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Annual Report

2015-2016

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Welcome from Director Gary Selby



The Center for Faith and Learning seeks to unite what many in the academy would separate: the life of faith and the life of the mind. While we are fully aware that there is no single model for what constitutes the successful integration of faith and learning in our classrooms, nor is there only one answer for how our faith might inform our scholarship, the Center is committed to the proposition that the separation between our various disciplines and our faith is neither intellectually sustainable nor personally satisfying.

Since its founding, the Center has developed several programs to support faculty and students in all five schools of the University as they seek to engage in cutting edge, original scholarship and classroom teaching within a framework of Christian beliefs and values. These programs include new faculty retreats, faculty development seminars, promoting faculty scholarship, and hosting national conferences. The purpose of these endeavors is to sustain a conversation about how religious insights bear on the work that we do as scholars, administrators, and students, knowing full well that absent this constant nourishment the conversation will die and we will have failed to live up to the mission of our university.

The 2015-2016 academic year, which marked the 17th year of the Center's activity, represents a continuation of this original vision, enhanced and enlarged by the new projects and programs that the Center has taken on since its founding. We hope that this report provides an overview of the Center's activity and inspires those who are interested to join us in our pursuit of the integration of faith and learning.

EXPLORE

the Christian faith through spiritual formation

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The Center's 2015-2016 Goals

- 1 To provide support for faculty as they seek to engage in cutting-edge, original scholarship and classroom teaching within a framework of Christian values and beliefs.
- 2 To provide support and assistance to students in their quest for vocational discernment, as they seek to clarify their calling from God.
- 3 To provide extra-curricular opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to integrate faith and learning in both academic and non-academic settings.
- 4 To provide resources and opportunities for students to engage in practical initiatives aimed at ministry and service, social action, and justice.

AND HOW DOES THAT CONNECT?

Faculty and staff were provided resources to **EXPLORE** the intersection of Christian faith and academic learning through opportunities such as the SOUL SABBATHS and the UNPLUGGED RETREAT.

Students were granted time and resources to **DEVELOP** their vocational callings through BOOK GROUPS and RETREATS, followed by the opportunities to **ENGAGE** in their callings through MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS.

Students, faculty, and staff were given extra-curricular opportunities to **DEVELOP** their faith and learning through CLUB CONVOS, BOOK GROUPS, and SEMINARS.

Students and local pastors found ways to **ENGAGE** the world around them through SERVICE GRANTS, the COMMUNITAS program, and more.

ALSO INCLUDED...

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page 13 ... detailed assessment, budget, and feedback information from Year 2 Day 1

page 14 ... a look ahead at the Center's 2016-2017 programming activities

unplugged

A SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT
JAN 8-10, 2016

Prior to the start of the spring semester, student ministry leaders from across all departments at Pepperdine were invited to a weekend of soul care designed to help these students rest in prayer and worship in preparation for Spring. 100% of students left behind their phones, emails, and all technology and spent 3 days exploring who God is and the nature of His calling on each of their ministries, guided by various staff members and guest speaker Chris Webb.

Students lock their phones into a suitcase for the entire weekend in order to eliminate distractions.



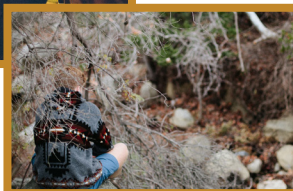
Chris Webb and Taylor Begert lead the students in teaching and worship during our 3 main sessions.



In a closing tradition, students and staff take communion in their small groups, then pray individually over each member to bless them and their respective ministries.

QUICK FACTS

- Hosted in Santa Barbara on the weekend prior to spring semester
- FREE for all participants!
- 123 participants, including: 71 undergraduate student ministry leaders, 17 nominated first-year students, 10 grad students, and 25 staff members
- Over a dozen departments & organizations represented, including: UCC Campus Ministry, Christian Legal Society, Christianity & Public Policy, Religion Division, Great Books Colloquium, International Programs, Volunteer Center, University Ministries, RelationshipIQ, Spiritual Life Advisors, and Student-Led Ministries
- Featuring main speaker Chris Webb, an Anglican Benedictine priest and author of "Fire of the Word," teaching on encountering Scripture in a fresh way
- Schedule included small group time, spiritual practices, hiking, worship, communion, and a time of solitude



Students were given ample time to explore and experience God through individual quiet time, nature, discussions over coffee, and even exercise.

DID IT WORK?

- On a scale of 1 to 5, students self-reported an average increase of 0.5/5 in "feeling at peace and centered."
- Almost half the students expressed appreciation for the quiet "unplugged" experience in their comments.
- Almost half took away from the experience training on how to "rest without distraction" and "new ways to engage with Scripture."

Photos by Cecily Breeding. For detailed statistics and assessment, email steven.zhou@pepperdine.edu.

PEPPERDINE YEAR2MALIBU #YEAR2DAY1

Connect, Transform, Grow

A spiritual formation retreat for 100 incoming sophomores, hosted annually in the San Bernardino mountains the week before Fall semester begins.

QUICK FACTS

- FREE retreat for the first 100 incoming sophomores to sign up.
- Included participation and leadership from 10 staff members, including Resident Directors, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and more.
- Part of ongoing programming for sophomores who elected not to go abroad.
- Featuring Rich Little, UCC preaching pastor, as the main speaker.
- Including activities (ziplining, swimming, etc.), small groups, worship, sacred pathway exploration, and more.



The Class of 2018, with their resident advisors and spiritual life advisors, celebrating the start of a new academic year.

Photos by Cecily Breeding. A detailed budget and other information regarding Y2D1 are available in the Appendix of this report.



Students enjoyed both time to learn and time to play.

DID IT WORK?

- Students reported an increase in “feeling connected with peers, class, and Pepperdine” from an average score of 3.2/5 before the retreat to 4.5/5.0 after the retreat.
- Prior to the retreat, 74.5% of students reported investing in the same church 2-4 times per month. After the retreat, 98% of students reported planning to commit to a single church 2-4 times per month.
- Students described Y2D1 as “planting many seeds... which will continue to grow,” a “refreshing and encouraging way to start the year,” and “a gift of fellowship.”
- Students reported learning how to “see more clearly God working” and “hear diverse perspectives from others.”

IT'S TIME FOR A

Soul Sabbath

SPEND A FEW QUIET HOURS WITH GOD AT SERRA RETREAT



All student ministry leaders and staff were eligible for free shuttles to the Serra Retreat Center (located 10 minutes from campus) for 2 hours of soul care, rest, and “unplugging” from technology. Three sessions were offered each semester; an average of 20 students and staff attended each session.

Why all the quiet? *In partnership with other spiritual life departments on campus, the Center has been walking alongside students to help them explore the lessons that can be learned by listening for God in the quiet moments. We've learned from the burnout and the “I'm always busy!” nature of students' lives, and have provided a safe space for them to be filled up so that they can serve from a place of overflowing.*

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Christian Leadership Formation Sessions

CHARACTER is a newly developed “training” program for first year students, geared towards helping students discover and live into their identity as sons and daughters of Christ. The program is designed to address questions of “who we are,” rather than “what we do,” during this crucial stage of leadership formation in students’ lives. At the same time, students will be exposed to the numerous spiritual life opportunities on Pepperdine campus, and encouraged to discern their individual calling towards a particular ministry and articulate how that fits into the greater picture of God’s mission on earth. The program kicked off in Spring 2016 with a pilot group of 12 students meeting 8 times total.

Presenters Included:

Christine Suh, Asst. Director, HRL
 Lauren Leatherberry, Asst. Director, Chaplain’s Office
 Connie Horton, Director, Counseling Center
 Lara Bergeron, Grad. Intern, Volunteer Center
 David Lemley, Asst. Professor, Religion Division
 Jon Mathis, Asso. Dean, Housing & Residence Life
 Sara Barton, University Chaplain
 Dusty Breeding, UCOC Campus Ministry
 Karl Kalinkewicz, Asst. Director, IP
 Bryce Coefield, Asst. Director, ICA
 John Barton, Asso. Director, CF&L
 Claudette Wilson, Professor Emeritus
 Mark Davis, Vice President of Student Affairs

ASSESSMENT

Student Evaluations

- All sessions were rated 4/5 or better, with Session 5 scoring the highest (M = 4.818). 59.26% of all ratings were 5/5.
- When asked to describe what the program achieved, students reported “finding [their] identities” and “developing [their] relationship[s] with God.”

Presenter Evaluations

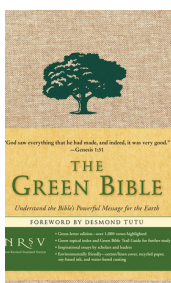
- On average, presenters felt like their sessions were effective (M = 4.55/5), the students were attentive (M = 5/5), their topic was relevant (4.88/5), and the sessions were worth their time and energy (5/5).
- Presenters praised students for having an “openness to learning” and for being “at ease with each other,” including arriving on time!



Series of 6-week Club Convo discussions led by students, Art and Music faculty, and Career Center staff.

Other books include:

- The Next Evangelicalism (Soong Chan-Rah)
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (CS Lewis)
- Weight of Glory (CS Lewis)
- Help, Thanks, Wow: 3 Essential Prayers (Anne Lamott)
- Love Does (Bob Goff)

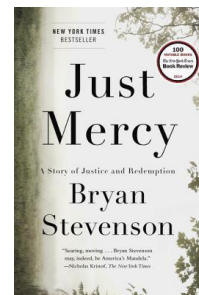
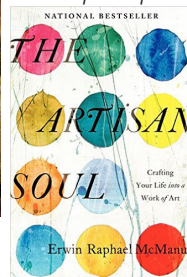


Film & discussion with Director Morgan Atkinson.

BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

Students, faculty, and staff participated in small group discussions featuring renowned authors and presenters.

Book group discussions led by the author, with various faculty/staff and student participants:



Book group hosted by the Dean's Lecture series.

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THE PEPPERDINE VOYAGE: NEW & MID-CAREER FACULTY RETREATS

Faculty and administrators from across all five Pepperdine schools are invited to annual retreats at an International Program location for workshops to develop in their roles as Christian teachers and scholars. Participants are encouraged to shape their vocational identity, partner with the Pepperdine community, and resonate with the Christian mission. The mid-career retreat is an opportunity for tenured faculty who did not participate in the new faculty retreat.



Readings included selections from... Scholarship and Christian Faith (Jacobsen and Jacobsen, 2004), Teaching and Christian Practices (Smith and Smith, 2011), Beyond Integration? (Ream, Pattengale, and Riggs, 2012), The Courage to Teach (Palmer, 1998), Sacred Journey (Buechner, 1982), Falling Upward (Rohr, 2011), and more

DID IT WORK?

Mid-Career Retreat

- Averaged scores out of 5 include: activities (4.6), readings (4.1), degree to which the retreat “refreshed your passion for teaching” (4.4), degree to which the retreat “helped you think more seriously about the relationship between your own Christian faith and your vocation as a teacher/scholar” (4.3), and overall impact (4.6).
- Faculty reported that the readings were “thought-provoking and helpful,” “refreshing,” and great for discussions. Many wanted more discussion time to explore the readings.
- Overall, faculty reported a “renewed sense of community,” a “deeper love for our colleagues,” and a sense of “feeling valued.”

New Faculty Retreat

- Averaged scores out of 5 include: activities (4.8), readings (4.0), degree to which the retreat “helped you think more seriously about vocation” (4.2), degree to which the retreat “helped you think more seriously about the relationship between your own Christian faith and your vocation as a teacher/scholar” (4.2), and overall impact (4.7).
- Faculty reported that the readings were “‘talked’ to each other well,” were “thoughtfully referenced” during sessions, and impacted how they planned to teach their classes in the future.
- Faculty praised the retreat for being “a gem” that isn’t found at any other institution, loved the opportunity to “bond with my colleagues,” and wanted more time to discuss in smaller groups.

2015 Mid-Career Participants

Miriam Lacey, Graziadio
Teri Tompkins, Graziadio
Nancy Harding, GSEP
Carol Chase, School of Law
Dan Caldwell, Seaver
Gary Cobb, Seaver
David Green, Seaver
Ron Highfield, Seaver
Tomas Martinez, Seaver
Marilyn Misch, Seaver
Darlene Rivas, Seaver
Daniel Rodriguez, Seaver
James Thomas, Seaver
Timothy Willis, Seaver

2016 New Faculty Participants

Joshua Bowman, Seaver
Nataria Joseph, Seaver
John Calif Mann, Seaver
Javier Monzon, Seaver
John Peterson, Seaver
Roslyn Satchel, Seaver
Michael Olabisi, Graziadio
Lee Kats, Vice Provost

Other Faculty/Staff Development Opportunities

August 18: Dead Sea Scrolls field trip with Provost Rick Marrs and 30+ faculty/staff participants
October 9-11: Lilly Fellows Program conference titled “Mentoring for Leadership in Mission”
December 20 and April 9: GSEP Faith & Learning Seminar on “Teaching and Christian Imagination”
May 18: Vatican Exhibit field trip at Ronald Reagan Library with 24 faculty/staff participants

PEPPERDINE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & PSYCHOLOGY

Is Faith Integration in Graduate School Dead?

Faculty, staff, and graduate students at GSEP began a new program to encourage participants to embrace Pepperdine's Christian mission, integrate it into coursework, and engage "secular" professions in the world around us. Led by a graduate assistant and several staff members, the program hosted two 1.5 day workshops last year at the West LA campus.

FEEDBACK


"The presentation of the resources of religion, rather than the walls and shortcomings, is a paradigm shift we all need to entertain."

"Courageous conversation about faith, religion, and spirituality require authenticity, trust, honesty, and self-disclosure."


"Continue to provide a collaborative environment for all students. Faith-based institutions can continue to prepare students for leadership roles by embracing diversity."

"It's great to get this message at our University. Shows the type of institution this is... [it] cares for the student as a whole."

A Faculty Professional Development Opportunity

In partnership with

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Saturday, April 9th, 2016
 10:00am – 3:00pm
 West Los Angeles Campus



Discussion on "Teaching and Christian Imagination," by Smith & Felch (books provided), led by Dr. Paul Contino, Associate Director of the Center for Faith & Learning.

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
 Graduate School of Education and Psychology

ELA/ELAP Cohort Mixer
 Integrating Faith and Leadership
 Dr. John Barton
 Visiting Associate Professor of Religion, Pepperdine University
 Associate Director, The Center for Faith and Learning

December 9, 2015
 11:30 AM - 1 PM
 Room 333-334

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

INSPIRATION for change

COMMUNITAS Pastoral Leadership Program

Established in 2015 through generous funding by the Lilly Endowment, this program honors early career pastors and supports them in their development as leaders who can guide their congregations toward becoming significant agents for positive change in their communities. The goals of the program are to help pastors enhance their leadership skills, deepen their understanding of the significant issues facing their communities, build networks with civic, business, and political leaders in the Greater Los Angeles area, and develop a strong community of support with each other.

2015-2017 cohort includes 16 pastors from:

Antioch Community Church
 Bel Air Presbyterian Church
 Calvary Chapel Malibu
 City Chapel OC
 Culver Palms Church of Christ
 Grace Fellowship Church
 Life Baptist Church
 Saddleback Church
 Walker Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church
 and more...

Presenters Included:

Dr. Gary Mangiofico, "Organizational and Community Development and Leadership"
 Dr. Anthony Collatos, "Education and the Future of Our Community"
 Dr. Chris Doran, "Sustainability and Poverty"
 Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis, "Domestic Violence and Mental Health"
 Dr. Robert Scholz, "Addiction and Mental Health"
 Dr. Angela Hawken, "Criminal Justice and Prison Reform"
 Dr. Miguel Gallardo, "Immigration and the Church"
 Washington D.C. Field Trip
 Dr. Regan Schaffer, "Navigating the World of Non-Profits"

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MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE GRANTS

The Center for Faith and Learning partners with the Religion Division to offer funding for ministry-related internships for Seaver College students desiring to pursue a calling in religion and ministry. This program allows students to test their vocational wings by participating in a ministry of the church under the direct supervision of a professional who works full-time in a church-based ministry. Similarly, the service and social action grants, which are offered in partnership with the Inter-Club Council (Student Activities), provide funding for student-led initiatives and projects that address and/or seek to alleviate poverty and hunger, to promote peace and justice, and to serve the community in a variety of ways.



Pauline Van Backle

M.S. Ministry
Bel Air Presbyterian Church

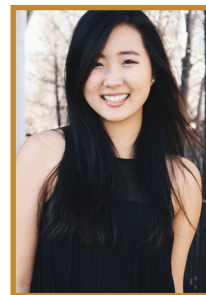
"I gained a deeper understanding of what a role in ministry entails ... being available, being genuine, being flexible, and being compassionate. I quickly learned by living in authentic community ... Holding a ministry internship is not just something that I was to step into when it is that time of day, it is a lifestyle."

2015-2016 Interns

Adam Boehrer, Cornerstone Fellowship
Alicia Williamson, Hollywood Church of Christ
Ally Yamamura, Serve Seattle
Daniel Perez, UCOC
Esther Wong, Mount Hermon
Falon Opsahl, Yad Vashem
Hannah Kim, Korean Christian Church
Jake Bigon, UCOC
Jessica Gash, UCOC
Jessica Namkoong, Life of Jesus Methodist
Joel Foster, Providence Road Church of Christ
Matt Stinson, Response Church
Matthew Weiss, Catalina Foothills Church
Micah Lambert, Mosaik Kirche
Pauline Van Backle, UCOC
Ryan Reeves, Young Life
Sarah Jane Souther, Reality LA

Hannah Kim

Religion Major
Denver Korean Christian Church



"One thing that really stands out to me about [my supervisor's] theology of youth ministry is having a love for the students. It is clear ... that this simple vision and mission is the most important aspect in her ministry work, and I agree completely ... Most important, I have learned that I, nor anyone, can do anything without God. It is Him that is the source and the reason why we do ministry."

2015-2016 Service & Social Action Grants

"More Than Compassion": A spring break service trip plus documentary screening in Malibu to increase student awareness of the global issue of sex trafficking.

"Voice of Refugees": A spring break service trip plus Convocation presentation in Malibu to develop a personal connection with refugees arriving in the US.

"Surfing the Nations": A spring break service trip plus Convocation presentation and dorm-wide "homelessness experience" on campus to address issues of homeless in Hawaii.

"Mission at Natuvu Creek, Fiji": A spring break service trip plus documentary screening in Malibu to increase student awareness of faith-based healthcare providers in underserved populations of Fiji.

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

- August 18 Dead Sea Scrolls Field Trip with Provost Rick Marrs
Participants: Paul Begin, Christine Bishop, Jessica Cheng, Stephanie Cupp, Greg Daum, Robert deMayo, Michael Ditmore, Tammy Ditmore, Joetta Forsyth, Spencer Hardman, Sandra Harrison, Tanya Hart, Kevin Iga, Karen Kappus, Meghan Lervold, Autumn Lescinski, Phyllis Marcellino, Sue Ann Meador, Kahzah Mims, Bobby Patsios, Kay Rosen, Denise Sims, Shelley Stewart, Judith Tapper, Karin Taylor, Rachel Todd, Jennifer Trotta, James White, Penny White, and Anita Yepez.
- Aug 18-21 Year 2 Day 1 Spiritual Formation Retreat
- Aug 24-28 New Student Orientation Week Tabling & Presentations
- August 28 New Faculty Orientation Roundtable
- September 10 God on the Quad: How Learning Embraces Faith at Pepperdine
Convocation presentation open to all students, faculty, and staff.
- September 16 Student Ministry Leaders' Kickoff Event
Breakfast for student ministry leaders from UCOC Campus Ministry, Student-Led Ministries, International Programs, and Spiritual Life Advisors
- Sep 18-20 Women in Ministry Conference
Conference attended by Religion graduate and undergraduate students Pauline Van Backle, Falon Opsahl, and McKayla Rosen.
- September 21 University-Wide Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
- September 24 When Learning Rocks Your Faith: Finding Heroes and Mentors for the Journey
Convocation presentation open to all students, faculty, and staff.
- September 25 Spiritual Life Partners Gathering with Al Sturgeon, School of Law
Discussion on spiritual life initiatives and assessment.
- September 27 The Many Stories and Last Days of Thomas Merton
Film presentation and discussion with director on Thomas Merton, a man who travelled Asia in search for a "fuller union with God."
- September 30 Q&A and Lunch with Naima Lett, author of "Confessions of a Hollywood Christian"
- Oct 6-7 COMMUNITAS Session #4: "Domestic Violence and Mental Health"
- Oct 9-11 Lilly Fellows Program Conference on "Mentoring for Leadership in Mission"
Conference attended by Professor of Religion David Lemley and Professor of Music Lincoln Hanks.
- October 14 Soul Sabbath Session #1 at Serra Retreat Center
- October 21 Not Your Neighbor's Hymnal: What Popular Music Teaches Us About Faith
Lunch discussion with author Jeff Keuss, followed by club convos led by Dr. Paul Contino, Dr. Melanie Emelio, Dr. Chris Heard, Dr. David Lemley, and Dr. Louise Lofquist, with 8-10 student participants each.
- October 23 Student-Led Club Convo on "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"
- October 28 Book Group and Lunch with Erwin McManus, author of "The Artisan Soul"
Followed by book group discussions with Sara Barton (University Chaplain) and 52 Resident Directors staff members.
- October 28 Student-Led Club Convo on "Weight of Glory"
- November 12 Soul Sabbath Session #2 at Serra Retreat Center
- December 5 GSEP Faith and Learning Seminar on "Integrating Faith and Leadership"
- December 11 Soul Sabbath Session #3 at Serra Retreat Center
- Dec 15-22 Mid-Career Faculty Retreat in Florence, Italy
- Jan 8-10 Unplugged Spiritual Formation Retreat
- January 11 Student-Led Club Convo on "Help, Thanks, Wow: Three Essential Prayers"
- January 12 Follow-Up Dinner with Chris Webb, speaker at Unplugged
Participants: Esther Wong, Erin Hayes, Trevor Williams, Christian Botello, Josh Myers, Alex Huiyi Xue, Micah Lambert, Alicia Williamson, Jon Castellanos, Allie Baumgarten, Jack Kehoe, Anna Renfro, Houston Wilson, Kristine Lysenstoen, Kami Bates, and Ashley Blair Bonifield.

January 27	Book Group and Lunch with Matthew Sleeth, author of "The Green Bible" <i>Followed by club convos led by Avery Davis (Spiritual Life Advisor in the Eden Project housing), Dr. Melanie Emelio, and Director of Career Center Amy Adams.</i>
Feb 2-3	COMMUNITAS Session #5: "Criminal Justice and Prison Reform"
February 3	CHARACTER Session #1: Introduction to Spiritual Formation
February 5	Student-Led Club Convo on "Love Does"
February 10	Spiritual Life Partners Gathering with Rick Gibson, Church Relations <i>Discussion on spiritual life branding.</i>
February 10	CHARACTER Session #2: Sacred Pathways
February 17	CHARACTER Session #3: Soul Care
February 18	Soul Sabbath Session #4 at Serra Retreat Center
February 21	Student Trip to the Museum of Tolerance <i>Research trip for student-directed play, "The Good Prisoner," depicting a totalitarian regime. Participants: Dakota Dickerson, Dylan Forehand, Chris Bozzini, Tara Jenkins, Elizabeth Gilbert, Kaitlyn Rhyne, Chelsey Maus, and Will Craig.</i>
February 24	CHARACTER Session #4: Service Leadership
March 7	University-Wide Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
March 9	Soul Sabbath Session #5 at Serra Retreat Center
March 9	CHARACTER Session #5: StrengthsQuest
March 14	Book Group and Lunch with Bryan Stevenson, author of "Just Mercy" <i>Participants: Stephanie Cupp, Paul Contino, Christine Suh, Stacy Rouse, Gus Peterson, Nataria Joseph, Robin Perrin, Michael Ditmore, Sara Barton, Sharyl Corrado, Ellen Caldwell, Tabitha Jones, Eric Wilson, Gary Cobb, Hannah Novak, Justin Schneider, Christopher Shea, Bryce Coefield, Andrea Zahler, Michael Harri, Kristyn Hernandez, Zachary Love, and Phillip DuVentre.</i>
March 16	Book Group and Lunch with Soong Chan-Rah, author of "The Next Evangelicism"
March 16	CHARACTER Session #6: Mentorship
Mar 21-25	Korean Heritage Week in partnership with Intercultural Affairs and Libraries
March 23	CHARACTER Session #7: Diversity
March 25	Book Group with Rebecca Kim, author of "The Spirit Moves West"
March 30	CHARACTER Session #8: Unity in Christ
April 5	Book Group with D'Esta Love, author of "Finding Their Voices"
April 8	Soul Sabbath Session #6 at Serra Retreat Center
April 9	GSEP Faith and Learning Seminar on "Teaching and Christian Imagination"
May 10-11	COMMUNITAS Session #6: "Immigration and the Church"
May 18	Vatican Exhibit Lecture and Field Trip to the Ronald Reagan Library <i>Participants: Rhonda Huddleston, James Berneking, James Prieger, Autumn Luscinski, Greg Muger, Fiona Stewart, Abi Smith, Dean Baim, Justin Schneider, Regan Schaffer, Khanh Bui, Bryce Coefield, Dan Hancock, Kate Suriyatip, Gus Peterson, Marissa Davis, Oksana Boiko, Jesse McCauley, Cynthia Colburn, Hannah Novak, Tyler Harano, Sara Alamdar, Michael Zakian, and Stephanie Cupp.</i>
June 13	University-Wide Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
June 21-29	New Faculty Retreat in Buenos Aires, Argentina
July 11-13	Faculty/Staff Summer Seminar on "Phronesis and the Good Life" <i>Led by Dr. Gary Selby, Dr. John Barton, and Dr. Paul Contino.</i>
July 25-29	COMMUNITAS Washington D.C. Field Trip

Note: This list covers almost all official programming of the Center for Faith & Learning for the 2015-2016 academic year. It does not cover programs that the Center contributed time or resources to, nor does it list ongoing programs, activities, or supplies that the Center provides to faculty/staff and students. For more information on our activities, feel free to email us or stop by our office!

Appendix: Unplugged Data

	PRE-INVENTORY			POST-INVENTORY			DIFFERENCE STATS	
	Avr Score	Z-Score	Percentile	Avr Score	Z-Score	Percentile	Difference	Notes
1. God nurtures me.	4.367	0.706	75.997%	4.360	0.238	59.396%	-0.008	
2. I am able to find meaning in times of hardship.	4.439	0.914	81.958%	4.315	0.087	53.453%	-0.124	Largest decline
3. God does not answer when I call. **	3.959	-0.480	31.565%	4.236	-0.178	42.946%	0.277	Significant growth
4. I can feel God deep inside of me.	4.071	-0.154	43.891%	4.146	-0.480	31.563%	0.075	
5. I see each day, good or bad, as a gift.	4.000	-0.361	35.894%	4.225	-0.216	41.468%	0.225	Significant growth
6. God doesn't feel very personal to me. **	4.153	0.083	53.327%	4.573	0.955	83.033%	0.420	Second largest growth
7. I can talk to God on an intimate basis.	4.134	0.028	51.123%	4.449	0.540	70.538%	0.315	Significant growth
8. I feel good about the direction my life is headed.	4.194	0.202	58.008%	4.404	0.389	65.131%	0.211	Significant growth
9. I get no feeling of closeness to God, even in prayer. **	4.337	0.617	73.146%	4.472	0.615	73.088%	0.135	
10. God is always there for me.	4.602	1.388	91.746%	4.640	1.182	88.142%	0.038	
11. I am thankful for all that has happened to me.	4.296	0.499	69.098%	4.303	0.049	51.949%	0.007	
12. I sometimes feel cradled in God's arms.	3.704	-1.221	11.100%	3.697	-1.991	2.325%	-0.007	
13. God feels distant to me. **	4.000	-0.361	35.894%	4.382	0.313	62.297%	0.382	Significant growth
14. I rarely feel that God is with me. **	4.347	0.647	74.115%	4.292	0.011	50.443%	-0.055	
15. I feel warm inside when I pray.	3.265	-2.496	0.628%	3.506	-2.633	0.423%	0.240	Significant growth
16. I feel at peace and centered.	3.673	-1.310	9.507%	4.258	-0.102	45.929%	0.585	Largest growth by far
17. God never reaches out to me. **	4.571	1.299	90.307%	4.652	1.220	88.874%	0.080	
** reverse coded								
OVERALL AVERAGE	4.124			4.289			0.164	

Appendix: Year 2 Day 1 Data

Before attending this retreat, I felt connected to my peers, class, and Pepperdine community.			After attending this retreat, I feel connected to my peers, class, and Pepperdine community.		
Least Connected (1)	3	5.66%	Least Connected (1)	0	0.00%
	2	16 30.19%		2	0 0.00%
	3	10 18.87%		3	2 3.77%
	4	18 33.96%		4	21 39.62%
Most Connected (5)	6	11.32%	Most Connected (5)	30	56.60%
Average	3.2		Average	4.5	
Median	3		Median	5	
Minimum	1		Minimum	3	
Maximum	5		Maximum	5	
While I am at Pepperdine, I invest in the same church 2-4 times per month.			While at Pepperdine, I am going to commit to investing in one church 2-4 times per month.		
Yes	38		Yes	50	
No	13		No	1	

Appendix: CHARACTER Data

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8
Average Score (out of 5)	4.36	4.36	4.00	4.13	4.82	4.73	4.50	4.10
Overall Average	4.37	Would you recommend CHARACTER to a future student?						
Standard Dev.	0.30	YES	10					
		MAYBE	1					
		NO	0					
Please rate the following statements on a scale of 1 to 5.	The session was effective in training student ministry leaders.	I felt like the students were attentive, interested, and engaged during the session.	As a presenter, I was able to teach the students what I wanted them to learn from the session.	As a presenter, I felt like my topic was relevant to the vision of the program.	As a presenter, I believe the session was worth my time and energy.			
Average Score	4.545	5	4.5	4.875	5	Overall Average		
Standard Dev.	0.688	0	0.535	0.354	0	4.784		

The Center for Faith & Learning is proud to provide the Annual Report as an opportunity for our partners in ministry to learn exactly how their support, generous contributions, and prayers are changing the lives of the Pepperdine community. For more information on the Center's activities, please feel free to reach out:

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A Look Ahead at 2016-2017...

Major Events

- Aug 23-26 Year 2 Day 1 Spiritual Formation Retreat 2016
Once again, we are partnering with Housing & Residence Life and the Office of the Chaplain to invite up to 100 incoming sophomores to experience and invite the presence of God into their lives prior to beginning their Fall semester. The 2016 speakers will be Professor Mallory Wyckoff and PC Walker.
- Jan 6-8 Unplugged Spiritual Formation Retreat 2017
Once again, we are partnering with the Office of the Chaplain to invite up to 120 student ministry leaders on campus, such as Spiritual Life Advisors, Student-Led Ministry Presidents, and more to rest and reflect in preparation for Spring semester. The 2017 speaker will be Trevor Hudson, a pastor from South Africa and well-known author and speaker on the topic of Christian spiritual formation.
- Jan 23-25 COMMUNITAS Cohort 2 Begins
The second cohort of COMMUNITAS participants, made up of local pastors in their first 5 years of full-time ministry, will be selected in mid-September, with cohorts beginning in late January.
- June 20-29 New Faculty Retreat 2017
The new Pepperdine faculty will be invited to the annual retreat in Buenos Aires in late June 2017. Sessions will be led by the incoming Director of the Center for Faith and Learning, Dr. John Barton.

Ongoing Programming

Soul Sabbaths

The Center will continue to help support bi-monthly Soul Sabbath trips to the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. Students, faculty, and staff will be invited to take a shuttle to Serra for 2 hours to use as sabbath time and to reconnect with God in the midst of a busy semester.

CHARACTER Christian Leadership Development Sessions

The Center will continue to support the CHARACTER sessions, which will take place over the course of a 12-week sequence from October 2016 to February 2017. Twelve first-year students will be selected in early October to participate in this opportunity to receive first-hand instruction in Christian leadership from a variety of presenters, including Religion professors, Student Affairs professions, deans, and more.

Book Groups and Club Convos

The Center will continue to support book groups and club convos, which are open to all faculty, staff, and students. These groups will discuss books by various Convocation speakers and other important presenters on campus, including David Brooks (dean's lecture, Oct 2016), Ray Norman (Convo speaker, Oct 2016), Gary Selby (faculty publication, Nov 2016), Katherine and Jay Wolf (Convo speaker, Feb 2017), Eric Wilson (staff publication, Mar 2017), and AJ Swoboda (Convo speaker, Apr 2017).

Ministry Internships

The Center will continue to partner with the Religion Division to support students who obtain an internship in Christian ministry during the Fall, Spring, or summer semesters. Student internships range from traditional church ministry positions to Christian non-profit work.

Other Events

Sep 14	Student Ministry Leaders' Kickoff Event
Sep 28	When Learning Rocks Your Faith Convocation Event
Oct 14-16	LFP National Conference in Augsburg
Oct 25-28	Lilly Pastoral Leadership Conference in Indiana
Nov 8	Religious Freedom discussion with Chelsea Langston
Dec 5	University Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
Dec 6	Rainn Wilson Bahai Faith Event
Dec 20	Lecture and Fieldtrip with Dr. Michael Zakian on LACMA Exhibit: <i>Renaissance and Reformation: German Art in the Age of Durer and Cranach</i>
Mar 9-11	"Religious Critiques of Law" Conference
Mar 21	Matika Wilbur Dean's Lecture
Mar 29	"Faith from a Positive Psychology Perspective" Convocation <i>Feat. Pepperdine Professors Cindy Miller-Perrin and Liz Krumrei-Mancuso</i>
Apr 5	"What Movies Teach About Race" Convocation <i>Feat. Pepperdine Professor Roslyn Satchel</i>

Note: This list is simply a predication of official programming of the Center for Faith & Learning for the 2016-2017 academic year. It does not cover programs that the Center contributed time or resources to, nor does it list activities that may be planned as the year progresses. For more information on our activities, feel free to email us or stop by our office!

A scenic landscape featuring a large, dark silhouette of a tree on the left side. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky that transitions from a pale blue at the top to a warm, golden-yellow near the horizon. The word "PEPPERDINE" is written in a white, serif font across the lower portion of the image, with a decorative flourish under the letter 'D'.

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