

FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR
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LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION

Our Leadership celebration is around the corner! We are anticipating a very inspirational and thought provoking Leadership Conference, so please come prepared for a great reflective experience! Besides, we are pleased to announce a few recent upgrades on the conference program as follows:

- Our Keynote speaker Marshall Goldsmith kindly upgraded his presentation to a 3-hour interactive workshop on practical issues on Leadership, on Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm!
- After his workshop, the Leadership participants will enjoy a friendly and informal lunch with Marshall Goldsmith, for personal interaction with him!
- The opening ceremony on Sunday evening will feature an onstage interview with the five pioneer faculty of the Leadership Program, and a keynote speech by Jim Tucker.
- On Sunday evening we will also say goodbye to the pioneer Shirley Freed, who is retiring on July 1.
- On Monday afternoon we will listen to plenary and breakout presentations by former faculty and successful graduates of the Leadership program.
- On Saturday evening, the Spiritual Leadership Conference will start featuring keynote speaker Gordon MacDonald, who will also present on Sunday morning.
- If you want to get autographs of the speaker, please bring your book, since they are not included.

We expect an unforgettable Leadership Conference with a great learning experience!

Leadership Conference 2014: Growing a Legacy



Growing a Legacy is the topic of our Leadership Conference 2014, featuring keynote speaker Marshall Goldsmith. For more information on the speaker, please check [The Marshall Goldsmith Thinkers50 Video Blog](#), which will be posted once a week for the next 50 weeks. The series will incorporate learning from his 38 years of experience with top executives, as well as material from his previous research, articles and books.

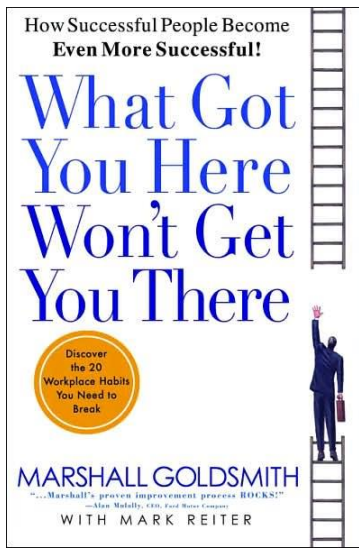
Conference Highlights:

Sunday, July 27

- Opening ceremony – 7:00 pm
- Onstage interview with the five Pioneer Faculty: Jim Tucker, David Penner, Bill Green, Jerry Thayer, and Shirley Freed
- Current Issues in Leadership – Jim Tucker
- Questions & Answers

Monday, July 28

- Morning Keynote Speaker: Marshall Goldsmith
- Afternoon: Plenary and breakout sessions with the pioneer faculty, plus stories of successful graduates



Goldsmith's *New York Times* bestseller, *What Got You Here Won't Get You There*, will be discussed at this year's conference. Get your copy and bring it along to have it autographed!

Spiritual Leadership Conference



The Spiritual Leadership Conference this year will start on Saturday evening and continue all Sunday long, featuring keynote speaker Gordon MacDonald on the topic of "Servants and Friends: A Theology of Leadership." Gordon MacDonald is Chancellor of Denver Seminary and editor-at-large of *Leadership Journal*. He is an author, speaker, and teacher, and has written more than a dozen books and co-authored others with his wife, Gail. More information soon!

Important Dates:

Conference and Roundtable: July 27-30
Spiritual Conference: July 26 and 27

For more information and to register online please visit:

https://www.andrews.edu/sed/leadership_dept/leadership_conference_2014/

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations, Throstur Thordarson, PhD!



On May 22, Throstur Thordarson successfully defended his dissertation, titled *Use of Funds in a Nonprofit Organization as Predictor of Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency*. Throstur is pastor of the South Bend, Indiana, Seventh-day Adventist Church. What makes this defense so remarkable is that this is actually Throstur's second dissertation. His first dissertation proposal was approved by IRB, but Throstur was unable to gather valid data. So he had to start from scratch two years ago.

This study used serial correlation analysis over an extended number of years to test 168 hypotheses. It breaks new ground as it evaluates how the North American Division uses its funds related to its mission. The literature on nonprofit organizations is almost silent on the subject of evaluating churches in their organizational effectiveness. In addition, it is currently very difficult to get access to viable data. This exploratory study is bound to open the eyes of executive leaders who wonder if there is a way to know if the organization is moving in the right direction from an organizational effectiveness viewpoint. The dissertation committee consisted of Erich Baumgartner (chair), Sylvia Gonzalez, and Tevni Grajales (methodologist). Since Throstur already presented his portfolio in early May, he has successfully completed his PhD. Congratulations, Dr. Thordarson!

Jewel Longenecker Defends Dissertation







On May 27, Jewel Longenecker successfully defended her PhD dissertation with the title *The Pastor as Vital Link: A Study in How Seminary-educated Pastors Engender Engagement with Scripture in Select Congregations*. The defense was accepted “without revisions.” The committee consisted of Erich Baumgartner (chair), Shirley Freed (methodologist), and Mary Schertz, Professor of New Testament at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Steven Schweitzer, Professor of Old Testament and Academic Dean of Bethany Theological Seminary, Church of the Brethren, in Richmond, Indiana, served as the external examiner.

Jewel’s study, a qualitative study developing grounded theory, was born out of a concern about the misuse of the Bible in many conservative Christian homes and the disuse of the Bible in many more liberal homes. She interviewed six pastors who have been able to create in their congregations communities of engagement with the Bible. While the pastors did not share a particular teaching *technique*, they did have an overall pedagogical *approach* in common, in addition to formative experiences with the Bible, a passion for biblical formation, a sense that Bible teaching is part of their pastoral identity, and some personal characteristics that support their Bible teaching. This is particularly striking because the data were drawn through a “grounded theory” approach. Jewel is the Associate Dean for Leadership Education at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Indiana. Congratulations, Jewel, for the outstanding job!

Evelyn Savory Defends Dissertation



On Thursday, May 15, Evelyn Savory successfully defended her dissertation, titled *Perceptions of Leadership Characteristics of Principals Who Influence Positive School Culture in a Midwest Adventist Union: A Qualitative Study*. The purpose of Evelyn's study was to understand and describe leadership characteristics of principals who fostered a positive school culture. Dr. Jim Jeffery was the chair, and members were Dr. Janet Ledesma and Dr. Lionel Matthews. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Larry Blackmer Defends Dissertation



On Wednesday, June 12, Larry Blackmer, Vice-President of Education for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, successfully defended his dissertation, which was titled *The Relationship Between Selected Teacher Characteristics and Student Achievement in Seventh-day Adventist Schools in the United States*. Dr. Blackmer's study evaluated the relationship between student achievement and seven teacher characteristics, including teacher certification and education levels. Dr. Jim Jeffery was the chair, and members were Dr. Alayne Thorpe and Dr. Jerry Thayer.

Theodore Brown Presents at NCU and SOBIE



On March 9th, 2014, Dr. Theodore Brown, Sr., presented a paper via webinar at the 6th Annual Current Trends and Issues Conference in Business and Hospitality Management, hosted by Northern Caribbean University and the College of Business and Hospitality Management in Mandeville, Jamaica West Indies. His paper, titled "Exploring Global Perspectives of the Impact of Transformational Leadership on the Corporate Business Sector," has been peer-reviewed and accepted for publication.



Dr. Brown also presented a paper at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society of Business, Industry, and Economics (SOBIE) in Destin, Florida. His paper was titled "The CFO's Role in the North American Division: A Critical Examination of Perceived Differences Among SDA Local Conference Leadership." Dr. Brown (1998 cohort and 2005 Leadership graduate) is an Associate Professor of Management at Oakwood University and an Adjunct Professor of Leadership at Andrews University.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Leadership Association Conference (ILA)

The 16th Annual ILA Global Conference, on the theme of *Conscious Leading for Global Change: Emergence of Our Collective Realities*, will take place October 30 through November 2, 2014, in San Diego, California. The conference calls on leadership scholars and educators, business and community leaders, students, and young leaders to propose conference sessions that offer the finest leadership of your sector and across sectors. For more information, see <http://www.ilanet.org/Conferences/2014/index.htm>.

EDAL Summer Courses 2014

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EDFN500-999* Philosophical Foundations for Professionals (2-3 Credits)

Professor: Dr. John Matthew

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EDRM505-999* Research Methods (3 Credits)

Professor: Dr. Tevni Grajales

A survey of quantitative and qualitative research designs for conducting research in education and psychology.

EDAL565-999* Leadership for SDA Education (2 Credits)

Professor: Dr. Janet Ledesma

Explores the spiritual climate and leadership practices of administration in Seventh-day Adventist education.

EDCI565-999* Improving Instruction (2-3 Credits)

Professor: Dr. Ray Ostrander

Designed to provide a framework for developing habits for lifelong learning, building a positive classroom (including the use of cooperative learning groups), micro-teaching, and peer feedback

LEAD630-001 Introduction to Leadership (2 Credits)

Professor: Leadership Faculty

Intensive introduction and orientation to the Leadership program. Focus on leadership concepts, principles of research, and skills relating to the completion of the program.

EDAL670-999* Technology for Leaders (3 Credits)

Professor: Dr. Jim Jeffery

Philosophical basis for technology usage in various leadership settings to enhance organizational effectiveness, survey of contemporary technologies appropriate to most organizational settings and cost benefit analysis of various systems.

Lead675-999* Portfolio Development: Topic: The Principalship (1-3 Credits)

Professor: Leadership Faculty

Development of expertise and documentation in the selected competency area of "The Principalship." This includes personal growth and the theoretical knowledge base supporting the competency.

*(All Courses Ending in 999 Are Online Courses)

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"In the highest sense education and the work of redemption are one." (Education, pg. 30)



Upcoming Cohort Orientation

The next Leadership Orientation will be held July 22-25, 2014, for Leadership, Higher Education Administration, and Educational Leadership K-12. We are now accepting applications to all programs throughout the year. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and prospective graduate students.

Summer 2014 Stats Course

EDRM 611 Research Methods and Statistics for Education & Psychology II, Summer Intensive (3 credits)

This intensive stats course, taught by Dr. Jimmy Kijai, is scheduled for July 14-25, 2014. Registration is now open. Please use these dates as you begin your summer travel plans.

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