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Dana Wilbanks, emeritus professor of Christian ethics, and Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics, have seen a world of change in the study of ethics during their concurrent tenures.

Gift Extends a Family Tradition
Clarence Snelling, emeritus professor of teaching ministry, honors tradition with a gift to Iliff.

Iliff’s Spirit of Interdisciplinary Blending Continues
Amy Erickson, assistant professor of Hebrew Bible, and Ed Everding, professor emeritus of religious education and New Testament, find collaboration is a key ingredient of Iliff faculty.

Contributor’s Report

Iliff in Photos
William Jeavons’ Good Fortune Benefits Future Scholarship Students

“Giving back gave me an opportunity to offer the same generosity to others that was extended to me,” explained William Jeavons, a 2012 graduate of Iliff’s Master of Arts in Pastoral and Spiritual Care program (MAPSC).

Jeavons was one of more than 100 students - in the last five years alone - whose Iliff studies were made possible, or at least financially bearable, through the generous scholarship funds provided by Susan Schlessman Duncan. Jeavons was a chaplain at Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care, Colorado Springs, and had friends who were Iliff alumni. As he considered extended studies to continue working in hospice, he visited Iliff and audited a class.

“There was an immediate connection for me with Iliff. Vince Tango (associate director of admissions) helped to make a place for me where I could use my chaplaincy as part of the curriculum,” said Jeavons.

While he grew up in an Anglican home, early in his adult life, he converted to Buddhism. “Zen is a psychological truth that hooked me on my first meeting,” added Jeavons. “While a bit skeptical about attending a seminary, I visited an Iliff class.” Jacob Kinnard, associate professor of comparative religious thought, said that you can see your own religion better from the viewpoint of other religions. Kinnard’s thoughts, Iliff’s welcoming efforts, and the short two-year MAPSC program, made enrolling at Iliff an obvious choice. Scholarships then made the choice financially feasible.

“Iliff opened the door for me, and Carrie Doehring (associate professor of pastoral care and counseling) and Larry Graham (professor of pastoral theology and care) were powerful teachers and mentors in the educational process. It has been an amazing and joyous few years.”

“A startling reversal of fortune allowed me to give something back, as I was aware of how many of my fellow classmates were in need of scholarship money. When Peggy Sandgren, (former vice president of institutional advancement) explained that Susan Duncan was offering to match scholarship funds, I understood that my gift would be doubled. It was an easy decision to pay it forward and extend Susan Duncan’s gift to students coming after me.”

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Iliff Creates New Process to Engage Employees

Authentic Engagement™ Provides New Workplace Tool

As traditional sources for career opportunities using theological education have slowed, changing generational, racial, social, and personal differences, coupled with the “Great Recession,” have resulted in low levels of employee engagement for many fields. Theological schools are in a perfect position to help—Iliff leading the way. The Authentic Engagement Program™, now available through Iliff, offers a unique approach to increase engagement and productivity in business.

“Theological education has long been an ‘initiator of community,’ so the basics of creating a culture of collaboration is an integral part of the skill set. Iliff has successfully focused on the core elements of a theological education and translated that for the workplace through the Authentic Engagement Program™,” added Albert Hernández, interim president and chief executive officer.

“The workplace is in a time of change for many reasons. Today, it is not uncommon to have employees ages 18-80 from many diverse backgrounds working together,” said Hernández. “With the additional pressures of the recession, erosion of the social contract between employees and employers, and tight job market, many workers are not only dissatisfied and disillusioned with their workplaces, but distrustful of their leadership—resulting in decreased workplace productivity.”

The Authentic Engagement™ (AE) team is made up of Hernández, faculty members,
Edward Antonio, dean of diversities, Carrie Doehring, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling, Kelly Aurora, adjunct faculty, Greta Gloven, vice president of marketing communications and strategic partnerships, and outside consultants, Bret Lessman, United Launch Alliance, and John Lathrop, Lathrop & Associates. AE is proving that theological education can provide the business community with the resources for employers to assist their employees in finding meaning in their work in ways that will foster the human spirit and enhance employee engagement.

By leveraging practices that engage, excite, and empower employees, Iliff’s Authentic Engagement Program™ was developed in partnership with Denver’s business community via an Advisory Council over a two-year period. Funded by Wells Fargo Bank and a local business leader, the program provides impactful training for all levels of organizational leaders. The program has already been tested with members of the South Denver Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Wyoming, Iliff’s Board of Trustees, as well as internally with many Iliff professionals.

Through Iliff’s Authentic Engagement Program™, participants learn through a one, two, or three-day seminar:

- Techniques to identify the unique values that drive personal satisfaction and commitment through an examination of The Self.
- Skills to develop a true appreciation of The Other by building on differences as key strengths.
- Steps to create “interconnected otherness” and the value that a sense of belonging can have in workplace motivation, fulfillment and in the retention of great people.
- Engagement strategies and techniques that impact The Whole of the organization as positive forces for the creation of sustainable value.

The connection between the human spirit, motivation, and clarification of personal values is well-documented as being integral to the success of any institution. With more time spent at work rather than home, authentic engagement becomes critical in the workplace.

“At getting employees aligned for a common cause through finding meaning at work is important in increasing the productivity of any business.

Authentic Engagement™ not only provides the tools to make that happen, but also provides the pre- and post-assessments to demonstrate it,” commented Hernández. “Iliff students will now be able to take an AE seminar as part of their requirement for a Leadership and Organizational Management Certificate beginning this summer.”


Starting this summer, Iliff students will be able to earn a new certificate that enhances their ability to guide and care for organizations – the Leadership and Organizational Management Graduate Certificate.

“Our graduates have always been leaders, but effective organizational management takes particular skills and strengths. We want to prepare our students for all aspects of their careers,” said Albert Hernández, interim president, chief executive officer, and associate professor of the history of Christianity. “This new certificate makes it easy for students to learn what they need to know to run a church or non-profit. Students will be able to customize 16 credit hours via one of two tracks – organizational or parish leadership – with courses designed to meet the particular needs of these groups.”

Students will be able to choose from an array of courses, including “Financial Management,” “Organizational Leadership: Mission and Message,” and “Social Change and Non-Profits: Ethics of Service.” In addition, students can also take “Authentic Engagement™,” an Iliff signature course that teaches them – as key leaders - how to engage and empower their workforce. By taking the “Authentic Engagement™” class, students will also be able to denote this on their resumes as an additional accomplishment (see above for more details).
Courage Said, I Can
Courage Celebration & Concert

It takes courage to make a difference! This year’s Iliff Courage Award Celebration (March 7) honored three outstanding community leaders, who exemplify courage:

Lee Everding, volunteer, philanthropist, founder of Denver Eclectics and co-founder of the Abrahamic Initiative;

R.J. Ross, one of the founders and recently retired president of The Samaritan Institute; and

“Building Bridges”, (formerly Seeking Common Ground) a Denver-based non-profit organization addressing the root causes of hatred, discrimination, and violent conflict by connecting young adults face to face to those they have been taught to fear and mistrust.

“Lee Everding, R.J. Ross and Building Bridges have made remarkable contributions to our world - exemplifying the fortitude and courage to make life better for all people,” said Albert Hernández. “We were honored to present these honorees with the 2013 Iliff Courage Awards, and we want to thank them for their work and for all those who joined us in honoring them and Iliff on this special night.”

The concert’s 300-plus audience learned about Iliff’s commitment to courage through a new video and a beautiful, moving concert at the University of Denver, Newman Center for the Performing Arts. The evening’s entertainment and inspiration was provided by Emmy award-winning composer Denise Gentilini and her “We Are Voices Project” with noted performers, Beth Avedis, Hazel Miller, Lisa Nemzo, Mary Louise Lee, Mindy Sterling, CoCo Brown, Shiva Maxey, William Skip Lynch, Sam Nichols, Carl Carwell, Sheryl Renee, Jon Sterling, Frank Selman, Ron Bland, Ed Contreras, and Dr. Vicki Burrichter. Evrod Cassimy, Denver’s KCNC 4 News, served as master of ceremonies and award presenters included Albert Hernández, interim president, chief executive officer, and associate professor of the history of Christianity, Edward Antonio, Harvey H. Potthoff Associate Professor of Christian Theology, dean of diversities, and director of Iliff’s justice and peace program, Carlotta Walls LaNier, first Courage award honoree as a member of The Little Rock Nine, and Barbara Baldwin, Iliff honorary trustee.

The evening concluded with an inspirational performance of Gentilini and Sterling’s composition, “Courage Said I Can,” when the multi-voice ensemble was joined by the SOAR! Youth and Adult Choir.

Carlotta Walls LaNier, Lee Everding, and Barbara Baldwin. LaNier and Baldwin were honorary chairs for the Iliff event.
Interest in Justice and Peace Studies continues to grow among students in the United States and around the world. While justice and peace have been woven into the fabric of Iliff’s degree programs since their beginnings, recently Iliff launched a new certificate in this area of study and practice in response to the global interest.

Iliff’s certificate in Justice & Peace Studies offers an interdisciplinary program that draws from theology, ethics, philosophy, and the social sciences with an emphasis on three related content areas: food justice, the environment, and globalization. Courses cover theories, methods and concrete issues of Justice & Peace such as peace-building, war, violence, politics, economics, and criminal justice, as well as aspects of international development, public policy processes, and the role of social change movements. Students take four justice & peace-related courses to complete the certificate.

“By providing leadership and development opportunities for learning inside and outside of the classroom, Iliff offers students a program rich in the ideals of justice, peace and social change. The certificate provides opportunities to learn on and off campus, as well as online,” said Edward Antonio, director of Justice & Peace Programs and the Dean of Diversities, Iliff School of Theology. “Students will link theory to action in their studies by engaging a wide range of complex issues on eating and food, ethical analysis and advocacy, food scarcities, women, war and religion, environmental justice, and globalization.”

In addition, the Justice and Peace Program will include several global immersion trips that will expand students’ understanding of the complexities of justice and peace issues. This includes a trip to Zimbabwe and South Africa in the Fall of 2013.

Prospective students interested in enriching their understanding through the certificate program can find additional information at www.iliff.edu/index/learn/degrees-certificates.
longtime Iliff supporters, Herb and Laura May Bacon, use their Grand Junction home as a base to travel to see the rich diversity of our planet. While their beautiful residence and garden reflect Japanese influence, their home also expresses their affection for their local environs, as well as those far different from their own. Travels have taken them to such remote places as Bhutan and most recently to Sicily, the Adriatic, Mongolia, and Greece. An avid photographer, Herb has seen and captured on film, the colors of everyday humanity through the world’s cultural kaleidoscope.

“Iliff’s strengths are in its openness to diversity. It is one of the attributes that initially drew my family to Iliff, and continues to garner our support,” Herb said.

Herb Bacon was born into a Methodist family in Bird City, Kansas, while his wife, Laura May, is a Denver native. Herb moved with his family to Grand Junction after his father, E. L. Bacon, acquired the U.S. Bank of Grand Junction in 1948. E. L. Bacon served on Iliff’s board and introduced Iliff and the banking business to Herb – connections he has maintained throughout his career. Herb and his brother, Leroy, were chairmen of two banks and major figures in the development of Grand Junction and the Colorado western slope region. Herb was chair of the U.S. Bank of Grand Junction and also head of the Bacon Foundation.

Iliff built the Bacon Educational Center in 1998 through a donation from the Bacon Foundation. The Center continues to house administrative offices and classrooms for the 120-year-old graduate school.

Herb served as an Iliff trustee for 22 years (1976-1986 and 1988-2000). During his tenure, including service as board chair, Iliff hired its first non-Christian faculty member, José Cabezón, a Cuban Buddhist. The Episcopal Seminary, along with Anglican studies, was also absorbed into Iliff during this time. “Of course, both board decisions were not made without controversy,” Herb said. “But, Iliff has never feared shaking things up by inviting students to examine and develop a peaceful respect for beliefs beyond their own. While I was on the board, students were quite comfortable in expressing their opinions of current events by marching in picket lines or staging sit-ins,” he added while laughing. “Iliff teaches students to take a stand for what they believe, in a peaceful way – even when it interrupts graduation.”

“When Laura May and I decided to include the school in our will, we spoke with Peggy Sandgren, former vice president of institutional advancement, about supporting Iliff through faculty development,” Herb commented. “It was important to us that the faculty have the resources they need to perpetuate Iliff’s progressive and inclusive mission.”

When asked about their philosophy on giving, Laura May explained, “We know we won’t live forever. It is important for us to share our gifts while we’re alive and can actually see all the good they can do.”

Laura May and Herb Bacon
Military Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Online Graduate Certificate Available Fall 2013

For the past four years, Iliff has offered a post Master of Divinity, one-year Masters of Arts in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (MAPSC) for Military Chaplains. We now have six Air Force Chaplains as graduates of the program. This MAPSC program has enhanced the research and teaching of faculty in the areas of trauma and pastoral care, as well as theology and war. Iliff is now able to offer the courses required of a graduate certificate in an online format, which features small group interactions, with a focus on self reflection, pastoral care skills, and theological discussions about suffering. Carrie Doehring, PhD, associate professor of pastoral care, and Larry Graham PhD, professor of pastoral theology and care, are the primary faculty for the Military PTSD Certificate.

Iliff offers graduate certificates to persons admitted either as degree candidates or special (non-degree) students. Graduate certificates provide non-degree students with personal or professional interest in focused theological education the chance to work in a particular area. See Iliff Graduate Certificates online: www.iliff.edu/index/learn/degrees-certificates/graduate-certificates/.

Beginning Fall 2013, active duty military chaplains, military chaplain trainees and Veterans Administration chaplains interested in the graduate certificate in Military Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) will be able to take four courses, totaling 16 credits in the area of spiritual and pastoral care, focusing on PTSD. The certificate’s courses will present core theory and offer enhanced skills in spiritual care of persons facing difficult circumstances. Chaplains will have opportunity to present their own care giving activities for consultation and review by faculty and peers.

Required course descriptions can be found online: www.iliff.edu/index/learn/your-courses/catalog/.

The certificate program is available for active duty military chaplains, military chaplain trainees and Veterans Administration chaplains. It is possible to complete the certificate entirely through online courses, on campus, or through a combination of online and on-campus course work.

Admissions Process
After consulting with faculty and admissions staff and submitting an application, applicants will meet with faculty and/or staff for a thirty minute face-to-face or Skype interview, which will assess personal readiness for reflection-based learning. Applicants will explore:

- Readiness to assume a role as spiritual care provider in the clinically-based coursework that is part of this certificate;
- Capacity to integrate religious, spiritual, and theological reflection into prior learning and professional functioning.
- Openness to seek consultation and assistance with one’s own personal dynamics that may come into play through helping others and the stresses of this certificate program.

For more information, contact: admissions@iliff.edu or 303-765-3117 or link to a printable flyer: www.iliff.edu/publications/military-PTSD-certificate_1-2013.pdf
Iliff’s faculty has always embraced the principle of openness, while keeping an eye to history and tradition – both ancient and contemporary. History professors, Albert Hernández, Iliff’s interim president and associate professor of the history of Christianity, and J. Alton Templin, professor emeritus of historical theology and church history, have been the “keepers of history” for the last 45 years. During their tenures, it was the changes in Iliff’s culture, technology, and course delivery that have been the most profound.

Templin studied at Iliff, 1950-1956, (earning ThM and ThD degrees) when most faculty members were ordained. “There were no women among my 178 classmates, although a few had graduated before me,” Templin said. “In 1952, Dorothy Jean Lear (MRE’54) began her religious education studies and later became my wife.” (The couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.) Templin was ordained in the United Methodist Church, taught at Southwestern College (Kansas), earned a PhD, Harvard University, served churches in Colorado and Massachusetts, and taught at the University of South Dakota before returning to teach at Iliff.

Beginning in 1967, Templin’s tenure included the years the U.S. was involved in Vietnam. “One inspiration for some pursuing theological studies was General Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, commonly known as the military draft,” Templin said. Indeed, Iliff’s enrollment increased steadily from 138 students in 1967 to a high of 377 in 1984. “Students were 90 percent church-centered and among the most liberal among seminarians. I got my first computer in the late 1980s.”

“I studied humanities and English at Florida International University, and then earned three master’s degrees from Nova Southeastern University and Drew University. I was also a high school teacher and administrator in New Jersey and Florida,” Hernández said. “In my interview, I was moved by Iliff’s openness and theological diversity. It was a breath of fresh air. I joined the Iliff faculty with a recently-completed dissertation on Medieval Islam and Christianity, the day before Sept. 11, 2001. E-mail accounts had just been set up for students.”

“The greatest changes for me have been since 2008 when we introduced online and hybrid classes. From the start, I enjoyed teaching online more than I could ever have imagined,” commented Hernández. “I was very pleased with the effectiveness of this new form of teaching and learning.”

J. Alton Templin and Albert Hernández
ana Wilbanks, emeritus professor of Christian ethics, and Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics, represent almost a half-century of teaching in this area. During their tenures at Iliff, world-wide social movements have forever changed the way we study and view ethics.

“Faculty and students became aware together how ethical perspectives drive the choices we make. Social movements during my career (1968-2005) - including civil rights, feminism and the role of women in the church, inclusive language, and gay rights - raised questions and reconstructed our own positions on issues as the world changed with us,” said Wilbanks.

Upon Wilbanks’ retirement, the torch was passed to De La Torre (fall 2005) as associate professor of social ethics. His new title reflected how Iliff had changed ecumenically and become more open interreligiously. De La Torre joined a faculty and student body diverse in theology, gender, age, and ethnicity, where justice and peace continued to be brought to the forefront by the Iliff community.

“Students want to learn in the classroom and in the field,” said De La Torre. “They experience the presence of a liberating God and better understand the critical questions while participating in a human rights campaign in the Mexican borderlands. My hope is that first-hand experience will encourage students to see activism as a major component of ministry, something that I write and speak about regularly.”

Wilbanks and De La Torre, are ordained ministers (Presbyterian U.S.A. and Southern Baptist respectively) and both consider their teaching as ministry. They see Iliff immensely important for its religious diversity and as a responsive theological school in a dynamic world.
Education and the church are the institutional structures that have formed my family’s lives,” explained Clarence H. Snelling, Jr., Iliff emeritus professor of teaching ministry. “My grandfather was a minister, my father was a high school principal, and my mother was a deaconess teacher. By giving to Iliff, I am maintaining a family tradition by contributing to both education and the church with the same gift.”

Snelling became an Iliff faculty member in 1964 as an associate professor of religious education, and taught worship and preaching courses developed from sermons and music passed down through the tenures of ministry faculty. He retired in May 1993 and continues to be attentive to the school’s activities including leadership in the Harvey Potthoff study group.

When Snelling accepted the Iliff teaching position and moved to Denver, he chose a house in the Park Hill neighborhood before seeing the home’s interior. The structure had stately front columns and similar construction reminding him of his grandmother’s inherited plantation home in central Louisiana. Joyous childhood memories of cousins frolicking and growing up in that house were delightfully projected into this new home in Denver. He moved into the house and became very active in the community of Park Hill United Methodist Church.

Another of Snelling’s Louisiana traditions was brought to Iliff in the form of a yearly Fat Tuesday party at his home. The festivities included costumes and jambalaya, among other New Orleans cuisine, and King Cake. Snelling taught a local baker how to make King Cake, decorated in red, green and gold with a tiny toy baby Jesus baked into the cake. The person who was served the piece of cake containing the baby Jesus would be the King or Queen of Fat Tuesday – for the night. As the reveling students left his home, generally at a very late hour, they were reminded that chapel for Ash Wednesday was the next morning at 7:30. “I’ll see you in the morning at chapel,” Dr. Snelling would say.

Iliff faculty was originally comprised of Methodist ministers and their retirement was through the United Methodist Church pastor’s retirement program. That changed about the time Snelling was hired at Iliff. Salaries had improved a bit, and a more ecumenically diverse faculty was begun with the hiring of a Mennonite pastor, a Roman Catholic, a Cuban Buddhist, and several from other Christian denominations. As Snelling considered his retirement, he purchased a life insurance policy with Iliff as the beneficiary. The policy will provide a larger future gift to Iliff’s scholarship program.

“The decision to give to Iliff was not strange. It was the right thing to do, and for me, it’s another part of a long-standing tradition,” Snelling concluded.
Iliff’s Spirit of Interdisciplinary Blending Continues

Everding began as assistant professor of New Testament and became Iliff’s first Dean in 1982. “When I began teaching, theology students were all male and planning careers in the church with the goal of being ordained,” he said.

“I was expecting prospective preachers in my classroom when I started as an adjunct in 2004,” Erickson added. “Actually, less than half are interested in traditional ministry. I’ve had to think more broadly about the relevance of the Bible and work through my courses in a more practical way. It is exciting how students are living and applying the scriptures. I sometimes find myself scheming my way into practical theology because there is so much energy in the spaces where Bible and practice overlap.”

Everding was asked to team-teach “Teaching the Bible” in 1970 with Mary Wilcox, a Christian educator. “I became particularly interested in the research on cognitive development and religious symbols in my joint teaching assignment and eventually had to choose between teaching New Testament or Christian Education,” Everding said. Years later, the tradition continued when Erickson joined Katherine Turpin, associate professor of Christian education, in teaching the same course.

“Many of us have come to Iliff with one expertise and have retooled to bring fresh energy to our own and other disciplines through collaborations with other faculty,” added Erickson. “I’ve enjoyed the process of building online courses and thinking about content and presentation in new ways.”

In Remembrance and Gratitude

Former Iliff Trustee, Sam Skaggs, recently died at age 89. Skaggs was a very successful and innovative Utah entrepreneur in the food and drug industries, and a major supporter of Iliff’s significant growth and expansion during the mid-1970s and throughout the 1980s.

Emeritus President of Iliff, the Rev. Dr. Don Messer, who worked closely with Skaggs for many years, reminds us that “his contributions to Iliff for buildings and scholarships were milestones in the school’s history.”

The Salt Lake Tribune carried a story on his life and career in early April 2013.

At this time when our school is once again in a period of significant growth, and set to begin the renovation of the Iliff lobby and the construction of a new Student Commons with the generous support of the Schlessman Family Foundation, we hold Sam Skaggs’ extraordinary life in prayer and celebration while remaining forever grateful for his service to Iliff at a crucial turning point in the school’s history.
The spirit and life of Iliff require ongoing nurturance in order for our mission to continue to flourish. The generosity of so many people supplies that sustenance in a variety of ways. Every demonstration of support, no matter how large or small, helps to extend Iliff’s influence in the broader community, thereby bringing all donors into the vision that makes Iliff truly unique and necessary in the world today.

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Honorees Interviewed at February Alumni Banquet. Naomi Harris (MDIV '00, DMIN '12) interviews Rev. Paul Easley (STM '72), “Distinguished Alumnus.” Carrie Doehring, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling, discusses the work of Larry Graham, professor of pastoral theology and care, “Honorary Alumnus.” Rev. Nadia Boltz-Weber (MDIV '07) talks about her ministry via video with Tim Zeckser, development and alumni engagement officer. Boltz-Weber was honored as “Outstanding Recent Alumna.”

Professor Pamela Eisenbaum, spoke on “From the Word to the Web: The Bible and the History of Technology.” The evening lecture and discussion in a private home gave participants an opportunity to explore relevant theological topics with Iliff’s faculty in a small group setting.

Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics, and Rev. Dr. Willie Jennings, Jameson Jones Visiting Preacher, February 2013.

Rev. Dr. Willie Jennings, Duke University, and Professor Edward Antonio, dean of Diversities, speak at the University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies as a part of the Korbel Lecture Series. Iliff’s Diversities Program co-sponsored the Religion and Violence Series that featured noted national speakers.

Rev. Nancy Boswell (MDIV, '00), Jonathan Wallace (MDIV, '12), and Margaret “Maggie” Roe (MDIV, '99) helped coordinate the disaster recovery – repairing lives and livelihoods – after the wildfires near Ft. Collins, Colo., summer 2012.
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