



**FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR**  
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**LEADERSHIP & WORLD PEACE**



The Second World War consumed more than 50 million lives, destroyed by an avalanche of cruelty and brutality among humans. The horrors of the twentieth century's two unlimited wars provoke unanswered and possibly unanswerable questions. How could supposedly effective leaders, with the skills to gain the headship of such large advanced industrial nations, have been so blind to the miseries they would inflict upon their own peoples as well as those they saw as enemies?

The same threat remains today, as demonstrated by political violence in different parts of the world. "After President Obama announced his plan to destroy the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS)," proclaimed the *Washington Post*, "one general involved in war planning called the mission 'harder than anything we've tried to do thus far in Iraq or Afghanistan'" (<http://www.vox.com/2014/9/12/6138977/isis-iraq-numbers>). The situation seems to present an almost unsolvable dilemma: If you were the leader of the nation, what would you do? Is it at all possible to think of world peace?

Absolute world peace seems an unattainable dream, but if something can be done to promote world peace, the first step would be to rethink the philosophy, concepts and theoretical models of leadership that are the basis for the development of leadership and management of organizations and of social, political and governmental institutions. World peace raises many questions with no answers. But there is at least one thing that we can do: we can promote peace within our leadership circle of influence where we live and where we work. We can make this our dream!

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### MA in Educational Leadership is among the Top in the Nation



BestColleges.com has recognized the LEAD online MA program in K-12 Educational Leadership as one of the best. This professional entity placed our program at #17 out of the top 25 programs in the country, as published on their website (<http://www.bestcolleges.com/features/best-online-masters-education-programs/>).

“I’m always pleased when professionals recognize the quality of our School of Education programs, and we rejoice in all the hard work to achieve this recognition,” celebrates Dr. Jim Jeffery, Dean of the School of Education. As he says, it is a pleasure to congratulate our excellent professors in K-12 Educational Leadership: Dr. Janet Ledesma, Program Coordinator, Dr. Sylvia Gonzalez, and Dr. Duane Covrig! Leadership: Dr. Janet Ledesma, Program Coordinator, Dr. Sylvia Gonzalez and Dr. Duane Covrig!

## **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS**

### **Congratulations, Juan Prestol, PhD**





On Friday, September 12, Juan Prestol successfully defended his dissertation, which is titled “An Exploratory, Correlational, Self-Rater Study on Authentic Leadership Values of Adventist Local Conference Chief Financial Officers in the United States.” Juan is the undertreasurer, one of the top chief financial officers, of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist church. He used the Authentic Leadership Questionnaire administered by MindGarden as his instrument to gather data from CFOs (treasurers) and their colleagues in 50 denominational fields in the U.S. The results revealed that in addition to financial expertise, a global organization must also pay close attention to the leadership values and practices of its CFOs. The dissertation was chaired by Erich Baumgartner, Tevni Grajales served as the methodologist, and Ann Gibson, retired Dean of the School of Business, served as the content specialist. On Sunday, September 14, Juan then presented his portfolio, covering his vast experience as a global leader and his learning in the Leadership program. One of the interesting aspects of Juan’s learning is the way he developed specific advanced studies to delve into problems and search for answers. This eventually led him to a study of how leaders develop and use values in their organizations. Juan is probably the most knowledgeable participant (including faculty) on the subject of the development of authentic leadership theory and its relationship to all other forms of positive leadership. Congratulations, Dr. Prestol!

# Ann Alexander Presents Portfolio



On August 14, Ann Alexander successfully presented an impressive portfolio. Using the metaphor of a ball game, she started her presentation with what has been described as one of the best baseball songs ever: "[The Ball Game](#)." Like baseball, which is a sport many Americans love and many feel they could do well on the field, the PhD in Leadership is actually quite hard. Ann has made it even harder on herself by honing a slightly perfectionist trait, which made the portfolio a joy to behold. Both are team-based realities. Ann has been part of several learning groups who have been supporting her journey. One of the outstanding features of her portfolio was the use of charts pioneered by Ann, analyzing her core beliefs, the literature that supports them, and the practices that are built on those beliefs. Congratulations, Ann! All the best as you finish your dissertation!

## **Alexander Schulze Graduates in Absentia**

Alexander Schulze just joined the list of graduates for the year 2014! Dr. Schulze was unable to attend the graduation service and graduated in absentia. However, recently he visited the Andrews campus with his family to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations, Alexander Schulze, PhD!







**Bill Auxier Presents at OSI Leadership Conference**





Bill Auxier (PhD, 2013) had the privilege of making a presentation at the first leadership conference of Oncology Services International (OSI), which was held at the United States Military Academy at West Point from August 11 to 13. Bill's presentation, titled "Moving Others," utilized the following definition of leadership: "Leadership is the process of getting others to follow when they don't have to."

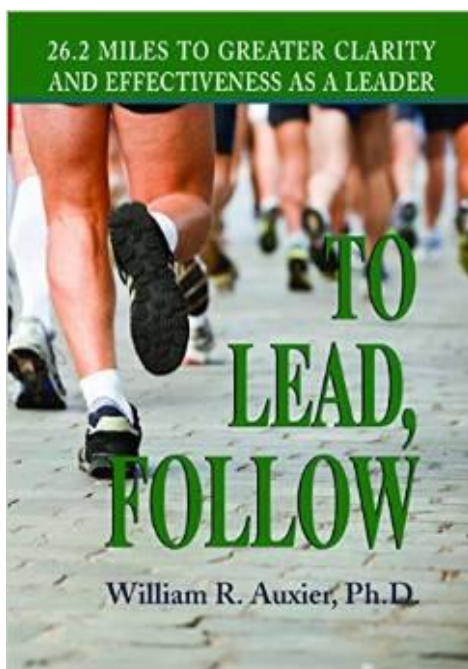
In addition to being inspired by a variety of presentations on leadership, the leadership team enjoyed a personalized tour of this historic campus guided by Rich Ellis, Senior Vice President at OSI and West Point alum. Historic sites included "The Plain," where the Continental Army spent much of their time drilling during the Revolutionary War and where the Corps of Cadets today perform their drill and ceremony training. They visited the Cadet Chapel, which serves the Academy's protestant community. The West Point Cemetery is the oldest military post cemetery in the U.S., and it is where many historic military figures are laid to rest.

## Cadet Prayer

Bill reports that during his stay at West Point he learned of the Cadet Prayer, as follows:

"Oh God, our Father, Thou Searcher of human hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural. Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretense ever to diminish. Encourage to us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer. Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country. All which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of all. Amen."

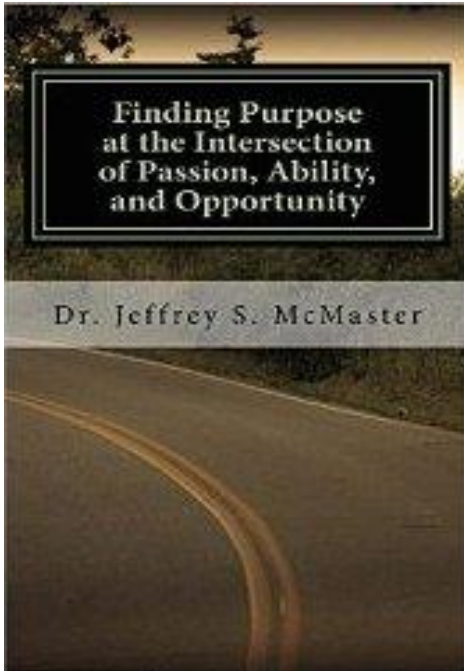
## Bill Auxier Publishes New Book



Bill Auxier (PhD, 2013) recently published a new book titled, *To Lead, Follow: 26.2 Miles to Greater Clarity and Effectiveness as a Leader*. Bill describes the book this way: "The book is a tribute to my dad

who played a large role in influencing me, my core values and worldview, and therefore my philosophical foundation of leadership. The book introduces the concept of INTRA-Personal Leadership. It's a story about a creative way that I reflected on my dad's life and our experiences together while running the Vienna Marathon in Vienna, Austria." Anyone interested in getting a free copy of the book can email Bill at [bill@billauxier.com](mailto:bill@billauxier.com) or sign up for his weekly newsletter at [billauxier.com](http://billauxier.com).

## Jeff McMaster Publishes Book



Jeff McMaster (PhD, 2013) has also published a book, *Finding Purpose at the Intersection of Passion, Ability, and Opportunity*. The book addresses pertinent life questions: "What is God's purpose for you? What are you supposed to do with your life? These are difficult questions that we all wrestle with, often causing frustration, anxiety, or indecision. Using the concepts of passion, ability, and opportunity, Dr. Jeff McMaster presents a road map for identifying your individual purpose, and finding fulfillment. Based on principles from the Bible, these simple ideas can help you gain a better understanding of what God made you to do, and find fulfillment in it." This thoughtful and engaging publication is available on Amazon, through *CreateSpace* Independent Publishing, and is also available in Kindle version.

## 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.ila-net.org/Conferences/2014/index.htm>.

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