



DOCTORAL STUDENTS TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

Dallas Baptist University took 26 doctoral students from the Cook School of Leadership to participate in a nine-day academic seminar in the Holy Land.

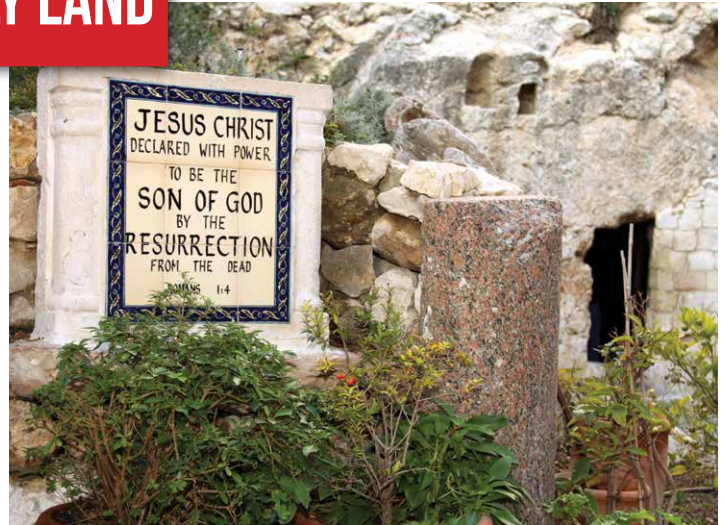
The seminar provided students with the opportunity to discuss classical and current leadership theories in the setting of a heavily pluralistic context, as Israel is home to the three predominant monotheistic religions of the world: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

"The DBU Israel Doctoral Institute was the most inspiring intellectual and spiritual experience I have ever been privileged to lead," said Dr. Adam Wright, vice president and dean of the Cook School of Leadership at DBU. "I am so very thankful for the Christian leadership of our DBU president and the vision he cast for such an opportunity. As our students develop as Christian scholars, servant leaders, and global thinkers, I can fathom no better global experience than traveling to the Holy Land. Walking in the steps of Jesus as students learn from His example and the leadership He continues to demonstrate has truly made an impression in our students' lives that they will never forget."

The group was able to visit historic sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea-Philippi, Galilee, and the Qumran region. They are pictured below in the Garden of Gethsemane.

While in Nazareth, the group met with Botrus Mansour, general director of the Nazareth Baptist School, and had a chance to interact with officials, faculty, and staff from the school.

The Cook School of Leadership at DBU offers a Ph.D. in Leadership studies degree and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership degree, as well as a Master of Education in Higher Education. Students in these programs are professionals in business, healthcare, civil service law, education, and Christian ministry. Students within the School of Leadership are also afforded opportunities to study in Washington, D. C., and Oxford, England.



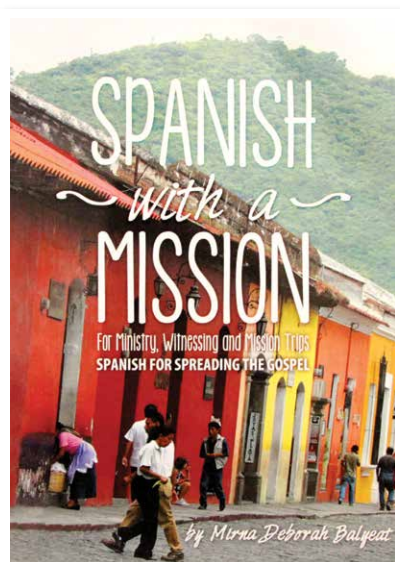
Prof. Deborah Balyeat Releases Spanish Book for MISSION WORK

Deborah Balyeat, assistant professor of Spanish, released a textbook entitled *Spanish with a Mission: For Ministry, Witnessing and Mission Trips*. Written for individual workers and groups of volunteers ministering to Hispanic people through either mission trips or community outreach, the resource is focused on helping people communicate more effectively in ministry, particularly with the Gospel in mind.

"During my years on the mission field and as a Spanish teacher, it has been my observation that many groups plan for a mission trip or outreach event while investing little in learning the language," Professor Balyeat says. "Often communication is left to a small bilingual staff. How great and wonderful it would be if the whole ministry staff or group could communicate."

Raised in both Dallas, Texas, and Managua, Nicaragua, Balyeat grew up bilingually and biculturally. She and her husband, David, a DBU alumnus and former DBU staff member, also served as missionaries to Argentina for nine years, where she coordinated the language and cultural training for new missionaries; she has been a professor at DBU for the past 11 years.

The Balyeats have four children, three of whom have attended DBU, and are members of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church.



Prof. Jamie Lash Celebrates 25 YEARS AT DBU

Jamie Lash, director of student development and professor of business, celebrated his 25th anniversary at DBU in January.

Initially attracted to DBU by the school's mission of developing servant leaders, Professor Lash accepted Dr. Gary Cook's invitation to come to DBU in 1989, when he began as director of admissions. After serving two years in that role, he moved into the position he holds to this day as director of student development.

In his current role at DBU, Professor Lash teaches "Christian Leadership" and a course called "Time Management and Leadership Training," having the privilege to work with over 500 DBU students a year through these courses. He also teaches an online course designed to double an individual's reading speed in four days.

Throughout his tenure at DBU, Professor Lash has been named the Honorary Alumnus of the Year in 2005 and a nominee for the DBU Piper Outstanding Professor Award in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Professor Lash is also the author of several publications, including the book *This Was Your Life! Preparing to Meet God Face to Face*. Prior to his appointment at DBU, Jamie served as a professor in the business school at Baylor University, being one of the youngest individuals at the time to be named the Outstanding Baylor Faculty Member and two-time Most Popular Baylor Business Professor.

He and his wife, Marcy, have three grown children. They are pictured below with Jessica (a DBU graduate) and Tim. Their daughter, Jenna, was unable to attend.



DR. DALE SIMS College of Business Dean

Dr. Dale Sims, professor of management information systems, has been named the new dean of DBU's College of Business. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Sims served as associate dean for the College of Business from 2011 to 2013.

Dr. Sims has been a member of the DBU faculty since 1991, when he began as an assistant professor in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

He has been a member of the College of Business since 1998 and has taught 18 different computer science and management information systems courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level, including Principles of Information Systems, Database Management Systems, and Information Technology Management, to name a few.

While at DBU, Dr. Sims has been named a 2006 Fulbright Scholar, 2011-2012 DBU Piper Outstanding Professor of the Year, and 2012 DBU College of Business Faculty Member of the Year.

Dr. Sims holds a bachelor's in biology from Southwestern College, a Master of Science in human resource management from Houston Baptist University, and a Ph.D. in informational science from the University of North Texas.

Dr. Sims and his wife, Debora, have two children, Joshua and Laura, and are members of First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie.





DBU Student Receives Lee Roy Mitchell Scholarship

The Texas Business Hall of Fame (TBHF) presented DBU student Melissa Pressley with a special scholarship named in honor of Lee Roy Mitchell during their annual Scholars Luncheon. The TBHF selected Pressley as being among the top students in the state and recognized her for her professional accomplishments and desire to serve others within the local business community.

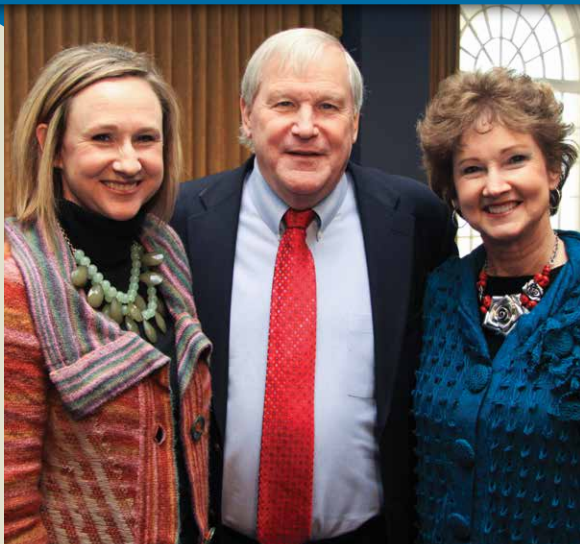
Pressley, who is currently pursuing her MBA in finance at DBU, began her career at JCPenney before moving into her current role with GuideStone Financial Resources.

Once a year, the TBHF recognizes noteworthy master's level students who are making a difference within their businesses and local communities. Twenty-one colleges and universities in Texas participate in this annual scholarship process.

DBU friend and supporter, Lee Roy Mitchell, has partnered with the TBHF by generously providing money for a scholarship to be given annually to a DBU student who fulfills the qualifications set by the TBHF. Lee Roy and his wife, Tandy, co-founded the Cinemark Theater chain and have served as past honorary co-chairs of the DBU Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner.

Pictured above are (left to right): Dr. Cory Hines, DBU vice president for advancement and graduate affairs; Melissa Pressley, scholarship recipient; Lee Roy Mitchell; and Tandy Mitchell.

DR. DAN MACMILLAN RETIRES



Dr. Dan MacMillan, director of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program, retired after nearly eight years of service at DBU.

Dr. MacMillan received his bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman College and his master's degree from Tennessee Technological University before completing his Doctor of Education degree at the University of Alabama. Prior to his arrival at DBU, he served as president of Bluefield College in Virginia for nine years. Under his leadership, Bluefield College earned national attention for its high-quality academics, most notably through four straight years of inclusion in *U.S. News and World Report's* list of "America's Top Colleges."

Throughout his career in Christian higher education, he has served at Samford University as their director of church recreation degree program and as dean of students at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. In addition to leading DBU's Ed.D. program, Dr. MacMillan also served as special assistant to the president and professor of higher education and research.

Dr. MacMillan and his wife, Sandy, are members of the First Baptist Church of Lewisville, TX. They have two children and five grandchildren. Though retired from his position as director of the Ed.D. program, Dr. MacMillan will still be serving as an adjunct faculty member at DBU, as well as overseeing certain dissertation research projects. Dr. MacMillan is pictured along with his wife, Sandy, and their daughter, Ashley Hett, who is a DBU graduate.