



# The Doctor is In

## The first cohort of students graduate from SBU's new Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program

BY STEPHANIE BENOIT

On a sunny, calm morning in March, students are gathered in classrooms in Gott Education Center at Southwest Baptist University. They're listening to lectures, having group discussions, and asking professors questions, much like in any of the dozens of classes held at SBU every week.

But these students are different. They are the teachers, principals, administrators, and more in SBU's new Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program, and together, they are advancing as the servant leaders running the schools and organizations caring for future generations.

"We have a vision of school leadership that is more than just being a principal or superintendent," said Dr. Jim Truelove, department chair and associate professor of graduate education, who helped launch the program in 2012. "Our program has

been designed around the idea that we are really serious about preparing servant leaders to make a true difference in what they do. We want to be on the forefront of preparing the top leaders in the field of education."

Among those leaders is Dr. Shane Dublin, who graduated from the program in spring 2014 and was a part of its first cohort. He serves as the principal of Bolivar Middle School and, like others in the program, sought to obtain his doctorate in order to refine his leadership skills and prepare for potential roles in educational administration in the future.

"It was more than convenience or location that drew me back [to SBU]," said Dublin, who obtained his bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees in education from SBU. "I knew it was going to be a high-quality program. I can't say enough [about] the



top-notch quality and rigor of the program. The professors truly care about what you are doing, [and] SBU is a Christ-centered community, which you can truly feel in the doctorate program.”

Development of the program, which took place over the course of about three years of intensive research and planning, commenced due to the interest from regional SBU education alumni, as well as to meet the demands of an increasingly challenging educational environment.

Few educators appreciate those challenges better than associate professor of graduate studies in education Dr. Pam Hedgpeth, who mentors principals as the state coordinator for Missouri Leadership for Achievement, Excellence, and Development, a program in partnership with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



“School leaders have an enormous challenge because they are allocated only so much time and money, they need great public support, and then at the same time, they’ve got accountability expectations to achieve [like] standardized tests,” Hedgpeth said. “This is a practitioner’s degree to help them do the work that they do more effectively. We learn great theory and the latest research, and we always talk about how you take that to the [school] building or the organization.”

That expertise and knowledge is currently being put into practice across Missouri. Including Bolivar Middle School’s Dr. Dublin, there are 15 newly graduated SBU doctoral students out in the field serving in schools and districts in Bolivar, Stockton, Joplin and beyond as assistant principals, principals, professors, superintendents and more.



For Truelove, the ultimate goal is to continue equipping leaders such as these in order to affect change across the region. “For those in the education field, one of the greatest accomplishments is for students to learn from you in such a way that they can exceed what you have been able to accomplish,” Truelove said. “So, to see these leaders go out and do more than we were able to do as educators is very satisfying. We have a small part in shaping the educational experiences for children in the region.”

*To learn more about this and other SBU graduate education programs, please visit [www.SBUniv.edu/GradEd](http://www.SBUniv.edu/GradEd).*

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# An Open



# Book

The written word impacts our hearts, minds and actions in ways that are complex and powerful. So, we decided to ask some of SBU's noted faculty to highlight the books that have affected them deeply. Here are the recommended reads shaping the minds of the educators who shape SBU.

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**Dr. Bing Bayer**, Chair of the Department of Theology and Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew

RECOMMENDED READ: "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand

### Are there any books that you think students or colleagues would be surprised to find on your bookshelf?

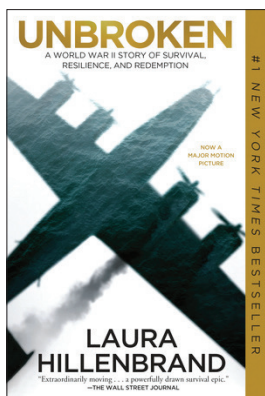
One of my sons was in the Navy, as an engineer on a nuclear submarine, so one is "Blind Man's Bluff: The Untold Story of American Submarine Espionage." I have another son still in the Navy, so I read "Air Warriors: The Inside Story of the Making of a Navy Pilot" because he flies helicopters. And I have one son who was in the Marines, so I read "Marine Sniper."

### What is one book that you would recommend to SBU students, alumni and friends?

"Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption." It's a story of resilience on the part of Louis Zamperini, an individual who faced uncommon hardships, one being 47 days out on the ocean in a raft, and then hardships in POW camps.

What I liked about the book is the lessons that you can learn from it. It's one of the few books, outside of biblical things, that I have read and actually taken notes on. I read it for pleasure, and I still took notes because I thought it had applicable lessons for life. Forgiveness is one lesson. Zamperini forgave his enemies. He actually went back to Japan and visited the guards who were so cruel, and he forgave them. It's very moving.

The power of the gospel is the second [lesson]. After WWII, Zamperini had a hard time adjusting. He drank, and was excessive in behaviors when he returned home, but he was converted at a Billy Graham crusade. He became a better husband, he changed his behavior, and he started nonprofit organizations helping young boys that were troubled like himself when he was growing up. His whole life was completely flipped around.





## Dr. Holly Hill-Stanford, Professor of English and Director

of the Barnett-Padgett Literary Artist Series

RECOMMENDED READ: "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas



### What do you usually like to read?

Since I teach young adult literature and writing for young adults, I read a lot of young adult literature because it changes so much and I have to keep up.

### What are you currently reading?

If I actually have reading time, I'd probably read Robin Jones Gunn, one of my favorite authors.

### Are there any books that you think students or colleagues would be surprised to find on your bookshelf?

I just started reading Amish fiction, [so] I think some people would be surprised by that. I've really enjoyed reading about the Amish.

### What is one book that you would recommend to SBU students, alumni and friends?

Obviously, the Bible is the most influential book. The Bible is literature – it's history, romance, drama,

epic, adventure, and poetry. So that would be my first answer to anyone.

In terms of literature, "The Count of Monte Cristo" made the earliest impression on me. It is so well written. We need to read the classic literature and appreciate it because some of it is so well written. That involves not only form and structure but also vocabulary—some of the classics use a broader vocabulary, which is one reason why I like students to read them.

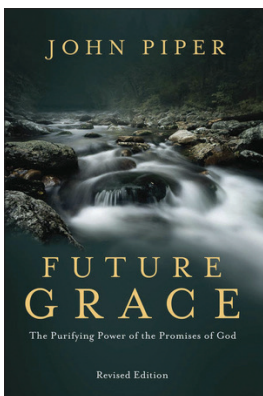
"The Count of Monte Cristo" is a great book, [and the] main reason is because it shows that it is possible to overcome obstacles. It shows just how far the human spirit can be tested and still endure. I remember being at first angry at how [main character Edmond Dantès] was being treated, and then being overwhelmed by what he was going through and gradually watching him overcome everything. It is an amazing story.



## Dr. Hillary Glauser-Patton, Department of Biology and Director

of the Darrell R. Strait Center for the Integration of Science and Christian Faith

RECOMMENDED READ: "Future Grace: The Purifying Power of the Promises of God" by John Piper



### What do you usually like to read?

When I have time to read for pleasure, I almost always choose nonfiction. The majority of the books I read now are religious in nature. I also enjoy biographies tremendously, and history.

### What are you currently reading?

Next on my list is "China Witness: Voices From A Silent Generation." The author interviewed a lot of older people in China to paint a picture of the tremendous changes that have happened there technologically, politically, economically and socially.

### What is one book that you would recommend to SBU students, alumni and friends?

It's the book that most impacted my life: "Future Grace" by John Piper. There probably have been very few days since I read it that I haven't thought about that book

in some way or another. It has impacted my vantage point on my own life, and it helped me treasure God more. It covers the impacts of God's grace to bring to pass His good and sovereign plans throughout history, both in the small microcosm of an individual's life and in a big story.

What "Future Grace" helped me to see changed how I saw everything else. I think it helped build in me a more deeply ingrained eternal perspective, which definitely affects my thinking about my teaching and my students. I think it has helped me long to see the utility of cell and molecular biology for the Kingdom of God, rather than just as a temporal tool. For my students, [I want] to seek to make them people who have tasted and seen how good God is and are able to bless the people they interact with.



## Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick, Chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences

and Professor of Psychology

RECOMMENDED READ: "David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants"

by Malcolm Gladwell

### What are you currently reading?

I am reading "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World of People Who Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain.

### Who are some of your favorite authors?

In the [nonfiction] genre, Malcolm Gladwell is one of my favorites. Also, Alexander McCall Smith [of] the "No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" books. They are hysterical! His main character is a comical lady who decides to start a detective agency in Botswana, and all she has is a detective's manual.

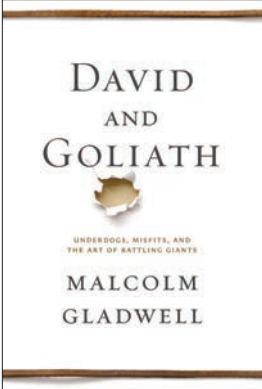
### What is one book that you would recommend to SBU students, alumni and friends?

I just finished reading "David and Goliath" [by Malcolm Gladwell]. The title story is the biblical story of David and Goliath. Gladwell writes a series of biographical sketches of remarkable people who have overcome big difficulties

to reach success, and he argues that they succeed in part because of the barriers they have overcome.

My interpretation of this is that these disadvantages prepare us for some important purpose that God has for our lives. It is only by going through these circumstances that we are prepared. If we don't have those experiences, we won't have developed the skills or characteristics to make us ready.

This book [also] compelled me because I saw an interview with Malcom Gladwell when it first came out. He talked about his faith journey in writing this book. He is from a Mennonite background but he had fallen away from that. He said that it was in the process of writing this book, looking at the story of David and Goliath, and looking at people who had overcome difficulties that he reconnected with his faith.



## Dr. Nathan Wright, Assistant Professor of Economics

RECOMMENDED READ: "Free to Choose: A Personal Statement" by Milton and Rose Friedman

### What do you usually like to read?

I like to read a combination of fiction and nonfiction. Most of the nonfiction I read will be current events and political books. With fiction, some popular fiction and some classics—I like to read a little of each.

### What are you reading right now?

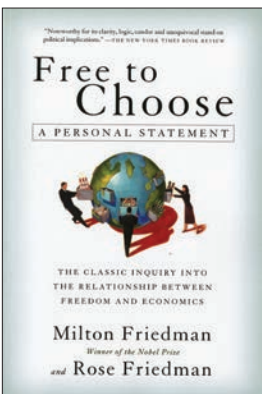
Right now, I'm reading a book on the Fair Tax, which is [a proposal to] take away our income taxes and replace them with a national sales tax. And I have a few devotional books that I'm going through. One is "52 Weeks with Jesus," which I'm really enjoying.

### What is one book that you would recommend to SBU students, alumni and friends?

One that I really like is "Free to Choose." I would say it has very much shaped the way I view the economy and

the role the government should play in the economy. It's kind of an introduction to the economy—it describes how the system works, but it is very much related to your day-to-day decision-making, and what's really best is giving individuals the freedom to make choices for themselves.

A lot of economics books can get into excruciating detail that I think make them less accessible to the average person, but this book is really common sense. You wouldn't even know you are reading an economics book, and that's the great thing about it. You are just reading a book about decision-making and everyday choices that people make, and it just happens to have a lot of economic principles embedded in it. It shows that economics is everywhere—it's related to all of the decisions that we make as human beings.



"Count of Monte Cristo," "Future Grace" and "Unbroken" covers courtesy of Random House. "David and Goliath" cover courtesy of Hachette Book Group. "Free to Choose" cover courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

# Dearing, Drury crowned Mr. and Miss Southwest

BY STEPHANIE BENOIT



Kailyn Dearing, an intercultural studies major from Bentonville, Ark., and Forrest Drury, a social science education major from Park Rapids, Minn., won the titles of Mr. and Miss Southwest at the annual pageant on March 13 at Southwest Baptist University.

For the pageant, eight candidates were nominated by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body for the purpose of selecting a pair of standout students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year.

This year's candidates for Mr. and Miss Southwest also included O'Leesa Booker of Independence, Mo.; Morgan Lucy of Glenwood, Iowa; Manny Ofori-Yeboah of Bolivar, Mo.; Grant Teckmeyer of Lincoln, Neb.; Nicki Turano of Saint Louis, Mo.; and Richard Young of O'Fallon, Mo.

The pageant featured introductory videos and a talent presentation by each candidate, followed by a round of text-message voting to determine the top four candidates, who then participated in question-and-answer sessions. A final round of voting determined the winners.

During the competition, Dearing used string to create a piece of artwork outlining the continent of Africa while a slideshow played of photographs from a 2012 Africa mission trip in which she participated. "When I was a [high school] senior at Bearcat Days, I would never have imagined being on stage three years later," Dearing said. "To me, it points to the growth that's happened and the faculty, staff and friends who have poured into me at SBU." She hopes to

attend physical therapy school after graduation and pursue missionary work.

Drury presented a humorous mock-cooking show in which he portrayed "Chad," a heavily accented Canadian culinary expert demonstrating his scrambled-eggs-making method. "It was so fun that night to [show] what we had been practicing, and the audience was really supportive," Drury said. "It was really exciting just to get nominated. I felt like it was a really big honor." After graduation, Drury intends to teach social science and become a high school coach.

The beginnings of the "Miss Southwest" tradition date back to the 1930s, with "Mr. Southwest" being added in 1963. The pageant, which was organized by the students of SBU's University Activities Council, was one of the keynote happenings of Bearcat Days, the two-day visit event in which admitted students considering SBU attendance were hosted on campus March 13-14.



Retirement receptions  
planned for Drs. Bill  
and Kathy Brown  
Submit your memories now

Drs. William (Bill) and Kathy Brown are retiring in May after 35 years of service to Southwest Baptist University, and two receptions have been planned.

## Reception details:

- On Friday, May 1, a reception will be hosted by the Department of Music in the Sixth Man Club following the Masterworks Concert that begins at 7:30 p.m. in Pike Auditorium.
- On Thursday, May 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., a reception will be hosted by the President's Office and the University in the lobby of the Casebolt Music Center.

Bill is currently SBU's provost and previously

was a professor of music and dean of the Casebolt College of Music, Arts and Letters. Kathy is a professor of music.

As part of the retirement celebrations, organizers are asking former and current students to share some of their favorite memories of the Browns.

Memories can be submitted to the SBU Office of Marketing and Communications at 1600 University Ave., Bolivar MO 65613 or by email to [sbucommunications@gmail.com](mailto:sbucommunications@gmail.com). Submissions are requested no later than Wednesday, April 29, to be included in the retirement celebration. Select writings will be included in the summer issue of SBU Life.

## SBU's 50th Masterworks concert is May 1

SBU Department of Music's 50th Masterworks Concert is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, in Pike Auditorium. The department's massed choirs and orchestra will present "Requiem" by W. A. Mozart. Featured soloists will be Dr. Kathy Brown, soprano; Paula Patterson, alto; Dr. Andrew Campbell, tenor; and Dr. Chris A. Thomson, baritone. Dr. James R. Tarrant is musical director for the event.

Each year since at least the 1960s, the music department has been presenting major works for choir and orchestra.

"To the best of our knowledge, this year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Masterworks event," Tarrant said. "This presentation annually provides southwest Missouri audiences the opportunity to experience musical works that are best presented by the combined efforts of the department, university and community. The repertoire has included the great classics, the unfamiliar pearls and modern compositions of significance."

### 1970s

**Larry Scantlan '78** retired in April 2014 after 15 years in transportation and 20 years in information technology. Scantlan is now performing as a musical entertainer in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in St. Charles and St. Louis counties. He currently has more than 60 singing engagements planned for 2015. Information about these engagements can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/TheSongMaster52>. When he's not singing, he is spending time with his grandchildren, playing golf, trout fishing, and enjoying ham radio. Scantlan and his wife, Donna, live in Wentzville, Mo.

### 1980s



**Mark Sneed '89** of Lakewood, Colo., recently celebrated his 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as the Vice President of Sales at Insurance Consultants International, a company specializing in international health, life and

travel insurance for those traveling and living overseas, with an emphasis on serving the church and missionary market. Mark is also engaged and will be getting married in September 2015 to Tammy Gardner, his high school sweetheart.

### 1990s

**Stephanie (Dasal) Godbey '92** is currently serving as the accountant for Hydro Adventures, a water and amusement park in Poplar Bluff, Mo. In her role there, Godbey is able to work in various areas of the business and learn from well-experienced experts. Godbey resides in Poplar Bluff with her husband, Rodney Godbey '92, who works at Kelley Electric, and their three children.

**Major Patrick Feild '98** completed his master's in military history in December 2013 at the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. After a yearlong deployment to the Middle East, Feild and his wife, Julia Ann (Dyson) Feild '99, moved to Fort Bliss, Texas. They have three children: Emilia, 13; Natalie, 10; and Ethan, 4. He may be reached at [feildman74@gmail.com](mailto:feildman74@gmail.com), and Julia may be reached at [jaf1199@gmail.com](mailto:jaf1199@gmail.com).

### 2000s

**Jennifer Harris Dault '04** was licensed as a minister by the Illinois Mennonite Conference on February 8, 2015.

**LCDR Charles E. Rainey '09, PT, DSc, DPT, MS, OCS, SCS, CSCS, FAAOMPT**, has earned the distinction of Senior Physical Therapist of the Year for the United States Navy.

### 2010s

**Robert Catts '11** has moved to Irving, Texas, for a network technician job with DISYS and has been contracted to a Fortune 100 company.



**Erica (Lane) Peery '07** and her husband, Adam Peery '05, announce the birth of their third child, Bennett Christian, born on Nov. 3, 2014. Adam works with cancer patients as a nurse practitioner at Barnes Jewish

Hospital in St. Louis. Erica is a stay-at-home mom caring for their three children and doing photography work.



**Kelcey (Rich) Blair '08** and her husband, Brett Blair '09, announce the birth of their second son, Hudson Daniel.

## Future Bearcats



**Jennifer Harris Dault '04** and Allyn Harris Dault together announce the arrival of their son, Simeon Elijah Harris Dault, who was born on February 13, 2015.

## In Memory

**Dr. Bennat C. Mullen '56**, professor of education at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, passed away November 8, 2014.

**Leland Foland '61** of Mansfield, Texas passed away December 21, 2014.

**Larry Spain '77** of South Greenfield, Mo. passed away January 15, 2015.

**Pamela Ramsey '83** of Columbia, Mo. passed away March 7, 2015.



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James (Jim) Jones '86 and Louise Wimberly '49, both of Bolivar, received honorary doctorates from Southwest Baptist University during the annual Founders' Day chapel service held March 16 at SBU.

SBU awards honorary doctorates annually to recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to society and to Kingdom work.

### James Gatlin Jones '86

Jones graduated from SBU in 1986 with a double major in economics and business. His professional career began at Metropolitan Life in Springfield,

Mo. In 1992, Jones returned to SBU to join the Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science faculty. Later, he founded Sterling Investment Advisers LLC, where he presently serves as the president and portfolio manager. He received an Honorary Doctor of Business.

### Louise Wimberly '49

Wimberly graduated from Southwest Baptist College in 1949 with an associate of arts degree. Wimberly invested the majority of her professional career at First Baptist Church of Bolivar, from which she retired in 1993. Wimberly found time to invest



in the community of Bolivar through numerous outreach projects such as mowing lawns for Bolivar residents who are unable to maintain them and picking up trash on and near the square. She received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities.

### About Founders' Day

SBU was founded 137 years ago this coming fall semester, in 1878, when James Rogers Maupin and Abner Smith Ingman established Southwest Baptist College in Lebanon. A year later, the college moved to Bolivar. Founders' Day is a time set aside to reflect on the university's history and heritage.