

# Perspective

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#### October 2021

*Program* by Conley Henderson

It will be our privilege in October to welcome Dr. Melissa Lewis as the guest speaker for our luncheon.

Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University (1993), and has now completed 22 years of teaching service at her alma mater.

On the "Rate My Professors" website, one student wrote, "She really is a good teacher. If you actually want to learn something then take her class."

Following the completion of a B.S. degree in viola and piano performance at SNU, she went to the University of Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music to study viola performance. There, she earned both a master's degree and doctorate.

For her first 19 years at SNU, Melissa taught in the School of Music, serving for several years as its chair. Then, in the fall of 2018, she became the General Education Director for SNU's adult student Professional Studies Programs. She says that she loves serving adult learners.

Continuing a lifelong goal of being a "perpetual student," she has begun working at SNU on her second doctorate, this one in Education and Administrative Leadership. In that program, she has focused her research on the use of social power in adult educational environments.

Dr. Lewis has been married to Chuck for 18 years and is the mother of Natalie, a 6th grader at Bethany Public Schools. Natalie shares her mother's love of music and baking. Their family enjoys traveling together and playing games. They also are working on an extensive bucket list.

In addition to speaking to us, Dr. Lewis will also be playing the viola at our meeting.



LUNCHEON October 11, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, October 7, you can RSVP by phone (405 -728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.





President's Column by Emmalyn German

Uniqueness of ASP

Each month, I become newly aware of the uniqueness of the Academy of Senior Professionals organization at Southern Nazarene University. We are a diverse gathering of professionals from many different walks of life. Around our tables each month, there is a wealth of professional occupations, experiences, and years of living. I rejoice at being able to be an active part of an organization like ASP.

It is my privilege to serve as your president for a third year. Presidents know the value of our administrative council and the work the council members do to make each month's luncheon meeting enjoyable and memorable. Skillfully, they come up with sponsors, arrange for room accommodations and catering services, keep track of reservations, recruit speakers, arrange for music, organize book discussions and care for all the other minutia that goes on behind the scenes of meetings such as ours.

I often think of our founder, Elbert Overholt. I actually have a video of Dr. Overholt telling how and why he founded SNU's Academy of Senior Professionals. I followed his successor, Jack David Armold, who served 12 years as president. Dr. Armold worked tirelessly helping me "learn the ropes" of ASP.

The ASP we have today has been laid on a solid foundation from these two men. We continue endeavoring to carry on the original tradition and purpose of ASP: continuing education for senior professionals in an atmosphere of "Character, Culture, and Christ."

Did you know you can receive The Academy Perspective by email? Give Frank Dewey, ASP treasurer, your email address at the next luncheon. Help our association save postage costs by signing up. Thank you!





Meet Our Members by LaNell Stahl

Karen Humble, a retired school principal, was born in Oklahoma City and reared on a farm between El Reno and Yukon. Karen was married to Oklahoma County District Judge Charles Humble. She has three children and two grandchildren.



Being adventurous, she has been traveling in one form or another for most of her life. "In elementary school, I rode my horse to school. In high school, I rode my horse to the bus stop and after school he met me at the bus stop. Qualifying for a harvest license at age 14, I drove the family farm truck during wheat harvests."

Filling her life with travel, Karen has been to all fifty states and numerous countries. She said, "Two of my favorite places to visit are Ireland and Peru with its famous ruins at Machu Picchu. ASP friend Betty Windle and I once did a thirty-four-day cruise around South America and through the Panama Canal."

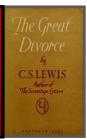
Karen earned a bachelor's degree in math education and a master's degree in secondary administration. She taught math at Western Oaks Junior High and geometry at Putnam City West before completing her career as a principal in Ponca City.

Karen belongs to a travel club and volunteers at church and in her community. The most exciting thing in her life? Her assessment is simply, "I think of how blessed and how good the Lord has been."



Reminder to pay your ASP membership dues of \$20.00. The monthly luncheon fee is \$6.00 which is subsidized by our sponsors.

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May 9, 2022: 1st National Bank in Bethany

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*SNU Connections* by Howard Culbertson

At our October ASP luncheon we will interview Chris Peterson, who is currently SNU's Associate vice-president for financial services. He has held four different positions over the course of working for SNU a total of 10 years.



Chris originally came to SNU in 2009 as the leader of the career services and student employment activities of the Student Development office. After three years, he became SNU's human resources and payroll management director. Then, in 2016, he left SNU to spend a year as the director of human resources for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. He came back to SNU as the director of admissions, a title that was upgraded to associate vice president for enrollment management. A year ago, Chris Peterson moved into his current position.

Before coming to SNU, Chris spent five years as business manager, acting human resources director and payroll manager at Oakdale Christian Academy, a Methodist co-educational boarding school in Jackson, Kentucky.

Chris Peterson is a graduate of Central Christian College, a Free Methodist institution in McPherson, Kansas. After graduation, he was employed by an interim personnel company in Michigan. Almost a year later, he was offered a position by his alma mater. So, he returned to central Kansas where he served for five years as assistant director of financial aid, an admissions counselor and did computer support.

Early in his service here at SNU, Chris earned an MBA degree (Master of Business Administration). At SNU, he has served as staff council president.



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*September Re-Views* by Hal Swinhart





Music by Renda Brumbeloe



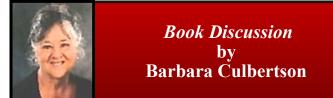
Frank Dewey—SNU Connections



ASP President, Emmalyn German welcomes all members back for the 2021-2022 season.



Rev. Tommy Davis leads in prayer



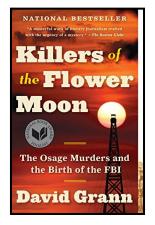
Are you plagued by Tsundoku as I am? You'll be in good company joining our monthly book discussion group.

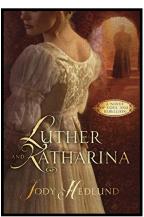
On October 4, we will be discussing *The Killers of the Flower Moon* by journalist David Grann. The subtitle of the book is "The Osage murders and the birth of the FBI." Here's more to whet your appetite:

"The book investigates a series of murders of wealthy Osage people that took place in Osage County, Oklahoma in the early 1920s—after big oil deposits were discovered beneath their land. After the Osage are awarded rights in court to the profits made from [these deposits, there are suspicious deaths]. . . The book details the newly formed FBI's investigation of [the resulting] murders" (https://tinyurl.com/53tysxpr)."

Then, get ready for November when we will turn to a fiction book, *Luther and Katharina*, by Jody Hedlund. Our group has already been introduced to Christian historical fiction writer Hedlund. Hopefully, this book will continue your enjoyment of her writing. Just a sentence from Goodreads: "She was a nun of noble birth. He, a heretic, a reformer...an outlaw of the Holy Roman Empire." Isn't that enough to start the "wondering" juices flowing? (https:// tinyurl.com/3mcnre66)

Metropolitan Library has multiple copies of both these books in diverse formats. So, please join us. Remember, our dates have changed. We're now meeting on Zoom the first Monday of each month, at 1:30. Look for email reminders with the URLs.







*Music Notes* By Renda Brumbeloe



**SNU SCHOOL OF MUSIC** 

Festival of Hymns—Sunday Sept 26 | 6:00 PM Calvary Nazarene Church| 3100 N Rockwell

**Faculty & Student Piano Duet Concert** Tuesday Oct 12 | 7:00 PM Cantrell Music Hall

**"Time Warp!" SNU Student Production** Thursday & Friday Oct. 21 & 22 | 7:00PM Cantrell Music Hall

**SNU Jazz Band & University Singers** Tuesday Oct 26 | 7:00 pm | Herrick Auditorium

**Opera Scenes**—Thursday, Nov 4 | 7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

**Percussion Ensemble Concert**—Thursday, Nov 11 7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

**Sounds of Christmas** (ticketed) SNU Combined Ensembles with guest artist Susan Powell. Monday & Tuesday Nov 29 & 30th 7:00 pm Bethany 1st Nazarene Church 6789 NW 39th Expressway



For Information contact: SNU School of Music at 405.491.6345 or music@snu.edu

Give us open eyes, our Father, to see the beauty all around us and to see it in Thy handiwork. Let all lovely things fill us with gladness and let them lift up our hearts in true worship. Amen

-Peter Marshall

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## **ASP** Calendar

Monday October 11, 2021 10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons. [10:15 Southern Plaza] 11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room of Webster Commons 1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot 1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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