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Robert Hill '65 died on August 26, 2009. The date was incorrectly listed on page 30 as September 16, 2009. Additionally Hill has no stepchildren as was incorrectly listed. He has two children and three grandchildren.

Chester Rudd '51 is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth (Knapp '51); his six children, Marjorie Webber '75, Richard Rudd '78, Valerie Schermerhorn '78, Daniel Rudd, Andrew Rudd '83, and Peter Tang '89; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His family was incorrectly cited on page 28.

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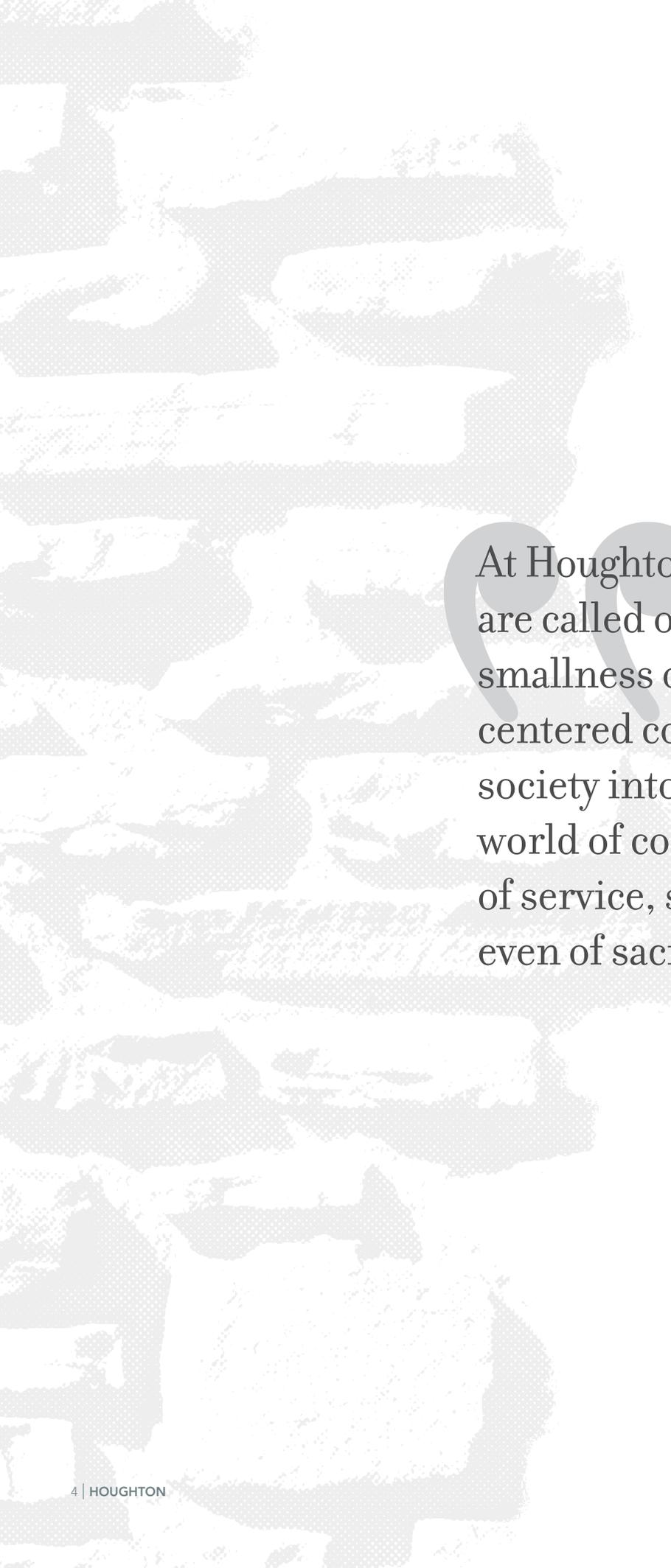
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-SHIRLEY A. MULLEN

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

**A** private residential education is a costly commodity. It involves a significant investment of resources in relatively few people. A private education has always quite appropriately had to ‘make its case’ in a democratic society. This pressure is even stronger today in a struggling economy—when it seems less and less feasible for individuals who want to access a private education to do so.

Part of making the case for Houghton in this moment involves affirming at the theoretical level what makes a *Houghton* education distinct within the larger world of higher education. This speaks to what many Christian families are wrestling with today. Why pay for a private education—and especially a private *Christian* education—when there are less expensive ways of getting a college degree? How do I know this investment will pay off in an uncertain economy?

An even more compelling case for a Houghton education is the cumulative story of the rich and varied lives that our students and alumni are equipped to live. At Houghton, students are called out of the smallness of our self-centered consumer society into the larger world of community, of service, sometimes even of sacrifice. They are called beyond their initial dreams for their own future into adventures that they never thought possible. They are called out of their own familiar world to explore other worlds—sometimes on the other side of the globe, sometimes in our own geographical ‘backyard.’ They are called, in short, out of themselves to see the world through the large and loving eyes of our Heavenly Father who invites them into partnership with His eternal purposes.

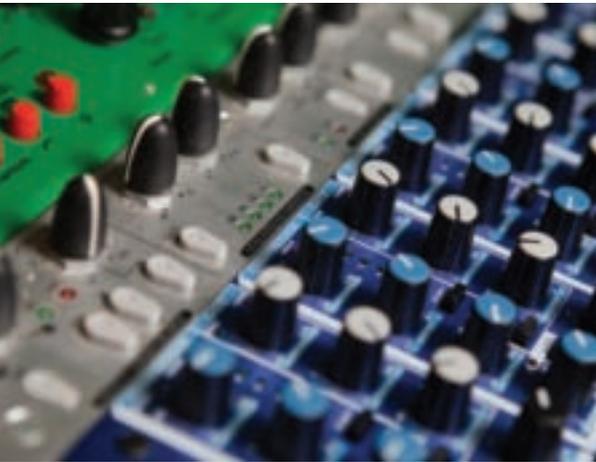
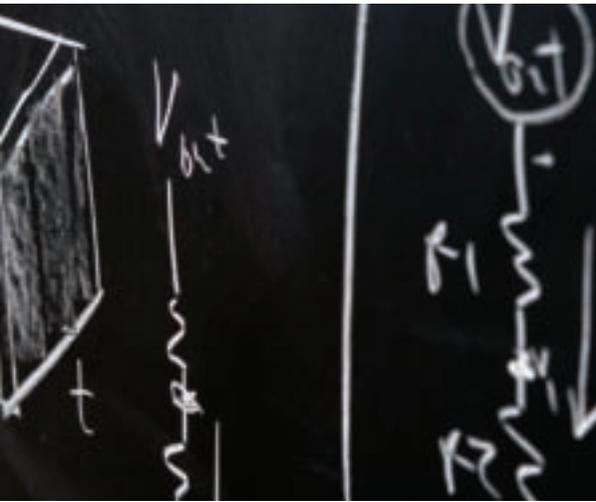
In this issue of the *Houghton Magazine*, you are invited to glimpse this cumulative story from several perspectives—current students and faculty, recent alumni and alumni who have spent a lifetime reaping the benefits of their Houghton education. Then you may judge for yourselves whether the case has been made.

We welcome your comments, your prayers and your partnership as we seek to steward faithfully this treasure of Houghton College in our time. Ultimately the final test of whether we have ‘made the case’ will be at that great accounting where God alone will be the judge!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shirley A. Mullen".

Shirley A. Mullen '76  
President



Shirley A. Mullen '76, President

**Like all institutions of higher education in these challenging economic times, Houghton must make its case.** The value of a college education—and especially a private, Christian liberal arts college education—is not at all taken for granted. Why not attend the local public university and live at home? Why pay for four years at a private college when I could go to a community college for two years for less? Why go to a Christian college when I could stay in my local church, attend the local university, perhaps even get involved in a campus Christian organization, and avoid going into debt all at the same time?

One might be tempted to build a case around the near-perfect match between the long-established qualities of a Houghton education and the needs of our 21st century world.

### GLOBAL CITIZENS

With the center of the global economy and the global church shifting away from Europe and North America, the world needs graduates with global competence and global connections. Houghton's new Center for Faith, Justice and Global Engagement highlights the college's long-standing commitment to preparing global citizens through our intercultural studies major, Mayterm travel-study programs, Houghton semester programs in Tanzania, Australia, and the Balkans, international sports ministries, Global Christian Fellowship, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program, and the more recent partnership with World Hope International in Sierra Leone. Houghton knows how to prepare graduates for a global world.

### CRITICAL THINKING AND PRACTICED IMAGINATION

With the increasing specialization of academic disciplines and the increasingly complex and interdisciplinary nature of the world's real problems, the world needs graduates with both logical skills and a practiced imagination. As Daniel Pink asserts in *A Whole New Mind*, the future belongs not to those with "logical, linear, and computerlike capabilities," but to those with "inventive, empathic, big-picture capabilities." What better way to prepare for this new world than at a college known for decades for both rigor in the sciences and the creative arts?

It is no accident that Houghton's Science Honors Program prepares students to work on the 'real world problem' of alternative energy by training them in a variety of disciplines - history and writing, as well as biology and physics.

### LIFELONG LEARNERS

With the pace of change faster than at any other point in history, the world needs graduates who know how to learn, how to be flexible, and how to adapt to new circumstances. What better way to prepare for that world than with an education that equips graduates to be lifelong learners, savvy readers of texts, clear writers and speakers, effective askers of probing questions, and intellectually curious?

## SUSTAINED AND THOUGHTFUL DIALOGUE

When sound bites are the norm in public discourse and polarization is the chief characterization of society's politics and religion, the world needs graduates who know how to carry on sustained and thoughtful dialogue that can bring people together. Houghton specializes in community. In the laboratory, on the athletic field, in philosophy club, through service projects, in off-campus programs, in chapel, in the residences, and in Bible studies, Houghton brings people together to make a difference in each other's lives.

## THE VALUE ADDED

I believe that the long-established gifts of a Houghton education are ideally suited for effectiveness in today's world. I am also aware that higher education as a whole—large universities as well as liberal arts colleges—is using the same language. Nearly everyone is talking today about preparing 'global citizens,' 'educating whole people,' 'developing real-world problem-solving skills,' and 'preparing graduates to make a difference.'

While I welcome the fact that Houghton shares with a host of others in the academy the commitment to bring the gifts of education to a hurting and broken world, there is more to the value of a Houghton education than its preparation for global effectiveness, integrated thinking, problem solving, lifelong learning, and community building.

We believe that true learning begins when one's intellectual growth occurs alongside the development of one's fundamental moral and spiritual commitments, rather than in isolation from them.

For one thing, Houghton, unlike so much of higher education, is explicit about the ultimate grounding of our search

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for knowledge and understanding. Our desire for knowledge is embedded in our desire to know God, the father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—to love Him with all our mind, our heart, our soul and our strength—and to come to love and care for the world that He has made.

Second, at Houghton, we believe that every educational community starts with a 'learning covenant.' Every educational institution starts out with certain assumptions about what is appropriate for discussion in the classroom, what guides and what limits our search for knowledge, how values are arrived at, how professors are to be involved in students' lives, etc. At Houghton, we are explicit about this 'learning covenant.' We believe that questions about meaning and purpose are as much a part of the 'cognitive furniture' of the classroom as the traditional content of a course. Houghton graduates should be as thoughtful and mature in their Scriptural and theological understanding as they are about their psychology or chemistry.

We believe that learning happens best in the company of professors who, along with modeling excellence in their disciplines, also model excellence that is grounded

in their relationship with Jesus Christ in such life skills as making choices, keeping promises, and sustaining commitments.

Third, at Houghton, we believe that it takes more than education—even a very good education—to make the world a better place. As important as an education is, it remains, in the end, a tool—a tool whose impact is shaped by the purposes of those who use it. It is worth remembering that some of the worst atrocities of the 20th century happened in cultures known for their academic and technical excellence.

At Houghton, our ultimate hope for students and for our world is grounded in the loving purposes of a God who created us and invited us to participate in His redemptive plans for our lives and for all of Creation. It is the value of spending time in an academic community that is organized around responding to that invitation—in the classroom, in the residences, in the laboratories, on the athletic field, in ensemble practice—that makes a Houghton education worthwhile, for our students and for the sake of the world.



A young woman with long, straight brown hair and light-colored eyes is the central focus. She is wearing a dark brown top and a light-colored scarf with a floral pattern in shades of green and purple. She has a neutral expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green grass and trees, suggesting a park or a natural area. The lighting is natural and soft, creating a calm and intimate atmosphere.

LESSONS  
*from the*  
B O R D E R L A N D

Bethany Cheney '12

**T**he phrase “Absence makes the heart grow fonder” isn’t just applicable to romantic relationships. Taking a year off from Houghton as a would-be sophomore taught me more about the college and its value than I ever thought possible.

You might call my break from Houghton a ‘study abroad’ experience, but I didn’t even live in another country. I followed God’s leading to the border of Texas and Mexico, living outside of El Paso. The organization Tapestries of Life Ministries was building a massive orphanage in Mexico while also providing short-term relief for struggling communities. Through this experience, I hoped to really learn about service and to develop a living example of servitude. In my mind, I figured God was going to immerse me in Spanish to prepare me to live as a missionary in South America. I naively believed that I had to work nonstop to be selfless. I had some misconceptions about Christianity which led me to a deep cynicism towards the idea of community. God would surely free me, I thought, from the unpleasantness of human relationships if only I would drown myself in serving Him.

But God had other designs. He gave me experiences, including a three-year old roommate (seriously) and homework (of all things) to prepare me for a return to Houghton the following year.

In case I returned to college, I decided to use my time on the border as my required intercultural experience credit, working with my advisor, Dr. Marcus Dean. This meant journaling, synthesizing what I was learning, and writing papers. I could not just turn my brain off, burying myself in work. Had I wanted to, my

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snack-sized roomie, JessaMae, would have prevented me, as she constantly challenged me with her curiosity, wonder, and questioning of the world.

Living with JessaMae, her young single mother, older missionaries, and semi-weekly groups of teenage to elderly volunteers, I came to understand what community means. It was easy to see the differences between people, to see their range of backgrounds, as I worked on unfamiliar projects with unfamiliar people. These volunteers, my co-workers, and my leaders were (almost) all Christians. Yet in the close, challenging, ever-changing dynamics of those weeks, I got to see firsthand the integration of servitude, disagreement, vulnerability, faith, and personality. Further, I was immersed in a new culture; not the textbook, pagan, indigenous culture about which I was predominantly informed – rather, a borderlands culture with blended language, tensions between values and standards, double-sided prejudices, and controversial methods of service.

This taught me about Houghton. I discovered how academics and my learning thus far helped me to know how to gain understanding and to approach situations as a learner. In classes, I’d learned of missions; in chapel and through relationships, about spiritual growth and experiences. I had heard all about community, but I was so lost in my work that I could not see what community meant.

In my time in the borderland, God gave me a new perspective – one that I could carry back to Houghton with me, as God tugged me into dormitories, lectures, and extracurriculars once again. Community meant balancing work with a social life, with service beyond structure and formality. The liberal arts could shape me all the more to be able to grow in knowledge, not just about culture and language, but about the economics and politics of the wide and beautiful variety of people I will get to know, work with, and have relationships with.

Returning to Houghton further challenged, stretched, and solidified my new perspective which considered building relationships to be serving God and to be more valuable than work. Through community and through learning how to understand the world around me – both strongly encouraged and practiced at Houghton – I can be formed all the more as a servant of God.

As a soon-to-be Houghton graduate, I pray to find work and community that serve God. Not simply through research, writing, or hanging out casually, though these are good. It is my hope to glorify God through building relationships and by applying the thought and careful attention of what I’ve learned through my class work. I want to always be learning, especially from God. Whether He uses a three-year-old, a new culture, the testing of my own cynical doubts, trying assignments, or anything else, I have no doubt that God will be constantly forming me. The best part? This will only draw me closer to Him.

steadfastness  
A N D peace



Nathanael Smith '12

When I first began my journey at Houghton, I could not fathom the breadth of flexibility that this Christian liberal arts institution would allow me. Houghton is a place that embodies the excellence of liberal arts along with the message of Christ. It is unapologetic about either one.

Before deciding on Houghton, I applied for and received a full scholarship to study biology and English at a top-ranked Canadian university, yet I felt drawn to Houghton. Academically, Houghton is a challenging place where students are serious about their studies. In particular, the Houghton College Biology Department impressed me with the caliber and drive of both its students and its faculty. Ultimately, I came to Houghton to pursue academic excellence.

While studying biology at Houghton, I have participated in two collaborative research projects with Dr. Aaron Sullivan. For the first research project, we looked at predator-prey interactions in dusky salamanders, and for the second research project, we looked at predator-prey interactions in bullfrog tadpoles. During those research projects, I learned how to utilize the scientific method and good laboratory practices, skills that prepared me well for my last summer job where I designed clinical trials for a large biotechnology firm.

I took my first English class at Houghton, Writing about Literature with Dr. Susan Bruxvoort-Lipscomb, during the Spring 2009 semester. Her enthusiasm for literature and writing reminded me of my love for the discipline. After spending some quality time with the college catalog,

I discovered that I could study both biology and writing in a span of four years. In my writing classes I have had the privilege of studying under accomplished critics, poets, and essayists. During the 2008 Houghton Writing Festival, I had the opportunity to workshop a couple of my poems with Scott Cairns, a nationally acclaimed poet and poetry professor.

Houghton has shaped not only my academic career but also my walk with Christ. Houghton College is a place where 'scholar-servanthood' is both preached and practiced. Seeing the examples of my professors and fellow students, I daily witness displays of humility and gentleness that are as encouraging as they are challenging. The culture of a place can have a great impact on a person's life. Houghton's culture of humility and gentleness developed in me steadfastness and peace that will remain long after graduation.

Willard J. Houghton, the college founder, often spoke of "fixing up the world." This statement, which may initially appear arrogant or presumptuous, is actually an offering of one's life to God. In a world where many people are serving their own purposes or operating out of their own bias, people who are using

their talents to look after the agenda of Christ is an uncommon thing.

Nearing the conclusion of my four years at Houghton, I cannot help but look back with some amazement and a lot of gratitude on the experiences that have brought me to this particular place in my journey. As I prepare for graduation in May, I acknowledge the wonder of my time here. Houghton is a unique community, committed to both academic excellence and holiness. Neither are simple pursuits. Indeed, to attempt both is to take up Willard J. Houghton's challenge of "fixing up the world." This requires acknowledging the shortcomings of human ambition and asking God to be an active participant in our lives.

Looking forward to the next stage in my life, I am unsure of my future plans. I do not have a specific set of expectations for what I will be doing. I do, however, have a specific set of expectations for how I will be doing it. I wish to pursue the next stage of my life, which may contain graduate studies or medical school, with a mindset that combines both academic excellence and spiritual fervor. Houghton has shown me that these do not need to be mutually exclusive – in fact, they should go hand in hand.

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# UNEXPECTED\*CONNECTIONS



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Peter Savage '10

I started working for the U.S. Department of Defense two weeks after graduating from Houghton in May 2010. Even after graduating and leaving the stability of campus life, a Houghton community emerged around the nation's capital.

My first roommates in Washington, D.C. were [Stephen Ross '10](#) and [William Airhart '08](#). Steve was starting an internship with a firm specializing in global food and nutrition, and Will, a first-year law student at Vanderbilt University Law School, worked as an intern for the U.S. District Attorney for Eastern Virginia and Houghton graduate [Neil MacBride '87](#). At the end of the summer I was joined by another Houghton graduate, [Steven Grudda '10](#), who interned at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in downtown D.C. Around the same time, [Jennifer Steinhoff '10](#) and [Elyse Drum '08](#) moved to the D.C. area. Jen had been working in the Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs for the Federal Highway Administration and Elyse worked as a staffer on Capitol Hill.

I shared in the successes of these Houghton alumni and watched them deal with challenges that were put in their paths. I believe that Houghton truly equipped us to handle life in 'the real world' in a distinct and unique way. Experiences from my own Houghton journey, taking me from Costa Rica to Washington, D.C., back to Houghton and then to Africa, prepared me well for my current vocation.

I traveled to Costa Rica over Mayterm in 2008 to study Spanish for three weeks. An important lesson learned during this experience was the recognition of the need to live selflessly – to bear the burdens of the brothers and sisters who lived and worked around me. A college education is in itself a selfish endeavor;

as we seek to train ourselves and prepare for a career, it is easy to forget to live in the moment and for those who exist around us. In Costa Rica, I started to experience the truth behind a statement President Mullen once made: that our entire lives can be summed up by our relationships.

Over the next year, replacing selfishness with selflessness strengthened as a theme in my life. I worked as a summer intern for the U.S. Air Force Office of Public Affairs and served as Student Government Association president at Houghton in the fall. Often I found that I succeeded far more in the workplace (and in Houghton public office) when I took the time to focus on my relationships with those around me. A selfish person is often an inflexible person, unwilling to go out of his or her way or try something new. The strongest application of this principle came as I returned to Houghton in the fall. I focused on making relationships with incoming freshmen, sharing my personal testimony in a freshmen chapel. It was really encouraging to return to Houghton recently and see a large number of the freshmen I developed relationships with in leadership positions on campus.

In the spring of 2009 I traveled to East Africa on the Go ED. Africa program. After five weeks in Kampala, Uganda attending classes, I headed into the field for a month-long internship where I worked as a social worker in a former conflict zone. The last five weeks of the semester were spent in Kigali, Rwanda studying the effects of the 1994 genocide, where close to 1,000,000 people were killed by their friends and neighbors. Fifteen students from Houghton studied alongside me on Go ED. Africa, along with five from other colleges and universities. We learned and discussed peace-building,

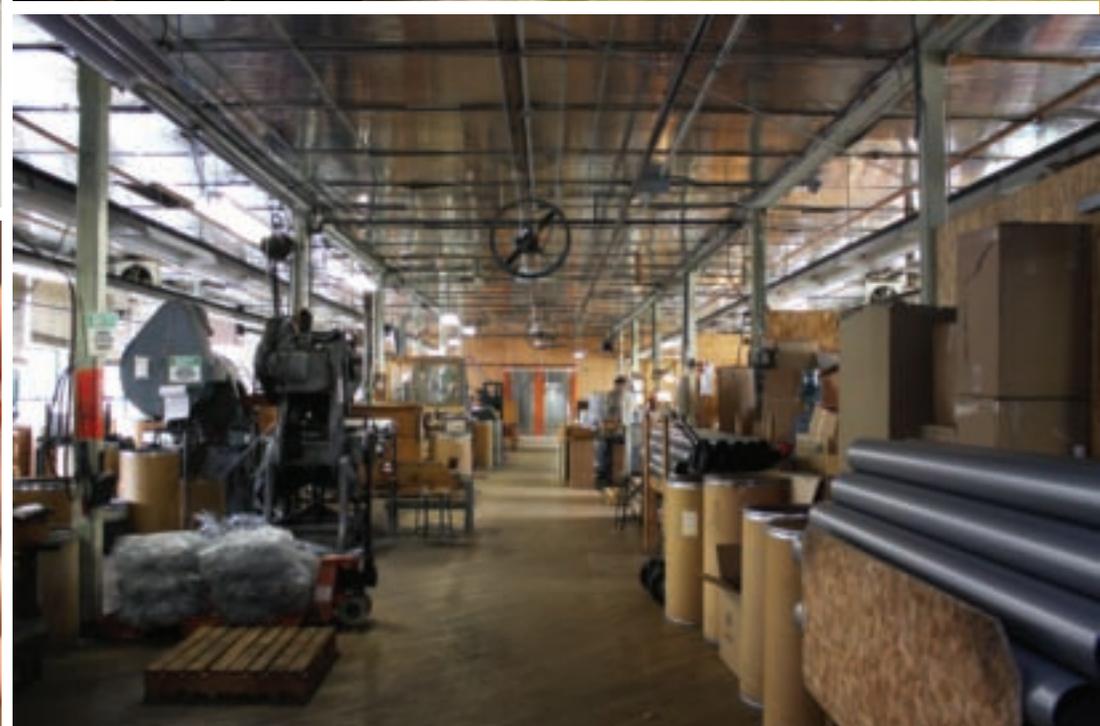
transformational development and poverty by working alongside skilled practitioners. We learned the importance of creative and flexible problem-solving and learned to rely on the strength of each other in our weak moments.

In Washington, D.C., it seems that a Houghton alumnus or alumna or student is always right around the corner. This spring I was invited to participate in a consultation on U.S. nuclear weapons policy put on by the National Association of Evangelicals. A Houghton student, [Megan Toombs '12](#), and alumnus [Paul Vicalvi '70](#), executive director of the NAE Chaplains Commission, joined in this dialogue that was designed to reimagine a policy that looked past Cold War ideology and toward the future of our planet. Creative ideas grounded in a common faith were put forward and candidly discussed by everyone at the table.

The most recent Houghton graduate to join the D.C. contingent is my wife, [Sophie \(Huber '10\)](#), who works for Christian Connections for International Health, a global health organization that brings together faith-based and secular organizations in the global health field.

Every day I see Houghton students and alumni live out their lives furthering the Kingdom and changing the world. My experiences, as well as the experiences of many others, have truly prepared us to make a difference. Without our Houghton education, we would not be as well-equipped to face the unique challenges of the world today.

I will always count Houghton as home, a strong community preparing graduates to transform the world. I am excited and honored to be a part of that legacy.



# made IN Allegany

Shelley (Smith '93) Noyes

THE CASE

**E**mily Gaerte '12 has been riding past the red-bricked Cuba Specialty Manufacturing building on Route 19 for nearly 22 years—usually on her way to somewhere else. Last spring Emily had the opportunity to take a closer look at the fishing tackle factory through an assignment in her Advanced Topics in Photography class called Made in Allegany—a collection of visual essays by the class about local producers in and around Allegany County.

“I wanted to pick a manufacturer that was right in my backyard,” says Gaerte. The factory, located just three miles away from her home, produces top-notch fishing products that are shipped around the world. “I had no idea that Cuba Specialties was such a large, far-reaching business.”

For the assignment, Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Photography **Ryan Thompson** sent students out into the community to solicit participation from local producers “based on their own interests, as well as what they thought might make for a compelling visual essay,” says Thompson. Then the students arranged to spend time with their subjects, documenting their processes and products. The resulting photographs were edited, captioned and archived at the Made in Allegany website. Thompson was pleased by the wide range of local producers that were represented. “Everything from a hobby woodworker to a dairy with automated milking ‘robots’” can be seen on the website.

“It’s one thing for students to dream up an interesting photography project and cajole their friends into participating or posing for it,” says Thompson. “But it’s a far greater challenge for them to practice the photographer-client relationship which is required in so many photography-related careers.”

**Emily Sachar '11** chose to highlight the Angelica Sweet Shop for her visual essay. Owners Karen and Don Ash have been providing sweet treats for residents and businesses in Allegany County since their opening six years ago. “We are always delighted to interact with Houghton students,” says Karen Ash, “and particularly pleased to have been selected as part of this project. The young woman who created the Angelica Sweet Shop photo essay was professional, insightful and engaging. She asked about our target market, our selection of products, our distribution channels...questions you’d expect from a marketing student, but not necessarily from a photography student!”

“The students’ reactions to both the idea for the project, as well as the finished product, were overwhelmingly positive,” says Thompson. “Many of them came back from their visits not only with hundreds of photos to choose from but with exciting stories to share. It reinforced for me how truly interested Houghton students are in engaging the broader community in which they live and work.”

Feedback from community members since the Made in Allegany website went live last June has also been positive. Many loved getting an ‘inside view’ or ‘behind the scenes’ peek at what various local producers do and make on a daily basis. “For those of us who live in the local community, these essays offer a reminder to engage and support our local producers,” adds Thompson.

Thompson hopes his students will take more away from the Made in Allegany project than just learning how to tell a compelling visual story. “We live in a time and a place that is deeply disconnected from the people and the places that produce most of what we own and consume,” says Thompson. “This assignment is premised on the understanding that local production is a productive and necessary part of any healthy community. It also is a simple exercise in being curious about the place in which we live. How do people make a living in this time and place? What is being made locally, right in our backyard? When students go out and interact with these local producers, they become much more likely to keep them in mind when making purchases themselves. So the impact is hopefully both symbolic as well as tangible.”

*For more information, and to see all of the visual essays done by Thompson’s students, go to [www.madeinallegany.com](http://www.madeinallegany.com).*

Local production is a productive and necessary part of any healthy **COMMUNITY.**

—RYAN THOMPSON



I look back on that first day at Houghton and am continually grateful. I **discovered** the things I was **seeking**— and much more.

# seeking AND finding

Jami Throne '06

**I**n the late summer of 2003, I piled into my parents' red Ford Taurus with all my belongings in tow and headed east. After driving for almost eight hours, we pulled onto Willard Avenue and my hometown of Huntington, Ind. felt like a million miles away. The sea of faces I encountered at Houghton provided exactly the welcome I needed. As a 19-year-old I was eager to discover and experience what the college promised to deliver: a globally-minded, academically challenging and faith-enriching college experience.

I transferred into Houghton my sophomore year as an intercultural studies major. I was unsure of the specific direction I would take; however, readings and discussions in courses such as Relief and Development, Cultural Anthropology, Sociolinguistics, and Modern Missions made me truly come alive. The opportunity to study abroad in a place like Tanzania with a professor like Dr. Arensen affirmed my decision to attend Houghton and further enhanced my overall experience in ways that I had not anticipated.

My classes were filled with students from around the globe and my courses were taught by professors who had valuable experience in a variety of nations. Real-life examples from Professor Gallman's time in Papua New Guinea, Professor Shea's work in Sierra Leone, and Professor Arensen's years in East Africa were a common part of class discussion. Conversation was rich and I sensed a deep desire among my peers to be culturally sensitive.

I didn't know the specifics of how my coursework would prepare me for a career after graduation, but I was hopeful that I would be well-equipped to work in a variety of arenas. Again, Houghton did not disappoint.

After graduating, I moved to Phoenix, Ariz., and worked for Food for the Hungry and StreetLight. The mission of StreetLight is to eradicate child sex slavery through awareness, prevention and holistic care. Upon moving to the city, I quickly discovered that the global issues and complexities of poverty that we had discussed in class were very much alive and well in the United States. It was during my time with Food for the Hungry that I discovered domestic minor trafficking, specifically child rape for profit, was happening in the United States. I never thought that an issue as heinous as human trafficking could be occurring in my own backyard, but my eyes were quickly opened to that truth. My team discovered that few people knew that this injustice was happening in Phoenix, so we set our minds to educate and inform.

I had the privilege and challenge of producing a documentary called *Branded* that depicted the realities of sex trafficking across the U.S. and specifically in Phoenix. It was an incredibly difficult experience but one that forever changed my life. I had no background in film, but the communication skills that I built at Houghton helped ensure that I was able to interact with the incredibly unique people we met while putting the film together.

The main goal of *Branded* was to raise awareness of child rape for profit and to move people from disbelief to action. Thankfully, the film did that very thing. Since 2008, a movement of thousands of passionate abolitionists have come together to seek justice for untold numbers of innocent children. Much more can still be done, but incredible progress has been made.

Eight years after my arrival at Houghton, I look back on that first day and am continually grateful. I discovered the things I was seeking – and much more. Some of my days in college were the most difficult of my life; however, it was a time of growth and healing that I could never have anticipated.

I have recently stepped away from working outside of the home in order to care for our new son, Micah. As I dream about what I desire most for him, I am hopeful that one day, when he is searching for his college of choice, he will find a college that is globally minded, academically challenging and faith enriching. And I certainly won't be disappointed if he chooses to wear purple and gold!

*View a trailer for *Branded* at [www.streetlightphx.com](http://www.streetlightphx.com).*

# TRUE TO FORM

Emily Sahn '12



“Convincing my father to support my desire for a college education at Houghton was quite a job,” says Claire (Ejov '51) Reed.

“At that time he felt that women should be teachers or secretaries. I didn't have a career in mind and it was expected that most of us would ‘just get married.’”

Born in 1930 during the Depression to Russian immigrant parents in Englewood, N.J., Claire recalls what it was like preparing financially for her education in a time when people didn't take out student loans. She made her own clothes, babysat, became an au pair for a New York surgeon's three children in the Poconos and took on miscellaneous part-time jobs.

Claire remembers her early days at Houghton: reading from original texts, writing an essay a day for six consecutive

days for Professor Hazlett, learning to love history from Frieda Gillette (after hating it in high school), playing on the basketball and field hockey teams, having meals in professors' homes and being supported by fellow students of faith. She graduated magna cum laude in 1951 with a double major in German and history.

As a new college graduate searching for work, Claire recollects wrestling with the question “What are you fit for with a liberal arts degree?” Her

foremost ambition was to find something interesting and challenging. Indeed, her first challenge began with a job in the customer securities department of the prestigious Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., dealing with stocks and bonds – something she knew nothing about.

“If you get a job you don't know much about, then you do your homework and start learning,” says Claire. “If you need a job, you take anything and grow from there.” Following her job at the

bank, Claire became sales office manager for Franklin Electronics Corp., a private firm manufacturing high-speed digital printers in conjunction with Jet Propulsion Labs, used on tracking stations worldwide on the Apollo space launch by NASA.

The next chapter in Claire's career led her to Temple University as program administrator for the department of psychiatry. "I thought if I could survive two years there I could do anything," she laughed. "Well, I survived five years and had a lot of fun with it." Claire was promoted and appointed grants manager officer for the newly created Temple University Health Sciences Center. She sees this job as particularly significant because there was no job description for her and she had to develop one

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on her own. In addition to her in-house responsibilities, Claire developed a computer program for grants administration which was recognized nationally. She was then invited to join the National Institutes of Health as an ad hoc consultant to evaluate potential funding for significant project grants in universities throughout the country. "That was the most fantastic thing in my entire career, working with scientists and being the sole female in the fiscal/administration arm of the committee."

After a short stint at the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Claire finished up her career at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., eventually becoming the assistant director of the Office of Research. She successfully authored a research manual on the "Conduct of Research at Lehigh University."

A third chapter in Claire's life began in 1989. Having just retired from the university, she met and married Robert P. Reed, the love of her life. Bob was a mining engineer at Bethlehem Steel and a consultant with Air Products Corp. Claire and Bob traveled extensively; throughout her lifetime, Claire's curiosity about other cultures took her to over 40 countries.

After 20 years together, Bob passed away in 2009. True to form, life began anew for Claire. At 80 years of age, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning a sport convertible by purchasing a Mazda Miata MX-5, joining the local Miata club, rallying with the boys and participating in autocross, a timed obstacle course race at the Portland International Raceway. "A few days before I was ready to go [autocross racing], I was going to cop out of it and I said, 'No,

I'm going to go try it. Even if I knock all the cones down on the obstacle course, I'm going to just go to see if I can learn how to handle my car.'" Upon signing up, she was contacted by the person in charge of registration. "He says, 'Claire, would you please submit your correct birthday? There seems to be a problem.' I said, 'Well, sir, sorry, it is the correct date. I'm a member of the Miata club. I rally with the boys and I passed their initiation test.'"

As Claire reflected on her career, she felt her curiosity and determination, together with an ability to think, write and communicate effectively, drove her to be successful at jobs she had no training for and that were usually held by men. "I'd get a little scared about a new job, and I'd think, 'Well, if somebody else has done it, I can do it. With the help of God I can do it.'" To current Houghton students, Claire recommends heavy doses of discipline and courage, aided by the liberal arts education that prepared her for anything. "I got history, psychology, science...and somewhere along the way, I've made a job out of all of them."

In summary, Claire says about herself, "My firm belief in a personal God and a curiosity which continues to take me to new experiences throughout the world show that I am living life to the fullest in spite of many disappointments and setbacks along the way."

"I'd like to be remembered as loving God and telling about His impact in my life over the years — how faith can really make miraculous things happen. I have no idea what my future holds. I start each year wondering what the New Year will bring...Life just seems to unfold for me."

[Listen to an audio interview of Claire Reed's autocross experience on the magazine website: www.houghton.edu/magazine.](http://www.houghton.edu/magazine)



**H**oughton College recently completed a \$4.1 million update to the Paine Science Center and formally dedicated the upgraded facility on Saturday, October 8, 2011 during Homecoming. Construction began on December 2, 2010 and was completed on August 29, 2011 in time for the start of the fall semester. The dedication featured special speakers, tours of the facility and a litany of dedication.

#### WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS FOR HOUGHTON AS A COLLEGE

Houghton College President [Shirley A. Mullen '76](#) highlighted Houghton's longstanding culture of scientific research and collaborative inquiry and the impact that advanced technology and resources have on research merit and academic repute. "These facilities allow Houghton to be a place where students who feel called to be scientists may do science with a spirit of excellence and with love for God's creation," Mullen stated.

#### WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS FOR THE WORLD

Associate Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics [Keith A. Horn '75](#), spoke on why this project matters for the world. Horn addressed the most current and crucial global issues, including sustainability, clean water, poverty gaps, health, peace and conflict. "At Houghton College, we are compelled to bring healing and wholeness, both spiritually and physically, on our earth."

#### WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS FOR STUDENTS

Doctor of Internal Medicine [Mark Lindley '79](#) emphasized that the people, not the building, are what make up the science and math division; thus, it is essential to build up students who can effectively use tools and resources in both scientific and nonscientific contexts. He conclusively stated: "This marriage of technology and scientific understanding with

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the broader liberal arts is a concept lived actively in this college and in many ways is the enduring purpose of this building. It is exciting to see it, both physically and in its vision, renewed and rededicated to the education of the next generation of students of Houghton College."

[Dr. Linda Mills Woolsey '74](#), interim dean of the college, led a liturgy of dedication, and [Robert V. Davidson '65](#), Board of Trustee member, concluded



## Quick Facts

### CONSTRUCTION

16,098 net square feet

\$4.1 million with no debt incurred

11 labs, five classrooms, four offices, math student study library, machine shop, faculty lounge and kitchenette

Woods: native black cherry & maple

Start date: December 2, 2010

Occupancy date: August 29, 2011

### NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATH DIVISION

Majors offered: Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Math, Computer Science, Physics, Applied Physics

230 majors

70 pre-medical students

19 faculty

More than 3,000 living natural science and math alumni

with a dedicatory prayer. After the dedication ceremony, tours of the new facilities were given by current Houghton science and mathematics students.

### LITANY OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the gift of intelligence and the call to wisdom. We thank you for your creation, whose mysterious and elusive laws we study. We thank you for matter and energy, for systems and cycles, for waves and particles. We thank you for living cell and complex organism, for the gift of life in all its forms. We thank you for order and for anomalies. We thank you for reason, method, and measurement. We thank you for the mathematics that help us to express our insights and to ponder patterns even in chaos. May we gladly learn and gladly teach as wise stewards of your creation.



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# Homecoming

## Picture-perfect fall weather

graced the Houghton campus for Homecoming & Family Weekend, October 7-9, 2011. Record attendance resulted as students, alumni, parents, family members and community members filled Houghton's campus.

Alumni reunions moved from the summer months to coincide with Homecoming this year. Class years ending in '1' or '6' celebrated their reunions with class gatherings on Friday and a reunion banquet on Saturday evening. The Class of 1986 met again after 25 years, the active Class of 1971 had a reception at the home of [Richard '71](#) and [Virginia \(Alexander '71\) Halberg](#), and alumni from as far back as the 1946 made the journey to Houghton!

Friday's festivities began with the Founder's Day chapel, where [Cornelius Plantinga](#) was the featured speaker. Plantinga, a former president of Calvin Theological Seminary, has published more than 230 articles and essays and has authored five books. During the Founder's Day service, [Rolland Kidder '62](#) was presented with the Alumnus of the Year Award. Kidder currently serves as director of National Fuel Gas Company and previously served as a patrol officer in the U.S. Navy, a New York State assemblyman and earned a law degree from State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. Other Friday activities included a golf tournament, the Homecoming College Choir concert followed by fireworks on the Quad, and a Cirque do Soleil-inspired dance held by students in the parking lot between the Campus Center and Gillette Hall.

Saturday began with the 5K Fun Run and continued with the Fall Festival on the Quad (with inflatable games, face-painting and balloon stations, pie-smashing contests, and more) and athletic contests. The day ended, as usual, with the widely anticipated, intricately planned SPOT.

Activities coinciding with the Paine Science Center dedication also occurred throughout the weekend, including the well-attended Interactive Science Experiences. (See Science Center article for details.)

Many parents and families made the trip to see their students and participate in the weekend's activities, culminating with a Family Weekend Worship Service and breakfast reception with President [Shirley A. Mullen '76](#) on Sunday morning.

For more on Homecoming, read our student blogs, watch the Homecoming & Family Weekend slideshow, and view reunion photographs on the Houghton Magazine website: [www.houghton.edu/magazine](http://www.houghton.edu/magazine).

- 01** Class of 1956 gathers for an impromptu hymn sing.
- 02** [Angela \(Keppen '98\) Babbitt](#) and [Juniper Babbitt](#), future class of 2032.
- 03** [Lois McKnight '56](#) participates in the Fun Run.



## FACULTY ACCOLADES



**Jon Case**, professor of theology, presented the paper “The Digimodern Revolution: Questions for Higher Education” to the Wesleyan Higher Education Council in May 2011 in Indianapolis, Ind. His article titled “The Music of the Spheres: Music and the Divine Life in George Steiner and Robert W. Jenson, Part Two” was published in *Crucible* in September 2011.



**Laurie Dashnau**, professor of English and director of the writing center, presented a paper titled “The Swirl and Swing of Pictures and Words: Emotion in the Medium and Messages of Art Spiegelman’s *Maus I* and *Maus II*” on October 1, 2011 at the 2011 New York College English Association Conference.

**Jon Arensen**, professor of anthropology and director of the Houghton in Tanzania Program, led a two-week anthropology seminar last spring in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The seminar was sponsored by SIL International, and each of his lectures was translated from English into Amharic. Arensen’s second book (co-written with the late Richard Lyth), *Chasing the Rain: An African’s Quest for God*, was published by Old Africa Books in October 2011.

**Richard Eckley**, professor of theology, and **W. Christopher Stewart**, professor of philosophy, presented “Strategies to Promote the Search for Meaning and Vocation in Undergraduates: Non-Traditional and Traditional Students” at the Council of Independent Colleges Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. in March 2011.

**John Brittain**, dean of the chapel and professor of religion, published a review of Raymond Studzinski’s *Reading to Live: The Evolving Practice of Lectio Divina in Sacramental Life*. He also led a day-long retreat on prayer for the First United Methodist Church in Bradford, Pa. at Olmsted Manor on March 26, 2011.

**Richard Halberg ’71**, professor of business administration, and **Peter Meilaender**, professor of political science, were recently selected to receive an all-expense-paid professional development opportunity to attend the 2011 Free Market Forum in Atlanta, Ga., co-sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

**Kelley Hijleh**, instructor of voice, served as a clinician for the Dansville Vocal Master Class Series held in April 2011 and was invited to present on registration in the female voice at Voce Vista workshop at State University of New York at Fredonia in June 2011. She was also the choral director for Vivace Sings!, the choral experience of the Vivace String Camp held in Houghton in August 2011.

**Mark Hijleh**, associate dean for academic administration and professor of music, will be presenting his research on world music theory at the national conferences for the College of Music Society as well as the Society for Ethnomusicology. His book on that subject, *Towards a Global Music Theory: Practical Concepts and Methods for the Analysis of Music Across Cultures*, is scheduled to be published next year. **01**

**Dave Huth ’95**, associate professor of visual communication and media arts, and **Jon Case**, professor of theology, were invited to present a workshop together at the Soularize 2011 Conference in San Diego, Calif. Their presentation was titled “Haters Gonna Love: Communication That Doesn’t Suck, in a World of Conflict.”

**Lori Huth ’00**, assistant professor of creative writing, won first place with her short story “A Creature of a Different Kingdom” in the

New Millennium Writings Fiction competition. She received a \$500 prize and will be published in the next print edition. Additionally, she attended the nationally prestigious and competitive Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference in Vermont. An excerpt of her in-progress novel was used in a workshop by Pulitzer Prize finalist Joanna Scott, and Huth gave a reading at the Blue Parlor Reading Series.

**Brandon Johnson**, associate professor of vocal music & conducting and director of choral activities, appeared with the Houghton College Choir at the opening night of the Rochester Oratorio Society’s 66th season. This is the first time the Houghton College Choir has appeared on the ROS series. Additionally, Johnson began his official term as president of New York American Choral Directors Association.

**Eli Knapp ’00**, assistant professor of intercultural studies, was recently the lead author for an article published in *Oryx* titled “A Tale of Three Villages: Choosing an Effective Method for Assessing Poaching Levels in Western Serengeti, Tanzania.” He was also a co-author for “Responses to Alternative Rainfall Regimes and Antipoaching in a Migratory System,” an article published in *Ecological Applications*. **02**

**Kristina LaCelle-Peterson ’82**, associate professor of religion and chair of the theology

department, presented a paper at the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Changing Faces Conference at Abilene Christian University in October 2010. Additionally, she presented a workshop at the Come to the Water Conference, hosted by the Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy organization. She has authored a chapter on the topic of Christian women and body image titled “Wonderfully Made or Wonderfully Made-Up?” for the book *Results May Vary*. LaCelle-Peterson also wrote four articles for the Global Dictionary of Wesleyan Theology, including entries on the Armenian Church, asceticism, Free Methodism, and women in the Church.

**Peter Meilaender**, professor of political science and chair of the history and political science departments, wrote and/or published two book reviews over the summer: review of Damir Skenderovic’s *The Radical Right in Switzerland: Continuity and Change, 1945-2004* for *German Studies* and a review of Mark L. McPherran’s *Plato’s Republic: A Critical Guide* in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. He has also written two articles for *The Cresset* (Valparaiso University) titled “On Paying Too Much Attention to Politics” and “Democratic Heroism.” Last spring he published “Public Policy & The Church,” co-authored with **Mark Amstutz ’65**, professor of political science at Wheaton College, in *The City*

(Houston Baptist University). Meilaender also presented “The Ethics of Immigration Policy” to the Consultation on Immigration Issues of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas, and “Jeremias Gotthelf and the Problem of Poverty,” at the annual conference of the German Studies Association in Louisville, Ky., both in September 2011.

**Ron Oakerson**, professor of political science, co-authored an article with Roger B. Parks, professor emeritus at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, titled “The Study of Local Public Economies: Multi-organizational, Multi-level Institutional Analysis and Development” for a special issue of *Policy Studies Journal* dedicated to the work of Elinor Ostrom, the 2009 Nobel Laureate in economics. He also participated in two prepublication events for the contributors to the special issue: a seminar at the School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado in 2010, and a theme panel chaired by Ostrom at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in September 2010.

**Karen (Reese ’93) Torraca**, associate professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department, and **John Rowley ’03**, assistant professor of chemistry, accompanied three students to the Western New York American Chemical

Society Undergraduate Research Symposium at the State University of New York at Buffalo in April 2011. Students **Danny Kim ’12** and **Melissa Rosenberg ’12** presented a poster on research completed with Torraca in the area of the development of green oxidation methods. **Josh Wallace ’11** presented a poster on research he completed with Rowley involving the development of biodegradable polymers and won first prize in the poster competition.

**Kurt Vandock**, assistant professor of biology, and three students, **Darby Emerson ’11**, **Alyssa Rassman ’12** and **Kathryn McLendon ’12**, published a paper in the *Journal of Membrane Biology*. “Phospholipids Dependence of the Reversible, Energy-Linked, Mitochondrial Transhydrogenase in *Manduca sexta*” focused on further characterization of the mitochondrial protein and how it has been shown to be significant in insect development.

**Christopher Wells ’05**, assistant professor of physics, had “Dark Atoms: Asymmetry and Direct Detection” accepted to the *Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics*. The paper, a collaborative effort with academics from The Johns Hopkins University as well as from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has already been cited four times in other scholarly research papers while still in peer review.

## PUBLICATIONS BY HOUGHTON ALUMNI

**Calvin Johansson ’60.**

*Music and Ministry: A Biblical Counterpoint*  
Hendrickson, 1998

**Calvin Johansson ’60.**

*Discipling Music Ministry: Twenty-First Century Directions*  
Hendrickson, 1992

**William H. Griffith ’61.** *More*

*Than a Parting Prayer: Lessons in Care-Giving for the Dying*  
Judson Press, 2005

**William H. Griffith ’61.** *Tears in a*

*Bottle: Learning How to Grieve Well*  
Xulon Press, 2010

**Lois (France ’61) Johansson.**

*Hands and Hearts: Intergenerational Activities Throughout the Church Year*  
Morehouse Publishing, 2006

**Nancy (Boyd ’78) Kennedy.**

*Miracles and Moments of Grace: Inspiring Stories from Military Chaplains*  
Leafwood Publishers, 2011

**Lisa (Kesinger ’89) DeVinney.**

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes: 366 Daily Devotionals in Poetry and Scripture*  
Cook Communication, 2010

**Dawn Duncan Harrell ’92.** *Ten*

*Ways to Pray: A Short Guide to a Long History of Talking with God*  
Smashwords, 2011

**Melissa (Havens ’02)**

**Stevens.** “Power Disparities and Community-Based Tourism in Vietnam” in *Tourists and Tourism: A Reader*, Second Edition  
Waveland Press Inc., 2009

## ALUMNI NEWS &amp; NOTES

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### 1929

Edith (Davis) Densmore, 105, passed away on August, 21, 2011 in Franklin, Ind. Densmore grew up in Freedom, N.Y. and taught high school English in Delevan, Wayland, and Greenwood schools. In 2008 she was interviewed as Houghton's oldest alumna. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Alvin M. Densmore '30; and their son, Peter. She is survived by a daughter, Anne (Richard '63) Fero; and two grandsons.

### 1936

Frances (Hotchkiss) Little, 95, died on May 25, 2011. Following her lifelong passions of learning, reading, and music, Frances taught music for five years and was later a 1st grade teacher for 21 years in the Rush Henrietta School District. She is survived by her four children, Paul (Linda Finger '65) Little '65, Jane Neureuther '69, Anne Brown '71, and Thomas Little '75; 10 grandchildren, including Jennifer Little '93, Jonathan Little '95, Melissa (Neureuther '02) Wantuck, Melanie (Neureuther '04) Houck, Matthew Neureuther '05, and Nathanael Brown '05; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson.

### 1941

Le Roy [Roy] D. Bannister, 91, died August 31, 2011 in Rochester, N.Y. Bannister was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, achieving the rank of ensign. He was past president of the Albion School Board and taught in many school districts in New York, including Holland, Lyndonville, Royalton

Hartland and Hilton. Bannister was also a farmer, an electrician and an artist. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Doris (Nesbitt '41); children, Janis Hempel '64, Richard Bannister, Robert Bannister, Marcia Skinner '69, Le Roy (Susan Moore '75) Bannister '73, Lynn (Mitchell '76) Pierce '75, and Roger Bannister '78; 36 grandchildren, including Victoria Gerhardt '03; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold and John Francis; and his sister, ElMarie.

### 1945

Gloria Jean (Marble) Martin, 85, passed away on July 31, 2011. She is survived by four daughters, including Deborah (Stephen '77) Cook '78; several grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Martin '44.

### 1946

Helen (Loudon) Cross, 87, died on May 25, 2011 in Greenville, S.C. She studied music and taught elementary school and music for several years, as well as giving piano lessons to many students in Wilmington, Del. She is survived by her daughters, Jan and Sheryl; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband, Bill, preceded her in death.

### 1947

Vivian (Schreffler) Troutman, 87, died on October 6, 2010. She was an English major at Houghton and worked for two years after graduation as a cataloger in the Houghton College library. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dr.

Perry Troutman '49; a daughter, Lynda O'Sullivan; and a son, Philip Troutman.

Betty Jane Tutton, 86, passed away on April 20, 2011 in Clearwater, Fla. Tutton taught for nearly 40 years at the Clearwater Branch of St. Petersburg Junior College (now St. Petersburg College), where she specialized in composition, literature, Eastern and Western humanities, as well as serving as chair of the humanities department. Additionally, she studied violin and was an inveterate traveler, making trips to Europe, Russia and the United Kingdom. She is survived by two nieces and three cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Beatrice Tutton; and sister, Jean Ross '53.

### 1949

Beryl (MacMillen) Anderson received her master's degree from Ithaca College in May 2011 at the age of 86, five decades after beginning work on it. She wrote her final thesis in the late '50s, but marriage and work kept her two credits shy of the degree, and she began reworking and defended the thesis earlier this year.

Beverly Barnett is one of 50 stories featured in a book of stories told by military chaplains called *Miracles and Moments of Grace* by Nancy B. Kennedy '78. Kennedy's parents, James '49 and Arleen (Werres '50), were classmates of Chaplain Barnett.

Charles [Luke] Boughter, 86, died on July 17, 2011 in Scranton, Pa. Boughter served as an aviator in the U.S Navy during WWII and afterward spent 25 years in Portugal where he and his wife, Harriet [Ruth] (Peyton '49), were missionaries with the

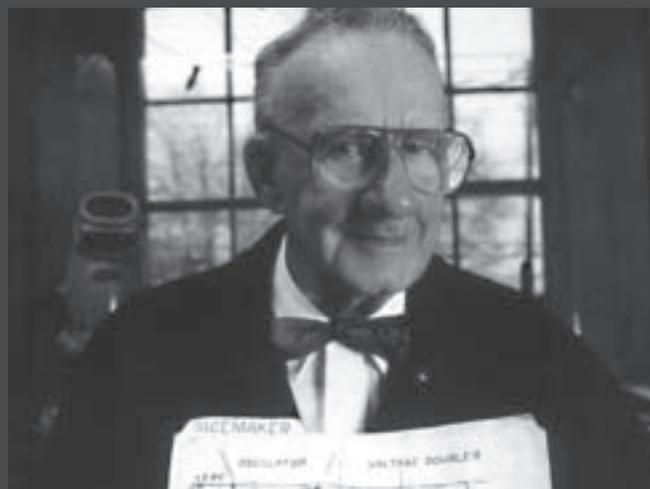
## Wilson Greatbatch: Inventor, Benefactor, Motivator, Friend

Dr. Wilson [Bill] Greatbatch, 92, inventor of the fully-implantable cardiac pacemaker and long-time friend of Houghton College, died on September 27, 2011.

Greatbatch's affiliation with Houghton College began in the late '60s when he partnered with Houghton's chemistry department to research the best materials for the implantable cardiac pacemaker's electrodes, as well as researching the battery that would run his device. Greatbatch provided the department with up-to-date lab equipment and supported a half-time research position for Dr. Bernie J. Piersma, professor emeritus of chemistry, who had been doing his own research on electrodes in saline solution prior to his Houghton appointment.

In 1968 Greatbatch was named an adjunct professor of physical science and visited the college once or twice a semester to confer about the electrode and battery research and to do what he deemed his most important work: speaking and interacting with students. "He was energetic, enthusiastic and full of charisma," writes Dr. Irmgard Howard, current professor of chemistry. "More than any other speaker, Greatbatch would challenge students to think beyond the narrow confines of their daily assignments and even beyond the artificial boundaries of their chosen academic disciplines."

Another guiding principle of Greatbatch's life was his conviction that both success and failure were out of his hands. "I think that the good Lord doesn't really care whether [I] succeed or fail," he stated in his book *The Making of the Pacemaker*. "I do think He wants me to try and to try hard, but the reward is in the doing, not in the results." On the occasion his efforts did not produce the results he was expecting, he said: "My most abject failure may be part of some grand success in His sight that may never take place in my lifetime. You know, nine out of ten of my efforts were failures, but the 10th paid for the other nine."



Houghton College has benefited in countless ways from this generosity—he and his wife, Eleanor, were the college's most generous donors to date. In addition to contributing to the science program in the '70s, they invested in Houghton's School of Music by creating a \$15 million endowment to establish the graduate program in music at Houghton College. In appreciation for this transforming investment in Houghton students and faculty, the Board of Trustees added the Greatbatch name to the School of Music.

"Dr. Greatbatch, at several key points in our history, enabled Houghton to move beyond what we had previously thought possible," says Houghton College president Shirley A. Mullen '76. "His support of the sciences and music at Houghton have been critical to the ongoing strength of these core programs. We are grateful for donors like Dr. Greatbatch who have partnered with us to realize Houghton's full potential."

Houghton College president emeritus Daniel Chamberlain was always inspired by his interactions with Greatbatch. "He was the most creative person I have ever known. He never stopped—never stopped," said Chamberlain. "He was still thinking about the future—even at the end of his life."

"He was a humble genius," says Howard. "One who embodied all of the best qualities of a scholar, a servant, and a scientist."

Greatbatch is survived by his daughter, Anne Maciariello; three sons, Warren Greatbatch '73, Kenneth Greatbatch, and John Greatbatch; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Peter; and his wife, Eleanor.

Evangelical Alliance Mission. After returning to the U.S., he was a professor at Lancaster Bible College and Columbia International University, as well as working for the Bible Christian Union Mission as the director of personnel. He was preceded in death by his wife. Boughter is survived by two daughters, Esther Rapson and Susanna Rohrer; three sons, [Mark Boughter '68](#), Daniel Boughter and Andrew Boughter; a sister, Amelia Schnirel; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

[Harriet \[Ruth\] \(Peyton\) Boughter](#), 88, passed away on September 13, 2010 in Lebanon, Pa. She had been a registered nurse at Calvary Homes & Brethren Village in Lancaster for 10 years before retirement, and prior to working as a nurse, Boughter and her husband, [Charles \[Luke\] '49](#), spent 25 years in Portugal as missionaries with The Evangelical Alliance Mission. She is survived by two daughters, Esther Rapson and Susanna Rohrer; three sons, [Mark Boughter '68](#), Daniel Boughter and Andrew Boughter; two half sisters, Faith Samuel and Lois Mateer; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, James.

[Margaret Horner](#) passed away peacefully at home on March 2, 2011. She was preceded in death by her sister, Iva Vickery.

## 1950

[Claude A. Williams Jr.](#), 85, passed away on September 27, 2011. Williams proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He is survived by his children, Cynthia Watts, Mark Williams, Brian Williams and Claudia Newton; 24 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, [Barbara \(Updyke\) '50](#); wife, Millie; and two sisters.

## 1951

[Chester Rudd](#) went to be with his Lord on February 5, 2011. During his time at Houghton, Rudd was part of the crew that started the radio station and worked on the construction of East (Gillette) Hall. He has served as Alumni Board president and, because of his love of the school, began a scholarship in his father's name. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, [Ruth \(Knapp\) '51](#); his six children, [Marjorie Webber '75](#), [Richard Rudd '78](#), [Valerie Schermerhorn '78](#), Daniel Rudd, [Andrew Rudd '83](#), and [Peter Tang '89](#); 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## 1952

[Harold A. Stopp](#), 80, died on April 24, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara. He is survived by his children, David, Linda, Sandy, Craig, and Steven; 12 grandchildren; sister, Joy; brother, Carl; and several nieces and nephews.

# Annalee Schultz



Beloved advocate for students; completely dedicated to her husband, family and church; the maker of “oh-so-scrumptious” blackberry pies; and the fastest typist Luckey Building has ever seen. [Annalee Schultz](#), 84, died peacefully on August 30, 2011, at her home in Uxbridge, Mass.

Annalee Price came to Houghton in 1952, at the urging of fellow Cleveland Bible College classmate, [Carl Schultz '53](#), who encouraged her to find work at the college while he spent a year taking classes. She worked in both the Development Office and the Registrar's Office over the years and ministered with Carl at two local churches.

“Even with two full time careers—one at Houghton College and the other with my dad in their two churches—she always found the time to sew a special dress, type term papers and attend our many concerts,” says daughter [Esther Brenner '79](#). “Whenever I would stop by to see her at the office,” remembers son [Carl Schultz '83](#), “she always made time for me and would make sure to introduce me to everyone in the area.”

Over the 41 years she served with Carl at the Hinsdale, N.Y. and Ischua, N.Y. United Methodist churches, she taught Sunday school, directed the choir, played the organ, visited the sick, directed the children's program, played the piano, helped to plan services, and did whatever else was needed. “Annalee wasn't just the organist at both Hinsdale and Ischua,” says Jan Bishop, long-time friend, and member of the Hinsdale United Methodist Church. “She was much more. [...] She was the backbone that kept our two churches more like a family than a church.”

Annalee is also fondly remembered for her baking. “It was even rumored that the reason my dad, Dr. Schultz, was faculty advisor for the Student Senate for so long was due to my mom's excellent desserts at the cabinet meetings,” says daughter [Barbara Rhodes '78](#).

Annalee is deeply missed by her husband of 56 years, [Carl Schultz '53](#); and her children, [Barbara \(Wayne\) '80 Rhodes '78](#), [Esther Brenner '79](#) and [Carl \(Jean Kephart\) '85\) Schultz '83](#). Also surviving are a sister, Barbara Searle; a brother, Sam Price; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Cunningham.



## Robert Lytle

Former Houghton College Trustee and Board Chair, **Dr. Robert N. Lytle '39**, died peacefully Tuesday, July 26, 2011 in St. Mary's, Ohio. He was 93 years old.

"Houghton College was very important to my dad," says son, **Wesley Lytle '67**. Robert's close

involvement with the college spanned several decades: from the time he was a student in the late '30s to when he met and married **Louise (Dietrich '41)** in the early '40s, to the years he sent his own children to Houghton, to when he served on the Houghton College Board of Trustees from 1972 to 1984. In 1984 he received the Houghton College Distinguished Alumnus Award, and to date over 25 of his relatives and descendants have attended the college. "He had a spirit of service and an interest in higher education that still permeates the Lytle family," said former Houghton College President Daniel Chamberlain.

This same spirit of service defined Robert's entire life. After pastoring the Fillmore Wesleyan Church for four years following his college graduation, he moved with his family to Colombia, South America, where he served for several years as a Wesleyan missionary. In 1959, he accepted an administrative position in the General Department of World Missions of The Wesleyan Church in Marion, Ind., and was later elected General Secretary (CEO) of Wesleyan World Missions by the General Conference.

"My grandpa tended to the lives around him the same way he gardened," remembers granddaughter, Andrea Summers. "He paid attention to details. He gave people space to grow. He shared his Spirit-driven insightfulness only when others were ready to hear it. He loved without needing or expecting anything in return."

"My father's favorite verse was Colossians 1:18, '...that in everything He [Jesus] might have supremacy,'" said son Wes. "Dad lived his life this way. It is the legacy he gave us."

Robert is survived by his sons, **Wesley '67 (Rebecca Tam '66)** and **Bernard '69 (Kathy Sorrentino '69)**; a daughter, **Jule Kind**; seven grandchildren, including **Jennifer (Chris '97) McNiven '97** and **Kristin Kincer '99**; and 18 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his wife, **Louise (Dietrich '41)**; a son, **Bruce Lytle**; and two sisters, **Mary Woodard '33** and **Florence Bence '36**.

## 1953

**Edward Danks, 80**, passed away on August 29, 2011 in South Carolina. Danks was a member of the Presbytery of Southern New England, and spent many years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Burbank, Calif. After his retirement, he served as a missionary in Kenya. He is survived by his wife, **Coreen Danks**; son, **Edward Danks**; daughter, **Debra Annin**; brothers, **Howard Danks** and **Richard Danks**; sister, **Marilyn Eddleston**; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Barbara (Bean '53)**; and son, **Thomas Danks**.

**Gerald Harvey Jack, 78**, died on June 13, 2009. Jack served the Lord and The Wesleyan Church for 38 years. He received Pastor of the Year in the Northeast in 1989. He is survived by his wife, **Kristin (Whiting '56)**; four children; and eight grandchildren.

## 1954

**Mildred E. (Bedient) Rose, 79**, passed away on September 13, 2011. She began her teaching career at Wilsonian Academy in Angelica, N.Y. and then taught special education in various schools throughout Allegany County. She is survived by her five children, **Leslie Rose**, **Myron Rose**, **Lucinda Lorow**, **Dwayne Rose**, and **Melanie Davis**; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; former husband, **Emmett Rose**; and dear friends.

## 1955

**Ernest Hickman** married **Ruth Maher** on August 20, 2011.

## 1956

**Roger Arnold**, retired pastor and hobbyist, has his collection of over 250 vintage flashlights on display at the Doniphan County Public Library in Troy, Kan. **01**

## 1957

**Mary (Tysinger) Stephens, 74**, entered her heavenly rest on November 23, 2010. During her teaching career, Mary taught in several school systems, including in New York State and Weisbaden, West Germany. She loved to travel and traced many of the travels of Jesus and the apostle Paul. She is survived by her husband, **Bill '58**; sisters, **Doris Essepien '55**, **Pattie Linton '56**, **Margaret Ross '59**, and **Faith Lamphier '65**; and brothers, **James [Bud] Tysinger '65** and **John Reed**.

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## 1958

Brian Armstrong, 74, passed away at his home in Hiawassee, Ga. Armstrong was an expert on Calvinism and was professor emeritus of history at Georgia State University. During his 31 years at GSU, Armstrong was also a department chairman and assistant dean. He served as president of the Calvin Studies Society, the Sixteenth Century Studies Society and the International Congress for Calvin Research. His wife of 52 years, **Carol (Demarest '59)**, survives. Other survivors include two sons, Brett Armstrong and Curt Armstrong; two brothers, Kent Armstrong and Larry Armstrong; a sister, **Bonnie Montgomery '62**; and seven grandchildren.

## 1960

Stanley Sandler recently completed a classified book-length historical study for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Ron Waite and his wife, **Charlotte (Wintsch '61)**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29th, 2011 in Holden, Mass. Friends, relatives and family members celebrated with the couple, as well as some special Houghton folks they have kept in close touch with over the years. Pictured in the front row are **Gerald Campbell '58**, **Deborah (Waite '86) Polakowski**, **Linda (Fleetwood '58)**

**Campbell**, and **Charlotte (Wintsch '61) Waite**. Pictured in the back row are **William Roeske '56**, **Jane (Gregg '60) Roeske**, **Patricia (Frey '60) Nichols**, **Laurie (Mazza '60) Valandra** and **Ronald Waite '60**. **02**

## 1961

The Houghton College Class of 1961 spent its 50-year reunion as Golden Highlanders during commencement weekend this past May. Their weekend highlights included a class hymn sing, lots of time together with Houghton classmates, and places of honor at the baccalaureate and commencement services. All class members were also invited to contribute to Words of Wisdom, a collection of advice from the Class of 1961 that was presented to each graduating senior in the Class of 2011. **03**

**Lilli Ann (Kresge) Haskell**, 71, died on September 10, 2010 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was an artist and a social services worker. She is survived by her sister, Ella Nicholson; three brothers, Conrad Kresge, Paul Kresge Jr. and Charles Kresge; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, **Edward '59**.

**Barry and Margaret (Tysinger '59) Ross** relocated to Wesleyan Village, a Wesleyan retirement center in Brooksville, Fla. in September 2011. Barry has recently retired from teaching at Anderson University.

## 1962

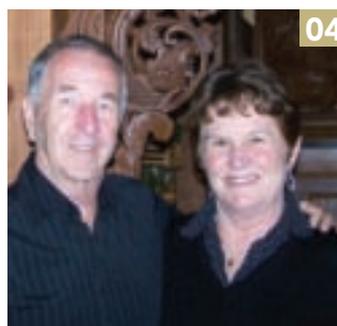
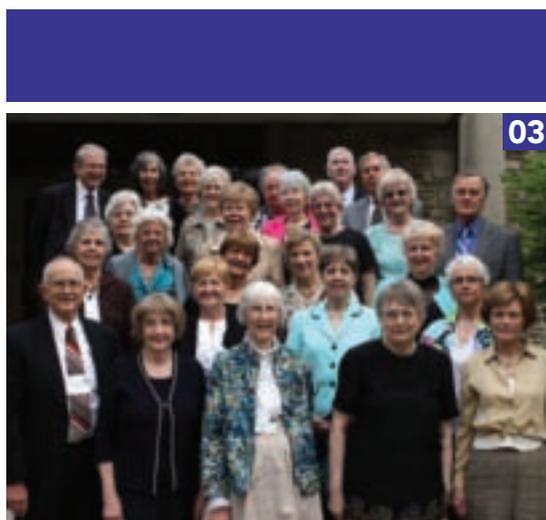
David Kramer passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2011. He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth (Pratt '63)**.

## 1965

**Karen (Greer) Lynip** and her husband, **Steve '65**, are delighted to announce that they are returning to their former 'home' in Davao, Philippines, for a three-year term with Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL International. They will have the privilege of serving the missionary teams and their partners while also offering 75 percent of their time and energy to the wider Asia area in roles that will allow them to guide country-planning efforts. **04**

## 1966

Dr. Clarence [Bud] Bence has retired from full-time teaching at Indiana Wesleyan University. At commencement in April, he was honored as the University's first recipient of the World-Changing Faculty Award given to an individual whose life has had a global impact. He will continue as church historian in residence at Wesley Seminary at IWU and plans to remain active in speaking, writing and teaching overseas. **05**



**Tom Seyler** married Parichat [Mam] Jatuphatharayankorn of Pranakorn Bangkok, Thailand on September 24, 2011 in Elmira, N.Y. Seyler recently retired after 37 years of working as a schoolteacher with the New York State Department of Correction, and Mam is mostly retired from her family's jewelry manufacturing and sales business. **06**

### 1967

**Ann (Boyer) LaPere** recently completed a 48-foot mural titled "The Scarlet Cord." The work of art was painted using acrylics and took a year and a half to produce. The mural consists of 12 canvases, each measuring 4 feet by 6 feet, and they are mounted as four triptychs in the cupola of the new family life center at Cape Carteret Baptist Church in Cape Carteret, N.C. **07**

**Dan Perrine** is founding director of Advancing Leaders International, an organization based in Redding, Calif. that develops Christian leaders in third-world countries through education and coaching. Currently ALI is working in Kenya and Uganda to improve schooling and education for African youth.

### 1968

**Carol (Backenstoe) Bence** has retired from her position as director of the RNBS (post-licensure) program at Indiana

Wesleyan University. During her six years of leadership, the program has grown to serve over 1,300 adult students. She and her husband, **Clarence [Bud] Bence '66**, hope to be involved in short-term missions during their 'encore' careers. **05**

### 1969

**Van Wiedemann** and his wife, **Sandi (Krull '69)**, retired on June 12, 2010 after serving 25 years in Christian education. Additionally, the Wiedemanns authored a tract titled "What If?" after a motorcycle accident nearly took Van's life in 1988. They have handed out over 2,000 tracts to bikers, and as a result, Van has had the opportunity to share his story at church bike blessings as well as at bike dealerships.

### 1971

**Charles Sherman**, 63, passed away in Lyons, N.Y. He is survived by his sister, Georgia Young.

### 1973

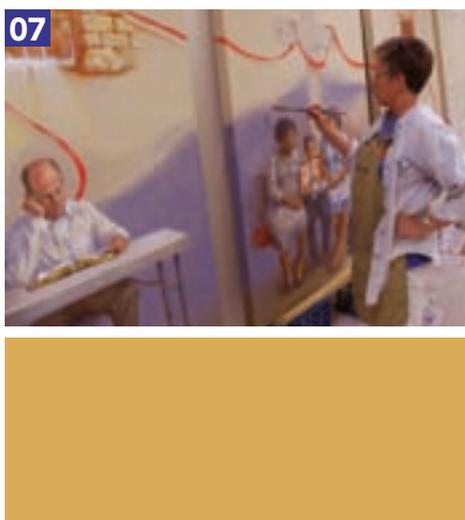
**John Buckwalter** was awarded the Fulbright Community College Faculty Award and will spend two years teaching at Astrakhan State Technical University in Astrakhan, Russia. Buckwalter is a State University of New York Distinguished Teaching Professor, Physical and Health Sciences, and has been a member of the Alfred State College faculty since 1982. **08**

### 1975

**Jeff Prinsell** recently received the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine Distinguished Service Award. Jeff is a past president of the AADSM, founding president of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, past chair of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons' obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) section, and served on the American Academy of Sleep Medicine Standards of Practice Committee Task Force to update the practice parameters for OSA surgery. His most notable clinical research is a 100 percent success of maxillomandibular advancement (MMA) surgery for OSA in 100 consecutive patients, and his new chapter on "MMA OSA surgery" is in the textbook *Current Therapy in OMS*. Prinsell is visiting faculty lecturer at Emory University and Vanderbilt University, surgical consultant at several Atlanta sleep centers, and maintains an OMS private practice in Marietta, Ga. He lives in Marietta with his wife, Kim, and sons, Jeffrey and Eric.

### 1978

**Alvin Hoover** received the highest honor for a hospital chief executive officer (CEO) in the U.S. by being named CEO of the Year by Quorum Health Resources. He is employed by King's Daughter Medical Center in Brentwood, Tenn. **09**



**Nancy (Boyd) Kennedy** has published the book *Miracles and Moments of Grace*. Kennedy decided on the profession of journalism after taking her first journalism class at Houghton, taught by Professor Nancy Barcus.

**Efrain Rivera** was appointed senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Paychex, Inc., a leading provider of payroll, human resource, and benefits outsourcing for medium-sized businesses. Prior to this appointment, he was the vice president of finance and administration for Houghton College.

### 1980

**Glen Anton Selin** passed away in September 2010.

### 1983

**Andrew Rudd** was unanimously appointed principal of the Little Falls High School in Little Falls, N.Y. by the district's board of education. He comes to Little Falls with administrative and teaching experience from the Syracuse and Utica city school districts, as well as other positions held throughout the state. Rudd holds a Master of Science degree in education from State University of New York Geneseo and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from SUNY Brockport.

### 1984

**Richard Vienne** has been appointed vice president and chief medical officer of Univera Healthcare, a Buffalo-based nonprofit health insurer. Additionally Vienne will hold the same position with Univera Community Health, a separate nonprofit that offers government-funded Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Plus Med to the uninsured and underinsured in Western New York. He resides in Clarence, N.Y. with his wife, Melissa; and their children Kaitlin, Alex and Andrew. **10**

### 1985

**Robert J. Muldoon** recently became the new pastor at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Watertown, N.Y. Muldoon has served as a pastor for churches in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, New York, and across the Midwest. He and his wife, **Mary '91**, have three children.

### 1987

**Timothy Kangas** and his wife **Jennifer (Hice '90)** are currently on furlough from the Cambodian branch of Overseas Missionary Fellowship International and are serving as missionaries-in-residence at Levant Wesleyan Church in Jamestown, N.Y.

**Jeff Luckey** became Allegany County's first-ever director of emergency management and fire in 2010. Prior to the director position, he worked for Houghton in the maintenance department. Luckey has been with the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years and with Short Tract Fire Department for 32 years.

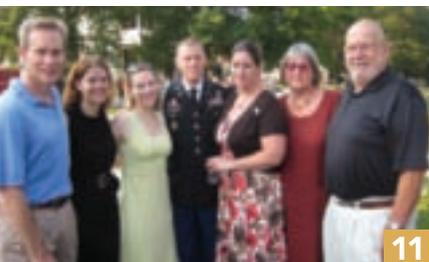
### 1989

**David Meel** was named 2011 Distinguished College or University Teacher of Mathematics by the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America. Meel has been teaching math full time at Bowling Green State University since 1996 and has twice received the Kappa Mu Epsilon Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Award at the university.

**Sue (Sleigh) Zarges** is a school nurse at South High Community School in Worcester, Mass. and recently contributed to the development of one of the first food pantries housed in a Worcester public school.

### 1990

**Bill King** and wife **Linda (Romanowski '91)** helped found Veritas Christian Academy, an independent K-8 private school in Wayland, Mass., in 2010. Their two daughters attend the academy, and Bill serves as chairman of the board.



Col. Jeffrey Hice returned to the United States from Afghanistan for a few weeks in July 2011 to graduate from Army War College. Several Houghton alumni were in attendance at the ceremony, including Timothy '87 and Jennifer (Hice '90) Kangas, Rebecca Hice '98, Christina (Galusha '90) Hice, Edie (Teetsel '63) and David Galusha '63. Recently retired Houghton professor Susan Hice was also in attendance. **11**

## 1992

Lynn (Bosman) married James McGill on February 29, 2004 and currently lives in Opelika, Ala. with her husband and two stepsons. She has been working at East Alabama Medical Center since 2001.

Lori Wynn was hired as the head women's basketball coach at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. Wynn has spent the last eight seasons as the head coach at Malone University in Canton, Ohio.

## 1993

Andrew Doell received the School Administrators Association of New York State 2011 Principal of the Year Award for Region II. Additionally Doell traveled to Washington, D.C. last November to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award

for his school, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary, in Seneca Falls, N.Y. The school was nominated for having achieved high academic standards for a prolonged period of time and was one of only 314 schools in the nation to receive this award. Andrew has been serving ECS Elementary as principal for the past six years. **12**

Kimberly (Frymoyer) Doell is currently teaching social studies lab to high school students at Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls, N.Y. In August of 2011, she and college roommate Karen (Pease '93) Davie, competed in the Iron Girl Triathlon in Syracuse, N.Y. Kim resides in Seneca Falls, N.Y. with her husband, Andy '93, their two children; and the elementary school therapy dog, Chance. **13**

Bill Howard received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Nature Programming at the 32nd Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards for a documentary titled *First Life with David Attenborough* that he executive produced. Howard's executive producing credits include the series *Gold!* for the History Channel, *Diana: Last Days of a Princess* for TLC, and hit series such as *Storm Chasers*, *When We Left Earth*, *Man Woman Wild*, *Everest: Beyond the Limit*, and *Survivorman* for The Discovery Channel. **14**

## 1995

Jody Lewandowski welcomed her twins, Elijah John and Mia Joy, into the world on December 18, 2010. Jody earned her master's in library science at University of North Texas in 1997 and continues in her career as a children's librarian in Fredericksburg, Va. **15**

## 1996

Jeff Babbitt has been named the director of marketing and communications at Houghton College. Previously Babbitt spent 15 years in admission at Houghton and was most recently serving as associate director of admission. Jeff resides in Fillmore, N.Y. with his wife, Angela (Keppen '98); and their four children.

## 1997

Amy (Bretsch) Hirschhoff, and eight Houghton friends reunited this past July for a week of vacation along with their 15 children. Pictured in front of the USS Constitution in Boston are Rebecca (Gee '97) Sitterlet, Greg '97 and Angelina (Baruffi '97) Hill, Karen Schaffner '96, Ann (Burgher '97) and Joel Lowne '97, and Matthew '97 and Amy (Bretsch '97) Hirschhoff '97. **16**

Rowan Hope Studley was born on February 22, 2011 to Chris and Kelly (Daugherty '97) Studley. She joins siblings Rileigh and Hudson. The Studleys live in the Philadelphia area.

## 1998

Tamara L. (Ross) Kaikkonen is pleased to announce the birth of her twins on August 9, 2009. Enson Oliver and Camdyn Rose joined sister Aspen and brothers Aiden and Easton.

## 1999

Heather Armstrong, assistant professor of oboe and music theory at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, performed a faculty artist series recital on March 31. Armstrong plays principle oboe with the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra and is a member of the Talus Trio, a Luther College faculty woodwind group that performs several concerts throughout Iowa and Wisconsin. During the summer she performs at the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival and serves on the faculty of Lutheran Summer Music. She holds Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Eastman School of Music. Before teaching at Luther, she held teaching positions at Houghton College, Hochstein School of Music and Dance, Roberts Wesleyan College, Eastman Community Music School and Cseh Summer School of Music.



## 2000

**Becky Lehman** has recently moved to Richmond, Va. to accept the program manager position at Sportable, a not-for-profit organization focused on providing recreation and sports opportunities to individuals with physical disabilities.

**Heather Dungey** is halfway through a library science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and is currently working in the Hancock County Library System.

**Amanda Willey** and her husband started an organization called Global Youth Groove. Their mission is to transform the lives of underprivileged youth in Africa by giving them the opportunity to develop their musical abilities. Her husband works at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass., and they were able to bring a number of Berklee students to Kenya this past summer to teach music.

## 2001

**Jennifer Bock-Nelson** has an exhibit of her paintings called *Drive* on display in Monmouth College's Len. G. Everett Gallery in Monmouth, Ill. Her work has also been part of solo shows this year in Crystal Lake, Ill. and Dayton, Ohio. Bock-Nelson is a part-time instructor at Culver-Stockton College, where she

also serves as director of the Mabee Art Gallery. She resides in Quincy, Ill. with her husband, **Todd '93**; and two sons.

**Nicole (Chapple) Coen** and her husband, Alex, welcomed their daughter, Cecelia Grace Coen, into the world of February 25, 2011. **17**

**Wendy Ivey** has been named the new girls' varsity basketball coach for Middletown Christian School in Middletown, Ohio.

**Glenn and Danielle (Bialy '01) McCarty** announce the birth of their son, Owen Matthew McCarty, born on July 4, 2010. **18**

## 2002

**Jessica (Cavagnaro) Fancher** and her husband, Jeff, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Emery Ellen Fancher, born on May 10, 2011. She joins big brother, Colby. **19**

**Joshua R. Ziefle** received the Doctorate of Philosophy degree from Princeton Theological Seminary at the school's 199th commencement exercises on May 21, 2011.

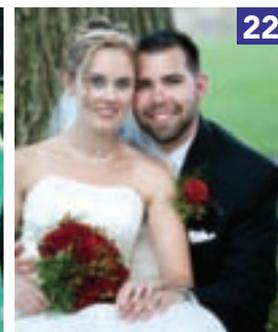
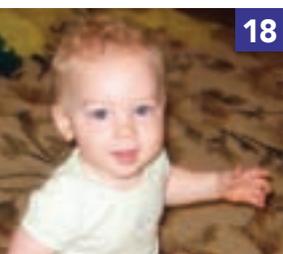
## 2003

**Laura Clodfelter** was named 2011 Teacher of the Year for Davidson County, a school system near High Point, N.C. Clodfelter was chosen out of 1,000 teachers in

the district and will be representing Davidson County Schools in the state competition. She is in her eighth year of teaching 4th grade at Welcome Elementary School in Lexington, N.C.

**Charles and Heather (Dunham '03) Farnham** announce the birth of a son, Kelton Seely Farnham, on January 27, 2011. He joins his sisters, Kira Mackenzie and Skye Marie. Charlie earned his Master of Business Administration with concentrations in accounting and management & leadership from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in November 2010, and is currently employed as an assistant controller with Berry Plastics in Macedon, N.Y. **20**

**Liz (Bence) Schandorff** and her husband, Tim, have been accepted as career missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship and have been assigned to serve in Haiti. In the fall of 2011 they will have begun a year of formal French study in Quebec, Canada and will move to Port-au-Prince in the summer of 2012. Tim will work in administration on MAF's base there in addition to taking care of their two children. Liz hopes to use her Master of Business Administration in international economic development to support local efforts in microenterprise development. **21**



## 2004

**Stephanie (Pocock '04) Boeninger** joined the faculty of Providence College in Providence, R.I. as instructor of English. Boeninger earned her master's degree from Baylor University and recently received her doctorate at the University of Notre Dame.

**Lynsey (Glover) and Staff Sgt. Clifford Wood** were united in marriage on July 9, 2011 in Corning, N.Y. Fellow alumni at the wedding included bridesmaids **Tara (Richar '04) Stocker** and **Ashley Mattern '04**; friends **Dave Stocker '04**, **Kimberly (Prins '05) and Christopher Moeller '05**; and photographer **Lindsay Musser '05**. The Woods will now reside in Port Orange, Fla., where Lynsey has been employed as an elementary school teacher for six years. Cliff is currently finishing a degree in security management through the American Military University and is employed by the U.S. Air Force. **22**

**Walter Hopkins** has accepted a position as visiting assistant professor of Spanish at Indiana Wesleyan University. His wife, **Laura (Clark '04)**, will also be working at IWU as an adjunct, teaching a course in Critical Reading. They have two children, **Zachary and Eliana**. **23**

**Melanie (Neureuther) Houck** and her husband, **Roger '02**, welcomed their first child, **Hannah Mae**, on July 9, 2011. Roger owns his own stonemasonry business in the Adirondacks and Melanie works part time as a church secretary and writes outdoor articles for a local paper. **24**

## 2005

Several Houghton alumni met up for a mini-reunion at the wedding of **Jonathan Crissman '05** on May 28, 2011, including **Aram Mitchell '05**, **Josh '05** and **Beth (Adams '05) Hazelton**, **Blair '05** and **Danielle (Luckey '05) MacDonald**, **Jon and Leigh (Kanski '07) Haley**, **Andrew '05** and **Shelley (Dooley '03) Brautigam**, **Mark Mullert '03**, and **Ian Kanski '05**. **25**

**Jonathan Davidson** married **Allison Cummins** on June 12, 2011. Houghton alumni present at the wedding included best man **Nathan Bell '05**; officiant **Robert White '05**; and attendants **Joy (Davidson '05) Bell**, **Patrick '05** and **Emily (Tullar '10) Barringer**, **Jessica Davidson '08**, **Jake McQuaid '05**, **CJ Millisock '05**, **Jess Schweigart '05**, and **Billy Stokes '05**. Jonathan completed his Master of Arts in business communication in April of 2011 and is now on staff at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. **26**

**Gregory Sammons**, chief of university police at Alfred State College, addressed members of the Alfred State College Honors Program on March 30, 2011 with a presentation titled "In New York State, Do You Have the Legal Right to Defend Yourself and Your Home?" Sammons also holds degrees from Finger Lakes Community College and Norwich University, in addition to being a graduate of the New York State Police Academy and the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Police. **27**

**Elaine Tooley** has recently been named associate director of donor services at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. She resides in Greensboro, N.C.

**Charla (Bradley) Williams** is currently teaching French immersion in the public school system of Gananoque in Ontario, Canada. She had previously spend two years teaching in the United Kingdom.

## 2006

**Lindsey Hines** received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio in June 2011.

**Jason and Danielle (Knapp '06) Shambach** are delighted to announce the birth of their second child, **Avielle Rose**, on April 20, 2011. **28**

**Krista Zimmerman** was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on October 31, 2010. Zimmerman graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago with a Master of Divinity in May 2010 and is currently serving as the solo pastor of United Lutheran Church in Rockford, Ill.

## 2007

**Theresa Osgood**, P.A.C.E Cohort V5, completed her Master of Business Administration through Kaplan University on August 30, 2011. Theresa is now in the process of obtaining her CPSM certification in the supply chain management profession.



Ben Walker and Maggie (Bell '07) were married on July 3, 2010 in Beaver, Pa. with several Houghton classmates in attendance and in the wedding party. The Walkers reside in Boston, Mass., where Maggie recently received a master's in occupational therapy from Boston University, and Ben is working on a doctorate in English at Boston College.

## 2008

Janna Bradley graduated from the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, and is currently teaching with both the Upper Canada District School Board and the Roman Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Rachel (Morse) was united in marriage with Jonathan VerHow '08 on May 7, 2011. The wedding took place in Canton, Pa. They currently live in Palmyra, N.Y., where Jon works for CVS Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician and Rachel works for U-Haul as a reservation manager. Wedding guests included Evelyn Peck '95, Grady Spencer '08, Michael Wrigglesworth '08, Kelly (Hanson '09) Eisbacher, Janet (Hazekamp '10) and Bruce Mourhess Jr. '09, Alicia (Nichols '08) Mosher, Lisa (Hazekamp '08) Gardner, Katherine (Yep '08) Norfolk, April Hegland '08, Pieter VerHow '06, Wayne '62 and Fran (Ragonese '62) Hill, and Jennifer Taylor '08. **29**

## 2009

Elizabeth Jancewicz married Eric Stevenson '08 on July 16, 2011. The bridesmaids were Journey Osburn '09, Sarah Thomas '09, Leah Gauthier '09, Sonja Mindrebo '10, and Amanda (Kronert '09) Stein. The groomsmen were William Airhart '08, Jonathan Mindrebo '08, John Buteyn '08, Tyler Stevenson '03, and Kyle Stevenson '96. **30**

Kyle Vitale was recently selected as a Lilly Fellow with the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program. Vitale is one of 16 graduate students from across the country selected to be in the highly competitive program. He will be attending the University of Delaware this fall for a doctorate in English Renaissance literature, and he plans to teach literature at the undergraduate and graduate levels and pursue research in the history of the book.

## 2010

Darren Anderson, P.A.C.E. Cohort Z6, has been promoted to the position of process quality engineering supervisor at Titanx Engine Cooling, Inc., where he has been working since 1997.

Randy Glenn, P.A.C.E Cohort S6, has recently been promoted to sales manager at Buffalo RV.

Ashley Hoffman and Jonathan Vogan '10 were united in marriage on July 2, 2011 in Webster, N.Y. Wedding guests included bridesmaids Arryn (Prince '08) Vogan and Shannon (Hicks '10) Stark; best man Devin Stark '10; and groomsmen Bryan Gerlach '10, Landry Jarvis '10, Jonathan Brooks '10, Andrew Vogan '09 and Jacob Vogan '15. More than 25 Houghton students, alumni, and faculty and staff traveled to Webster to celebrate the wedding, including Dr. Connie Finney '78, President Shirley A. Mullen '76 and Dr. Paul Mills '61, and Skip Lord '80. Jon and Ashley are currently living in El Paso, Texas.

## Former Faculty

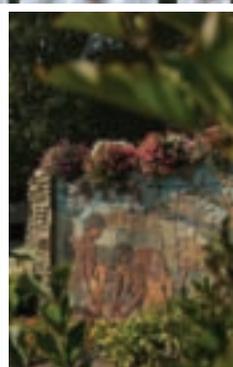
Dr. Floyd Reese, 93, passed away on November 21, 2010. Reese began his teaching career at Houghton, spending eight years as a professor in the chemistry department. He went on to teach at California State University, Chico, for 25 years in the field of biochemistry. Reese is survived by three children, Carolyn Estes, Norm Reese, and Jo Sheridan; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgiana.

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Evelyn B. Gehman, 88, died April 11, 2011 in Bethlehem, Pa. Gehman worked as an office clerk in Allentown, Pa. for the Lehigh Valley Dairy until its closing, and in the same capacity at Air Products & Chemicals. Survivors include two nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Daniel and Maynard.

James Green Sr. passed away on May 8, 2008.





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