



WATER IN THE WILDERNESS / SUMMER 2023

OUR MISSION

Theological Horizons supports believers and seekers in academia by providing a welcoming community for engaging faith, thought and life.

New Things, New Promises

“See, I am doing a new thing!” the Lord says in Isaiah 43. God opens up a way in the wilderness, streams in the desert, and a pathway through the academic year ahead. Please join me in asking God’s blessings upon the ministry of Theological Horizons. Join me in welcoming the many new people and programs you will read about here.

Join me in giving thanks for all of the goodness and mercy to come!

Karen Wright Marsh, Executive Director
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BONHOEFFER HOUSE

Theological Horizons is centered just steps from the University of Virginia at the Bonhoeffer House. The Bonhoeffer House, home to the Marsh family, is a gathering place for students, professors, parents, visiting scholars, speakers, church leaders and community members. All are welcome. Always.

ANNOUNCING! Jesus Encounter

www.theologicalhorizons.org/jesusencounter

“But what about you?’ Jesus asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’” (Matt. 16:15) We engage this pressing question with a new weekly program: **Jesus Encounter: Experiencing the Gospel for Myself.** Designed to embrace both believers and those curious to know more, we’ll deeply read and re-imagine the Gospel stories in which Jesus speaks, acts, heals, questions, teaches and loves – in order to meet, in a fresh, vivid way, this One who stands at the center of history and of the Christian faith.

Come encounter Jesus each Tuesday morning, in person, in Charlottesville. Yes, you are invited.

“I hope to learn how to lead a life of service, taking inspiration and demonstration from the footsteps of Jesus...to keep leaning in and trusting more and more every day, such that I may lead others in the direction of God wherever I go. I hope to emerge stronger in faith and trust, knowing that no matter what comes my way, I will have everything I need to be successful.”
‘23-’24 Horizons Fellow Lilly Long



Meet our New Full Time Leadership Associate

Big news! We warmly welcome Mary-Dryden Maio (UVA 2023) as she steps into a new, full-time role learning the ins and outs of non-profit leadership, caring for students, and expanding the dialogue initiatives of Theological Horizons.

What drew you to Theological Horizons, and what are your hopes within this role?

"I was drawn to TH because of the casual, welcoming atmosphere unique to Vintage Lunch. This engaging community proved invaluable as I began to think critically about my faith and throughout undergrad. I hope to engage different parts of UVA in meaningful dialogue and dig deep into the justice-driven aspects of our programming."

Leadership Associate Mary-Dryden Maio

PERKINS FELLOWS 23-24 AND THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Fionette King | *Music Resource Center*
Grace Jackson | *Abundant Life Ministries*
Kaya Lynch | *Abundant Life Ministries*
Lanie Moore | *The Haven*
Lauren Campbell | *The Fralin Art Museum*
Megnot Abebe | *Abundant Life Ministries*
Nathaniel Doty | *TBD*
Nykeria Wallop | *Kindness Cafe*

HORIZONS FELLOWS 23-24 AND THEIR MENTORS:

Ashley Fan | *Mary Brissett*
Ashley Prillerman | *Faith Kelley*
Cora Carmouche | *Lisa McNerney*
Dagim Tekle | *Josiah Claypool*
Jase Banks | *Toby Jenkins*
Lilly Long | *Kathryn Mutter*
Lilly West | *Jane Grizzle*
Noah Plot | *Jerry King*
Rebecca Popp | *Sarah Davis*
Sam Kipps | *Garrett Trent*
Tabi Summers | *Ginger Oakes*



WELCOMES & ADVICE FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

www.theologicalhorizons.org

We've posted lots of insider advice for new students (and their parents) on our blog and have planned a host of events to welcome new students. From **Lattes on the Lawn** to cool off your Move-In Day to a festive **Wahoo Welcome Picnic** on the first Friday of the semester, Theological Horizons is here to ease those early jitters and introduce you to our big warm community of friends and faith. Find it all on our homepage!

"Pick one day of the week that you never do any schoolwork. This guarantees me time to have fun and relax!" Ashley Fan, class of 2024

"Find some people you vibe with and stick with them! Relationships will be your most valuable asset when it comes to facing new challenges. Pro tip: There are LOTS of cool people at TH." Peyton Rabb, class of 2026

Launching our Fellows

We're thrilled to be welcoming our largest Perkins Fellow cohort to date (8) as well as another strong class of Horizons Fellows (11).

Lilly Long, Horizons Fellow, explains what drew her to the Fellows program: "Horizons Fellows will give me the opportunity to grow closer to God, through learning and asking questions in a deeper, relational setting with my mentor, as well as journeying with peers as we experience the mix of uncertainty, fear, and excitement that comes with being a 4th year."

Nathaniel Doty, incoming Perkins Fellow, explains, "I became a Perkins Fellow because I wanted to explore the intersection of my love of God and justice in my community. I hope to take away greater knowledge of myself, God, and the Charlottesville community, which has given and will give so much over the course of my time at UVA."



COMING UP

theologicalhorizons.org/events

- Lattes on the Lawn | August 17 & 18
- Perkins Plunge | August 21
- UVA Classes Begin | August 22
- Jesus Encounter | Tuesdays at 9:15 AM
- Wahoo Welcome Lunch | August 25
- Board Meeting | August 29
- Vintage Lunches | Fridays at 1 PM
- Horizons Fellows Fall Retreat | September 15-16
- Faith and Work Forum | October 12
- Faith and Work Forum | November 9
- Advisory Board Meeting | November 11

To learn more and join us, email
info@theologicalhorizons.org

FOLLOW OUR CALENDAR AT:

WWW.THEOLOGICALHORIZONS.ORG/EVENTS

Words from Board Members

With gratitude to Kate Harris for her service, we welcome three new members to the board. Asked what drew them to Theological Horizons, they said:

"I was curious about spiritual formation and those in the early church who helped develop these practices, as growing up I hadn't had much exposure to either. Karen creates a wonderful environment to learn and develop community." David Coles

"TH welcomed me as an undergrad, and I'm thrilled to be part of the growing ministry as they intentionally build bridges and help students connect with their faith." Mary Meadows Livingston

"Theological Horizons helps seekers of all ages ask good questions, explore those questions in community, and respond to them by practicing a common life of faith, hope, and love. TH is forming followers of Christ." Evans Rice

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God promises rivers in the desert. Can you imagine? Living as we do in a parched and desperate world, vibrant witness to Jesus Christ is the fresh spring of living water that we all need. Thanks to your generosity, Theological Horizons is making a welcome way in the wilderness, an oasis of hope and life.

Your financial contribution, however small or large, is a precious provision. Please partner with us as we embark on the journey that is this new year. We need you now more than ever!

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