

Dr. David Stricklin Retires



Dr. David Stricklin, professor of history, retired from full-time teaching after 15 years of service at DBU.

Dr. Stricklin earned an M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary before going on to complete his Ph.D. from Baylor, focusing on the work of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission from 1950-1977. Prior to coming to DBU, he worked for several years with Baptist Student Unions across Texas, including the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for five years and the University of Texas at Arlington for 11 years.

Dr. Stricklin began serving at DBU as an academic advisor and assistant professor in the College of Adult Education. A few years later, he moved to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, quickly becoming a student favorite in the history department. While at DBU, he helped to begin Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society in 2010 and served as its sponsor.

Dr. Stricklin and his wife, Mary Jane (pictured above), have two adult daughters, Dawn, and Debi, who is a DBU graduate, and several grandchildren. Although retired from full-time teaching, Dr. Stricklin will continue to teach as an adjunct for DBU.



Mitch Bennett Celebrates 25 Years at DBU

Dallas Baptist University recently honored Mitch Bennett for 25 years of service to the University. Bennett joined the DBU staff in 1988, shortly after DBU President Dr. Gary Cook was elected. Bennett has faithfully served as the Assistant to the President and Director of Gift Accounting throughout his tenure. He has been an integral part of ensuring the growth and stability of what was once a struggling institution. He has likewise helped direct aid to countless students receiving University scholarships.

In recognition of his service, DBU has established an endowed scholarship fund to benefit needy students at the University.

Bennett holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor University, and a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Education in Higher Education from DBU.

He is an active deacon at the First Baptist Church of McGregor. In 2005, Bennett was honored as DBU Staff Member of the Year. He also has served as a member of the Dallas Baptist University Alumni Association Board.

Mitch is pictured above with family and friends who attended his reception, including (left to right) friends Mary Ann and Greg Vaughn; sister-in-law Marci Bennett; Amy and nephew, John Bennett IV; Mitch Bennett, holding his great-nephew, Foster Bennett; and cousins Caroline Hering, Phil Hering, and Deedie Hering.

Bill Eubanks Speaks at May Commencement

Rev. Bill Eubanks, who has served as Senior Pastor at Grand Prairie Bible Church since 1994, served as one of DBU's May Commencement speakers. Prior to serving in Grand Prairie, he was the Executive Pastor for Church of the Open Door in Elyria, Ohio for five years.

In 2001, Bill developed A Legacy of Light, a ministry aimed at spreading a passion for God's Word by telling "the drama and dogma of the Englishing of the Bible." In this ministry, he brings together the disciplines of Bible exposition, church history, biblical archaeology, and apologetics. Today, his academic interests include the Word of God, English Reformation history, and the transmission history and reliability of the Bible.

Rev. Eubanks and his wife, Fran, have three children: Will, a 2004 DBU graduate; Helen; and Janette, who graduated during the service with her bachelor's degree (pictured right). They are also the proud grandparents of Addison, Emma and Avery Joy.



John Humphreys Named Staff Member of the Year



John Humphreys, Director of DBU Mansfield, was named the 2013 Staff Member of the Year at Dallas Baptist University.

Humphreys joined the DBU staff in 1989 as Assistant to the Vice President for Financial Affairs. He has also served as Director of Recruiting and Administrative Services for the College of Professional Studies and Director of the MBA program.

In 2008, he helped establish the University's extension center, DBU Mansfield, and he currently oversees all operations including advising, counseling, and community partnership development. Humphreys was named DBU Advisor of the Year in 2003.

Previously he came from Waco, where he served as assistant vice president for commercial and real estate lending at NationsBank.

Humphreys holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, and a Master of Business Administration from DBU.

His wife, Dr. Jean Humphreys, has been a member of the DBU faculty since 1992, now serving as professor of sociology. They have three children: Lauren, Josh and Jordan; and one grandson, Griffin. The Humphreys are active members of the First Baptist Church of Arlington.

Fred Moses Speaks at May Commencement



Mr. Fred Moses, a strong spiritual leader in Collin County who has served in business, politics, and ministry for many years, served as the speaker for one of DBU's commencement services.

In 1985, Mr. Moses founded Telecom Electric Supply Company in Plano, where he still serves as President and CEO. He has received the Collin College Living Legend Award,

the Gladys Harrington Precinct Chair of the Year, the CEO Institute's Christian Business Leadership Award, and the Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. He has served as Chairman of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, President of the Collin County Republican Men's Club, and is the chairman of the Collin County Republican Party. In 2012, DBU honored Mr. Moses with the Tom Landry Leadership Award.

Mr. Moses and his wife, Mazzie, have been married for over 40 years and are members of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano. They have two adult children, Michelle Moses-Meeks (pictured above with Mr. Moses), who graduated during the commencement service, and Frederic Moses. Fred and Mazzie Moses are also the proud grandparents of three grandchildren.

Dennis Linam Celebrates 25 Years at DBU



DBU recently honored Dennis Linam, director of denominational and governmental relations, for 25 years of faithful service to the University. Linam was recognized during a special reception on May 30, and an endowed scholarship was created in his name to provide financial aid to needy students.

Linam joined the DBU staff in 1988 as an assistant to the President, shortly after the arrival of the recently elected President Dr. Gary Cook. He served as Vice President for Administrative Affairs before being named Vice President for External Affairs in 1992. In his current role as director of denominational and governmental relations, a position he has held since 2011, Mr. Linam works with various community and denominational leaders and organizations, as well as with DBU alumni, focusing especially on work with Decatur Baptist College alumni. In addition, he has worked as an advocate of the Texas Equalization Grant program, which provides students the funds to attend private institutions. In recognition of his work, the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas presented him with the 2005 ICUT President's Award. Mr. Linam was also named the 2009 DBU Staff Member of the Year.

Prior to DBU, Mr. Linam served as the director of the Urban Design Center for the City of Waco, in addition to being involved in many other community projects for Waco.

His wife, Dr. Gail Linam, serves as DBU's academic dean. The Linams have three children, Angela, Diane, and Brooks, and one grandson, Spencer. They are active members of First Baptist Church of Arlington, where Mr. Linam serves as a deacon.