

Selected Faculty Activities

Dr. Joelle Hathaway, assistant professor of theology, enjoyed teaching new courses such as *Spirituality and Ecology: The Sabbath Poetry of Wendell Berry* and *Christian Themes in the Gallery, Contemporary Images in the Church*. She recently published “Mountains: Visual Arts” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible* and its Reception, vol. 19.

Dr. Scott Holland, Slabaugh professor of theology and culture, drafted a Theopoetics textbook for our MATW program during his sabbatical. He also completed a chapter for a forthcoming book on Anabaptist political and public theology, among other writing projects. He serves on the Faith Community Advisory Board of the National World War II Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, which has recently become interested in conscientious objectors as well as exploring the role of faith in support of, and resistance to, the war. In his role on the steering committee of the Global Anabaptist Peace Network (GAPN), Scott participated in several online peace studies educational and planning meetings, including work on a possible summer 2022 event in Indonesia. This continues Bethany’s international conference work during the World Council of Churches’ Decade to Overcome Violence (2000-2011) and more recent global Just Peace consultations.

Dr. Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Brightbill professor of preaching and worship, published an article entitled, “Preaching the Gospel of Mark: The Power of Love Among Us” in *Journal for Preachers*. She contributed a chapter, “The Turn to the Listener: Developing an Ear for Listening and Preaching,” to the book *What’s Right with Preaching Today? Honoring the Legacy of Fred Craddock*. Ottoni-Wilhelm was the keynote speaker at an online conference for Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling. She also led an equipping session at the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference entitled, “Preaching in Fearful Times: Building

Pastoral and Prophetic Bridges.” She also taught a new course in August for Bethany’s new Spiritual and Social Transformation professional MA program: “Spiritual Formation as Contemplation and Action,” co-taught with Prof. Jim Higginbotham of the Earlham School of Religion.

Dr. Dan Poole, assistant professor of ministry formation, led a workshop on Technology in Ministry for the *New and Renew* conference, sponsored by the Discipleship Ministries office of the Church of the Brethren in May. He led the same workshop as an Insight Session at the 2021 Annual Conference.

Dr. Ken Rogers, professor of historical studies, presented a paper entitled, “Brethren Origins Revisited,” to the online conference of the American Academy of Religion Midwest.

Academic Dean **Dr. Steve Schweitzer** published “Synthetic and Literary Readings of Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah” in *Oxford Handbook on the Historical Books of the Hebrew Bible*, ed. B. Kelle and B. Strawn. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2020. He also offered multiple continuing education events on Science Fiction and Theology for congregations and districts. In addition, he presented “Theology at Series End: Helping Congregations Talk about Science Fiction and Theology” as an Annual Conference Insight Session (online), on July 1, 2021. He also presented a paper in the inaugural session for a new Utopian Studies Consultation for the Society of Biblical Literature, entitled “Sailing Toward Utopia: At the Intersection of Utopian Studies and Biblical Studies,” (online), November 21, 2021.

Dr. Dan Ulrich, Wieand professor of New Testament Studies, made a presentation to the Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board on the topic, “New Testament Models of Giving.”



Academic Commencement Ceremony



MAY 7, 2022

Academic Ceremony

Gathering Music

Processional

Call to Worship.....Audriana Svay

Leader: We enter this space with glad and joy-filled hearts.

People: Seeking to celebrate lives called to service, minds grounded in deep thoughts, and hearts embraced by the life that is truly life.

Leader: As God created all that holds meaning which occupies our hearts, minds, and living, so God created quietness and rest.

People: We rest in this moment. Gifted with quietness, which is our strength.

--A Quiet Pause--

Leader: A quietness that creates an openness to see all that God is doing around us, in us, and through us.

People: We do not take this moment for granted

Leader: A moment to see, with eyes wide open, to see all the goodness we celebrate.

People: Together, we give thanks for today's graduates, their families, our teachers, and this institution.

Leader: May today we a celebration along the journey; a moment of rest, a gift of grace, a place of promise.

People: For this we give thanks! AMEN!

Invocation..... Dr. Steve Schweitzer

President's Welcome Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter

Hymn
"Move in our midst"solo vs. 1-3

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 30:15-21.....Zachary Mays

Commencement Address
"The Listening Ear"Rev. Kelly Burk

Hymn
"Open my eyes, that I might see"solo

Recognizing the Class of 2022

Presentation of Candidates Dr. Steve Schweitzer

Presentation of Diplomas..... Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter
Rev. Dr. Dan Ulrich

Conferral of Degrees..... Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn
"Move in our midst" solo vs. 1&4

BenedictionRev. Dr. Jeff Carter

Recessional

A professional photographer will be taking photos during portions of the ceremony. We ask that you refrain from taking flash photos during this event.

About Our Speaker:

Kelly Burk is a graduate of Bethany Theological Seminary who lives in Richmond, Indiana with her husband Chris and daughter Ava. Ordained in the Church of the Brethren and recorded by the Religious Society of Friends, Kelly has served in multiple ministry positions including resident chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital, pastor of the Richmond Church of the Brethren, spiritual director, and her current position of chaplain and director of Quaker life at Earlham College. This summer, Kelly expects to graduate from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis with a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling. For fun, Kelly loves to travel, exercise, and spend time with her family and friends.

Commencement Coordinator: Karen Schroeder

Organist:Carolyn Ripp

Vocalist: Claire Gerlach
(Earlham College junior, majoring in neuroscience)

Marshalls: Clarke and Hope Staton

Usher:Connor Ladd

Technical Support:Paul Shaver and Kevin Poole

May 2022 Honored Graduates

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Amos Dan Doka..... Wazo, Nigeria

Sharon Ruth Flaten Bridgewater, Virginia

Eric M. Kauffman..... Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania

Jennifer Kay Jensen..... McPherson, Kansas

Scott Patrick Linton Frederick, Maryland

Matthew Paul Rittle Arlington, Virginia

Julia Anne Wheeler Pomona, California

MASTER OF ARTS

Angela Lynn Adams..... Malden, Illinois
Portfolio: "Grievability, Disenfranchised Grief, and the Ministry of Presence"

Kayla Rae Collins Richmond, Indiana
Thesis: "The Inward Turn: Neoliberalism's Influence on Defining the Self, Sin, and Psychological Distress"

Lark Lundberg Rockford, Illinois
Portfolio: "Theology, Theopoetics, Theography"

Zachary Thomas Mays Saint Petersburg, Florida
Portfolio: "inward & upward: forays into classical metaphysics & mystical imagination"

Nolan Ryan McBride Elkhart, Indiana
Portfolio: "The Things that Make for Peace: Brethren and Episcopalian Approaches to Peace Witness"

MASTER OF ARTS: THEOPOETICS AND WRITING

Alexander Randy McBride..... Elkhart, Indiana
Portfolio: "Spiritual and Cultural Alienation in 21st Century America"

Audriana Nicole Svay..... North Manchester, Indiana
Portfolio: "Infinite Meaning in the Inherent Metaphor"

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Susuyu Ayuba Lassa Jos, Nigeria

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATE IN THEOPOETICS AND THEOLOGICAL IMAGINATION

Kayla Rae Collins Richmond, Indiana

Tina Marie Fisher Gainesville, Virginia

Lark Lundberg Rockford, Illinois

Zachary Thomas Mays Saint Petersburg, Florida

Matthew Paul Rittle Arlington, Virginia

Ingrid Rogers Menlo Park, California

CERTIFICATE IN JUST PEACE AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Alexander Randy McBride Elkhart, Indiana

Jamie Elaine McBride..... Elkhart, Indiana

CERTIFICATE IN INTERCULTURAL BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Scott Patrick Linton Frederick, Maryland

CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL PEACEMAKING

Sunday Aimu..... Jos, Nigeria

Musa Anto Dauda Jos, Nigeria

Titus Zira Fate Jos, Nigeria

Rosa John..... Jos, Nigeria

Katherine Usen..... Jos, Nigeria

Eugenia Lazarus Zoakah..... Jos, Nigeria

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY AND SCIENCE

Jamie Elaine McBride..... Elkhart, Indiana

Jonathan David Zinnel Middleton, Wisconsin