

THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS



Celebrate!

TWELVE YEARS AT THE BONHOEFFER HOUSE

We love to fill the Bonhoeffer House with friends—and welcomed more than 100 students, faculty and community folks to celebrate twelve years and the warm community that God has created here.

This place was a dream once, named before we even saw it after the heroic German pastor who called Christians to live out their faith at the center of the world.

In 1999 we searched Charlottesville for a welcoming home for engaging faith, thought and life. A place where faculty could talk about how faith connects to intellectual work; a center of support for graduate students following God's call into academia; a shelter for students on their spiritual journeys, questions and all.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer himself said: "God is about to accomplish something that we can only receive with the greatest wonder and awe." When we walked through the door at 1841 University Circle that autumn morning, we knew we'd found it—that place for Christians and for seekers, too, at the heart of the University.

With our board members and partners, we put the "Bonhoeffer House" plaque on the door, confident that God would provide for the future of the house.

Over the past 12 years, thousands of others have walked through the door and stepped into God's grace. There's nothing uncommon about the cooking here. The theological insights echo what Christians have always believed. Yet there's the welcoming fulfillment of Jesus' promise: "Where two or three have come together in my name, I am there among them." Every time we offer up this space, we have truly opened the door for Christ.



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t UPCOMING EVENTS

» Every Friday!

Vintage Reflections blog post at
www.theologicalhorizons.org

» Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
8:15am

Morning Prayer in the UVa Chapel

» Thursday, November 8, 7pm

Thursday Evening Conversations on Lived
Theology - Perry Perkins, "Community
Organizing as Spiritual Discipline"
at the Bonhoeffer House

» Tuesday, November 6, 9:30-11am

Coffee with Karen Marsh at the home of
Penney Hill in Atlanta

» Friday, December 7, 12-2pm

Festive Vintage Lunch

» Tuesday, December 11, 2-4pm

Christmas Cookie Study Break at the
Bonhoeffer House

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Morning Prayer has been a tremendous blessing in my life at UVa. It has been a perfect outlet for me to fulfill my desire to have a close, intimate relationship with my God, while allowing me to share my spiritual gifts with others. Waking early and spending 30 minutes praying and worshiping in our beautiful UVa Chapel really sets the tone for the day and allows all of us who join in Morning Prayer to offer praise and petition. It puts me in a place to hear the Holy Spirit speak into my life and provide direction for the day.

Cameron Archer, graduate student, UVa,
Mechanical Engineering

The Breakfast Bible Study at Bonhoeffer House has become a midweek respite for me. It is neither easy to be quiet in the midst of life's noise nor to find God's peace in the midst of its craziness. But each Wednesday morning, I find them both. This wonderfully eclectic group of students, faculty, clergy and community members points me to Jesus week after week with their wise words, their challenging discussions, their gracious prayers and their welcoming smiles. I leave with a greater sense of the Spirit's presence within and around me, the Father's provision, and the Son's compassion and call. And the (strong) coffee and delicious breakfast only add to the blessings of this fellowship.

Kristan Livingston, community member



"What did I get myself into?" was running through my head as I piled into a navy-blue mini van with at least ten other people on the way to Vintage for the first time. Indulging in a delicious home-cooked meal before a discussion about "Life at the Crossroads" quieted my initial skepticism. For a while, I thought I kept coming back to Vintage because of these lunches—anything was better than another meal in the dining hall.

However, two years and many delicious lunches later, I praise God that he not only helped me jump into that mini-van but also into a relationship with Him. Vintage offers a breath of fresh air in the midst of a hectic college lifestyle. I feel safe discussing challenging topics in the

cozy living room of the Bonhoeffer house. Unlike my commerce school classes, I don't feel pressured to have the right answers or any answers at all.

This semester we are looking back at "Vintage" Christians, such as Augustine and Luther, using their lives to help answer the question, "How do we follow Christ faithfully in the world?" In a society where everything is continually being shaped by culture, it is comforting to take a step back and realize we are facing the same challenges and questions as Christians who lived centuries ago. Every Friday, as I pile back into the mini-van to make my 2 o'clock class, I am so thankful because I leave with stomach and spirit full!!

Carolyn Harris, undergraduate student, UVa, McIntire School of Commerce

THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST THE 2012 GOODWIN PRIZES

Our annual Goodwin Prizes for Excellence in Theological Writing reward the top theology graduate students from around the world—and fulfill Theological Horizons' core mission to advance theological scholarship that is creative and faithful to the Gospel. We are pleased to introduce you to the 2012 Goodwin Prize winners!

Frank "Smith" Lilley, (Vanderbilt Divinity School) \$2000 Prize

"Resurrection, New Creation, and Economy: A Study of the Economic Life of the Church and Person"

"If God raised Jesus from the dead, then that changes everything," says Smith Lilley. "Jesus' resurrection means us that God isn't just going to save us from sin; he's going to rescue the creation he made. But, as we all can see, we're still awaiting that final glorious work of God. Christians—each of us as persons and all of us as the church—are called to live with hope in light of Jesus' resurrection and in anticipation of what God will do in the future."

Smith Lilley's winning paper examines the ways in which the resurrection should inform the church's understanding of the economy as well as the economic life of Christians. By recapturing the classical Christian themes of resurrection and new creation, Lilley's paper gives theological substance to thinking "Christianly" about economics.

Smith sees a close connection between his academic work and work in the church. When he thinks about his homeland of Mississippi, he sees the economic struggles of the world, and a place where he hopes to bring hope grounded in a robust theology of the resurrection.

Professor M. Douglas Meeks of Vanderbilt Divinity School received a \$500 prize for directing Smith's winning essay.

Jessica Hawkinson, (Princeton Theological Seminary) \$1000 Prize

"Ordinary Mystery: Seeking the Divine in the Face of the Other"

Jessica Hawkinson writes on the work of Catherine of Siena, a Christian mystic who lived during the 14th century—a time of dramatic transformations and political conflict very much like our own. Hawkinson shows how Catherine's encounter with medieval 'globalization' led her to an articulation of Christian belief and practice that combined a profound Christology with an embrace of the ordinary—in the form of love for neighbor and her engagement with world powers. Catherine of Siena lived a life of love alongside a life of diplomacy as she sought to resolve the political conflicts of her day.

Like Catherine of Siena, Jessica's love of God and her neighbor is shaping her vocation. She is completing her Masters of Divinity at Princeton Seminary, preparing for ordination and pursuing doctoral work in Christian ethics and international relations.

Lincoln Rice, (Marquette University) \$500 Prize

"St. Thomas Aquinas's Theology of Poverty as a Scripturally-Based Resource for Addressing the Sustainability Crisis"

How could a monastic scholar who lived 750 years ago speak to our current concerns about the environment? Lincoln Rice retrieves Thomas Aquinas' theology of poverty to be a resource for living more sustainably today. The subject of poverty was very dear to Thomas' heart and his insights can help us rediscover simple living for personal lives of holiness and for the health of our global community. Aquinas' "vision of poverty was thoroughly grounded in scripture with the aim of furthering what was best for the individual and the community."

For Rice, this award has been an affirmation of the importance of scholarship that engages the community of faith. He spends much of his time outside of academic pursuits with the Catholic Worker in Milwaukee, contributing to the community's mission in housing homeless families, urban gardening and raising the chickens.



Smith Lilley



Jessica Hawkinson



Lincoln Rice

SPECIAL GIFTS TO THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS IN MEMORY/HONOR

In honor of Karen and Charles Marsh by Louisa Barrett
In honor of Richard and Kathy Lee by Penny and Billy Peebles
In honor of "Sandy Marsh" by Missy, C.P. and Margie Wright
In honor of Bob and Myra Marsh by Peggy and Jim Lientz
In honor of Myra Marsh by Dorothy Fortune Hayner
In honor of Audrey Waldrop by Susan and Glenn Waldrop
In memory of Bill Robertson by Bob and Myra Marsh



INTRODUCING SARAH SALINAS

Marketing and Development Intern

Sarah (UVa '14) is an International Economics major who loves welcoming spaces, candles and sweet tea. For her, interning with us is a collision of things she loves. She writes, "My times spent at Bonhoeffer lunches and Theological Horizons guest talks have been a bright spot in my personal walk with the Lord and have expanded my continuing understanding of myself during the years at UVa. I love how the events and conversations have stretched me in so many different directions."

From the Bonhoeffer House Kitchen

Peanut Butter Cup Cookies (from *Real Simple*)

These delicious cookies were delivered to first years on Move-In Day!

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
3/4 cup dark brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 12-ounce package small peanut butter cups, coarsely chopped

1. Heat oven to 375° F. Whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt.
2. In another bowl, beat the butter and sugars until creamy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Gradually add the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Fold in the peanut butter cups.
3. Drop tablespoon-size mounds of dough onto baking sheets lined with parchment paper. Bake until light brown around the edges, 12 to 15 minutes.



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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