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The Discipline of Study and the Spirituality of Leaders — Part I

By James Bradley, Professor of Church History

While the characteristic activism of Evangelicalism is one of our leading strengths, the emphasis on experience, spirituality, and ministry can lead us to minimize, and in extreme cases, even denigrate, the importance of study. We must, therefore, reconsider the importance of rigorous study and the ways in which it contributes to the formation of ministers of the Gospel.

In this short essay, and the one that follows in the succeeding issue of the SEMI, I will seek to distinguish between the spiritual formation that students often plead for and the spiritual formation that we, as teachers, can realistically offer. The former pertains to momentary edification and encouragement; the latter pertains to the formation of an attitude and outlook that is derived from serious study. The one can only be supplied by time in prayer, in the Word, and in community; the other is found in rigorous independent study and in the classroom. The first is the responsibility of the Church; the second is the responsibility of the seminary. Christian leaders need both forms of formation. Let us see how this is so by first considering the subject matter of theological study. Next week we will look at what might be called the moral or spiritual function of rigorous study.

In the early modern world, before the proliferation of the professions in the mid-nineteenth century, the three professions of medicine, law, and theology dominated the field. Each profession possessed a specialized body of knowledge, the mastery of which was the main task of the aspiring professional. Of course, the general patterns of training for these professions have remained much the same to the present day, and some insight can be gained into the importance of rigorous study by comparing theology to medicine. A working knowledge of chemistry and a detailed knowledge of human anatomy are essential to all branches of medicine in exactly the same way that a critical knowledge of the Bible and a deep understanding of Christian doctrine are essential to the Christian leader. The technology of medicine has changed as dramatically as any other modern science, and the leading problem with comparing preparation for ministry of seminaries with other branches of human endeavor (whether medicine or transportation) is that while technology changes rapidly, human nature and the means of salvation do not. This means that the classical disciplines will always be needed.

Can we imagine entrusting our bodies to a medical doctor who said, “I refuse to study the etiology of disease?” Or, would any one of us seek the medical counsel of the physician who neglected to study chemistry or anatomy? Given the fact that the complexity of the human soul is at least as great as that of the body, what can possibly be gained by downplaying the importance of rigorous study of the Bible, doctrine, and Christian history? As Gregory the Great observed, physicians of the soul treat deeper wounds than physicians of the body, and those who wish to be soul physicians without rigorous study are at least as dangerous as quack physicians.

Finally, the furnishing of the mind with principles of biblical interpretation, with categories of doctrine, and with the knowledge of church history is not merely an intellectual discipline. Those who say as much betray their own ignorance, not only of Christian truth, but of Christian spirituality as well, for such people fail to fathom how a Christian leader is formed. Learning the doctrines of the Church means far more than memorizing certain rote facts. Such learning, if done properly, instills an abiding love for those doctrines in the hearts of leaders, and it nurtures other essential mental traits as well. Next week, we will return to the way that study shapes our attitudes.

Dr. Bradley’s article will continue in next week’s issue.

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WOMEN IN UNITED METHODIST HISTORY RESEARCH GRANT

Purpose: To provide seed money (travel, secretarial services, etc.) for research projects relating specifically to the history of women in the United Methodist Church or its antecedents. The grant money may not be used for equipment, publications costs, or researcher’s salary.

Awards: One $1,000 and two $500 grants will be awarded yearly.

Proposals on women of color and on history at the grass-roots level are especially encouraged.

Submitted proposals must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1996. Details are available in the Office of Financial Aid.

ASIAN, BLACK, HISPANIC, & NATIVE AMERICAN UNITED METHODIST HISTORY RESEARCH AWARDS

Purpose: To promote excellence in research and writing in the history of four groups—Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American—in the United Methodist Church or its antecedents. Submissions by members of these groups are strongly encouraged.

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The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty is pleased to announce its 1997 Lord Acton Essay Contest. This year’s contest is based on the following quote from Lord Acton:

“Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right of being able to do what we ought.” Essays should be 1750-2500 words long and should expound on the themes captured in the above quotation, emphasizing the positive role religion plays in fostering and securing a society of free and responsible individuals.

Undergraduates and graduate students currently enrolled in a theological seminary, religious studies program, or those who have a demonstrated interest in religious themes are eligible to compete. The deadline for entries is January 15, 1997. Stop by the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

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Goal: to nurture Christian Scholarship and strengthen the Christian intellectual community.

Awards: Ten $39,000 fellowships ($13,000 for 3 years) to support study in the humanities, social sciences, and theological studies.

Eligibility: no degree beyond a terminal master’s; not currently enrolled in or offered admission into a Ph.D. program; not beyond the age of thirty when the Ph.D. program is begun; G.P.A. of 3.3 or better; GRE test scores available by application deadline; have submitted applications to at least six different Ph.D. programs by the application deadline - November 30, 1996.

More information and applications are available at the Office of Financial Aid.

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Financial Aid is located on the second floor of Stephan Hall and can be reached by calling (818)584-5421.

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The Mission of the SEMI: Staffed by students and sponsored by the Office of Student Services, the SEMI serves as a connecting point for the entire Fuller community. It is a forum and a voice for issues, information, and events of interest to the community.

Announcement Information: Notices may be submitted to the Editor (Kreyssler Hall, 2nd Floor) by noon (12 pm) on Tuesday, a week and a half prior to the date of publication. No late notices can be accepted.

In-house users will be charged for notices from their departments which exceed 50 words in length or which run longer than two weeks.

Advertisement Information: Notices from individuals or churches for events not directly sponsored by a Fuller office or organization will be printed in the “Ads” section and charged per word.
The SEMI has been brought you several articles recently relating to the Communicorp research and results. During this process, we were “tipped off” that 50 faculty member Linda Mans Wagener had given a helpful and ‘balanced’ presentation about the Communicorp process at the faculty retreat this year. Semi editor Laura Simmons met with Dr. Wagener to get one faculty member's perspective on the larger research process.

In our Week Six issue, we brought you a synopsis of the Review and Reflection Paper submitted by the Communicorp research team. Several people have reminded us about the real purpose of the Communicorp research, which is to enhance Fuller’s external communications so they match up with our internal reality. Linda Mans Wagener points out that one of the reasons it is so difficult for us as a campus community to embrace and process the research is, for whatever reason, the ‘pimples’ and ‘excess weight’ we as a campus community carry. Part of what happened, suggests Wagener, is that we weren’t asked holistic kinds of questions. She points out that, as ministers to the kingdom of God, we’re triathletes of a sort—so we have injuries, both minor and major. But we can’t fix an injury by focusing on it individually, outside the context of the whole body. Wagener believes that the problems and flaws we pointed out to the researchers stem from acting out our central purpose; as such, some of the solutions offered were not helpful. She points out, “We know we should work less; we know we should rest more. But it doesn’t fit with the other purposes we’ve set for ourselves in terms of expansion and achievement...”

Communications research is designed to help us avoid false advertising; we don’t want to give people messages about who we are that are distorted or downright untrue. In examining what kind of ‘false advertising’ tempts Fuller, Wagener cites Annie Dillard’s statement about the church: “Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? ... It is madness to wear ladies’ hats to church; we should be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews.” Wagener adds about Fuller, “The sanitized version of what it means to be in Christian community completely belies the idea of a place where God is working...It’s always a dangerous place to be; you’re on the edge, coming into conflict constantly between your creaturlessness and your spiritual life.” Some of the Communicorp results and suggestions, Wagener fears, betray naive thinking about what a Christian institution ought to be. Yes, we want to encourage Christian ethics. Yes, we want to strive for higher standards. But “we live in a broken world full of broken individuals; those two things are going to be in constant conflict with each other.”

One of the things the Communicorp researchers asked people they interviewed was to tell a story that epitomized Fuller for them. I shared my memories of the installation service at Lake Avenue Congregational Church when Dr. Mouw became president. What experience have you had that encapsulates Fuller for you? Help us round out a holistic picture of Fuller by taking some time to sit down with a friend and swap stories that bring out the best of Fuller.
The following groups will be meeting on Monday mornings from 10 to 10:50 a.m., with exceptions as noted.

**Denominational Groups**

This time is set aside for you to worship, for support, to network, and to connect with denominational issues.

- **American Baptist**
  Psych. Bldg. 116

- **Assemblies of God**
  Psych. Bldg. 311

- **Episcopal/Anglican**
  Preaching Arts Chapel

- **Evangelical Covenant**
  CFD Learning Center
  465 Ford Place

- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
  Payton 303

- **Reformed Church in America/CRC**
  Psych. Bldg. 120

- **Roman Catholic**
  Library Chapel, 10:15 a.m.

- **Seventh Day Adventist**
  Library 204

- **Southern Baptist**
  Payton 301

- **United Methodist**
  Psych. Bldg. 130

- **Vineyard**
  Travis Auditorium (1st & 3rd weeks — opening worship only.)
  Payton 302 (2nd & 4th weeks)

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 Denominational Relations Office on the second floor of Carnell Hall (behind the Catalyst), or call (818)584-5387.

**Other Groups**

- **Action for Reconciliation & Renewal**
  Psych Bldg. 120, Thursdays 11 a.m.

- **African American Seminarian Association**
  Taylor Hall, Third Floor

- **Korean Students**
  Travis Auditorium

- **Messianic Jews**
  Glasser Hall, First Floor

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**FULLER FACULTY FOCUS:**

Introducing: Hendrika Vande Kemp!

**Courses you teach:**

- History and Systems of Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Psychological Intervention Seminar (with various titles)
- Topical Integration Seminar

**What are you reading right now? Should we buy it?**

* (Asked in late spring)


Yes! It is a great witness to the Reformed faith.

**What are you researching and/or writing right now?**

A book chapter on humanism and feminism. An extensive research project on the history of psychology and theology. Recent publications include:

- "A faculty genealogy for the Travis years." In H.N. Malony (in collaboration with H. Vande Kemp), *Psychology and the cross: The early history of Fuller Seminary's school of psychology* (pp. 28-259).


- "Historical perspective: Religion and clinical psychology in America." In E. Shafranske (Ed.), *Religion and the Clinical Practice of Psychology* (pp. xx-yy).

**What is your favorite snack food?**

Ice Cream (preferably a Starbucks coffee flavor!)

**What are you listening to these days?**

Classical organ, classical religious music (oratorios, masses — I have a special interest in *Requiem* masses because of my interest in grief and loss.)

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I read detective fiction (mostly of the British "cozy" variety), swim, listen to classical music (especially the pipe organ), walk, relax with my cats, write letters to family and friends, do bits of needlework.

Hendrika Vande Kemp is a professor in the School of Psychology, Clinical Division.

She is giving a presentation about Charles Williams at the C.S. Lewis Society meeting on November 30. (See the announcement on p. 7)
Need a break from studying? Want to get off campus but don’t know where to go?
I am planning several FUN outings for Fuller students (especially international students who may not feel as comfortable exploring the Los Angeles area). One will be in November and one will be in December (after finals are over). Some of the ideas I have are: visit the LA County Art Museum and La Brea Tar Pits (close by), Little Tokyo/Olvera Street (ethnic areas), Study Day at the Beach, Descanso Gardens in La Canada. These are just a few of the infinite possibilities!

We’re in the heart of one of the most beautiful and culturally diverse areas of the country — let’s take advantage of it! If you’re interested in exploring with us, call Karen Peacock (818) 797-4873. Drivers especially needed!

NOTICE:
If you accidentally took the following books from the free tables in the library, please return them to the front desk to hold for RuthAnne Tarletz:
The Sacred Fire
Perspectives on Marriage
Marriage and the Family
a book on Jewish marriage
(exact titles unknown, but they’re all on marriage)
One of the books is from the L.A. County Library.

Shoefoot is coming to Fuller!!
This Thursday
November 21
at 12 in Travis

The graphic story of a former shaman chief from the Amazon Jungles and his controversial conversion to Christianity!

For more information call Jeremy at (818)577-2017

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Submissions are due in the SEMI office by noon on Tuesdays.
Questions? Call the SEMI at ext. 5430 or write FTS Box 055.
Russ Spittler was installed as Provost last Monday, November 11. Spittler has been on the faculty at Fuller for 20 years, but his role as provost makes him a bit more high-profile on campus. In preparation for his installation, we asked several people who work with Dr. Spittler to share the things they feel distinguish him as provost. Here are their tributes to him:

Jim Guy, Dean, School of Psychology: “I’ve enjoyed working with Russ this past year. I’ve found him to be gracious, caring, and thoughtful in his role as provost. He has shown himself to be a person of the highest integrity who is committed both to the mission of Fuller and to its people. Russ brings the wisdom of a theologian, the heart of a pastor, and the energy of a creative colleague to his role as provost. I am learning much from him, and I look forward to working together with him during the years ahead.”

Bill Dyrness, Dean, School of Theology: “I think Russ has brought a couple of very important values to the leadership team. One is his ability to bring people together in conversation and have them discuss and work out their differences and come to solutions that all can buy into. I think the second is that he brings such wonderful wisdom to the whole process. He always has wise things to say, and is very, very careful and constructive whenever he makes reference to others. I enjoy working with him very much, and look forward to the future.”

Peter Harkema, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Services: “For me, Russ’s gracious and supportive spirit defines the term ‘colleague.’ His understanding of Fuller’s history and attention to administrative detail are significant contributions to our work at the cabinet level.”

Bill Pannell, Dean of Chapel: “I’ve known Russ for many years now; he and I are both senior faculty members. Neither of us intended for that to happen; it just did. In all the years I’ve known him, I have always been impressed with the attentive and respectful way he listens. I’ve always felt that as I talk to him, I am the only one he wants to listen to. Another thing is the commitment on his part to concerns shared; he takes them and makes them his concerns too. To the best that he is able, he becomes a yoke-fellow. He also laughs easily and has a great sense of humor and an unmatched wit.”

After the installation, several more of Spittler’s colleagues shared thoughts and stories about him. Tributes to his warmth, servant leadership, generosity, and scholarship abound. So, though, did humorous stories about Spittler. One friend from a “past life” told stories of how Spittler climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, and once slept in an old car when he ran out of money on a hitchhiking trip across the U.S. (ask Dr. Spittler about the mobile home!). Isaac Canales shared a joke Spittler used when teaching the plural in a Greek class at Southern California College; Don Hagner explained why Spittler was so well-qualified to be provost (because he was on the New Testament faculty, of course).

What these stories taught us, more than anything else, was that Russ Spittler is a more complex man than we knew: funny as well as scholarly, playful as well as serious. Join us in praying for his continued work as provost, and stop and say hi and hear one of these stories next time you see him!
Possible SOT Course Time Change!

The meeting time for LG 545/845 (Comparative Semitics) may be changed. If a time change would positively or negatively impact your being able to take it, please contact Dr. Bush immediately at (818) 584-5244.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Dead Man Walking!
Friday, 11/15 @ 7 p.m.

Don’t miss this excellent film by Tim Robbins starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, showing in Travis Auditorium on November 15 at 7 p.m. — cost is $2 at the door. Hailed by our own Rob Banks as “...a powerful, riveting, and at times uncomfortable film that radiates with the hope of the gospel.” Questions? Laura (818) 584-5452.

Fuller Arts & Crafts Fair
Tuesday-Wednesday, 11/19-20 @ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Garth

Come one, come all! The ASC Arts Concerns Committee would like to invite Fuller folks to come by the Garth on Nov. 19 & 20 to support our local crafts folks and do some Christmas shopping!

Shoefoot is coming to Fuller!!
Thursday, 11/21 @ 12 noon

Come hear a former shaman chief from the rainforest of the Amazon share the story of his controversial conversion to Christianity and of his people’s fight against the obstructive influences of Amazonian anthropologists. Shoefoot will be speaking with Mark Ritchie, author of the new book, Spirit of the Rainforest. Thursday, November 21 at 12 noon in Travis Auditorium. Co-sponsored by the Peace and Justice and the Missions Concerns Committees. For more information, call Kathryn Gibson at (818)304-3756.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reading Group Available
Tuesday, 11/7 @ 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Beginning Tuesday, January 7, 1997, the ASC Women’s Concerns Committee will host a weekly reading group. The first book will be Femininity and Shame: Women and Men Giving Voice to the Feminine, by Barbara Eurich-Rascoe and Hendrika Vande Kemp. What is “masculine”; “feminine”? Why use them? Are there better words? Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., place TBA.

Alternative Christmas
Sunday, 11/17 1-3 p.m.
@ Pasadena Church of the Brethren

Looking for that special Christmas gift? Come to the Alternative Christmas Faire this Sunday, November 17, 1-3 p.m. at Pasadena Church of the Brethren 1041 N. Altadena Drive (at Casa Grande). Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project & more!

Open your home to the World!

We are looking for families to host international students from Cal State Los Angeles for Thanksgiving. Thirty-five families are needed. Please call Mimi Khoury at (818)576-4641 for more information.

Discount Disneyland Tickets

Epworth Christian Preschool is offering discounted general admission tickets for Disneyland to the Fuller Community. Tickets are only $24 ($10 off the regular price) and are good from November 1 through December 20, 1996 (excluding Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 14-15). Call (818)568-9502 to order your tickets today!

C.S. Lewis Society
Wednesday, 11/20, @ 7:30 p.m.

The Southern California C.S. Lewis Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding December and summer months) at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Commons. Join us on November 30 as we hear from Dr. Hendrika Vande Kemp, a professor in the Clinical Division of the School of Psychology, discussing Charles Williams.

He Writes Music, Too!!

David Thornton has released a full-length album! CDs and Cassettes are available for purchase in the Office of Christian Community (upstairs from the Catalyst). They’ll make great Christmas gifts for the one(s) you love!

Conditioning Hikes

Mondays 7-9 p.m.

Every Monday night except Veteran’s Day. 5.6 mile round trip on Mt. Wilson Toll Road. Meet at 6:55 p.m. at the gate opposite 2270 E. Pinecrest Drive, Altadena. Be prompt as the gate locks at 7 p.m.

Writing Academic Papers

If you missed Dr. Nancey Murphy’s seminar on “How to Write an Academic Paper,” pick up a tape cassette of the lecture from Media Services in the library. The cost is only $3.50.

Week 9 Hikes

Wednesday, 11/20 @ 9 a.m.
Saturday, 11/23 @ 8 a.m.

November 20, Clear Creek to Red Box, moderate 8-mile hike. Bring lunch and water. November 23, Falls Trail, 9 mile hike from Hidden Springs. Bring water, plate and utensils, and potluck serving for 8. For either of these hikes, meet at the La Canada Carpool Point, Angeles Crest Hwy., north of the 210.

ALL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EPWORTH CHAPEL

Come and join us this and every Wednesday at the First Congregational Church at 10 a.m. for a time of worship.

This week, November 20, we will be honored to have Dr. William Dymess, the Dean of the School of Theology, give the message.

The Thursday Chapel meets in Travis Auditorium at 10 a.m. and this week will feature a testimony from Dr. Mitties DeChamplain, Associate Professor of Preaching and Communication. There will also be a time of praise and worship led by the Chapel Worship Team.
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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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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 79 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.)

Stressed? Tight Neck and Shoulders? Try a “Stressbuster” massage for just $30! I am a Fuller student who is also a licensed massage therapist looking to build a clientele in Pasadena, so I’m giving special discounts to students! Call for appts. (310) 467-5819.

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