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Breaking Theology out of its Cultural Ghetto

A Seattle
Landscape Architect
Prepares to Take
Theology to the Streets

Also, Dr. Peter Leithart,
Dean of Graduate Studies,
on "A Degree of Difference"

Omni cui multum datum est, multum quaeretur ab eo.



The Abolition of Christian Colleges?

New Saint Andrews has long held a deep suspicion of federal financial “aid” and regional accreditation (dominated by state universities). Federal aid always has strings attached and regional accreditation has, in recent years, become more aggressive in promoting secularism. When Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, for example, was initially denied regional accreditation renewal in the early 1980s because the seminary didn’t have enough women on staff, it was clear that the culture wars had come to the high ground of Christian higher education. So it was not without cause that federal aid and regional accreditation gave us the willies.

But things have changed recently...for the worse. A top administrator with the largest association of independent colleges and universities in the United States began her address before a gathering of college presidents last year, “We don’t have a civil war...yet.” The threat to the independence of independent colleges (which are overwhelmingly Christian), she continued, is serious and coming from two primary directions: (surprise!) federal financial aid and accreditation.

The feds have pumped billions of dollars into colleges for years. But rather than insisting colleges be fiscally accountable, Congress has started federalizing private colleges and universities. Thanks to the new “Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008,” Colleges that accept federal financial aid (and 99 percent do) will soon have to meet a host of new government-dictated social and ideological goals (many fundamentally contrary to the mission and beliefs of Christian institutions). The feds have taken the slack out of their financial strings and financial “aid” suddenly looks a lot like “control.”

When the Higher Ed Act was still in draft form, some of the largest religiously affiliated universities in the country—Notre Dame, Baylor, Brigham Young,

Samford, and Pepperdine—petitioned Congress to stop regional accreditors from pressuring them to adopt secular standards at odds with their religious mission and beliefs. Congress responded by including a line in the new law that requires regional accreditors to “respect” the religious mission of colleges. However, no definitions of respect and no penalties for disrespect were included. So no one will be surprised if regional accreditors continue to commit acts of forcible ideological assault while feigning “respect.”

At the end of her otherwise gloomy report, the independent college administrator offered a glimmer of hope. “There is only one college I know of,” she said, that won’t be hit hard by the new Higher Education Act: New Saint Andrews College.” Because New Saint Andrews doesn’t take federal financial aid or depend on other people’s tax dollars, the College has a built-in resistance to the government strings now ensnaring many. And because the College is blessed to have a Christian accrediting organization (the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools), the six regional accrediting bodies will be hard pressed to push New Saint Andrews toward secularism, whether they respect us or not.

Times are tough financially for Christian colleges and they just got tougher. The many Christian colleges that once mistook the extension of federal financial aid as a helping hand and confused regional accreditation with assurance of academic quality need our prayers. And New Saint Andrews needs your prayers and financial support to strengthen and sustain our position as one of the few colleges still independent of these new forces seeking the abolition of Christian higher education.

Roy Alden Atwood, Ph.D.
President

Library Fundraising Campaign Meets Goal

The Friends of Tyndale Library recently announced the successful completion of its three-year, \$300,000 Campaign for Tyndale Library to complete the payment of the 56,000-volume Doheny Collection that the College acquired in 2005.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the campaign! Tyndale Library is central to the work of the faculty and students at New Saint Andrews College, and it also serves the broader Moscow community through a membership program.

Workshop Provided to Students Interested in Business World

New Saint Andrews will host a five-day “Reforming Business Workshop” August 10-14 to assist students who are thinking about their future work and callings.

CHEMccorr, Inc., a Virginia Beach, Virginia-based company, is underwriting the limited-enrollment workshop and will provide full scholarships primarily for current NSA sophomores and juniors returning in the fall. College alumnus Michael Harkin (’99) is organizing the workshop.

“When it comes to vocational training, we believe it’s our job to educate students for a lifetime of faithful Christian living and leadership in a variety of personal and professional vocations, not train them for entry level jobs in a particular major,” said Bob Hieronymus, the College’s Executive Vice President. “We believe business leaders are better equipped to provide vocational training. We also believe students should begin thinking about what they want to do vocationally long before they graduate,” he continued. “So we’re very grateful for the support of CHEMccorr, Inc., and the efforts of Mr. Harkin and his associates.”

Interested students and members of the community can go online to learn more about the Reforming Business Workshop and apply at www.reformingbusiness.com.

Science Camps Draw High School Students

Parents and educators of high school juniors and seniors throughout the Pacific Northwest have a new option when it comes to teaching science. New Saint Andrews offered it first “Day Camp” last fall with a “Field Entomology” camp and is hosting a similar “Dissecting Darwinism” camp in the Spring.

Along with the day camp, the College offers an optional six-week correspondence unit study with Fellow of Natural History Dr. Gordon Wilson. If you are interested in these or future NSA Day Camps and Correspondence Unit Studies, e-mail camps@nsa.edu.

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The Latin phrase on the front cover means
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College Marks “Saint Andrew’s Day” with Food Drive



Kaleb Trotter, a freshman from Milton, Fla., and fellow students collect supplies for area food banks as part of the College’s Saint Andrew’s Day Food Drive.

On a crisp and clear December morning about 30 New Saint Andrews students, with eight grocery carts borrowed from the Moscow Food Coop, collected food supplies from downtown Moscow businesses for local food banks.

The “Saint Andrew’s Day Food Drive” was the College’s observance of “Saint

Andrew’s Day” (celebrated internationally on Nov. 30). Downtown businesses were enthusiastic in their response, and together with the College filled an estimated 10 to 12 carts full of food supplies.

NSA Welcomes New Choral Director



PHOTO BY MARK LAMOREAUX

Dr. David Erb

Dr. David Erb is the most recent addition to the New Saint Andrews College faculty. He holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts and Choral Conducting from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and most recently taught music at Trinity Church and Providence Classical Christian School in the Seattle area.

Prior to moving to the Northwest, Dr. Erb taught and conducted choirs at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and at Bucknell University. Dr. Erb earned a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1997.

In addition to his work as a Fellow of Music at the College, Dr. Erb is involved with other youth and adult choirs in Moscow, including the music ministry at Christ Church and the Washington-Idaho Concert Chorale.

Senior Class Gift is a Sign

The New Saint Andrews graduating class of 2009 will leave its mark on the College, literally. For their Senior Class Gift, the 24-member class raised \$2,500 to pay for the College to have its name on the building. The words “New Saint Andrews College” in cast iron lettering with a bronze satin finish will appear centered across the top of the Library portion of the building facing Main Street. The gift also paid for entry signage for the Friendship Square entrance and the Tyndale Library entrance.

Donations Encouraged for Scholarship Fund

With the need for student financial assistance at record levels, the Paideia Scholarship Fund is short of needed scholarship funds. The Paideia Scholarship Fund is a separate tax-exempt organization that raises and awards scholarship dollars to students attending New Saint Andrews College. Gifts are tax deductible and can be sent to: The Paideia Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 9632, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

NSA Unveils New Web Site

Next time you land on www.nsa.edu you’ll find a new look for the College on the worldwide web. Prominent on the new design is a changing large-format photograph section featuring people and programs of the College.

The simplified banner system across the top includes a navigational structure familiar to most colleges, but the twist on the NSA design is two oversized tabs directing prospective students to information for both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Also featured on the top banner is an innovative drop down tray of quick links and a set of headlines directing visitors to “What’s New” at the College. In addition to the traditional left-hand navigation throughout the site, a secondary set of navigation links centered around users are included on each page.

The Alumni section of the new site will include an expanded form of Class Notes similar to those published in the College’s magazine (see pages 10 and 11 of this issue) and occasional “Where Are They Now?” short articles on alums. In the not-to-distant future, grads will be able to login to the College’s Populi information system to update their information and keep up with former classmates. So next time you’re online, check it out!



Top College Guide Recommends NSA

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute has again listed New Saint Andrews among the nation’s top rated colleges and universities. Publishers of both “Choosing the Right College” and “All American Colleges,” ISI referred to the College’s tuition price as a “steal compared to other private colleges.” In introducing the college to site visitors, the Guide states, “Founded to offer a classical education that is both intellectually rigorous and firmly grounded in the Christian tradition, New Saint Andrews immerses students in the great works of Western Civilization, as viewed through a distinctive lens of Calvinist theology.” The new online guide can be found at www.collegeguide.org.

Survey: Alums Pursuing Grad School Find 89 Percent Acceptance Rate

Oxford, Duke, Vanderbilt, St. John’s, Gonzaga, University of Idaho College of Law, University of Dallas, Regent University Law School, and St. Louis University. What do they all have in common? They are among an increasing number of institutions that have accepted New Saint Andrews students into their graduate programs in fields ranging from accounting, business and law to philosophy, history and theology.

“Because the College is a relative newcomer and is nationally – as opposed to regionally – accredited, there have been some issues with transferability of credits or recognition of degrees,” said Bob Hieronymus, the College’s Executive Vice President. “But a recent survey of NSA alumni indicated that 89 percent of the College’s alums who have applied to a graduate school have been accepted.”

“In some instances, grad schools are not only accepting our students, they’re vying for them. Recently,” recalled Hieronymus, “a representative from an east coast law school paid a visit to the University of Idaho, Whitworth College (in Spokane) and New Saint Andrews College, but he built his entire itinerary around speaking at NSA.”

On a related note, students who start at NSA but end up transferring to other institutions are increasingly finding the welcome mat. Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, for example, has worked out a course-by-course articulation process for NSA students interested in the school’s nursing program, as well as its other offerings.

Calvin @ 500 Lecture Series



NSA JOINS INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF JOHN CALVIN'S LIFE AND WORK WITH YEARLONG LECTURE SERIES

John Calvin, the great Protestant Reformer, pastor, scholar, author, and theologian who shook the world and turned late medieval Christendom upside down — and back to the Scriptures — was born 500 years ago this year.

New Saint Andrews is joining the international celebration of the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth by hosting a yearlong public lecture series. Six highly respected Reformed scholars and pastors from Canada, England, France and the United States will present public lectures to the College and Moscow-Pullman communities in January, April, May, August, September, and October.

The lectures will address Calvin and Calvinism's history and influence across the globe, from his role in the 16th century French and Swiss Reformations as a minister in the cities of Strasbourg and Geneva to today's Presbyterian, Anglican, and Reformed churches in France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Scotland, the United States and elsewhere around the world.

Perhaps most noted for his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Calvin published the book in 1536 when he was only 27 years old. His insights reshaped our understanding of the great truths of the faith, the centrality of Scripture, the role of church government, the Lordship of Christ over all areas of life, and the Christian notion of calling or "vocation." Reformed colleges like New Saint Andrews continue to promote Christian scholarship and a vision of the Christian faith in public life with a distinctively Calvinist perspective.

The lecturers for the College's Calvin@500 series represent the geographical breadth and intellectual depth of Calvinist thought and tradition. The speakers and their respective topics include:

CALVIN'S CHALLENGE TO SECULARISM AND THE ARTS

Dr. Michael VanderWeele

The inaugural Calvin@500 lecture was delivered January 30th by Dr. Michael VanderWeele, professor and chair of the English Department at Trinity Christian College at Palos Heights, Illinois, just outside Chicago.

Dr. VanderWeele focused on Calvin's economic concept of "exchange" which kept financial transactions closely related to a biblical sense of community

and fellowship. By resisting the notion that business and economics can be disengaged from communion and communication, Calvin avoided the secularizing tendencies so prevalent in Western culture which divorce religion from the public sphere and the arts.

CALVIN IN THE ENGLISH RESTORATION

Dr. David Field

He describes himself as "a determined generalist," but Dr. David Field's life has been devoted to biblical, theological and pastoral pursuits within Christ's Kingdom. After studying theology at Oxford, Dr. Field taught at a theological college in Nigeria for three years. He went on to complete a doctorate in systematic theology at Cambridge University on Puritan thought. He has served as a minister of an evangelical church in Surrey and as a member of the faculty at Oak Hill College. He also serves as an adjunct graduate faculty member in New Saint Andrews College's Master's program in Trinitarian Theology & Culture.

CALVIN AND EDUCATION

Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr.

A pastor, church planter, author, professor, popular speaker, and committed Calvinist, Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr., has made headlines (and enemies) in recent years for boldly challenging his fellow Southern Baptists to leave the public schools and to recover a more biblical model of educating their children.

Dr. Baucham's formal theological training began at Houston Baptist University where he earned his undergraduate degrees in Christianity and Sociology. He went on to earn degrees from Southwestern and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminaries, and has done additional post-graduate study at the University of Oxford, England. His academic disciplines include Evangelism, Missions and Apologetics. He has served as an adjunct professor at a number of colleges and seminaries, including the College of Biblical Studies (Houston), and Union University (Jackson, TN).

Dr. Baucham has spent 16 of the last 17 years laboring in the local church. He has spent nine years as a Pastor of Missions, four years as a Teaching Pastor, and currently serves as Pastor of Preaching at Grace Family Baptist Church in Spring, TX. His lecture at New Saint Andrews on Calvin and education will also be a highlight of the College's Commencement ceremonies in May.

CALVIN THE HUMANIST

Dr. James Payton, Jr.

Dr. James Payton is a professor of history at Redeemer University College in Ontario, Canada,

and the special 2009 "Lecturer on the Occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin" for the Association of Reformed Institutions of Higher Education.

He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Bob Jones University, M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Waterloo.

Dr. Payton's Calvin@500 lecture, "Calvin the Humanist," will challenge the widely held but historically erroneous contrast between a supposedly man-centered Renaissance and a God-centered Reformation, a view resoundingly rejected by modern scholarship of the past three generations. He will explain the scholarly consensus on what the Renaissance was about and how it shaped the reformers themselves, particularly Calvin. He'll then demonstrate that the reformers never repudiated their Renaissance heritage, and show how the Renaissance contributed to the Reformation. Dr. Payton will conclude with a discussion of how the Renaissance shaped Calvin's labors and enabled him to pursue reforms in Geneva and beyond.

CALVIN AND MUSIC

James B. Jordan

Widely regarded as one of the most creative and insightful — and sometimes controversial — biblical scholars today, Jim Jordan is the author of many books on biblical interpretation and Reformed theology.

He is also an accomplished musician and composer. His major work, *Through New Eyes: Developing a Biblical View of the World*, stresses a typological reading of the Scriptures and the use of biblical world models and symbols as the way God chose to set forth how we are to think about His world and human history.

Mr. Jordan holds an M.A. and a Th.M. from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has served as a pastor in Texas and was the director and chief instructor at Geneva Divinity School. He is now the director of Biblical Horizons and lives in Niceville, Florida.

CALVIN AND THE HUGUENOTS

Rev. Francis Foucachon

The College's Calvin@500 lecture series will conclude with a special Reformation Banquet address by Rev. Francis Foucachon on the topic of Calvin and the Huguenots. A church-planting French Reformed pastor, Rev. Foucachon is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church of America and heads the Huguenot Heritage Foundation. His family can trace its Huguenot lineage back to the French Reformation. ❖

Defending Christendom, Encouraging the Saints

By Frank Ewert ('08)

Compared to many of the Christian Church's past challengers, today's so-called "militant atheists" are a fairly docile bunch.

They wage their war against religion from comfortable television studio chairs and college auditorium stages. When they deliver their attacks, they do so in front of silent and respectful crowds who are easily entertained by their wit. And instead of swords and spears, their weapons of choice are smooth propositions and clever turns of phrase.

Yet literary agent Aaron Rensch ('01) has no trouble likening the leaders of "New Atheism" to the infamous Philistine war hero, Goliath. He's not name-calling or trying to exaggerate a threat — after all they are a relatively tame group. But with book titles like *God is Not Great* and *The God Delusion*, it's clear that Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins are on a mission. They're not here to enter a discussion. Rather, they've come to tell us in no uncertain terms that God does not exist, that Christians are ruining this world, and that anyone who disagrees is immature and childish.

As Rensch points out, these claims and accusations all serve to repeat Goliath's brazen dare: "So, who are you going to send out?"

This challenge has not gone unmet. Indeed, Christian response has been widespread and plentiful. Books have been written by pastors, professors, and apologists from all different backgrounds. Debates have almost become commonplace as Christians all over the country have stood up to defend their faith. The results may be mixed, but it is nonetheless encouraging to see this display of unified enthusiasm.

One such defender is Pastor Douglas Wilson, Senior Fellow of Theology at New Saint Andrews College. Although better known for his teaching on marriage, classical Christian education, and "Federal Vision" theology, Wilson is an experienced debater. Even before writing 2007's *Letter from a Christian*

Citizen (a response to Sam Harris), Wilson had taken on a handful of other atheists, including Eddie Tabash and former evangelical Dan Barker.

But the publication of his response to Harris has taken Wilson's interaction to a whole new level. Shortly after its release, he tackled Christopher Hitchens in an online debate sponsored by *Christianity Today* and later released by Canon Press as the book, *Is Christianity Good for the World?* He has also penned direct responses to Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins (published by American Vision), and in October 2008 participated in a whirlwind East Coast book tour with Christopher Hitchens. Not only did the

tour promote their new book, but it featured several live debates which were filmed for a documentary.

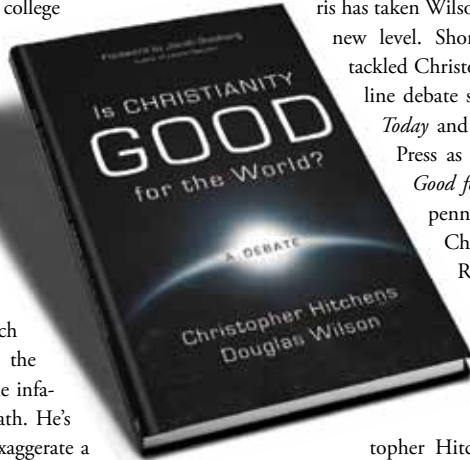
With all this activity it might seem that Wilson is first and foremost a fighter, one of those people always looking out for an excuse to dish out some righteous retribution.

Not so.

After reading Harris's *Letter to a Christian Nation*, Wilson saw that these militant atheists were "duping people with bogus arguments." Worse, as the sales showed, they were duping a lot of people. For Christians, this can be downright disheartening; as Wilson notes, "Atheism, unlike other forms of unbelief, rattles some Christians." Which brings us back to Goliath, whose words struck fear into all Israel and turned brave soldiers into cowards (1 Samuel 17:11).

Thus, for Wilson, debating is primarily a pastoral function. He always prays that his

opponents would be converted, but his chief goal is "to strengthen the believers." By standing in front of a podium and declaring the truth, by answering his opponents' objections and pointing out where their logic is flawed, Wilson gives his fellow believers the opportunity to see that these arguments against God aren't nearly as strong as they seem.



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Douglas Wilson is a Trustee and Senior Fellow of Theology at New Saint Andrews College.

Wilson's demeanor is, perhaps, his strongest weapon in debate. Careful to avoid any hint of "shrill indignation," he presents his case with confidence and refuses to be bullied. Obviously, this only works because his arguments are substantive; however, it gives him a sense of authority that's easy for the audience to grasp and hard for his opponents to shake. And to top it all off, Wilson is never without good manners and a keen sense of humor. Molly Worthen, a freelance journalist who has written about Wilson for the *New York Times* and *Christianity Today*, points out that when Wilson writes against atheism he is usually "pretty polite and mild about it. His great virtue here, which makes his enemies hate him all the more, is his endless charm."

That said, his approach is not new. His methods, as Worthen notes, owe a great deal to C.S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer. But Pastor Wilson would be the first to admit all this. Because he's not in this fight to sell books, collect accolades, or make a name for himself. Like the faithful who stood firm in years past, Wilson defends the faith for the sake of those who through grace have believed (Acts 18:27-28), knowing that this battle is not won by swords or spears, words or propositions, but by faith. ❧

AN UPSTART GRADUATE PROGRAM IN TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY AND CULTURE AT NEW SAINT ANDREWS COLLEGE IS CHANGING THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT THEOLOGY.

Why is a Seattle Landscape Architect Getting a Masters in Theology?

By Donald J. Linnemeyer ('09)



Lisa Beyler is a landscape architect from Seattle.

N.T. Wright and James Jordan are to blame. That's the way Lisa Beyler explains her circuitous route to New Saint Andrews College's Masters of Arts program in Trinitarian Theology and Culture.

Not long after graduating from the University of Washington with her B.A. degree in landscape architecture with an emphasis on urban design, Lisa attended a lecture series by N.T. Wright about Christianity and the arts. In one of his lectures, Rev. Wright spoke

specifically about a Christian approach to architecture, which got Lisa thinking about how the gospel should affect her field.

"I realized that the lordship of Christ extended to all of the Church's manifestations, including landscape architecture and urban design," Lisa said.

Around that same time, she also read James Jordan's *Through New Eyes* and started thinking about how she could work Biblical typology into her designs.

The Trinitarian Theology and Culture masters program at New Saint Andrews is as much for people like Lisa as it is for theologians in training. It's for anyone who wishes to apply a Trinitarian vision to incarnational living.

Lisa grew up in Seattle and came to know Christ as a senior in high school. She didn't always dream of designing neighborhoods, though. She thought she wanted to be an opera singer. But that desire gave way to a fascination with urban design...the bringing together of urban planning, architecture and landscape architecture to create public spaces, buildings, transportation infrastructure and neighborhoods that enhance livability.

After completing her undergraduate work at UW, Lisa worked for the City of Seattle to implement an urban management plan she had designed while still in college. Within a year she found herself employed at AHB, an architectural and engineering firm with offices in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. Lisa worked in the Seattle office as the urban designer, along with other landscape architects, planners and engineers.

Wright's and Jordan's influence led her at first to try to accent her designs with typological motifs. But she

realized she was trying to tack on Christian themes to a thoroughly secular design philosophy. Doing this, she says, "couldn't even make a ripple in the ocean of design theory."

Over time, the thought that Christianity should drastically change her approach to design gradually took root.

"I realized that the lordship of Christ extended to all of the Church's manifestations, including landscape architecture and urban design"

"At first, I thought that being a Christian designer meant integrity in the workplace," recalled Lisa. "The way in which I designed was prescribed to me, and I accepted it. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that modern design theory needed to be completely re-worked from a Christian perspective."

As part of her undergraduate degree program, Lisa had studied some in Rome. She remembered being intrigued with the Christian architecture she found there, so she started looking into Christian architecture of old. This, she discovered,

was Christendom actually applied to architecture.

Reflecting on how our modern situation pales in comparison, Lisa was reminded of a quote from Chesterton: "The great Christian ideas of the past were not tried and found wanting, but found difficult and left untried."

When Lisa decided to look for a masters program in Europe, specifically the United Kingdom, her friends at Christ Covenant Church urged her to look at New Saint Andrews. Her first reaction to the idea has been shared by many: "Moscow, Idaho. Why would I want to move there?" But after looking into it, she realized the M.A. program at New Saint Andrews was trying to develop a thoroughly Trinitarian worldview and apply it to culture. This was exactly what she was wanting to do with urban design.



Classics teacher Justin Hughes, and his wife Allie, are from Florida.

"I'm not aware of anything being done in urban design from a specifically Christian perspective," Lisa said, who is now in the midst of her first year of study at New Saint Andrews. "So I'm not really sure what Christian design theory will look like in the end, or what I will do with it. But I do know this is the direction I need to go, and that New Saint Andrews can help me."

THEOLOGICALLY-INFORMED LEADERS

The M.A. in Trinitarian Theology and Culture is broad in its appeal, offering advanced theological education to equip the next generation of theologians and theologically informed leaders in other fields.

And the variety of student backgrounds adds new dimensions to the experience for everyone.

Justin Hughes came to New Saint Andrews after teaching classics for five years at Trinitas Christian School in Pensacola, Florida. From Alabama originally, Justin earned his B.A. in religion from the University of Mobile in 2003.

"What I love about the classics," he says, "is the integration. Literature, theology, art, history, all tied together."

With the New Saint Andrews's M.A. program, he saw the same integrative approach applied to today's culture instead of ancient Rome and Greece.

"Our reading isn't limited to Plato and the church fathers," Justin went on. "We're reading Hauerwas or Milbank, who are addressing the issues of the day, but still rooted in the past."

But it wasn't just integration that Justin saw in the M.A. program. He thinks the emphasis on modern culture is a perfect next step for classical Christian education, and as an exercise in the last stage of the trivium: rhetoric. "Classical learning is only valuable when we apply it to our lives today and to trends in culture today," he explained. "Here, students get a chance to actually work out their learning, and their Christianity, in the culture around them."

It's this practical, real-world perspective that really caught Justin's attention. Justin wasn't so much interested in the M.A. program because it would teach him the heights of scholarship, but because he was interested in the kind of person New Saint Andrews was trying to produce: "a well-rounded Christian who thinks Christianly about everything".

The program is rigorous. But Justin, an avid Wendell Berry fan, sees its real strength. "It brings lofty scholarship down to the world human beings live in. It acknowledges and participates in the knowledge of abstractions that perhaps many high learning programs would, but it also acknowledges the necessity of understanding that those abstractions are not real, but that they are ways of understanding the real world, that it is in soil and flesh."

The program does not emphasize theology simply for theology's sake, but to take it and apply it to something else. Justin is specifically applying it toward literature, but he says that "the program is for any Christian who is seriously interested in pursuing his discipline."

MORE THAN GREEK TO HER

The broad-minded goals of the M.A. program also attracted Liberty University graduate Anna Davy. With a B.A. in interdisciplinary studies, including an emphasis on Greek and French, the native of Lynchburg, Virginia, wants to teach Greek.

She first looked into graduate programs in classics, but in the end, she didn't like the feel of academia. They seemed "stuffy," as she put it.

To Anna, there was too much professionalism and career-building, and not enough sitting down and enjoying what you're studying. The M.A. program at New Saint Andrews felt different. She says it reminds her more of her family's dinner-table theology discussions than the lecture hall. "There's seven of us sitting around Dr. Leithart, chatting with him for a couple of hours."

So, instead of getting a masters in Greek, which just seemed like more of the same sort of thing she'd done in her B.A., Anna saw the M.A. program's integration

of theology and culture as better preparation for teaching Greek. After all, whether it is theology, philosophy or history, practically anything can come up when teaching Greek, so having a thorough, Christian perspective on the world is important.

Like everyone else involved with the program, Anna doesn't limit this to her particular discipline. "I think the program would be fabulous for anyone, no matter what they're pursuing."



From Lynchburg, Virginia, Anna Davy is preparing to teach Greek.

THEOLOGY WITHOUT THE SEMINARY

Some career choices are more closely linked to the study of Trinitarian theology. That's particularly the case for Brad Littlejohn, who will be moving on from the M.A. toward a Ph.D. in theology.

He was attracted to New Saint Andrews's M.A. program partially because of the broad theological education.

"With classes in philosophy of science, poetry, and church architecture," said Brad. "The program is more well-rounded than any other in the country."

He wasn't sure what area of theology he wanted to move toward, so a program that covered all areas of theology was an excellent step before jumping into a doctorate program.



After the NSA M.A. program, Brad Littlejohn and his wife Rachel plan to go to Scotland where Brad will pursue his doctorate at the University of Edinburgh.

Another reason for Brad to enroll in New Saint Andrews's masters program was because he was already here, having just finished his B.A. at the College. He knew the faculty and their approach to education, so he knew he wouldn't regret spending more time learning under them.

At 19 years of age, Brad was the youngest student to ever graduate from New Saint Andrews. The South Carolinian is now married (to Rachel Benton) and plans to attend the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for a Th.M. and then a Ph.D. after he completes his studies at New Saint Andrews.

The M.A. program is not just the B.A. program recast for grad school, says Brad. The biggest difference is the M.A. program's emphasis on contemporary academic theology and philosophy. It builds on the foundations of classical Christian education and goes a step farther to apply it to modern thought.

Instead of reading Plato and Augustine, as in the B.A., students spend their time with Hauerwas and Derrida, reading about where the Western world is going and how to live faithfully in light of that.

"For those who are planning on studying theology, the graduate program offers something a traditional

seminary can't — thorough engagement with modern culture and sciences," Brad explained. "For Christians who are planning on going into academia, the program offers a broad and rigorous grounding in theology and Christian teaching that will help them to critically engage their various disciplines. For Christians who are not planning to professionally study in theology or other areas of academics, the program nonetheless offers an excellent introduction to the riches of our faith and its resources for confronting modern culture."

EXPORTING CULTURE

Understanding the Western world and where it is going is especially important to Jung Jin Ahn, an international student in the M.A. program. Jung Jin came to New Saint Andrews from South Korea, with his wife, Sung Hee Cho, and their two children, Song Hee (10) and Sea Aum (6). While here in Moscow, Jung Jin and Sung Hee had their third child, Eugenia.

He has served in the ministry for eleven years, working as an associate pastor and pastor. He earned both a B.A. in Christian Education and an M. Div. from Kosin University in Busan. He also has a Th.M. from Westminster Graduate School of Theology in Seoul.

Reading some of Dr. Peter Leithart's books, specifically *The Kingdom and the Power*, sparked a desire

in Jung Jin to bring a renewed Christian culture to churches in Korea. To that end, he has already translated Dr. Leithart's *The Kingdom and the Power*, *Blessed Are the Hungry*, and *The Promise of His Appearing*, as well as James Jordan's *Primeval Saints*. He is currently working on Jeffrey Meyers's *The Lord's Service*.

In addition to translating books into Korean, Jung Jin came to New Saint Andrews to learn how to transform culture through biblical theology. "This program's purpose is to transform culture through theology and the Bible," said Jung Jin, whose goal is to bring what he learns in Moscow back to his own country.

He's compared the state of the Church in Korea as being similar to what is happening in America. There may be a lot of churches, but Christians need to think more

about how to approach culture and transform it like Christians.

"Only the Church can transform culture," Jung Jin concluded.

Though the Trinitarian Theology and Culture program at New Saint Andrews College is still young, its broad goal to integrate a thoroughly Trinitarian theology into contemporary life and culture has already managed to pull together students with a broad range of academic goals themselves. ✕

"Christians need to think more about how to approach culture and transform it like Christians."

Jung Jin Ahn and family plan to return to Korea after he graduates this Spring.





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THE NEW SAINT ANDREWS MASTERS PROGRAM IN TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY AND CULTURE

A Degree of Difference

By Peter J. Leithart, Ph.D.

Our degree is billed as a Master's in "Trinitarian theology and culture," but more fundamentally we are opposed to the whole idea of "theology and...." We renounce the copulative and all its works and all its ways.

Time was when "sacred doctrine" covered everything. Augustine wrote in the interrogative mood and for him every question about everything was a theological question, a prayer directed back to the Creator of all. Thomas was the greatest philosopher, as well as the greatest theologian of his time, and he and Augustine are both among the great political theorists of the West. They didn't think they were doing "theology and...." They were just doing theology, studying and teaching sacred Scripture.

"Theology and..." programs are a byproduct of modernity, which split theology off from the rest of the academy, hustled it down a dark hallway, and locked it in a basement office with stern warnings to "Stay put" and "Behave." Theologians, a meek race by and large, have usually complied, filling long seminars and shelf after shelf of books with monographs on minutiae of Scripture, on historical studies, on the arcane of systematics. Theologians were never, ever allowed to make authoritative "Thus saith the Lord" pronouncements about liberal politics, serial music, Cubism, relativity, or epistemology. For the most part, they didn't care to make those pronouncements anyway.

Theologians are beginning to slip out of the basement, and beginning to speak with renewed confidence. Booklists of every theological publisher these days are filled with studies that apply theological insights to cultural issues. It is becoming clear to more and more theologians that all theology is theology of culture, cultural theology.

On the whole, "theology and..." courses and programs are a sign of health. But few theology programs are designed to handle a robustly cultural theology. The NSA program is. That is one of the things that gives our degree a degree of difference.

I teach the old standbys, the biblical and theology courses. Most days, we sit around the table, Greek Testament open before us, discussing and debating Mark's or Paul's grammar, literary artistry, and theology, or teasing out the Christological import of John's thoroughly Jewish terminology.

This looks like a standard seminary course, and in many ways it is. Even here, though, the NSA program offers a degree of difference.

The founders of the modern world made sure that theology would stay weak by subdividing theology's little ghetto. Divide and conquer has been modernity's strategy for neutering theology. In one corner were the Old Testament scholars, and far on the other side were the New Testament, and both were prevented from talking to the systematians. Still today, seminaries have divided biblical faculties. New Testament scholars might know the Greek Bible backward and forward, and especially the scholarly literature on the Greek Bible, but they rarely are bold enough to venture across the border.

Pre-modern theologians didn't know there was a border. Origen, John Chrysostom, Bernard of Clairvaux might start with the Song of Songs, but once they begin they wander everywhere, as their meditations lead them from the gospels to Revelation, then back to Genesis or the book of Samuel. The Bible, not

some tiny segment of it, gave bishops and priests, monks and friars room to stretch their limbs and play in the fields of the Lord.

This too is changing. New Testament scholars are more and more aware that the New Testament on its own lacks foundation. Every line of Paul's letters reverberates with the music of Torah, Psalms, and prophets. "Theological interpretation" of Scripture is all the rage these days. No one quite knows what the phrase means, except that the Old Testament is part of the

Christian Bible and the story of Jesus. As the boundary of Old and New breaks down, so do modern ways of reading Scripture. Typology and allegory are making a comeback, and we at least are glad to see them back.

Most schools and programs are not designed to teach the Bible this way. Seminaries still keep their Old and New Testament faculties separate. At NSA, we (once again) repudiate the copulative and all its works and all its pomp. We don't study "Old and New." The Bible isn't two books, but one, and so we study it as a single book.

We are tiny, and we just started. But the NSA program is the only overtly postmillennial program I know of. For that reason, we do our work in deepest confidence that the God of Abraham will use us to bless the nations until all knees bow to Jesus, Abraham's seed. We work in the calm assurance that we can make a difference, a difference without measure, a difference disproportionate to our skill and energy, a difference beyond degree. ✕

"Few theology programs are designed to handle a robustly cultural theology. The NSA program is."

The New Saint Andrews M.A. in theology is unlike any other theology program anywhere. It is a degree of difference.

I have to say that. I am the Dean, and I was assigned to write this essay. But it also happens to be true.

In what other theology program do students divide their time between film criticism and the philosopher of science Thomas Kuhn? At what other school do students debate church-state relations on Monday and puzzle over Christological technicalities or Paul's rhetoric on Tuesday? Where else do theology students spend a term reading Shakespeare, another reading literary criticism and philosophy of language, and another studying classics of sociology and cultural anthropology? What other theology requires students spend their spare time chanting Psalms and serving in the church? In what other unabashedly Protestant theology course do students read de Lubac and Milbank, Schmemmann and Barth, not only to criticize but to learn? What other theology students are as likely to write about Gerald Manley Hopkins and the architecture of Roman baptisteries as they are about Calvin and the *communicatio idiomatum*?

Above all, where else can you find a broad curriculum like this integrated by a Trinitarian framework, taught by a faculty committed to the truth of Scripture and the Reformed confessional tradition?

I dare say, Nowhere.

Other theology programs have classes, even specialized degrees, on similar cultural topics. Down at Fuller, they offer intriguing classes on "visual culture," and the old Saint Andrews has an impressive Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts. At NSA, these courses are not electives or part of a special major in "theology and culture." They are as central to theology as the biblical and theological courses I teach.

1999

AARON BOOTH is a real estate appraiser in Monroe, LA. He and Amy have three daughters.

MICHAEL (Ph.D., University of Stellenbosch) and **JENNIFER (HULBERT, 2000) COLLENDER** live in Spokane. Michael lectures in philosophy and teaches in the Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies at Gonzaga University. He also produces St. Anne's Public House. Jennifer cares for their two sons.

MICHAEL HARKIN (M.B.A., Regent University) recently helped start a classical Christian school in Virginia Beach, VA. He and Ashley have three children.

HEIDI (MCBROOM) LANG: see 2000

HOLLY (MCBROOM) McCABE: see 2001

2000

JENNIFER (HULBERT) COLLENDER: see 1999

EDWIN and **HEIDI (MCBROOM, 1999) LANG** live in Monroe, LA. Ed is headmaster of Geneva Academy. Heidi cares for their five children.

ANNIE (LAMOREAUX) MCINTOSH is a wife (to Jonathan, Fellow at NSA) and mom of three daughters.

ORIEL (GUNN) WIGGINS is a homemaker in Chattanooga, TN. She and Levi have one daughter.

2001

DANIEL (J.D., Regent University) and **KHIREE (HARKEN, 2003) APPEL** live in Houston, TX. Daniel is a clerk for Judge Jennifer W. Elrod in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Khiree cares for their four children.

JOSHUA (M.A., Reformed Theological Seminary) and **SARA (RAMSEY, 2004) APPEL** live in Moscow. Joshua is a Fellow at NSA and a ministerial assistant at Trinity Reformed Church. Sara is a homemaker and director of the TRC choir. They have three children.

CHRISTIN (BOOTH) DOEPKE and Stephen live near Los Angeles, where Christin is a bank supervisor.

JENNIFER DAVIS works for an IT professional services company in Palo Alto, CA.

CAROLYN GARFIELD teaches, coaches and coordinates European tours for the Oaks Academy in Spokane, WA.

TIMOTHY (M.A., University of Kentucky) and **CASEY (WILLIAMS, 2003) GRIFFITH** live in Moscow. Tim is a Fellow at NSA and Casey mothers their three children.

JESSICA (REITER) KLIER lives in Virginia with Dan and their four children. Jessica is a full-time mom.

MATTHEW (Ph.D., University of Toronto) and **HOLLY (MCBROOM, 1999) McCABE**

live in Calgary, AB. Matt completed his doctorate in Medieval Studies and is now an Assistant Professor of English Literature at Ambrose University. Holly home schools their boys and is expecting a fourth child in June.

MACKENZIE (STRUBLE) MILLER is a homemaker in Moscow. She and Jared have three children.

NATALI (MILLER) MONNETTE: see 2006
REBECCA NADREAU teaches at Providence Classical Christian School in Lynnwood, WA.

AARON and **GENTRY (WILLIAMS, 2003) RENCH** live in Moscow. Aaron does literary representation and film production, and is completing a Masters in Creative Writing from Oxford University. Gentry cares for their two children and reads for Canon Press's audio book recordings.

RACHEL (WILSON) JANKOVIC: see 2006

2002

KHIREE (HARKEN) APPEL: see 2001

SARAH (NASS) BODOH married Tim in September. They live in Appleton, WI, where Sarah is county director of a local non-profit organization.

JAYSON GREISER (M.A., University of Dallas) is completing his Ph.D. in Literature (U.D.) and is a Fellow at NSA. He and Hannah have four sons.

ALLISON STEINBERG lives in California and teaches at St. Andrews Academy.

LAURA (BLAKEY) STORM married Austin Storm in September and works at Canon Press in Moscow.

TOBY SUMPTER (M.A., Erskine Seminary) pastors Trinity Reformed Church in Moscow, teaches and writes. He and Jenny have three children.

2003

JOSH BERO is a financial analyst in Southern California. He also teaches, plays and composes music.

ALISHA (BECK) DALBEY and David have two children. Alisha tutors and practices massage, hair styling and photography in Moscow.

RICHARD GALL sells business insurance in Minnesota. He and Alaina have three children.

CASEY (WILLIAMS) GRIFFITH: see 2001

HANNAH (BUELL) GRIFFITH teaches violin and home-schools. She and Jonathan live in California with their two daughters.

MICHELLE (LANO) HAHNE is completing her MA at Westminster Seminary (CA). She is a teacher at Grace Classical Academy in Mission Viejo. She and Seth expect their first child in July.

ERIKA (RIDGWAY) JOHNSON and husband Justin live and work in Washington, D.C. Erika is the Communications and Events Coordinator for their church.

RACHEL (YOUNGER) LEIGH and husband Brian live in Laurel, MD, where Rachel is a full time mom of one.

GENTRY (WILLIAMS) RENCH: see 2001

KRISTEN (JOHNSON) TELLING: see 2008

ANNEKE (HOFMAN) STAFFORD works at a dental office. She and Andrew live in Moscow.

2004

SARA (RAMSEY) APPEL: see 2001

KATE (RAMSEY) APPEL and Justin live in Wenatchee, WA. Kate directs a church choir and mothers two children.

BETH (COVINGTON) CRAWFORD and husband Taylor have one son and live in Missoula, MT, where they are helping establish a CREC church plant.

AARON and **KATY (WOLFF) CUMMINGS** live in Menlo Park, CA. Aaron is completing IVN training and assisting with a CREC church plant. Katy caters and cares for their three children.

JAMIE (PAUL) FERNANDEZ: see 2006

GIANNA (GERACI) TODD married Michael in September. They live in New Orleans, where they help with post-Katrina rebuilding projects. Gianna is an interior designer.

JOSIAH (M.B.A., Boise State University) and **SHANNON (VISSER) HELSEL** live in Boise. Josiah is an Operations Analyst and Shannon cares for their home and son.

PEGGY (AYERS) HIETT and husband Blake live near Springfield, MO. They welcomed daughter Nancy Mae on Peggy's own birthday, December 3.

RUTH (FRAZIER) HILL: see 2007

WOELKE and **MEGAN (TURNER) LEITHART** live near Cary, NC. Woelke teaches at Cary Christian School and is pursuing a Masters in Liberal Studies from Duke University. Megan cares for their two sons.

JOHN (M.S. Finance, Vanderbilt University) and **NAOMI (SCISCOE) LEWIS** live in Dallas. John is an associate with an investment management company and Naomi sees to all things domestic. They have two daughters.

JENNIE (CHURCH) OWEN is a homemaker near Seattle. She and Jerry have two children.

RACHEL (BALL) RAE: see 2007

BRET SAUNDERS is completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Dallas.

DAVID YOUNG works in the mortgage and investment businesses in Seattle and is enrolled in Liberty University's MBA and CFA programs. He married Michelle Eisinger in August.

2005

RYAN ANDERSON is in pre-med school at Seattle Pacific University and works as a laboratory assistant for a biotech company.

ELIZABETH (SHADE) BANEK and husband Nathan live in Rockwall, Texas, with their two children.

JOE and **JENNIFER (FREEMAN) CARLSON** live in California. Joe is Director of Operations for a coffee company in Santa Cruz. Jen is

the secretary for their church.

BEN CARNAHAN teaches at Rockbridge Academy in Millersville, MD. He and Abra have two daughters.

ERIN (THOMPSON) CSOBOTH married Major Chip Csoboth in 2008 and lives in California.

NICOLE DE MARTIMPREY is in India, ministering in a prostitute rehabilitation program. In the U.S. she works with women's crisis ministries and the Forest Service.

NETHANIAL EALY runs a construction business in Moscow.

ELIZABETH (HARRELL) HARMON and Caleb live in Michigan. Elizabeth is a homemaker and teacher.

HAVEN and **AMY (BRUCKHART) HOFMAN** live near San Antonio, Texas. Haven is a site manager for a roofing company, and Amy is expecting their first child in June.

BETHANY HOYT is a Reports Analyst for a business in Moscow.

RILEY LATHAM is in medical school in Virginia. He and Tamara expect a baby in July.

ERIN LINTON teaches at New Covenant Schools in Lynchburg, VA.

ROSE LORTZ teaches at the King's Academy in Oregon City, OR.

RICHARD and **KATIE (KEYES, 2006) MILTENBERGER** live in Spokane. Richard is enrolled in Northwestern University's Prosthetics-Orthotics program (a subset of Feinberg Medical School).

BRENDAN O'DONNELL is a technical writer and a roaster of coffee in Moscow. He and Sharon have one daughter.

THOMAS TANNER works with his family's business in Bonners Ferry, ID.

REBECCA (BOLLEN) WOOD is a homemaker in Fairfax Station, VA. She and Chris have two children.

SARA ZYLSTRA is a surgical assistant at an oral surgery center in Moscow.

2006

CHRIS ABERLE does sales for a Moscow business. He will marry Abby McCrary in June.

MATT DAU teaches at the King's Academy in Oregon City, OR. He and Ana have two children.

DIRK DE WINKLE works in Moscow and studies at Greyfriars' Hall. He and Molly are expecting their second child.

JON DION works in real estate. He and Audrey live in Moscow.

RHIANNON (GERACI) EDWARDS and husband Chad live in Arlington, VA. They are expecting their first child in May.

SAM and **JAMIE (PAUL, 2004) FERNANDEZ** live in Boise. Sam is a banker and Jamie runs a cleaning and personal assistance business.

JOANNA GRAY is pursuing an MBA from Wayne State University College. She lives and works in Moscow.

ALEXANDRA GRONEWOLD works at an orthopedic surgery center in Tacoma. She will marry Paul Tong in June.

NATE HALVERSON lives and works near Annapolis, MD.

LUKE and **RACHEL (WILSON, 2001) JANKOVIC** live in Moscow where Luke works for an economic forecasting firm, and Rachel cares for their four children.

KATIE (KEYES) MILTENBERGER: see 2005
JESS and **NATALI (MILLER, 2001) MONNETTE** live in Virginia Beach, VA. Jess is completing law school at Regent University and will sit for the Washington bar in July. Natali is an admissions counselor at Regent. They expect a daughter in May.

BROOKE MOODY is a flight paramedic and floral designer in California.

TY and **JENNY (JO, 2008) RALLENS** live in Boise. Ty is a software engineer with Hewlett-Packard and Jenny teaches at Foundations Academy.

CORINNE (RODMAN) REAGAN tutors, accompanies church services and is learning to play the organ. She and Mark live in Pullman, WA.

BONNIE (POPP) SENTZ is a homemaker in Moscow. She and Rob have three children.

LINDSEY (LEITHART) TOLLEFSON is the College's Manager of New Student Services. She and Jon live in Moscow.

2007

DANIEL and **AMY (MERTENS) BAKKEN** live in Moscow, where Dan is a computer systems administrator and Amy mothers their two sons.

MICHELLE ENGEL is a sous-chef in Moscow and is taking classes in NSA's graduate program.

TIM ENLOE is teaching, completing his M.A. (Humanities) from the University of Dallas and planning on a Ph.D. in Politics at U.D. or Notre Dame. He and Heidi have two daughters.

ROBIN HARRIS teaches at Logos School in Moscow and is working on a Masters in Choral Pedagogy.

NICK HEID is attending Liberty University School of Law in Lynchburg, VA. He and Jericho are expecting a baby in May.

KATE (DITTON) HENRECKSON: see 2008
JAMES and **RUTH (FRAZIER, 2004) HILL** live in Moscow where James is head of a development department and Ruth cares for their three children.

DAVID HOOS works at Canon Press in Moscow, and is pursuing a career in graphic and web design.

LISA JACKSON is a marketing and events coordinator in Moscow.

BRAD LITTLEJOHN is completing his M.A. at NSA, and planning on graduate studies in Theological Ethics at the University of Edinburgh. He and Rachel are expecting both the

birth of their first child and the publication of his first book in April.

JOSEPH MIKLER lives in Sanford, FL.

ELIZABETH PRENTICE lives and works in Oregon City, Oregon.

PETER and **RACHEL (BALL, 2004) RAE**

of Idaho College of Law, and Paige is a homemaker.

JOSHUA STEVENSON is a manager of customer solutions in Moscow. He and Abby have three children.

ASHER WEINBAUM currently lives in Moscow.

A Long Walk on the Beach

By Donald J. Linnemeyer ('09)

According to the poster, our life is like
two sets of footprints along a beach.
This was us and God, walking through time,
hand-in-hand, watching the waves
stretch out and fall into the sand.
At times, only one set of footprints
dots the shore, from when our legs ached
and God carried us, until the pain passed
and we could walk with Him again.

But the poster has no picture
of where the waves are higher,
louder, crashing over each other
as they spit foam into the air.
Here, the footprints turn to the side
and suddenly get deeper, longer, rougher,
and disappear into the waves.
This is when God dragged us, drowning,
through the salt and spray of death,
and, further along the shore,
where one set of footprints emerges
from the sea, he carried our limp,
dripping body away from the waves
as we coughed out the last bit of salt water.

Those two sets of footprints
returned again, neat and parallel
along the sand, as God helped us up
and let us catch our breath,
until we felt his hand
tighten over our shoulder again
as He pushed us toward the rocky shore
waiting just ahead.

"A Long Walk on the Beach" is one of 51 original poems written by NSA senior Donald J. Linnemeyer as part of his 81-page senior thesis. Donny is from Cedar Park, Texas.

live in Billings, MT. Peter is a parts specialist and asset manager at an oil refinery and Rachel works for a telecommunications company. Their first child was born in February.

NATALIA (ENGEL) ROLLINS lives in Fayetteville, NC, with her husband, Timothy, and their new son.

BRIAN and **PAIGE (WILLIAMS) SHAW** live in Moscow. Brian is enrolled in the University

BROOKE WILSON lives and tutors in Oxford, England. She is engaged to marry Daniel Newman in July.

2008

JULIE BURNS is finishing her B.A. at NSA.
BRAD COVINGTON is an EMT, volunteer firefighter and construction worker in Moscow. He

and Nicole welcomed their firstborn in February.

ELLIS and **HOPE (LITTLEJOHN) EIFERT** were married in June. Ellis is studying at Regent University Law School. Hope works at the law library and at Christian school in Virginia Beach, VA.

FRANK and **SANDY (SUTTLE) EWERT** live in Moscow. Frank works at Canon Press and Sandy works for a local newspaper.

SARAH FIELD is studying at Oak Hill Theological College in North London.

MICHAEL FIELDS is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Idaho. He married Megan Donnelly in December.

SARAH HALVERSON works for a cruise line in Seattle.

DAVID and **KATE (DITTON, 2007) HENRECKSON** live in Moscow. Davey works for an economic forecasting firm and Kate teaches at Logos School. They expect a baby boy in May.

JODY JACOBS married Nancy in 2008. They live in Moscow with her children.

KELLY JOHNSON does bookkeeping for several Moscow businesses.

ANNA (FIELDS) LINNEMEYER married Donny in October. They live in Moscow, and Anna works at Canon Press.

RACHEL MILLER coaches home school debate in Lynnwood, WA.

KATIE MORIN lives and works in Grande Prairie, AB.

MORGAN (WINTZ) POINTS is studying advertising at Lewis-Clark State College. She and Brian live in Moscow.

JENNY (JO) RALLENS: see 2006

KATIE SAUNDERS studies dance and teaches it in her own Moscow studio and at the University of Idaho.

JASON SCHUILING works for a building company in Colfax, WA. He and Liz have one daughter.

JESSE SUMPTER teaches at Logos School and online. He and Kate live in Moscow.

GABRIEL and **KRISTEN (JOHNSON, 2003) TELLING** live in Moscow. Gabriel is studying at Greyfriars' Hall and working for a Moscow construction company. Kristen is a homemaker. They have one son.

ALEXANDER VAN SOMEREN is in the U.S. Army, and training at Fort Huachuca, AZ.

JUSTIN and **LAURA (BEAUCHAMP) WHEAR** married in April. They live in Moscow, where Justin works for an economic forecasting firm, and Laura is a homemaker.

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