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PLNU WELCOMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Mary Paul should fit right into the Point Loma community. After all, PLNU's new vice president for Spiritual Development already loves the ocean – swimming, walking along the shore, looking out on God's creation. More importantly, Paul is excited to continue fulfilling her pastoral

calling in her new role. Paul is coming to Point Loma from Olivet Nazarene University, where she served as associate professor of Christian ministry for two years. An ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, she spent the previous 18 years pastoring at First Church in Lynn, Mass., Bethel Church in Quincy, Mass.,

and St. Paul's Church in Duxbury, Mass. She sees her pastoral, teaching, and leadership roles as "all falling under a much larger umbrella of pastoral calling."

Paul enjoys working collaboratively with others and said she has been impressed with everyone she has met in PLNU's Office of Spiritual Development.

"I'm looking forward to brainstorming and working with them on the great challenge of providing formative experiences for the students," she said.

In 2005, Paul completed her Doctor of Ministry degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. She has a Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology and a Bachelor of Social Work from Eastern Nazarene College. Dr. Paul and

her husband, Bruce, have two teenage sons, Wesley, 16, and Jonathan, 13.

GETTING TO KNOW DR. MARY PAUL

FAVORITE VERSE

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
– Philippians 4:13

OTHER FAVORITE

"Greet Mary for she has worked very hard for you." – Romans 16:6

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM

Boston Red Sox

WHAT SHE COLLECTS

Books

HER COLLEGE EXTRACURRICULARS

Class chaplain, head of student ministries, evangelism outreach group

HER PASSION

Creating space, often by spiritual disciplines, in which to listen, hear, and wrestle with God

CAYE BARTON SMITH APPOINTED NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



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Dr. Caye Barton Smith will become vice president for Student Development when Dr. Gordon Golsan retires on August 15, 2007. She is currently Student Development's associate vice president.

Smith, who is beginning her seventh year at Point Loma, is excited for the opportunity to build upon the programs she and Golsan have implemented.

"Overall, I'm very excited and honored," said Smith. "I consider it a huge opportunity to serve

God, our university, and the students."

Smith first came to PLNU in August of 2001 as the outreach coordinator for the Wellness Center. Two years later, Golsan asked Smith if she would be interested in moving into a leadership role within Student Development. She accepted the position and has since worked specifically in student engagement and retention, assisting students in finding a meaningful place of learning, connection, and growth within the university.

"The years a student invests at an institution like ours are rich years, and we want to provide rich opportunities for every student to grow into the person God wants him or her to be," said Smith.

Raised in Riverside, Calif., Smith received her B.A. in psychology from Point Loma in 1981. She went on to earn her master's degree in counseling psychology at the University of Southern California and spent the next 15 years in counseling and administrative positions in employee assistance and occupational health. In 2001, she earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from Azusa Pacific University.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK MEET

On May 5, the School of Education and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at PLNU hosted the annual San Diego County Regional Special Olympics Track Meet for the 14th time. More than 500 athletes and volunteers were in attendance, making this the largest turnout yet.

PLNU alum Dr. John Rogers (84) said, "I was quite proud that PLNU put on such a wonderful event for these athletes. The volunteers, including students, faculty, alumni, and friends from the community, were selfless, tireless, and a true pleasure to be with. Not only do I plan to take part in next year's games at PLNU, but I plan to recruit volunteers from my workplace, as well."

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI EXCEL IN MUSIC COMPETITIONS

- Renee Calvo (06) and Elda Peralta (06) tied for second place in the prestigious Virginia Hawk vocal competition.
- PLNU students and brothers Christopher and Johnathon Smith were awarded a \$1,000 prize for the best performance of a work by an American composer at the Ellis Duo Piano Competition in Spartanburg, S.C. In addition, on recommendation of the judges, they were awarded a special encouragement award of \$1,000 by the Ellis committee.

PLNU ENGAGES WITH CHURCHES IN HUNGARY

On March 31, Dr. Norm Shoemaker, director for the Center for Pastoral Leadership, held an all-day seminar for pastors in Hungary. The event took place in eastern Hungary in the small village of Hajduhadhaz. More than 20 youth from a nearby orphanage also attended after learning that the seminar's subject was "The Christian Family."

Host pastor Gyula Fiak reported that as a result of the teaching, his congregation has found healing through the practice of forgiveness. The pastors of the district also received laptop computers from PLNU. The pastors will be able to network more effectively with the new laptops.

STUDENT NEWSPAPER

The Point Weekly now has an online edition. www.pointweekly.com

PLNU RECEIVES \$2.4 MILLION GIFT FOR SCIENCE FACILITY

High levels of undergraduate research, publication, and conference participation have helped give PLNU's science departments their stellar reputations. To support their continuing growth and development, a new state-of-the-art science facility is slated to be built. A significant lead gift of \$2.4 million, given in the name of Karl and Edith Sator, has helped Point Loma take the first step toward this goal. The Sators' granddaughter, Lisa (07), is a chemistry graduate of PLNU, and their grandson, Karl (05), is a psychology graduate.

"We are very thankful to the Sator family for their generous gift to the new science complex," said President Brower. "Having had a student go through one of the science programs at PLNU, it is evident that the Sators felt that the type of teaching and mentoring being accomplished is special. It is affirming to see a family that believes this so much that they want to give back."

PLNU NAMED ONE OF "BEST CHRISTIAN WORKPLACES"



In March, Point Loma Nazarene University was named one of the "Best Christian Workplaces," according to an annual survey conducted by the Best Christian Workplace Institute (BCWI). PLNU was one of only three finalists in the Large Organizations (500+ employees) category, joining Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Ind.) and Wycliffe Bible Translators (Orlando, Fla.).

According to BCWI, the organizations on the list are exemplified by "leadership teams that demonstrate integrity and compassion for their employees." Al Lopus, president of BCWI, explains that organizations on the list tend to have a higher level of employee engagement, which is manifested in five ways: a commitment to learning, a culture of character, a competence of management, a climate for action, and fair total compensation.

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

TEACHING C.S. LEWIS: A HANDBOOK FOR PROFESSORS, CHURCH LEADERS, AND LEWIS ENTHUSIASTS

Cambridge Scholars Publishing released this new book by PLNU's Dr. Richard Hill and Dr. Lyle Smith of Biola University in April. Dr. Hill has been invited to be a featured panelist at this summer's C.S. Lewis conference in San Diego and a featured speaker at a Christian literature convocation at Belmont College in Nashville this fall. The research for the book was supported by grants from PLNU's Wesleyan Center for 21st Century Studies and PLNU's Faculty Research Committee.

TELLING GOD'S STORY: NARRATIVE PREACHING FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Dr. John Wright's new book, recently published through InterVarsity Press, has garnered critical acclaim from scholars and theologians.

UNIQUE SUMMER EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS Biology and Chemistry Research



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Thirty-five students, directed by eleven faculty and two alumni, participated in this year's summer undergraduate research program. Financial support for this year's program was provided by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the National Science Foundation (two grants), the San Diego Zoo, Research Associates (a biology and chemistry alumni support group), the PLNU Biology and Chemistry Research Endowment Fund, the PLNU administration, and a private sponsor. Undergraduate research began in chemistry with Dr. Victor Heasley and three students in 1965 and in biology with Dr. Michael McConnell in 1979. To learn more, visit www.pointloma.edu/news.



c/o t. phillips

Studies in Greece

Dr. Thomas Phillips, professor of New Testament, and 12 students spent their summer school session in Greece, studying the cities of Paul's world. The group visited Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi. Instruction

for the class was provided by Dr. Phillips and Dr. Jesper Jenson of the Danish Institute of Archaeology in Athens.



c/o r. kennedy

History at Sea

This May, seven PLNU students completed Dr. Rick Kennedy's summer California history course, which included twelve days of sailing through the Channel Islands to Santa Barbara.



Students once again crossed the globe with LoveWorks. This year's short-term mission trip destinations included Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Dominica, Guatemala, India, Liberia, New Zealand, Rwanda, the Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ukraine, and Venezuela.

CONFERENCE NOTES

- Psychology students presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association annual conference on April 13-14 in Denver, Colo.

Malerie Fritz, *Moral Emotions and "Upward Spirals" of Care: A Conceptual and Empirical Review for Programmatic Research*
Symposium

Bradley McConnell, *Finding Time for Fairy Tales: How Reading Children's Literature Contributes to Stress Reduction in College Students*
Psi Chi Poster

Courtney Miles, Vanessa Parra, Courtney Pearce, and Annalise Tablak, *The Connection between Attachment Quality and Psychological Distress*
Poster

Kelsey Clark and Karlee Wostrel, *Effects of Study Abroad on the Identity Formation Process*
Poster

- Office of Admissions' Alair Conner, campus visit coordinator, and Shannon Hutchison, assistant director, presented two workshops, "Women in Leadership" and "Maximizing Campus Visit Programs," at the North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP) conference.

NOTABLE CAMPUS VISITS

- Popular Christian author Donald Miller spoke to students in chapel on March 14. Later in the day, he had lunch with students and participated in a larger Q & A.
- The Center for Women's Studies sponsored a talk by Ann Crittenden, Pulitzer-Prize nominee and journalist, on her book *The Price of Motherhood*, on April 16.
- Hollywood producer Ralph Winter participated in a cyber chat with students, following the screening of his movie *X-Men 2* on April 30.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMENCEMENT

In May, a Commencement crowd of approximately 9,000 was witness to a few Point Loma firsts.



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- PLNU celebrated the largest graduating class in institutional history with 882 total graduates, including 299 graduate students.



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- Point Loma's four Lost Boys of Sudan, Mamer Ajak, Jacob Puka, Isaac Amol, and Nicodemus Lim, graduated.



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- George Mitrovich (pref. 58), president of the City Club and civic leader, was granted an honorary doctorate from PLNU. Mitrovich has been a long-time supporter of the university, facilitating opportunities and connections for both faculty and students. The Doctor of Letters degree bestowed on him recognizes both his contributions to society and to Point Loma.



HONORS CONFERENCE LETS STUDENTS SHINE

This spring, 35 PLNU seniors – the most ever – completed honors theses as part of the university honors program, directed by Dr. Hadley Wood. A diversity of majors and projects were represented among the students, who engaged in independent scholarly and creative work throughout the year. The culmination of the honors program experience is the presentation of the students' theses at the annual Honors Conference.

"The purpose is to give a select group of seniors the opportunity to experience the new rules and the new context of doing work – the kind of context that exists in the professional world," said Wood. "This year's students were amazingly good."

In addition to the conference and banquet celebrating all the honors scholars, the Wesleyan Center presented the 2007 Samuel and Susanna Wesley Honors Thesis Award, along with \$500, to Jovonne Dempster, industrial and organizational psychology major, for her thesis, "Transfer Student Retention and Engagement at Point Loma Nazarene University."

To learn more about the honors program or how to support it, please contact Hadley Wood at hadleywood@pointloma.edu.



Clearly...A Community Where You Can Find Your Place

College is a time to enrich your knowledge, but it's also a time to deepen your relationships with God and other people. At Point Loma Nazarene University, we offer opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for students to discover their strengths and prepare for a meaningful future.



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WESLEYAN SCHOLARS AND FELLOW

Congratulations go to faculty members recently selected as Wesleyan Center scholars and fellow for 2007-08. Chosen based on the significance of their studies tracing the Wesleyan heritage for the 21st century – and in research and projects that further the academic mission of PLNU – the new scholars and fellow are:

Pictured (from left to right):

Dr. Michael Leffel, Scholar. Research: "Relational Generativity and the Moral Emotions: Christian Spirituality in the New Science of Morality"

Dr. Alain Lescart, Scholar. Research: "Creative Ways to Overcome Censorship in France in 1827: The Relationship Between Censorship of Newspapers and the Arrival of the First Giraffe and Six Osage Indians in Paris"

Lois Wagner, Summer Service Project in Wesleyan Practices: Veritas (Christian service and educational organization) in Sighisoara, Romania. "Response to End of Life Issues in Romania"

Dr. John Wright, Scholar. Research: "Vatican II and the Renewal of the Church Catholic: Interviews with George Lindbeck, David Burrell, and Stanley Hauerwas on Post-Liberalism"

Dr. Dean Nelson, Fellow. Proposed Publication: "Ordered Disorder (With Sudden Bursts of Revelation): Seeing the Sacred and Holy in Everyday Life"

Not pictured:

Dr. Bill Clemmons, Scholar. Research: "Nazarene Hymnody and the Dictionary of North American Hymnology"

Dr. David Cummings, Scholar. Research: "The Coastal Wetland as a Breeding Ground for Antibiotic Resistance"

Dr. Enedina Martinez, Visiting Research Scholar in Wesleyan Studies, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, England. Research: "A Christian Theology of Education: A Wesleyan and Comenian Perspective"

Dr. Thomas Phillips, Scholar. Research: "Christian Non-Violence in Post 9/11 Film"