

New Saint Andrews College

2014-2015

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Faculty

Roy Alden Atwood, Ph.D.	Senior Fellow of Humanities
Ed Iverson, M.L.S.	Emeritus, Senior Fellow of Literature & Library Science
Mitchell O. Stokes, Ph.D.	Senior Fellow of Philosophy
Douglas J. Wilson, M.A.	Senior Fellow of Theology
Gordon L. Wilson, Ph.D.	Senior Fellow of Natural History

Fellows

Joshua D. Appel, M.A. (NSA, B.A., 2001)	Fellow of Humanities and Director of Student Affairs
Timothy M. Edwards, D.Phil.	Fellow of Theology
David R. Erb, D.M.A.	Fellow of Music
Jayson C Grieser, Ph.D. (NSA, B.A., 2002)	Fellow of Humanities
Timothy L. Griffith, M.A. (NSA, B.A., 2001)	Fellow of Classical Language
Jonathan S. McIntosh, Ph.D.	Fellow of Humanities
Benjamin R. Merkle, D.Phil.	Fellow of Theology
Christopher R. Schlect, Ph.D.	Fellow of History
Nathan D. Wilson, M.A. (NSA, B.A., 1999)	Fellow of Literature and Professional in Residence

Adjunct & Visiting Faculty

Mikel L. Lawyer, D.Min.	Fellow of Theology
Peter J. Leithart, Ph.D	Senior Fellow of Theology
Aaron R. Rench, M.A. (NSA, B.A., 2001)	Professional in Residence
Brian D. Kohl (NSA, B.A., 2011)	Instructor
Karsten Nassut	Instructor

1994 - 2015



*Eighteenth
Commencement*

The Class of 2015

New Saint Andrews College
Fourteenth Day of May, *Anno Domini* 2015
Nazarene Church
Moscow, Idaho

Eighteenth Commencement

New Saint Andrews College
Anno Domini, 2015

*Please stand

*Proclamation

“O, ‘Twas A Joyful Sound to Hear”

Dr. David Erb (Fellow)

Mr. Nikko Pliego-Gomez (Sophomore), Pipes

*Invocation

Dr. Timothy Edwards (Fellow)

Welcome & Opening Comments

Dr. Benjamin R. Merkle (President)

Recognition of Outstanding Undergraduates

Medora Leone Allison

Michelle Anne Bollen

Valerie Estelle Foucachon

Elise Manette Hatcher

Carlos Santiago Pliego Gomez

Courtney Anne Skeen

Josiah Samuel Warner

Student Address

“The Responsibility of Seeing”

Carlos Santiago Pliego Gomez, Class of 2015

Choral Anthem

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” arranged by Alice Parker

Dr. David Erb (Fellow)

Board of Directors Salutation & Recognitions

Csaba Leidenfrost (Chairman of the Board of Directors)

Honoring the many years of service of Dr. Roy Atwood as President

Csaba Leidenfrost (Chairman of the Board of Directors)

Daniel Alders (President of the Alumni Association)

Doug Wilson (Founding Board Member and Senior Fellow)

*Hymn

“Behold the Glories of the Lamb”

Commencement Speaker, 2015



New Saint Andrews College is pleased to welcome award-winning author & scholar Nancy Pearcey to the College's Eighteenth Commencement.

Nancy R. Pearcey, editor-at-large of *The Pearcey Report*, is scholar in residence and professor at Houston Baptist University. She is also a fellow at the Discovery Institute. Previously she was the Francis A. Schaeffer Scholar at the World Journalism Institute, where she taught a worldview course based on her book *Total Truth*, winner of the 2005 ECPA Gold Medallion Award for best book on Christianity and Society. She has also served as professor of worldview studies at Philadelphia Biblical University.

Formerly an agnostic, Nancy studied violin in Heidelberg in the early 1970s, then traveled to Switzerland to study Christian worldview at L'Abri Fellowship, where Francis Schaeffer was living and teaching. She graduated from Iowa State University with a Distributed Studies degree (philosophy, German, music). After earning a master's in Biblical Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, she pursued graduate work in the history of philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto and received a doctoral degree (honorary) from Philadelphia Biblical University.

Heralded as "America's pre-eminent evangelical Protestant female intellectual" (*The Economist*), Nancy has addressed staffers on Capitol Hill and at the White House; actors and screenwriters in Hollywood; scientists at labs such as Sandia and Los Alamos; students and faculty at Stanford, Dartmouth, Princeton, USC, Ohio State, and the University of Georgia; as well as educational and activist groups, including the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. She has appeared on NPR and C-SPAN.

In addition to *Saving Leonardo* and *Total Truth*, Nancy is author of *The Soul of Science* and co-author of *How Now Shall We Live?* (with novelist Harold Fickett and former White House operative Charles W. Colson). Nancy and Rick have two wonderful sons, both of whom were homeschooled as part of their education.

NSA students received a gifted copy of Nancy's most recent book, *Finding Truth* and are invited to have their copies signed at the reception following graduation. You can learn more about Nancy Pearcey and her work at her website, *The Pearcey Report* (www.PearceyReport.com).

The New Saint Andrews Class of 2015

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts & Culture

Faith Elizabeth Bush	Arlington, TX
Brandon Lee Matthews	Fort Worth, TX
Aaron William Paul	Coeur d'Alene ID
Nathanael Mueller Rosendahl	Moscow, ID
Emily Jane Schlect	Moscow, ID
Bonnie Lynn Skogen	Pinehurst, NC
Madeline Grace Story	Moscow, ID
Chelsea Lynn Summerlin	Coeur d'Alene, ID
Carolyn Grace Wakeman	Woodstock, VA

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Culture

Lauren Hannah Abens + Thesis: <i>Word and World: The Scriptural Motifs of Wilderness, Water, and Trees</i>	Minnetrista, MN
Medora Leone Allison*+ Thesis: <i>The Politics of Corpses</i>	Santa Fe, NM
Esther Sophia Berends Thesis: <i>To Bee or not to Bee</i>	Everson, WA
Michelle Anne Bollen*+ Thesis: <i>The Queen's Scribe: AYA Novella</i>	Clifton, VA
Joshua Donald Clemans + Thesis: <i>The Joker and the Fool: Miguel de Cervantes & GK Chesterton</i>	Des Moines, WA
Emily Christine Davis Thesis: <i>Traditional Innovation: Reforming Online Distance Education</i>	Gaylord, MN
Meryn Mikayla Flack Thesis: <i>Curriculum on the 10 Commandments for Covenantal Children</i>	Moscow, ID
Valerie Estelle Foucachon*+ Thesis: <i>Marguerite de Navarre: A Selected Translation of Her Letters</i>	Lyon, France
Christiana Bethany Hale + Thesis: <i>The Jovial Pilgrim: Medievalism in Lewis's Space Trilogy</i>	Coeur d'Alene, ID
Elise Manette Hatcher*+ Thesis: <i>Claiming Mercy Ministry</i>	Snohomish, WA
David Austin Henry Thesis: <i>Droves of Dragons: Towards a Biblical Understanding of Story</i>	Nacogdoches, TX
Denise Therese Hogan Thesis: <i>Mathematical Order in Nature: Is God the Best Explanation?</i>	Helotes, TX
Rachel Rae Jo + Thesis: <i>Homofaber: Poetic knowledge and the Sub-creative Imagination</i>	Pasco, WA
Samuel Douglas Paul Thesis: <i>Human Capital: A Study in the Economics of Education</i>	Coeur d'Alene, ID

Carlos Santiago Pliego Gomez*+ Thesis: <i>Hecho En México: Or The Unexpected Joy in the City of Death</i>	Mexico City, Mexico
Courtney Anne Skeen*+ Thesis: <i>Cato Censorious Christianus: Introduction and Translation</i>	Aztec, NM
Grace Elizabeth Taylor Thesis: <i>Two Roads to Recovery: Tolkien and Chesterton on Regaining a Clear View</i>	Moscow, ID
Samuel Vincent Taylor Thesis: <i>How to Live in a World of Vapor: Interpreting Qohelet</i>	Portland, OR
Adam Jacob Thoburn Thesis: <i>Reclaiming Nature: A Christian Approach to Animal Conservation</i>	Chantilly, VA
Johnathan Garrett Treece Thesis: <i>Discourse in Notes: Arguments from the Underground</i>	Eules, TX
Lauren Nicole Wallace Thesis: <i>Eucatastrophe: Tolkien's Gospel Inversion of Faërie</i>	Moscow, ID
Josiah Samuel Warner* Thesis: <i>The Death of Hippocrates: The Corrupting Effect of Naturalism on Biomedical Ethics</i>	Geneva, IL

Master of Arts in Theology & Letters

Stephen Paul Hunt +	Glen Allen, VA
Rachel Rae Jo	Pasco, WA

*Outstanding Undergraduate Awards

Academic Honors

Students earning a B.A. or A.A. degree with a cumulative grade point average of + **3.5** or better are recognized *Cum Laude*
++ **3.85** or better are recognized *Summa Cum Laude*

Graduating students not participating in Commencement ceremony

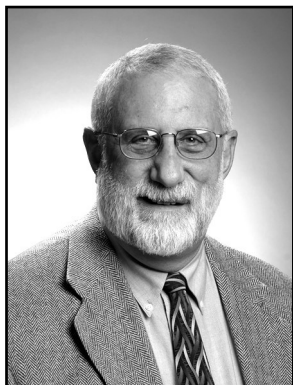
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Culture

Tim McElroy	Frontier, SK, Canada
James David Prado	Moscow, ID
Zachary Adam Warner Thesis: <i>Collection of Short Stories</i>	Geneva, IL

Graduate Certificate in Classical Christian Studies

Aaron Benjamin Fudge	Castaic, CA
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Dr. Roy Atwood



President of New Saint Andrews, 2004-2014
Academic Dean of New Saint Andrews, 2000-2004

This evening we honor Dr. Roy Alden Atwood, former board member, President, Dean, and Senior Fellow of Humanities, for his 22 years of service to New Saint Andrews College.

Dr. Atwood, after teaching three years at Gonzaga University in Spokane, moved with his wife, Beverlee, and their two children, Hannah and Ethan, to Moscow, Idaho, in 1984. Dr. Atwood spent the next sixteen years teaching at the University of Idaho, where he became a tenured professor, a two-time Fulbright Scholar, and eventually the Director of the School of Communication.

In 1993, Roy Atwood, Doug Jones, and Douglas Wilson met under the oversight of Christ Church to chart out plans for a college that would follow the Classical Christian model, and in 1994, the first freshman class of New Saint Andrews College met in the dining room at the Atwoods' home. In the early years of the College, Dr. Atwood taught, on a volunteer basis, a variety of courses, including Rhetoric, Greek, Philosophy, and History of Art & Architecture.

Dr. Atwood also served on the Board of Governors from the first days of NSA until 2000, when he officially stepped down as Director of the School of Communication at the University of Idaho to become NSA's first Dean.

In 2002, Dr. Atwood negotiated the purchase and oversaw the remodel of the historic Skattaboe Block on Main Street. The College held its first classes in the new building in February of 2003.

In 2004, Dr. Atwood's title was changed from "Dean" to "President." He also led a self-study of the College that would result in NSA's full accreditation with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) in 2005. In addition, Dr. Atwood facilitated the acquisition of a 60,000-volume library.

Dr. Atwood was awarded the 2009 TRACS Leadership Award, was appointed to the Executive Committee of The Association of Reformed Colleges and Universities (serving as Vice-Chair 2010-11 and as Chair 2011-12), helped NSA receive re-accreditation with TRACS for a full ten years, attended the Global Summit of Reformed Colleges twice, guest-lectured at Kosin University in South Korea, affected changes in Idaho education and tax laws after speaking before the Idaho State Board of Education and the House Education Committee, hosted the ARCU Symposium on Pedagogy at NSA, was re-elected to a 3-year term on the TRACS Accreditation Commission, and served as an instructor at the World Journalism Institute in New York City. Most recently, while on a sabbatical after stepping down as NSA's President, Dr. Atwood completed a term as visiting professor at Nehemiah Gateway University in Albania.

The New Saint Andrews College community is tremendously grateful to Dr. Atwood for his many years of hard work, planning, hospitality, counsel, godly instruction, and wise leadership. We cannot list the countless ways he and his wife, Beverlee, have blessed our students, our faculty, our alumni, and the broader community, both here in Moscow, and around the world. We will miss their presence here at NSA, but we also look forward to seeing God bless Dr. Atwood's next endeavors as Director of the Founders Institute for Public Policy and as the Abraham Kuyper Distinguished Professor of Classics at Morthland College in Illinois.

Thank you, Dr. Atwood, for your faithful service to all of us at New Saint Andrews College.

Commencement Address

"Finding Truth—A Strategy You Can Take With You"

Nancy Pearcey

Award-winning author and scholar

Awarding of Undergraduate Diplomas

Dr. Benjamin R. Merkle (President)

Dr. Jonathan McIntosh (Interim Dean)

Dr. Gordon Wilson (Senior Fellow)

Graduate Degree Recipients, Hooding Ceremony

Dr. Benjamin R. Merkle (President)

Douglas Wilson (MA Graduate Dean)

Dr. Jonathan McIntosh (Interim Dean)

Dr. Mitch Stokes (Senior Fellow)

Graduate Rite (From Luke 12:48)

Faculty: "*Omni cui multum datum est...*"

("To whom much is given...")

Graduates: *...multum quaeretur ab eo.*"

(...much is required.)"

Choral Benediction:

"The Lord Bless You & Keep You"

Dr. David Erb (Fellow)

Closing Charge & Prayer

Dr. Roy Atwood

*Recessional

"Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

BWV 1115 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dr. David Erb (Fellow)

Reception at The 1912 Center

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring the Class of 2015 immediately following Commencement at the 1912 Center, 412 East Third St., three blocks east of Main St.