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A Tribute to Ian Pitt-Watson

By Wayne Ibara, FTS Alumnus

Professor Ian Pitt-Watson has been a member of the Fuller faculty since 1980. Since 1984, he has served as the Harold John Ockenga Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology, a chair honoring Fuller’s first president. Pitt-Watson will be retiring this year after 44 years of preaching, teaching, and ministering to people around the world. We are grateful for all that you have done for us and the wisdom that you have taught us. We will miss you.

For 14 years, Professor Ian Pitt-Watson has taught preaching at Fuller. But this is not the only thing he has taught. With Ian, preaching is just the tip of the theological iceberg.

In the fall of 1981, I and a few hundred other new students arrived at Fuller and began feeling our way through the flood of fact and fiction concerning faculty members and the appeal of their courses. Very quickly, Ian Pitt-Watson’s name became very familiar to us. The advice by unanimous consent? “Take Pitt-Watson if you can.”

Ian had been at Fuller only one year then, and already his preaching practica and Homiletics classes were the first to close at registration. You had to wait your turn to get into Homiletics. You had to be among a fortunate few to sit in a practicum with this new import from bonnie Scotland. But it was always worth the wait. Not that we all thought that preaching was the greatest thing in the world! Public speaking for many is nightmare number one. We didn’t sign up for preaching. We signed up for Pitt-Watson. Once we did, though, many of us were converted.

At the end of 2 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul describes his authority as the sort that the Lord gives for building up and not for tearing down. I know what this looks like because I took preaching from Ian Pitt-Watson.

It ought to have been a formula for disaster: put ten competitive, self-seeking and self-righteous students from many different theological traditions and perspectives in a small group, have each preach a sermon, followed by a group critique. It could have been the recipe for an ego-mania meltdown. But given a teacher who models humility and encouragement, small miracles began to happen.

Like weaknesses and shortcomings becoming the opportunities for sharing and mutual strengthening, rather than the targets for ridicule and scorn. Like men and women who never dreamed of a vocation in pastoral ministry beginning to wonder whether there was a call here for them.

We learned preaching from Ian Pitt-Watson and other members of Fuller’s preaching faculty. But for many of us, we also found ourselves part of a graceful, edifying and joyful community in our practica and seminars. You had to have eyes to see it, and also a willingness to participate in it. But, it was there. It was there.

Ian was the composer who first envisioned, and then the conductor who led this symphony of seminarians. It could have been “a kind of folly.” Instead, for many of us, it was a lesson in God’s power being made perfect in our weakness, because we were given the opportunity to build up one another in love.

Thanks, Ian. God Bless You.
It all began at the age of five after my parents went through a violent divorce: the start of my education. Memories of my first grade teacher do not include her name but do include her brightly colored mini-skirts. I don’t know if it was my teacher’s mini-skirts, the trauma from the divorce, or laziness; but somehow Mom says that I fooled my teacher into believing that I knew how to read when, in fact, I could hardly remember the alphabet.

The next three years were spent going from one special reading program to the next with little success. Mom was desperately trying to clothe and feed two children without any help from Dad, which left little time for home tutoring. At the end of the fourth grade my special education teacher said that if I didn’t enter some kind of intensive reading program during the summer, I would probably be impaired forever.

Mom remembered that her aunt in Texas, some 600 miles away from my home in Lincoln, Nebraska, worked at a small town school tutoring the slower kids in reading. Maybe she would be willing to tutor me during the summer. Within a month, I was on a bus headed for Guthry, Texas, population 63.

My first memory is getting off the bus, with one big suitcase, at the only gas station/restaurant in town. As we walked back to my great-aunt’s trailer, I became quietly scared. The last time I had seen Aunt Edith was four years ago; I had spent most of that visit on Great-Uncle Richard’s lap.

Uncle Richard was a real cowboy. Listening to stories of cattle wrestlers and playing with rattlesnake tails was very exciting for a six-year-old boy. He also had the biggest ears I had ever seen, was about 6’5”, and larger than life. My uncle, who was also an ordained minister, went home to be with Jesus shortly after that visit. I knew, however, that my aunt was a hard working, gentle woman who did love me and could cook way better than Mom.

As soon as I got my clothes unpacked, Aunt Edith set me down and had a talk. At this point, I wasn’t doing much of the talking. She described her work at the school. She knew how young boys learned how to read, and I wasn’t going to be much different. The most important aspect, however, was up to me. During the next three months, I would hear repeatedly that I could do anything I set my mind to do.

“Aunt Edith, do you want to be caught up in school or do you want to stay where you are?”

If you want to meet a special lady who has taught a hundred country boys to believe in themselves, she will be the one at graduation sporting a yellow corsage and a Texas drawl as big as her heart.
Confessions Of A Graduate Loan Payment

I am ignored.

despised, and feared. I lurk in the background like an unwelcome shadow that never leaves. I show up in dreams, fights... I can't seem to get a break. They call me "Loan Payment." Around graduation, I start to feel kind of queasy. My time is at hand and yet it's not. But people aren't thinking about me. They are out celebrating and relishing their accomplishments. I'm the furthest thing from their minds. But not for long.

Sooner or later, I hit them with a blast of reality. I send a letter that says something like, "This is your current outstanding debt. On blah date, you will enter repayment on your student loan. Remember, you are obligated to repay all your student loans." I'll send five or six letters before the repayment date saying exactly the same thing to make sure you understand.

It's been said that I'm no good. But, that's not true. I'm not saying that I'm your best friend, but I can be reasonable. Let me give some examples. Before anybody graduates, they are invited to a very boring but extremely informative exit interview. A student can get all kinds of information at these things. Lenders show up, goodbyes are handed out, and several little secrets are told. That's right, secrets. Unfortunately, only a couple of people answer my invitation, so the secrets remain a secret for the majority of the graduating students.

If you can't make it to one of these interviews, your friendly financial aid office has tons of information about me. I love to reveal myself to as many people as possible. And these secrets I talked about, the people in this office can tell you what they are.

If you can't make it to either of these places, then hold on because have got a surprise for you. I know it's hard to believe, but I'm going to tell some of my secrets right now. Here we go. Try to stay awake.

Here's a major tip: Communicate with your lender if you have any questions or problems. They want your money so badly, they will bend over backwards to help you out.

Borrowers have several repayment options. As repayment approaches and you realize that you will not be able to make the monthly payments, you can use the "graduated repayment." Contact your lender, and they will be able to set up a repayment plan that could lower your initial payments and increase them over the term of your loan.

Another option is to consolidate your loans. This option involves taking out a consolidation loan that would pay off all your loans. The interest rate on a consolidation loan is the weighted average of all your loans.

Some borrowers will experience severe financial difficulties during repayment. Please call your lender in such cases. They will be able to offer you a forbearance. Forbearance interrupts your scheduled payments for a specified amount of time. Interest accrues, but you are not required to make payments during a forbearance.

There are several other "secrets" to repaying your loan. All this can be found in the financial aid office. The loan counselors — incredibly brilliant, capable, and full of themselves — are happy to set up individual exit interviews with interested students. So feed their ego and call them.

I hope that after this little article, you find that I am not as evil and dark as you may have been led to believe. Remember me.

By David Dufault-Hunter
Financial Aid Counselor

Dear Church Lady:

I am a commuting student, and I have a question. How does one meet people here at school, specifically of the opposite sex? I'm rather shy, and the occasions that I have tried to make small talk at the coke machine, outside Travis or in the library have not been too successful. What does it take to build at least a decent friendship at Fuller?

Signed, Driving in the Slow Lane

Dear Slow Lane:

I think that you are off to a good start, so don't get discouraged too quickly. There is a bootleg tape out I hear called the Fuller Dating Problem. I'd at least listen to that in order to get a real grasp of the problem. However, I think the problem is that men and women here are too afraid to go out for a casual cup of coffee, snack, lunch or dinner. It seems to mean that if you ask someone out here -- however mundane the event -- it means that you are trying to pursue romance at the least, and at the most, a ring and a chain! Lighten up folks!!! Get over it!! Go out, don't be so anal, and meet new people!! Don't stay in the same circle of friends all year long. Remember how it was when you came to Fuller... lonely, scared, and calling home twice a day. You never know who you may be entertaining over a cup of coffee....

Write to the Church Lady! Forward your troubles to Box OSS, c/o the SEMI, or drop it in the SEMI letter slot on the 2nd floor of Kreyssler Hall.
EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-SEM IS COMING UP AND YOU ARE INVITED!!!

Get away from the hectic urban life...breathe clean, fresh air ...make some great friends...enjoy really cool scenery....Join us for PRE-SEM 1994!! You’re invited to be a part of this special opportunity for Fuller students offered just before fall quarter each year. Join fellow Fuller students for this 10-day backpacking trip in the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains. A perfect way to begin next year! PRE-SEM 1994 is September 7-16. For information, call Ellen in the OCC at 584-5322. Sign up soon! Limited spaces fill up quickly!

COMMENCEMENT 94

Commencement is scheduled June 11, 10:00 a.m. at Lake Ave. Congregational Church.

DISNEYLAND TICKETS FOR $21.00

Cheap Disneyland tickets at $21! June 3-30 only. Of every $21 you spend, $3.00 goes to Epworth Christian Preschool. So help the children get new equipment through this fund-raiser project while you enjoy Disneyland for a good deal. Call now and book your tickets at 568-9502.

Epworth Christian Preschool
500 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91101

PART-TIME OPENING

Program assistant in adult day care. 20 - 25 hours week. Secretarial / general office, activity programming, work with cognitively impaired senior citizens (Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, etc.), some driving. Interpersonal skills and caring attitude necessary. Great for Fuller spouse. Call 351-5427.

THE DEANS ARE COMING!

Fuller hosts the biennial gathering of Deans of Students from evangelical seminaries in the U.S. on June 16-19. The 1994 Seminary Deans of Students Conference will bring 14 deans to campus for workshops on topics such as "Legal Issues in Student Affairs" and "Ministering to Families in Seminary". Host: Office of Student Services. Contact D. Payne/R. Vuong @ 584-5435.

EPWORTH PRESCHOOL FALL ENROLLMENT AND SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School — Starting June 13 to Sept. 16 — $15.00/day from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. — Extended Care Available at $2.50/hr from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.
Special camping activities are set up for lots of FUN!
Fall preschool registration is now on! 2 days, 3 days or 5 day week programs starting Sept. 19th. Extended care is available. Ask for Tuition Assistance for Fuller students. Call or visit the school today! 568-9502.

NAME THAT BABY!

The OSS and SEMI offices would like to congratulate Berry and Elizabeth Alvis for the birth of their baby girl on Sunday, May 15th! Before she arrived, her name was to be Rebecca. When she came into the world, however, this name did not seem to fit. Any suggestions? Feel free to drop a note at the SEMI office, and stay tuned for the latest in the next issue!

SCHOOL OF WORLD MISSION GRADUATION BANQUET

Hey SWM Students (and spouses), Let’s Celebrate! Don’t miss the annual School of World Mission Graduation Banquet to be held on Thursday, June 9, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church (1757 North Lake Avenue). You have already received an invitation in your P.O. Box, so please fill it out and turn it in today. If you did not receive one or you lost it, stop by the SWM academic advising office to make your reservations before May 26. Due to the popularity of this event, space may be limited...so don’t wait until the last minute to sign up! Also, while you’re there, don’t forget to nominate your fellow students for the “Glasser Award” to be given out at the banquet. For further information, contact Brian @ (818) 798-7601 or x5453.
Payola from the Student Insurance Chest!!

Do you want student health insurance this summer?

* If you are graduating—congratulations! As a service to our graduates, insurance may be purchased for one quarter after graduation.

* If you are a continuing student (taking classes in the Fall) but you are not taking summer classes, you can continue your student health insurance.

* If you are taking classes during the summer you can (in some cases MUST) sign up for health insurance even if your class begins later in the summer.

* If you are interested in any of the above info stop by or call me, your Student Health Insurance Coordinator, before June 24. My office is on the second floor, above the Catalyst, my office hours are Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00.

Theater Opportunity

Attention: Anyone interested in Theater!! We are looking for people who are interested in acting, directing, stage crew, writers, etc. No expertise necessary!! If you are interested in discussing the possibility of a Fall Theater Production here at Fuller please come to a meeting Friday, June 3rd, in the Catalyst. If you are interested but can't attend the meeting please call Kurt W. Notehelfer (818) 355-0454 or Stacy Tomson (818) 405-8185.

Chapel News

Chapel - Wednesday, May 25, First Congregational Church - 10:00-10:50 A.M.

This Wednesday is the annual Student Awards Chapel where certain students will be recognized for their academic achievements. In this chapel service the faculty, in full regalia, honor the students at Fuller. Plan to come to applaud and congratulate those students and friends who have achieved great things and who will be recognized during this event.

Chapel - Thursday, May 26, Travis Auditorium - 11:35 - 12:15 P.M.

Our speakers at this Thursday Chapel are Fred and Margie Stock, who have been PC(USA) missionaries to Pakistan since 1956. Both are Fuller alumni, and Fred was named the alumni of the year several years ago. They will share with us information about their fruitful ministry in church planting and leadership development.

Notes:
- If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, please come by the Church Relations Office to make arrangements.

Morning Prayers

Daily Orthodox morning prayers, Monday-Friday, 7:30-7:55 am in the Chapel above the Library, led by Scott Watson and Fr. Sam Gantt. Everyone is welcome.

Asian Students

Asian students prayer time, Monday, 10:00 am, weekly, Room 206, Glasser Hall.
HIDDEN HEROES & HEROINES FROM FULLER HISTORY

Peppered throughout the Old Testament are instructions for Israel to remember. Memorials and moments were designed for reflection on God’s goodness in their communal history, for present moral adjustment and future vision. In order to make history with their God, they needed to know their history.

Fuller Seminary also has its memorials. As you walk around the campus, have you noticed the cairns of remembrance? There are the names of various buildings, some more familiar to our ears than others. Most of us are aware of Travis Auditorium, and Payton, Carnell and Glasser Halls, but what about Stephan, Kresge, Kreysler and Taylor Halls? The questions that come to mind are, “who are these people and what was their relationship to Fuller’s history?”

Other stories of remembrance are not as visible. In Barker Commons, there is a tasteful memorial to Glenn Barker, the dean of the School of Theology from 1972-77 and the provost from 1977-84. On the plaque are inspiring words to this pastor and friend of Fuller. Yet the story of his contribution to Fuller’s history is teasingly absent. One hears stories of his insightful prophetic vision for the seminary enveloped with anecdotes concerning his love for people. Recently, some of the staff found a billiard cue in one of the Payton offices and traced it back to Barker who used to play pool with the students during lunch times.

And what do we know of the ministry of Louis H. Evans Sr. for whom the Prayer Garden was dedicated to through the vision of Jean and James Koontz? Then there is the Arol Burns Mall named in honor of an esteemed and dedicated friend of Fuller who worked for seven years to convince the Pasadena Council to close off North Oakland to traffic, so that we could enjoy the gardens instead of bitumen. And if anyone knows the history of William H. McAlister and his daughter Amelia, after whom our library is named, please contact our reference librarians.

Perhaps it is time we honored our hidden heroes and heroines? We already have George Marsden’s masterly historical survey of the theological development of Fuller. But, this is only part of the story. There needs to be an expanded narrative theology written on some of the trustees, staff and administrators whom God has used to make this place what it is today. To make history we need to know history. Fuller’s future history with God is rooted in our historic foundations. We need to be made aware of that history.

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

The Fuller Student Fund Committee wants to personally thank all you who contributed to this fund, which came to a total of $5,249.00. This year it is supporting a number of students involved in ministry, missions, internships, and projects. The following students received support. Please give them an encouraging word and keep them in your prayers.
The 1994 Fuller Student Fund recipients are: Oe Sien Ang, Fari Anwar, Johnny Chan, Ana Gan, Virgo Handojo, Derek & Audrey Kamimoto, Petros Malakyan, Gail Nagel, Darin Nathan, Nasrat Muwanes, Christine Pak, Ted Prickett, Rosario Silva and Shelley Trebesch.

TEACH ENGLISH IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

A Thai/Chinese Church in Bangkok, Thailand is desperately seeking native American English speakers to teach English at their K-9 school for one or (preferably) two 9 month terms. This ministry adventure is fully paid for by the Sapan Luang Church which includes airfares, monthly salary, room and board, VISA and Medical Insurance expenses. There is no need to raise financial support whatsoever. The dates: early June, ’94 or as late as early September (but the sooner the better) to March, ’95. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry contact Nancy Moomaw in the ASC office immediately.

THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL EVENTS!

The ASC would like to remind all Fuller-ites of the great things that have happened this year through much hard work and dedication. First of all, the “Language Dance” was a great success, thanks to Deborah Kehle, TGU President, and her committee: Tracy Barber, Barbara Eurich-Rascoe, Courtney Mys, and Shari Rhodes. Thanks also to the professors who participated: Drs. Robeck, Taylor, M.M. Thompson, and DeChamplain. Despite the drizzle, The International Festival was a success as well, thanks to Ana Gan, ASC Events Coordinator, and her team which included Marita Viloria, Johnny Chan, Presidents of the International Concerns Committee. Special thanks goes to Brenda Acosta, who organized all of the tasty treats at the International food booths.

ANNOUNCEMENT ON TUITION

In a recent meeting that the ASC treasurer Barbara Driskill and I attended with the Vice President of Finance, Lee Merritt, information was provided regarding tuition increases for the coming year. In spite of drastic expenditure cuts in the budget made by the Office of Finance and Accounting, It will be necessary for tuition to increase by 5%. However, the All Seminary Council has also cut its overhead and again there will not be any increase in ASC fees.
PRE-SEM: PRESCRIPTION FOR REFRESHMENT

It’s ninth week and I don’t know about you, but I’m just barely hanging on. Most of us are staring down the double barrels of the next two weeks wondering how everything is going to get done and if we’ll have any semblance of sanity by the time it’s over. It’s right around this time of the quarter when Fuller students get myopic: we throw all of our energies into focusing on surviving the next couple of weeks and that’s as far ahead as we let ourselves think. Well right now - just for a couple of seconds - I’d like to ask you to step out of your end-of-the-quarter-myopia and think about an incredible opportunity for you at the beginning of next year...

It’s called PRE-SEM and if your life is needing some refreshment, energizing or renewal, it could be the perfect thing for you! PRE-SEM is the annual backpacking trip in the gorgeous Hoover Wilderness Area near Yosemite which Fuller students take just before fall quarter begins. PRE-SEM is led by a wilderness expedition organization founded by a Fuller alumnus and is designed for anyone who wishes to come! PRE-SEM is a unique opportunity to us live by and to rest...really rest. You’ll friends; you’ll have time to relax and of God’s creation.

“Okay, cut to the chase, cost???” Well, PRE-SEM is pretty your food and most of your gear is And there is some scholarship funding to be a starving student. And you can receive a deal, such a deal! If you need some refreshement and SEM group! It’s worth it. And if you don’t believe me, listen to what some past PRE-SEM participants have to say about it:

“Pre-Sem was one of the best things about my Fuller experience so far!”

“During parts of it, I honestly thought I would cough up a lung, but none of us would trade the experience for anything.”

“What a rush! My first rock climbing experience was scary, but exhilarating...definitely worth it!”

“I learned about myself and about God in thoroughly unique and wonderful ways.”

“The friends I made on Pre-Sem are some of the closest ones I’ve got.”

“The scenery was so beautiful! The mountains are just amazing!”

“The rest of my life is so busy...Pre-Sem was a much needed chance to re-focus and be renewed.”

Blessings,
Ellen Barbour

This year’s PRE-SEM will be September 7-16, and there are limited spaces available, so the sooner you call the better!

For more information on PRE-SEM call me in the OCC (584-5322) or stop by (2nd floor Kreyssler Hall, above the Catalyst).
This section of the SEMI is for the announcement of events or services not directly offered by a Fuller office or organization. For information about rates, contact the Office of Student Services at 584-5430. Note: Each person is responsible for checking on the quality and type of service before contracting or using it. The SEMI and Office of Student Services do not personally recommend or guarantee any of the services listed.

Book Sale at the Archives, 1387 E. Washington Blvd (at Hill Ave.), 20% off used books, 10% off used sets, select new books on sale. Sale begins May 2nd.

Male, Non-Smoker seeks air-conditioned, furnished, one-bedroom or studio apt. from June 1st to August 20th. Please call Bryan 510-528-7069. Anytime.

Part-time child care provider for infant needed: T & Th 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; hours flexible; non-smoking; light housekeeping as time permits. Call Lydia Glass 818/301-9505.

Pianist / Organist Needed - Sunday evening services (818) 584-1156.


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Looking for Pentecostal Fellowship? We invite you to join us for prayer and Bible study every Wednesday from 5:45-6:45. Back room of the Catalyst!

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