

Education Adds New Majors

Church Planting and Secondary Education Majors Added for 2011–2012 Academic Year

Over the past several years, members of Moody Bible Institute's Education Branch have been developing the curricula for a number of new majors. Beginning with the 2011–2012 academic year, the Undergraduate School will offer majors in Church Planting and Bible Secondary Education.

"These changes are part of the faculty's ongoing work to keep programs relevant and to meet the needs of students as well as the ministries in which our graduates serve," said Dr. Junias Venugopal, provost and dean of education.

A number of years ago, as the Pastoral Studies department began to notice the development of vibrant church planting movements across a variety of denominations, it was approached by a number of ministry partners looking for students equipped with church planting skills and experience.

Since three of the Pastoral Studies faculty members have planted congregations, it was clear that the time had come to create an official Church Planting major for undergraduate students.

With desires to stay true to Moody's mission and create an educational model that allows students to practice in the field what they learn in the classroom, the faculty developed a program that provides students with an accelerated three-year classroom curriculum and a final year of ministry work.

"Our goal is to biblically prepare students who are interested in both church planting and church revitalization," said Dr. John Koessler, professor and chair of the Pastoral Studies department. "We will provide them with the skills and experiences needed

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New Employees



Daniel Hernandez

**Internal Auditor,
Internal Audit**

Previously served as an auditor with Blue Cross Blue Shield in Chicago, Ill.



Diane Hill

**Financial Aid Counselor,
Financial Aid**

Previously served as an account manager with Motorola in Schaumburg, Ill.



Susan Malnati

**Staff Accountant,
Controller's Office**

Previously served as part-time staff accountant with Moody Publishers in Chicago, Ill.

Stories Accounts of God at work through Moody

Breaking Free and Walking in Truth

Delivered from Addiction, Kelly Serves Others at Pacific Garden Mission

In the past five years, Eric Kelly has come a long way. He was sleeping in a crack house in Baltimore, getting high, selling drugs, and cycling in and out of prison and substance abuse programs. His drug use started around age 15, in an attempt to manage the emotional pain and anger that grew out of a dysfunctional family life. The trauma of his childhood also hardened Kelly's heart against God.

However, about 10 years ago, Kelly's brother found him walking the streets and urged him to give his life to Christ. He protested, telling his brother that

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to participate in a variety of church planting philosophies, including the team, franchise and colony models. Additionally, we hope to partner with ministries that provide our students with significant hands-on experience as well as mentors who can pour into their lives."

When students graduate from this major, the hope is they will continue to work with the congregations they helped to plant during their senior year, whether in the United States or around the globe. In addition to Bible and Theology training, courses include Ministry Leadership & Staff Relations, Evangelistic Messages, Church Planting and Strategic Planning & Research.

Also being launched in August, the new Bible Secondary Education major is intended to prepare students who have hearts for ministering within the adolescent sub-culture of Christian middle and high schools. Students in this program will be introduced to developmental characteristics, cultural and sociological influences, ministry philosophies and strategies, teaching methodologies and curriculum approaches.

"Approximately 25 percent of Moody's undergraduate population comes from Christian high schools, and we want to equip those who have a heart for returning to where they came from or who have a burden for this age group," said Dr. Dennis Fledderjohann, professor and chair of the Educational Ministries department. "Essentially, this is another piece in the larger picture of Moody's mission to prepare our students for serving the Church and advancing the cause of Christ."

Courses for this major include Adolescent Psychology, Learning Theories & Applications, Classroom Methods & Management, and student teaching in a local Christian high school. Among the goals for graduates of the program are the abilities to communicate a biblical worldview, teach the Bible effectively in Christian classrooms, understand the relationship between the Christian faith and the full range of subjects taught at Christian secondary schools, and devise and defend a biblical philosophy of education.



In Sight

by Larry Davidhizar, Vice President and Dean of the Undergraduate School

May is the month for Mother's Day and countless graduations. Undoubtedly, there will be plenty of proud moms, dads, siblings, and yes, even children at the three weekends of Moody graduations during this busy month. Students "walking" in graduation will proudly represent the three primary programs that we offer to thousands of students.

The most unsung group will be our graduates from Moody Distance Learning. These men and women will have earned certificates, associate or bachelor degrees by completing their coursework online, through correspondence or in person at regional classrooms. This is a major accomplishment as they have worked, raised families and ministered in their communities during school without having relocated to one of Moody's three campuses. Most, if not all will graduate already working in a ministry of some kind.

Then, we have our seminary graduates. They have had a strong and quiet presence in Chicago and in Plymouth, Mich. Again, these students came to Moody for ministry, and their life journeys have the vast majority of them serving churches and parachurch organizations in the midst of their masters programs. Many are serving full-time and others are just waiting for graduation to be launched to their full-time place of ministry.

Last but not least, there are the graduates from our undergraduate programs in Chicago and Spokane—the "bread

and butter" of Moody education. Most of them came to Moody as 18–20 year olds having tasted ministry and desiring to spend 4–5 years to be trained as more effective ministers and servants for Christ. It is especially exciting to see the Spokane graduating class double this year as more students join our Moody Aviation program.

The Education Branch would like to thank the entire faculty, Student Life staff and countless others from Food Service, CPO, Education Technology Services and Treasury Operations who have served and supported all of our graduates. The following graduation numbers are meant to glorify God and His faithfulness to Moody. Let us pray for these 610 graduates as they "commence" to use their Moody educations to advance the cause of Christ around the world.

Program	Fall 2010 Graduates	Spring 2011 Graduates
Moody Distance Learning	30	78
Chicago Undergraduate	70	291
Spokane Undergraduate	3	38
Moody Theological Seminary-Chicago	8	60
Moody Theological Seminary-Michigan	6	26

he had already tried and it did not work. But his brother pressed him, and in the hours that followed, Kelly asked Christ to save him. Kelly quickly developed a hunger for the Word, but struggled to remain sober and out of trouble with the law.

In 2005, Kelly followed a friend to Chicago to enroll in a discipleship program at Pacific Garden Mission (PGM). His time there was not easy, and he regularly faced discipline for violent behavior. "I wanted to leave the program every day," he explained. "But even more than that, I wanted to learn how to live holy. Once I learned to take my concerns to the Lord, everything changed."

Kelly graduated from the PGM program in 2007. Wanting to set a new goal for himself, he asked the administration to consider



Eric Kelly

giving him a loan to take courses at Moody Bible Institute. To his surprise, they agreed. He applied and was accepted to the distance learning program, and then, to the Chicago campus for full-time training in 2008.

The spiritual discipleship process that Kelly began at PGM has continued at Moody. "In my classes there is a consistent elevation of Christian character. The instructors hold up a standard that I hope to achieve: living totally and completely for Him," he said.

"When I struggle, I know God is just giving me another testimony. I have overcome many things, and I am excited to see where the Lord is leading me."

Kelly will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Theology from Moody in 2012.

Benefits Human Resources Connection

Every year, Human Resources Benefits mentions many of the same topics and procedures in *theMemo*—things that employees need to know and need to be reminded of at an appropriate time each year.

Now that *theMemo* is available at my.moody.edu, you can access these important topics whenever you have questions. Listed here are topics that were covered between January 2010 and March 2011, along with the months they were covered. Please read the list and see if there are topics about which you have questions.

Additionally, the *Employee Information Guide* is available online. If you have questions about any aspect of employment at Moody, the answer is probably in the *EIG*. There is a search function in the file, so you can easily find an answer to a question by searching.

The Benefits website at my.moody.edu also provides a wealth of information about benefits, including Health and Dental Plan manuals and the VALIC Summary Plan documents.

If you do not find answers in any of these three places, please contact your Benefits representatives:

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Topic	Date
ID Cards for Medical and Dental Plans	Jan. 2010, June. 2010, Feb. 2011
Dental and Medical Providers – How to Change	June 2010
Children/Dropping from Insurance Coverage	Aug. 2010
Every Month/Insurance Changes to Be Made Any Time During the Year	Aug. 2010
Insurance Changes	Aug. 2010
Family Status Changes/Insurance – 30-Day Deadline	Aug. 2010
Life Insurance	Sept. 2010
Long Term Care Insurance	Dec. 2010
Annual Reminders for Your "To Do" List	Jan. 2011
Full-Time Student Status – Verification for Insurance	Feb. 2011

Moody Publishers Sales

Chicago

"Our team often hears that the books we publish are never in question because what these customers have experienced is written on our business cards and in our content and echoed by our words and actions—'Moody Publishers is the Name You Can Trust,'" said Steve Gemeiner, director of sales. "Everywhere we go, whether domestically or internationally, we stand upright, representing the mission and vision of Moody Bible Institute and our heavenly Father."

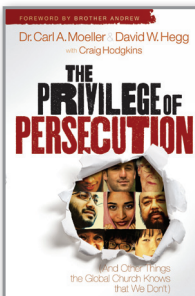
The six industry veterans of the Moody Publishers' Sales team develop strong relationships with their partners to help further the gospel message through the written word. Each sales manager is responsible for understanding and meeting the needs of specific customer groups, including customers who shop at Christian and secular retail stores, purchase e-Books and get resources through ministries. They sell new releases and stocked backlist titles via promotions, special ads, conferences and other sales opportunities.

"Our primary responsibility is to equip customers with all that is required to position and stimulate sales growth revenue," said Gemeiner. And when they achieve or exceed sales goals, this team maintains its close bond by having lunch together and celebrating. These group lunches are also used to encourage each other and discuss successful sales strategies.

"We all share the same mission and vision even though we each represent different customer bases that require slightly different sales approaches," he said. "We are focused on our customers as each season of new titles is revealed and positioned with strategies and marketing plans, readied for market distribution and store penetration."



From left to right: Roger Williams, Gene Eble, Mike Davis, Larry Rogers, Michele Forrider and Steve Gemeiner.



Read

The Privilege of Persecution (And Other Things the Global Church Knows That We Don't)

By Dr. Carl Moeller and Dr. David W. Hegg
160 Pages • \$13.99

"Many Americans view the global church as 'third-world,' needy, uneducated and poor—sorely lacking in much of what we assume the church needs to function well," write Dr. Carl Moeller and Dr. David Hegg in their new release, *The Privilege of Persecution*. "But the irony is that we're in much greater need of them."

As the authors challenge readers to reconsider their preconceptions of the Global Church, they also encourage Western Christians to learn from their brothers and sisters across the world about how to revitalize their hearts, faith walks and churches. "I have experienced firsthand the Christlike approach these believers have toward every aspect of their lives," writes Dr. Moeller, president and CEO of Open Doors USA. "I have come to believe that their vibrant, sacrificial and communal faith is often much closer to God's intent for His church and His children."

Dr. Moeller and Dr. Hegg, a pastor and professor, dive deeply into the Scriptures to examine what it says about the persecution of those who live godly lives and apply their findings to the Western Church. They examine common struggles facing Americans today while also looking at how the Global Church views these challenges. From this educational and impactful publication, readers will be exposed to the importance of the Global Church and the beauty of persecution, pain and sacrifice for the Lord.



employeeSpotlight

Martin Houston

Co-host of *New Day Café* and Community Relations/
Features Producer—Moody Radio South

A member of the 1992 National Championship University of Alabama Football team, Martin Houston first became involved in radio by hosting a sports prediction program highlighting teams from the Southeastern Conference, a college athletic conference headquartered in Birmingham, Ala. He is now one of the newest members of the Moody Radio South team and co-hosts the *New Day Café* morning show. Houston is also the community relations and feature reporter for the station.

"In this new position, I get to do some of the things I love most: serve, minister and present the gospel to thousands of people every day and build relationships with the various pastors and ministries in our listening areas," he said. "I have truly been blessed by the family atmosphere that exists amongst my local team and the teamwork that stretches across all Moody Radio stations."

Speaking of family, Houston and his wife, Cassandra, have been married for more than 21 years and have four children, ranging from 8-19 years old. They currently live in Tuscaloosa, Ala. and continue to root for the University of Alabama athletic teams.

Houston also pastors Catalyst Community Church, a church plant that launched on Easter Sunday. Please keep Houston and his church in your prayers as it was leveled by the recent tornados that hit Tuscaloosa. Thank the Lord that no one was injured.