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THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

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On the Side

» "Prayer does not blind us to the world, but it transforms our vision of the world, and makes us see it, all people, and all the history of humankind, in the light of God."

— THOMAS MERTON

» "I cannot embrace the world but God can. I cannot pray, but God can pray in me. When God became as we are, that is, when God allowed all of us to enter into His intimate life, it became possible for us to share in His infinite compassion."

— HENRI NOUWEN



Dr. Emmanuel Katongole and Theological Horizons directors Dr. Charles Marsh and Ms. Karen Marsh

THEOLOGY MEETS THE REAL WORLD: The 2011 Capps Lecture

Is there hope for contemporary Africa, amidst its unrelenting drama of power, greed, and violence? Duke University professor Emmanuel Katongole tackled this thorny question in his 2011 Capps Lecture, "Daring to Invent the Future of Africa: On Modernity, Politics and the Madness of Christian Faith." To a lively audience gathered in the Dome Room of the Rotunda at the University of Virginia, Dr. Katongole called us to view Christian theology's account of creation, history and eschatology as a promising framework within which to re-imagine Africa beyond its current social-political nightmare. His stories of African Christians lighting "small flames" of community showed us people who proclaim the good news of God, who sow and nurture the seeds of the new creation, and point to a new future for God's people in Africa.



The Capps Lectures in Christian Theology bring internationally renowned theologians to UVA for free, public lectures at the heart of the academy. The lectures are attended by faculty, students, pastors and members of the community, fulfilling the mission of Theological Horizons: "to support Christians in academia by advancing theological scholarship."

Listen to Dr. Katongole's lecture: <http://www.livedthetology.org/audio/CappsLecture.mp3>
Request a free audio CD or printed text at info@theologicalhorizons.org or 434.244.2839

Quotable

"The more I think it over,
the more I feel that there is
nothing more truly artistic
than to love people."

— VINCENT VAN GOGH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

At the Bonhoeffer House
1841 University Circle, Charlottesville

»» Wednesdays, July 13 & 27, 9am
Morning Prayer & Scripture

»» Saturday, July 23, 7:30pm
Summer House Concert with Alex Mejias

»» Thursday, July 28, 7:30pm
Horizons Summer Book Club "Friendship on the Margins"

»» Wednesday, August 10, 9am
Morning Prayer & Scripture

»» Friday, August 26, 12noon
Wahoo Welcome Lunch

»» Friday, September 2, 1pm
First weekly Vintage+Lunch

»» Wednesday, September 7, 9am
First weekly Breakfast Bible Study

For more information:
www.theologicalhorizons.org/events.htm

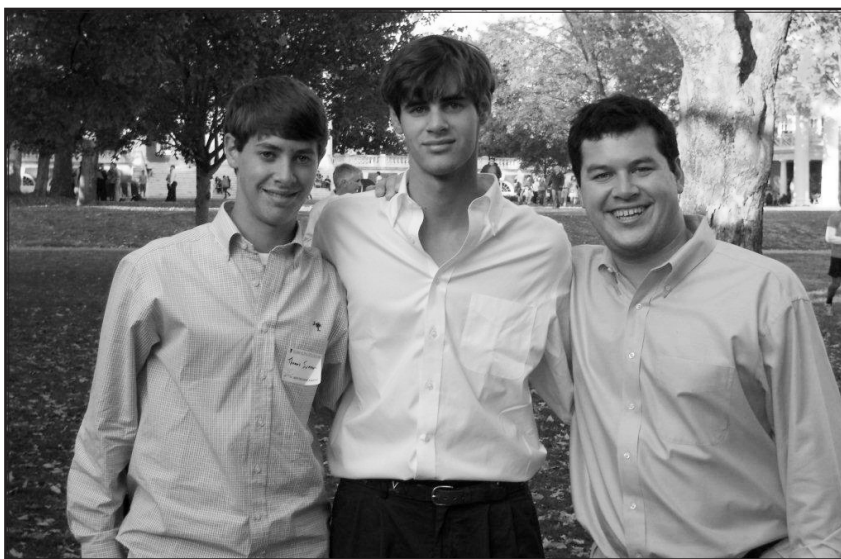
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Stacey Kent

"Since graduating from UVA last spring, the Bonhoeffer House continues to stand out in my mind as a unique gathering place. Through spending time at the Bonhoeffer House, I have learned that hospitality and inviting individuals from different walks of life into one's home for fellowship and theological discussion is in itself a unique ministry. I have learned that it is a ministry focused on relationships and the growth of the individual, encouraging interactions with the greater world and most importantly, with God. I am thankful for this perspective gained and for lessons learned at the Bonhoeffer House."

For the last 9 months Stacey has worked at Church Hill Activities and Tutoring in Richmond, Virginia (www.chatrichmond.org). After a summer of day camp and evening tutoring Stacey will begin her Masters of Arts and Teaching degree in Special Education and will continue to live in the Church Hill neighborhood.



Thomas, Stuart (UVA '14) and Brady (UVA '11) Sumner

Leah Sumner

"Catherine of Siena, who lived in the 1300's, introduced the idea that Christians are travelers across the bridge from earth to heaven—and along the way the Church serves as a stopping place where one can find rest and refreshment. This picture of a Christian hostelry or resting place also describes The Bonhoeffer House, home to Theological Horizons and the Marsh family.

During the last four years, our son, Brady, has found rest and refreshment on a weekly basis by attending the Vintage Bible Study and Lunch. Through this family and ministry, he has remained connected to his inner being, his Christian values and the presence of God in his life. As our son, Stuart, prepares to enter his 2nd year, we are even more aware of what a gift Theological Horizons is to us all and how important it can be to students far from home and family."

Leah Sumner, is an attorney and a proud UVA parent from Newnan, GA.



FRIENDSHIP AT THE MARGINS: A Faith and Life Forum

“We need the poor more than the poor need us.”

Chris Heuertz startled the overflow crowd gathered to hear about his travels through 70 countries, ministering to the poorest of the poor as international executive director of Word Made Flesh Ministries. Weaving real-life stories with scriptural and theological reflection, Heuertz challenged us to take on the “vocation of friendship,” not simply as approach to missions but as a way of being in the world. We are to be the people of God before we do the work of God. Word Made Flesh missionaries model what is it to be Jesus among the most vulnerable of the world's poor, from prostituted women and girls in India to former child soldiers in Sierra Leone. They don't do ministry **for** or **to** but

with and among the poor. Chris Heuertz explains, “As God was made flesh in Jesus to dwell among us, we are to be Jesus with skin on. Friendship is the motivation for service. Friendship illuminates love and respect.” Friendship makes space for us to share our humanity, whereas labels we often use only “qualify how we are different.”

For members of the university community gathered at the Bonhoeffer House, Chris drew us alongside the dying, the disabled and the beggars to help us learn what he has learned—that sitting so close to the heart of God, the poor have the proximity and perspective to teach us profound lessons of faith and friendship for our own lives, regardless of where we live, work and witness.

To hear Chris Heuertz's talk, go to <http://www.theologicalhorizons.org/events.htm>

Join us for a discussion of the book, *Friendship at the Margins: Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission* by Chris Heuertz and Christine D. Pohl. 7:30 pm at the Bonhoeffer House on Thursday, July 28.

**HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!**

Do you know someone going to college this fall?

We serve up practical advice and spiritual support, reaching out to students with emails and book recommendations. Students coming to UVa will be invited to our Wahoo Welcome Lunch, Breakfast Bible Studies, weekly Vintage lunches and lots more.

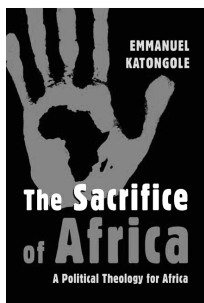
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AND CONTACT INFO!**

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“As a newly minted graduate of the University moving into the consulting industry, the common question asked amongst my Christian peers is: What does evangelism look like in the workplace? After my experience at the Bonhoeffer House, I think the best ‘how to’ for evangelism is simply to make friends. Chris Heuertz spoke of a model of intentional friendship where, as Christians, our friendship is given to others regardless of their response to the Christian message.”

—Arthur Gordon, UVa, '11

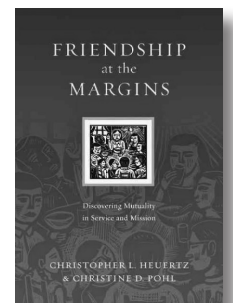


On the Bookshelf

Dig into the latest books by Theological Horizons speakers

Friendship at the Margins: Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission,
by Chris Heuertz and Christine Pohl, Intersivty Press, 2010

The Sacrifice of Africa: A Political Theology for Africa, by Emmanuel Katongole, Eerdmans, 2010.



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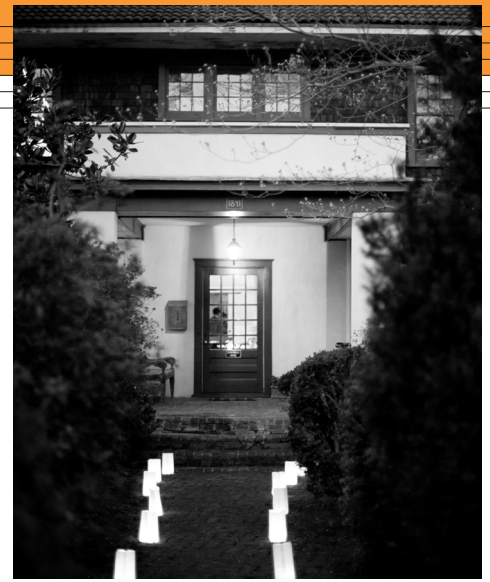
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CHRISTIANS IN ACADEMIA**

by advancing theological scholarship

by providing a welcoming home for
engaging faith, thought, and life

BONHOEFFER HOUSE

Theological Horizons is centered just steps from the University of Virginia at the Bonhoeffer House, the home of Professor Charles Marsh, Karen Wright Marsh and their family. The Bonhoeffer House is a gathering place for students, professors, community members, and church leaders who come together for rich conversations about integrating the practices of theology into everyday life.

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Theological Horizons warmly thanks Bruce Noel and Mary Elizabeth Stone for their service on our board of directors. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and hard work to advance the vision and mission of Theological Horizons and for their commitment to the Kingdom of God. We are delighted to welcome new directors Susannah Ware and Jonathan Wood to the board.

On Graduation Day

**An excerpt from a prayer offered by
Karen Marsh in the UVa Chapel** May 22, 2011



O God of beginnings,
Your Spirit moved over the face of the deep on the first day of creation.
As these graduates prepare to go out from the University,
move with all of us now in our time of new beginnings,
when the air is rain-washed, the bloom is on the bush,
and the world seems fresh and full of possibilities.
We feel ready.
We tremble on the edge of a maybe,
a first time, a new thing, a tentative start.
In silence, Lord, we share now our eagerness and our uneasiness
about this something different we would be or do;
and we listen for your leading. Help us separate the light from the darkness
in the change we seek to shape and which will also shape us.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, for your work among us.
Yours is the vigor in creation, yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.
Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do.
In Jesus' name, Amen.