

THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

Fall 2008

On the Side

» **“Christianity is so much more than a mere moral code, a recipe for virtue, a system of comfortable idealistic thought. It is a religion of acts and facts. Its God is not an abstraction, but a Person—with a right arm and a voice. Its God moved among us.**

— HARRY BLAMINES

» **“How wonderful are thy works!”**

—THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

QUOTABLE

“What distinguishes a Christian intellectual is finally not the brilliance of his mind, but the tenderness and compassion of his heart.”

— CHARLES MARSH



Charles Marsh talks about belief in action at Lovett School

Faith Matters at Atlanta's Lovett School

Lovett was delighted to welcome Karen and Charles Marsh to our campus in early October as theologians-in-residence. While at Lovett, the Marshes led several of our religion classes and met with many students, faculty, and parents. Charles spoke passionately in Upper School chapel about a great Civil Rights “foot soldier”—Fannie Lou Hamer—and he also addressed a group of Lovett, UVA, and Theological Horizons friends on the role of the Christian intellectual. In both of these talks, he challenged us to think ever more deeply about matters of faith, civic engagement, story, and human rights.

All of us at Lovett felt so blessed to have this time with Karen and Charles and we thank them for sharing their gifts and their callings with us!

—Billy Peebles, Headmaster, Lovett School

Listen to Charles's talk online at www.theologicalhorizons.org or request a cd copy by emailing info@theologicalhorizons.org or calling 434.244.2839.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information:

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- »» Salon Advent Reading
at the Bonhoeffer House
December 5, 2008, noon
- »» 2009 Vanderbilt Conference
on Theology and Practice
Keynote speaker: Charles Marsh
Vanderbilt Divinity School
February 26-28, 2009
- »» Vintage Bible study
 - »» End of Fall semester lunch
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
 - »» Start of Spring semester lunch
Friday, January 16, 2009

»» P R O F I L E S

From Vintage to the board: Mary Elizabeth Stone



My name is Mary Elizabeth (Warren) Stone, and I graduated from UVa with a degree in Religious Studies and Foreign Affairs in 2005. Whether working on my undergraduate thesis with Charles, coloring at the kitchen table with Nan, or enjoying stimulating conversation during the Friday Vintage group, it was a gift to have Charles and Karen as friends and their home as a nurturing place to be a Christian amidst secular academia. These are just a few of the reasons that I am thrilled to be on the Board of Directors. I hope that this role will give me the opportunity to further this wonderful ministry and make more people aware of the pertinent needs Theological Horizons distinctively meets.

In addition to joining the board this summer, I completed my Masters in Clinical Counseling at Regent University, and my husband, Meade, and I learned that we are expecting identical twin boys in January! It has certainly been a unique time of prayer and reflection for me as I have been on bed rest since my 16th week. What a joy to recall with gratitude warm memories at the Bonhoeffer House as well as to pray for God's continuing, rich work there!

Announcing the 2008 Goodwin Writing Prize winners...

First place: Matthew Whelan

Good Use of an Immeasurable Gift: Theology and the Practice of Agriculture

Growing up in Lusaka, Zambia under the threat of famine, Matthew became intensely interested in food and hunger. He majored in English and Religious Studies at UVa, worked for the Peace Corps Honduras Agricultural Project, earned an M.Sc. in agriculture and a Masters in Theological Studies from Duke University.



Second place: Kathryn L. Reinhard

Communism and Schism: The Church and the Divine Economy

"Winning the Goodwin Prize... has encouraged me to pursue the connections which I have begun to make [in this paper], and to deepen them in the hopes of making a further theological contribution to this field."



Honorable Mention: Jason C. Helveston

Communicating You: The Theological Realities and Implications of Internet Communities

"Whether through word or deed, the encouragement I have received from this experience is sure to carry over into other opportunities to engage culture and make Christ's unmatched name known to the world."



Faith at the University: the 5th Annual Capps Lecture

Flooded with light and space, the Dome of the Rotunda is the crown jewel of the University of Virginia and was designed by Thomas Jefferson as a temple of secular knowledge. Strongly influenced by the Enlightenment, Jefferson believed that theology had no place in the thoughtful and engaged discourse of students and academics. How far we've come.

October 2008 marked the fifth annual Capps Lecture held in the Dome Room—no longer a merely secular temple, but rather an open and inviting space for thinkers of all persuasions. The Capps Lecture series—generously endowed by Catherine and Jerry Capps and co-sponsored by Theological Horizons and the Project on Lived Theology—brings internationally renowned Christian theologians to the University of Virginia, a school that now supports one of the most vibrant Religion Departments in the nation.

Theological Horizons' mission is to renew thinking and discipleship in the church, the academy, and the community. The Capps Lectures embody this mission, bringing intellectual discourse and theological thought to a hungry community. Every year, our speakers look out upon a diverse range of faces in a filled room. The Capps Lectures are free and open to the public, and culminate in a question and answer session, allowing the



The Dome Room of the Rotunda during the 2008 Capps Lecture

public to enter into this dialogue.

Over the years, we have been humbled to host such eminent thinkers as Jürgen Moltmann, Miroslav Volf, Wolfgang Huber, and John de Gruchy. In 2008, we were honored to host pastor, author, and speaker Donald W. Shriver, Jr. Dr. Shriver is president emeritus of Union Theological Seminary and a tireless advocate of social justice, bringing our mission of engaged faith into focus.

Read the lecture at:
www.theologicalhorizons.org

REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS...

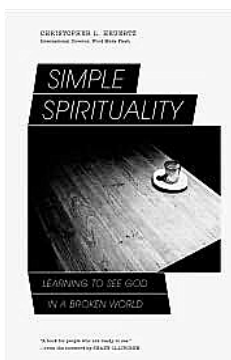
are optimists among the virtues, for they oppose tragedy with hopes for healing.

--Donald Shriver, 2008 Capps Lecturer

On the Bookshelf

Christopher Heurtz is the intentional director of Word Made Flesh, an organization that exists to serve Jesus among the most vulnerable of the world's poor. In *Simple Spirituality: Learning To See God In A Broken World*, Heurtz brings us from the tumultuous streets of a protesting Lima to the slums of Calcutta, meeting AIDS orphans, sex workers, and Mother Teresa along the way. Heurtz invites us to enter into this global community and challenges our assumptions about Christ and Christians.

Heurtz examines his own flaws and shortcomings, and comes up with five touchstones: humility, community, simplicity, submission, brokenness. Through these simple values, he endeavors to overcome pride and individualism in order to better serve God. A beautiful testament to Christ's love, this book will shock you into reexamining your own life.



Giving to HORIZONS

What will you conserve?

Even in a time of financial crisis, we are all still, as people of God, charged and called to consider seriously what we will be doing with God's money this year. Many of us are facing hardships and are responding to the natural impulse to be conservative in a year when virtually everyone is cutting back. But we invite you to remember that being conservative means *conserving what's important*.* As we all *conserve and protect* family, church and community, we hope that this year you will consider Theological Horizons to be a part of your life that you intend to conserve and protect. **thanks go to Randy Boone for this insight*

Now more than ever, Theological Horizons brings God's truth to the core questions of students, scholars, and seekers. Please conserve this precious resource with your contributions, however large or small

A parent's note of thanks: "We're delighted that Julie Johnson, our first year student, can experience the warmth and acceptance of the Bonhoeffer House. Julie can't go to L'Abri, but through Karen, Julie and her friends can experience something at the Bonhoeffer House even more powerful in molding and guiding their lives."--Gray Johnson

Gifts to Horizons

*A gift has been given in honor of Myra and Bob Marsh by Mrs. J.R. Mazingo
A gift has been given in loving memory of W. Lee Burge
by his fellow Theological Horizons board members
Karen and Charles Marsh, Bob Marsh, and Catherine Capps*

In Memoriam

We give thanks for the life of W. Lee Burge, a founding board member of Theological Horizons, who passed away on September 3, 2008. Lee was a generous mentor and friend, an unending source of wisdom and encouragement. We ask the Horizons community to pray for the Burge family, that they might find strength and grace in the midst of their loss.

From the Bonhoeffer House kitchen:

Baked Brie with Cranberry Marmalade

Ingredients:

12 oz. cranberries	1/4t ground allspice
3/4c light brown sugar, firmly packed	1/4t ground cloves
1/3c dried currants	1/4 ground ginger
1/3c water	1 wheel of Brie cheese
1/4t dry mustard	crackers and fruit slices for serving

Combine all ingredients except Brie in a heavy saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until most berries burst, 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature, cover, and refrigerate. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Cut the rind off the top, leaving a 1/2 inch border around the edge. Place brie on a foil lined cookie sheet and spread with cranberry marmalade. Bake for 12 minutes, or until soft. Serve with crackers and fruit slices.



University of Virginia students at Theological Horizon's Fall semester Welcome Lunch for the Vintage Bible study

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OUR MISSION

To renew Christian thinking & discipleship

OUR VISION

UNIVERSITY

To impact the forums of intellectual life with the good news that all truth belongs to God.

CHURCH

To bring the rich resources of the Christian faith to bear in the church's mission & witness in the world.

COMMUNITY

To demonstrate the power of Christian faith to heal & transform society.

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