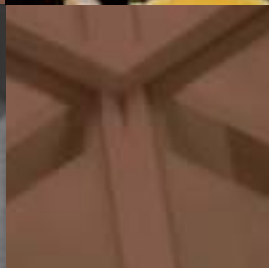
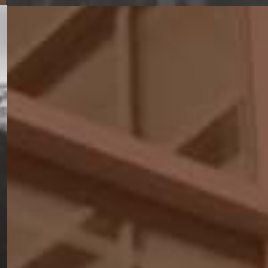


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## Ambrose University is 'both ... and'

When I meet with constituents, I often encounter assumptions about Ambrose University — perspectives like, “Ambrose is a university, no longer a school for ministry preparation” or “Ambrose focuses on academic excellence and not on Christian discipleship and formation” or “Ambrose is a Calgary institution, not a Canadian school or with any global orientation.”

In fact, Ambrose is “both ... and” in each case.

Yes, Ambrose is a university with liberal arts programs. And it is also a School of Ministry bringing to bear the best of the Bible college movement within the university context. And the Seminary is a vibrant and essential part of the Faculty of Theology. Approximately 40 percent of our current student body, across all disciplines, is preparing for ministry in the church or international ministry. Ambrose is at the forefront of training men and women to serve in this way. And running parallel, we have a full range of liberal arts programs in the humanities, natural sciences and behavioural sciences, and faculties of both business and education.

Academic excellence does not exclude Christian discipleship and formation. Rather, academic excellence at its best is about the formation of the whole person. The supposition that academic excellence and Christian discipleship and formation cannot comfortably co-exist is simply not true. The cultivation of virtue, character, and a mature religious identity is as integral to our programs as adherence to the rigorous academic standards required for a recognized degree.

Calgary is, indeed, the geographical location of Ambrose University. And our commitment is not just to Calgary, or even to Alberta, but to our country and to our world. The issues that affect Calgary are global issues, and we encourage our students to think locally and globally and to recognize that you cannot be one without the other. However much we are local, we also have a vision for what God is doing in the world.

So in each of these polarities, where the perception exists that we must either be one or the other, but cannot be both, I would suggest that it is a false polarity and that Ambrose can — and does — fulfil each of these mandates.

As the stories in this issue of *Anthem* clearly show, Ambrose is “both ... and.”

**Gordon T. Smith, PhD**

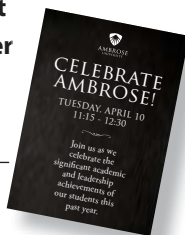
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Professor of Systematic and Spiritual Theology*



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## Congrats!

**Ambrose students who excel in academics, leadership, service and athletics were honoured in the annual Celebration of Excellence on April 11. More than \$1 million in scholarships and bursaries for 2018–19 was awarded — a significant number thanks to and possible because donors support Christian higher education at Ambrose.**



For the latest news and information, visit [ambrose.edu/news](http://ambrose.edu/news)

## Kicking off a whole new game

The Ambrose Lions Men's and Women's soccer teams have joined the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference outdoor soccer league, and both teams will take to the pitch for their home opener debut on Friday, Sept. 28 (women at 4 p.m., men to follow, and the feature event of the All Roads Lead Home alumni gathering) against Red Deer College.



The move enables Ambrose's student athletes to take part in both outdoor and indoor soccer (futsal), enabling them to complete throughout the school year. And like members of the Ambrose basketball and volleyball teams, which are also part of ACAC play, they'll also be able to reap the many personal and academic benefits that come from taking part in high-level varsity sports. The men's soccer team will be coached by Adam Monkman, while the women will be guided by Matthew Shepherd. Both coaches have extensive experience and are eager to help develop and mentor Ambrose athletes. Stay up to date on all news from the Lions Den: [ambrose.edu/athletics/news-lions-den](http://ambrose.edu/athletics/news-lions-den).

## In conversation in the community

On Wednesday, April 11, Dr. James Paton, Senior Pastor of First Alliance Church in Calgary, hosted a thought-provoking and engaging public lecture and discussion. Ambrose President Dr. Gordon T. Smith presented a lecture on the propriety and necessity of having a Christo-centric (Christ-centred) theology and piety. He was sure to note what was meant by that by denying, on the one hand, the seeming trend to become Pneuma-centric (Spirit-centred) and, on the other hand, arguing that to be Christ-centred, piety enhances and does not diminish a truly Trinitarian faith. In addition to questions taken from those in attendance, there were also prepared responses from a pastoral perspective by Dr. Clyde Glass (Senior Pastor, Southview Alliance), a historical perspective from Dr. Kenneth Draper (Professor of History at Ambrose), and a theological perspective from Dr. Bernie Van De Walle (Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at Ambrose).

*Seated from left to right: Dr. Bernie Van De Walle, Dr. Kenneth Draper, Dr. Clyde Glass and Ambrose President Dr. Gordon T. Smith.*



## Prayers for Humboldt

On Wednesday, April 11, the Ambrose community paused to pray for the players, families and extended community affected by the tragic crash of the Humboldt Broncos team bus. Many Ambrose alumni and students know the roads that bind prairie communities, and the sport that brings people together in so many ways. Difficult times like this are when faith, strength and compassion shine their brightest.



## CCSTAS celebrates

Students enrolled at the Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Ambrose Seminary celebrated their achievement at a graduation ceremony held in April, the first attended by the School's new Principal, Dr. Irene Tran, who joined Ambrose last September. Tran brings extensive experience blending administration, counselling and pastoral care to the position, and has set her sights on augmenting the School's strategic plan and seeking ways to increase its already significant impact.



Dr. Irene Tran

"Our little school plays a very important role in helping the Chinese church share the gospel throughout the world, especially to the many unreached among the 1.4 billion Chinese scattered around the globe," she says. CCSTAS was formed almost a decade ago by the Association of Canadian Chinese Theological Education — and with strong connections to the Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association — and Ambrose Seminary. "The Chinese School ... increases the capacity of Canada's churches to provide leadership in a multicultural context."



CCSTAS students celebrate at a graduation ceremony held in April 2018.



## This is Ambrose!

The spirit and energy of Ambrose University were on full display at YC Alberta, the multi-denominational Christian youth conference presented annually by Extreme Dream Ministries, May 19–21 in Red Deer.

Extreme Dream is passionate about seeing youth radically transformed by the life-changing power of a relationship with Jesus and the plan He has for them to make a difference in the world they live in. The guest speakers and bands taking part in YC share the passion for seeing a generation transformed by the love of God and equipped to live in His purposes.

Members of the Ambrose enrolment team were equally passionate about spreading the word about the university, inviting prospective students to grow spiritually and academically at a university that supports discovery, wisdom, belonging and community.



(Top row) Canadian GMA award-winning band, *The Color* entertained at YC Alberta. (Bottom row, left to right) Johana Mak, Ambrose Enrolment Advisor; Jacinta Suma, Ambrose Student Ambassador and Kaitlin Henczel, Ambrose Enrolment Coordinator.

## 'Bug' surprise for Biology students



Sometimes the best learning opportunities are literally right in your own backyard. Students in Ambrose's Principles of Ecology course headed into a wooded area on the edge of the university campus to gather some insects for biodiversity analysis, when they found not only one, but two tiny, rare *Hyperaspis undulata* — a ladybird beetle native to Alberta that has been netted only five or six times before. Dr. Ted Pike, the course's lab teaching assistant and insect expert, says he expected to find ladybird beetles, which are much smaller

than the "ladybugs," non-native species most people find in their yards.



As soon as he saw the distinctive markings on the bugs crawling in the students' nets, he knew the group had found

something special. (While he couldn't contain his excitement, it took a bit of explaining for students to understand the treasure they had.)

Although the woodlot is small, Pike estimates there could be 3,000 species of insects living there, meaning it won't be the last time the students go down to the woods for some on-site, hands-on learning.

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**ARC**

# **The World after Tomorrow**

# **PRESENTATIONS, CONVERSATIONS – AND INSPIRATIONS**

A rich array of presentations and poster exhibits by students, faculty, staff and alumni showcase the best of Ambrose





**The annual Ambrose Research Conference (ARC)** never fails to impress — and always inspires. The 2018 edition, held on April 4, 2018, was titled “The World after Tomorrow” and more than 45 presentations and 19 poster exhibits showcased the diverse range of disciplines represented at Ambrose. From Biology to Business, English to Theology, Education to Music and all points in between, presenters rose to the challenge of grappling with how their discipline contributes to careful and critical thinking about the world after tomorrow.

Two plenary sessions invited attendees to expand their perspective and encouraged discussion. In the morning, *The World after Tomorrow: An Interdisciplinary Conversation* considered three questions: Where are we going? What does your discipline tell us about the future? Why should it matter to the rest of us? Three

presentations got the conversation rolling: “The Future Perfect Tense: Is there a History of Tomorrow?” by Dr. Ryan Wilkinson (Assistant Professor of History), “Practical Theology: Practicing the Gospel in the Twenty-First Century” by Dr. Bill McAlpine (Professor of Practical Theology) and “Business for Evil or Business for Good” by Angie Redecopp (Associate Professor of Business and Development Studies).

In the afternoon plenary, *The World after Tomorrow: The Future of Education*, Dr. Pam Nordstrom (Vice-President, Academic Affairs) moderated a conversation with Drs. Gordon T. Smith (President) and Sherry Martens (Associate Dean of Education).

For students and the university, ARC is a pivotal way to expand knowledge (of presenters and attendees alike). Students, in particular, benefit in myriad ways by being encouraged to dip into the waters of scholarly activity and conduct their own original research.

“Research of this kind prepares students for a range of possibilities when they move on from Ambrose, including graduate school, the pulpit, the research lab, the business world, journalism, law, performing arts and more,” notes Dr. Joel Thiessen, Professor of Sociology and Chair of the ARC Committee, which also included Dr. Beth Stovell (Associate Professor of Old Testament), Monetta Bailey (Assistant Professor of Sociology) and Sandy Ayer (Director of Library Services and Archivist).

“For our conference organizing team, it is always a delight to see the campus buzz with energy at ARC,” Thiessen writes in an online, post-event blog. “Students recently burrowed away to put the finishing touches on their projects surface once again to share their learning. Their family and friends descend upon Ambrose, sometimes from across Canada. Alumni return to hear of the latest research taking place around the Ambrose hallways. Staff and faculty alike utilize the day to both support students and learn from them. And of course, good food and fellowship are a cornerstone of any great conference!”

ARC will return next spring, on March 27, 2019, when the theme “Uncharted: Conversations on the Hinterlands” will challenge — and inspire — the entire Ambrose community to present, learn, debate and enjoy good food and conversation with others. □

### For the record

ARC’s two plenary sessions — “The World after Tomorrow: An Interdisciplinary Conversation” and “The World after Tomorrow: The Future of Education” — were thought-provoking highlights once again. If you couldn’t attend, missed them or just want to hear them again, they’re posted online.

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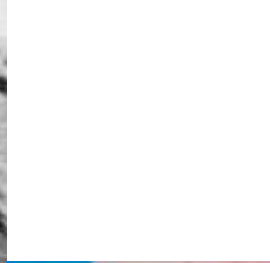
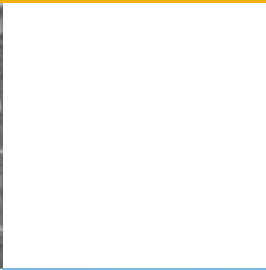
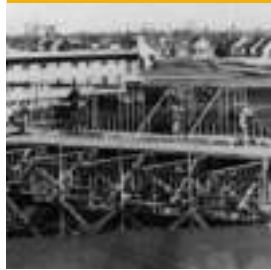


### BLOGGING 'BOUT IT

The ARC journey can be quite the ride!

Dr. Joel Thiessen takes a look inside the prep and presentation — and highlights the many benefits students reap by participating — in an online blog post.

[ambrose.edu/world-after-tomorrow-arc-2018](https://ambrose.edu/world-after-tomorrow-arc-2018)



# All Roads *Lead* Home

Regardless of the paths alumni take in life, all lead home to Ambrose, as celebration of the university's 10th anniversary gets underway





**“ We have so many great alumni. No matter what vocation — from ministry, to business, to education and everything else — so many have said that their school led them down the path of success.**



The journey to Ambrose University was decades in the making and spanned the nation — so there’ll be plenty to celebrate later this year when the university celebrates 10 years on its current campus. To launch the festivities, Ambrose representatives have been travelling across the country to meet with alumni in their home communities, and to speak with alumni about how they can engage with Ambrose from afar and promote on-campus events geared toward alumni and friends.

“At one point in our history, we were six different schools in three different provinces,” says Marva Goertzen, Alumni and Parent Engagement Coordinator. “And all of these schools — and everyone who attended them — are part of our extended family. While

the schools’ names and locations may have changed, their history lives on at Ambrose and makes the university what it is today. We’re grateful for the heritage of those schools, which is part of us now.”

Visiting communities to meet with alumni is a personal way to reconnect people with Ambrose — their school — and reflect on life’s many achievements, forge relationships among former students in the communities where they live and work, and encourage people to stay engaged. “We’re hoping to build community across schools and across denominations,” Goertzen notes, “by enabling people who might know each other — but might not know they’re from the ‘same’ school — to connect.”

The gatherings are proving popular. Just under 150 people attended in Calgary, and events in Victoria, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Caledonia and White Rock have also been successful. Goertzen is pleased with the numbers, given that some communities have very few alumni, and even a small gathering may represent a significant percentage of grads.

President Gordon T. Smith has taken part in all the community events, and his message to alumni has been particularly well received. He speaks passionately about who and what Ambrose is today, and helps dispel some myths that emerged which attempt to narrowly define the university. His explanation that Ambrose is “both ... and” resonates with those in attendance. [Hear his message by watching the online video at [ambrose.edu/about-ambrose/mission-values](http://ambrose.edu/about-ambrose/mission-values).]

For Goertzen, hearing alumni stories and how the school they attended was instrumental in their life’s trajectory has been nothing short of inspiring. “We have so many great alumni,” she says. “No matter what vocation — from ministry, to business, to education and everything else — so many have said that their school led them down the path of success.

“So although the schools’ campuses changed with the establishment of Ambrose, the hearts of the people who attended didn’t. They’re excited to reminisce with old friends and to know that something they were part of, something that meant so much to them, is still alive and well.

“As educators, we remain committed to providing excellent Christian post-secondary education to prepare men and women for wise, joyful and redemptive engagement in the church, society and the created order. That hasn’t changed.”

And as community gatherings are proving — and upcoming celebrations will affirm — there’s plenty of excitement about and support for Ambrose’s future. □



*(Right) Colin Trowsdale (1956) and his wife connected with old friends at an All Roads Lead Home event in Victoria. (Below) Grads from the 1970s share memories at an All Roads Lead home event in Caledonia, Ont. (L-R): Eugene Neudorf (CBC '74, CTS '85), Dave Freeman (CBC '76), Ken Little (CBC '74, CTS '83), Gordon T. Smith (CTS '78), and Judy Bergmann (CBC '74).*



*All Roads Lead Home photos by Marva Goertzen*



# REAPING RICHES TO GROW RICHER

**Curating knowledge and great  
practice for front-line ministry  
in Canada**

## “ If all churches knew what all churches know, would we be more effective and productive? I think so.

Riches almost beyond imagination hide in churches across Canada, their value muted and their impact limited to the few who know where and what they are. What is this treasure trove of incredible wealth? Knowledge.

Great information, expertise, experience and best practices reside in ministry nationwide, but much of it lies unused because it is not easily shared. Imagine, then, what would be possible if these riches were available to all churches? If geographic barriers came down and one community's success could be shared with others hundreds of kilometres away? If pastors and ministers could unleash the power of these knowledge resources?

ambrose@large — a groundbreaking online initiative launched in 2017 by Ambrose Seminary — aims to bring these riches into the light so their full value can be shared from coast to coast to coast.

“The challenge we face is one of knowledge transfer,” explains Dr. Terry Young, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and the driving force behind ambrose@large. “Within churches, people know things, are doing things, are developing tools and templates that work very well, but that knowledge tends to stay within their organizations. If all churches knew what all churches know, would we be more effective and productive? I think so.”

ambrose@large is a visionary effort to use the reach of technology to catalyze connections among churches, so front-line knowledge and practice expertise in one place can move beyond the local community and into churches nationwide. A \$50,000 (US) grant from the Association of Theological Schools

provided the seed funding to develop the website, which goes a step beyond the traditional blog: ambrose@large is a curated “knowledge portal.”

Curation capitalizes on the expertise of Ambrose Seminary to “find the gold” in mountains of words, synthesizing information and then sharing the best in knowledge, wisdom and practice.

The result is information resources that cut to the heart of issues and challenges, are relevant to church leaders, can be trusted, are timely — and realize the potential of today's technology-intensive world.

“Seminaries are traditionally residential-based learning environments,” Young says, “where, like a ‘knowledge pipeline,’ we disseminate information to students who are here. But since our role is to engage mission in the world, and the world is increasingly interconnected, we need to find new ways to communicate effectively. We need to share knowledge in what today is a ‘platform-based’ world.”

ambrose@large is such a platform, actively engaging leaders and churches who will both contribute to the growing inventory of resources and also come to rely on this hub of information as their “go-to” site when facing tough problems.

“Some of the smartest people in ministry in Canada are not teaching in Seminaries,” Young notes. “There is very good work happening in front-line ministry — and it's exciting to think ambrose@large can be the platform for getting their knowledge, experience and wisdom into churches across the country.” □

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# Connecting for **cultural change**

## Ending poverty in Canada starts by connecting people — and inspiring them to act for the common good

**W**hen dealing with complex societal issues like poverty, the focus can sometimes centre on theory and strategy, and lose sight of the human dimension. But people are not statistics, and people experiencing poverty have real lives.

The annual Poverty Studies Summer Institute offered by Ambrose University's Canadian Poverty Institute is grounded in Matthew's words that the poor will be with us always — meaning that, as Christians, we are always to be with the poor. This is the essence of humanity, and how people can do the greatest good.

"The Summer Institute embodies everything the CPI endeavours to do," says Derek Cook, CPI Director. "Our goal is to connect research and practice; to conduct research that will be instrumental in making change. At the same time, we also want research to be informed by practice.

"Bringing together students, professionals, ministry workers and people living in poverty helps inform teaching and research, which in turn informs students and practice, which then informs research ... and so it continues."

The CPI's second Summer Institute, May 28–June 15, 2018, presented seven courses over three weeks,

offering people across Canada the opportunity to take Ambrose courses in a compressed format. Know Poverty was the 2018 focus, reflecting both the need to understand (know) poverty and to contribute intentionally to there being no poverty in the future.

Last year, 100 people took part, and more than half came from outside Ambrose. When diverse groups interact, a dynamic learning environment results and the "aha moments" can be powerful. "For students who may have never interacted with someone experiencing poverty, it is very powerful, very moving and very real," Cook says. "They get deep into people's lives and stories."

### Connecting to lead social change

Ryan Andersen, one of this year's instructors, believes the Summer Institute is a particularly important way to channel the efforts of diverse communities and resources toward the common good, and to develop the leaders who will propel change.

"If we want to bring about significant change and get to the roots of complex issues like poverty, the reality is that one organization can't do it on its own," says the Lead Organizer of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good. "We need to work together."

Although it intuitively makes sense that "we're stronger together," today's culture tends to emphasize

the creation of organizational silos that stand in the way of truly effective collaboration. "An organizational and general shift in culture is needed," Andersen believes. "It starts with recognizing the importance of the common good, and then helping people realize they have the power to help shape it.

"We're very good at communicating what we hope will happen, but that is very different from bringing about actual change. If we want to answer the biblical call for justice, we need to look at how we shape our communities so everyone thrives."

The Summer Institute gave participants a framework to start forging the collaborations needed to create and sustain change, starting with reuniting people.

"One of the eternal challenges we face is to see that we are all connected," Andersen says. "People in our culture may have forgotten this, but it is one of the fundamental Christian messages. We are all active participants in creating culture, and if we want to do big things, we will have to do it together." □

**“ If we want to answer the biblical call for justice, we need to look at how we shape our communities so everyone thrives. ”**

**Ryan Andersen**

*The Canadian Poverty Institute at Ambrose University offers the Poverty Studies Summer Institute every year. Learn more about the CPI and watch for details on next summer's offering at [povertyinstitute.ca](http://povertyinstitute.ca).*



# PLAYING the **PART**

**Jessica Zacharias  
goes on set to help  
tell a story about the  
healing power of sport.  
It's a big-screen story  
the Ambrose women's  
volleyball team member  
knows personally**



**S**econd-year Ambrose University student **Jessica Zacharias** has a passion for volleyball, but the setter with the Lions women's team never expected her on-court talent would lead to the big screen — and telling a story that closely parallels her own.

Zacharias was still in high school and playing with Saskatchewan's provincial team at a tournament in Richmond, B.C., when movie producers literally spotted her in action. They recognized she would be the ideal "body double" for their lead actress and, not long afterwards, Zacharias was on set and standing in for Erin Moriarty on all the action shots. (Shae Mendes, another member of the Lions team, was also recruited as a movie extra, and took part in the game scenes.)



*The Miracle Season*, released in April 2018, is based on a true story. In 2011, the Iowa City West High School volleyball team found itself on a difficult emotional journey when the team's well-loved captain and star player was tragically killed in an accident. The story centres on the team coming together to honour their friend, using the power of sport to help heal.

Zacharias has experienced the love and support of the volleyball community firsthand. Her whole family is deeply involved in volleyball and she appreciated how people wrapped their arms around them when she lost her oldest sister to cancer six years ago.

"The movie brought back many memories," she says. "Seeing someone else have to step up to fill the player's role on court, and seeing the family's pain, was very real for me.

"In the story, the team helps with healing, and that happened for me, too. I remember when the whole Saskatchewan volleyball community, even people from rival teams, came together to show support for me and my family in some way or another. It really makes a difference and, even though I was really young at the time, I can still clearly remember the amount of support. It meant so much to know that people care."

Taking part in sports, Zacharias believes, is more than playing a game — it's making a community and learning valuable life skills. "Everyone has a team and everyone wants to win, so you create a community where everyone, regardless of the team they're on, is working towards the same purpose. That, in itself, is powerful. And you also learn so many other lessons, like how to rely on and trust others, and how to communicate. You build great bonds and great friendships when you're part of a team. It's almost like a family."

After seeing how all her scenes were stitched into *The Miracle Season*, and watching the complete story unfold, Zacharias is pleased to see the emphasis on team connections, and also the prominence of one other message she's keen to promote: the strength of women who take part in sports. She's proud to have been part of a film that resonates today and can be an inspiration to girls who might want to pursue athletics, but shy away because of societal pressures.

"This is a strong, female-led movie," Zacharias says, adding that she's especially happy to see volleyball take a starring role. "Volleyball tends to be a female-dominated sport, so there can be a stereotype that it's easy to play. There isn't enough recognition of how hard girls have to work."

She says she hopes the movie helps inspire girls to be true to themselves and to stand up for what they believe in, to not be afraid of being brave and being strong. A place like Ambrose, she believes, is ideal for unleashing the power of sport in life for women, because of its purposeful integration of sport and faith. By instilling a sense of belonging and creating opportunities for deep personal insights, "winning and faith fit together," Zacharias says.

"Winning isn't bad. Rather, it's all about how you act and how you find your identity. Sport is a way to reflect the skills and talents you've been given." □

**“Volleyball tends to be a female-dominated sport, so there can be a stereotype that it's easy to play. There isn't enough recognition of how hard girls have to work.”**

# Discovering the faces of PURPOSE-DRIVEN BUSINESS

Social business. Responsible business. Conscious capitalism.

Business with purpose. Ambrose University faculty and students come across myriad terms and ideas as they explore what it means to do business responsibly and with purpose. Holding businesses accountable for their practices is becoming commonplace. Business ethics is taught at Ambrose and most other business schools. Incorporating topics such as sustainability, community investment, social justice and wellness in the workplace into traditional business courses is becoming the norm. But Ambrose takes things a step further: developing students to carry out **business with purpose**. This resonates because Christians seek to live their lives with purpose — **and doing business responsibly and with purpose** is simply an extension of that. But what, exactly, does it mean to do business responsibly and with purpose? And how do you get there? **Angie Redecopp**, Associate Professor of Business and Development Studies and Chair of the Soul of the Next Economy Forum, shares some thoughts and highlights from the Ambrose Business program and last year's Forum.



After spending time in the corporate world practicing law, and then in the international development world briefly, I appreciate how important

it is to develop future leaders who will pursue both business excellence and business purpose. I sometimes describe business law, business ethics and corporate social responsibility as a continuum. You move from what you must do, to what you should do, and then to what you could do.

Our vision for our Business students is that they continue to move more from the *could* to the *should*, and the *should* to the *must*, as they seek to excel in their future careers, carry out business responsibly and live with purpose.

In our classes and through the Soul of the Next Economy Forum, that vision comes to life as we consider new ideas and learn from the experiences of the many successful enterprises and leaders in the world around us.

*Angie Redecopp is a corporate lawyer turned academic. She brings together her law, business and international human rights passions and experiences in the classroom, in her research (focused on business and human rights) and in her other professional activities. Redecopp practiced corporate law for over 10 years in Calgary, leaving Borden Ladner Gervais as a partner in 2012, was a small business owner and worked with International Justice Mission before joining Ambrose. She is now Associate Professor of Business and Development Studies and Chair of the Soul of the Next Economy Forum.*

## Servus serves up a new 'noble purpose'

I had the opportunity to interview Vern Albush, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Servus Credit Union, for a Soul Forum blog last year. Servus took business with purpose to a whole new level as it reshaped its mission over the last year. It is now doing business with a "noble purpose," described by author Lisa Earle Mcleod as a purpose that is both aspirational and practical.



In 2015, Servus's CSR department was challenged to find a purpose or cause for the credit union — one that was specific about what it was standing for or against in order to rally the organization in terms of donations, volunteerism, advocacy and its own supply chain. At the same time, Servus's CEO, Garth Warner, asked the Chief Brand Officer to reshape the vision and mission. Specifically, Warner was looking for a more precise mission statement. He wanted to see Servus and its employees in service of something bigger than themselves as they sought to carry out the established vision to "build a better world one member at a time."

The work to find a social purpose and the work to reframe the credit union's mission collided and resulted in a Noble Purpose: Shaping Member Financial Fitness.

When asked what would change, Vern Albush said it would be more about employee change than changes in what the CSR department would support and how they would promote and communicate. "It's an opportunity to focus on empathy and authenticity in the financial services industry as we support members and partners to become financially fit," he said.

## Soul Forum Executive Roundtable explores views from the top

One of the main events at the Soul Forum is an Executive Roundtable with Calgary business and community leaders. In fall 2017, The Hon. Joe Ceci, Alberta's Minister of Finance, opened the event, with Linda Coady, Chief Sustainability Officer at Enbridge, moderating. Table hosts included leaders from various corporate sectors, law firms, consultancies, Indigenous initiatives, city organizations and non-profits. Participants discussed the shift from CSR from being only philanthropy and compliance, to a more purposeful emphasis on sustainable business and social innovation.

In the closing panel, Karen Young, CEO of United Way of Calgary and Area, said, "millennials won't settle just for working in a corporate silo and are really looking for outcome-based solutions in an integrative way that will show some measurable results." Some of the integration and results talked about at the roundtables included mental health, sustainability in supply chains, social entrepreneurship, design certifications and CEOs living out corporate values. >



Table hosts and participants also discussed examples of ways in which responsible business practices and initiatives strengthen the work environment, as well as the challenges of doing such. The most common points centred on the integration of values and practices into all aspects of policies and processes, employee training and education, and leadership. One energy company talked about the human rights impact assessment it was seeking to do for its overseas operations.

Even with corporate buy-in for such a project, working with different organizational divisions and suppliers in different countries becomes increasingly complex. As businesses seek to be more responsible, it is often small steps, not necessarily sweeping change, that move the agenda for responsible business into action. The Executive Roundtable concluded with Wayne Visser, a leading author on CSR and sustainability topics, challenging us to follow where CSR is going: creativity, scalability, responsiveness, locality and circularity.



### Joma Bakery Café

With 400 employees across four cities in Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, Joma Bakery Café is empowering communities and developing people through business in Southeast Asia. Joma exists to impact lives through employment opportunities, and does so by working closely with several NGOs to provide job training and employment opportunities to disadvantaged persons and victims of human rights abuse. Joma CEO Jonathan Blair took part in the Soul Forum, sponsored by the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada, showcasing a model for “business as mission.”



### Fair trade is the foundation for Level Ground

Ambrose hosts a Program Day each January, showcasing the university’s diverse offerings. This year, President Gordon Smith introduced the Business faculty and students to four of his business colleagues. Two were from more “traditional” sectors — banking and energy services — one was a Calgary entrepreneur in the tech space and one operates a social business in Vancouver.

Our first-year Business students read Jeff Van Duzer’s *Why Business Matters to God*, where Van Duzer explores the nature and meaning of doing business and envisions business in all sectors contributing to the very purposes of God. We saw this vision and purpose exemplified as we heard from our guests. They were working and excelling in their various industries and types of businesses with both responsibility and purpose.

A social business called Level Ground was of particular interest as we saw social purpose integrated throughout the organization. Its mission is to trade fairly and directly with small-scale producers in developing countries, offering customers ethical choices in products like coffee, tea, dried fruit and spices. Fair trade in the coffee industry is familiar now, but the integration of responsibility and purpose throughout the organization was notable. Level Ground has a wellness focus for its own staff and it is creating a unique culture. It is transparent in its own business practices and pricing models, going so far as posting its pricing breakdown on its website. Importantly, Level Ground has created a viable, growing business: In 2016, annual revenues reached \$9 million.

### The Business Vision

**To provide quality business learning experiences that equip students, organizations, and communities with values-based knowledge, meaningful connections, and community engagement opportunities that lead to: collaborative inquiry; innovative and sustainable solutions; and transformative social impact.**

## Growing B Corps and REAPing results

We interact with many great companies through the Soul Forum. Some, including the Business Development Bank of Canada, lead partner in 2016 and 2017, are registered as B Corps: for-profit companies certified by B Lab for meeting rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency. Many companies refer to themselves as social enterprises, and several are registered with Calgary's REAP Business Association. REAP stands for Respect for the Earth and All People.

In 2017, we were introduced to Rainforest's Calgary chapter, a collective effort to improve Alberta's innovation ecosystem. It is an amazing opportunity for our Ambrose students to interact with these different businesses and organizations.



## Ambrose alumni do business with purpose

We like to keep in touch with our students, and recently started a section on our webpage featuring our alumni, where they are now and how they are living out purpose. A total of 119 students have graduated from Ambrose Business programs, and they are in organizations ranging from non-profit and ministry, to traditional business sectors, tech start-ups, social businesses and everything in between. Some are on the front lines and some are running businesses and departments. It is a joy to see the different faces of purpose-driven business through the endeavours of our Business alumni.

We followed up with some of them recently to see how they are living out the vision of better business and better society. **Darcy Roy** (BBA '16), sales consultant with Royal Oak Nissan, talked about honesty with clients and excelling in his job through hard work and learning from others. **Chantelle Little** (BBA '11) has founded and now leads a successful marketing company, Tiller Digital, where the focus is on long-term relationships with clients and collaboration. The company's values include tenacity, authenticity and creativity — pursuing excellence and innovation while staying true to its own character and values, aiming for "undisputed credibility." **Kyle Payne** (BBA '16) is working at Experience Church in an outreach role, seeking to empower communities spiritually, socially and economically.



Darcy Roy

## Building better businesses starts with Ambrose students

In addition to pursuing their studies and non-academic experiences to broaden their horizons, our Business students are on a quest to figure out what business with purpose means for them: where they fit in the God-given mission to excel in their roles and use business for the greater good. **Shaynah Godlien** (fourth-year BBA student) was part of a team of Ambrose students which competed in the HRC West Case Competition in March 2018. Shaynah hopes to carry her passion for responsible and ethical business into graduate studies. This push for excellence is accompanied by a strong desire to see these standards become more of a standard expectation in today's corporate world. Some of our students are seeking a business education to prepare for non-business roles. **Jacob Clark** (second-year BBA student) is considering adding the community development minor to his Business degree as he saw "the desperate need the world has for ending modern slavery and realized that business, particularly at Ambrose where they offer minors and classes on community development, can massively impact the human trafficking scene in a positive way."

Our new graduates are making some big decisions right now. **Tyler Bartel** (BBA '18), for example, may have just graduated, but he is already looking for a job with greater purpose. "I definitely view business in a different way since I started at Ambrose," he says. "I view it more as a tool to continue growth rather than just an end result. Responsible business is so much more than just 'doing good.' Rather, responsible business is creating more opportunities for yourself and others to succeed through their natural God-given talents." □



Case competition team members (L-R) Shaynah Godlien, Shaelyn Mendes, Michael Bauer, Tara Bruder, and Tim Vanderpyl (Associate Professor, Business).



# IN THIS CORNER, AMBROSE SCHOLARS

**FACULTY SHARE THE CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS OF SCHOLARSHIP AT THE INAUGURAL SCHOLARS' CORNER – AND MOBILIZE KNOWLEDGE TO ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

**“Activities like the Scholars' Corner raise the profile of research across the university, and also affirm the high quality of scholarship undertaken by our faculty.**

**Pam Nordsrom**

On any given day in London's Hyde Park, people gather at Speakers' Corner to share thoughts on a host of topics. On April 19, 2018, faculty gathered for lunch at Ambrose University's inaugural Scholars' Corner to openly share their thoughts about the process and work of scholarship.

“Scholarly activity can be an isolating and lonely process,” explains Dr. Pam Nordstrom, Vice-President, Academic Affairs, who initiated the event. “We want to create a community of scholars where people can come together and talk — because you're really not the only one in the world with writer's block or who still has 23 book chapters to write.”

Ambrose is relatively new to the “research production” world, which faculty prefer to view as knowledge dissemination or knowledge transfer. Scholarly productivity is required by authorities that approve and accredit programs, including Campus Alberta Quality Council and the Association of Theological Schools, to affirm the university's standing among post-secondary institutions. Scholarship's greatest value and impact, however, is in educating students and preparing graduates to make a difference in the world.

“Scholarship grows knowledge and informs teaching,” Nordstrom explains. “So, through scholarship, we contribute to church and society. But this doesn't happen by accident. Research findings must be mobilized.



Activities like this raise the profile of research across the university, and also affirm the high quality of scholarship undertaken by our faculty.”

Faculty who had written books or published in peer-reviewed journals over the past two years were invited to take part in the Scholars’ Corner. Works were displayed, as were narratives that reflected some of the challenges and triumphs faculty experienced during the process. A total of 32 pieces were featured — including 16 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 12 books, one poem and one theatre script — and 25 faculty attended the lunch.

Conversations were wide-ranging, insightful and, often, laugh-inducing. “People shared that some of the best aspects of research were the ‘aha’ moments when they were able to narrow the focus of what they were studying, or during analysis when people outside the profession helped deepen insight,” Nordstrom says. “And the proudest points were often when their work was published.”

The biggest challenges? Blending writing styles within a group of authors, synthesizing big ideas down into small word counts and the inevitable reality of inconsistent reviewer feedback. Not surprisingly, the challenges, which everyone has experienced, drew the most laughs and started some of the most animated conversations.

“It’s relatively easy to focus on the results of scholarly activity,” Nordstrom says. “But we don’t focus enough on how we get there. What was the process like? What keeps you doing this? What’s hard about it? What motivates you? These are the questions scholars want to ask each other, and we hope the Scholars’ Corner will be a safe, open place where they can ask — and answer — every year.

“This will help Ambrose build its capacity for scholarly activity, by lifting up the importance of scholarship among our own and among those who have a stake in it.” □

**Scholarship Spotlight: The first annual Scholars’ Corner highlighted scholarly work completed over the past two years (independent work and that done in collaboration with colleagues).**

**Sandy Ayer**

Article: “Threats to Migrating Common Terns *Sterna Hirundo* on the Atlantic Coast of the Democratic Republic of the Congo”; Poem: *Resurrection Breakfast*

**Alan Ho**

Articles: “Motion-Driven Transparency and Opacity;” “The ‘Spinner’ Illusion: More Dots, More Speed?;” “Local Motion Integration Determines Global Kinetic Pattern Perception”

**Alex Sanderson**

Article: “The Life Stories of Troubled and Non-Troubled Youth: Content and Meaning Making”

**Angie Redecopp**

Book Review: *Bonded Slavery*

**Barrett Hileman**

Script: *The Canadian Badlands Passion Play*

**Ian Charter**

Composition: *Laudate Dominum*

**Charles Cook**

Book: *The God You May Not Know*

**Bill McAlpine**

Book: *A preliminary look at flourishing congregations in Canada: What church leaders are saying*

**Matthew Morris**

Paper: “Exploring Jordan’s Rule in Pacific Threespine Stickleback”

**Rob Snow**

Book: *Daniel’s Son of Man in Mark: The Redefinition of the Jerusalem Temple and the Formation of a New Covenant Community*

**Beth Stovell**

Article: “Oned and Grounded in Love: Julian of Norwich and the Johannine God of Love”

**Joel Thiessen**

Book: *A preliminary look at flourishing congregations in Canada: What church leaders are saying*; Articles: “A Sociological Description and Defence of Secularization in Canada;” “Kids, You Make the Choice: Religious and Secular Socialization among Marginal Affiliates and Nonreligious Individuals”

**Colin Toffelmire**

Book: *A Discourse and Register Analysis of the Prophetic Book of Joel*

**Bernie Van De Walle**

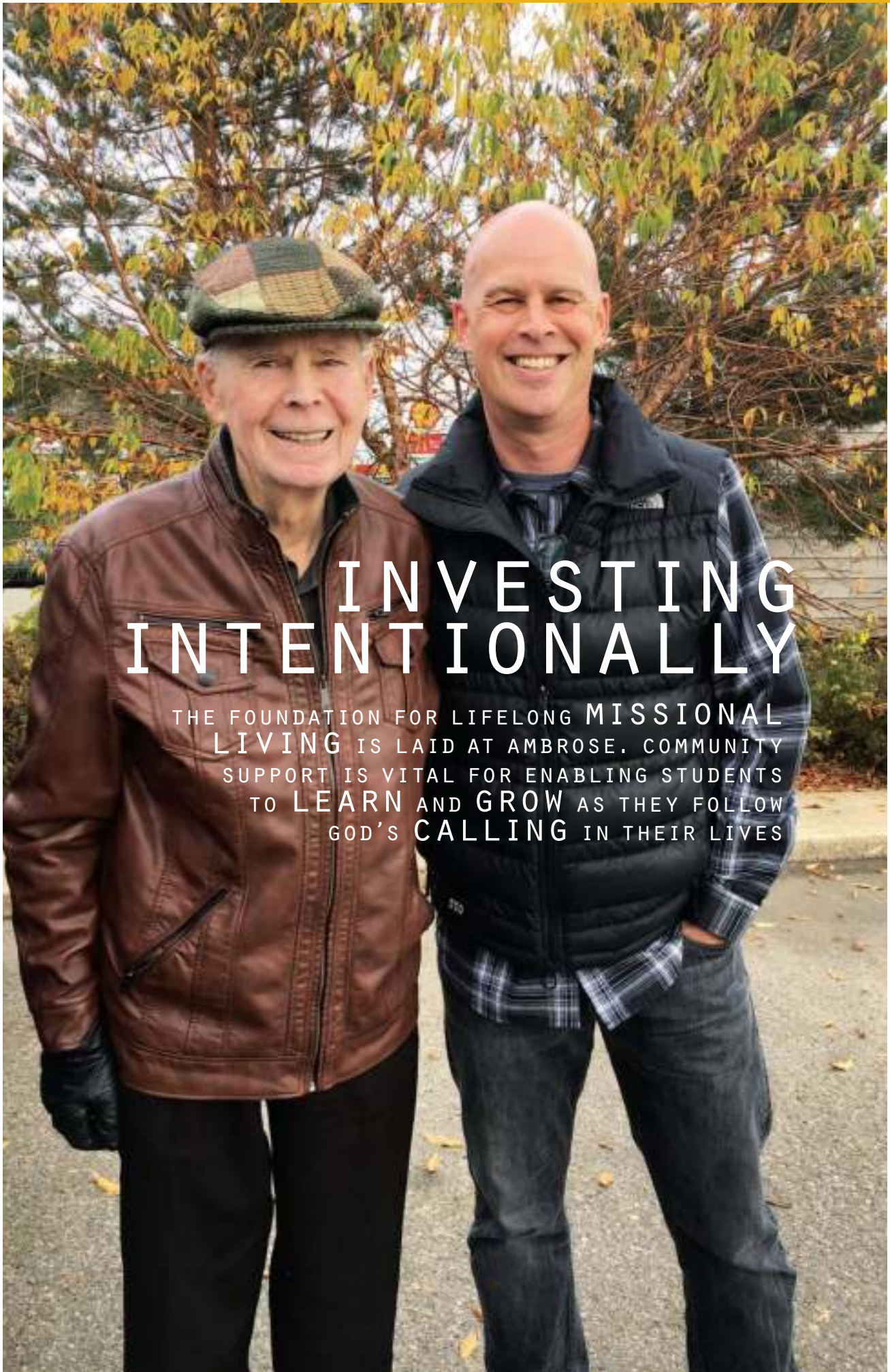
Book: *Rethinking Holiness*; Book chapters: “The Christian and Missionary Alliance” in *The Holy River of God: The Rich Currents and Contributions of the Wesleyan-Holiness Stream of Christianity*; “The Radical Holiness Movement and The Christian and Missionary Alliance: Twins, Perhaps, but not Identical,” *International Journal of the Global Institute for Fourfold Theology*

**Tim Vanderpyl**

Articles: “Social recognition: The Kudos solution;” “The end is where we start from: Mission and the farewell discourse in Matthew 28:18-19”

**Arch Wong**

Book: *A preliminary look at flourishing congregations in Canada: What church leaders are saying*; Article: “Pedagogy of the spirit: Comparing evangelical and Latter-Day Saint youth self-reported In-class spiritual experiences” Book Review: *Character formation in online education: A guide for instructors, administrators, and accrediting agencies*



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Ambrose University has played a huge part in **Ric Strangway's** (CBC Bachelor of Theology '89; CTS Master of Divinity '95) personal and family history. Not only did he meet his wife, **Kareen** (Jespersen, CBC Bachelor of Biblical Studies '89), at college, but 10 people from his extended family are part of the Ambrose alumni family, including his father, Rev. **Dallas Strangway** (CBI '55) and two brothers (Dr. **Merle** and **Gary Strangway**).

Clearly, the family knows the value of faith-based education in preparing people for service in the Kingdom.

"At the age of 14, I had a strong sense that God was calling me to full-time ministry, specifically the call to be a preacher," Ric Strangway says. "I love the journey that a pastor gets to be a part of in the lives of people who are following Jesus in the local community of faith."

## AMBROSE IS ABOUT THE RIGHT THINGS: SHAPING YOUNG LEADERS FOR KINGDOM IMPACT IN THE WORLD.

Through his studies, Strangway was able to pursue his calling. The learning opportunities were invaluable in shaping the person he is today. The friendships forged and bonds built with others who are still in ministry have lasted throughout the years, enabling him to draw on a wealth of wisdom and experience.

"CBC and CTS impacted me tremendously," he says. "The richness of lifelong friendships, the opportunity to grow and be shaped in my understanding of the gospel and my view of the world, the shaping and affirmations of my gifts and passions, and the encouragement to be a lifelong learner, were invaluable."

In pursuing his own calling, Strangway knows firsthand that the difference a quality, faith-inspired education makes in the lives of young adults doesn't end when someone

graduates. Rather, that impact reaches far beyond the four walls of a classroom and out through families and across communities. Changing one life can change many.

And that change often starts at Ambrose. The university is dedicated to preparing men and women for joy-filled, impactful engagement in church and community. It doesn't do it alone. Thanks to a large community of support that is invested in the university's mission and the success of students — a community which contributes financially to both — Ambrose prepares people called to serve and lead in many different capacities.

"Ambrose is about the right things: shaping young leaders for Kingdom impact in the world," Strangway says, noting that this means more than training international workers and pastors, and also shaping the lives of future doctors, nurses,

artists, business people, educators, scientists and entrepreneurs in the church.

"Ambrose gives students room to grow in a Christ-centred community, while still preparing to serve in the world whatever their gift, passion or vocation," he says.

And as his family shows, the ripples of change that start when a university and community support come together can be seen for generations. "We've seen the impact of Ambrose, and previously CBC and CTS, in our own lives, the lives of our friends and family, and now in our own children," Strangway says. "This is why, today, we support Ambrose." □

*< Rev. Dallas (L) and Ric Strangway, both members of the Ambrose alumni family.*

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# 2018

**September 28**

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# NEW BEGINNINGS: COMMENCEMENT 2018

Graduation marks the end of students' academic journey (or perhaps just a part of it), and it also signals the start of many things to come. Careers. Moves to new cities or countries. Pursuit of graduate studies. And for all, admission to the Ambrose alumni family.



All of this was in the hearts and minds of grads and guests taking part in three Commencement exercises on Saturday, April 28, one each for Ambrose Seminary, the Bachelor of Education and the university's undergraduate programs. All were held on campus in the Ambrose Athletic Centre, and were followed by small receptions. The ceremonies were streamed live online and can still be viewed at [ambrose.edu/grad2018](http://ambrose.edu/grad2018).

**Congratulations to  
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## Transitions

*Ambrose University recently bid farewell to a trio long-time colleagues who have left an indelible mark on students and friends. We wish them well as they write the next chapters in their life stories.*

**Prof. Rod Remin** and **Dr. Don Quantz** have both retired after distinguished careers at Ambrose. They were honoured by the Board of Governors in April, as well as at retirement receptions. President Dr. Gordon T. Smith said: “Dr. Quantz and Prof. Remin have made extraordinary contributions to the institution during their time at Ambrose. We wish them well as they transition to this new season in their lives.”

Prof. Rod Remin worked with Ambrose and its earlier iterations for almost 38 years. He most recently taught Biblical Languages in the Seminary, and his love of the languages he taught, and passion for using ancient languages and literature to aid in the understanding of both Old and New Testaments, were evident to anyone who took his courses.

Dr. Don Quantz joined the music faculty of Canadian Nazarene College in 1993 after 12 years in ministry as a worship pastor. Holding the position of Program Chair at the time of his retirement, Don played a key role in building a very successful music program for the university, and his commitment to the growth and success of the program has been evident to all throughout his tenure.

The Ambrose community also said farewell to **Wally Rude**, Ambrose Vice-President, Student Development, who has left the university after 12 years. He has accepted a new position at Yukon College (soon to be Yukon University) in Whitehorse. “I am full of gratitude for the opportunity the Lord has given me over the past 12 years to engage in such meaningful and rewarding work,” Wally wrote in announcing his departure.



The **Legacy Youth Conference** held in March was also an opportunity for alumni to connect. (L-R) Barry Hunchak (CBC '96, CTS '04), Michelle (Parsons) Friesen (CBC '92) and Britt (Bergmann) Hunchak (CBC '89)

*Legacy 2018*



**Business alumni** will soon have a whole new way to stay in touch! Visit [ambrose.edu/business-department](http://ambrose.edu/business-department) for all things Business, including connections with peers and professors.

**Dean Helm** (former CNC Dean of Students and teacher) has written a book, *Necessary Corrections: To Straighten an Increasingly Misnamed 'Orthodoxy'* that explores the "connect" between Hebrew and Christian scriptures and the "disconnect" between them and the Christianity known today.

**Elizabeth Jantzen** (BA English '14) and **Jason Klammer** (BA Behavioural Science '14) met at Ambrose in 2010 — and were married on March 10, 2018, in Water Valley, Alta. Liz (the daughter of Dr. Kyle Jantzen, Chair of Humanities and Professor of History at Ambrose) works for Inclusion Alberta and also pastors alongside Jason at Experience Church in Calgary.



Courtesy Ingram Photography

**Rachelle Luitjens**

(CBC Bachelor of Religious Education) took part in the May 6, 2018 commencement



service of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. She anticipates graduating in July 2018 with a Master of Divinity (Pastoral Care and Counseling). She also has been selected to receive the Marlin E. Miller Award for Excellence in Theological Studies from the seminary's History, Theology and Ethics Department. She continues to pastor at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in Wayland, Iowa.

**Elfrieda, Elviera and Elsie Toews**

are living blessed lives. The sisters all attended CBC in the early 1960s and were devoted to spreading the word of God internationally. In a recent conversation with *Anthem*, Elfrieda looked back on a rewarding 35 years as a missionary in what is now Papua, living with the Nduga people. Her background — early years living on a farm where hard work was expected, and professional training as a nurse — enabled her to make a profound difference in the community. She taught people how to read and write, started a Bible school and trained health workers who were instrumental in improving nutrition and saving the lives of babies and mothers. "It was

amazing how God led us there," Elfrieda says, acknowledging that it was hard to return to Canada after decades overseas. "People don't understand missionaries. Those people were our family, and when we left, we and they were terribly sad." Missionary work was "so fulfilling; it's what God planted in my heart from when I was a little girl. He gave me the best life I could have had, and people who were so extremely wonderful. I have received blessing upon blessing." Though Elfrieda and her husband, Adriaan van der Bihl, who was also a missionary, have fewer opportunities to share their experiences these days, they speak to church groups at every opportunity in order to open hearts and ears. "It is so striking to see the miracles God does in people's lives," she says. "That is what makes missionary work so exciting."

**Brandon Trotter**

(BA Christian Studies '15) was one of two recipients of the inaugural Ross and Davis Mitchell Prize for Faith and Writing (founded by Cardus), winning the \$10,000 short story prize for his piece, *Saint 148*. Brandon is married to **Briana** (BA English '15) and he is the Director of Art and Story at RockPointe Church in Calgary.



**In Memoriam**

Prayers and condolences are extended to friends and family who have passed away. Please submit your memorial announcements at [ambrose.edu/anthem](http://ambrose.edu/anthem).

**August, 2017**

Wookey, Anthony (CBC 1956)

**September, 2017**

Snowsell, Doug (CBC 1981)

**December, 2017**

Young (Bruneski), Bernice (CBC 1954)

**January, 2018**

Goller, Evelyn (CNC Red Deer; former staff)

Harper, Marjory Mae (CNC Winnipeg; former staff)

**February, 2018**

Hoff, John (CNC High School 1956)  
O'Brien, Peter (CNC 1974)

**March, 2018**

Baker, Keith (CNC 1950)  
Bowker, Merlyn (CBC 1965)  
Munro (Strand), Ruth (CNC 1952)

Here are just some of the many events happening at Ambrose University in coming months.

Visit [ambrose.edu/events](http://ambrose.edu/events) for a complete listing and all the details.

All events take place at Ambrose University, unless otherwise noted.

## coming events

### Make music

#### JAZZ CAMP

August 20–24, 2018

Share a week of master classes, combo sessions, workshops and jam sessions with guest artist Kodi Hutchinson and Ambrose music faculty. For musicians aged 14 and up.

Early bird registration \$300 until July 2 (\$375 after)

> For full details, contact [music@ambrose.edu](mailto:music@ambrose.edu)

### Hit the links

#### Annual Lions Golf Tournament

September 19, 2018

Help raise funds for Ambrose Athletics and athletes at The Links at GlenEagles.

> Details will be posted as they are finalized at [ambrose.edu/golf-tournament](http://ambrose.edu/golf-tournament)



### Kick off a new sport

#### Soccer hits the pitch

September 28, 2018

The Ambrose Lions outdoor soccer team makes its home debut, taking part in Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference league play (and taking on the Red Deer squad) for the first time.

> Follow the Lions at [ambrose.edu/athletics](http://ambrose.edu/athletics)



### Gather with friends

#### All Roads Lead Home 10th Anniversary Celebration



September 28, 2018

Ambrose University is 10 years old in 2018–19! Celebrating this milestone starts with a tailgate party to coincide with the kick-off the Ambrose Lions soccer team's inaugural ACAC home game. See you at the game!

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# The Trinity and the University

by Terry Fach

During this past spring's Stanley Cup playoffs, an article in a national newspaper decried the state of hockey colour commentary on television. Canadian Senator David Adams Richards, an acclaimed novelist from New Brunswick, took issue with the creeping intrusion of all kinds of unnatural *American* terminology into Canada's favourite sport. They're sweaters, not jerseys, he complained. They're dressing rooms, not locker rooms. They're boards, not half-walls. And, having had to watch a few NBC broadcasts myself, I would add: It's a crease, not a trapezoid!

Speaking of terminology, on the Christian calendar the Sunday after Pentecost is called "Trinity Sunday." The focus is the Christian name for God and it matters more than hockey language for sure. We Christians believe and confess in our creeds that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We baptize and dedicate our children and new believers into the church in the three-fold name, the Holy Trinity. And the implications for the church and the Christian university are profound.

In the late 4th century, the Greek church father Gregory of Nazianzus reflected on the mystery that each person of the Trinity enfolds and encircles the other two — each harbours and makes space for the other two at the centre of his being. Gregory called this divine life and way of relating *perichoresis*. There is a constant movement of mutual acceptance and self-giving, of sharing, of each exalting and communing with the other. Because each is in the other two, you might say that the divine persons show each other *hospitality*. Hospitality is simply *making room*, creating a space in which the other can flourish.

The purpose of a Christian university is fundamentally related to this vision. In both study and worship, the ultimate goal is to make room for the hospitality of God. The aim of the Christian university is not now — nor has it ever been — education as means to an end in itself. Knowledge, technical skill and employability are important, but the end of all learning is moral formation. Christian moral formation is rooted in a sense of self as one who is loved and welcomed into the fellowship of God. Today's young adults face considerable challenges here, Christians included. For example, social media produces a world in which the problems and blemishes of real life are hidden behind virtual presentations of self that struggle, often pathologically, to be "Liked." In light of these pressures, secular higher education researcher Donna Freitas asks: "Do we want to raise employees, or do we want to raise children?"<sup>1</sup>

One of the best ways the church can continue to form faith in its baptized young adults is to encourage them to attend a Christian university. Sociologist Jonathan Hill observes that on every measure of religious practice and identity, individuals attending evangelical Protestant colleges show significantly greater levels of church loyalty (attendance), Bible reading and prayer than believing students who attend non-Christian schools.<sup>2</sup>

The purpose that Ambrose University shares with the church is to reflect the image of God, encircling and enfolding its children and preparing them for wise, joyful and redemptive engagement in the world, the church and society. In this, as in all things, glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. □



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<sup>1</sup> Donna Freitas, *The Happiness Effect: How Social Media is Driving a Generation to Appear Perfect at Any Cost* (2017, Oxford University Press), p. 256

<sup>2</sup> Jonathan Hill, *Emerging Adulthood and Faith* (2015, Calvin College Press)

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