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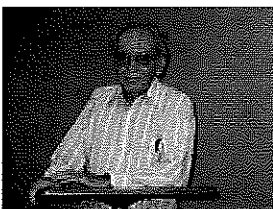
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Matthew Porter (BAMCS 2010, MATS 2012) is the new Director of Recruiting for Austin Grad.

Karly Napier is serving as manager of the bookstore.

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Once again, we want to thank our gracious and generous supporters. Your donations from March 1 through April 15, 2013 advanced the mission of Austin Grad.

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Keith Stanglin recently presented "A Day with Arminius" at Asbury University's Symposium for Theological Dialogue.

At Abilene Christian University's colloquy on "Eucharist and Ecclesiology" **Allan McNicol** read a paper entitled "The Words of Institution." **Jeff Peterson** presented "From Passover to Eucharist."

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As I became better acquainted with the story of our school, I was not surprised to learn that its heritage has particular names tied to it. Each name signifies a life firmly connected to Christian faith and service.

We have been saddened by the passing of some longtime friends of Austin Grad. That reminds me of the importance of knowing our school's heritage and appropriately honoring those who made contributions to its legacy.

Those we lost include Ruth Wright, Judy Hocott and Foy Millican. Ruth and Judy were champions in Austin for our school. Although not from Austin, Foy and members of her extended family have been advocates of Austin Grad for decades.

Judy was the widow of Claude Hocott. Claude's commitment, leadership and benevolence at Austin Grad are renowned. Judy often said to me with her endearing little chuckle, "Now Stan, Claude told me..." She would then tell about some instruction Claude had given her regarding our school.

It was very important to Judy that Claude's wishes for Austin Grad be realized upon her death. Through the careful work of Hugh Gainey as executor of the Hocott estate, Austin Grad was one of the grateful recipients of Claude's gracious generosity. Hugh's wife, Elaine, is Claude's daughter.

The Gainey's are following in Claude's steps as exemplary advocates, servants, and benefactors of Austin Grad. I hope that there will be more families who pass on their passion for the mission of Austin Grad from generation to generation.

Austin Grad is indebted to the Wright, Hocott, and Millican families for their contributions to its heritage. Austin Grad depends on the generation now entrusted with this legacy to enlist a new generation of advocates.

In a new day at Austin Grad it is important to draw on the memory of those who came before us. Their commitment to educate and equip Christians to know, understand, and practice the faith is an inspiring resource for us.

Like our predecessors, we face a number of challenges and have great opportunities. They set a wonderful example of bold action, sacrificial service and generous stewardship. All of that arose from a robust faith in God's guidance and dependence on God's blessing.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore, we are thankful for their service. Likewise we will remember and draw on their legacy. Our steps into the future will be done prayerfully, carefully and boldly. Thanks be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus for those who faithfully support Austin Grad with service, prayers, and gifts.

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Adjunct Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Glover Shipp

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After graduation, Dr. Shipp moved to Dallas where he worked as a book and magazine illustrator and preached part-time. In 1967, he moved his family to Belo Horizonte, Brazil. They served on the mission field for eighteen years.

When the family returned from Brazil, Dr. Shipp attended Fuller Seminary, earning a Master’s degree in Missiology and a Doctorate in Urban Anthropology. He also has a Master’s degree in Communications from Pepperdine University.

During his career, Dr. Shipp also taught at ACU and served as managing editor of the Christian Chronicle. At Austin Grad he teaches Art History and Cultural Anthropology. In addition to his work, he is an accomplished artist, composer, and writer. Presently, he is a contributor to *Timeless: Ancient Psalms for the Church Today*.

Dr. Shipp and his wife, Margie, have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and they are expecting their second great-grandchild.