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New Faculty

Last week we introduced you to several new administrators; this week it’s the new faculty’s turn! There are new faculty members in each of the three schools, and they are exciting and dynamic scholars. The SEMI has spoken with four of them; we will introduce you to others as we are able to contact them this year.

by Laura Simmons
Editor

Wilbert Shenk recently joined the faculty of the School of World Mission, coming here from Indiana, where he taught for the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries and directed their Mission Training Center. Dr. Shenk will teach mission history, contemporary theologies of mission, and a D.Min. course on Ministry in Modern Culture this year.

In addition, he is coordinating an exciting project, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, called A Missiology of Western Culture. Dr. Shenk coordinates seven working groups (SOT professor Miroslav Volf is in one of them) whose work will culminate in a major international symposium in 1997. He is passionate about this project and about the field of missiology for contemporary culture. He says, “modern culture is the first post-Christian culture. Now many people have either rejected religion or have gone into other religious expressions...it’s a difficult challenge to find a way of addressing a particular culture that has already tasted or sampled Christianity and said, ‘it’s not for us.’”

The project will take major categories of human experience and examine them from a missiological standpoint. Dr. Shenk cites alienation as one example: “There isn’t much wholeness in us as individuals, much less within the community. Unless the church finds a way of speaking into this situation and pointing to an alternative other than simply letting ourselves be torn apart more and more, there isn’t much credibility to the Christian message...We must stop pretending that we live in at least a quasi-Christian culture; that is not helping us face up to the depth of human need.” We will be excited to see the end product of your endeavors, Dr. Shenk!

The School of Psychology has several new faculty members this year, two of whom have ‘come home’ to Fuller after time away from here. Linda Mans Wagener came to Fuller several years ago to administer Covenant House (which has been discontinued) and to teach. She had three babies over a short space of time and cut down her workload, teaching as an adjunct and doing private prac-

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"It's small and it's quiet!" Both of these facts about Fuller seemed to take Carolyn Rosales (SOT) by surprise. Fuller’s size is a surprise to many who come here. What is perhaps more amazing is how much we manage to accomplish despite that size!

Students interviewed during New Student Orientation had a variety of responses as they began their Fuller experience. One dismayed international student vanished as soon as the tape recorder came out, saying only, "I'm sorry; I'm having culture shock..." Joy Jimena from the Philippines did speak with us, although she too admits that "I'm in the process of adjusting." Joy, a new Ph.D. student in Church History, says that "the people are very warm and ready to talk and ready also to pray with me, so...hopefully by God's grace I'll be able to feel at home in this place."

Many cited the warmth of the people they met here. Brooke Larm, whose husband Terry is beginning a Ph.D. program in the School of Theology, is quite enthusiastic about her experience thus far. She says, "my first impression of Fuller has been with the Allelous project, which is the co-housing community. We're living there, and that's been very warm and comfortable and wonderful...just fabulous! I'm very happy about it!"

Rob Stone, a School of World Mission student visiting for a quarter from Columbia Bible College and Seminary, says that it "Seems like there's a lot of love here...it's a great school." Geoff Waldeck, a new SWM student from Perth, Australia, had an unusual experience when he first got here. He mentioned that he wanted to leave his luggage somewhere, but did not have the key to his apartment yet, and "Mike, Steve, Eric, Brenda (Orientation and International Student Services staff)...all waited at the back of the truck to help me unload it." Geoff says it was their "helping intentionally" that made it so special for him. Freddy Bockelmann, Geoff's new housemate, is from Germany. He visited Fuller last year with a friend who was coming here, and says, "It's great. That's the reason I came back."

Terisa Clark, a Texan transplanted here for the M.Div. program, says that "all the people seem to be really nice, and I think the spiritual atmosphere is better than I expected." Terisa's surprise about the spiritual atmosphere is echoed by many others. Dr. Mouw, in his address at the Tuesday convocation, mentioned how Fuller students often come here against the recommendations of friends who think Fuller is too liberal or too conservative. Students we

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tice. She and her family moved to Nebraska for a few years and moved back recently, so we’re privileged to have her teach again at Fuller!

Dr. Wagener teaches courses in the Clinical Division on child and adolescent development. When asked what is attractive for her about Fuller, she responds that the integration possibilities here excite her. In addition, she says, “I really love to teach and to supervise and to mentor students; that’s always been my favorite thing to do.” In addition to teaching at Fuller, Dr. Wagener has a private practice and four children ranging in age from seven to seventeen. We wish you well with your vocational juggling, Dr. Wagener; welcome!

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T he School of Theology welcomes to its faculty Walter Hansen, who teaches courses in hermeneutics and New Testament theology. Dr. Hansen ventures into new territory in several ways by joining the faculty as an Associate Professor. He will teach a course this year on Hermeneutics and Counseling for the School of Psychology. He has an interest in the integration of psychology and Christianity, and says he is “quite fascinated by the idea of the course and am looking forward to how it will work out.” Dr. Hansen taught Christology in the Spring quarter this year, and calls it “one of the most exciting courses I’ve ever taught, primarily because of the students’ interaction with me and engagement with the texts.”

In addition to teaching, Dr. Hansen administers the Global Research Institute, helping scholars from the ‘two-thirds world’ write books for their countries and churches. Scholars who received their Ph.D.’s five or more years ago have the opportunity to come to Fuller to do their research. There is a great need, says Hansen, for literature written and contextualized for specific settings. The Global Research Institute hopes to empower scholars to produce that literature. This year, scholars from Singapore and Sri Lanka are doing research at Fuller under GRI’s sponsorship. Next year we will have researchers from Kenya and India. Welcome, Dr. Hansen; we appreciate what you’re doing!

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Interviewed said things like, “I like the evangelical emphasis...and the commitment to Christ that’s here” (Sue Fry, Ph.D.-SOT) and “the best thing I like is the focus on Jesus Christ!” (Rob Stone, SWM). This writer had the same experience, coming to Fuller expecting to find it very liberal and devoid of living faith and being pleasantly surprised at every turn by how untrue that perception was.

Another thing that excites new students (and others) about Fuller is its diversity. Says Edison Ko, a new SWM student who grew up in Pasadena, “It’s kinda like being in a United Nations meeting, where you get to meet people from all over the world. This is a very unique place...to be where there’s people from such a wide range of backgrounds and countries and cultures; I think it’s great!”

Matthew Bush, a Clinical Psychology student, shares about his small group, “It was really encouraging to see how God had led everyone here from so far away...we had people from Kenya and Uganda who’ve gotten large checks, almost miracles to get here.

“cause they’re so different and yet the same, and God’s brought us all to the same place.”

One unusual thing about the students we interviewed was how many of them were local. Jamal Hopkins grew up in this area, and says he has “always been aware of” Fuller; he is just now coming here to earn a Master of Divinity. There were students from Los Angeles, El Monte, and Orange County. Andrei Buckareff comes to Fuller from La Mirada for an M.A. in the School of Theology. Andrei appreciates Fuller’s trademark willingness to grapple intellectually with the things of God: “It’s exciting to be in a place where academic and spiritual concerns are taken seriously...where both of those things are going on at once. The development of the mind is just as important as the development of the spirit.”

We managed to grab the new Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services, Pete Harkema, as he was enjoying orientation. He sums up the excitement of Fuller’s new population when he says, “It’s a terrific place!”
Though Fuller Follies was a “non-event” last year, mark your calenders now for February 17th, 1996. Now under the direction of Jim Gibson (ASC Events Coordinator), the show promises to be the “Next Generation” in Fuller Follies history. Jim comes to Fuller as a transfer student from Anderson School of Theology and has extensive experience in television and variety-show production as well as video and stage directing.

At Anderson University, he directed a show similar to Fuller Follies called “Cheap Thrills.” Jim promises to take Fuller Follies to new heights in creativity and absurdity. “I want to make sure that everyone on campus has an equal voice and that that voice is positive rather than hurtful or offensive.” Gibson told the SEMI that his goal for Fuller follies is that people would be able to take themselves less seriously and allow themselves to realize that it’s “only a joke”.

In addition to the familiar student acts, new fillers and running gags will be the order of the day. Another facet of the show’s direction will be pre-written acts. These pre-written acts are for students who want to be in Fuller Follies but do not have an act of their own. Students can sign up in the ASC office to be cast in these pre-written acts or in the fillers. Another benefit of the student sign-up is that people who have acts and need performers can use the list as a resource. But it’s not just student acts that Gibson is looking for. Gibson stated that “my hope is that we get a couple of faculty and staff acts as well. With our new approach of pre-written skits, we have already written an act that needs faculty and staff in order for it to work. So besides students, faculty and staff can volunteer to be in an act or write their own.” An example of a pre-written act is a skit that involves Fuller Housing, Security and Building Services. Gibson said that, “what makes this skit funny to us is that we intend to cast people who actually work in these departments. That way, we are making fun of ourselves rather than making fun of a certain group without allowing them to defend themselves. It’s much more healthy for us to participate in constructive humor rather than tearing one another down.”

For more information, to sign up to be in an act, to submit an act of your own, or to volunteer to help run the show, contact Jim in the ACS office or call him at home (818) 792-3364. When asked how he would describe the direction of Fuller Follies Gibson said, “It should be a cross between Monty Python, Saturday Night Live, and Intensive Greek. In other words, painfully funny.”

A Correction
In our Fall ‘95 Orientation issue, we reported that Tom Rennard directs both the Office of Field Education and Office of Denominational Relations. He does not. Tom Rennard directs Field Education while the Office of Denominational Relations is temporarily directed by Daryl Fisher-Ogden.
"Facing Your Fears"

How nice that we could have a relatively ‘pleasant’ earthquake during Orientation week. Only a couple of hours earlier, I was sitting at lunch with four new SOP students, all from the Midwest. One of their questions was about earthquakes: behind the question lurked fear. Two hours later they had the answer to that question; hopefully most of our fears won’t be confronted so quickly!

New beginnings are usually accompanied by a variety of fears. What if I can’t do the course work? What if people aren’t friendly? What if I’m not accepted by others? These are some of the more easily identifiable fears, but underneath may be other fears, or a general feeling of anxiety. Usually our response to fear and anxiety is to run away, even though we know that running only adds to our fears.

Here’s our challenge to you: Make a commitment to yourself to begin to face the things you fear. Here are four steps you can take as you begin:

1. Identify what you fear might happen. Fears often take the form of a “What if...?” Take some time and write out a list of your fears as you begin this year at Fuller.

2. Go through your head and assign some ‘measure of distress’ to each fear you’ve identified. Then circle your least distressing fear and deal with only one fear at a time, beginning with the least fearful.

3. List four or five specific things you could do differently that would help reduce the likelihood of your fear becoming reality.

4. Decide to do the easiest thing on your list at least once a day for two weeks.

Sometimes our fears are bigger than a four-step process. We want you to be aware that Fuller Psychological and Family Services (FPFS) is here as a resource for you. If you find your fears growing larger, or sense that you are becoming more and more paralyzed socially and relationally, make an appointment to talk to one of our counselors. We are a training center, and each of our counselors works as a professional, maintaining strict confidentiality. We can help you get unstuck so your Fuller experience will be all that God wants it to be.

C H A P E L  n e w s

All-Seminary Chapel

This Wednesday, October 11, our guest speaker is Dr. Marguerite Shuster, Associate Professor of Preaching. We gather for the Wednesday Chapel at 10 am at the First Congregational Church.

On Thursday, October 12, Rev. Daryl Fisher-Ogden, Director of the Office of Presbyterian Ministries will be sharing her personal testimony surrounded by a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team. The Thursday All-Seminary Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 am.

Note: If your denomination is not meeting at this time and you are interested in starting a group, and/or connecting with others of your denomination, please come by the Office of Denominational Relations, located 2nd floor of Carnell Hall (behind the Catalyst) or call 584-5387.
Nearly 50 years ago, at the beginning of Fuller Seminary's history, it is recorded that "the faculty worried that in the high-powered intellectual atmosphere, the spiritual life of the students might languish. Daily chapel attendance was required as essential to establishing a sense of spiritual community. The faculty also inaugurated days of prayer, ending with services of consecration" (Marsden, Reforming Fundamentalism, p. 87).

Though many things have changed at Fuller — for example, the size and international character of the student body — much remains the same. We are still dependent on the grace and guidance of God for our health and vitality. Though daily chapel is no longer required, it is encouraged as a sense of spiritual community. And this Fall, the Wednesday of October 25 has been set aside as a Day of Prayer and Consecration. On that day, from 10 am - 1 pm, classes are cancelled and offices are closed as we join together for a time of shared worship, prayer, and fellowship with God and one another. The theme for the Day of Prayer this Fall is "Reconciliation — Breaking Down the Dividing Walls." President Mouw will lead us in reflecting together upon God's word and will guide us into prayer by asking God to give us a special grace — a "spiritual rhythm" — at the very heart of our academic life together. We will be asking God to build us up in love and bless us in our desire to know and love Jesus and one another more fully. Please mark the day of October 25 on your calendar now and ask God to prepare all of our hearts for this day of corporate worship, prayer, and fellowship.

Oswald Chambers says that "Prayer is the way the life of God is nourished in us." Prayer is our way of acknowledging our dependence upon God, of expressing our desire for Him, of tasting the Lord's goodness. "God is so good," writes Françoise Fenelon, "that he only awaits our desire to overwhelm us with this gift which is himself. If we feed ourselves with Jesus Christ and his word, we shall be like a vessel in full sail with a fair wind." John Calvin wrote that "prayer for others is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them."

In the midst of the "high-powered intellectual climate" of Fuller, prayer is a central means of maintaining our spiritual center in Christ and expressing love for others. In the midst of this Fall term, we want to be — individually and as a Seminary community — in full sail by the Holy Spirit, experiencing together the Lord's reconciling love and goodness.

Doug Gregg
Director, OCC

Fall Opportunities

Building in Love: Preparing for the Day of Prayer
On the Day of Prayer (October 25), Dr. Mouw will lead us and focus on the theme of Reconciliation — Breaking Down the Dividing Walls. In your box, you will find a two-week guide that will aid in your preparation for the Day of Prayer. The guide will prepare our hearts for that day by reflecting on aspects of reconciliation in our own lives. Don't forget to check your boxes!!!!!

Bridge Toward Wholeness
Do you struggle with perfectionism, overeating, overspending, overworking, or any other behaviors that seem to be out of control? The Office of Christian Community is now sponsoring a Christ-centered 12-step recovery group. It is open for anyone in the Fuller community seeking recovery and desiring to apply the 12 steps. It will be meeting from 5:15pm-6:45pm on Tuesdays in the OCC (2nd floor of the Catalyst). Everyone is welcome!

Prayer groups
Anyone heading up a prayer group this Fall, please contact us here at the OCC. We would like to keep a list of all the groups, where they meet, the main focus, and the contact person. Please call at 564-5322.

Couples Garden
Marriage is like a garden. It takes a lot of care — thoughtful pruning, regular watering, careful feeding, and periodic weeding — to grow a relationship of beauty, satisfaction, and pleasure. The couples garden is a place where you can do that. The Fall dates will be October 7 and November 4. Brochures with more information will be distributed and available.

Retreat Center Listing
A listing is available of area retreat centers. The listings are available outside our office, or leave your name and box number and we'll put one in your box. 564-5322.

The Office of Christian Community may be reached at (818) 584-5322, or FT5 Box 243, and is located on the second floor of the Catalyst building.
F.O.C.U.S.
A group for and by Fuller wives. Join us for friendship, support, Bible study and fun! Thursdays, 7 pm in the SOP lounge. Call Julie at 795-3428.

Women's Fall Gathering
All women students, staff, faculty, administrators and spouses are invited to a Women’s Fall Gathering on October 10 from 12 -1 pm in Payton 101 B. Hendrika Vande Kemp from the School of Psychology will be speaking. Bring your lunch. Women’s Concerns will supply drinks and dessert.

Incredible Summer Opportunity
YouthWorks is an exciting, young, youth missions organization - we run mission trips for high school youth groups at sites around the U.S. and in Mexico (in '96: Pine Ridge Reservation (SD), Blackfeet Reservation (MT), Appalachia (WV), inner-city Minneapolis (MN), and Juarez (Mexico)). And we want you! Tony Jones, M.Div. '93, will be on campus on Tuesdays. His door will be "open" to anyone wanting to meet with him without an appointment on any subject of concern on a "first come/first served" basis. While this time has been arranged with students in mind, staff and faculty are also welcome to take advantage of these open hours. Holidays aside, the only exceptions will be:
- Wednesday, Nov. 1
- Thursday, Nov. 16

Dean’s office is located in room 216 of Payton Hall.

October 1 - Blood Drive
It’s not too late to sign up to donate blood for the October 11th American Red Cross Blood Drive in Payton 101A from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are in various locations around campus. Volunteers are still needed to help promote the blood drive via sign-up sheets and classroom announcements. Remember: one donation of blood can save up to 4 people. Call ext. 5238 or ext. 5438 today!

Retirement Information Session
Faculty and staff: Human Resources is hosting a retirement information session on Wednesday, October 11, in the Geneva Room as part of the Health Resource Fair. A representative from TIAA-CREF will be here to talk about investment strategies and to answer any retirement questions you have. Call x5238 for more information.

Free Group Therapy
The Clinical Psychology Division is offering a new 10-week therapy group to help people deal with issues of shyness, shame, fear and embarrassment. It is free -- in exchange for your participation in the research aspects of the program. For more information, call the Psychological Center: 818-584-5555.

S.O.T. Open Hours
Bill Dyrness, Dean of School of Theology, has established "Open Hours" from 11 am - 12 noon on Weds., and from 2 pm - 3 pm on Thursdays. His door will be "open" to anyone wanting to meet with him without an appointment on any subject of concern on a "first come/first served" basis. While this time has been arranged with students in mind, staff and faculty are also welcome to take advantage of these open hours. Holidays aside, the only exceptions will be:
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What is the Film Festival?
The City of Angels Film Festival is a celebration of art and religion. It grew out of a dialogue between certain Fuller faculty and thoughtful filmmakers who meet regularly to discuss faith in the media. This year’s Film Festival will focus on the issue of reconciliation. Tickets on sale in the Garth during Tuesday/Wednesday lunch.

Spanish Brown Bag Lunch
Every Tuesday, 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the School of Psychology Faculty Lounge. Sponsored by Dr. Leonardo Marmol, Associate Professor of Psychology. Only Spanish will be spoken! All interested persons are welcome to come. Just bring your own lunch.

Group Psychotherapy for Therapists and Clergy
Group therapy is an inexpensive yet effective way to provide a growth experience to deepen one’s ministry. Groups experience is led by Sam Alibrando, Ph.D., Associate Clinical Professor at the SOP. For more information, please call Dr. Alibrando at 818-577-8303.
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.

Play the Drums: Have you ever wanted to play the drums? Now is your chance. All styles are offered: rock, classical, modern jazz, swing, funk, waltz, and some Latin beats. I have my own 5-piece drum set with cymbals and hi-hat. Techniques with sticks, mallets and brushes can be included. I am an experienced, semi-professional drummer. I have played in several music groups, and have production and sound board experience. Call Mike at 818-792-9603.

Christians need cars too! SIDCO Auto Brokers serves Christian Colleges, Missions, Staff/Students/Alumni. This is our 9th year serving the Christian community. Fuller Hotline 909-949-2778 or 1-800-429-KARS.

Not yet ready for preschool? Come and Join our family - Fuller's family home day care on campus! Big yard and playground just for you. Stop by any time. The Children's Kingdom, 289 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, 91101, 818-683-9954.

Rental Christian female wanted (age 28-36) to share 2 BR house in northern Alhambra, close to San Marino. Peaceful setting. No drinking/smoking. $275.00 monthly.

Monrovia Apartment Value Extra large 2 bedroom, lots of closet space, private patio, pool, laundry room, a/c, cable, parking. $675.00. 15 minutes to Fuller. Good area. Call Pat at 818-792-6732.

House for Rent: Unfurnished, 3 bedroom, 2 bath; 36x15 living room. $925.00. Washer/dryer provided. 65 So. Roosevelt, Pasadena. 818-796-8526 mornings; 445-6409 evenings.

Rose City Cleaners: 115 N. Lake Ave. 818-577-1438. 20% Discount (Dry Cleaning) to all Fuller Seminary students and staff.

Getting Engaged? Or just want a reliable jeweler? Many Fuller students have come to us and it has been a privilege to help them. We do not sell to the general public. Walter Zimmer Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers with 78 years' experience. Call 213-622-4510 for hours, days open and directions. Ask for Mel or Ken Zimmer. (Mel is a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church and is active in the healing ministry.)

Auto Repair: SMOG CHECKS, tune-ups, oil change, brakes, batteries, etc. Complete service. Hrant Auto Service, 1477 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. 798-4064. Call for an appointment.

For Rent-Vacation Get-Away at the Harmony House. 4 bedroom retreat center (sleeps 10-12) in beautiful Lake Arrowhead. $295/weekends, $650/week. Call Dr. Janet Harms 909-394-9990 (Fuller choir director) for brochure and reservations.


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Trinity Assembly of God is located at 140 North Oak Knoll Avenue between Walnut and Union—directly behind Target.

Sunday Services: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Worship at: 10:45 a.m.

You're Invited...
Ful ler Dinner honoring our returning Fuller Students and welcoming new Fuller students—Sunday, October 22 after the morning service. Come and celebrate with us.

For more information please call 793-3443 and ask for Pastor Ken Andrews.