

# Faculty Accomplishments

LeTourneau University  
2008-2009

*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.*

*It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*

*Colossians 3:23-24*

**FAITH BRINGS US TOGETHER.  
INGENUITY SETS US APART.**



A grayscale photograph of an airplane tail section, showing the vertical stabilizer and horizontal stabilizer. The registration number 'LU21' is visible on the fuselage. The background shows an airport terminal building with a sign that reads 'LEONARDO BRUNO'. The text 'School of Aeronautical Science' is overlaid in the center of the image.

# School of Aeronautical Science

## School of Aeronautical Science



### Mr. Bruce Chase

*Assistant Professor of Aeronautical Science  
& Assistant Chief Flight Instructor*

#### Fall 2008 University Education Association Fall Conference

- Chaired the Flight Education Committee
- Moderated and presented in an education session “*Business Turbulence: Keeping Your Flight Program on Course*”

#### Winter 2009 Aviation Accreditation Board International Meeting

- Co presented educators’ response to industry challenge on the first 1,000 hours of flight experience

## School of Aeronautical Science



Mr. Matt Poelman  
*Assistant Professor of Aircraft Systems Science*

- Received Designated Mechanic Examiner (DME) certification in March 2009 to represent the FAA in testing of applicants.
- Attended FAA Inspection Authorization (IA) renewal seminar.
- Taught Aircraft Inspections Course in Alaska to 8 of our students. We were able to inspect and repair many of Kingdom Air Corps' aircraft.
- Coordinated Mission Aviation trips taken by 24 missions majors SU09.
- Spring mission trip to Missionary Maintenance Service (MMS) in Ohio with 6 of our students.

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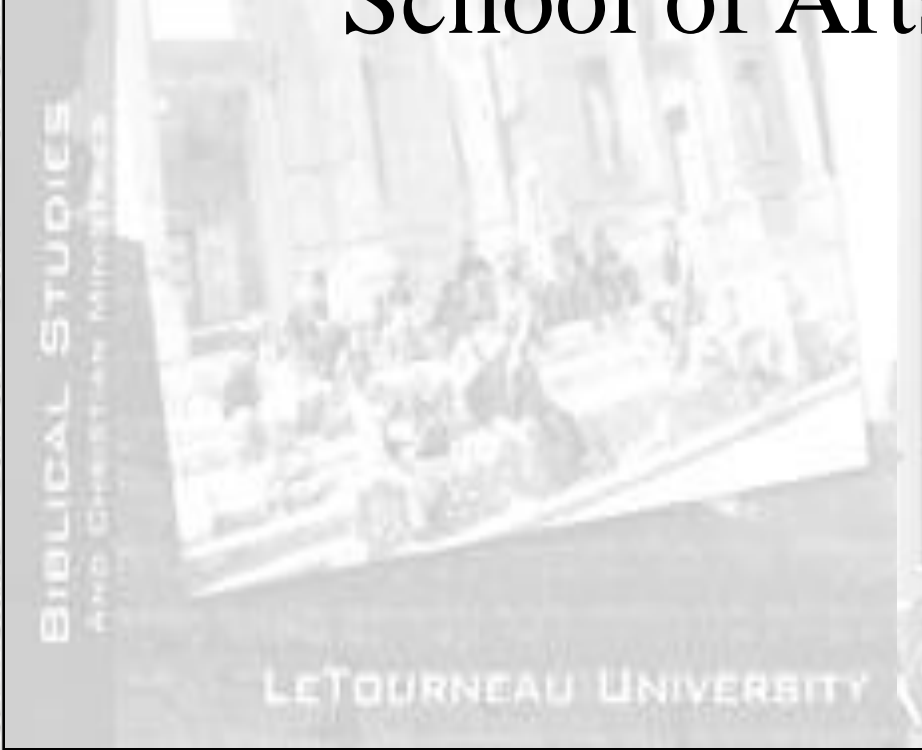
Mr. Brad Wooden

*Assistant Professor of Aircraft Systems Science*

Faculty Sponsor: STING Precision Flight Team

- Hosted Regional Flight competition October 2008
- Placed first in regional flight competition
- Attended National Flight competition May 2009
- Awarded Loening Trophy as Best Collegiate Aviation Program in the Country
- Awarded 3rd place American Airlines Safety Award
- Placed 11th overall in flight competition

# School of Arts & Sciences



School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Biblical Studies &  
Christian Ministries



Dr. Harold Carl  
*University Chaplain & Adjunct Faculty,  
Biblical Studies*

- “The Impossible Gospel: The Doctrine of Salvation According to the Text and Canon of Mormonism”
  - Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 2008
- “Against Praxeas – How Far did Tertullian Advance the Doctrine of the Trinity?”
  - Global Journal of Classical Theology, April 2009 Vol. 7; No. 1
  - [http://www.phc.edu/gj\\_toc7\\_1.php](http://www.phc.edu/gj_toc7_1.php)

School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Biblical Studies &  
Christian Ministries



Mr. Kelly Liebengood  
*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

- Bruce W. Longenecker and Kelly D. Liebengood, eds. *Engaging Economics: New Testament Scenarios and Early Christian Reception*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming in November 2009.
- “‘Don’t be like your fathers’: Reassessing the ethnic identity of 1 Peter’s ‘elect sojourners’.” Society of Biblical Literature, forthcoming November 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “1 Peter’s Fiery Trials and Zechariah 9-14’s Pierced Shepherd-King”. 22 Nov 2008, SBL Boston.

Mr. Kelly Liebengood

*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

- “Messianic Woes in 1 Peter? Whoa!” 22 Nov 2008, SBL Boston
- “Paul and Luke—Are They Telling the Same Story?” in *Evangelicals and Historical Criticism: Fresh Thoughts and Approaches* (forthcoming 2011)
- “Economics and New Testament Studies?” In *Engaging Economics: New Testament Scenarios and Early Christian Reception*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming November 2009.
- “Towards A Theology of Work in the Catholic Epistles,” for the Theology of Work Project (<http://www.theologyofwork.com/home/index.cfm>), forthcoming 2009.

School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Biblical Studies &  
Christian Ministries



Dr. Steven Mason  
*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

- “Richard C. Chewning: Model and Mentor of Business and Faith Integration.”  
*Journal of Biblical Integration in Business*, (forthcoming Winter, 2009).
- “Understanding Holistic Christian Mission,” Part I of the essay *Holistic Christian Mission and an Old Testament Paradigm: L.E.G.S. and LeTourneau University’s Call to a Servant’s Work*. Published on the LEGS website (September, 2009).  
<http://www.encoremultimedia.com/beta/legs/index.html>
- Thirty-two Old Testament articles for Abingdon Press’ new multi-volume *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, (published and forthcoming in 2006-9).

Dr. Steven Mason

*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

- “Isaiah 61 in Context as an Old Testament Paradigm for Holistic Christian Mission,” Part II of the essay *Holistic Christian Mission and an Old Testament Paradigm: L.E.G.S. and LeTourneau University’s Call to a Servant’s Work*. Published on the LEGS website (September, 2009).  
<http://www.encoremultimedia.com/beta/legs/index.html>
- “Pentateuch” and “The Book of the Twelve” in *Baker Academic’s New Dictionary of the Bible* (forthcoming 2010).
- “The Exodus in Light of Canonical and Theological Interpretation: Theological Reading Trumps Criticism” in edited volume entitled *Evangelicals and Historical Criticism: Fresh Thoughts and Approaches* (forthcoming 2011)

Dr. Steven Mason

*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

Academic Presentations

- “Ezekiel Actually Has Something To Say: An Old Prophet’s Insights on a Christian’s Call to the Workplace,” *International Institute for Christian Studies* Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2009.
- “Richard C. Chewning: Model & Mentor of Business and Faith Integration,” *International Institute for Christian Studies* Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2009.

Grant Proposal:

- *Invasion and Expansion: Understanding the Impact of the Novoe Pokolenie Movement in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union.* University of Southern California’s Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative. Templeton Foundation (2010-2012). Principle Investigator along with Dr. Viktor Roudkovski and Dr. Melanie Roudkovski.

Dr. Steven Mason

*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

Academic Conferences Attended:

- *Society of Biblical Literature* annual conference, Boston, Mass., November 20-24, 2008.
- *International Institute for Christian Studies* annual conference, Kansas City, Missouri, July 15-19, 2009.

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Department of Biblical Studies &  
Christian Ministries



Dr. Pat Mays  
*Associate Professor of Christian Ministry*

- "Innovations in Mission: The Legacy of J. Waskom Pickett and Donald McGavran." Paper presented at the International Institute for Christian Studies Vision Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, July, 2009.
- Took two groups of students to conferences:
  - 20 students attended the National Youthworkers Conference in Nashville, TN, November 2008.
  - 30 students attended the YS One Day Seminar in Dallas, TX, March 2009.

Dr. Pat Mays

*Associate Professor of Christian Ministry*

Scholarly Work in Bible Translation

- Volunteer Bible Scholar with The Seed Company.
  - Attended two translation workshops in Nigeria (January 2009, July 2009) that facilitated the ongoing translation work in 30 languages.
  - Provided scholarly oversight for the Nzanyi language translation of the Luke 10:25-37--The Good Samaritan ("Kene Nga'aune di ndi Samariyachi").
  - Providing ongoing exegetical checking for the Mbula language translation of Matthew.
  - Further exploratory work is being done to make it possible for LeTourneau University Bible Studies and Christian Ministries students to assist in exegetical checking of back-translations.



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Department of Biblical Studies &  
Christian Ministries



Dr. Viktor Roudkovski  
*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

Paper presentation:

- “Praising Christ in the Book of Hebrews: When Hymns Must Give Way to *Encomia*,” Paper presented at Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, Irving, TX, March 7, 2009.

Article:

- “Spasenie Israelya: Obzor Interpretiravania Rimlyanam 11:26” (Salvation of Israel: Interpretive Options of Romans 11:26), *The Voice of Truth (GolosIstina)*, 31-38. October 2009 (Published in Russian).

Dr. Viktor Roudkovski

*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies*

Grant Proposal:

- *Invasion and Expansion: Understanding the Impact of the Novoe Pokolenie Movement in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union.* University of Southern California's Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative. Templeton Foundation (2010-2012). Principle Investigator along with Dr. Steve Mason and Dr. Melanie Roudkovski.

Meetings Attended:

- Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November, 2008
- Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, Irving, TX, March 7, 2009
- Annual Colloquium, Center of Christian Leadership of Centenary College, Shreveport, LA, led by Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"

School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Biology



Dr. Andree Elliott  
*Assistant Professor of Biology*

*Production of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids by Recombinant DNA*

- A research project conducted by Dr. Elliott and LeTourneau Biology students and funded by the Welch Foundation Departmental Grant Program on Basic Chemical Research. The objective of the grant is to involve undergraduates in faculty research. All areas of research are expected to involve two or more undergraduate students.

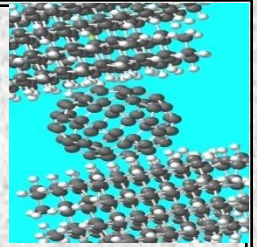
School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Biology



Ms. Karen Rispin  
*Assistant Professor of Biology*

- Traveled and supervised student researchers as part of LEGS rehabilitation in Kenya and Bangladesh
- Continued collaboration with the ACL research

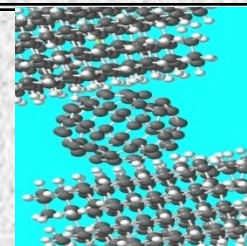
School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Chemistry & Physics



Dr. Steven Ball  
*Professor of Physics, Department Chair*

- Attended the Welch Conference on "Biological Macromolecules: from Structure to Function" in Houston, TX on October 27-28, 2008.
- Presented on "Elastic Collisions and Gravity" at the APS/AAPT Texas Section Conference at Tarleton State University on April 4, 2009.
- Attended the annual American Scientific Affiliation meeting "Exploring God's World of Endless Wonder" at Baylor University from July 31 – August 3, 2009.
- Became a member of the ASA, an affiliation of Christian scientists committed to the integrity of Scripture and science.

School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Chemistry & Physics



Dr. Gary DeBoer  
*Professor of Chemistry*

- Attended the annual American Scientific Affiliation meeting "Exploring God's World of Endless Wonder" at Baylor University from July 31 – August 3, 2009.
- Participated in the ASA sponsored workshop "Teaching about Science and Christianity" at Baylor University on July 31, 2009.
- Gave a science seminar on "Test of Faith: Does Science Threaten Belief in God" at LeTourneau University on September 18, 2009.



School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of Computer Science



Dr. Jay-Evan Tevis  
*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

- Attended the Cyberspace Awareness Summit held on October 7-9, 2008, in Shreveport, LA
- Served as a judge for LeTourneau University's Heritage Scholarship Competition held on February 13, 2009
- Participated in LeTourneau University's Career Skills Banquet held on February 19, 2009, for graduating seniors
- Served on a four-member panel about teaching computer science at small private universities at the Conference for the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges held on April 24-25, 2009, in Hammond, LA

Dr. Jay-Evan Tevis

*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

- Supervised three LETU computer science juniors in a spring semester project on advanced computer graphics techniques used in game programming.
- Supervised four LETU computer science seniors in a spring semester project involving the analysis, trouble-shooting and documentation of software used in a commercial brand of microcontroller light switches.
- Attended the Cyberspace Security Symposium held on June 16-18, 2009, in Shreveport, LA.
- Hosted three Han Dong students at our home in Longview on Sunday, July 12, 2009, as part of a one-month course on English As a Second Language offered at LeTourneau University.
- Met with two Chinese faculty members in the Computer Science Department at Western Illinois University on August 5, 2009, for a one-day discussion on software engineering and network security in China.

Dr. Jay-Evan Tevis

*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

- Served on the research paper review committee for an upcoming Conference on Security in Emerging Wireless Communication and Networking Systems.
- Played an instrumental role this past summer in finding and recruiting a new full-time faculty member to fill a position in the Computer Science Department that was suddenly vacated in June.

School of Arts & Sciences: Department of English



Dr. Randy Compton  
*Associate Professor of English*

- Presented a paper entitled “Locating Good and Evil in the Landscapes of Tolkien” at the College Teachers of English Conference at Austin, Texas on March 7, 2009.
- I traveled as a sponsor of the Spring Break Mission Trip to Japan. While there, I met with officials from Tokyo Christian University and International Christian University to discuss possible future connections with LeTourneau.
- Read poetry at Sigma Tau Delta’s Spring Poetry Reading held on LeTourneau campus Feb. 12, 2009.

School of Arts & Sciences: Department of English



Dr. Annie Olson

*Associate Professor of English*

- LeTourneau University Title III Grant for Proposal *Visual Literacy*.
- Attended International Visual Literacy Association Conference, October 2008, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
- Field research in visual literacy in Senegal and Kenya, June and July 2009.
- Peer-reviewed acceptance for presentation at International Visual Literacy Association Conference, October 6-9, 2009, Chicago. Presentation title: *Visualizing Service: Developing Visual Literacy to Enhance Communication in Cross-Cultural Service Learning*

Dr. Annie Olson

*Associate Professor of English*

- “Research Writing: A Conversation with Your Sources,” chapter in *Writing Spaces II*, published by Parlor Press in collaboration with WAC Clearinghouse, accepted for publication. Expected publication date Spring 2010.

School of Arts & Sciences: Department of English



Dr. Ignacio Palacios  
*Associate Professor of English*

- November 2008, attended the Tex-TESOL V Conference in Dallas, TX.
- Taught in the Summer 2009 ESL Camp at LETU.
- Served as consultant to a couple of my former TESOL students (from Florida) who are currently involved (Taiwan) or will soon become involved (Pennsylvania) in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.
- Together with my wife, we have been doing a weekly bilingual Bible study in our home for a couple of families in the Kilgore community (since summer 2009).



Mr. Karl Payton

*Assistant Professor, Communication Studies*

- Poster Presentation, Texas A&M Pathways Research Symposium: “*Equal access: A national comparison of federal grants-in-aid*”  
Presented with Westbrook and Reed, November 2008

Article:

- Weeks, S., Westbrook, S., Payton, K., Reed, E., Waller, L. (2008) Equal access: A national comparison of federal grants-in-aid awarded at public and private four-year degree granting institutions. (Article submitted to Academic Leadership Journal November 25, 2008; accepted and awaiting publication.)

Conference presentation:

- Mentored student research for their presentation at the North Texas Federation Rhetoric Symposium – “*The Impact of Mass Media on the American Political System – a historical approach.*” (February 2009)

Mr. Karl Payton

*Assistant Professor, Communication Studies*

- Sat for doctoral comprehensive exams at Texas A&M – Commerce.  
June 2009
- Officially admitted to candidacy by Texas A&M – Commerce: EdD,  
Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction in Higher Education,  
August 2009

Ongoing:

- Coordinating the efforts of our adjunct speech instructors
- Supervising in-class data collection for continuing analysis of the effectiveness of LETU's speech communication instruction.

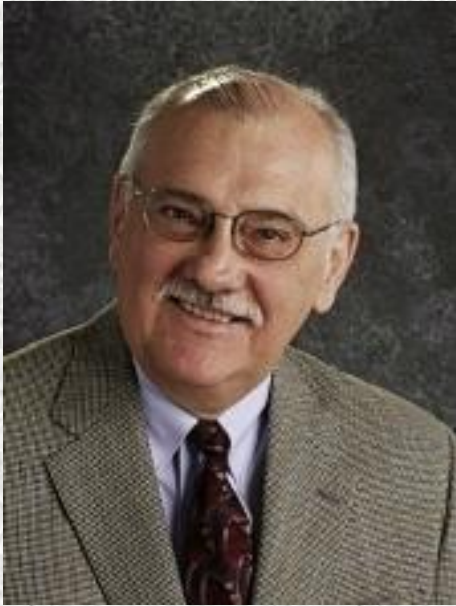
School of Arts & Sciences: Department of English



Ms. Fredna Stuckey  
*Assistant Professor of English*

- Participated in “Making Connections: Conference on Developmental Education,” April 1-3, 2009, Cengage Publishing, Orlando, Florida
- Participated in “Sentence Writing Strategy Workshop,” June 19, 2009, College and Career Readiness Initiative, Meadows Foundation, Austin, Texas

School of Arts & Sciences:  
Department of History & Political Science



Dr. Paul Kubricht  
*Professor of History,*  
*Department Chair*

Faculty Reader, Advanced Placement European History, Educational Testing Service. June 2009, Colorado State University.



Dr. Steve Armstrong  
*Professor of Mathematics*

- Presented in 3 sessions at regional Teachers Teaching with Technology (T3) Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas 1/29/09
- Currently working on PowerPoint slides for upcoming text, *Imagine, Java!* by Frank Carrano, Prentice Hall.
- Authored a family devotional web site, “Family Time Get Together Around God’s Word.”
- Authored several short video clips presenting LEGO NXT Robot experiments and determining modeling functions for math classes.



# School of Business





School of Business



Dr. Ken Fairweather  
*Associate Professor of Business Administration*

- Ken Fairweather, as President of the IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Education) South Central Region, is organizing the Fall 2009 Conference to be held in Dallas November 16 & 17. This is the third such event that will bring together business school faculty and administration from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Dr. Ken Fairweather

*Associate Professor of Business Administration*

- Ken Fairweather provided the guidance for the first “Ethics Bowl” on the LeTourneau campus in April 2009. This involved some 40 students. Hopefully, this can continue and grow to involve many more of our LeTourneau students in the future.
- LeTourneau University and Ken Fairweather are mentioned in the review section of the new “Marketing Management” text published by McGraw-Hill. Ken was one of eight marketing professors selected to work on the revision team for the second edition of this text at the McGraw-Hill headquarters in Chicago, IL.



Dr. Juan Castro

*Professor of Finance & International Business*

Published Papers

- *“Religious Background as Predictor of Ethical Behavior in College Students”*  
Journal of Leadership, Accountability and Ethics, North American Business Press, Winter January 2009.
- *“Central America Central Bank, a proposal for monetary integration in Central America”* Forum in Public Policy Journal, Oxford University, England, Oxford Round Table, February 2009

Dr. Juan Castro

*Professor of Finance & International Business*

Book reviews and Field Evaluations:

- Review of Applied Statistics in Business and Economics. Doane and Seward, McGraw-Hill Irwin. January 2009. Review of all the chapters in the book.
- Online Review: Corporate Finance, Sponsored by McGraw-Hill Irwin, by Brad Jordan and Joe Smolira, discussing new issues in finance and how to use technology to teach principles of corporate finance, February 24, 2009.
- Evaluation of business statistics trends and economic innovations, Focus Group of 12 college professors, Invited by McGraw-Hill Irving publishing company, Burr Ridge, Chicago, Illinois, February 2009.

Conference Organizer:

- Organizer and Coordinator of the Banking Conference “Credit Impact of the Financial Market Crises in Banking” held on LeTourneau Campus, on November 14, 2008. The conference had papers presented by scholars, round table of bank presidents and key note speaker Dr. Terry Smith, President of the FHLB.

Dr. Juan Castro

*Professor of Finance & International Business*

International Experience:

- Taking business students to learn about micro-enterprises, international business and multicultural immersion in Honduras, Spring Break 2009.
- Finance students are currently writing articles in the Sunday column Finance 101 for the Longview News-Journal. Topics include: mortgages, subprime, prime, mortgage-backed securities, 401K, and 401B.
- November 14, 2008, Juan will host a banking conference here at LeTourneau University. The theme of the conference is: Credit Impact of the Financial Market Crises in Banking.
- He will attend the Financial Management Association (FMA International) Annual Meeting in Dallas, October 8 – 11, 2008.

Dr. Juan Castro

*Professor of Finance & International Business*

- October 23 – 25, 2008, he plans to attend a meeting at Baylor University discussing the topic: Approaches to Global Poverty.
- Juan has a paper that has been accepted for publication in January 2009.
- Religious Background as Predictor of Ethical Behavior in College Students, Journal of Leadership, Accountability and Ethics. North American Business Press.



Dr. Beverly Rowe  
*Associate Professor of Accounting*

*Student-Related Activities:*

- Organized and facilitated LETU VITA program 2008 tax season. 30 students and community volunteers trained. \$326,000 of tax refunds processed for elderly and low-income Longview community residents. Received recognition from the Internal Revenue Service for second lowest error rate in Texas and 95% accuracy rate.
- Organized the Fall 2008 LETU initiative for accounting students to provide professional accounting services, supervising inventory audits in the Dallas, Longview, and Shreveport areas.
- Initiated and facilitated internships for students in major oil & gas firms in Kilgore and Houston, public accounting firm in Longview, and a transportation firm in Houston, Summer 2009.

Dr. Beverly Rowe

*Associate Professor of Accounting*

*Scholarship Activities:*

- Book published Fall 2009: How Virtual Teams Work: Exploring Effort in Computer-Mediated Collaboration, VDM Publishing, Saarbruecken, Germany.
- Speaker, International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, Fall 2009 regional conference, Dallas, TX, presenting “Does the Balance Sheet Balance? Potential Impact of Proposed Changes to Financial Statements on Business Education”
- Presenter, Accounting Education and Research Forum, March 2009, “Proposed Financial Statement Formats: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly.”
- Reviewer, Financial Accounting in an Economic Context, 7th edition by Jamie Pratt, chapters 4 and 13) for Wiley Publishers, June 2009.

Dr. Beverly Rowe

*Associate Professor of Accounting*

Attended the following conferences and meetings:

- Internal Audit and Accounting Workshops, The Martin Companies, Summer 2009.
- TCEA Area 7 SMART Technologies Training Workshop, June 2009.
- IFRS Boot Camp, Wiley Faculty Network, Spring 2009.
- Accounting Education and Research Forum, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009.
- Proposed Improvements to Financial Statement Presentation, Financial Accounting Standards Board, Fall 2008.
- American Accounting Association Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Midyear Meeting, Fall 2008.
- Banking Conference: Impact of the Financial Crises in Banking, LeTourneau University, Fall 2008.

Dr. Beverly Rowe

*Associate Professor of Accounting*

*Professional Activities:*

- Selected nationally as one of 100 corporate, university, and public accounting professionals to serve as a financial analyst for the Financial Accounting Standards Board and International Accounting Standards Board field test of the Financial Statement Presentation Project, June 2009.
- Promoted to Master Faculty, School of Graduate & Professional Studies, July 2009.
- Negotiated to host the Fall 2010 Accounting Education and Research Forum at LETU.
- Consulted with United Way to organize the VITA 2009 tax season.
- Developed a proposal for a 4 + 1 Accounting degree.



School of Business



Dr. Bob Wharton  
*Dean, School of Business*

*Published Articles:*

Coverage by Gender in ESPN the Magazine: An Examination of Articles and Photographs”, *International Journal of Sport Management*, April 2009.



# School of Education



School of Education



Dr. Wayne Jacobs  
*Dean, School of Education &  
Professor of Kinesiology*

- Jacobs, W. J. (2009). Faith integration in Wellness Courses. Presentation given to the Christian Society of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies, International Conference, Ottawa, Canada.
- Jacobs, W. J. and Jacobs, K. L. (2009). Incorporating Active Learning in both Face-to-Face and Online Environments. *Critical Issues in Teacher Education*. Illinois Association of Teacher Educators, XVI, pp. 32-39.
- Jacobs, W. J. and Moers, B. K. (2009). Improvement of Reading through Brain-Based Learning Instruction. Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, Winter Reading Conference, LeTourneau University, January 30, 2009.
- Jacobs, W. J. (2009). Learning for adults. Presentation given to the Leadership Longview Class, University of Tyler, Longview Campus, January 10, 2009.

Dr. Wayne Jacobs

*Dean, School of Education*

*Professor of Kinesiology*

- Jacobs, W. J. and Castillo, S. E. (2008). Technology Tips for Teachers. Workshop presented to 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Convention, Corpus Christi, TX, December 2, 2008.
- Jacobs, W. J. (2008). Active Learning Using Technology. LeTourneau University Fall Faculty Development, Longview Center, Oct 24, 2008.
- Jacobs, W. J. (2008). Active Learning Using Technology (three presentations), LeTourneau University Fall Faculty Workshop, Houston, TX, October 17, 2008.

School of Education:  
Department of Teacher  
Education



Dr. Jimmy Ames  
*Professor of Teacher Education*

- Ames, J., (April 2009). Annual Accredited Private School Accreditation Report Session presented at the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission meeting. Austin, Texas.
- Ames, J., (September 2009). Impact of SB68 on Private Schools in Texas.
- Session presented at the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission meeting, Austin, Texas.

*Professional Involvement*

- Executive Director, Texas Private School Accreditation Commission
- Executive Board, International Community of Christian Teacher Educators
- Consultant, Government Accounting Office, Boston. Working to develop a research survey for Schools of Education in the United States as part of a research project for Congress.

Dr. Jimmy Ames

*Professor of Teacher Education*

- White House and Department of Education conference on private school issues. Texas representative to invitation only annual conference, fall 2008 and fall 2009.

*Publication Reviews:*

- Textbook reviewer for Pearson Publishers, Fall 2009



School of Education:  
Department of Teacher  
Education



Ms. Shari Mills  
*Associate Professor of Early  
Childhood Education*

*Professional Involvement:*

- Organized and hosted annual “Early Childhood Workshop,” April, 2009–  
LeTourneau University Department of Teacher Education
- Attended the Texas College and Career Readiness Initiative for Mathematics,  
August 2009, in Austin, Texas
- Assisted with the annual East Texas TAIR (Texas Association for the  
Improvement of Reading) Conference in January 2009–LeTourneau  
University Department of Teacher Education



School of Education:  
Department of Teacher  
Education



Dr. Kathy Stephens  
*Assistant Professor of Elementary Education &  
Department Chair, Teacher Education*

*Ongoing Research and Publications:*

- Stephens, K.E., (2009). Presentation accepted: “Do they teach what they know?” to be presented at the annual ALER Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Stephens, K.E., (2009, May). Author. “Improving Reading Achievement of Low SES Minority Students With Science-Related Informational Texts and Structured Responses.” *ALER Annual Yearbook of Literacy Research*.

Dr. Kathy Stephens

*Assistant Professor of Elementary Education &  
Department Chair, Teacher Education*

Presentations:

- Stephens, K. E. (2008, November). “Improving reading achievement of low SES minority students with science-related informational texts and structured responses.” Paper presented at the annual conference of the College Reading Association, Sarasota, FL.
- Stephens, K. E., (2008, November). “The new and improved TEKS!” Session presented at the Baylor University TAIR conference, Waco, TX.
- Stephens, K.E., (2009, May). Presenter: *Science-based Informational Texts to Improve Reading Comprehension Achievement of At-Risk Intermediate Students* at two conferences--Research Conference of the International Reading Association as one of 10 Distinguished Dissertation Award finalists, Minneapolis, MN; and the Higher Education Collaborative annual spring Seminar and Leadership Council in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Kathy Stephens

*Assistant Professor of Elementary Education &  
Department Chair, Teacher Education*

- Stephens, K.E., (2009, May/June). Serving on Steering Committee and presented LETU 2010 conference plans to the Steering Committee of the International Community of Christians in Teacher Education in Denver, Colorado.
- Stephens, K.E., (2009, June). Co-presented a session at the Texas Association for Teacher Educators "Global Service Learning: Expanding Preservice Classroom Walls into the World" in Austin, Texas.

Professional Involvement :

- Organized and hosted annual East Texas TAIR (Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading) Conference in January 2009–LeTourneau University Department of Teacher Education.
- Serving on the revision team of the Texas English Language Arts and Reading TEKS/high school electives
- Serving on the College and Career Readiness Initiative Advisory Council for English Language Arts and Social Studies; attended annual meetings
- Served as program reviewer article reviewer for ALER (Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers)



School of Education:  
Department of Teacher  
Education



Dr. Julie Teel  
*Associate Professor,  
Department of Teacher Education*

*Presentations:*

- Teel, J.K., (2008, October) Literacy alive: A school-wide writing and publishing project. Co-presented Session presented at the annual meeting of CSOTTE, Austin, TX.
- Teel, J.K., (2009, February) Coordinated two LEGS presentation for St. Mary's School with Katie Leatherwood. Article and photograph published in *Longview News Journal*, Feb. 19, 2009, by Angela Ward. "Students Learn Lessons in Service and Science."
- Teel, J.K., (2009, June). Co-presented a session at the Texas Association for Teacher Educators. "Global Service Learning: Expanding Preservice Classroom Walls into the World" in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Julie Teel

*Associate Professor,  
Department of Teacher Education*

*Professional Involvement:*

- Attended CSOTTE Board Meeting and Installation of New Officers:  
President Elect of Texas Directors of Field Experience, Austin, Texas
- Texas Directors of Field Experiences (TDFE) -- Served as Judge for Student Teachers of the Year for state of Texas to be recognized October 2009, Austin, Texas
- TDFE: Attended summer meetings with invited guests, TEA Board Members

*Publications :*

- Teel, J.K., (2009, July) Invited to contribute an article to a book. Article submitted.



School of Education:  
Department of Psychology



Dr. Melanie Roudkovski  
*Associate Professor of Psychology*

- *Roudkovski, M. & Sheaffer, V.* (November 7, 2008). What Can I Do with a Psychology Degree? Presented at SWTOP (Southwest Teachers of Psychology), Ft. Worth, TX.
- Completed training and received certification as a board approved supervisor for the TX Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (August 2009).
- Added to the Board of Directors for the East Texas Child Advocates, Inc. (July 2009).

Grant Proposal:

- *Invasion and Expansion: Understanding the Impact of the *Novoe Pokolenie* Movement in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union.* University of Southern California's Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative. Templeton Foundation (2010-2012). Principle Investigator along with Dr. Steve Mason and Dr. Viktor Roudkovski.

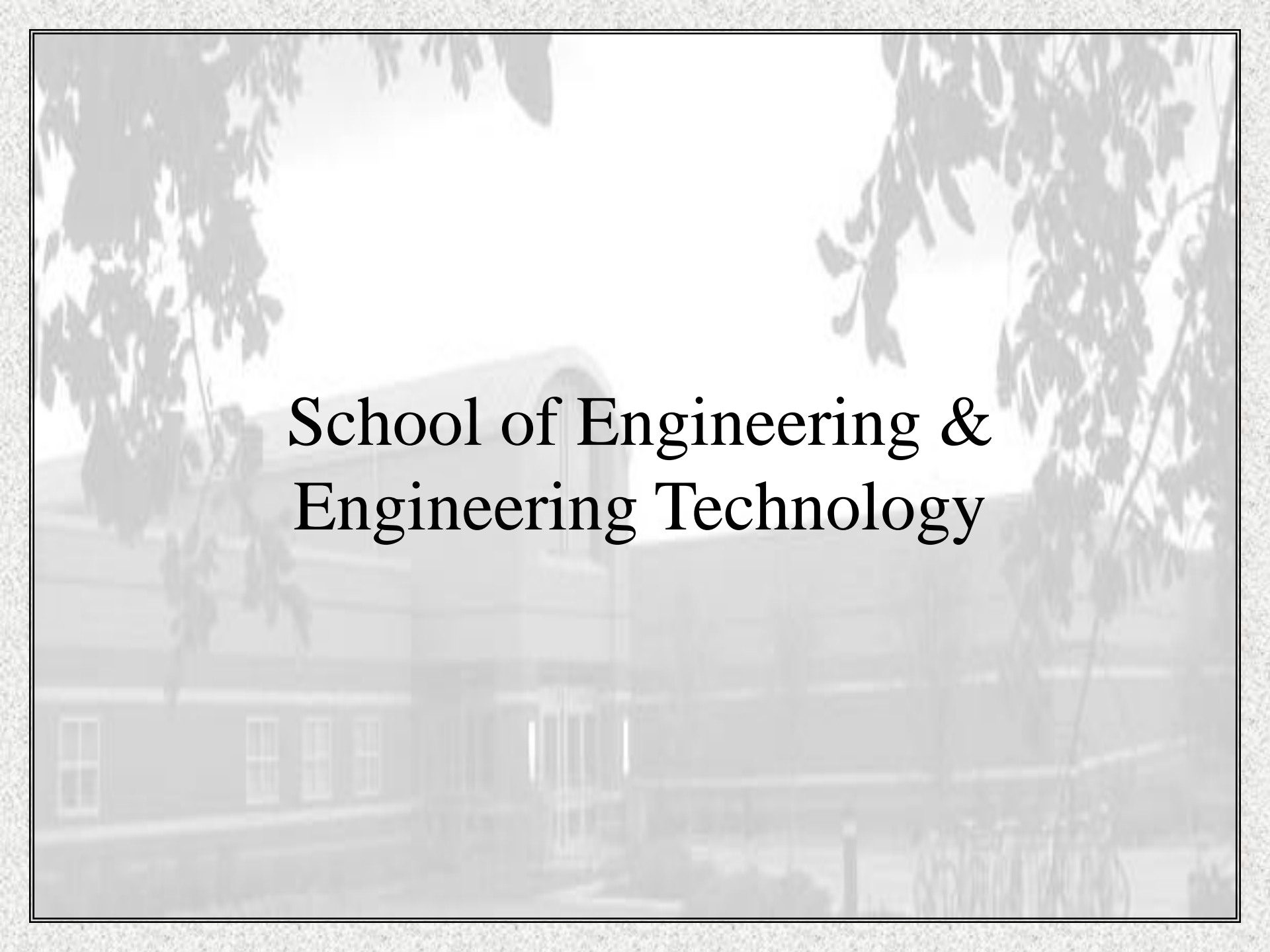


School of Education:  
Department of Psychology



Dr. Vicki Sheaffer  
*Professor of Psychology &  
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- Roudkovski, M. & *Sheaffer, V.* (November 7, 2008). What Can I Do with a Psychology Degree? Presented at SWTOP (Southwest Teachers of Psychology), Ft. Worth, TX.
- Lee, K., Leiffer, P., Graff, W.R., & *Sheaffer, V.* (June 17, 2009). Understanding Cognitive Style and Learning Style and Their Application to Teaching and Learning in Engineering. Presented at the American Society for Engineering Education Conference. Austin, TX.



School of Engineering &  
Engineering Technology



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Engineering Technology



Dr. Matthew Green

Assistant Professor of Mechanical  
Engineering

- Green, M.G., "Can Design for the 'Poor' Result in Better Designs for Everyone?," *Proceedings of the 2009 Christian Engineering Education Conference*, Waco, TX.
- Green, M.G., et al., "Design for Frontier Contexts: Classroom Assessment of a New Design Methodology with Humanitarian Applications," *International Journal of Engineering Education*, \*\*Accepted for publication.
- Accompanied 10 seniors to "Bottom-up Approaches to Global Poverty: Appropriate Technology, Social Entrepreneurship, and the Church" at Baylor where they presented a paper "*Helping Stone-Age Tribes Fly: Empowering the Indigenous Church with Appropriate Flight Technology through a University-NGO Partnership*" reporting our 4-year partnership with Indigenous People's Technology and Education Center (ITEC).



Dr. Marian Iordache  
Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering

M.V. Iordache and P. J. Antsaklis, "Petri Nets and Programming: A Survey" at  
the *2009 American Control Conference*.



Dr. Joonwan Kim

*Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering*

- Boo-Shik Ryu, Joonwan Kim. “Hardware implementation of an Adaptive Noise Canceller in an automobile environment,” Proceeding of the IEEE Electrical Design of Advanced Packaging and Systems Symposium, Seoul, S. Korea, 10-12 Dec. 2008.
- Submitted Grant Proposal for Rockwell Collins Inc. on April. 2009 and awarded in the amount of \$20,000 to support the LeTourneau University Senior RelaPS project 2009-2010 academic year.



Dr. Paul Leiffer  
*Professor of Engineering & Chair of  
the Department of Engineering*

- June 2009 – Attended American Society for Engineering Education Conference in Austin; co-authored three papers, presented one and a half.
- Leiffer, Paul, Graff, R. William, Lee, B. Kyun, Batts, Martin  
“The changing of the guard: Should the engineering ethics code be changed to environmental ethics?”
- Ortiz, Oscar, Leiffer, Paul  
“What does my car AM radio have to do with learning electronics?”

Dr. Paul Leiffer

*Professor of Engineering & Chair of  
the Department of Engineering*

- Lee, B. Kyun, Leiffer, Paul, Graff, R. William, Sheaffer, Vicki  
“Understanding cognitive style and learning style and their application to teaching and learning in engineering.”
- August 2009-Attended workshop on Design Assessment, Washington State University; continuing involvement as consultant.

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# **Faculty Accomplishments**

LeTourneau University  
2008-2009

**Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.**

**It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.**

**Colossians 3:23-24**

**FAITH BRINGS US TOGETHER.  
INGENUITY SETS US APART.**

# The End

Music: *Moldau* by Smetana,  
performed by the Indiana University School of Music

