



FROM THE PROFESSOR'S DESK ■ JONATHAN L. WALTON

Happy New Year!

Greetings from Pretoria, South Africa!

I am kicking off 2015 in this beautiful country with over a dozen Harvard College students in the township of Mamelodi. For the past seven years, students from [Christian Impact and Athletes in Action](#) have partnered with the University of Pretoria community in order to provide a college preparatory program for local high school students. The program has been a great success by all metrics. This is true, in part, due to amazing young women and men from Harvard who are willing to raise necessary travel funds, sacrifice their J-Term, and teach courses in ethical leadership, community development, and language arts for three weeks. Their work has helped to diversify the University of Pretoria across color and class lines by increasing the pool of potential students throughout the township.

They tell me that I am here to encourage South African teenagers to stretch themselves intellectually and spiritually. God only knows whether I have been able to fulfill this task. Nevertheless, I can say without a doubt that these kids are transforming me. Their sense of hospitality is humbling, their laughter is infectious, and their love of learning is inspiring. I am already looking forward to my next visit. Maybe some of you will join me.

My presence in South Africa, however, does not hamper our ministries back on campus. The Memorial Church staff is currently putting the finishing touches on what promises to be an incredible Spring Term. Part of the excitement about this semester has to do with the Memorial Church's role on campus in commemorating a significant event in U.S. history, "Bloody Sunday" and the subsequent Selma to Montgomery march. We will mark the fiftieth anniversary of this monumental moment on several occasions in the upcoming months.

For instance, President Drew Faust will lead Morning Prayers on the fiftieth anniversary of the march to offer reflections on her trip to Selma as an undergraduate. She decided to answer Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call to join protesters from across the country, and now understands her participation as a decisive moment in her life. [Unitarian Universalist minister Clark Olsen](#) will also join us in April to lead the Faith & Life Forum, as well as deliver the Sunday sermon. Reverend Olsen was one of three white ministers brutally attacked on the sidewalks of Selma by white supremacists. Tragically, one of the ministers, James Reeb, died two days later. But like so many others courageous women and men, Reverend Olsen would let neither hatred nor attempts upon his life silence him.



Finally, this year's William Belden Noble lecturer will be documentary filmmaker [Stanley Nelson, Jr.](#) Among his notable films include [Freedom Riders](#) (2010) and [Freedom Summer](#) (2014). We will offer screenings of a few of his documentaries leading up to the event. Moreover, rather than adhering to a standard lecture format, Mr. Nelson has agreed to let President Drew Faust interview him while viewing and discussing meaningful clips selected from his work. With student activism reaching a fever pitch in recent months, we consider this a timely opportunity to provide the community with a historical refresher course on the power of student protests.

Finally, the [Harvard University Choir](#) will be as busy as ever this Spring Term. They will conclude J-Term with a mini-tour of New York City, New Haven, and Worcester. We will welcome UChoir alums back to campus for a reunion in March. And Harvard ARTS FIRST weekend will include the UChoir spring concert, George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Athalia*. Be sure to mark your calendars.

I am so excited about another amazing Term. We appreciate all of your generous support and continued prayers. Thanks to you, we are able to remain a space of grace at the center of Harvard Yard that reaches the entire world; a space committed to educating minds, expanding hearts, and enriching lives!

Hambani kahle!

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SPRING TERM 2015 CALENDAR

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, **WHRB 95.3 FM**. For those outside the Cambridge area, WHRB provides live Internet streaming from its web site www.whrb.org. Services take place at 11:00 a.m. eastern time.

February 1, The First Sunday of Spring Term

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton, *Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church, Harvard University*

Anthems: Howells—Office of Holy Communion (Collegium Regale)
Mozart—Ave verum Corpus

February 8

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Matthew L. Potts, *Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church*

Anthem: Bach—Singet dem Herrn, BWV 225

February 15

Preacher: The Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, *Ministry Fellow, The Memorial Church*

Anthems: Byrd—Laudibus in Sanctis
Tomkins—O Sing unto the Lord

February 22, The First Sunday in Lent

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, *Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church*

Anthems: Mendelssohn—Denn Er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir
Tallis—In ieiunio et fletu

March 1, Junior Parents Weekend

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton

Anthem: Palestrina—Missa Brevis

March 8

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton

Anthems: Harvard University Choir Reunion Festival Service

March 15

Preacher: The Reverend Janet Cooper Nelson, *Chaplain of the University, Director of the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, Brown University*

March 22

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Leslie D. Callahan, *Pastor, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Philadelphia*

April 12

Preacher: The Reverend Clark Olsen

Anthems: Hoiby—At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners
Albright—Glorious the Sun

April 19

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton

Anthems: Ireland—Greater Love
Harris—Faith Is the Heaven

LENT

Tuesday, February 17, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Buttrick Room of the Memorial Church

Wednesday, February 18, 12:00–12:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29, 11:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Bill Leonard, *James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

Anthems: Weelkes—Hosanna to the Son of David
Phillips—Ride On in Majesty

Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 p.m.

Holy Week Musical Meditation: Fauré's *Requiem*

Featuring the Harvard University Choir

Thursday, April 2, 8:00–9:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (*held in Appleton Chapel*)

Featuring the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir

Friday, April 3, 12:00–2:00 p.m.

Good Friday

EASTER

Sunday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday of the Sunday of the Resurrection

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton, *Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church, Harvard University*

Anthem: Mozart—Mass in C Major, KV 317 ("Coronation")

April 26

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Daisy Machado, *Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York*

Anthems: Clausen—Set Me As a Seal
Hogan—We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

May 3, ARTS FIRST Weekend

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton

Anthems: Cooman—Missa Brevis ("Trottier")
Hampton—A Repeating Alleluia

May 10, Mother's Day

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith

Anthem: Britten—Rejoice in the Lamb

May 17

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.,
Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Anthems: Viadana — Exsultate Justi
Palestrina — Exsultate Deo

May 24, Senior Sunday

Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Anthems: Music Honoring the Class of 2015

MORNING PRAYERS IN APPLETON CHAPEL

Monday – Saturday in Term, 8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Beginning Monday, January 26

Consisting of music, prayer, and a brief address given by a member or friend of the University, this service is a great way to start the day. For the full schedule of speakers, please visit our website: memorialchurch.harvard.edu.

COMPLINE

Thursdays, February 5, March 5, and May 7 at 10:00 p.m.

This twenty-minute service is sung in the candlelit space of Appleton Chapel.

EVENSONG

Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m. (*held in Appleton Chapel*)

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Sundays, February 1 – May 24, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. Each week we hear from leading thinkers as it pertains to matters of ultimate concern such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation. The presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church and begin at 9:30 a.m. Come for coffee at 9:00 a.m.

February 1

Jonathan L. Walton, *Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church*

February 8

Matthew L. Potts, *Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church*

February 15

Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, *Dean of Admissions, Lancaster Theological Seminary*

February 22

Timothy McCarthy, *Adjunct Lecturer on Public Policy; Program Director for the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School*

March 1

Monique Moultrie, *Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University*

March 8

Rosalind Hackett, *Visiting Professor of Women's Studies and Religion, Harvard Divinity School; Professor of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee*

March 15

Janet Cooper Nelson, *Chaplain of the University, Director of the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, Brown University*

March 22

Leslie D. Callahan, *Pastor, St. Paul's Baptist Church*

March 29

Bill Leonard, *James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

April 5

No Faith & Life Forum (Easter Sunday)

April 12

Clark Olsen

April 19

Sarah Bracke, *Visiting Fellow, Harvard University, Center for European Studies*

April 26

Daisy Machado, *Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York*

May 3

Usra Ghazi, MTS '15, *President, HDS Student Association; Multifaith Engagement Intern, The Memorial Church*

May 10

To Be Announced...

May 17

Seminarians of the Memorial Church

May 24

Rodney L. Petersen, *Adjunct Instructor and Visiting Researcher, Center for the Study of Global Christianity and Mission, Boston University School of Theology*

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, February 11, March 11, April 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Professor Jonathan L. Walton will lead these evening discussion sessions aimed at teaching and facilitating a socio-historical reading of the Bible, using the same exegetical method he employs when preparing his Sunday morning sermons.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURE

Monday, April 13 (*event time to be announced*)

President Drew Faust will interview the 2015 Noble lecturer, Documentary filmmaker Stanley Nelson, Jr. Selected clips of his work will be shown and discussed.

Noble Lecture Film Series: In the weeks leading up to the April 13th lecture, selected films from Stanley Nelson, Jr. will be shown; details to follow.

Bible Study Series

**Reading the Bible
in its World
for Your World**

STUDENT PROGRAMS

BODY & SOUL: HARVARD RELIGION AND SEXUALITY FORUM

Mondays, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, and April 6 & 20, from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Buttrick Room



Body & Soul is a new forum for Harvard students to explore questions of how spirituality and religion play into our thinking about sex, sexuality, and gender. The Spring Term will explore the theme “Sex Matters.” Students of all faiths, no faith, deep faith, and questioning faith are welcome.

THIS ONE TIME...



An Interfaith Storytelling series that invites you to listen, share, and dialogue about stories of interfaith encounter. Monthly gatherings feature stories that reflect on a different each month. Students of all faiths are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, March 26, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

On (Un)Common Ground: Agreeing to Disagree
The Pluralism Project, 2 Arrow Street, Cambridge

Thursday, April 23, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Stupid Cupid! Relationship Adventures in Love and Loss
University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop Street, Cambridge

Thursday, May 7, 7:00–8:15 p.m.

The Problem with Prayer
The Humanist Hub, 30 JFK Street, Cambridge

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Tuesdays, February 3, 10, and 17, from 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Buttrick Room

Whether you've lost a loved one in the past, or you are in the midst of losing someone now, Harvard students are invited to attend a bereavement support group at the Memorial Church. All

students are welcome to share in this safe space of connection, contemplation, and conversation. Limited to 10 participants. To register, contact the Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith at lucy_forster-smith@harvard.edu or 617-495-5508.

MUSIC EVENTS

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERTS



HOLY WEEK MUSICAL MEDITATION: FAURÉ'S REQUIEM

Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 p.m.

EVENSONG IN APPLETON CHAPEL

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 p.m.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR ARTS FIRST PERFORMANCE

Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.

George Frideric Handel's *Athalia*; featuring the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Recitals begin at 7:30 p.m.; admission is free.

Tuesday, January 27

Michael Kraft, *Executive Vice President and Senior Reed Voicer, C.B. Fisk, Inc., Gloucester, MA*

Tuesday, February 10

Brink Bush, *Minister of Music, St. John's Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, MA*

Tuesday, February 24

Carson Cooman, *Composer in Residence, The Memorial Church*

Tuesday, March 10

Caroline Robinson, *Curtis Institute of Music and Eastman School of Music, Philadelphia, PA*

Tuesday, March 24

Jonathan Ortloff, *President, Ortloff Organ Company, Brookline, MA*

Tuesday, April 7

Members of the Harvard Organ Society

HARVARD ORGAN SOCIETY RECITALS

Thursdays, March 5 – April 30, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

Recitals are performed on the organ in Busch Hall. The series is free and open to the public. Visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/calendar for a complete list of performers.



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