The past year…albeit a tumultuous one…has taught us all a lesson – interesting possibilities arise when resources are limited.

While we all feel the stress of the changing world around us, Iliff can now see new possibilities emerging as we begin to move forward with Iliff’s strategic plan.

This year we’ve worked hard to focus on what our students and prospects need in order to obtain an Iliff education. We’ve added new degree programs, such as the Master of Arts in Social Change, Master of Arts in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (MAPSC), and enhanced the new MAPSC with a concentration for military chaplains. Our certificate program has expanded to six offerings, ranging from denominationally-specific areas to those focused on special areas of theology. And, it is with great excitement that we look forward to beginning the flexible “Journey” Master of Divinity Degree Program this summer, which will enable students to attend Iliff without uprooting from their homes to move here to take coursework (see page 6).

Community life has come alive again! Not just through our regular “Sacred Times” for worship, but also through student supported activities, such as the recent effort to create healthcare kits for Haiti.

Through a variety of efforts, numbers of prospective students and donors are learning about the importance of “theology” in their lives. And while many don’t quite understand what theology means to them, they are open to work that changes lives and perspectives – creating a number of exciting possibilities for Iliff!
New Degree Addresses Needs of Military Chaplains

Are you a military chaplain interested in learning more about spiritual care for those experiencing post traumatic stress? Are you a spiritual caregiver wanting more knowledge and experience of working with post traumatic stress? There’s a new degree at Iliff that can help – the master of arts in pastoral and spiritual care (MAPSC).

“Designed for students who already hold a master of divinity degree (MDIV), the MAPSC is an expedient way to concentrate additional theological education on pastoral care courses, as well as courses in psychology, counseling, comparative religions, or social work through the University of Denver,” said Carrie Doehring, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling.

The MAPSC degree can be completed in 40 quarter credits, if chaplains have previously earned a MDIV or its equivalent from an accredited institution prior to Iliff enrollment. Specific requirements may be negotiated based on prior educational experience. A minimum grade point average of 2.75 is needed for admission. A two year MAPSC is also available for caregivers without an MDiv, who wish to gain expertise in working with trauma and spiritual care.

“Illiff’s strong collaborative relationships with a variety of clinical settings are helpful for finding appropriate clinical pastoral education settings for chaplains - including settings for the study of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD),” added Doehring. “Chaplains can also complete a summative project focused on the experience of PTSD in the military, supervised by our pastoral care faculty.”

Iliff’s military chaplaincy program begins in August and is usually completed with a summer unit of clinical pastoral education (the following year). Courses include:

- Impact of war on pastoral care of families
- PTSD: Pastoral, psychological, and theological responses
- Substance abuse and dependence: Psychological and theological perspectives
- Physical and sexual violence: Pastoral responses
- Pastoral care in death and dying, grief and loss
- Multicultural pastoral care and counseling
- Self care and healthy boundaries
- Trauma and crisis intervention

Interested in learning more? Contact Iliff’s Admissions Office, admissions@iliff.edu for personal assistance.
"I use my education from the pastoral care classes at Iliff everyday I work as a legislator," said Terrance Carroll (MDIV ’99), speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives. Seriously, it’s not that different from the work of full-time clergy. Listening to problems and constituents’ crises brought to the state; discussing the options available; and working to find viable solutions, is ultimately the work of government. While there is not time to do my job here, work in my law practice, and be a full-time pastor, I very much consider this my ministry."
“My original plan when I first came to Iliff was to pursue a master of arts degree, as I wanted to learn about theology and social justice issues. I think I really wanted to be a theologian – a teacher. Someone in admissions at Iliff who knew more what I needed than I did, convinced me to pursue the master of divinity. I am now ordained in the American Baptist Church and enjoy preaching whenever I can.”

After graduating from Iliff, Carroll served as a minister at several churches while pursuing a law degree at the University of Denver. He also started volunteering for political races, encouraged by friends he met at Iliff and by a desire to increase his community involvement. His education at Iliff included preaching, pastoral care and social justice and peace classes that he says have all been very appropriate and necessary for being a public servant and in his law practice. As an attorney with Greenberg Traurig’s Denver law office, Carroll’s areas of concentration include civil litigation, administrative and regulatory law, labor and employment, education, and election law.

“My mantra and something I used in my installation as speaker is the Biblical text, Micah 6: 8.” Carroll quotes, “‘What does God require of me? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with my God,’ I’ve also found that the first rule of leading anyone is to be a ‘servant leader’ – to put those you lead before yourself. Those you lead are your first priority. While it is sometimes difficult here, as speaker when there are not that many above me to answer to, I have to keep my ego in check and remind myself that being a servant leader needs to be my number one priority.”

“I consider myself a progressive Christian,” Carroll explains. “I am an evangelical in that I believe that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God. He was born, lived, walked the earth and died on the cross as the salvation for our sins. Believing that is all that God asks of us to be saved. Believing that, holding that to be truth, is what it means to be both Christian and evangelical.”

“Progressive” to me means standing against those things that stand in the way of people being the best they can be – social justice issues,” he concludes.

For those interested in following in his footsteps, Carroll suggests, “Extend grace and mercy to those around you. Try to be a servant leader, be actively engaged in community, and be intelligently honest about community issues.”

Terrance Carroll (MDIV ’99), speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, uses his Iliff education to help Colorado citizens find viable solutions to their problems.
Prospective students seeking an Iliff educational experience sometimes face a major obstacle of pulling up roots to move to Denver to obtain their master of divinity degree (MDIV). Iliff’s new Journey MDIV Program removes the roadblocks and welcomes students to a program that allows them to keep their current residence – wherever that might be.

“Beginning this August, the ‘Journey MDIV’ will offer flexible options for MDIV students,” said Debbie Creamer, associate dean for academic affairs, director of library and information services, and assistant professor of theological bibliography. “Not only will students be able to earn an Iliff education without moving to Denver, but they will also be able to complete their degree at their own pace through a variety of online, hybrid, and on-campus options.”

An additional benefit of the new program is an added dimension of fellowship through the Journey Program’s “Gathering Days.” These days, designated in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, will bring Journey students to campus to enjoy collaboration, friendship, formation, and service learning opportunities, with the entire Iliff community.

“The Gathering Days are designed to not only help students create life-long bonds with fellow students, but are also an important part of fulfilling the residency requirements set forth by Iliff’s accrediting bodies,” added Creamer. “In addition to giving Journey students an opportunity to meet face-to-face with their instructors and classmates, the Gathering Days will also be a time for all of us – faculty, staff, residential students, Journey students, trustees, and friends – to come together for meals, worship, community service, outdoor recreation, and fellowship.”

In addition to Gathering Days, Journey MDIV students will participate in “Journey Days,” a time for on-campus coursework, with designated days during August before their first year and again at the mid-point of their program. During these days, students will focus on a variety of areas including: theological writing, vocational transitions, self-care for ministry, and identity/power/difference. Weekends will include off-campus retreat time, as a foundation for year-long colloquium reflection groups. Time for worship and community building are also included.

For more information about this new program or to request a brochure, contact Iliff’s Admissions Department, admissions@iliff.edu or 303-765-3117.

**NEW: Journey MDIV Offers Flexible Residency Options**

**JOURNEY MDIV DATES FOR 2010-2011:**

- **August 2-12** - Journey Days
- **October 13-16** - Fall Gathering Days
- **February 9-12** - Winter Gathering Days
- **April 27-30** - Spring Gathering Days

Watch [www.iliff.edu](http://www.iliff.edu) for details!
Summer classes are set and now’s the time to enroll. Courses will be offered in June and July this year with a number of courses.

Join us - or tell a friend - about these offerings:

- Christianity in Western Europe in the Middle Ages, (hybrid – on-campus and online)
- Comparative Philosophy of Religion: Religion and Violence (on-campus)
- Social Change Struggles: Change and Liberation in Latin America: A Venezuelan Case Study (on-campus)
- Theological Imagination and Construction (on-campus)
- Pastoral Care in Death, Dying, Grief, and Loss (on-campus)
- Be Still: Experiencing, Designing, and Leading Contemplative Retreats (on and off campus)
- Social Change Struggles (on-campus)
- The Gospel of Thomas (online)
- Presbyterian Confessions and Creeds (online)

Visit www.iliff.edu for details or contact Admissions for additional information: admissions@iliff.edu or 303-765-3117.

The Colorado Trust announced a $10,000 trustee designated grant to Iliff for the creation of a faith and healthcare policy program. The Trust’s focus is to broaden access to healthcare for all Coloradans. The program’s goal is to teach clergy and lay leaders how to be part of policy development in the state.

The narratives about Israel’s tabernacle are neither a building blueprint nor simply a Priestly conceit securing Priestly prominence in Israel. Using a spatial poetics to reexamine these narratives, Mark George, associate professor of Hebrew Bible, argues that the Priestly writers encode a particular understanding of Israel’s identity and self-understanding in tabernacle space. His examination of Israel’s tabernacle narratives makes space itself the focus of analysis and in so doing reveals the social values, concerns, and ideas that inform these narratives.

Through a process of negotiation and exchange with the broader social and cultural world, the Priestly writers portray Israel as having an important role in the divine economy, one that is singularly expressed by this portable structure.

In addition to his research and teaching at Iliff, George is the author of various articles and essays. He is also the organizer and chair of the Society of Biblical Literature’s Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section.

To order Israel’s Tabernacle as Social Space, contact Cokesbury Bookstore, cokesbury@iliff.edu, 1-800-678-3360 or visit sbl-site.org.
Bacon Family Foundation Awards Grant for Online Training

The Bacon Family Foundation recently selected Iliff as a grant recipient to enhance faculty online teaching expertise and provide doctoral students with valuable training in online education methods.

“This grant will help provide training for Iliff’s faculty and create opportunities for faculty members to train doctoral students in effective online education techniques,” said Deborah Creamer, associate dean for academic affairs, director of the Ira J. Taylor Library, and assistant professor of theological bibliography.

The educational grant awarded to Iliff was a gift from the E.L. & Oma Bacon Foundation and the LeRoy & Wilma Bacon Foundation.

The Bacon family has had a long association with Iliff. Herb Bacon, a well-known community leader served on Iliff’s board of trustees and was chairperson from 1988-1996. The Bacon Education Center, which houses administrative offices and the Ira J. Taylor Library, was named in the family’s honor. Today, Herb and his wife, Laura May, continue to demonstrate their strong support of the school by hosting an annual luncheon for Colorado’s Western Slope alums and supporters.

Alums Recognized for Outstanding Achievement

Alums from around the nation gathered Feb. 11 to celebrate at the annual Alumni/ae and Friends Banquet. Held this year in Great Hall, the event honored the following for their achievements:

- Honorary Alumnus/a – Vincent Harding, professor emeritus
- Outstanding Young Alumnus/a – Rev. Courtney Ball (MDIV ’04) and Jeremy Shaver (MDIV ’05)
- Outstanding Contribution to Parish Ministry – Rev. Sione Tukutau (MDIV ’99)
- Outstanding Contribution to Specialized Ministry – Sue Mohrman (MDIV ’89)
If you are in Denver, you might have seen Iliff’s new advertising campaign focusing on “Study Theology” on billboards, printed publications, or posters and bookmarks at your favorite bookstore, church, or synagogue.

Through this new campaign, Iliff hopes to introduce people to the “practical” side of what we do and overcome some of the preconceptions and stereotypes that exist about theology. Focusing on three messages – “Bring People Together,” “Create Lasting Change,” and “You Won’t Need a Miracle to Feed the Hungry,” the campaign ties to a microsite - question2learn.com - where Iliff alums tell their stories through videocasts and podcasts. Featuring three Iliff alums: Jeremy Shaver (MDIV ‘05), Naomi Harris (MDIV ‘04), and Sue Mohrman (MDIV ‘89), the alums share their “Iliff experience,” while discussing the courses that have most impacted their careers.

If you or your congregation would like to be a part of this campaign by sharing information about Iliff, we have posters and bookmarks available (free) for your use. Please contact Mary Sue Alexander, malexander@iliff.edu or 303-765-3110 with your requests.
Pamela Eisenbaum, associate professor of biblical studies and Christian origins, is one of four Jewish New Testament scholars teaching in Christian theological schools. Her latest book, *Paul Was Not a Christian*, is a thought-provoking call to dig again into the scriptures in that it questions both scholarly and popular conceptions held by Christians and Jews, liberals and conservatives alike.

Eisenbaum states in her book that Paul is not the true founder of Christianity as is often claimed. Jesus Christ, as Paul understands him, does not supersede the Torah and thereby replace Judaism with Christianity. While Paul certainly proclaimed his faith in Jesus, “Christianity” as a religious category did not exist in Paul’s time, so his proclamations cannot be inherently “Christian.” Jesus, rather, represented the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham that he would be a blessing to the nations.

“Paul is concerned about salvation, but he’s looking at it through Jewish eyes,” Eisenbaum said. “Paul thinks the end of the world is imminent. As he sees it, Jews are already in a covenant with God. The question becomes, ‘How is God going to relate to everybody else? Is God going to condemn everybody who is not a Jew? Jesus becomes, from Paul’s perspective, the way that God can reconcile non-Jews to God.’” She explores the idea of Paul not as the founder of a new Christian religion, but as a devout Jew who believed Jesus was the Christ who would unite Jews and Gentiles and fulfill God’s universal plan for humanity.

In her research, Eisenbaum spent time at the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin studying the oldest surviving manuscript of Paul’s Letters (dated c. 200 C.E.). She appeared in the ABC documentary, “Jesus and Paul: The Word and the Witness.”

To order *Paul Was Not a Christian*, contact Cokesbury Bookstore, cokesbury@iliff.edu, 1-800-678-3360, ext. 120 or HarperCollins Publisher, www.harpercollins.com.
Online Journal Garners Interest

De La Torre Named Editor of the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion*

*Miguel De La Torre*, associate professor of social ethics, has been named editor of a new online journal, the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion (JRER)*.

The first article is now available at www.raceandreligion.com. During 2010, all of the journal’s articles will be free to the public.

Religion, race, and ethnicity combine in multiple ways to shape American history and global human life. This new journal, the first to address this interaction, will offer fresh insights into the varieties of religious expression.

In the journal’s opening article, De La Torre writes that the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* challenges “the prevailing assumption that the present religious scholarly landscape, rooted in Eurocentric thought, is the pinnacle of academic excellence.” By questioning the ways that Euroamerican scholars have understood religion, JRER will offer new descriptions of the religious experience that reflect the lived reality of racial and ethnic communities.

“Response to the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* has been remarkable. In the first two weeks, more than 600 people from 30 countries around the world have downloaded the initial article. JRER has already become one of the most successful online journals in religion,” said De La Torre.

De La Torre is the author and editor of more than a dozen books on theology, ethics, and marginalized communities.

He has appointed an editorial board of international reputation: Rita Nakashima Brock (Faith Voices for the Common Good), J Kameron Carter (Duke Divinity School), Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan (Shaw University Divinity School), Tat-siong Benny Liew (Pacific School of Religion), Ivan Petrella (University of Miami), Mayra Rivera Rivera (Pacific School of Religion), Andrea Smith (University of California at Riverside), and Tink Tinker (Iliff School of Theology). This editorial board represents the first collaboration of African American, Hispanic/Latina/Latino, Asian American, and Native American scholars of religion.

Read online at raceandreligion.com
Alums

Jane Barton (MTS ‘03, MASM ‘08) was recognized with the Compassionate Caring Award from the Retirement Connection at the Brookdale Senior Living event, “Cross Train Your Brain.”

Cynthia Brix (MDIV ‘06) and co-author William Keepin recently released Women Healing Women: A Model of Hope for Oppressed Women Everywhere. Brix is an interfaith minister, program director of the Satyana Institute, and co-founder of its Women’s Spiritual Mastery Project.

Patrick Bentrott (’08) his wife, Kim, and their son, are safe in the U.S. after an earthquake hit their home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. CONASPEH, the organization that they work for was completely destroyed.

William Cascini (MT’53, THD ’55) recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary this past summer with his wife, Edythe, and their family and friends in Lincoln, Nebraska. He retired from Nebraska Wesleyan University as professor of sociology in 1995 after 38 years on the faculty – and as chairman for 30 years.

Dan Clanton, Jr. (MA ’95, PHD ’02), Terry Ray Clark (PHD ’08), G. Andrew Tooze (PHD ’02), Jan Everhart (PHD ’03), and David Valeta (PHD ’04) attended the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans. Clanton’s photos were posted on Iliff’s Flickr pages.

Amanda Gott (MDIV ’01) is rector of Grace and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Hamden, CT.

Swanee Hunt (MAR ’79, THD ’86) and her sister, Helen LaKelly Hunt, were recognized for their effectiveness and innovation for helping others, as well as named among the world’s “Top 25 Philanthropists” by Barron’s. Their movement, “Women Moving Millions,” was featured as an outstanding effort “to inspire women to contribute gifts of $1 million and above to women’s foundations to effect lasting social change by improving the lives of women and girls.”

Alice Knotts, (PHD ’89) recently published To Transform the World: Vital United Methodist Campus Ministries and Lifting Up Hope, Living Out Justice: Methodist Women and the Social Gospel. She is working with the Wesley Foundation serving San Diego State University in San Diego, CA.

Kay Krebs (MDIV ’06), Iliff Alumni/ae president and pastor, Deer Park United Methodist Church, joined with three other congregations to develop and support an Interfaith Pantry that provides food and wood to needy families and individuals in western Jefferson County and northeastern Park County, CO areas.

Joretta Marshall (MDIV ‘80) presented a paper at the Society for Pastoral Theology on “Differences, Dialogues, and Discourses: From Sexuality to Queer Theory in Learning and Teaching.” The article was published in the Journal of Pastoral Theology. With another colleague in the field, she also received a grant to work on a publication for churches and pastors related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

Rodger McDaniel (MDIV , ’99), is the deputy director, Wyoming Department of Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division, Cheyenne WY.

Elmer J. O’Brien (THM ’57) published The Wilderness, the Nation, and The Electronic Era: American Christianity and Religious Communication, 1620-2000, an annotated bibliography containing over 2400 entries detailing the history of Christian communication in what is now the United States from colonial times to the present.

Craig Peterson (MDIV ’02) became senior pastor, Woodland Hills Community Church, Woodland Hills, CA in September 2009.

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Sara Power (MDIV ‘93) was featured in, “Homemade Jams Sweeten Menu at Food Bank,” in *Newscope*, a United Methodist Publishing House publication. Powers makes jams and jellies in her “Jamming for the Hungry” ministry at her church, Corvallis First UMC, Oregon. Local residents donate fruits from their trees and commercial growers give surplus berries and other fruits to her ministry.

Gary Powell (MDIV ‘80), now in Eugene, OR, received his doctor of ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in May 2009.

Benjamin Reynolds (MDIV ‘05) is serving as interim pastor, Oak Park (IL) Pilgrim Congregational Church. Reynolds preached and led Iliff’s Diversity Day and Martin Luther King celebration in January. He is currently working on a doctorate focusing on theology and sexuality at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Reynolds was also the subject of an article, “Ordained, gay, and black: Oak Park pastor recalls struggle of coming out” in *Austin Weekly News*.

Sione Tukutau (MDIV ‘99) received the Harry Denman Evangelism Award from the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of the UMC for his work in increasing membership at his congregation.

Patricia Eileen Walker (MDIV ‘93) is pastor of a non-denominational Internet church supported by its membership, Alpha Church (www.alphachurch.org).

Glenn Waltman (MDIV ‘62) is the district coordinator for the Oregon/Idaho Conference of the UMC where he sets up missions to South America. Since 1995, he has organized mission trips to build churches, renovate classrooms, and teach in Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Costa Rica.

Gary L. Whetstone (MDIV ’77, MAR ’78) was appointed as district superintendent of the Athens-Elber-ton District of the North Georgia Conference of the UMC.

Joshua Zhong (former PHD student) and his wife, Lily, are the co-founders of Chinese Children Adoption International (CCAI). CCAI is the largest China-only adoption agency in the world.

Deaths

Alice Bamford, former Iliff trustee (1982-1990), died in November in Colorado. Bamford was the daughter of the late Ira J. Taylor, whose gifts to Iliff built Taylor Hall and the Ira J. Taylor Library.

Delwin Brown, former Harvey H. Potthoff Professor of Christian Theology and dean at Iliff, as well as dean emeritus of the Pacific School of Religion, died in September in California.

Bill Dial (THM ’52) died in February.

Bob Rohdenburg (MDIV ‘77), pastor, Garden Grove United Methodist Church, CA, died in October.

Diversity Day Celebrated

Rev. Benjamin Reynolds (MDIV ’05) was the keynote speaker for Iliff’s annual Diversity Day celebration held Jan. 20.
One of the greatest gifts the Iliff community can give to Iliff is the referral of a friend, relative or colleague. An Iliff education is more accessible than ever, with courses for graduate certificates and degrees available online and in the classroom on days, evenings and weekends. Come join us! Refer a student to Iliff as we continue to grow and change the world together.

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Faculty

**Edward Antonio**, Harvey H. Potthoff Chair in Christian Theology, has been named associate dean of diversities.

**Carrie Doehring**, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling, presented “Communication Skills for Chaplains” to CPE students and chaplains at sessions organized by the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education, Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg, SC. Doehring was awarded the Virginia Sexton Mentoring Award by the American Psychological Association for her mentoring of doctoral students at Boston University and Iliff. Last summer, she taught a two week course on pastoral care at Boston College and presented a paper, “The Practice of Relational-Ethical Pastoral Care: A Post-Modern Approach to Religious Knowledge” at the Interdisciplinary Expert Seminar, Maria Theresia College, Leuven, Belgium.

**Pam Eisenbaum**, associate professor of Biblical studies and Christian origins, published *Paul Was Not a Christian* and has received enthusiastic reviews in *Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Jewish Book World* and *Tablet* among others, as well as a mention as a “Must Read” in the *New York Times* Blog “Idea of the Day.” Eisenbaum has been interviewed about her book by *The Washington Post, ReadTheSpirit, UMPortal*, and locally, KOA 850. She also spoke about the book at the University of Colorado as part of a series sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program entitled “MoVeRs: Jewish Mavericks, Visionaries, and Rebels.” See page 10.

**Mark George**, associate professor of Hebrew Bible, published *Israel’s Tabernacle as Social Space*, the second book in the *Ancient Israel and Its Literature* series (see page 7). He was a contributor to *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* on “The Ark of the Covenant.” He also spoke at St. Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO and will present “Tabernacle Spatial Logic and the Sacrifices in Leviticus 1-7” at the regional Society of Biblical Literature meeting in April.

**George “Tink” Tinker**, Clifford Baldrige Chair of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions, was keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians, Montreal, Canada, speaking on the topic: “Decolonizing Lutheran Language: Confessions, Mission, Indians and the Globalization of Hybridity.” In Geneva, Switzerland, Tinker addressed the World Council of Churches along with 8 indigenous theologians from around the globe for a conversation about Indigenous theology. The group represented different church traditions and communities including Naga, Aboriginal, Zapoteca, Sami, Philippine, Osage, etc.; and Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal. Tinker presented, “Decolonizing Christian Language: Mission, Indians and Globalization.” He also lectured at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, University of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and spoke on transcultural dialogue within cultural differentiation out of his own American Indian experience at the annual Aspen Institute.

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Richard Ward, associate professor of preaching and performance studies, will join the faculty of Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, in June as the Fred B. Craddock Chair in Preaching and Worship. Ward will also serve as director of ministerial formation for the United Church of Christ at Phillips.

Emeritus Faculty
William Dean, professor emeritus of constructive theology, will present the keynote “senior scholar” address at American Academy of Religion, Great Plains Region conference this year. His recent writings have included “Can Liberal Theology Recover?” in The American Journal of Theology and Philosophy, and “Niebuhr and Negative Theology,” in Reinhold Niebuhr Revisited: Engagements with an American Original.

Vincent Harding, professor emeritus of religion and social transformation and trustee, was awarded the Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Region Civil Rights Award for his leading voice in communicating the history and message of the African American civil rights movement. He was also recognized by The Conflict Center in partnership with the University of Denver as the recipient of the Ambassador of Peace Award. Harding led an open forum/conversation with Judy Richardson, former Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) member, as part of the SNCC’s 50th anniversary and in commemoration of Black History Month.

Donald Messer, Henry White Warren professor emeritus of practical theology and currently executive director, Center for the Church and Global AIDS, published 52 Ways to Create an AIDS-Free World. He also traveled in India and Srilanka in November on an AIDS education mission.

Trustees
Lee Palmer Everding, trustee, was awarded the The Daniel Ritchie Award honoring individuals for outstanding ethical achievement by the Colorado Ethics in Business Alliance.

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Alum Banquet

More than 100 alums and friends enjoyed an evening of fun at this year’s Alum Banquet, Feb. 11.

Alumni/ae Association President Kay Krebs (left to right) enjoys the alumni banquet with Lee Everding and Katherine Borgen, Iliff trustees, and Mary Underwood, vice president of institutional advancement.
Alum Includes Iliff in Her Will

Letter from: Rev. Dr. Bonnie L. Benda (MDIV ’78, THD ’83)

I recently decided to include Iliff in my will. I am, of course, assuming that it will be many years before they collect. Ha! I made a decision to do this because I have become increasingly aware that Iliff is one of the best things that has ever happened to me.

With two degrees I earned there some 30 years ago, I have had the most wonderful careers anybody could have hoped for! Pastoring churches, helping aspiring Catholic priests to preach at the former St. Thomas Seminary, and creating and teaching a variety of philosophy classes at Metropolitan State College of Denver, has been exciting, challenging and just plain fun! My Iliff experience provided me the opportunity to develop my ministerial and academic skills and honed my ability to “think outside the box.”

My continuing relationship with Iliff, through many different groups, activities and relationships with former professors, has transformed my personal as well as professional life in ways I could never have imagined. The many gifts I have received are reason enough to give back!

Including Iliff in your will is easy.

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- State that a percentage of your estate will go to Iliff, or
- State that an asset or specific amount will go to Iliff, or
- State that a percentage from the residual will go to Iliff

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For more information, contact Mary Underwood, Vice President of Development, munderwood@iliff.edu or 303-765-3113.

Online Courses Offer Way to Expand Your Knowledge

Not feeling up to speed? Let Iliff’s online courses help brush up your knowledge!

Consider one of these upcoming classes:

- Mission and Evangelism Contemporary Context
- Women: War & Religion
- Impact of War on Families
- Congregations
- Social Change Struggles

Contact the Admissions Department for more information: admissions@iliff.edu or 303-765-3117.
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Alberta Iliff: A Part of Iliff History Celebrates 100

Alberta Iliff Shattuck (center), long-time trustee and granddaughter of John Wesley Iliff, celebrates her birthday with great niece, Suzy Iliff Witzler (standing left) and Witzler’s husband J.L. “Cap” Witzler, and son Rod Shattuck (standing right) and his wife Gail.

Alberta Iliff Shattuck discusses her family’s history with Gail Lehrmann, director of development. Alberta’s life was the subject of a feature article in The Denver Post.

Trustees Suzy Iliff Witzler and Alberta Iliff Shattuck enjoy a moment as Alberta reflects on her life.
Hernandez Installed as Dean

Albert Hernandez (far right) was installed as dean of the faculty, Sept. 16 in the Iliff Chapel, in a service led by President David Trickett and Board Chairperson Janet Forbes.

In celebration of Hernandez’ installation, a community meal with more than 200 participants was held in Iliff’s Great Hall.

Dwight Hopkins Serves as Jameson Jones Visiting Preacher

Supporters of this year’s Jameson Jones events included (left to right) President David Trickett, Trustee Naomi Harris, guest preacher Dwight Hopkins, Dean of the Chapel Rev. Dr. Catherine Kelsey, Associate Dean of Diversities and Associate Professor Edward Antonio, and Dean Albert Hernandez.

Edward Antonio, associate dean of diversities and associate professor of theology and social theory, welcomed Dwight Hopkins, author, scholar, and professor of theology, University of Chicago, to Iliff.

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