



25th Anniversary

## 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.



### 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.

## The Prospects of Racial Reconciliation

“Grace is the solution to all of our problems. To those of us who call ourselves believers, God has given us the redemptive solution. Christ has saved us to be ambassadors of that solution. How beautiful are the feet of those who carry the Gospel!”

With these words, John M. Perkins challenged the standing room only crowd at

the University of Virginia. Beyond his public Capps Lecture in Christian Theology, the eminent Christian leader and community developer met for smaller conversations with Theological Horizons Fellows and students, University faculty and staff, community and church leaders—all drawn to Dr. Perkins’s lifelong witness to Christ.

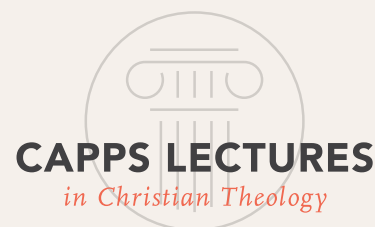
### A Horizons Fellow reflects on his personal experience:

The vision that Dr. Perkins implores us to move towards is lofty in nature, yet it entails a God-given purpose that is so worth living for. The Gospel deserves no less than a vision for a future world that is seemingly impossible to achieve yet so awe-inspiring and captivating that we can’t help but be captivated by its mission to seek God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Dr. Perkins re-cast the vision of the Gospel in the specific context of our present day struggles along the journey towards racial reconciliation.

His message was a refreshing reminder of the Gospel’s purposes, challenges which God has called us ALL to pursue in His strength and by His grace. I felt Dr. Perkins inspiring me to become implicated in the world’s brokenness and our every-day struggle for reconciliation, to take responsibility (as he would say) for the

world that God has given us to care for. Part of the good news, however, is that while I am personally convicted to take responsibility for a world towards which I am often apathetic, I am also entangled with my brothers and sisters in Christ; I don’t have to “take responsibility” alone. Our sovereign God is working on behalf of reconciliation’s with us, such that we mere humans do not have to “take responsibility” in vain and for a hopeless cause.

– Horizons Fellow, Cameron Strange, ‘16



Watch the Capps Lecture video at <https://vimeo.com/144502838>

Stay tuned for information on this year’s Capps Lecture, coming Fall 2016!

# The Fellows Experience

Theological Horizons is delighted to announce the award of a multi-year grant by the Lilly Endowment's Campus Ministry Theological Exploration of Vocation Initiative. A significant affirmation of the ministry of Theological Horizons, this funding will help us grow and develop our vibrant Fellows Programs.

Our nineteen 2015/16 Fellows are fourth year college students committed to a year of intensive discipleship and vocational discernment. Each Fellow is guided by a community mentor and participates in directed theological study with Christy Yates and Karen Marsh. **Horizons Fellows** launch the year with a fall weekend reflection retreat. **Vintage Fellows** focus on campus ministry and serve with our Vintage outreach to students. Named for John M. Perkins, the **Perkins Fellows** engage in weekly service-learning with community partner organizations.

Vocation and calling are catchwords within Christian circles. Young adults long to discern God's will for their lives, find a compatible career path and identify their passions. What do we mean when we talk about calling? Abby Deatherage, a 2015/16 Perkins Fellow, is discovering answers daily through her service at The Haven. Here are her thoughts:

*On a pre-hurricane rain-soaked morning, I volunteered at the Haven, Charlottesville's day-shelter for homeless and low-income men and women. I almost didn't go—I was nervous for my first shift working the Welcome Desk. If I didn't go, I wouldn't be back for at least another week, and I'd decided to try my very best to be consistent. So, freezing cold and soaking wet, I went in for the two-hour stint.*



*So what surprised me? This: in all honesty, nothing I actually did felt like volunteering, or even like helping. Requests for assistance were minimal; everyone knows the systems in place and respects them well. In reality, most of my time was spent listening, meeting, talking to people. I am a newcomer to this community, and each person who passes the welcome desk notices. They stop, they introduce themselves: staff, volunteers, guests. They ask me my name, if I go to UVa, what I study, what I like to do. And they share their stories, too.*

*It's a precious thing, community, and I'm amazed at how easily Haven guests extend their hands and open their arms to me, a nobody, a student who's only there two hours a week and will graduate within eight months. But they do, and I am so grateful. I don't know what more I will learn, what else the year has in store with me, but I'm beginning with community.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We've planned terrific events for the Fall. Special events and ongoing programs include:

- **Feb 18/19:** "My Journey into the Kingdom" with Rev. Saranell Hartman
- **February 28:** "Darden Faith & Work Dialogue" with HBO founder & CEO of Washington's Mount Vernon, Curt Viebranz
- **Feb 29:** "Ordinary Saints" Art opening and talk with Bruce Herman at First Presbyterian Church of Charlottesville
- **March 17:** "The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance" a Virginia Festival of the Book partnership with authors Bethany Hoang & Kristen Johnston
- **March 31:** "Darden Faith & Work Dialogue" with CEO of Diversified Search, Dale E. Jones
- **April 28:** "Darden Faith & Work Dialogue"
- **April 28/29:** Executive Director, The Telos Group, Todd Deatherage, "pro-Israeli, pro-Palestinian, pro-Peace?"

Want more information on any of these events? Go to: [theologicalhorizons.org/programs](http://theologicalhorizons.org/programs)

We also offer weekly Bible studies, evening prayer, Vintage lunch & reading group and more. Don't miss a thing! Join our email list by writing to [info@theologicalhorizons.org](mailto:info@theologicalhorizons.org) or signing up at [theologicalhorizons.org](http://theologicalhorizons.org)

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*"This Goodwin Prize reflects not only my personal commitment to the community of faith but also the support of my family and academic mentors. The Goodwin Prize expresses the core missional values of Theological Horizons and brings a great deal of joy and meaningful support to many other young scholars of promise and commitment."* – Jaesung Ryu

**Essays to the 2016 Goodwin Prize competition are due June 1, 2016.**

*Meet more Goodwin Prize winners and learn more about the program. Email [goodwinprize@theologicalhorizons.org](mailto:goodwinprize@theologicalhorizons.org) or visit [theologicalhorizons.org/goodwin-prize](http://theologicalhorizons.org/goodwin-prize)*



# Darden Faith & Work Dialogue

The University of Virginia Business School equips MBA candidates to achieve at the highest levels of corporate America. But to hear the untold personal stories behind the Linked In profiles—the complex struggles and surprising joys at the heart of faith, work and life—business students, faculty and staff come to the Darden Faith and Work Dialogues. Together we seek to engage in meaningful, purpose driven lives centered in Christ.

The Darden Faith and Work Dialogue lunches create a culture of honesty and confidentiality with authentic conversations from past speakers such as Coleman Andrews (cofounder, Bain Capital), Pamela Sutton-Wallace (CEO, UVa Medical Center), Greg Fairchild (professor, Darden School) and Tierney Fairchild (CEO, Resilience Education). Join us for upcoming Dialogues! (**see page 2**)



# Gifts in Honor and Memory

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# GIVE to Theological Horizons

Theological Horizons warmly welcomes all who would come, in the name of Christ. This year we celebrate our 25th year of ministry. Thousands of students and faculty, locals and visitors, speakers and seekers, have crossed 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 these decades of God's blessings and look forward to standing as a faithful Christian presence in the days ahead. Will you sustain this ministry with your financial gift?

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