

Short-term Residency Update

The Institute's short-term residency program, which is designed to accommodate people with different interests, backgrounds, and disciplines for short periods of time, is experiencing rapid growth. We expect to host 11 short-term scholars this academic year (2010-11), as compared to 5 short-term residents during academic year 2009-10.

The following is a list of those who have or will join us this year:

Fall Semester

Stephen Shoemaker
Charlotte, NC

Steve Doughty
Otsego, MI

Fritz West
Marine on St. Croix, MN

Bonnie Miller-McLemore
Brentwood, TN

Chris Herlinger
New York, NY

Spring Semester

Lucy Forster-Smith
St. Paul, MN

Margaret Todd Maitland
St. Paul, MN

Jamie Howison
Winnipeg, Canada

John Woodcock
West Chester, PA

Angelique Walker-Smith
Indianapolis, IN

Albertus Horsting
South Bend, IN

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Meet short-term scholar, Angelique Walker-Smith

"I must do this," declares Angelique Walker-Smith. "Their stories need to be told."

The determination apparent behind her words drives Angelique's efforts to unearth the work of often overlooked or forgotten women of the ecumenical movement. These are women who made an impact on the ecumenical world, according to Angelique, by "the grace of God."

Angelique's research centers around the leadership roles of 12 women of African descent or origin in the United States, the Caribbean, and Africa itself. She is examining a time in history, 1940-1985, when these women were experiencing in their different contexts racial hatred, gender bias, colonial marginalization, or some combination of each. Angelique notes, "God called these women in spite of their circumstances and this makes their contributions even more astonishing."

Angelique explains that much of the women's writing and work is "hidden." It is obscured behind more prominent names, shaded by their husbands' shadows, buried deep in the historical record of newspaper accounts and articles, or simply unacknowledged. "And yet," she says, "the substance of their ecumenical thinking and being and doing is so powerful. They were pioneers—they were ahead of their time."

And Angelique ought to recognize a pioneer when she sees one. She is one herself.

After attending both public and private schools, Angelique went to Kent State University, graduating with a degree in telecommunications. Completing her master's degree in 1983 in divinity at Yale Divinity School, she became the first African American woman to graduate from the Doctor of Ministry program at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1995. After ordination with the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., she served as an associate pastor of a Baptist Church and then executive director of

The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, becoming the first African American and first woman to hold these positions. At the age of 28, she became one of the youngest people ever elected to the World Council of Churches' (WCC) Central Committee (top governing body) at that time. She served two 7-year terms in that role.



Angelique has lived in 7 African countries and traveled extensively throughout Africa and the world. She has journeyed to every continent on the globe, except Antarctica. And in January 2011 she journeyed to Collegeville, Minnesota.

In need of the space, time, and access to resources to advance her scholarship, Institute board members Bishop Thomas Hoyt, the Rev. Robina Winbush, and Institute friend the Rev. Peg Chamberlin (executive director of the Minnesota Council of Churches and president of the National Council of Churches) advised Angelique to apply to the Collegeville Institute scholars' program.

Once on campus, Angelique employed the many services of Alcuin Library to uncover astounding amounts of information on the Pan-African women's global quest for Christian unity. With this wealth of information now in hand, Angelique plans to return to the Institute in May to revise the outline of the chapters of the book she will write based on her discoveries. She also hopes to present her work at the WCC gathering in Korea in 2013. What's more, as someone trained in drama as well as journalism, she says, "I imagine some really powerful, artsy possibilities about the women's lives using the performed word—perhaps a drama or even a documentary."

Clearly moved by these gifted yet forgotten women, Angelique notes, "They have inspired me—my work is for them. They deserve it."

Meet Lillian Daniel and Martin Copenhaver, writing workshop leaders

We are excited to welcome **Martin Copenhaver** and **Lillian Daniel** to the Institute this coming summer. Together they will lead *Working Pastors, Writing Pastors*, a writing practicum that aims to help active pastors integrate writing into their vocational lives.

Although this will be Martin and Lillian's first experience at the Institute, they are already familiar with the format of our writing programs. This past November they co-facilitated a similar Institute off-site practicum in Woodstock, Vermont.

One participant wrote of the experience, "Our sessions with Lillian and Martin were excellent, and their mentoring was a highlight for me. During the week, I was given permission – and encouragement – to say 'I am as much a writer as I am a pastor.' This was new for me. The program expanded my sense of call and service to the church."

Given the rave reviews from Vermont, we expect a fantastic week in Collegetown!

Martin is the Senior Pastor of Wellesley Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Before moving to Wellesley, he served churches in Connecticut, Vermont and Arizona.



He is the author or co-author of 5 books, including *To Begin at the Beginning: An Introduction to the Christian Faith*; *Good News in Exile* (with Anthony Robinson and William Willimon); and *Words for the Journey* (with Anthony Robinson). He writes for a number of periodicals including *The Christian Century* and *Congregations*. Currently, he is

at work on a book on discernment and decision making within the Congregational tradition. Martin serves on the Board of Trustees of Andover Newton Theological School, where he has taught preaching, and on the Board of Advisors of Yale Divinity School. He and his wife, Karen, have two children: Alanna, who lives and works in Washington, DC, and Todd, who lives and works in Minneapolis, MN.

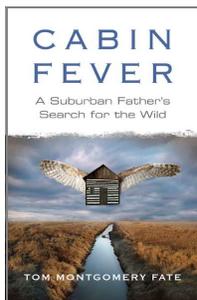


Lillian has served as the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois since 2004, after serving for 8 years as the Senior Minister of the Church of the Redeemer, in New Haven, Connecticut. She also hosts the Chicago based television program "30 Good Minutes" featuring the leading voices in religion today. Lillian is the author of the book *Tell It Like It Is:*

Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony, the story of one church's attempt to get main line Protestants to talk to each other about God. A frequent contributor to *The Christian Century* magazine, her work also appears in the *Journal for Preachers* and *Biblical Preaching Journal*. She has taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, where she serves on the Board of Advisors, and at Chicago Theological Seminary, where she serves on the Board of Trustees. Married to Lou Weeks, she is the mother of two school age children, Calvin and Abigail.

Martin and Lillian are the co-authors of the acclaimed *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers*, an appreciative, humorous and honest look at the ministry. They also write for the "God is Still Speaking" identity campaign for the United Church of Christ.

The Book Nook



Tom Montgomery Fate's (Summer 2010) latest book, *Cabin Fever: A Suburban Father's Search for the Wild* (Beacon Press, 2011) explores how to live a more attentive life amid a high-tech material world. Living part-time in both a Chicago suburb as well as a cabin in the woods, Tom delves into questions

such as: *How do we balance picking blackberries (nature) with tapping BlackBerry's (technology)? and What is revealed about human boundaries when a coyote wanders into a Quiznos?*

Steven Chase (Fall 2007, 2009/10, 2010/11) wrote his newly published book, *Nature as Spiritual Practice*, and its companion workbook, *A Field Guide to Nature as Spiritual Practice* (Eerdmans, 2011), during his Collegetown Institute residencies. The book blends theological, scriptural, historical, and cultural discussions, and brings to light the power of nature to soothe and heal the soul. The workbook offers exercises to help deepen the connection to and appreciation for the natural world.

