



## THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

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supports both Christians and seekers in academia by advancing theological scholarship and by providing a welcoming home for engaging faith, thought, and life.



*Jonathan Merritt at the 2018 Capps Lecture*

### 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, community members and church leaders who come together for rich conversations about integrating the practices of theology into everyday life.

### *Language. Listening. Love.*

“Many people hunger for meaning and goodness—but they lack the spiritual vocabulary to think things through.” As the executive director of Theological Horizons, I hear truth in this observation by journalist David Brooks. Ours is a time of conflict, confusion and loneliness, yet Theological Horizons dares to speak words of God’s presence and peace. Where do we begin? With language. With listening. With love.

In this newsletter, you’ll read of the many authentic spiritual conversations that take place in the living room and in the classroom, in the lecture hall and online. Be a part of a ministry that responds to the hunger for meaning and goodness.

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### *Vintage Lunch: What’s your God language?*



*Ginger welcomes Clare Draper and Sam Powers to the Bonhoeffer House*

How do I answer the God who is calling me, seeking me, and longing to bring me home? At each Vintage Lunch this semester, we explore the God-given temperaments—spiritual “languages” we speak most fluently—that can lead us to a deeper life in Christ. Along the way we’ve met Vintage Christians like C.S. Lewis the Intellectual, John Wesley the Enthusiast, Jean Vanier the Caregiver, and many more.

*“Vintage, to me, has always been synonymous with a sort of transcendent sense of warmth and peace in the middle of a hectic school life. Homemade meals, a warm hug from Karen at the door, the smiling faces of friends, and a fortifying word of encouragement from a wise Saint...These all collectively serve to set aside Vintage as a corner of the university where I, from the first week of first year, have felt uniquely known at home.” –Sam Powers (UVa, ‘20)*

*Learn more at: [www.theologicalhorizons.org/vintage](http://www.theologicalhorizons.org/vintage)*

THE UVA PARENTS FUND has awarded \$3,000 in support of our new student lunch series, “Heroes & Sheroes,” in which UVa professors speak on the historical figures who have influenced their own intellectual and spiritual growth. By praising authentic, thoughtful Christians who have changed the world for the better, Theological Horizons connects to ongoing community conversations around the importance of character and courageous conviction.

## Up and Coming: Announcing the 2018 Goodwin Prize Winners



Joseph McCrave wins the \$2,500 Goodwin Prize

The Louise and Richard Goodwin Writing Prizes for Excellence in Theological Writing lift up Christian graduate students from around the world: faithful young scholars who demonstrate creative theological thinking, engagement with the Christian tradition, and commitment to the well-being of the church.

### Congratulations to this year's winners!

**Joseph McCrave** of Boston College for the \$2,500 prize essay, "Forgiveness as a Virtue for Transitional Justice Contexts: Towards a Constructive Account."

**Bryan Ellrod** of Emory University for the \$1,000 prize essay, "The New Romantics: Authority, Authorship, and the Fragment's Place in Christian Ethics."

**Chris Hazlaris** of Yale Divinity School for the \$500 prize essay, "Redeeming a Sinful Theology of Nature."

**Matthew Wiley** of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School won an honorable mention for "Sacramental Theology in a Secular Age: Charles Taylor and the Evangelical Church."

Read interviews with the winners at [theologicalhorizons.org/goodwinprize](http://theologicalhorizons.org/goodwinprize)

## A Crisis of Faith: Michael Slon on Leonard Bernstein's "Mass"

Here in our “academical village” of UVa, Theological Horizons often creates conversations across disciplines. Conductor and professor Michael Slon addressed music, theology and cultural history in his public lecture, “Leonard Bernstein’s ‘Mass’: A Crisis of Faith,” delivered on the eve of the acclaimed work’s regional premiere featuring a cast of 150 musicians and dancers.

Professor Slon says, “It is the very ritual of musically enacting the modern crisis that leads, as Bernstein intends, to a renewal and reaffirmation of faith.”

More at [music.virginia.edu/university-singers-bernstein-mass](http://music.virginia.edu/university-singers-bernstein-mass)



Michael Slon brings faith and art together.

# Perkins Fellows on the Road

Our Perkins Fellows and residents of the Perkins House attended the Christian Community Development Association annual conference in Chicago, thanks to the generosity of the Forum of Theological Exploration and Lilly Endowment. Learn more about the Perkins House at [www.perkinshouseville.org](http://www.perkinshouseville.org) and CCDA at [ccda.org](http://ccda.org)

*“For me, CCDA 2018 was a time of intense spiritual formation and discernment in a season of navigating relationships and vocational calling...with space for necessary and beautiful dialogue around myriad manifestations of God's roaring heart for justice in communities. We will continue to press into all of this as a house, recognizing that it's in the most uncomfortable places that we stand to grow the most.”* –Sarah Bland (Perkins House resident, UVa '20)



*Time with Dr. John M. Perkins*

## FEATURED EVENTS

- **October 18** – Video of “Speaking God: the Death & Rebirth of Sacred Speech” with Jonathan Merritt is now online at [theologicalhorizons.org/capps-lecture](http://theologicalhorizons.org/capps-lecture)
- **November 1-3** – Perkins Fellows and Perkins House Residents attend the Christian Community Development Association Conference
- **November 14** – Book Talk by Amy Julia Becker, author of *White Picket Fences: Turning toward love in a world divided by privilege*
- **November 18** – It’s Your Call: Gospel-Centered Life Design Workshop with Kelly Kannwischer in Atlanta
- **November 29** – Faith & Work Lunch with Pam Sutton-Wallace, CEO of the UVa Health System
- **December 2** – Advent e-Devotional Series begins. Email us to subscribe
- **December 7** – Bonhoeffer House Tree Decorating Party & Lunch
- **January 18** – Heroes & Sheroes Lunch Series begins
- **Every Tuesday** – Evening Prayer on the Lawn
- **Every Friday** – Vintage Lunch

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