., who enjoyed camping, downhill skiing and gardening. Marion was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Jack. She is survived by her sons, Steve and Larry (Betsy), and three grandchildren.

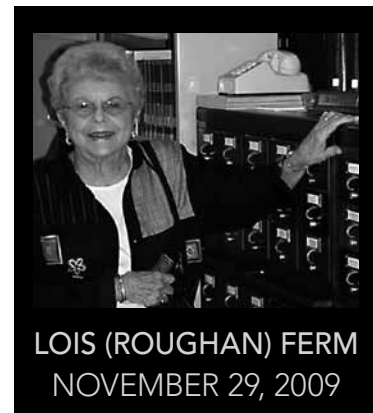
### 1938

**Leona (Strickland) Foster Morrill**, 94, passed away January 30, 2010 in Fort Myers, Fla. Leona was employed as a registered nurse by Olin Health Center at Michigan State University until she retired in 1979. She was preceded in death by her husbands, **Charles A. Foster '41**, and Charles C. Morrill;

and son, Paul D. Foster. She is survived by her son, Stephen A. Foster, and four grandchildren.

### 1939

**Lois (Roughan) Ferm**, 91, went to be with the Lord on November 29, 2009, in Black Mountain, N.C. She received her Master of Arts from the University of Michigan and her doctorate from the University of Minnesota. She taught high school in New York and Minnesota, then taught the university level at John Brown University, Houghton College, and at the University of Minnesota. Lois was also the director of admissions at Brenau College. At the time of her retirement at age 87, she was working as personal assistant to Billy Graham as well as coordinator of resources at the Billy Graham Center. Lois was also instrumental in establishing the archives and oral history program at the Billy Graham Library at Wheaton College. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. Robert O. Ferm '39**, and by her son-in-law, Mitch Mitchell. She is survived by her daughters, Esther Mitchell and **Rebecca Dodson '64**; her sons, Paul Ferm and Steve Ferm; ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



## 1941

**Louise (Dietrich) Lytle**, 91, died on November 24, 2009 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center in Marion, Ind. Louise enjoyed being a pastor's wife for four years in Fillmore, N.Y. before going to Columbia, South America with her husband as missionaries in the Wesleyan Methodist Church for 14 years. In 1959, she began working at Wesleyan Headquarters and later taught second grade for 14 years at Liberty School in the Madison-Grant Corporation. After retirement, the Lytles moved to Brooksville, Fla. until 2004 and then lived at Colonial Oaks Retirement Center in Marion, Ind. Louise was a member of College Wesleyan Church in Marion where in prior years she was president of the Women's Missionary Society, taught Sunday school, and served on the local church board. She loved her family, gardening, reading, and had the gift of hospitality. Louise will be remembered for her love for the Lord, her disciplined life, and the graciousness she showed to all. She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law **Mary (Lytle '33) Woodard** and her infant son, **Bruce Wayne Lytle**. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, **Robert N. Lytle '39**; her sister, **Melva Freeborn '45**; her sons **Wesley (Rebecca Tam '66) Lytle '67** and **Bernard (Kathy Sorrentino '69) Lytle '69**; her daughter **Jule (Kerry) Kind**; seven grandchildren including **Jennifer (Christopher '98) McNiven '97** and **Kristin Kincer '99**; and fifteen great grandchildren.

## 1944

**Gordon Barnett** has authored a book about his life entitled *The Serendipities of a Mother's Prayers*. It chronicles his journey to redemption as a commander in the United States Navy.

**Joyce E. (Valkema) Chrysler** went to be with the Lord on June 22, 2009. She met her husband,

**Arthur Chrysler**, while a student at Houghton, and the couple went on to become missionaries to Japan. Arthur predeceased his wife. Survivors include a son, **Bruce Chrysler**; two daughters, **Sheryl Boyer** and **Jerry Gleason**; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

## 1948

**Glenn Wiford Barnett** died in Hudson, Fla. on January 31, 2010. He served as corporal technician in the 38th Signal Construction Battalion in Europe during World War II, then received his divinity degree from Asbury Seminary in 1950. He and his wife **Janice** worked as Wesleyan Methodist missionary Bible teachers in the Republic of Haiti from 1951-1967, then served in Wesleyan pastorates in Minnesota. Upon retirement, the couple settled in Wesleyan Retirement Village in Brooksville, Fla. He was awarded the Wesleyan Church medallion for over 50 years of service to the Wesleyan Church. Glenn loved people and was welcoming to everyone, greeting them with a smile, a hearty handshake and words of encouragement. It was his joy to serve the Lord. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Janice (Gracely '48)**; a daughter, **Marilyn**; a brother, **David**; and his parents. He is survived by two daughters, **Kathy (Richard '69) Daake '69** and **Barbara Daake '73**; two sons, **Ron '79** and **Jonathan Barnett '84**; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five brothers; one sister; and many nieces and nephews.

**Marion (Hagen) Oehrig** passed away on October 3, 2009 after a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's and cancer. She was a master gardener, a preschool teacher, and an avid traveler. She enjoyed playing the piano and violin, as well as hosting missionaries in her home. Marion is survived by her husband,

## CARL LAMBEIN

**Carl J. Lambein**, one of Houghton's most generous donors, passed away on November 9, 2009 at the age of 102. Mr. Lambein's friendship with the college began in 1955 when he was building Southgate Plaza in West Seneca, N.Y. The banker-turned-real-estate-developer donated a two-story



house to the college and moved it at his own expense to what is currently Houghton's West Seneca Campus. Mr. Lambein believed in the work that Houghton was doing to impact the local community, and his gift financed the Lambein Learning Center there in 1972.

Over the years, Lambein continued his support of Houghton College by giving more than one million dollars to the institution. The impact of Carl Lambein's generosity has been felt by the thousands of students who have lived in Lambein Residence Hall (named after his late wife, Irma), studied in the Chamberlain Center, played intramurals in the Nielsen Center, or spent any time at the West Seneca Campus. In addition, more than 25 students were able to attend Houghton through the help of the Carl J. Lambein Endowed Scholarship Fund established in 1983.

He talked often of the joy he found in giving, especially to a place like Houghton. "Giving has been enriching," said Mr. Lambein to the *West Seneca Bee* on October 31, 1985. "It has never made me poor." To former college president and friend **Dan Chamberlain** he said, "High quality Christian education is so needed in our world today, and we feel Houghton is outstanding in this regard." According to Dr. Chamberlain, "Carl had a profound respect for the Christian witness of the school and the character of its graduates."

Carl Lambein, described by those who knew him as quiet, humble and unassuming, was a strong community builder and a loyal friend to the college. He is survived by his wife, **Marion**; a son, **Carl**; a daughter, **Susan Sztuk**; and two step-daughters, **Cynthia Bainbridge** and **Suzanne Behrens**.





## STEPHEN CALHOON

**Dr. Stephen Calhoon, Jr. '53**, former faculty member and head of the chemistry department, died at his home on Saturday, December 12, 2009.

Students remember Dr. Calhoon as demanding but fair in the classroom. As an analytical chemist, Calhoon was as detailed and

precise in his life as he was in the lab. "What would have been tedious for me is all in a day's work for him," a former staff member remembered. Some called him the 'watchdog' of faculty and recollect Calhoon toting a briefcase full of detailed minutes to and from each faculty meeting. "He enjoyed putting details in order," one friend recalled.

Calhoon's attention to detail still impacts students today. During his time at the college, Calhoon was instrumental in setting up Houghton's original cardiac pacemaker research, expanding laboratory facilities and assisting in the design of the Paine Science Center. "He developed the chemistry program at Houghton, making it what it is today," remarks friend and former chemistry professor, **Bernie Piersma**.

Stephen Calhoon's faith was central to his life, and he was also active in Houghton Wesleyan Church (HWC) during his time at Houghton. **Paul Shea '69**, associate professor of missions, remembers the professor "as a real churchman and a spiritual model." Calhoon gave his time and energy as Sunday School superintendent, vice chair of the church board, and was also a trustee of the church. In addition, he was part of the committee that built the educational wing of HWC. "He was one of the most devout men I have ever known," said Piersma. Family was a priority to Calhoon. He enjoyed attending his son's baseball games, was an assistant scout master, and loved to show slides of his family vacations. Calhoon also spent time fishing, hunting, backpacking in the Adirondacks, listening to classical music, and would read for an hour every day.

Calhoon is survived by his wife of 57 years, Louretta; two daughters, **Denise '81 (Gary '79) Schoenwald**, and **Melinda Wigger '77**; a son, **Kevin '85**; and seven grandchildren.

Robert '43; children **Kathleen (Paul '71) Mason '72**, **James (Rebecca Thorn '83) Oehrig '83**, and **Robert (Dana Coddington '75) Oehrig '75**; thirteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## 1949

**Leslie Beach**, 82, of Holland, Mich., died September 7, 2008. Leslie taught psychology at General Motors Institute, Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and Hope College in Michigan. He was a member of Hope Church where he served as an elder. Leslie served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Surviving are his wife Carla of 44 years; children, Rev. Dr. Randy McGrady-Beach, Lisa Boes, and Michael Beach; and six grandchildren.

## 1950

**Norman Jones**, 80, passed away on June 23, 2009. He loved his country and served in Korea in the 1st Marine Air Wing, 513th Air Defense Squadron, rising to the rank of captain. Following his military service, he spent a lifelong career in data processing and information technology. After retiring, he became a field representative with Friends of Israel. His life mission statement was "I exist to help make God's living Word alive to His people." He taught the Bible in Sunday school for 60 years. He is survived by his college sweetheart and wife of 58 years, **Ruth (Russell '51)**; his brother **Gordon (Roxy '58) Jones '54**; his sons, David Jones and Stephen Jones; and daughters, Pamela Dipronio, Cheryl Ennis, and Linda Jones. He had six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Jean Smith Whipple** continues her work with Concerned Women For America. Recently she was recognized for 15 years of service to an organization within CWFA called

'535', a group of volunteer lobbyists who meet every month to study current legislation and to prepare to visit offices on behalf of CWFA.

## 1951

**Dorothy M. VanCleve**, 80, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 10, 2010. Dorothy spent 43 years as a teacher in North Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana. She was well loved by her students, prayed for them and still had contact with many of them. In 1997, she became a chaplain with Market Place Ministries and served at McLane Mid-Atlantic for 12 years, retiring in December 2009. Dorothy is survived her brothers, **Harold VanCleve** and **Donald VanCleve**; her sisters, **Ruth Griswold '53** and **Lois Strum '62**; several nieces and nephews including, **Richard Strum '85** and **Norma Strum '89**; great-nieces and great-nephews; and one great-great niece.

## 1953

**Frederick S. Irish** passed away on February 7, 2009. He was a pastor in Ontario and Quebec, Canada for approximately 40 years with the Wesleyan Methodist and Free Methodist Churches. He served on the board of trustees for Houghton College from 1958-1965, and was secretary for the Central Canada District of the Wesleyan Church for many years. After retirement, Frederick had more time to pursue his love of painting while still pastoring part time. His favorite subjects were historical buildings and churches. He was predeceased by his wife **Ruth (Fletcher '55)**. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Sutton and Colleen Grant, and their families.

**Arthur David Seeland** died on October 23, 2009, after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was a Methodist minister for 11 years in southern New Jersey and then served 23 years as a U.S. Navy



**ELEANOR MILLS  
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chaplain. He ended his career as a bishop in the Catholic Church, Anglican Rite. Arthur is survived by his wife **Maryann (Hove '53)**; sons, **John R.A. Seeland '78** and **Eric Seeland '81**; his mother, **Dorothea Seeland**; several nieces and nephews; and four grandchildren.

### 1956

**Eleanor Mills (Hacking) Watts**, 74, died October 5, 2009 from complications of multiple myeloma. She held teaching and administrative positions in Fairhaven, Mass. for 34 years and served as chapter president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society of Key Women Educators. Upon retiring to Florida in 1990, she initiated a program for special needs and gifted children at Seven Rivers Christian School, as well as creating a library/media center there. Eleanor is survived by four sisters, **Gladys Dobija**, **Marion Kramer**, **Ruth Phipps** and **Phyllis Phipps**; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, **Ivan**, who was a graduate of UWC.

### 1957

**Gordon R. Beck** participated with 10,000 other athletes in the National Senior Olympics at Stanford University in August 2009. He brought home a silver medal

for basketball and a bronze medal for tennis in the 75-79 age group. Gordon has been retired for 15 years from Delta Airlines where he was an international captain. **OI**

**Aggie Haik** continues to be active in the local Girl Scouts mentoring program, her ladies' Bible study group, her church's Awana program and anywhere else there is a need for a meal, transportation, or encouragement.

### 1958

**Linda (Lyke) Svitak**, 72, died of cancer on April 2, 2009. Professionally, Linda was a teacher, an editor, a testing specialist, a paralegal and a home health aide. In her personal life, she was intent on setting and meeting goals for herself including jogging 1,800 miles in a year, climbing Mt. Washington, and completing the Big Sur, Calif. marathon. She also learned to play piano, organ, accordion, trumpet, saxophone and flute. Her hobbies included hiking, knitting countless baby sweaters, painting, drawing, photography, and composing song lyrics and poetry. Linda was a hospice volunteer and an active member of her church. She is survived by her husband, **John J. Svitak**; a son, **Keith L. Svitak**; two stepsons, **John F. Svitak** and **Joseph T. Svitak**; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### 1959

**Alan D. Chamberlain**, 72, passed away Friday, January 15, 2010 at Erie County Medical Center after a short illness. He served in the U.S. Army after college, then went on to teach high school math in Caledonia, N.Y. and Angelica, N.Y. Following his teaching career, Alan worked as an insurance agent and later was the director of the Allegany County Department of Weights and Measures. He was active in his community as a long time member of the Belfast Volunteer

### GEORGE WELLS

**Dr. George R. Wells**, affectionately known to decades of students and college employees as 'Coach,' passed away on October 15, 2009. He was 88 years old.



In 1940, Coach began his studies as a math major. In June of 1947, President Stephen Paine asked Wells to remain at Houghton and lead the physical education and recreation program. He agreed and also began working on his master's degree at Springfield College. Wells completed his doctorate at the University at Buffalo in 1956.

Coach worked at Houghton from 1947 to 1988 serving as the chair of the physical education department and the athletic department. He was instrumental in moving Houghton College into intercollegiate athletics, and he was the college's first field hockey coach. Wells served as a professor, a coach and an administrator within the athletic department. He played a major role in the planning of the Nielsen Physical Education Center that replaced the Bedford Gymnasium in 1980. His strong interest in swimming instruction was honored with the college pool bearing his name – the George Wells Natatorium. In 1993, Wells was an inaugural inductee into the Houghton College Athletic Hall of Honor and in 2005 was named a member of the Allegany County Sports Hall of Fame.

George Wells left an incredible mark on the athletic department at Houghton. That work and influence, however, pales in comparison to the impact that he had on the spiritual lives of students. Coach experienced firsthand the revival in 1951 – a movement that swept the campus in all directions. Born out of the spiritual renewal was a group that Wells founded called 'Youth in One Accord,' a group which consisted of students who traveled throughout the eastern United States and the Caribbean ministering to churches through music and testimonies. Youth in One Accord lasted for 46 years, spanned millions of miles, reached countless people through over 1,000 appointments and was the precursor to Houghton's current summer ministry teams.

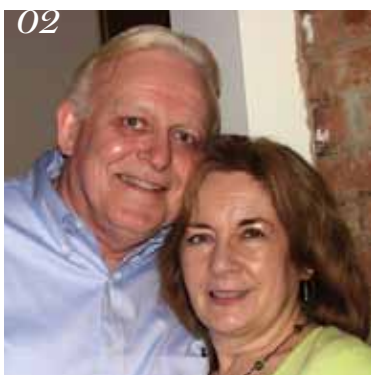
Coach George Wells is survived by his wife of **Doris (Driscoll) '42**; five children, **Robert (Beth) Wells '69**, **Laurie (Spurgeon) Wentzell '71**, **Delores Wells '73**, **Darlene Wells '75**, and **Dr. David (Lois Piscopo '77) Wells '77**, five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



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Fire Department and the Belfast Rescue Squad. A past member of the Belfast Central School Board of Education, he was also former Belfast tax assessor and former Belfast town supervisor. Alan enjoyed hunting, woodworking and helping others. Surviving are his wife, Lana; a son **Andrew Chamberlain '90**; daughter Penny Chamberlain, a brother **Mark (Lois '65) Chamberlain '65**; two sisters, **Phyllis Chamberlain '60** and **Linda (Decker '63) Perry**; several nieces and nephews; and grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, **Leland and Ruth (Warburton '27) Chamberlain**.

## 1960

**Gail LaRue Patterson, '72**, passed away peacefully at home on December 23, 2009 after a long illness. Gail taught school in the Kent School District outside of Seattle, Wash. for 30 years. Her many activities included chairing the Seattle Symphony Family Concert in Kent, working with the Kent area PTA, and receiving the Golden Acorn Award for some of those efforts. Gail was also interested in taking automobile trips, making jewelry, cooking, playing tennis and going to the movies. She loved Native American culture and Celtic music. Gail will be remembered as an artistic and passionate mother, wife and teacher. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, **Dean Patterson '60**; sons, **Kaynan Patterson** and **Kyle Patterson**; a brother, **Charles Pfahler**; and five grandchildren.

## 1962

**Robert Orr** was recently honored with Christian Medical and Dental Association's Servant of Christ Award. This award honors those who exemplify commitment to Christ coupled with service to others over the course of their careers, and those who have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to excellence in the field of missions, research, patient care, or medical ethics. Dr. Orr is currently a professor in the Bioethics Program of Union Graduate College/The Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Professor of Medical Ethics at Loma Linda University's Center for Christian Bioethics; Professor of Bioethics, Trinity International University; and Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

## 1964

**Gary and Susan Noyes** have moved to Florida where they will begin working with the Hope

of Humanity Foundation. They will be active in administration, teaching and coaching.

## 1966

**C. Robert Owens** died on April 22, 2009 after an 18-month battle with mantle cell lymphoma. He is survived by his wife.

## 1968

**Doreen (Williams) Mohr** recently met with a small group of alumni at **Carolyn (Rich '68) Benson's** home near Minneapolis, Minn. The group, formed when living together in the dorm, was called 'The Octopus'. Doreen reports that she wasn't a part of the group in college but was pleased to receive the invitation. Upon arriving and sharing stories, the group realized they had invited the wrong Doreen but enjoyed her company so much they made her the honorary 9th member of the group. The other members of the Octopus are **Ruth (Kephart '68) Southard**, **Sharon (Eustace '68) Gates**, **Pamela Metthe '68**, **Marjorie (Carmen '68) Guzek**, **Carole (Timberlake '68) Quinn**, **Brenda (Rhoad '69) Brokaw**, and the original **Doreen (Newberry '69) Tucker**.

## 1969

Recently, **Tom Hilgeman** presented a workshop called "Lateral Thinking as a Tool for Creative Teaching" to over 50 teachers in El Salvador as well as in Guatemala. He and his wife **Mariellyn (Jones '71)** continue in their work with AVANT Ministries.

## 1970

**Ester (Davis) Gliwinski** was given the Rochester News 8 Golden Apple Award (formerly Teacher of the Week) on March 2, 2010. The award is given to local teachers who are nominated by their students, peers, family members, community members or supervisors. Ester is a sixth grade dual language teacher at John James Audubon School No. 33.

According to school administrator **Rose Marie Urzetta**, "Ester gives her heart, soul, and all the resources she can muster to provide multiple learning opportunities for children. She always volunteers for school wide projects and has established relationships that go way beyond the classroom and the school."

## 1972

**Jeff Crawford** retired from pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church on June 30, 2009. He served churches in the Western New York and North Central New York Conferences. His last appointment was to the Canandaigua First UMC, where he served five years. A highlight of 33 years of full time ministry was being appointed District Superintendent of the Olean District (now Mountain View District) in 1991. He and his wife, **Beverly (Poe '78)**, recently bought their first home in Fairport, N.Y. They have three children and two grandchildren. **02**

## 1974

**Deborah (Boyko) Erickson** has been named as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

**Wendy Atkins** is in Zemio, Central African Republic, serving with AIM (African Inland Mission) where she is coordinating relief efforts for Congolese refugees.

## 1975

**Delayne (Stout) Geesey** has been named a 2010 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar, and will receive a \$1,000 award. Delayne was selected based on the scores she earned in the All-USA Academic Team Competition sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. She is currently a student at Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio. **03**

1977

**Jim Priest** has declared his candidacy for the office of Oklahoma Attorney General in the 2010 election. Jim and his wife, Diane, met during the American Studies Program in Washington, District of Columbia, and have lived in Oklahoma since Jim graduated from Syracuse University School of Law in 1980. They have two children, a daughter, Amanda Carter, who resides in Tulsa, Okla., and a son, Spencer, who resides in San Diego, Calif. **04**

1987

**Victor V. Claar** recently accepted a position as associate professor of economics in the School of Business at Henderson State University in Arkansas. He was previously an associate professor at Hope College. Victor spent the 2006-07 academic year as a Fulbright Scholar, serving on the faculty of the American University of Armenia. He taught graduate courses in economics

1988

**Heidi Gehman** has been appointed to a new position as director of academic administration for Princeton Seminary, effective September 8, 2009. She earned her Master of Divinity at Princeton Seminary, and her doctorate at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Her dissertation was on the theme "Conscience and Moral Agency: Iris Murdoch and H. Richard Niebuhr on the Formation of the Moral Self." Heidi previously served as associate director for the international doctorate program at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Conn. While at Hartford, she also served as faculty associate in theology and ethics and regularly taught courses at the master's level. She has served as adjunct faculty at Fairfield University and Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

1989

**Julie (Siemens) Bailey** and her husband, Perry, welcomed Susannah Joy Bailey into their family on September 23, 2008. **05**

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**Charles Kevin Thompson** is participating in an innovative fiction manuscript premise contest through Marcher Lord Press. The winner of the premise contest will earn a chance at publication in 2010 with MLP. Kevin's work, *The Serpent's Grasp*, is based on Romans 1:25 and is designed to give the reader a different apologetic angle from which to view the subject of evolution.

1992

**Elizabeth (Oswalt) Claar** completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan, as well as earning a certificate in music theory pedagogy. She traveled with her husband Victor '87 to Armenia where she studied the history of organs and organ music as well as volunteering in an orphanage in Yerevan run by the Sisters of Charity.

**Dawn Gurley** was married on November 27, 2009 to Jeffrey Waggoner. The couple makes their home in Clarence, N.Y.

**Sharon Hibbard** and **James Mulligan** were united in marriage on November 28, 2009.

**Lisa Mattoon** married **Joe Pratt** on October 10, 2009. Houghton alumni in attendance included **Ellen Barnes '92**, **Cathy (Arnold '92) Piger**, and **Cheryl (Draper '92) Fox**. **06**

1996

**Carl Greene** and his wife, **Cynthia**, are the recipients of the 2009 Young Farmer Achievement Award given by the New York State Farm Bureau. Carl is a partner in a 400-cow dairy farm where he is responsible for labor management, cow health and reproduction, and CAFO regulatory compliance. Cynthia is responsible for farm tours, community relations and office assistance.

**Ben Pehrson** and his wife, **Mandy (Hobbs '97)**, have added twins to their family. Jacob Steven Scott and Jenny Elizabeth were born on September 15, 2009. Ben and Mandy are now the parents of five children. The Pehrsons work with Wycliffe

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Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea training translators and literacy workers. They are currently on home assignment.

## 1997

**Alana (Davis) and Eric Torraca '98** announce the birth of Timothy James Torraca, born September 13, 2009. **07**

**Steve Clark** recently took a position as an insurance advisor with United Professional Advisors in Macedon, N.Y. after serving for seven years at Camp-of-the-Woods. He and his wife, Ryan, are the proud parents of Hannah and are expecting their second child.

Ethan Job Kaminski was born on May 13, 2009, to **Heidi (Brautigam) Kaminski** and her husband, Keith. He joins older brother, Logan. **08**

## 1998

**Dan Bates** recently opened the Portland, Ore. office of a new Washington, District of Columbia-based government

relations firm called Thorn Run Partners. His immediate practice will include state as well as federal government relations.

**Bonnie de Vries** graduated from Albany Medical College and has started her family medicine residency in Portland, Maine. Bonnie is married to **Tor '99**, and they have been blessed with two great kids, Aiden and Eleonora.

## 1999

**Heather Armstrong**, assistant professor of Oboe at Luther College, performed an instrumental recital on September 25, 2009 in the Noble Recital Hall in the Jenson-Noble Hall on the Luther College Campus. Heather holds a Master of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the Eastman School of Music. She began teaching at Luther in 2006. She also plays with the Lacrosse and Waterloo-Cedar Falls symphonies. She was recently appointed as principal oboist in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony.

**Jeremiah Strickland** earned a diploma in Christian Studies from Trinity Western Seminary, British Columbia, Canada in 2001. Recently, he graduated from the New York State Police Academy and is currently working in northern New York as a state trooper. He and his wife, Stacy, along with their two boys, Noah and Elijah, live in Ogdensburg, N.Y.

**Tor de Vries** earned his Master of Fine Arts in Design & Technology from Parsons School of Design and is now the web producer/senior designer for EngenderHealth, an international nonprofit that works to improve health care in dozens of developing countries around the world. He is married to **Bonnie '98**, and they have two children, Aiden and Eleonora.

## 2000

**Libby (Shaw) Fuller** and her husband, Todd, are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Joy Fuller, born on December 15th, 2009. **09**

**Kari Teno** and **Aaron Frase** were married on October 10, 2009. **Amanda (Young '01) Cox** and **Rebekah Baney '01** were bridesmaids. The Frases reside in Erie, Pa., where Aaron is a firefighter and Kari is a social worker. **10**

## 2001

On June 6, 2009 **Nicole Cline** married **Joshua Cole**. Houghton alumni in attendance included matron of honor **Michelle (Cline '04) Schieve** and **Stephen '93** and **Beth (Cline '93) Turner**. The photographer was **Jason Baldomir '96**. **11**

## 2002

**Colby Jeffrey Fancher** was born to **Jessica (Cavagnaro)** and **Jeff Fancher** on February 14, 2009. **12**



Joy (Brautigam) and David Sonju are the proud parents of Elizabeth “Ellie” Skye, born August 26, 2009. **13**

## 2003

Mindy (Albrecht) and Andy Sauer are the proud parents of twin boys, Jonathan and Benjamin, born on May 5, 2009. Their uncle, Dan Albrecht, is a member of the class of 2011. **14**

Ron Ferri was named Regional Vice President of Tops’ Western Region by Tops Friendly Markets. He is responsible for the growth and development of 65 Tops Markets-operated stores, including all stores in Western New York, the Southern Tier of New York, and Pennsylvania. Ron graduated from the P.A.C.E program with Cohort A3 and received a Master of Business Administration from

the University at Buffalo’s Executive MBA program. He also serves as a member on the board of trustees for the Goodwill Industries of WNY. **15**

Trevor William Gage was born to Kristin (Pillsbury) and Nathan Gage on October 4, 2009. The Gages live in Haverhill, Mass. **16**

Stephanie (Smith) married Richard Holmgren on September 12, 2009. Houghton alumni attending included Sarah Newell ’03, Katie Kuntz ’03, Jonathan Stevens ’03, Jason Dolon ’03, Hannah Alsdurf ’03, Brooke (Rader ’03) Rockey and Ryan Rockey ’03. The couple resides in Rayham, Mass. **17**

## 2004

Anna Katherine “Katie” Bullinger was born to Julie (Brisben) and Jeremy Bullinger on August 7, 2009. **18**

Jacob Thomas Benjamin Davis was born on November 12, 2009 to Benjie Davis and Trisha (Turner). **19**

## 2005

Laure (Hanks) Kline earned her Master of Fine Arts in Media Design from Full Sail University. She and her husband, Joel, run Axiom Design/Works, a creative studio that works mainly with non-profit organizations and churches.

Blair and Danielle (Luckey) MacDonald welcomed Molly Amber Luckey MacDonald to their family on May 23, 2009. **20**

Isabel (To) and Kevin Tom ’04 were married on July, 18 2009. **21**

Jillian Carey and Timothy Norton ’04 were united in marriage on March 20, 2008. They have changed their last names to Carter. **22**

## 2006

Karla (Mauro) and Daniel Alfred married on September 26, 2009. Karla completed her Master of Education degree at Lesley University in August 2009. Karla and Dan live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Karla teaches fifth grade and Dan attends graduate school at UNC. **23**

Stephen Jennings married Danielle A. Furtado on August 1, 2007 in Fiji. The couple met while stationed as army officers in Korea and are now stationed in Hawaii. They own a photography business called JF Photography.



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## 2007

Charis Diamantopoulos married Edward O'Connell on July 7, 2007. Fellow alumni at the wedding were Thomas Legrew '08, Blonnie Creswell '07, Joshua Mills '07, Rebecca Hernandez '07 and Virginia Whealton '07. **24** Charis and Edward's son Luke Edward was born on Nov. 6, 2008. The O'Connell family resides in Reading, Pa. **25**

Ryan Fadden, stationed in Afghanistan as a first lieutenant with the United States Army, was featured with his unit in an October 3, 2009 *Seattle Times* article. The article described the conditions the company is facing. Ryan is married to Allison (Breitinger '07), and they have a daughter.

Stephanie (Smith) and Alexander Lipnicki were married on June 28, 2009. Five fellow alumni

were included in the wedding party: Jeremy Clifton '07, Alicia (Walmus) Clifton '07, Josh Troyer '07, Sharon (Askey) Thistlewaite '07, and Mickael Cressman '06 **26**

## 2008

Rebecca Farley was awarded the third-place prize in the annual voice competition given by Friends of Eastman Opera. Rebecca is a second-year graduate student in the studio of Carol Webber at the Eastman School of Music. **27**

Nicole (Trask) Gustafson just completed a one-year term as an AmeriCorps volunteer at Snell Farm Children's Center in Kanona, N.Y. She is currently working part-time at Wegmans in Corning, N.Y. Nicole and her husband, Alan, a news producer and creative service assistant for

Family Life Ministries, live in Bath, N.Y and are in the process of purchasing their first home.

Sarah Bucklew married Tim Wilson '07 on April 25, 2009, in Harmony, Pa. Sarah will finish her graduate degree in music in May 2010, and Tim is a legal software engineer in Rochester, N.Y.

## 2009

Michael Angstadt has been selected to participate in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX), a year long, federally-funded fellowship for study and work in Germany. He is one of 75 applicants that were chosen out of a pool of 632 individuals. While in Germany on CBYX, Michael will attend a two-month intensive German language course, study at a German

university or professional school for four months, and complete a five-month internship with a German company in his career field.

Kaylan Reynolds and John Buteyn '08 were united in marriage on May 23, 2009. Serving as the best man was Eric Stevenson '08, and groomsmen included Will Airhart '08 and Henry Langston '08. Kristin Buteyn '05 was the maid of honor with Emily Buteyn '11 and Kristen (Poyer '05) Zale serving as the bride's attendants. The musicians were Amanda (Young '01) Cox, Andrew Vogan '09 and David Petersons '12. The couple is residing in Statesboro, Ga. while John attends Georgia Southern University for a Master of Music in Music Technology. **28**

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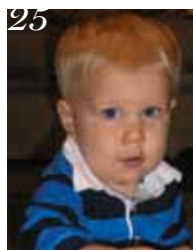
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## DO YOU POSSESS AN ORIGINAL WORK OF ART BY AN ORTLIP?

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Houghton's Art Department was founded in 1936 by Aileen Ortlip Shea. Its faculty was additionally served by three other painters from her family for more than 40 years. A number of Ortlip paintings hang in the Willard J Houghton library. More information about the Ortlip family artists is available at [Fourgenerationsart.com](http://Fourgenerationsart.com).



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A photograph of a man and a woman standing in front of a brick building. The man is on the left, wearing a grey blazer over a dark shirt and grey trousers. The woman is on the right, wearing a red button-down shirt and dark trousers. They are both smiling. The building behind them is made of dark brick and has large windows. The sky is clear and blue. There are some green bushes in the foreground.

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