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### Message from Burt: Guest Article



#### *A Time of Lament*

I have been thinking lately, in light of our reality, about those prayers of confession that are offered collectively and each Sunday in the liturgical traditions. They typically begin with the words “Lord, we have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone.” Through the years, I’ve come to embrace the wisdom and rightness of using the word “we” as we list those sins so real to the world. Even as some conditioned individualistic instinct tries to protest, “that’s not really my fault,” the soul knows that we’re all connected to what’s gone wrong with the world.

We’re all connected...all in community...know it or not. We’re all a part of what is going on for better or worse everywhere. And where there are relational, familial, and institutional ties...surely those bonds are even more powerful and so saying, “We have sinned” is right and a truth to consider in these days.

Reading that last sentence, your natural instinct is ask, “What did I do?” Maybe...likely...nothing, except who really knows how what we’ve done and left undone is part of our worldly woes. Saying “we” is not so much an admission of guilt as it is an admission of solidarity. It’s also a confession that we’re in this human, fallen reality together and we can’t absolve ourselves by condemning and casting out the contaminating element, which is forever and ever and ever the default human instinct. We feel better once we’ve assigned blame.

That’s the way the world does it and has always done it. We’re called to a different way, the way revealed to us in scripture. It is lament. And in scripture, the stories of lament are mostly communal...“We have sinned.” Lament is a journey we make and make in community, so that we allow God to do God’s work in us and specifically through the pain and suffering and consequences of our frailty. It is an unpopular practice. Most of us would rather rush on to a happy place having washed our hands of any wrongdoing.

What if, instead, we simply trusted the Lord and awakened to what we’re being asked to hold and to face and to redeem? This might mean being aware of your grief for those who have been wounded...and being sad as they surely are. It might mean praying daily for a healing path for those who have caused such hurt. It might mean seeing how your own sense of self is so very attached to our institutional success. It might mean owning some part in a larger culture of violence and a culture of sexuality untethered from the Sacred. It might mean clarifying a calling. It might mean being committed to watching for the signs of God’s grace in our difficulty.

Lament is conscious suffering and this is a path towards our salvation...our wholeness and the world’s rightness. Do not minimize the part you can play in these days. Trust that what you are dealing with is important spiritual work and work you’ll do on behalf of us all and as you do, may you sense the mercy of God around you and in it all.

Burt Burleson





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## Division of Student Life

### *SLC Gym Restored*

The SLC Gym has been restored following a hot water leak under the SLC in February that destroyed part of the gymnasium floor. A team of hard working experts took on the five-week process of restoring all four courts to a better-than-ever condition. Campus Recreation thanks Quality Hardwood Floors of San Marcos and Baylor Facility Services for their prompt and expert work.



### *SWACUHO Baylor Presentations*



Chris Kuhl presented *Faith, Men, and Masculinities: An Anecdotal Story of a Hone Hall Director's Attempt to Address the Relationship between Issues of Masculinity, Faith, and Vandalism.*



Jeff Doyle and Tiffany Lowe presented *Did We Hit the Mark? Using Post Occupancy Evaluations to Assess Your Housing Strategy.*

Asking students questions about on-campus housing can be a useful tool when evaluating your new or renovated dorm. This presentation gave insight on how a post occupancy evaluation gives insight on the strategies for building student communities.





### SWACUHO Baylor Presentations Contined



Jasmine Iris Wilson and Amiee Brassart presented *Scholastics, Self-Authorship, and Student Affairs: Millennials in Graduate School*.

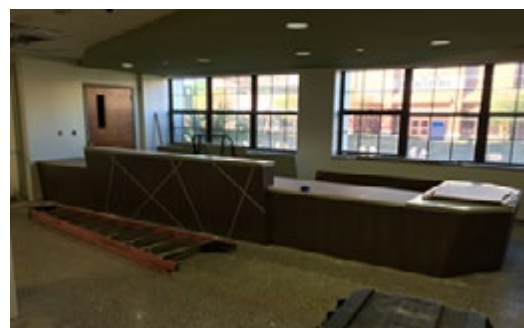
The panel of graduate students shared about their highs and lows down the road of self-authorship, meaningful scholastic pursuit, and question if student affairs are right for them.



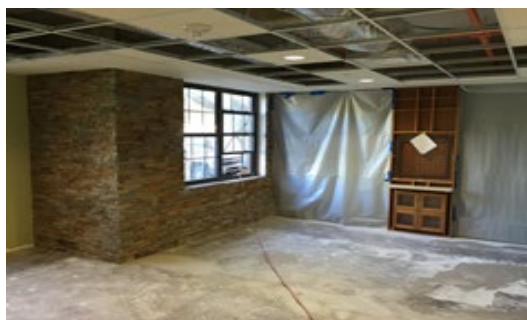
### Penland Restoration Moves into Latter Phases



Hardscape going in on exterior of building (new ADA access ramp to front entry for the first time)



New lobby service desk



Reflection room on 1st floor west wing coming together



Hall director apartment – kitchen in foreground and living area behind



2nd floor side wing corridor with new sheetrocked walls (no more 1-inch tiles!), new lighting, and new window at far end of hallway to provide more ambient light



Student rooms taking shape—sheetrocked, painted, new vinyl plank flooring installed

### *New Faculty-in-Residence*

Campus Living and Learning, along with Engineering and Computer Science, and Health, Human Performance, and Recreation, is pleased to announce two new Faculty-in-Residence beginning fall 2016!

#### **Brian Thomas**



Professor Brian Thomas will serve as the next Faculty Master for Teal Residential College, replacing Dr. Ian Gravagne, Associate Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering, who led the transition of the Engineering and Computer Science Living-Learning Center into Teal Residential College in 2013. Professor Thomas (or PT as his students call him) is a Senior Lecturer in Electrical & Computer Engineering and has served on the faculty since 2001. He will be stepping down in as his department's Assistant Chair as he moves into this new position. Prior to coming to Baylor he worked as an engineer in the private sector and holds an M.E.E. in Electrical Engineering from University of Houston and a B.S. in Physics from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Professor Thomas is the lead faculty member of the new Humanitarian Engineering concentration at Baylor. Since 2005, he has partnered with Baylor Missions to lead many student teams to Kenya, Honduras, and Haiti to implement discipline-specific service-learning trips. He is also the faculty sponsor of the student organization, Engineers with a Mission, and serves as the director of the Justice and Mercy Engineering Society (JAMES) - a program that operates under the non-profit umbrella of Mission Waco.

His wife, Martha, is a 1991 alumna (B.S. Elementary Education) who, herself, is very excited to invest in the lives of students. They have been popular guests in Teal's annual "Love and Cookies" panel on dating and relationships for several years. Their younger son, Jonathan, will live with them at Teal, while their older son, David, will continue living at Brooks Residential College and pursuing his degree in philosophy. "Martha and I are delighted with the opportunity to walk through life with students! We're eager to build new relationships with them and cultivate the sense of community already present at Teal. Our family has just gotten a lot bigger!" Dean for Student Learning and Engagement, Dr. Jeff Doyle, shares that "Dr. Thomas brings years of investment in the lives of our students not only outside the classroom, but all over the world."

#### **Kelli McMahan**



Dr. Kelli McMahan will serve as the inaugural Faculty-in-Residence for Penland Hall which will carry a Fitness and Wellness theme, as well as house the Outdoor Adventure Living-Learning Center. Dr. McMahan is a senior lecturer in the Recreation and Leisure Services program within the Department of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation (HHPR). Dr. McMahan began her career at Baylor in 2001 in Campus Recreation where she directed the Outdoor Adventure Program and developed the Outdoor Adventure Line Camp, the Outdoor Adventure Living-Learning Center, and the Great Brazos Relay race event.

In 2010, Dr. McMahan transitioned to faculty in HHPR. She teaches courses in the Recreation and Leisure Services program with specific emphasis on outdoor education and outdoor leadership courses. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she works to develop co-curricular field experiences and coordinate accreditation efforts with the Wilderness Education Association. Dr. McMahan holds a Ph.D. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences from Texas A&M, Masters of Sciences in Health, Recreation and Physical Education from Oklahoma State University, and a Bachelor's of Science in Education from Baylor. Most recently, her research has studied the stress and impact to individuals that results from wilderness accidents and the ensuing cognitive, social, and recreational response to those accidents. Dr. McMahan holds many technical outdoor certifications. She is also credentialed as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist by the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation.

Of this FIR appointment, Dr. McMahan says, "It will be an honor to be a part of students' first year residential experience that holds its own significance in the whole of the Baylor experience. I am anxious to join conversations and experiences that inform the spiritual, social, intellectual, and recreational aspects of student's lives. In many ways, I see this opportunity as a blending of my commitment to and enthusiasm for outstanding student life programming and a strong commitment to academics that is found at Baylor." "It is hard to imagine someone who is a better fit for a new community focused on health, wellness, and the outdoors than Dr. McMahan," stated Dr. Jeff Doyle, Dean for Student Learning and Engagement. "Her passion for experiential learning is evident in her teaching and experience in Student Life."

### Campus Recreation Launches Updated Website

It has been a year in the making, and on April 11, Campus Recreation launched a user-friendly new Web site, combining the nine separate sites of Campus Recreation into a consolidated, single site. Campus Recreation reviewed usage data and user feedback to drive the redesign. The new site ([www.baylor.edu/campusrec](http://www.baylor.edu/campusrec)) is now more responsive to mobile devices including smart phones, tablets, and laptops.



#### ABOUT CAMPUS REC

Baylor Campus Recreation provides a welcoming environment where all students can learn new skills or hone those skills already familiar. We think learning happens best experientially and inspires wholeness in every area of life. Campus Rec believes our programs encourage the entire Baylor community to live active and healthy lives through sports and competition, discovery in the great outdoors, and achievement of personal fitness goals.

Indoor Facilities

Outdoor Facilities

#### CURRENT HOURS

**McLane Student Life Center**  
6am - 12am, Mon - Thurs.  
6am - 10pm, Friday  
1pm - 10pm, Sunday

**M.C. Pool**  
12:30pm - 11:30pm, Mon.  
6am - 11:30pm, Tues. & Thurs.  
6am - 11:30pm, Wednesday  
6am - 9:30pm, Friday  
6am - 9:30pm, Saturday  
1pm - 9:30pm, Sunday

**The Rock**  
2pm - 10pm, Mon. - Thurs.  
2pm - 9pm, Wed. - Sat.  
2pm - 9pm, Sunday

**Rowing/Canoing Center**  
12pm - 10pm, Mon. - Thurs.

**Rowing Gym**  
1pm - 10pm, Mon. - Thurs.

**Marina**  
5pm - sunset (daily)

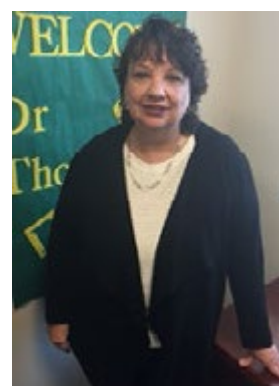
**Bike Shop**  
1pm - 9pm, Mon. - Friday

#### GET INVOLVED

### Intramural Sports

Baylor Intramural Sports spring semester went well. They finished basketball, raquetball, soccer, volleyball, spikeball, volleyball, and softball and finished the year with Homerun Derby after softball and volleyball season was over. Their staff consists of about 70 students, eight of them supervisors and the rest as officials. They look to continue to increase participation and continue to offer Baylor students an opportunity to engage in healthy competition while developing their character and maintaining their integrity and sportsmanship.

### LaNette Thompson's New Book



LaNette Thompson, Assessment Coordinator in Student Learning and Engagement, recently wrote and published her new book titled "Trust the Story." Check it out at [www.amazon.com/Trust-the-Story-LaNette-W-Thompson/dp/0997195614/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1461707484&sr=1-3&keywords=%22trust+th](http://www.amazon.com/Trust-the-Story-LaNette-W-Thompson/dp/0997195614/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1461707484&sr=1-3&keywords=%22trust+th)

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### CES Annual Summer Emphasis

Community Engagement and Service presents Summer Emphasis on Public Health and Nutrition. All meetings will be held on Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m. in Sid Richardson, Room 216.

- June 15: A visit to the Jubilee Market and Conversation with Mission Waco's Jimmy Dorrel
- June 22: "Cultural Implications of Foodways," Jenny Dolan
- June 29: Field Trip to the World Hunger Relief Farm
- July 6: "The Farm Bill and Food Policy," Kelly Ezell and Jenny Dolan
- July 13: Screening of Soul Food Junkies
- July 20: "Urban Gardening and the Future of Food," Kelly Ezell and Jenny Dolan
- July 27: POTLUCK!

For additional information, contact [Jenny\\_Dolan@baylor.edu](mailto:Jenny_Dolan@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-4624.



### *Campus Kitchens Events*



Campus Kitchens hosted three community events in the first week of April. On April 2, the head kitchen manager, senior Aaron Guajardo, performed a cooking demonstration at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market. He made a fire roasted vegetable and barley salad served with pork chops. There were over 60 people in attendance between the two demonstrations, including Student Life's own Dr. Kevin Jackson! It was a wonderful opportunity to raise community awareness of the activities of Campus Kitchens and to promote the wonderful local vendors at the Farmers Market, from whom we received most of the ingredients used in the demonstration.

On April 5, Campus Kitchens hosted the Spring Fling at the Farmers Market. There were crafts, games, and a photo booth; fun for the whole family! Throughout the afternoon, kids could be found learning how to hula hoop, painting pots and planting their own vegetables, and painting pictures using different types of produce. It was a beautiful afternoon, and a great family event!

On April 9, the rain moved out right on time and Campus Kitchens hosted their third annual Movie Night in the Garden. Families, Baylor students, and community members came out to the Baylor Community Garden for an evening full of yard games, snacks, garden photos, and Pixar's "Ratatouille." There were over 150 people enjoying the beautiful evening together.

Throughout the three events, Campus Kitchens interacted with over 250 community members and share some fun times with a lot of wonderful people! If you want to learn more about Baylor Campus Kitchens or discover upcoming Campus Kitchen events, visit [www.baylor.edu/campuskitchen](http://www.baylor.edu/campuskitchen) or contact [Eric\\_Pritt@baylor.edu](mailto:Eric_Pritt@baylor.edu).



### *Outdoor Adventure Spring Break 2016*

Spring Break 2016 was record breaking for Outdoor Adventure. They had a record five trips, with their most popular Grand Canyon trip filling in just a few hours. They also went as far as California to Joshua Tree National Park rock climbing, backpacking in Utah and Arizona through Paria Canyon known as the longest slot canyon in the galaxy. They returned a second time to Durango and Ouray Colorado for snowshoeing and ice climbing. The newest addition was a canoe paddling trip here in the Lone Star State.

### *Outdoor Adventure Spring Break 2016 Continued*

#### Spring Break by the numbers

- 11,000 miles driven
- 165 hours on the road
- 90 miles hiked
- 40 participants
- 35 routes climbed (rock and ice)
- 33 miles paddled
- 11 student leaders
- 9 pro staff
- 7 states
- 1 record setting Spring Break

Their mission, "Campus Recreation guides students to live in balance with self, others, and God by nurturing physical, social, emotional, and spiritual wellness." This is what some students said about their spring break experience.

#### **What was your favorite part of the trip?**

"Being able to experience nature and bond with others on the trip."

"I went in knowing only one person, and I came out with new skills, unforgettable experiences, and new friends. The sense of community, relaxedness, and friendliness was the best part."

"Getting to hang out and build relationship with really cool people who were invested in one another."

"Getting the opportunity to be still. Life is so busy and constant that we need to remember that we need to stop what we are doing and admire the beautiful work God created. I am a complete city girl and realized that I have an adventurous side."

#### **What was most meaningful?**

"Getting to see the stars in a national park. It allowed some peaceful time to sit down, look up, and forget about the world. Brought about some great chats too."

"The time we were given to reflect and connect with the Lord each morning."

"Getting to do things I would never have the opportunity to do otherwise, and getting to grow closer to a group of new friends in an awesome environment."

"Doing the devotional because it was refreshing to spend time with God while we were in this beautiful place."

#### **Do you think you can incorporate some of the activities from this trip into your daily life?**

"Yeah, I can be more outgoing, and make friends with more ease now."





### *Outdoor Adventure Spring Break 2016 Continued*

"I'll go outside hiking more and also try to make more time to just enjoy the outdoors and spend that time with God."

"Definitely going to incorporate the practice of being quiet."

"Since the trip, I've been trying to spend a few minutes each day getting in the right mindset knowing that each day is a blessing."

Not only did Outdoor Adventure set new program records, but from their evaluations the participants set personal records and established new practices. They are excited to see where Spring Break 2017 will take us!







### *Welcome 2016 HESA Cohort*

Name	Undergraduate Institution	Apprenticeship
Chelsey Art	Baylor University	Student Activities, Student Productions
Nick Blair	Vanderbilt University	Campus Living and Learning, Brooks Residential College
Deanna Calder	Baylor University	Engineering and Computer Science
Lauren Christian	Kings College - New York	Greek Life IFC
Megan Foo	San Diego State University	Campus Living and Learning, Texana House
Erin Gaddis	Baylor University	Multicultural Affairs
Briana Gearhart	Ohio State University	New Student Programs
Megan Harper	Louisiana State University	Student Activities, Traditional Programming
Stephanie Harrison	Texas A&M - College Station	Student Activities, Union Board
Nate Hutcherson	Baylor University	Campus Living and Learning, University House
Zachary Jackson	Georgia College & State University	Spiritual Life
Kristin Koch	Baylor University	Career and Professional Development
Megan Michener	Virginia Tech University	Greek Life Panhellenic
Toni Nogalski	Baylor University	Counseling Center, Outreach
Lauren Samuelson	Centre College - Kentucky	Admissions Visit Experiences
Carly Zerr	University of Connecticut	Baylor and Beyond LLC

