



# The Besorah: The CAH Newsletter

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## A Message from the Dean, Dr. Timothy J. Brown

**<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:5, NIV)**

Our spring edition of *The Besorah* embraces Eastern University's Centennial Celebration which proclaims, "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100:5, NIV). The accomplishments and accolades of our faculty, staff, and students are further testimony to God's faithfulness which never wanes. Join with me in celebrating our spring edition of *The Besorah*!

## Program Highlights

### A Glimpse of CAH Program Highlights

The College of Arts and Humanities represents a Christ-centered community that emphasizes the essentialness of the performing arts, the humanities, and theology through the intersection of faith, reason, and justice.

**[Click here](#) to view CAH Program Highlights!**



# Faculty Features

**Today's faculty question: Our Centennial verse is Psalm 100:5, which speaks of God's faithfulness. How have you seen God's faithfulness at work in your life/career?**

## Dr. Michael Lee, History

Two years ago, the university granted me the position of full professor. A few months later, in my attempt to clean up my messy office, I was sorting through the piles of old files, notes, and papers I had accumulated. I found my spiritual journal I kept during my senior year in college that I had long since forgotten about. In the pages, my younger self wrestled with the question of how I can best honor God with my life? I wanted to get a Ph.D. and become a history professor. But I also knew that the job market was tight, thus getting a tenure track job would be highly unlikely. So over that year, I recorded my prayers in my journal and by the end, I had resolved to try, though I was uncertain how it would all turn out. When I read the last page of my journal in my office, I was overwhelmed by the goodness and kindness of God.



## Dr. Valerie Flower, Theatre

A commitment to faith, reason, and justice is a radical mission for any institution of higher education. What a privilege to teach students, some for the first time, about restorative justice in the arts, not simply because justice is ethical, but because it is an expression of Christ's love for us and our love for one another. Our mission emboldens us to transcend the self-serving habits of our entertainment industry and embrace the transformative and restorative possibilities within the arts. Far from a censor; our mission encourages us to tell diverse stories that challenge injustice and celebrate truth in the spirit of Christ who used parables to heal with compassion. Our mission strengthens our capacity for empathy for ourselves as well as the stranger Christ welcomed, story after story, as a demonstration of what it means to live a life committed to love and service to others.



## Dr. Peter Enns, Theology

Since I first began teaching at Eastern, I have been thankful to God for this community. "Faith, reason, and justice" is not simply slogan, but a way of describing the entirety of the Christian life: we seek God in our world in ways that engage our minds while being ever mindful of the impact our thoughts and actions have on others. Heart, Mind, and Action in harmony, never alone, always playing off of each other. I am thankful for being in such a learning community that fosters a deep, reflective, and curious journey of Christian faith. I have seen God's faithfulness in my time at Eastern in unexpected ways—not so much in God coming to my rescue but in being with me through the triumphs and challenges of life. God's faithfulness is God's Presence amid the ups and downs, and that Presence is reflected to me through my colleagues and students.



## More to Know

### Studio 1300

The Communication Studies Department has launched *Studio 1300*, Eastern University's new streaming radio station where faith, reason, and justice find their voice.

[Click here for an article about Studio 1300!](#)



Scan the QR code for Studio 1300's livestream!



### Trivia Question!

Let's have some fun and learn more about Eastern University's exciting and interesting history!

**Which Eastern University President received a letter of encouragement from a U.S. President?**

**Send your answer to:  
cahdean@eastern.edu**

The first person to answer correctly will receive a small gift!



### Giving

The College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) provides students with engaging educational experiences that underscore vital liberal arts skills such as critical thinking and analysis, problem-solving and collaboration, and effective writing and communication. Consider contributing to a specific CAH fund to support our mission of preparing students to be leaders and engaged citizens who will impact the world through faith, reason, and justice.

[Click here for the CAH Fund webpage!](#)



## CAH Student Awards Ceremony

### The Beacon of Light Awards

The College of Arts and Humanities held its inaugural Student Awards Ceremony on April 15th, in McInnis Auditorium. Each program celebrated recipients of the "Beacon of Light Awards" (Matthew 5:14-16).

[Click here for more details in an article by Nicole Markert!](#)



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## Reflections with Jeff Russell & Jess Muni Russell

Jeff Russell graduated from Eastern in 2013 (BA) and 2016 (MBA), and currently works at Cantor Fitzgerald. Jessica Muni Russell graduated from Eastern in 2013 (BA) and 2017 (MBA), and currently works at The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. They met at Eastern during senior year, and have been married since 2014. They spent many years in Wayne and King of Prussia, and now live in Jacksonville, FL with their dog, Rooney.



[Click here to read Jess & Jeff's full Alumni Interview!](#)

## From the Chaplain

**“Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.” (Matthew 5:8)**

Dr. Joe Modica, University Chaplain and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, memorializes Dr. Tony Campolo, whose life and work embodied justice and compassion.

[Click here to read Dr. Modica's reflections about Dr. Tony Campolo](#)

