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I love words. New words. Old words. Rare Words. Poetic words. I gravitate to words that have an inherent meaning — a vibe or "feeling" that helps me "see" the bigger picture. I can't remember the last time I used the word "unflappable" in a sentence, but indeed, it is our theme for this issue of *Two Eight & Nine*, and I intend to use it more. It's perfect in its ability to convey the strength of our God and the resolve of the people you'll meet in these incredible stories.

I'll bet most of us, given the chance, could come up with a pretty solid definition of the word "unflappable" even though we may never have heard it before. I started wrangling possible definitions the first time I heard it. My initial notions were "unwavering" and "steadfast." My mental movie-reel took me to every scene where some soldier, leader, warrior or athlete stood in the face of adversity with ice in his veins — able to overcome, outlast and persevere.

If I were honest, though, most of those scenes involved people who probably didn't know God. Heroes metaphorically, but lost spiritually. That's a big deal. Because God plays a huge role in being unflappable. He is our courage to enter the fray at the outset, our sustainer and comforter in the midst, and the rewarder of irrational peace and joy throughout. The purifying experience of trial is ours, so the glory can be all His.

James 1:2-4 says:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Allow me a creative interpretation ...

Welcome and endure trials. Petition God to supply unusual strength. Stand unflappable and confident in the face of adversity. Unflappable because He who stands next to you is unflappable. And when you do, the refining fire will produce the purest kind of joy and peace. And only after being in pieces, will you be more whole.

Turn the page, admire and identify with the people you are about to meet. But fall down and worship the God who stands beside them. He is the author and perfecter of their stories. The God who has always been unflappable.



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CAPTAIN CHELSEY B. "SULLEY" SULLENBERGER

Calm in crisis. Calm in success. Persistently calm whether facing difficulties or experiencing success. Captain "Sully" Sullenberger ("The Miracle on the Hudson" fame) struck most observers as being unflappable. In the midst of crisis the captain went about the business of flying and landing, whether on tarmac or water, — the latter more challenging than the former. But calm — there's work to do. Jan. 15, 2009, about 3:31 p.m. Aircraft in the water. He walked twice through the length of the aircraft. Everyone was indeed off. Finally, time for the captain to leave; he had done his job. Called his wife. He mentioned, "There's been an accident." She thought something minor. He told her the circumstances. Her body began to shake and wouldn't stop.

Fast forward. He is hailed a national hero. But to Katie Couric, he explained it this way: "One way of looking at this might be that for 42 years, I've been making small, regular deposits in this bank of experience: education and training. And on Jan. 15 the balance was sufficient so that I could make a very large withdrawal." Incremental investment over a long period of time, learning, analyzing, refining. He did what he had been training to do — landing as safely as possible, caring for passengers. He appeared to be unflappable. Less noticed perhaps were his incremental investments over decades in becoming a good pilot. He appeared to be calm in crisis and appears to be calm in success. Unflappable.

A lesson to learn. For the follower of God, being unflappable in the midst of crisis is often built upon a foundation of one's incremental investments over a period of time. Investment in the values by which one lives, learning about God and self

while passing through experiences, deepening degrees of questioning and trusting and embracing God's leadership, and developing habits of understanding God's Word. Investment in establishing clearer and clearer patterns of prayer in one's life, learning from other followers of God, persisting in trusting God when there is no one else, nothing else to trust, working through waves of doubt and questioning, understanding more clearly how God works, lessening one's grip on "entitlements," and experiencing the freedom of following God and resting in Him.

This issue of *Two Eight & Nine* recounts profiles of people passing through various challenges. They are not oblivious to their suffering or trials; rather, they recognize them and embrace them for what they are. Telling their stories of following God. Stories can be messy, not so pretty. That is how stories are. Messy and not-so-pretty can be interlaced with periods of beauty and wonder about what God is doing. What the stories so often have in common is incremental investment over time in learning to trust the trustworthy God. For sure there are interruptions in the investments, waywardness and failure, relenting and returning, inching forward over time until again one's life is defined by God, not by the crisis or by the success. The 2010–11 year at Grace has provided fresh opportunities to learn more about trusting the trustworthy God.



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What's In A Name?

Two Eight & Nine references Ephesians 2: 8-9, the verses upon which Grace College and Seminary were founded. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

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The Scoles family: (left to right) Lydia, Linda, Philip, Rachel and Todd.

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RELAXING IN GOD'S LOVE

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

October 30, 2010, was one of those days when the Enemy was whispering one of his believable lies to Grace College sophomore Rachel Scoles: "You're completely alone — and nobody really cares." And so it was with

a bit of exhaustion and complete bewilderment that Rachel followed the sudden demand of her RA and suite mate, who, without warning or explanation, insisted she change her course from Westminster Hall to Alpha Dining Commons. Rachel sat in the lobby looking at them cautiously. "Let's just sit here a minute," her friend said. And not a moment later, a young little girl wearing a bike helmet walked through the doors asking for Rachel. Dumbfounded, Rachel identified herself, and the 4-year-old messenger quickly dropped an envelope in her hand and vanished out the door. Rachel ran after her and to her astonishment, saw more than 50 cyclists circling around, honking their horns while exiting the courtyard. Rachel ripped open the envelope and with amazement saw a note stuck to a large and very generous check. Rachel paraphrases, "The note was short and simple. 'We want you to know we're sorry about your dad. We care and God cares."

Just three weeks earlier, Rachel's dad, Todd Scoles, unexpectedly died of a heart attack while out riding his bike at the age of 48. In God's providence, Rachel says, she had gone home to Ohio that weekend. She remembers on Saturday that the family went hiking together, and on Sunday, Rachel went on a walk with her dad as she so often did. "We both really like the outdoors and we would always take walks together." This time, Rachel recalls walking to the park with her dad and sitting on the bench, just shooting the breeze. Before long, it was time for Rachel to head back to Grace, so she and her mom hopped in the car for the three and half hour trip to Winona Lake. "I remember Dad saying as we left that he was so excited to go take a bike ride, which he'd been wanting to do all weekend to enjoy the beautiful fall weather." While driving to Grace, Lydia, Rachel's older sister, called saying that their pastor had called her asking her to come to the hospital with no further explanation. Rachel's mom told Lydia to go ahead and go to the hospital and to call her when she knew what was going on. When Rachel and her mom arrived at Grace, they sat in the parking lot and called their pastor. Rachel could overhear him say that her dad had died while out on his bike ride. Rachel says that after her mom hung up, she set the tone for the future. "She said, 'It's OK. Your dad and I just talked this weekend about heaven, and I told him I really wanted to be excited if someone I loved went to heaven.' Although we were in shock, we weren't devastated and we didn't panic." Shortly after they received the news, another one of their pastors who had since relocated to Warsaw arrived at Grace to meet them and drive them back to Ohio. "On the way home we made plans about what we needed to do. People were texting and calling us the whole drive home. And by the time we arrived, our house was full of people to meet us."

The outpouring of love and support was overwhelming to Rachel. "Many of the girls from my hall and several Grace staff members drove hours to come to the viewing even though they only saw me for five minutes. Later my hall gave me a Bible that they had gone through and highlighted, marking verses of comfort and hope throughout." For the next two weeks, Rachel was rarely alone. She laughs, "The shower and my bed — that was it. Otherwise, there were always people around us. Just sitting next to me on the couch or helping me find more space in the fridge for another casserole."



Rachel (center) surrounded by hall friends Amber Prieb (left), Rebecca Roberts and Amy Forbes (right).

Rachel says the whole experience was full of hope. God was in the midst of it all and it was obvious. "I remember someone coming up to me and saying that everything at our viewing was so different — even the food was unusual. I think God must have been so honored by everyone who came around us. Each one showed everyone what it looks like to be loving and hopeful when something like this happens."

When reflecting on how God has met Rachel in the midst of such loss, she says she's learned "how to relax in God's love." She says, "I would open my Bible at night and not know what to read — just feeling completely out of it. And all I could do was let God love me. I've always known that's what He wants to do for me, but now I've experienced it. It's sometimes easier to let God do that when something big and difficult happens, but the truth is, it's what He always wants for me."

In many ways, as Rachel told her story, it seemed that she weathered her tragedy with trust and gratefulness. When I asked how she had kept the faith, she said part of it was because she had no regrets. She knew her dad loved her. She also said she had confidence in the sovereignty of God and so at the time, it didn't seem like an option to view her dad's death in any other light. And then she said something that caught my breath: "A few days after my dad died, I read a verse in Job, 'Then I would still have this consolation — my joy in unrelenting pain — that I had not denied the words of the Holy One." Rachel explained, "I felt like this was a special time between me and God, and I didn't want to mess it up." She paused, and with a laugh concluded, "I guess that is how it should be every day, but God still welcomes us whatever our messes. There's always a second chance with God. We can mess up and go back. He always, always, always welcomes us back."

Rachel was warmly welcomed back on campus, too. She said she was nervous about how her classmates would respond. "As much as I didn't want to leave my family, I also didn't want to face how people would express sympathy to me. In many ways, I just wanted to return and have it all be normal." To Rachel's surprise and relief, her classmates and friends treated her just as they had before. "My friends just sat with me and didn't try to have a deep conversation. They were simply available. We don't have to understand another's pain to walk along side. We just have to love and that's understanding enough." *****

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- Dick and Sandy Allen

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Carolyn Crafton (BA 09) (center) with Sandy and Dick Allen.

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FALL ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

O1 MEN'S GRACE ATHLETICS



In the absence of injured No. 1 singles star **Michael Blevins**, the Lancers pulled off a 6-5 overall record and 4-4 regular season conference record. Freshman **Michael Humphrey** posted an undefeated 10-0 regular season record at No. 5 singles.

HIGHLIGHTS: Men's tennis had two players who were named to the All-Conference team: freshman **Aaron Blevins** and sophomore **Nikola Todorovic**.

O2 WOMEN'S TENN

Senior **Jessica Stolle** completed her career as the winningest tennis player in Grace history and led the Lady Lancers to an 8-5 overall record and 4-4 conference record. Stolle and junior **Jenessa Jergensen** were named to the All-Conference team.

HIGHLIGHTS: Senior **Jessica Stolle** completed the most successful career in women's tennis history this fall, finishing the season with an 11-1 record and a 48-8 career record.

GRACE ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY

Under direction of first year head coach Jeff Raymond, Grace had its best finish at NCCAA Nationals since 2004 with an eighth place finish. The men were paced by juniors Randy Sterk and Dan Ng.

O4 WOMENKS CROSS COUNTRY

Seniors **MariJean Wegert** and **Ashley Thomas** completed their outstanding cross country careers this fall. Both were named NCCAA All-Americans, and Wegert qualified for NAIA Nationals in Vancouver, Wash.

HIGHLIGHTS: Senior **Marijean Wegert** finished 60th at NAIA Nationals for women's cross country on Nov. 20.



In head coach Bo Wright's fourth year, the Lancers made significant strides in the fall, finishing in the middle of the pack in three tournaments. Grace took a trip to Arizona in February to prepare for the MCC tournament in the Spring.

HIGHLIGHTS: The men's golf team shot a pair of 306's in the fall, their lowest team score in head coach Bo Wright's four years with the Lancers.





Facing a top-notch non-conference schedule, the men's soccer team struggled to get on the winning track at the beginning of the season. The Lancers turned their season around, however, and finished 5-10-2 overall.

HIGHLIGHTS: Junior **Adam Kitchens** earned First Team All-Conference honors for men's soccer.

O7 WOMEN'S GRACE ATHLETICS



In a season plagued with an uncanny number of injuries, the Lady Lancers managed to pull off an 8-10-1 record and a 3-4-1 conference record. Grace lost narrowly to Huntington University 2-1 in the first round of the MCC tournament.

HIGHLIGHTS: Women's soccer had eight players who were named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

OB WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

After the tragic death of freshman starter **Mallori Kastner** on Sept. 17, the Lady Lancers couldn't have made her family more proud with their inspired performance the remainder of the season. Grace finished 17-17 and 9-7 in the MCC, good enough for a third-place regular season conference finish, their best since 2001 when head coach Andria Harshman (BA 03) was a senior at Grace.

HIGHLIGHTS: Women's volleyball had two players who were named First Team All-Conference: junior **Enrica Verrett** and freshman **Dana Johnston**.

O9 MEN'S GRACE ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

The men have been NAIA National ranked all year and punched their ticket to the NAIA National Tournament in Branson, Mo., March 8-15.

10 WOMINS BASKETBALL

The women's basketball program won the Rochester College Tournament prior to Christmas. They currently have an overall winning record and will be hosting and competing in the 2011 NCCAA Women's DI Basketball Championship at the OCC March 17-19.



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GRACE LANCERS HAVE

FIVE LANCERS ACHIEVE ALL-AMERICAN STATUS

After a remarkable fall season for Grace athletics, five athletes were honored as NCCAA and NAIA All-Americans in their respective sports. The awards won by **Enrica Verrett 01**, **Ashley Thomas 02**, **MariJean Wegert 03**, **Victoria Casey 04** and **Jocelyn Evans 05** ensured that this fall was one of the most prolific in Grace history.

In women's soccer, junior Casey captained the Lady Lancers as a defender and won her second consecutive First Team All-American award from the NCCAA. Casey was also named an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. Evans, a sophomore midfielder, was awarded her first national award with an NCCAA All-American Honorable Mention.

Thomas and Wegert completed their senior campaigns for the women's cross country team by being named NCCAA All-Americans, the first time the women's program has had two All-Americans in one season. Wegert went on to represent Grace at the NAIA National Championships, where she finished 60th out of 331 runners.

Junior Verrett was named an NCCAA Second Team All-American after leading Grace's volleyball team to a third place finish in the conference this year, the best result for the program since 2001. Verrett had a team-high 357 kills to go along with 16 solo blocks and 54 block assists.





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Growing up in Jamaica, Dennis Williams may not yet be familiar with the hymn "Be Still My Soul," but his inspirational life story suggests that he's experienced its theology firsthand.

"Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end."

For centuries, these powerful lyrics have reminded believers of a central truth: God's goodness is unchanging and persists even in tribulation.

Dennis Williams is a 24-year-old, 6'11" freshman at Grace. Needless to say, most upperclassmen cannot look down on Dennis, even if they wanted to, and the Tree of Life Bookstore is in a quandary to keep sweatshirts his size in stock. Dennis is tall in stature and tall in heart, having lived through more suffering than some of his classmates will experience in an entire lifetime. And though Dennis technically came to Grace to play basketball, both he and his coach, Jim Kessler (BS 70), know that in reality, he came to Grace because God wasn't done authoring his story.

"Circumstances have made me who I am," Dennis said. "The extreme situations God has placed in my life have really torn and shaped me." Born into a working, Christian family in Jamaica, he unexpectedly became the sole provider for his household at 17, when his father was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Dennis was suddenly responsible for the welfare of his younger brother, sister and his mother, who was chronically ill. Without the support of their father's income, the family had to move to a rural area – no running water, no electricity, none of the modern conveniences that we so easily take for granted. Americans speak of the daily grind. Dennis lived it.

"There was so much pressure. I worked hard, but as soon as I worked, the money literally evaporated. There was never enough. I had to pay the bills in part, because I couldn't pay them in full. But I had to take care of my mom, my brother and my sister. It was up to me." Soon after, Dennis agreed to move to Indiana and play basketball for the small Christian college he had only just heard of. "I told coach that I needed Grace, and his invitation to play gave me a chance to grow," Dennis recalls.

Reflecting on life since that day, Dennis said, "The only responsibility I have is school, work, growing in my faith and basketball. That's all I have. It's challenging at times, but much, much easier than what I had to deal with before."

As Dennis continues to adapt to life as a studentathlete, Coach K continues to see the hand of God at work in his life. "Dennis had a conviction, before he came to Grace, that God had a plan for Him ... he's admittedly questioned and misunderstood it at times," he said. "And a lot of things have happened in Dennis' life that could totally turn a person away from God ... but Dennis always comes back to his belief."

Dennis says new circumstances aren't an excuse for apathy, though. "With all these blessings, I have no excuses ... I have to grow. Now, for me, the only way is up. Sometimes things go a little sideways," he says with a smile, "but it's all going up."

While his past distinguishes him from most of his classmates, for now, he's focused on the present and the future. For now his soul is satisfied, seeking and still. *

BY LIANE SCHMERSAHL (BA 11)

6'7"

5'6"

6'11"

Things got worse a few years later when his mother, already ill, became paralyzed. Dennis recalls, "The doctor's words to me that day were, 'She's not going to make it to see tomorrow.' Those were his exact words. You know the saying 'Christ won't give you more than you can manage?' Well, it's true, but that was a lot for a young man to handle." But as is so often the case, God stepped in with mercy and an unexpected invitation.

Dennis met Grace alum, Rich Coley (BS 06), at the Nike Star Search Basketball Camp in the capital city of Kingston. Coley, who had played basketball for Coach Kessler and the 92' National Championship Team, took special interest in Dennis. And before long, Coach K was on a flight to Jamaica. Coach spent some time with Dennis' mother in the hospital during his trip, and the day after their visit, she passed away.

HOW TALL IS TALL?

Dennis Williams 6'11" Freshman Basketball Player

Jim Swanson 6'7" VP of Student Affairs

George Slaughter 5'6" Professor of Psychology

MIKE GRILL

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THE COUNSELOR and the CONFORT

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK



In 2005, Dr. Mike Grill (BA 67), dean of the school of behavioral sciences and psychology professor at Grace, came up against an unexpected challenge. While having routine blood work to check his cholesterol levels, a slightly elevated white blood cell count drew some concern. Because Mike wasn't fighting any known infection, the doctor ran several tests and diagnosed him with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, an aggressive and incurable cancer. The doctor's blunt assessment was, "Prayer doesn't work for what you have."

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia has three forms, each with a different prognosis. The most aggressive type offers two years to live; the second, offers seven to nine years; and the third, least aggressive type, usually allows 30 more years of life. Mike's doctor ran four tests to determine his disease type. Three of these four tests put Mike's cancer in the least aggressive category, but the fourth, the most important test, got lost. Despite the significance of the fourth test, Mike's doctor presumed the cancer was the mild form. Diagnosed at age 59, Mike thought, "Who really wants to live past 90 anyway?"

But, nearly three months later, the fourth test turned up. Its result put Mike in the moderately aggressive group, offering only a seven-to-nine year life expectancy. Mike recalls, "I was devastated, angry and in my back sunroom sobbing. Here I was thinking I had plenty of life left to live, and suddenly, without warning, it was gone." His life was irreversibly changed with one phone call.

But, if you ask Mike, he does not label his cancer diagnosis as the primary event of 2005. Mike gives that ranking to another phone call he received almost immediately after he learned he had less than a decade to live. The caller was a Grace College colleague, Steve Carlson (the current registrar for Grace). Mike didn't know him very well at the time, but recounts Steve's words, "Mike, the Holy Spirit just told me to call you. Something is terribly wrong. I want you to tell me what it is." Mike recalls the hair on the back of his neck standing straight up, literally. Steve prayed for Mike, asking boldly that God would move this mountain. "After we hung up, I thought, 'Steve couldn't have known about this. He must know something that I don't know.' I was so curious about how he knew to call me that I went and asked him. He said the Holy Spirit compelled him to call. 'But what if I had told you nothing was wrong?' Mike asked. 'Impossible,' Steve said. 'I knew with certainty there was.'"

"Prayer doesn't work for what you have."

From that point forward, Mike started investigating the Holy Spirit. "I mean, I go to a good church, I teach at a Christian college. How come I've never experienced anything like that before?" Mike says all he really knew about the Holy Spirit at the time was His role as a comforter and illuminator of Scripture. But when Mike started studying the Holy Spirit more intentionally, he discovered a lengthy list of attributes that were startling to him. Mike rattles off the attributes, "The Holy Spirit convicts, illuminates, helps, teaches, guides, assures, comforts, warns, encourages, counsels, reminds, gives life, testifies, reveals, prays for us, empowers and speaks through us."

"From that study, I started getting up every morning and saying this prayer, 'Holy Spirit, what do you want to do today in me? What do you want to say to me? I expect that you want to talk to me today.' And what followed was the most astounding six-month period where something divine happened almost every day."



"After teaching for 35 years, Mike has always been one of the most beloved teachers at Grace, but in the last five years, his office is more sought after than ever before."



Since then, Mike says it happens less frequently – although still weekly. "Because I tend to be more of a cognitive, rational, skeptical kind of guy, I think God wanted to beat it into me at first. To let me know, 'I'm here. I've always wanted to speak to you."

This new perspective on the Christian life has radically altered Mike's life. After teaching for 35 years, Mike has always been one of the most beloved teachers at Grace, but in the last five years, his office is more sought after than ever before. "I still teach my students what they need to know to get into graduate school and be successful. But I'm also sharing with them the truth about what Jesus meant when He said to His disciples that it was to their advantage that He leave them – so that the Holy Spirit would come. For me, understanding all the things that God offers me through the Holy Spirit was the truth I had least recognized. It wasn't impacting me. And it led me to a somewhat lifeless Christian life. I believed the proper doctrine, went to church and did good things, but something critical was missing – the Spirit-Ied life!"

For Mike, God awakened his heart to the power and relationship God offers us through the Holy Spirit. That's Mike's perspective on his leukemia. Mike quotes Genesis 50:20, "What men meant for evil, God meant for good." Mike still gets a check-up every six months to see how he's doing. The doctors cannot explain his superb health. Mike has had no symptoms of sickness; he's as energetic as ever. So it's even more ironic that more often than not, Mike's white blood cell count is actually higher than lower when he goes in for his check-ups. His doctor believes he's living on borrowed time, but Mike doesn't think about it very often. And when he does, he says he clings to those passages of Scripture that promise him life, hope, peace and comfort in the Holy Spirit. With every day God gives him, Mike seeks to enrich the lives of others around him by demonstrating the abundant life we have in Jesus through the Holy Spirit. *****

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DREAM JOB / FANTASY CAREER Children's Pastor

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

sequence the human genome or deep frying a Snickers bar is the top scientific milestone in the last 10 years,

Dr. Richard Roberts is unsure whether the race to

but one thing is certain in his mind, God's revelation as creator and designer at the molecular level is irrefutable. "The complexity and intricacy in 'simple' bacteria reminds us just how fearfully and wonderfully we are made. Even the smallest components of life veritably shout that they are a product of a wise, loving Creator who didn't leave any aspect to chance." Although Roberts has a love for all things tiny, his wish list for the scientific community is anything but. His top three: "Recognize that evolution is a theory, not a fact; acknowledge the sanctity of life and champion human life from conception; and discover an efficient way to 'repair' damaged genes through gene therapy." Roberts, assistant professor of biological science, joined Grace's faculty after earning his Ph.D from the University of California-San Diego, spending four years as a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University and working more than 10 years as a children's pastor. One of these does not belong, you say? Well, Roberts reminds us that when the Lord calls, it's best to follow – "unless you want to be fish food." His own kids claim he loves to work with children because he's really just a big kid himself. Dr. Roberts, we welcome you - your intelligence, your wit and your incessant love for learners ... and molecules.



WHAT DO YOU MISS THE MOST? Friends in California



AVORITE INDULGENT SNACK

DREAM VACATION SPOT Antarctica. I enjoy the cold.

DEEP FRIED **Snickers**





We had no idea what lay ahead. The school year started off the same way it always had: gathering in the OCC for the first chapel of the year, looking forward to a fresh start, a new chapter and ready to hear about this year's theme — "Authored."

As a student body, we'd collectively be focusing on God as the author of our stories — of our faith. But before we knew it, before we could ever have expected it, God allowed our campus to turn the page to an unpredictable chapter — one marked by heavy sorrow and heartbreaking loss.

In a freak accident, only a few weeks into the semester, freshman volleyball player Mallori Kastner was killed and senior Jeremy Mohr severely injured. In the weeks that followed, several other students experienced the unexpected loss of family members. It hit even closer to home when my mother called during a Wednesday afternoon math class and told me my grandfather had died just minutes before.

The tragedies we've experienced as a campus this year have been devastating. But ...

Never before have I seen a campus so united, so growing, so healing and moving forward together. We've heard of several students and relatives who have come to trust Christ for the first time. Students, faculty and staff have taken care of each other in profound ways. And I'm amazed.

God doesn't owe us answers, and I'm convinced that most of us will never know, this side of heaven, why all these things have happened to this community. But I am positive beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Lord is absolutely working to shape us into His image.

Second semester is now in full swing. We're still trying to live out an "Authored" perspective. And as we continue to read the book of Mark in our growth groups and listen to chapel speakers who know our pain, we're challenged to accept the circumstances that the Author of our stories has given us. There is more to heal from, but we're moving beyond it. We're challenged to recognize that this pain, this suffering, is not our real story. In fact, our very lives are not a story about ourselves. Our story has been penned to point us to Him, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

LIANE SCHMERSAHL Senior, English and Journalism Double Major

FROM INDIANA TO ISRAEL *A journey through the biblical land.*

On January 4–15, 41 students, faculty and staff traveled to Israel. With their itinerary including stops at places such as Capernaum, Nazareth, Megiddo, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, junior Octavia Lehman reflects on how Israel became much more than a series of

historic destinations.

When it comes to describing a place, words don't always suffice. To only describe the topography of Israel, the fertile valleys, the rocky hills, the breadth of the desert region, the emotions I experienced sometimes escape explanation. When I floated in the Dead Sea, I felt weightless. And when I stood on top of Mt. Carmel I was amazed to be standing on the same mountain where Elijah built an altar unto the Lord and prophets of Baal were defeated. Thoughts clouded me when I sat in the Garden of Gethsemane. Why do I let the things of this world distract me from the Savior? Shouldn't I have a one, pure and magnificent passion? When we arrived at the Sea of Galilee, I tried to envision the scene where Jesus called the first disciples, saying, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Would I have left my nets and followed?

As I walked upon ancient sites, reveling in their stature and significance, I realized that my journey did not make me a righteous person. We were not called to worship a city or a hillside where Jesus may have walked. Yes, Christ may have been born in the city of Bethlehem, but to exalt His birthplace beyond His sacrifice cheapens God's gift. We were called to worship the One who redeemed us. And as I watched people pray at the Wailing Wall, believing it to be a holy place, I was thankful that no matter where we are on this earth we can pray to our Father in heaven. What the trip to Israel did for me was to color the land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, spurring me on to know more deeply the One who lavishes us with His grace.







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Dr. Adam Walter (BS 04), resident at the University of Toledo Hospital.

A TALE OF TWO GREAT PHYSICIANS

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

To watch Adam Walter (BS 04) at work you would know he was born to be a doctor. His wife Kate (BS 04) says he's greatly admired by his professional peers and loved by his patients, "Ask anyone. ... He's highly regarded at the University of Toledo Hospital. It's partly because he's so intelligent. And it's partly because he loves his work. But I think it's mostly because patients and staff feel close to Adam."

After graduating from Grace, Adam completed medical school at Indiana University and is now in his second year of residency at the University of Toledo in the obstetrics and gynecology program. His program director will tell you Adam is a gifted surgeon and that numerous patients have even named their babies after him. But becoming a doctor wasn't an easy mission for Adam.

When Adam was six, he and his four-year-old sister, Megan (BS 05), along with their father, were critically burned in a propane explosion at their Colorado home. The Colorado Springs Gazette followed their journey in a Pulitzer Prize-winning narrative detailing the difficulty of daily life in the Walter home. The article explained how Adam and Megan wore silicone-rubber masks over their faces for three years and elastic suits on their bodies for four years to help their skin heal smoothly, and how they traveled monthly to a children's hospital in Texas for about seven years never knowing how long they'd be required to stay for extensive treatments or surgeries. But while the story logged the day-to-day life and challenges of the Walter family, it could never fully expose the unseen and painful social injustices Adam would face as a child. With scars on more than 50 percent of his body, Adam grew up fighting the temptation to be defined by the accident. "I had a really hard time adjusting to the way people treated me. I was angry because the accident had made me appear so different from other kids. Whether I wanted to or not, I stood out just because I looked so different. As I got older, people felt like they had permission to ask me about really personal things, just because they could see my scars. But everyone has scars — they're just not as visible as mine. Their questions usually related to deep and painful experiences — questions we would never feel the freedom to ask someone without a close personal relationship."

"Everyone has scars they're just not as visible as mine."

Adam says that it wasn't until he arrived at Grace College that God began to soften his heart. "God helped me realize that people ask me about my story more than anything because they want to relate something in their own life that is difficult for them. Nobody lives life without some kind of hurt. I felt like God was saying, 'Adam, I'm giving you this avenue into all of these people's lives and you're just missing it." Whether he's in the grocery store or at church, Adam says he's stopped constantly. "T've heard so many people's life stories because they feel like they can tell me anything." "It was a cool thing to watch God work in Adam. During his freshman year," Kate acknowledged, "we all thought he was a bit mean or aloof. But God changed him through college. Adam began to let people in and was able to see that often people weren't trying to get something from him - it was more that through his story, he had something significant he could give them."

God also used Dr. Brent Sandy, professor of biblical studies, to influence Adam. "He gave us permission to think about God in different ways. He taught us how to look at Scripture and understand it for ourselves. That changed my life. I realized that the Word of God is living; that God doesn't change, and the way He affects our lives through the Word is always active."





Adam and Kate Walter with their daughter, Zoey.

"Dr. Jeffreys and Dr. Lee poured their lives into us and their work."

When Adam graduated from Grace and attended medical school, he felt as prepared as other students who had graduated from large public universities. He credits Grace professors Dr. Jeffreys and Dr. Lee specifically. "They brought such sincerity to their work. I might have learned the content at another university, but these professors knew all about us. They took into consideration who we were as individuals and they poured their lives into us."

After finishing medical school, Adam's first few rotations as a doctor proved to be difficult as the sounds and smells of the hospital brought back painful memories of his own treatments and visits. But Adam quickly gained perspective on how God used his circumstances to make him an effective and compassionate doctor.

"Life is always changing. But the goal is to bring God the most glory in every situation. My mom did that." Adam reflected for a minute on his mother's resolve throughout his life. "She had two children and a husband with a traumatic, life-changing event — all experiencing levels of deep hurt. Because our treatments were in different states, she was absent from her husband for months at a time. A mother's heart should have been overwhelmed with the sadness and the uncertainty of vital decisions she had to make." Yet Adam says he watched her handle it all with inner strength and peace. "My mom made the best decisions she could, following where she believed God was leading. And even though things got bumpy along the way, she stayed the course."

"Now I try to make my decisions accordingly. I've set the course and I don't look back. And you know what? The joy is in knowing I'm right where God wants me and He's right here with me. I was born precisely for this." *



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ALUM NOTES Connecting with our family of friends

DOWN THE AISLE

60s

Robin Jenkins (BS 68) and Mark Laurenson (BA 69) each graduated from

Grace College and set out on very different journeys with no contact with each other for 40 years. That all changed when they encountered each other again on the Grace College campus at Homecoming 2009. Robin and Mark discovered that while their time apart was often fraught with sorrow, their Savior was watching them with His utmost love. Robin and Mark were married on July 3, 2010, by Prof. Don Ogden (BD 54) at Grace Village in Winona Lake IN. The couple lives in Winona Lake. 01



Daniel Bankert and Brittany Dickman (BS 08): December 13, 2008.

Brittany is the owner, graphic designer and photographer for Fall In October Photography and Graphic Design. Brittany and Daniel live in Arcanum OH. bnbankert86@yahoo.com 02

David Brown and Trisha Shiley (BA 02): June 13, 2008. The Browns reside in Jeffersonville IN. Trish completed her master's degree in art education in August 2010 and teaches art at Clarksville Middle School. trishabrown613@hotmail.com 03

Noah David Lein and Natalie Davidson (C 07): July 10, 2010. Orlando FL davidson.natalie@yahoo.com 04

John Leopold (BA 08) and Angela DeCook (BM 10): May 29, 2010. The Leopolds reside in Claypool IN. leopold.angela@gmail.com or john.p.leopold@gmail.com 05

Jason Mayes and Gail Smith (BS 03): April 3, 2010. The Mayes were married in Clinton MD and are living happily ever after in Chicago IL. gailrebekah@gmail.com 06

Joshua Placeway (BA 07, MDiv 10) and Jennifer Roseler (BS 08): June 12, 2010. Jennifer and Joshua reside in Warsaw IN. 07

Thomas Rogers and Stephani Hart (BS 03): April 2, 2010. Lafavette LA stephaniandmocha@gmail.com 08

Andrew Tyler and Kristen (Denlinger BA 04) Martin: September 18, 2010. In October 2010, Kristen joined Dauby. O'Conner & Zaleski in Carmel IN as a tax accountant. Andrew works for Defense Finance & Accounting Service in Indianapolis IN. The couple lives in Indianapolis. 09

Jonathan Wilcoxson (C 04) and Kirby Posey: January 2, 2010. Kirby is an admissions counselor for Grace College. The Wilcoxsons live in Winona Lake IN. 10

Steven Williams and Teri Roberts (BS 02): October 16, 2010. Teri completed her master's degree in business administration through Argosy University in October 2010. She works at Nuveen Investments. LLC in customer information management. The Williams family resides in Chicago IL. myladyteri@gmail.com 11

FUTURE ALUMNI

Christopher and Emilie **90**s (Shetler BS 95) Swearingen: Jacob Christopher, March 30,

2010. Jacob joins Joseph (4) in Little Rock AK. Emilie enjoys being a stay-at-home

















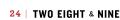












mom and has a custom sewing business. Christopher is an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas for medical sciences in the pediatric division. emgayle@yahoo.com and www.swearingencrib.blogspot.com 12

Matt and Carissa (Dollaske BS 97) Woodwyk: Zane Matthew, September 25, 2010. Zane joins Skyla (2 1/2) in Hudsonville MI. 13



Keegan (BA 06) and **Jennifer (Imhoff** BA 04) Boucek: Kedrick Joseph, September 19, 2008. The

Boucek family lives in Winona MN. boucek.k@gmail.com

Ben and Jenn (Reese BS 03) Bruce: Raya Nicole, August 29, 10. The Bruce family resides in Pierceton IN. minette9903@hotmail.com 14

Kyle (BS 05) and Jenna (Spangle BS 07) Carter: Lincoln Andrew, June 2, 2010. Kyle teaches at Jefferson Elementary, Winona Lake IN. Jenna works in the pharmacy at Marsh Supermarket, Warsaw IN. The family lives in Warsaw. 15

Derek and Courtney (Gambee BS 03) Dunn: Adeline Jovie, September 3, 2010. 16

Ion and Iulie (Brown BA 01) Hammer: Henry Oliver, June 7, 2010. Big sister Madeleine (2) is completely smitten with her baby brother. The Hammer family lives in San Diego CA. jonandjulie@hotmail.com 17

Robert (BA 06) and Nancy (Bustos BM 06) Kochheiser: Bella Grace, August 31, 2010. Bella joins Rose (2) in Mansfield OH. 18

Joshua (BS 05) and Sarah (Pratt BA 04) Lowe: Isaac Carter, December 23, 2009. The Lowe family lives in Lafayette IN where Josh is a graphic designer for Purdue University while working toward his master's degree in visual communications. Sarah is a freelance illustrator and portrait artist. www.sarahloweportraits.com and joshuaandsarah@gmail.com 19

Zachary and Jamie (Briolat BA 03) Norris: Allie Elizabeth, March 18, 2010. The Norris family resides in Fort Walton Beach FL. jaenorris@hotmail.com

Steve and Heather (Huffman BS 06) Rokop: Kylynn Anne, October 29, 2010. The Rokops live in Mishawaka IN.

Michael (BS 09) and Meagan (Carey C 10) Shaub: Breydon William, August 19, 2010. The Shaub family resides in Warsaw IN. shaubml@grace.edu 20

Trent and Nicole (DeRenzo BSW 03) Shively: Brooklyn Alice, May 2, 2010. The Shivelys live in Warsaw IN. 21

Nick (BS 05) and Kiley (Merrell BS 05) **Toney**: Emerlynn Annelaine, July 12, 2010. 22

Chris and Ellen (Kegarise BS 02) Vogt: Simon Christopher, May 14, 2010. The Vogts live in Landisville PA. Inkeg@yahoo.com 23

CLASS NOTES



Dr. Karl Kloppmann (MDiv 71) is pastor of the Brentwood Bible Church and teaches part-time at Brookes Bible Institute, St. Louis MO. In

2001 he completed his doctor of ministry at Dallas Theological Seminary. Karl and wife Priscilla live in Ballwin MO. kpkloppmann@gmail.com

Dr. William B. Youngmark (MDiv 74, ThM 79) completed his doctor of philosophy degree at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest NC, in May 2010. His dissertation was entitled "James N. Nelson's Sexual Theology: A Critique of Selected Salient Elements from an Evangelical Perspective." Bill works full time at The Library at Southeastern as an archivist. He teaches as an adjunct in the college for the History of Ideas program. In January 2011 Bill traveled to the Czech Republic to teach for two weeks at the Biblical Theological Seminary. He and wife Sharon (Souder BA 72) live in Raleigh NC. 24



In September 2010 Dr. Brad Davis (ThM 83) accepted the position of lead pastor for the Living

Word Church in New Port Richey FL. Brad lives with wife Julie in New Port Richey. bradjuliedavis@gmail.com

Lawrence Ernest (BS 81) resides in Silver Springs FL. He serves the Lord by caring for retired and elderly people. Lawrence is a member of the Ocala Grace Brethren Church. laernest7@aol.com











Teresa (Phipps BS 81) Sells' latest book, "Globe-trotter Meditations: Eighty Devotionals Around the World," was released in August 2010 by Tate Publishing. The book trailer can be viewed on YouTube. psells2@cox.net

George (BS 84, MDiv 88) and Cynthia **Swain** are career missionaries with Grace Brethren International Missions (GBIM) in the Czech Republic. They have three adult children, David (BS 06), Joel and Daniel. David works in the Office of Information Technology at Grace College. Joel is a current Grace student. gswain@ gbim.org

Bruce (BS 84) and Andrea (Pasquale

C 84) Vernon reside in Logansport IN. Bruce is the founding pastor of Vineyard Community Church in Logansport. Andrea serves as the office administrator and worship coordinator. They have two sons. One son is married and in medical school. The other son is currently a nursing major. bruce79@frontier.com or andrea81@frontier.com



In 2009 Barry Brigham (BS 90) opened Cornerstone Christian Counseling in Kalamazoo MI. With nine

associate staff members, the outpatient clinic provides professional counseling services from a biblical perspective for individuals, couples and families. Barry lives with wife Kerry and daughters Alyssa (9) and Alexis (6) in Kalamazoo. barry@cornerstonechristiancounseling.com, www.cornerstonechristiancounseling.com

Don (MDiv 90) and Carlene (Weirick

BS 67) Duncan are special projects missionaries with Global Faith Mission Agency (GFMA), Chattanooga TN. Recently, they spent several months in the Yucatan working with a national pastor. The Duncans give English lessons as a way to reach people with the gospel.

Becky (Mead BS 94) Peters and husband Jonathan serve with Arctic Barnabas Ministries. The ministry strengthens and encourages bush pastors and missionaries in remote areas of Alaska. The Peters live in Kenai AK with Abigail (10), Seth (8) and Allison (6). jcpeters2004@gmail.com



On November 1, 2010, Jim Brosius (MDiv 02) accepted the position of pastor of spiritual formation at the Toledo campus of Cedar Creek Church.

Cedar Creek Church is based in Perrysburg OH with three campuses in the surrounding area and a regular attendance of over 8,000 people. Jim and wife Pam live in Bowling Green OH with Cara (14), Josiah (11), Cameron (10) and Maddox (7). jimb@cedarcreek.tv 25

Amy Gilbert (MA 03) is an adjunct professor in the graduate counseling program at Huntington University. In addition, she is a first year doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Regent University. Amy lives with husband Ron and children Ashley and Andy in Warsaw IN. agilbert2000@comcast.net 26

Anayeli Juarez (BA 07) serves as the director of the Latino Study-Service Term for Goshen College. Ana resides in Elkhart IN. ajuarez@goshen.edu

Joel Owens (BA 06) is a residential youth counselor at Bethany Christian Services. He and wife Kristy live in Wyoming MI. joelowens@ymail.com

Janelle Rhoades (BS 07) teaches health and physical education at Edgewood Middle School in Warsaw IN. She lives with husband Nathan in Pierceton IN. J.Nells@vahoo.com

Tom (MA 06) and Eileen **Rider** moved to China in July 2008 as international school teachers and to assist a local international fellowship.

Jeri Slaybaugh (MA 00) is a staff pharmacist for Walgreens. She and husband Steven reside in Sebring FL. stevenjeri@hotmail.com 27

Tyler Watkins (BS 04) earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and is now working as a pharmacist for CVS. Tyler and wife Jami (McKinley BS 06) reside in Kansas City MO. jami.watkins@yahoo.com 28



After graduating from Grace Theological Seminary, Tim Andrus (MDiv 87) pastored the River Grove Bible Church (IL) for a number of years. While taking care of elderly parents he worked at Awana Headquarters, co-led the youth group and supplied pulpit at the Village Church of Carol Stream. Tim then felt called to the Village Church of Bartlett to be the Awana Commander. He later went on staff as the family and worship pastor. Tim loved God, life and people. He fought esophageal cancer over a three-year period and went home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 2, 2009, he and wife Linda's 27th wedding anniversary. Linda shares that she and Tim often reflected on their time at Grace and thanked the Lord for the wonderful growth and learning under

gifted and dedicated professors. She thanks Grace for its part in preparing Tim for the years that he had to serve the Lord to the best of his abilities.

The **Reverend Richard L. Burch** (MDiv 51) passed away on March 10, 2010, in Dayton OH. The former pastor was 82 years old.

Don Dickey (BS 79) went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 3, 2010. He was 56 and is survived by his wife of 32 years, Lynne (DeArmey C 78). Don is also survived by daughter Jaime and husband Paul Surber, son Michael and wife Cala Dickey, Jackie Gray and seven grandchildren.

Michelle (Burg BS 88) Maier was granted a permanent victory over cancer at the age of 43 on September 14, 2010. A graduate of Hayden High School, Grace College and Ball State graduate school, she worked as a special education teacher for many years. (Continued on Page 28.)



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Michelle played a key role in the adult education department of Trinity College where her passion for teaching was an inspiration to both her students and colleagues. She was engaged in several volunteer ministries and touched the lives of many by simply being a friend. Michelle's greatest joy was being a wife and mother. Husband Bryan (MABC 89) and sons Nathaniel (12), Joshua (9) and Andrew (6) were her favorite people, and she took an active role in all of their lives. She added a generous measure of grace and beauty to a house full of men. Besides her husband and sons, Michelle is survived by parents Martin and Janet Burg, brother Ralph Burg, sister Merrilee Coby and parents-in-law Nelson and Arvilla Maier. Also surviving are eight nieces and nephews, Brionne, Sydnee and Emilee Burg, Michael, Max and Miller Coby, and Ariana Barben.

The Reverend James R. Renick (BD 63) passed away on October 3, 2010. He was 72. Jim earned a master's degree in missions from Princeton Seminary. He and wife Joyce (Baker BA 63) served in Christian missions in France. Jim later worked at the Cokesbury Bookstore at Lancaster Theological Seminary and retired in 2003. A people person, he had friends throughout the world and enjoyed keeping in touch with them. He also enjoyed reading, history, games, puzzles and especially enjoyed spending time with his family. Jim is survived by wife Joyce, children Lauri and James Renick, and two sisters.

Christine (Jenks BA 70) **Swanson** died May 26, 2010. She was 62 years old.

Christine was a social worker with Shelter Ministries in Auburn IN and attended the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. She was preceded in death by husband Gary on July 31, 2008. Christine is survived by mother Loretta Thomas, five sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Jennifer Swanson, Jeremy (BS 01) and **Sarah (Jones** BS 02) **Swanson**, Travis and Nicole Swanson, Stephanie Swanson, Sean Swanson; six grandchildren, Emily, Abigail, Caden, Eva, Jada and Elijah; three brothers, Martin Thomas, Lester Thomas and Wayne Thomas; and a sister, Lori Kline.

The Passing of Dr. Jerry Young



Dr. Jerry Young, a graduate of both Grace College (BA 61) and Grace Theological Seminary (BD 64), went to be with the Lord on December 8, 2010. He served on the Grace Board of Trustees for 18 years (1973-1991) and was chair from 1981 to 1991. He had a stellar reputation for integrity and doing what was best for the Grace ministry. God used Dr. Young's deliberative style of leadership, careful thinking, life of integrity and irenic spirit to bless the campus. While serving the campus, he was senior pastor of a growing church ministry. He leaves behind his wife, Loreen (Summers BA 62), and four children: Jared (BS 91), Jason (C 93), Justin and Janae Goodwyn (BSW 00).

In late October 2010, Grace President Ron Manahan wrote Jerry these words:

"Jerry, I am so grateful for all who came to know Christ through your ministry, for all whose wayward tendencies in the Christian life were lovingly challenged through your persistent ministry, for every believer you encouraged to press on in following God, for every decision you made week in and week out to preach and teach God's Word in season and out of season, for every time you prayed when no one was watching, for every time you did the right thing when no one else saw you do it, for loving people who were not so loving, for putting up with junk, for loving your wife and family."

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Dr. Ronald E. Manahan | President

The Passing of Dr. Todd Scoles



Dr. Todd Scoles served on the Grace College and Seminary Board of Trustees from 2006 until this year when he went to be with his Lord. His unexpected death at age 48 on October 10, 2010, left the Grace community stunned. He was a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary (MDiv 87). He leaves behind his wife, Linda, and three children: Lydia and Rachel, students at Grace College, and Philip at home.

"Todd served so well as a church ministry leader with a special gift for teaching. He was a careful thinker, an apt teacher, an organizer, a wonderful father and loving husband. The leader of his memorial service asked those in the large audience who had been

taught by Todd to stand. Most in the audience stood as evidence of his far-reaching teaching ministry. While serving on the Grace Board he was a valued member of the Seminary Commission. Just days before his death he spent part of a weekend on campus as a member of the Vision Forum, helping with seminary vision-casting and planning. Todd's life was a life well lived, filled with a robust pattern of following the Lord and a trenchant love for family. Dr. Scoles' passion for following God was evident to all who knew him."

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Dr. Ronald E. Manahan | President

IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION

Associate Professor of English Frank Benyousky engages students over Walter Wangerin Jr.'s story "Miz Lil."

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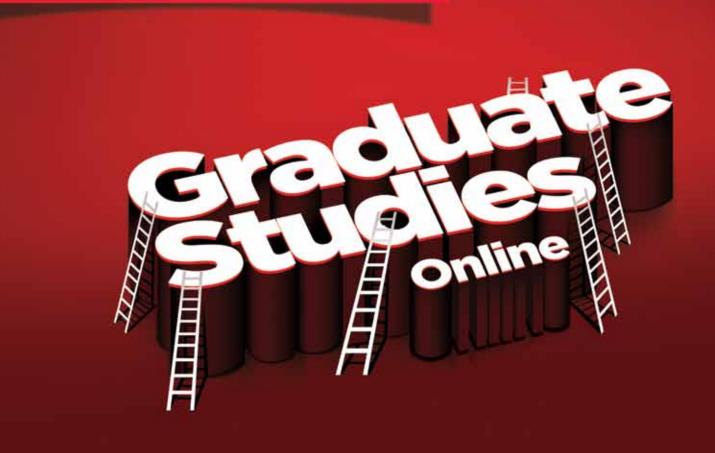
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