

# THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

Spring 2009

## On the Side

» **“We must take our share of responsibility for the molding of history in every situation and at every moment.”**

—DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

» **“All of us aspire to do something which others will remember... In a time of economic tumult, we can give students no greater gift than to discover what their memorable contribution might be.”**

—NATHAN O. HATCH

## QUOTABLE

**“Throughout the nation, an emerging generation of scholars understands the whole of theological life—research, teaching and service—as a form of public discipleship.”**

—CHARLES MARSH



At the Bonhoeffer House we explore vintage faith in modern life

## We have two words for you:



Thank you. Your sacrificial gifts affirm that the ministry of Theological Horizons will continue. Thank you for keeping the doors of the Bonhoeffer House open. Thank you for supporting Theological Horizons when it's not easy to give.

In the current economic turmoil, people who once felt invincible now feel vulnerable, prompting thorny questions from both believers and seekers. More than ever, we feel God's urgent call to renew Christian thinking and discipleship, as other ways of understanding the world break apart.

Students facing the future “are being forced to reassess what's at their core. What are their values? Have they found the deeper meaning in what they're doing? Students want to connect to something larger. They want to do good, and do well, as they lead an examined and purposeful life.” \*

In 2008 more donors contributed than in any year before. Still, our income is down significantly. We have cut our budget by 26%, focused on the heart of our mission. Encouraged by giving partners like you, we remain committed to Theological Horizons' core programs. Your continued financial support of Theological Horizons will enable us to communicate God's truth in the academy, church and community. So we say it again: THANK YOU!

\*Nathan O. Hatch, President of Wake Forest University, “Looking Beyond a Paycheck”, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 12/29/08

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*For more information:*

[www.theologicalhorizons.org/events.htm](http://www.theologicalhorizons.org/events.htm)

» Spring Institute for Lived Theology  
April 22–24, 2009

Public Lectures given by John M. Perkins:

» “A Quiet Revolution”  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 7:30pm  
The University of Virginia

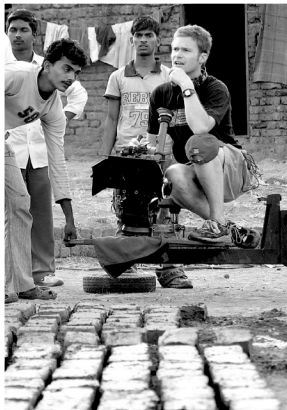
» “Let Justice Roll Down”  
Thursday, April 23, 2009, 9-11am  
St. Paul’s Memorial Church  
Charlottesville, Virginia

» UVa Graduation Brunch  
May 16, 2009 at the Bonhoeffer House

# » PROFILES

## Fighting Modern Slavery through Movies: Gregg Helvey

Gregg Helvey recently married Margaux Stuart, one of Theological Horizons’ board members. While both Gregg and Margaux went to UVa for undergrad, it wasn’t until they were both graduate students at the University of Southern California (USC) that they met (thanks in part to an introduction from Charles “The Matchmaker” Marsh).



Gregg Helvey is a graduate film student at USC’s School of Cinematic Arts. He recently completed his short thesis film, “Kavi,” which he wrote, directed and produced in India. It is a fictional film about a young boy named Kavi who attempts to escape from the brick kiln where he is forced to work as a modern-day slave. Gregg chose not to make a documentary, but rather to tell a compelling story based on true events in order to draw audiences into the emotional realities of bonded labor—the most prevalent but least known type of modern slavery. In addition to screening “Kavi” at film festivals, Gregg plans to partner with anti-slavery organizations that can use this short film to raise awareness. Ask him, and Gregg would say that making this film overseas, in Hindi, with a child actor who didn’t speak English was about the hardest thing he has ever done. It has also been one of his most rewarding experiences and an exciting beginning to his career in filmmaking.

*To find out more go to [www.KaviTheMovie.com](http://www.KaviTheMovie.com)*

## A Civil Rights Legend comes to Charlottesville: John M. Perkins

A sharecropper’s son who grew up in Mississippi amidst dire poverty, John M. Perkins dropped out of school in the third grade. Today he holds eight honorary doctorates and his books are studied in universities.

In 1960, Perkins returned to his hometown to share the gospel. His discipleship led him to participate in the Civil Rights movement, though he was arrested on a trumped-up charge and brutally beaten.

Since his years in the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi, John Perkins has pioneered ministries that reunite evangelical fervor with racial and economic justice. “Social action fleshes out the Lordship of Christ,” Perkins has said. In November 2007, John Perkins and Charles Marsh spoke together at Duke Divinity School’s Center for Reconciliation. Marsh cites Perkins as a mentor, and the two are writing a book based on their talks together called *Building Beloved Communities*, out this fall from InterVarsity Press.



## SILT 2009: Celebrating A Life of Faith and Action



Students bring with them an intense hunger for the opportunity to reconnect theology and life,” says Charles Marsh. Since 2000, Theological Horizons has partnered with The Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia to develop promising young scholars and collaborate on The Project’s annual Spring Institute for Lived Theology (SILT).

In April, forty professors, pastors, community organizers and students will gather around the topic: *American Evangelicalism and the Practices of Peace: The Lived Theology of John M. Perkins*. After days of presentations at the UVa Colonnade Club, SILT participants adjourn to the Bonhoeffer House for warm, more intimate conversations over dinner. The broader community is invited to Dr. Perkins’ public lectures.

Students taking part in the high level conference can see, through exchanges with diverse professionals, how theological enterprise connects with lived experience. For young people, SILT stimulates thought and presents opportunities for new paths and purposes.

Charles Marsh, who directs both The Project on Lived Theology and Theological Horizons, notes, “We see an emerging generation that understands the whole of theological life—research, teaching and service—as a form of public discipleship.” Theological Horizons is privileged to be at this intersection of church, academy and community.

Learn about The Project on Lived Theology at [www.livedtheology.org](http://www.livedtheology.org)

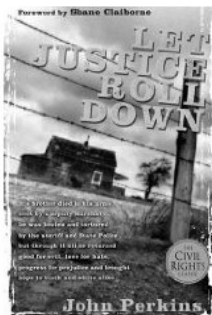


2008 Spring Institute for Lived Theology participants discuss the day’s events over dinner.

## 2009 GOODWIN WRITING PRIZE

Theological Horizons is now accepting submissions for The Louise and Richard Goodwin Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing. Qualified entries will be original, unpublished essays written by masters or pre-dissertation doctoral students and postmarked by June 1, 2009. Spread the word!

For more, visit: <http://www.theologicalhorizons.org/writing.htm>.



## On the Bookshelf

In 1930’s Mississippi, the Perkins family was known for two things: bootlegging and gambling. Certainly not church-going. Church was alright for courting and socializing, but no self-respecting Perkins actually believed in that stuff. “I had always looked at black Christians as sort of inferior people whose religion had made them gullible and submissive,” Perkins says. As for the white church, well, John Perkins never felt he met a white Christian. After all, these were the same people who murdered his older brother, a decorated WWII veteran, on Main Street in broad daylight.

So how did a man with this background end up dedicating his life to Jesus Christ, becoming an advocate for racial reconciliation and serving the poor? In *Let Justice Roll Down*, Perkins tells his story in his own words. A passionate account of forgiveness and renewal, *Let Justice Roll Down* holds a prominent place on the Bonhoeffer House bookshelf.

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*and Sally and Russell Roberts*



Valentine's Day at Vintage,  
our Friday Bible study

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- » To make an online gift, visit [www.alumni.virginia.edu/uvafund](http://www.alumni.virginia.edu/uvafund). Type "Theological Horizons" in the boxed marked "other" on the gift allocation section.
- » You can also make a gift by mailing a check to the UVa Fund at: P.O. Box 3446, Charlottesville, VA 22903. To ensure proper allocation of your gift, please include "Theological Horizons" in the memo line of your check.

## From the Bonhoeffer House kitchen: Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins

### Ingredients:

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| 1 1/2 c all-purpose flour | 1 large egg                             |
| 2/3 c sugar               | 1/2 c melted butter, unsalted           |
| 1 1/2 t baking powder     | 1/4 c milk                              |
| 1/2 t baking soda         | 3/4 c semi-sweet chocolate chips        |
| 1/4 t salt                | 1 c mashed ripe bananas (about 2 large) |
| 1 t vanilla extract       |   |

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line twelve 1/3c muffin cups with foil liners. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Mix mashed bananas, egg, melted butter and milk in a medium bowl. Stir banana mixture into dry ingredients just until blended (do not overmix). Stir in chocolate chips. Pour batter into muffin cups and bake until muffin tops are pale golden and tester inserted into center comes out with some melted chocolate attached but no crumbs, about 32 minutes. Transfer muffins to rack; cool.

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*Christians Engaged In Ideas and Action*

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To renew Christian thinking & discipleship

## OUR VISION

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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.

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

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