



THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS supports both Christians and seekers in academia by advancing theological scholarship and 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 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.

VIEW FROM THE FERRIS WHEEL

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning."

These words from *Tuck Everlasting* ring true as we catch our breath and see a wonderful, wild adventure ahead. This newsletter gives you a glimpse of the good things that await on the other side of summer. We invite you to come along with Theological Horizons. You'll enjoy the ride!

With happy anticipation,

Karen Wright Marsh, *Executive Director*

JOIN US AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



**2018 Capps Lecture in Christian Theology
"The Death and Resurrection of Sacred Speech" with Jonathan Merritt
Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 pm**

Do you struggle to talk about faith? Find that old biblical words like "sin", "gospel" and "grace" fail to connect in today's changing culture? The 2018 Capps Lecture begins here, with these questions.

Named one of "30 young influencers reshaping Christian leadership", Jonathan Merritt is an award-winning writer on religion, culture, and politics. He is a contributing writer for *The Atlantic* and has published more than 3,000 articles in outlets ranging from *USA Today*, *Buzzfeed* and *The Daily Beast*, to *The Washington Post* and *Christianity Today*. Jonathan's newest book is *Learning to Speak God from Scratch: Why Sacred Words Are Vanishing--and How We Can Revive Them* (August 2018). Meet him at jonathanmerritt.com.

The Capps Lecture in Christian Theology is an annual series, funded by Dr. and Mrs. W. Jerry Capps and cosponsored by the Project on Lived Theology at UVa, that brings eminent Christian thinkers to the heart of the university with public lectures exploring the relationship between faith and responsibility.

Get 2018 lecture updates and see past Capps Lectures at theologicalhorizons.org/capps-lecture. For more info write to capps@theologicalhorizons.org

WELCOME TO BETH WRIGHT, the newest member of the Theological Horizons team



August may just be our favorite month of the year—the time when our beloved students arrive for a brand new year. This August we'll welcome a new staff member to our ministry team. Thanks to the great generosity of The Merrick Family Foundation, Theological Horizons has hired ElizaBeth Wright for the role of Manager of Ministry Operations.

Beth brings organizational and interpersonal skills she's developed as a U.S. Congressman's Chief of Staff on Capitol Hill, and, most recently, as the Assistant to the Research and Administrator

Supervisor at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at UVA.

Beth met her husband, Kevin, in a church choir and together they raised two boys in northern Virginia. Not quite empty nesters, Beth and Kevin moved to Charlottesville in 2015 - and are still singing in a church choir! She loves reading, travel and hiking.

Add Beth's core faith commitments and we've got a perfect fit for Theological Horizons. Welcome, Beth!

Developing our Next Generation of Leaders

Our Fellows Programs continue to grow under the leadership of Associate Director, Christy Yates, as increasingly diverse students desire vocational discernment and discipleship. Our **twelve Horizons Fellows** are Fourth Year students who enjoy a fall retreat, monthly group gatherings and the intentional friendship of a community mentor.

Our cohort of **ten Perkins Fellows**, up from five last year, commit to weekly community engagement at non-profits like Abundant Life Ministries and International Neighbors. Perkins Fellows meet as a group for "urban plunge" retreats and conversations around holistic ministry.

To serve even more students, we have created two new weekly mentoring groups: one led by Garrett Trent and the other by Ginger Oakes and Karen Marsh. We are most grateful to the Lilly Endowment Inc. for funding these initiatives to develop the next generation of faithful leaders.

Meet our Fellows and their Mentors at
www.theologicalhorizons.org/fellows

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Taylor Harris is a creative nonfiction writer and stay-at-home mom living in Charlottesville. Her work has appeared in *New York Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *Catapult*, *Longreads*, NPR, *McSweeney's* and elsewhere. She and her husband, Paul, met on the trolley while attending UVA and have been married for almost 13 years. While the two are quite happy, they have since decided that encouraging others to look for love on the trolley is not the most sound advice. In fall 2018, the couple will plant Victory Church, with the hope of seeing people reconciled to God and each other.

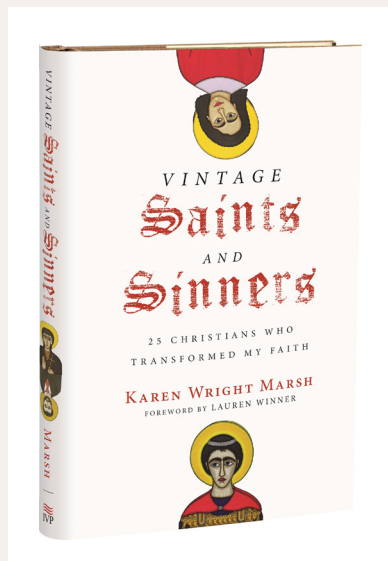


Steve Long, a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and the Medical College of Virginia, is an anesthesiologist and clinical associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He has served on the Board of Visitors at The University of Virginia where he was Chairman of the UVA Health Center and Chair of Educational Police and Academic Affairs.

Georganne Long graduated from the University of Alabama and received her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology. She was a partner at Richmond OB-GYN Associates for almost two decades until she retired to be more involved in her children's pre-college years. She has been a member of the Safety Committee at UVA as the representative of the UVA Parents' Committee.

Georganne and Steve have 3 grown children and attend St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA.

Vintage Sessions: Free Resources for Small Groups



Karen Wright Marsh's book *Vintage Saints & Sinners: 25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith* (IVP, 2017) expands with free online, printable handouts designed for small groups. Twenty-five classic readings and leader guides paired with the book's chapters are readymade for lively conversation- or individual study. Karen would love to meet up with your group, whether in person or via Skype.

One current small group member says, "Our lesson was often a springboard for further study. It's an 'appetizer'. It gave us just enough, but when we were still hungry, we found that there was so much more." The great generosity of the Gloria Dei Foundation, the Ed Noble Foundation, and individual partners make this work of outreach possible.

Find the collection of 25 Vintage Sessions at karenwrightmarsh.com/conversation.

Get a Vintage Session Sample Pack:
Write to info@theologicalhorizons.org

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA IN THE TOP SPOT!

College Factual 2018 has ranked UVA's undergraduate Religious Studies program as #1 among public universities and #2 in the nation. This comes as no surprise to us, for Theological Horizons serves many gifted UVA religion undergrads. Congratulations to Theological Horizons cofounder and professor, Charles Marsh, and his terrific faculty colleagues. We all benefit from your scholarship and teaching!

FEATURED EVENTS

- Wahoo Welcome Lunch, Friday, August 31st
- Vintage Lunches every Friday
- Horizons Fellows Fall Retreat at Corhaven Farm, September 14-15
- Capps Lecture with Jonathan Merritt, Thursday, October 18th
- Faith & Work Lunch, November, TBA
- Evening Prayer on the Lawn, every Wednesday
- Perkins Fellows and House Residents to CCDA (Christian Community Development Association) Annual Conference in Chicago, Nov 1-2

Follow our calendar at www.theologicalhorizons.org/events/

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Great news! Through your generosity, we reached—and then exceeded—our goal for the spring 2018 Matching Gift Campaign. Every dollar you invest in Theological Horizons blesses real people each and every day. God is calling us to do even more to serve in the world. Your provision makes it possible. Thank you!

GIVE to Theological Horizons

Theological Horizons warmly welcomes all who would come, in the name of Christ. Thousands of students and faculty, locals and visitors, speakers and seekers cross the threshold of the Bonhoeffer House to be greeted with the grace of God, expressed through a warm meal, a listening ear, a timely word, a loaned book.

We serve beyond these walls, too, with public lectures, forums, seminars, international writing competitions, publications, online resources, community engagement and much more. We are grateful for God's blessings and stand as a faithful Christian presence in the days ahead. Will you sustain this ministry with your financial gift?

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