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Greetings from CTS!

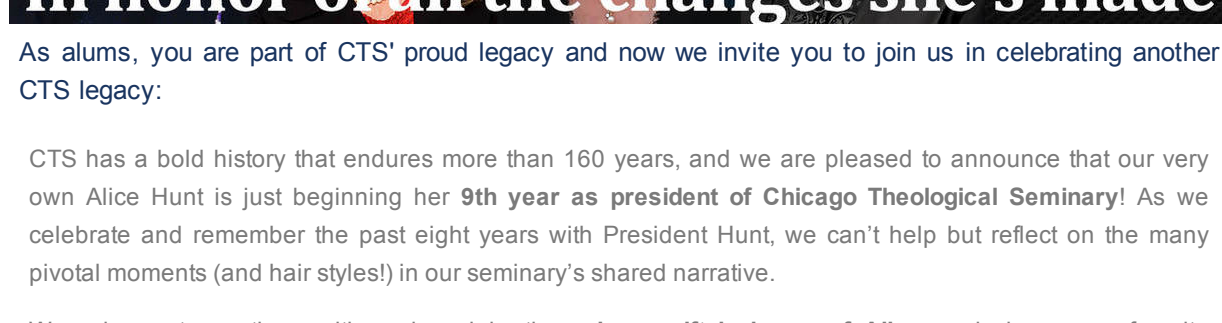
In the coming well week, CTS will be welcoming the largest group of new students for on-campus orientation--all thanks to the tireless effort of the orientation team. CONNECTS and Alumni Relations are also excited to be included as part of the orientation schedule. New students will have the opportunity to meet with a group of alumni/ae and current students to discuss the wonderful possibilities as a CTS student and graduate offers. Our [CONNECTS Alumni Network](#) is about building relationship and opportunities for engagement before, during, and after a student's time at CTS.

As new students join us this fall, we hope you will also have the opportunity to engage with us. Keep us updated with your ministry, activism, and scholarship. Show up for community chapel or public lecture. And join the conversation in our Facebook group.

Sincerely,

Chad Schwickerath, *Manager of Annual Fund & Alumni Relations*

CELEBRATE ALICE'S NINTH YEAR!



As alums, you are part of CTS' proud legacy and now we invite you to join us in celebrating another CTS legacy:

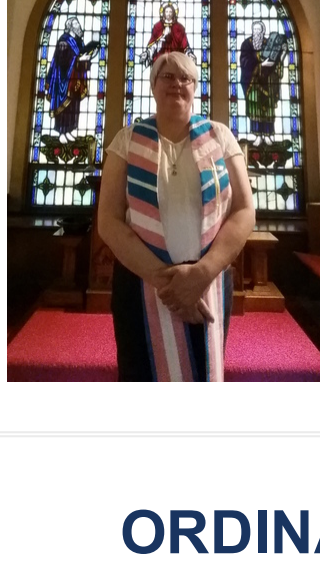
CTS has a bold history that endures more than 160 years, and we are pleased to announce that our very own Alice Hunt is just beginning her 9th year as president of Chicago Theological Seminary! As we celebrate and remember the past eight years with President Hunt, we can't help but reflect on the many pivotal moments (and hair styles!) in our seminary's shared narrative.

We ask you to continue with us in celebration, give a gift in honor of Alice, and share your favorite memories! We thank you for your support that has brought CTS to the forefront of bold theological education.

[Join the Celebration](#)

ALUMNI PROFILES

Every CONNECTS Quarterly will bring you the profile of an alum. If there is a CTS alum you would like to see profiled, please send your suggestions to Juli Nunez at juli.nunez@ctschicago.edu.



"Everything matters. There are no fatal flaws. It's a lot of different things, depending on how you look at it. It's experiences I had outside the classroom, experiences I had inside the classroom. There's a lot that happens at CTS."

Rev. Cindi Knox is pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ in Evanston, IL and a contributing editor at revgalblogpals.org. A 2013 graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary, her emphases were ministry with people on the margins of church and society, and working with new and renewing congregations. Cindi is a woman of transsexual history, transitioning in 1986, and met her wife Mary in 1989. She has one daughter, a stepdaughter, and two step-grandchildren.

[READ CINDI'S FULL STORY HERE](#)

ORDINATION CONGRATULATIONS

This has been an extraordinary summer for CTS alums who have answered the call. Join us in congratulating your fellow CTS alums who have been ordained within the past three months:

Alli Baker (MDiv 2013)

Robyn Gray (MDiv 2014)

Cindi Knox (MDiv 2013)

Christopher Marlin-Warfield (MDiv 2006)

Katie Miller (MDiv 2016)

Jessica Palys (MDiv 2014)

James Schleif (MDiv 2016)

Eric Stricklin (MDiv 2015)

Did we miss someone? Please send us your ordination news to Chad Schwickerath at chad.schwickerath@ctschicago.edu.

PUBLICATIONS

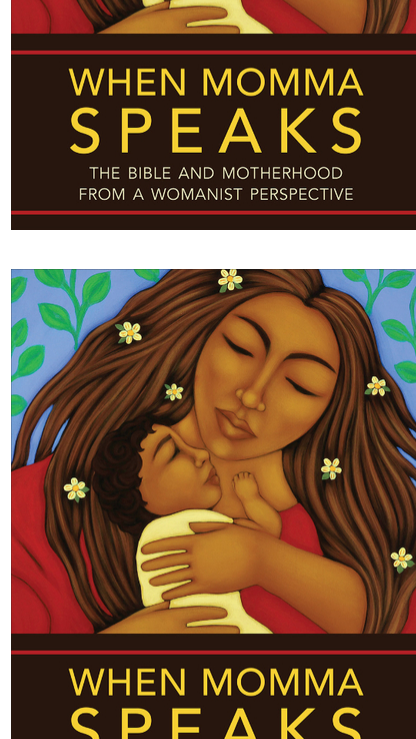
The CTS community is never afraid to share its commitments. Below are examples of work done by CTS alums and faculty. Written something you would like to share? Please send examples of your work to chad.schwickerath@ctschicago.edu.

Professor Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder

When Momma Speaks: The Bible & Motherhood from a Womanist Perspective

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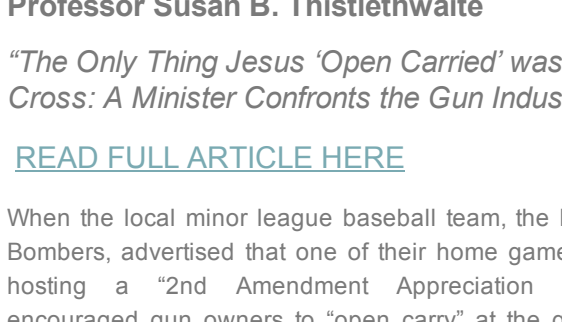
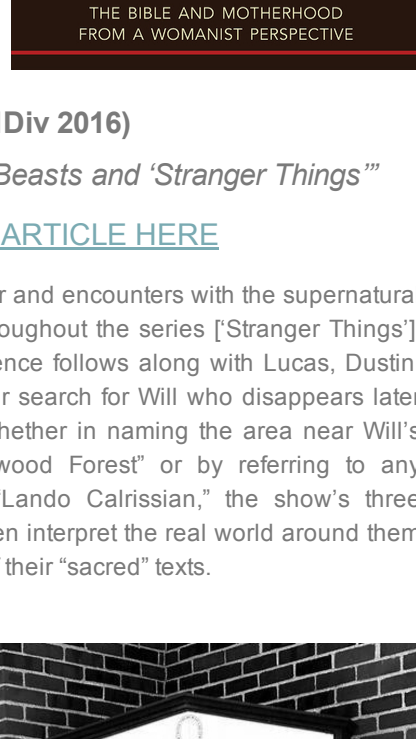


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Tyler Tully (MDiv 2016)

"Of God and Beasts and 'Stranger Things'"

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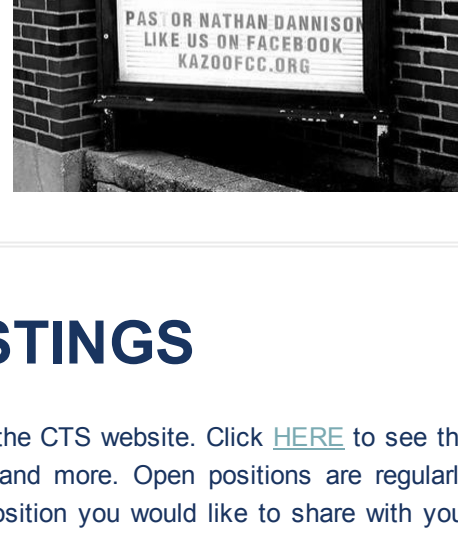
Childlike wonder and encounters with the supernatural are common throughout the series ["Stranger Things"], where the audience follows along with Lucas, Dustin, and Mike in their search for Will who disappears later that evening. Whether in naming the area near Will's home as "Mirkwood Forest" or by referring to any turncoat as a "Lando Calrissian," the show's three (nerdy) boys often interpret the real world around them using the lens of their "sacred" texts.

Professor Susan B. Thistlethwaite

"The Only Thing Jesus 'Open Carried' was the Cross: A Minister Confronts the Gun Industry"

[READ FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)

When the local minor league baseball team, the Battle Creek Bombers, advertised that one of their home games would be hosting a "2nd Amendment Appreciation Night" that encouraged gun owners to "open carry" at the game, at the same time as they were honoring the Boy Scouts, Rev. Dannison decided it was time to act decisively.



NEW JOB POSTINGS

There are exciting opportunities on the Job Postings page on the CTS website. Click [HERE](#) to see the newest positions available at churches, schools, hospitals, and more. Open positions are regularly shared on the [CONNECTS Facebook group](#). Is there a job position you would like to share with your fellow alums? Please submit [this form](#), or contact the advancement department for assistance at 773.896.2430.

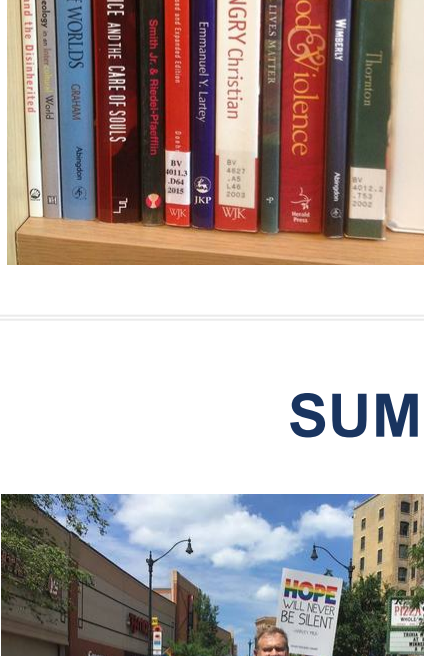
UPCOMING EVENTS

Alums are always welcomed at CTS events. Join us in person or online for these upcoming events. More information about upcoming events can be found [HERE](#).

- **OPENING CHAPEL: President Alice Hunt** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Wednesday, September 7, 2016 12:00 pm Chapel, 1:00 pm Lunch
- **FALL CONVOCATION I: Dr. Zachary Moon** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 12:00 pm Chapel, 1:00 pm Lunch
- **FACULTY BOOK DISCUSSION AND SIGNING: Dr Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder, *When Momma Speaks: The Bible and Motherhood from a Womanist Perspective*** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Wednesday, September 21 from 5:00-6:00 pm
- **#SEMINARYLIFE DAY: Explore Chicago Theological Seminary**
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
- **10th ANNUAL C. SHELBY ROOKS LECTURE & SCHOLAR AWARD WITH REV. DR. MARSHA FOSTER** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Thursday, October 13, 2016, 5:15 pm Reception, 6:30 pm Lecture
- **THE VICTOR OBENHAUS LECTURESHIP SERIES** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Tuesday, October 25, 5:15-6:30 pm
- **FALL CONVOCATION II: Rabbi Dr. Rachel Mikva** [\[LIVE STREAMED\]](#)
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 12:00 pm Chapel, 1:00 pm Lunch

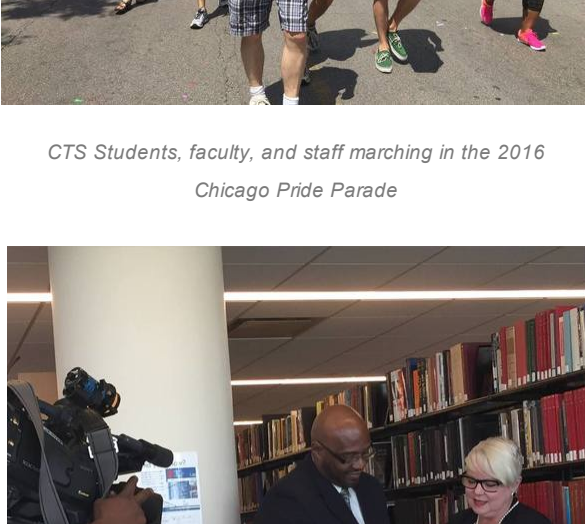
AUGUST 2016 READING LIST

This Quarterly's reading list comes from Professor Zachary Moon, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care. During the Fall Semester, he will be teaching Pedagogies and Introduction to Pastoral Theology (online). Here is the reading list to his [Introduction to Pastoral Theology](#) class:



- Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*
- Emmanuel Lartey, *Pastoral Theology in an Intercultural World*
- Larry Graham, *Care of Persons, Care of Worlds*
- Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen Montagna (eds.), *Injustice and the Care of Souls*
- Archie Smith and Ursula Riedel-Pfaefflin, *Siblings by Choice*
- Carrie Doehring, *The Practice of Pastoral Care*
- Emmanuel Lartey, *In Living Color*
- Andrew Lester, *The Angry Christian*
- Pamela Lightsey, *Our Lives Matter*
- Patricia McDonald, *God & Violence*
- Edward Wimberly, *Relational Refugees*
- Sharon Thornton, *Broken Yet Beloved*

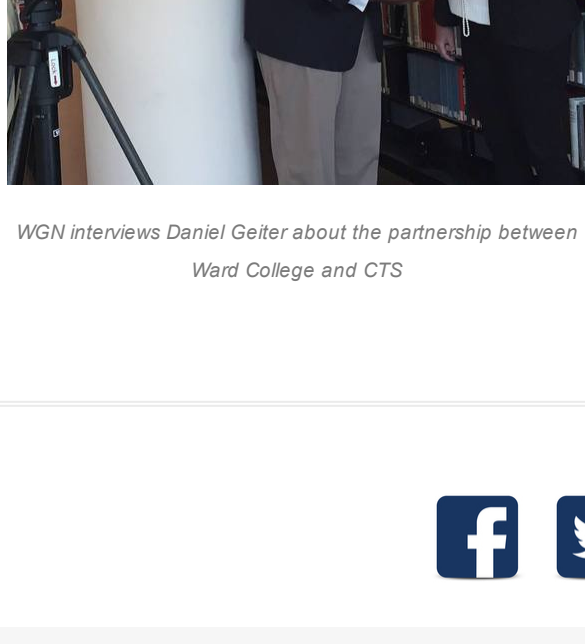
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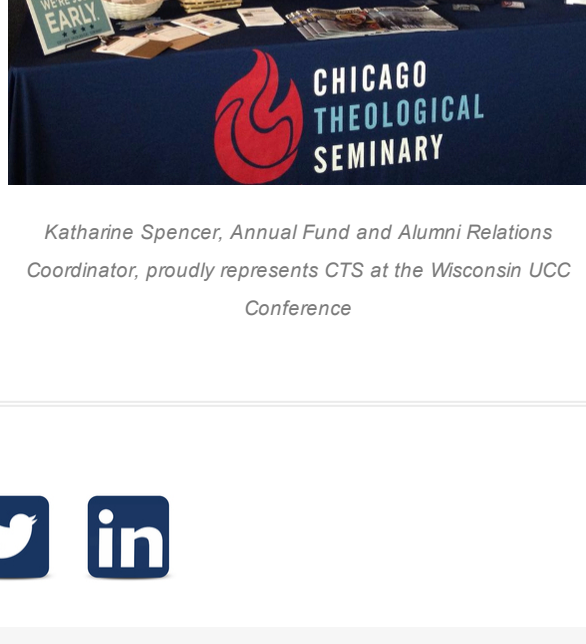
CTS Students, faculty, and staff marching in the 2016 Chicago Pride Parade



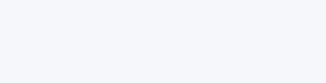
CTS participating in the anniversary of the historic Chicago Freedom Movement #1000MileMarch



WGN interviews Daniel Gelter about the partnership between Ward College and CTS

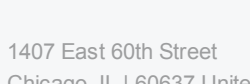


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