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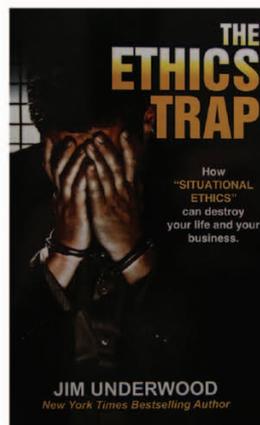
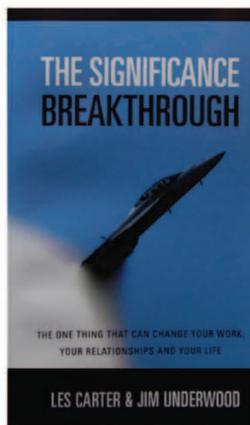
Dr. Jekabs Bikis
Dean of Online Education

Dr. Jekabs Bikis has recently been named as the new dean of Online Education. He has served in various roles at DBU since his arrival as a student, most recently as the interim associate dean of the College of Business.

Originally from Latvia, Dr. Bikis arrived at DBU in 1995 as an international student. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Business Administration from DBU in 1999; his MBA from DBU in 2001; and his Ph.D. in public policy and political economy from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Through the years he has served at DBU as assistant professor of economics, director of academic continuation support, and director of hybrid education, as well as a course designer in Online Education.

He and his wife, April, have two children.



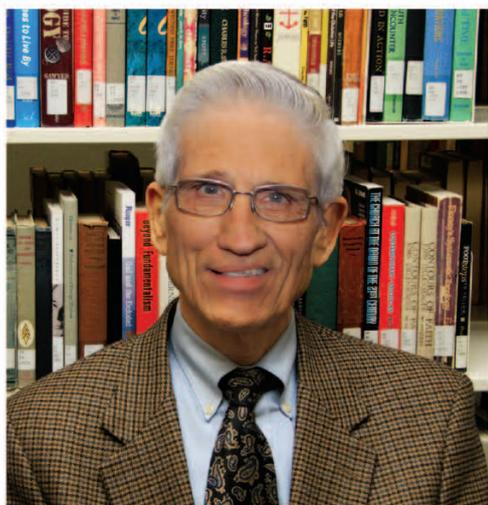
Dr. Jim Underwood
Releases Two
New Books

Dr. Jim Underwood, DBU professor of management, has recently produced two new books covering issues of management, ethics, and relational interaction.

In *The Ethics Trap*, Dr. Underwood explores the problems that are faced when business leaders apply situational ethics to their decision making and argues that by maintaining the highest ethical standards in their practices, businesses actually can and do succeed.

Co-written with Dr. Les Carter, *The Significance Breakthrough* ties into their previous work, *The Significance Principle*, and describes how the innate human desire to seek significance can be used for good when applied with humility and grace to serve others.

Dr. Underwood has been a member of the DBU faculty in the College of Business for 22 years.



Dr. Bob Colton
Advisor of the Year

The 2011 Advisor of the Year is Dr. Bob Colton. Dr. Colton is a professor of psychology and counseling in the DBU College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He has served as a full-time faculty member since 1990 and was the director of the DBU Counseling Center for 20 years as a licensed psychologist in the State of Texas. He also served part time as a counselor for many years at the Irving Christian Counseling Center.

Prior to coming to DBU, Dr. Colton was a pastor in churches in both Colorado and Texas for over 20 years. He and his wife, Mary Jane, have two children and nine grandchildren.

Each year, students are provided the opportunity to nominate their advisors for this award, and a committee reviews the nominations and selects the winners. "He doesn't just give his time; he lovingly and willingly sacrifices his time," explained one student who nominated Dr. Colton. "There are not many people like that in today's busy, fast, and impatient world."

Another student said, "He goes over, above, and beyond what is necessary or required when helping a student."