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## The Kerusso Experience

In the summer of 2016, the Harding University Center for Preaching sponsored its 6th and 7th Kerusso Experiences. The Kerusso Experience is Harding's preacher training camp for ninth-to-twelfth-grade boys. The first session was held during the first week of June at Camp Ne-O-Tez in De Soto, Missouri. The second took place the first week of July at Harding's main campus in Searcy, Arkansas. Forty-four students from Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and Belize studied and preached through the Old Testament books of Hosea, Amos, and Micah. The students received copies of Jack Lewis's book, "The Minor Prophets," as part of their resources packet, and each day they were taught text and homiletics by faculty and friends of the College of Bible and Ministry.

In addition to rigorous classroom study, the boys in St. Louis enjoyed disc golf, a float trip, and a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. In Searcy, a field trip to Memphis, Tennessee, took the boys to the Harding School of Theology and the National Civil Rights Museum. The highlight of the trip was discussing God's vision for social justice with Harold Redd, Harding board member and minister at the Midtown Church of Christ in Memphis.

As Devin Swindle, Director of the Kerusso Experience noted, "It is one thing to listen to race-baiters talk about civil rights on political talk shows; it is quite another to listen to Harold Redd discuss life as an African-American preacher in the south."

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Plans are already being made for the next installment of Kerusso in both St. Louis and Searcy. The session at Camp Ne-O-Tez is slated for June 3-10, 2017, with special guest Ross Cochran of Harding University leading a study of the Sermon on the Mount. And yes, the Cardinals *are* in town that week. The session



in Searcy is July 1-8, featuring Harding alum Randy Harris leading the study of the Sermon.

More than 100 students have attended the Kerusso Experience since its inception in 2013. Currently, twenty-seven of those students are pursuing degrees in Bible or related fields at Harding or one of our sister institutions. Please prayerfully consider any young men from your congregation whom you feel may benefit from this week of instruction and inspiration, and offer to send them to Kerusso. The camp is not just for students interested in full-time, church supported ministry; it is for all those who are interested in serving the Lord in any capacity. The cost is \$200 per student. Applications, medical release forms, and

contact information are all available at [www.harding.edu/bible/kerusso-experience](http://www.harding.edu/bible/kerusso-experience). Also, be sure to look up the Kerusso Experience on Facebook to see pictures and videos from past events.

If you have any questions or need more information about Kerusso, contact Devin Swindle, Associate Professor of Bible and Ministry, at [dswindle@harding.edu](mailto:dswindle@harding.edu).





Wissam Al-Aethawi speaks to a packed crowd about his conversion from Islam to Christianity at Lectureship.

## HARDING BIBLE LECTURESHIP REPORT

This year's 93<sup>rd</sup> annual Harding Bible Lectureship was another record-setting event, with a record level of student participation, a record number of exhibitors, and a record lectureship offering. In addition, we had the second largest opening night attendance, and the third greatest attendance overall. More importantly, God's Word was faithfully and effectively presented by some of the best preachers in our brotherhood.

We have also received overwhelmingly positive comments in the online survey which all lectureship guests are invited to complete. You may read some typical responses by

going to <http://www.harding.edu/events/lectureship>.

If you were not able to attend this year's program and would like to hear a recording of any of the many excellent presentations, they are posted at <http://www.harding.edu/events/lectureship/archive>.

Mark your calendars now for September 24-27, 2017, when the 94th annual Harding Bible Lectureship will be held. The theme of next year's program is "RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD: The Revolutionary Message of Romans."

Cox with Thai missionary Sean Todd and the abbot of a Buddhist monastery in Chiang Mai, Thailand.



## NEW BOOK BY DR. MONTE COX

Dr. Monte Cox spent a summer Sabbatical traveling for two months in the Far East. He was conducting research for his forthcoming book on World Religions entitled *Significant Others: Understanding Our Non-Christian Neighbors* (ACU Press, 2017). With wife Beth, the Coxes spent time in Japan, Thailand and India where they interviewed Shintoists, Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists of various sects. They visited dozens of temples and shrines considered sacred by these non-Christian groups.

Monte reports that one of the most rewarding parts of the trip was the opportunity to visit with Christians in these nations--Christians who are few and far between in that part of the world--and learn firsthand about their journeys to faith in Christ. "The uniqueness of Christ is all the more clear and beautiful against the dark backdrop of these religious alternatives," he says.

In chapel this year Dr. Cox is presenting short synopses of the chapters of the book that are being filmed in a "Ted-talk" styled format. The videos will be made available when the book is published. "There was a time when few of us had any contact with adherents of non-Christian religions unless we traveled abroad. Now our children and grandchildren attend school with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and others, our doctors may Muslims or Hindus, and our church members routinely interact with religious non-Christians in the work place." *Significant Others* was written for a Christian audience to help equip us for conversations with such people, conversations that are "respectful, informed and persuasive."










# CROSSTALK NEWSLETTER

**CrossTalk** is the official newsletter/blog of the Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies at Harding University. Its mission is to celebrate and inform students, alumni and other stakeholders in foreign language study at Harding as we all keep on "crossing cultures, languages and disciplines for the cross of Christ."

The department, which is nationally recognized for its quality education in foreign languages, has maintained since its inception a focus on preparing students for missions and ministry among people of other cultures. *And with your blood you purchased for God men from every tribe and language and people and nation. Revelations 5:9.* To access CrossTalk, go to: <https://huforlang.wordpress.com>

## FACULTY NOTES

**Our Bible faculty are serving the kingdom all over the world. Here are some examples:**

-  Dr. Tom Alexander presented two classes at the Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship on May 3, 2016. His topics were "Standing Firm in the Original Faith" and "Standing for the Inerrancy of Scripture."
-  Dr. Shawn Daggett, Dr. Allen Diles, Ken Graves, and Gary Jackson made presentations at the World Mission Retreat hosted by Ohio Valley University near Ripley, West Virginia, September 10, 2016.
-  Dr. Dale W. Manor was on a recent speaking tour. He spoke on topics related to archaeology and the Bible at the Grandview Church of Christ in Des Moines, IA September 15-17; at the York College in York, NE for the Clayton Museum of Ancient History on September 19-21; and at the Southwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City on September 22-24. Dr. Manor contributed the comments on the book of Ruth in the newly released Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible published by Zondervan (Grand Rapids, 2016). He also had a chapter published entitled: "A Priest's House at Beth-Shemesh? An Incised qds Bowl" as part of the excavation report by S. Bunimovitz and Z. Lederman, Tel Beth-Shemesh: A Border Community in Judah: Renewed Excavations 1990-2000: The Iron Age (Tel Aviv University, Eisenbrauns, 2016).
-  Dr. Kraig Martin co-authored an article with Caleb Clanton entitled "On Moral-Natural & Moral-Positive Duties: A Combination Metaethical Theory in the Restoration Tradition" that was accepted for publication in The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics.
-  Dr. Bill Richardson was the speaker for the 17th Annual Preachers' Encounter in Managua, Nicaragua on September 15th. His three lectures focused on the "Minister as Counselor."
-  Dr. Phil Thompson presented an Ethics Seminar at the Sylvan Hills Church of Christ, Sherwood, Arkansas in August. Topics included: "Ethics in a Brave New World," "Ethics at the Beginning of Life," "Ethics at the End of Life," and "Ethics and the Enhancement of Life." Phil Thompson was also a volunteer excavator at the archaeological dig at Tel Beth Shemesh, Israel for four weeks in June-July. Dale Manor is the Field Director of the dig.
-  Dr. Anessa Westbrook published an article entitled "The Perceived Need for Spiritual Development among Female Church of Christ Students at Harding University" in Discernment: Theology and the Practice of Ministry Vol. 2, Issue 1 (2016). Dr. Westbrook also presented at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference (Johnson University, Knoxville, TN) on the topic of "Factors Contributing to Female Recognition of Need for Spiritual Development."
-  Dr. Tim Westbrook published an article entitled "Leadership and Management Education" in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Online Education*.
-  Dr. Dan Williams conducted a Leadership Workshop for the Castle Rock Church of Christ in Castle Rock, Colorado on October 7-9.