A remarkable invitation:
Internships create learning opportunities

Rachel Abdoler and Rabbi Dennis Sasso

She was observing the congregation’s happy celebration of Simchat Torah, which marks the end of one year’s cycle of reading the Torah. People were dancing with and unfurling the Torah scrolls. And then, incredibly, a scroll was placed in her arms, and she began to dance....

House Scholar Rachel Abdoler is interning in Indianapolis this year, exploring models for interfaith cooperation and how preparation for Christian ministry can be formed by deep engagement with other religious communities. At Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, a synagogue affiliated with both the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements in Judaism, she is mentored by Senior Rabbi Dennis Sasso and being invited into congregational life and worship.

During the other half of her week, Ms. Abdoler works with the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, which seeks to foster interfaith connections and opportunities. She participates in staff meetings and works with Executive Director Charlie Wiles and the CIC Board. She is developing dialogue groups among Muslim, Christian, and Jewish youth from three selected communities and also among area college students.

The internship allows her “...the opportunity not only to gain experience in basic ministerial skills but also to think deeply about the tension involved in becoming part of a community outside of one’s own tradition while simultaneously remaining distinct,” she says.

Rachel Abdoler’s internship is one of two that DDH has arranged and funded this year. The aim is to situ- ate students in exceptional settings of ministry where they can explore their vocations and hone their abilities.

House Scholar Danielle Cox is in Orange, California, at Disciples-related Chapman University. At the Fish Interfaith Center, she is learning about campus ministry with Director of Church Relations Nancy Brink, Associate Director Cisa Payuyo, and Gail Stearns, Dean of Wallace All Faiths Chapel.

Ms. Cox focuses on empowering students to organize events, service projects, and other faith programming,

Gratitude for Hubert Locke

Hubert G. Locke will conclude his distinguished service as a member of the Board of Trustees at the end of this year. First elected in 1998, he served several consecutive terms. In addition to making estimable contributions to Board deliberations, committee work, and task forces, he has regularly engaged DDH students, including as the 2007 Convocation speaker and in many consequential interactions.

Hubert Locke is the John and Marguerite Corbally Professor of Public Service Emeritus at the University of Washington, where he also served as Dean of the Evans School of Public Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

He is the author or editor of eleven volumes, including Searching for God in Godforsaken Times and Places: Reflections on the Holocaust, Racism, and Death and The Detroit Riot of 1967. He was a co-founder of the Annual Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches and a former member of the Committee on Conscience of
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the U.S. Holocaust Museum. He was a 1959 BD graduate of the Federated Faculty at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Locke has been awarded seven honorary doctorates and numerous other honors. One citation noted: "His words clarify, unite and motivate. His actions embolden and inspire. With an eye towards the future, he challenges all to look deeper, to understand, and to act for the good of humanity." That depiction reflects his contributions to public life in the city of Detroit and elsewhere, as well as his career as a scholar of the Holocaust and his academic leadership in the field of Public Affairs. It also applies to his service as a trustee of the Disciples Divinity House, where he has clarified, motivated, and helped to attune DDH to the future.

His 2007 charge to DDH’s graduates distills his own lifework: Whatever else you do, in whatever post to which you go, wherever you find yourself and whomever you become, … remember that people apparently thought of Jesus first and foremost as a prophet—as one who spoke God’s truths to his time, as we believe he does to all ages. That’s what you must do, wherever you find yourself, willing, ready and able to speak truth to power, to speak out on behalf of the oppressed, the poor, the dispossessed, the marginalized to those who have the ability to make a difference in the world they confront, but who would just as soon forget or ignore the fact that such people exist.

New 2014 Scholars announced

Four new persons have joined the ranks of Disciples Divinity House Scholars.

Joel A. Brown (PhD, Religions in America) comes with a ThM degree from Brite Divinity School, where his thesis treated how three Dallas-Fort Worth area seminaries responded to the Civil Rights movement. He writes, "My research interests took new shape as a result of better understanding the complexity and diversity within American religious historical scholarship today.” He received the Historical Society’s Isaac Errett Award for his paper on Alexander Campbell’s views on race and class, and he has published in the Restoration Quarterly. A native of Oregon, he is a 2009 summa cum laude BA graduate and a 2012 summa cum laude MDiv graduate of Abilene Christian University. He was part of the leadership team of Galileo Christian Church, a new Disciples congregation in Mansfield, Texas.

Mark M. Lambert (PhD, Theology) returns after having received his MA from the Divinity School in 2013 as a Disciples House Scholar. He served as House Council President in 2012-13. He is interested in leprosy and its stigma as "stubborn sections of the symbolic structure of Christianity, and potent parts of religious parlance.” He is a 2010 magna cum laude BA graduate of Truman State University, where was selected as the Philosophy and Religion Department’s Outstanding Undergraduate Student. In 2011, he was honored for “Best Undergraduate Paper” at the Midwest AAR meeting for “Baldwin IV: a Curious Case of Leprosy in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem.”

Virginia Johnston White (MDiv) is a 2013 magna cum laude BA graduate of Rice University, where she majored in Sociology and History and earned departmental honors and the University’s highest research prizes. After graduation she continued as a research fellow with Rice’s Religion and Public Life Program, managing the “Religious Understandings of Science” study. She was a HELM Fellow, a volunteer writing tutor, an intern at the Journal of Feminist Economics and at the James A. Baker Institute for Public Policy, and a student leader; she studied in London and participated in the NCC’s Young Women’s Leadership Experience at the UN. She writes: “I understand ministry as an act aimed toward revolutionizing communities toward positive change, focused on caring for others even when it is difficult, and acknowledging the dual brokenness and potential for good in all persons.”

(l to r) Joel Brown, Virginia Johnston White, Mark Lambert, Van VanBebber.
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The Edward Scribner Ames Scholarship for high academic achievement has been awarded to Andrew Packman, a PhD student in Theology, who is preparing to take his qualifying exams this year. He is interested in how the arts, hermeneutics, and philosophy can resource critical theological perspectives on reconciliation. A 2012 MDiv graduate and ordained minister, he is also serving as one of three pastor-developers of Root and Branch Church in the Logan Square neighborhood.

The William Barnett Blakemore Scholarship recognizes academic promise and ecumenical vision and was awarded to Allie Lundblad, a third-year MDiv student and a 2012 graduate of Oberlin College. She worked on community health issues in a southside Chicago neighborhood in summer 2013; this summer she completed CPE. She is under care for ordination with the North Carolina region and anticipates ordination in September 2015 at the historic First Baptist Church in Hyde Park-Kenwood, where she completed her field education. She is coordinating chapel worship at DDH again this year.

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“Van” VanBebber (AMRS) is exploring long-standing interests in religion and next career steps. He earned the BS and MS in Business and Accounting at the University of North Texas, graduating summa cum laude. In 1993 he earned a JD at Columbia University with Stone Scholar honors, where he was a Stone Moot Court Semi-Finalist, served on the Human Rights Law Review, Law Revue show cast, and Columbia-Harlem Tutorial Program. Later, he was elected an equity partner in the trial and litigation section of the Dallas firm, Hughes & Luce, LLP. He was active in the Dallas Bar Association, especially in its mentoring program for at-risk Dallas public school children. He left law practice to pursue a PhD at UNT in Interdisciplinary Information Science, which he received earlier this year.

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and Religion honors graduate of Eureka College, she has worked and studied abroad, including teaching for one year in the Republic of Georgia. She is completing field education at University Church.

The Henry Barton Robison Scholarship for promise in biblical studies has been awarded to Andrew Langford, a PhD candidate in Bible/Early Christian Literature and an AM alumnus. He is teaching Greek at the Divinity School this year, and he continues to minister with the Lakeview Church of Christ.

Second-year MDiv Douglas Collins was awarded the M. Ray and Phyllis Schultz Scholarship, which recognizes promise for congregational ministry. Douglas is a 2013 Philosophy and Religion graduate of Eureka College, where he received numerous recognitions for leadership. This year, he is learning about liturgy and pastoral leadership at All Saints’ Episcopal Church and serving as DDH’s head resident.

Hye In Park received the Rolland and Laura Frances Sheafor Scholarship. A 2011 graduate of the elite Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, she is in her final year of MDiv studies. She is a member of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, Illinois, where she completed her field education. She was recently elected to the CCIW regional board, and she is active in NAPAD. She is interested in questions of suffering and of postmodern Christian identity formation.

The Oreon E. Scott Entering Scholar is Joel Brown, and the William N. Weaver Entering Scholar is Virginia Johnston White (see “New Scholars”).

Windows study underway

Did you know that the Disciples Divinity House has some 160 leaded windows throughout the building?

One-third of the windows open onto the courtyard and one-fourth onto the street. All of the windows are set in limestone surrounds, many of which feature beautiful gothic tracery. Individual window panes are connected with lead coming, which is soldered in place and held together in steel frames with glazing compound.

A 2008 engineering study found that the building’s limestone walls are so thick and cover enough of the 1928 building that DDH was effectively a “green” building long before that category existed. Nevertheless, old windows can become drafty and cease to operate well—and DDH’s windows are 86 years old and counting.

The Board of Trustees is now studying what full restoration of the building’s windows to optimal operating condition will require. They began by commissioning a comprehensive study of the windows from windows restoration specialists.
Renovations renew library, reconfigure office

Students have been enjoying the rewards of renovations made over the summer to DDH’s Willett Library and to offices. New lighting makes for better reading and working on electronic devices, and it is more aesthetically pleasing and energy-efficient.

In the mailroom and cloakroom, ceilings have been restored to their original height and new built-in furnishings have been added to create workspace for student office assistants and storage; colors inspired by the chapel ceiling glimmer from the back of new, larger student mailboxes.

A new paint color scheme brightens everything. Furnishings that were original to the building have been repurposed for offices and for new workstations in the library; entirely redone electrical wiring supports those spaces.

Associate Dean Yvonne Gilmore’s office is now on the first floor, a boon for her collaboration with students and with the dean. New “old” doors match existing woodwork and demarcate the deans’ offices from the foyer.

The project first took shape in conversations about the library among students and architect Paul Steinbrecher, a trustee who regularly attends Monday dinners and programs, and in planning for office spaces that support collaborative work between the dean and associate dean.

The project gained momentum when the Capital Area of the Christian Church included funding toward Willett Library refurbishment in its capital campaign.
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by James E. Stockdale

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Congratulations to Ryan Gilbert (2006), Greta Hicks, and big sister Amelia, on the birth of Elijah Donald Gilbert on July 7!

Associate Dean Yvonne Gilmore (2001) spoke at the pre-event for the 23rd Biennial Session of the National Convocation of the Christian Church, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on July 23. She also introduced the featured Friday evening speaker: Julian DeShazier (trustee).

In his new book, Religion Around Emily Dickinson (Penn State Press, 2014), Clark Gilpin (1970) explores how the poet engaged and imaginatively reshaped the religion around her.

On October, 19, Central Christian Church in Indianapolis presented the Honored Ministers Pin to twelve members of its congregation, including Brian Grant (1964) and Clark Williamson (1957; trustee). Together the twelve represent 540 years of service as ordained ministers.

Verity Jones (trustee) has become the Executive Vice President of Christian Theological Seminary.

Sympathy to JoAnne Kagiwada (Trustee) on the death of her mother, Setsu Hirasuna, on August 25 in Fresno, California. Mrs. Hirasuna was 104 and had remained active until very recently. JoAnne reflected that, while her father was a public figure, working with the Japanese American Citizens League and organizing labor in the San Joaquin valley, her mother “…fed everybody who came to the house, often without much notice. She always found some way. And she never seemed to lose her cool.”

Brite Divinity School professor Tim Lee (1986) wrote about Pope Francis’s visit to South Korea for Sightings in September: “South Korea’s Catholic Church: Poster Child for a Fresh Pontificate.”


Alex McCauslin (2011) has accepted a position as Pastor of Church Vitality and Youth Mission at Journey of Faith Christian Church (formerly Memorial Christian Church) in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Irami and Bonnie Osei-Frimpong (2005) and Another Chance Productions have screened “Disciples,” a pilot for a television series.
John Donggook Roh (1983) was installed as the moderator of the North American Pacific Asian Disciples, at NAPAD’s Convocation in Hyde Park in August. DDH hosted a reception on the opening night of the Convocation to celebrate the long and rich connections between DDH and NAPAD. Alumnae Sandhya Jha (2001), Yvonne Gilmore (2001), and April Lewton (2004; trustee) led a pre-Convocation event on anti-racist and pro-reconciling ministry; JoAnne Kagiwada (trustee), Tim Lee (1986), Kris Culp (1982), Julian DeShazier (trustee), Bonnie Osei-Frimpong (2005), and Vy Nguyen (2004) also participated in the Convocation program.

Ben Varnum (former resident) speaks with ministry colleagues who returned to DDH and the Divinity School October 3-4 for a time of peer-driven clergy renewal. The idea for the event arose in conversation between Mr. Varnum and Beau Underwood (2006). The pilot project was then developed by Associate Dean Yvonne Gilmore (2001) and Divinity School Director of Ministry Studies Cynthia Lindner (1978, trustee), and it was funded in part by a grant from the Oreon E. Scott Foundation.

In Memoriam

Alumnus and former trustee Donald L. Jones died August 6 in Indianapolis. He was 84.

Born in Healdton, Oklahoma, he earned his BA from Phillips University and his BD from Phillips Theological Seminary. In 1957, he entered the University of Chicago as a Disciples Divinity House Scholar. He later attended the CG Jung Institute in Zurich for advanced training.

For forty years, he served as a pastor of churches in Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana, including as minister of Third Christian Church in Indianapolis. He was active in the civil rights movement in the 1960s and chaired the Human Relations Commission in Rock Island, Illinois. This led to many years of working with groups in the 1970s and 80s, focusing on positive handling of conflict in school settings.

Later he worked as counselor and worked for nearly twenty-five years with the ManKind Project. He wrote two books, *Wisdom for the Journey* and *Hunger for Wholeness*. From 1963-93, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Disciples Divinity House.

He is survived by Emily Hurst-Jones and by two children, Jonathan (Karen) Jones and Rebecca (Christoph) Jones-Buerck, by five grandchildren, and by his sister.

Barbara S. Fuller died at her home in Ann Arbor, Michigan on July 29. She was 88.

An ordained minister, she served local and national justice ministries from her base in Ann Arbor and at Memorial Christian Church (now Journey of Faith Christian Church). She is remembered as “an inveterate peacenik who was driven by her love for all people and an incorrigible sense of justice.”

She was born in 1925 to Robert and Irene Angel Stauffer in North Manchester, Indiana. She graduated from the University of Michigan, as did her future husband, Russell M. Fuller. They married on January 6, 1948; that fall both began graduate studies at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where she would earn a Masters degree in Christian Ethics and he, the BD degree. Although her husband was a DDH Scholar, in those years, the Divinity House did not grant funding to Barbara—or to any other women. In later years, Barbara claimed her rightful place as an alumna, and participated in Alumni/ae Council meetings and other DDH events.

In 1955, the Fullers returned to Ann Arbor. In 1965, Barbara became the principal founder of the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice in Ann Arbor, for which she served as a staff member for many years. She was concerned especially about the healing of relations between the people of the United States and Vietnam, abolishing nuclear weapons, and ending the Cold War.

From 1980 to 1996, she directed a program for Reconciliation with Vietnam for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), leading 13 delegations to visit Vietnam building bridges of mutual concern and assistance.

She is survived by her husband and three children, Barbara (Kelvin Seifert), Rusty (Jamie Saville), and Katherine “Kit”, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Roy, and a sister.
Distinguished Alumnus/a Nominations Sought

The Alumni/ae Council invites nominations for the biennial award, to be presented at the DDH luncheon at the Columbus General Assembly on July 21, 2015. The award recognizes lifelong service and achievement.

Make a nomination by writing President Peter Browning, c/o The Disciples Divinity House or online at ddh.uchicago.edu. A list of previous recipients is available at ddh.uchicago.edu.