



Sabrina sitting at the piano, preparing the musicians for another Sunday worship.

Introducing Sabrina Na... Worship Coordinator

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It's 10:30 A.M. on a Sunday morning at the Campus Chapel. Sabrina plays a note on the piano while David tunes his viola and Sarah her violin. Paul sits on the steps, playing a soft beat on the djembe drum. Copies of sheet music are shuffled between the four of them. Worship practice is about to begin. With only an hour before worship starts, there is much to cover.

From behind the piano, with pencil in hand, Sabrina runs through the worship liturgy, calling everyone's attention to the music-related details.

"I think this song, during the time of the confession, should be more contemplative and I'll play music behind the prayer," she says, instructing each musician when to fall out, or come in, or play louder or softer, the harmony or the melody.

Given the talent present around the piano, what follows is an hour in which these four students produce beautiful music, create off the cuff arrangements, and share ideas for how to play that last verse of that one familiar hymn. And, all the while, Sabrina, this poised, confident, and extremely competent nineteen year old, is in charge.

It's been nearly three years now since Sabrina Na first sat at the Chapel piano on a Sunday morning. And for the past two years, Sabrina has served as the

Chapel's Worship Intern. It's a title that, by now, no longer adequately describes Sabrina's contribution to or her role in worship at the Chapel. Whereas Sabrina began the last two years as an intern taking her cues from the pastoral staff, she very quickly proved herself to be an invaluable member of the Chapel's ministry team, so much so that, in the coming school year, Sabrina will shed her title of intern and take on a new role as the Chapel's Worship Coordinator.

Recently, some members of the Chapel board and staff had the opportunity to sit down with Sabrina to reflect with her on her experience as the Chapel's worship intern. Among many other things, Sabrina had this to say about the experience.

"This year will stand out as being important mostly because of the perspective that I have gained in terms of the part that music plays throughout the worship service. By working closely with the pastors, I could see for myself the planning and work that goes into other parts of the worship, not just limited to music. I came to see worship as a holistic experience, of which music is an integral part... I have found myself to be singularly blessed to have been able to develop and culture my skills in an encouraging environment. "

As one of the pastors who has worked closely with Sabrina for the last two years, it's incredible to see just how much she has grown, not just in her musical ability and her knowledge of worship music, but in her confidence, her poise, and her ability to lead her peers. I can't help but feel that Sabrina is just the kind of student they had in mind when the folks at Christian Reformed Home Missions established the Emerging Leader Grant program several years ago. It was a grant from this program that made possible Sabrina's internship over the last two years.

Sabrina will be a senior in the coming year. She anticipates graduating with a degree in neuroscience in May of 2012, at which time she hopes to move on to graduate level studies. Chances are that Sabrina will never pursue a career as a worship leader in a church. But her experience as an intern at the Chapel has given her confidence and competencies that she will carry with her into whatever she endeavors to do.

April Goodbyes

Campus Chapel Board

April has been said to be the cruelest month, and indeed it just might be so, with taxes due, papers to finish, and dissertations to defend. But April is a good month too, with graduations to celebrate, job offers to be thankful for, summer internships to look forward to. April at Campus Chapel can also be tinged with sadness as we say good-bye to friends who won't be returning in the Fall.

Pastors Ashley and Geoff bid chapel member Bonitah Goh farewell.



Along with saying good-bye to students, we at Campus Chapel say goodbye to Geoff and Ashley Van Dragt who have served us well the past two years. They brought us together, molded us into a community and made Campus Chapel a good place to be. They preached and taught us about God's love and how we are to respond to his love. We thank them for that. We know that they will

continue to serve Jesus Christ and his church and we wish them God's blessings wherever they go.

The board of Campus Chapel has asked board members Stephen Postema, Joel Ondersma, and Harvey Stob along with Chapel members Erica Boldenow, Dieter Bouma, Melody Pugh, Aaron Iverson, and Sabrina Na (along with input from Pastor for Academic Ministries Rolf Bouma) to look for candidates for the position of Pastor of Community Life. People in seminaries and other places of influence have been contacted and they have passed on the position description to people they think might be good candidates. Several people have already responded and the search committee is beginning to assess those responses. Please spread the word about this position to friends whom you think might be good candidates and of course pray for the search committee that the right person/s might be found.

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Table at the memorial service commemorating the lives of deceased students.

Celebrating and Commemorating Life and Death

Rolf Bouma

Director of CFS and Pastor of Academic Ministries

Three years is a long time in the planning. It was in the spring of 2008 when I first spoke with Todd Sevig, then director of the Counseling and Psychological Services program at the University of Michigan, about the need for a university memorial service at the end of each academic year to commemorate the lives of those students who had passed away before their time at the university was completed. We both agreed that a ‘culture of youth’ as well as the university’s reluctance to call attention to students deaths, especially when the result of suicide, hid from sight the reality of death and loss. A memorial service would bring these things into the open in a helpful and healing way.

A year later, on May 27, 2009, Todd and I ventured down to Columbus, Ohio to take in the annual memorial service that the Ohio State Student Advocacy Center and the University Interfaith Association (UIA) jointly sponsor each year. We were impressed by the cooperation between religious leaders and the university administration in holding a public recognition for the family and friends of the 19 students from OSU who had passed away the previous year.

It would be another two years before a similar event would be scheduled at Michigan. It was with a sense of satisfaction that on the afternoon

of April 18 at 1:30 PM that I participated in the first annual memorial service at the University of Michigan. Held in the Kuenzel Room of the Michigan Union, the service recognized the 14 students at the University of Michigan who had passed away during the course of this past academic year. Jointly sponsored by the Association of Religious Counselors (ARC) and the University of Michigan Student Affairs division, the service was an interfaith recognition of the proximity of life and death even in a university setting.

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I’m not surprised that it took three years. Understandably, the university administration moved slowly. It was unknown how many families would attend, especially since several deceased students were from overseas. Even with those families within Michigan, we had to discover through experience that there would be hesitation to commit to attend, but when it came to the actual day, they wouldn’t miss it for anything. It was a public recognition of the place of their son or daughter or grandchild at the University they had attended.

And for once at a university event, religious faith was front and center. Texts were read from the

three religious traditions represented by the students who died. Rachel Yerkey of Interfaith Action at the Ginsburg Center read Psalm 23 and Psalm 90 from the Jewish tradition. Frank Anderson of the Zen Buddhist Temple offered a prayer from the Buddhist tradition. Kimberly Shim of the Seventh-day Adventist Student Association read Ecclesiastes 3 and Romans 8 from the Christian tradition. Stephen Rush, former music director at the Campus Chapel and now professor of music at University of Michigan School of Music, provided music with echoes from a variety of religious faiths. It was an occasion that demonstrated that religion has a place in a public, pluralistic setting if it is done with integrity and sensitivity.

Laura Blake Jones, the dean of students, summarized it well: “. . . the wonderful memorial service earlier this week . . . was extremely well done and so meaningful to the families and friends of our deceased students. My thanks to all who provided the initial conceptual vision for the ceremony and to those who assisted in the creation and implementation of the program. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from all who attended with the most consistent comment being how perfectly well the balance was struck in the content of the program.” God and life can be honored even in unexpected places and times.

Alternative, Alternative Spring Break

Pictured Left to Right: Mark Teater, Melody Pugh, Aaron Iverson, Sarah Shubitowski, Harvey Stob, Harleigh Seyffert, Mozhgon Rajae, Deborah Forger, and Pastor Rolf Bouma in front of Gethsemani Abbey.

An alternative, alternative spring break? A group of students experienced one during this year's spring break when they spent five days at the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown, Kentucky. The retreat was organized by CFS Director Rolf Bouma, and Chapel/CFS board member Harvey Stob attended as well.

Gethsemani Abbey was monastic home to author and contemplative Thomas Merton, a famous convert to Christianity and Catholicism in the 1930s. Although Merton passed away tragically in 1968, Gethsemani remains a focus for the contemplative life and home to some 50 monks of the Trappist order. Trappists are formally known as Cistercians of the Strict Observance for their emphasis upon the rule of silence that appears in the Rule of St. Benedict, the set of principles that guide monastic life since the 6th century.

Students stayed in the monastery retreat house and attended the daily offices in the monastery church. Over the course of the week, they managed to figure out the order of duties among the monks – the abbot who signaled the beginning and end of each office, the cantor(s) who initiated the hymns and psalms, and even the little,



stooped monk whose job it was to ring the monastery bell at the end of compline (we wondered whether Hugo's literary masterpiece made it a requirement that the bellringer be stooped).

Gethsemani is one of those 'thin' places where the spiritual and the temporal touch. Retreatants expressed appreciation for a time away from the distractions of university life in Ann Arbor and the noise — both aural and spiritual — that obscures God's presence during the academic year. For a number of the graduate students, the week offered an opportunity for writing, and since the Abbey sits on 2000 acres in the Kentucky foothills, there was ample opportunity for spending time in nature.



ARC Scholar, Dr. Stephen Prothero

The Center for Faith and Scholarship took a lead role in supporting the Association of Religious Counselors host a leading scholar of religion on the University of Michigan campus. During his graduate studies at Boston University, CFS director Rolf Bouma served as a Teaching Assistant for religion scholar Stephen Prothero, and so there was a personal connection to entice to Ann Arbor the well-known scholar and author of books such as *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World--and Why Their Differences Matter* and *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know--And Doesn't*.

Dr. Prothero spoke to a gathering of ARC members on the morning of February 9, then met with over 50 honors students from the honors program at U. of M. over a lunch organized by the Associate Director of the Honors Program Donna Wessel Walker. Stephen capped off his busy day with a public lecture in the Rackham Amphitheater at 4 PM. Lectures on religion are all the more valuable at University of Michigan because there is no religious studies program and it is a rare day when scholarly and systematic treatments of religion take place on campus.

The podcasts of Stephen's talks are available on the CFS website (www.cfs-aa.org) as well as the website of the Association of Religious Counselors (www.umich.edu/~religion).



Left: Michigan Honors students gather to dialogue with Dr. Stephen Prothero.

Right: Religion scholar Dr. Stephen Prothero engages discussion and questions.

Ruth Padilla DeBorst

On a Sunday evening at the end of January, Ruth Padilla DeBorst addressed a group of thirty graduate students from the University of Michigan. A native of Argentina, Ruth grew up in a missions settling and recently has focused on higher education in Central and South America. This higher education connection – she works in Latin America with the Institute for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education and the Latin America Theological Fellowship – explains why she was eager to include Ann Arbor in her itinerary and connect with graduate students from the Campus Chapel and from Graduate Christian Fellowship of Intervarsity.



Ruth Padilla DeBorst, missionary and educator in El Salvador.

Ruth is an accomplished speaker, having been a keynote at the 2009 Urbana Conference for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. As valuable as were her observations on the current state of Christianity in Latin America, her historical perspective on the repressive regimes that dominated South America in the 1970s and 80s was illuminating as well.

Kudos and Farewells



Joshua Koetsier (or “Joosh”, as his Phi Alpha Kappa brothers fondly call him) graduated this spring with his BA in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, but there is little rest for the weary. Josh will soon be moving to Wisconsin where he has landed a job with the Navy doing precisely what he’s spent the last four years preparing for, designing boats. We’ll miss Josh’s always smiling face around the Chapel and we wish him the best in his new job.



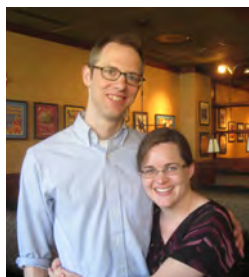
Joel Ondersma has been a Campus Chapel regular for the last four years, as he’s worked on his BA in Materials Science and Engineering. Though Joel graduated this spring, we’re happy to report that he will be sticking around Ann Arbor to complete a one year masters degree. Joel has also recently begun to serve on the Chapel’s board of directors, putting to good use the leadership skills he developed as president of the Phi Alpha Kappa fraternity this year. So, kudos to Joel, but we’ll hold off on saying “goodbye” for now.



Greg Hoogland Kudos to Greg for finishing up his masters degree in Architecture and Urban Planning! Greg has been a very involved member of the Campus Chapel for the last several years, participating in various Bibles studies, theological discussions and fellowship activities. We will miss hearing the stories of his crazy all nighters in the architecture studio but we’re happy for him that he finally gets to go put all his learning into practice. We wish Greg the best as he figures out where to best do that.




Krista Sneller Congratulations to Krista Sneller on completing her Master of Science in Community Care/Public Health Nursing. She will finish her research this summer and continue her nursing work on the oncology floor of the University of Michigan Hospital before beginning a job search for a position in community nursing. Given her busy schedule and nursing obligations, she has appreciated the Chapel and its family feel. She will miss the Chapel book club, lectio Divina group, game nights, Wednesday dinners, and Thanksgiving celebrations with different people each year.



David and Angela Heetderks attended the Chapel the last two years when David was already well along in his doctoral studies in the School of Music while Angela recently began her graduate program in English. Their musical and literary abilities were put to good use as David played the viola regularly for Chapel worship and he directed the advent choir this past December. Angela contributed her singing voice and served as liturgist on a number of occasions. David successfully defended his dissertation in music theory this past April, and they will be moving to Oberlin, Ohio, where David has a teaching position in the music department. Angela will commute to Ann Arbor while she finishes her doctoral program. They are also expecting their first child in the fall.

Financial Report -- July 2010 through April 2011

Campus Chapel Ministries is grateful for consistent and generous financial support from friends, alumni, and participants in its ministries. Last year, in the most difficult of economic times, we saw contributions to the Chapel rise to \$200,000, which is necessary for fully funding all of the ministries and activities of the Chapel.

This year, funding has been a challenge. With two months left in fiscal year of the Campus Chapel Ministries, receipts are behind expenses by approximately \$28,000 for the year. Please consider a gift to Campus Chapel Ministries to help defray our fiscal year-end deficit. It will be of tremendous benefit as our new fiscal year begins in July and plans for ministry in September develop. 

Income

Building Use	10,190
Church and Classis Support	34,712
Individual Donors	74,217
Grants	12,000
Partner Organizations	6,091
TOTAL	\$138,210

Expenses

Building & Grounds	13,842
Fundraising/Publicity	3,951
Lectures	8,066
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TOTAL	\$165,735

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