

Four alumni earn recognition

Grace Schrock-Hurst Prasetyo '10, who will receive the Young Alumnus Award, has spent the past five-plus years working jointly with Servants to Asia's Urban Poor and Virginia Mennonite Missions to serve the impoverished and marginalized populations of urban Indonesia. Now she and her Indonesian husband, Yugo, and their two young children live among the poor—many of them Muslim. They assist with basic health education and care, arrange midwives and other services for pregnant women, provide education and programs for children and listen to the people's stories.

Harvey Yoder '64, SEM '99, is guided by a steadfast vision of God's future in which the "wolf lies down with the lamb, people study war no more, and prisoners are released." A pastor, teacher, counselor and community activist in Harrisonburg, Va., Yoder has written a book, *Lasting Marriage: The Owners' Manual* (Herald Press, 2007), hosts a radio program called "Centerpiece," and blogs at harvyoder.blogspot.com. He is Alumnus of the Year.

Wayne '67 and Donna Beachy '69 Burkhart will receive the Distinguished Service Award for their years of commitment to Gould Farm, a 650-acre therapeutic residential community for guests challenged by mental health disorders. The farm is in the Berkshire hills of Massachusetts.

Veterans' needs an area of rising concern and ministry at Eastern Mennonite Seminary

A conversation about the needs and issues facing military veterans has been arising in an unexpected place this year: the halls of [Eastern Mennonite Seminary](#) (EMS). Though the topic is an unusual area of interest for a seminary in the historic peace church tradition, EMS dean Michael King says the timely and necessary discussion "plunges the seminary into one of the most critical issues of our day. There is a sense of really powerful mutual healing potential."

The dialogue has grown as several graduate students recently focused their culminating research projects for their [Master of Divinity](#) degrees on veterans' concerns. They include Matt Stearn, who looked at how Mennonite denominations can provide healing communities for combat veterans, and Methodist pastor and former combat veteran Darin Busé, who named spiritual trauma as another casualty of combat.

Yet another graduate student, Michael McAndrew, a U.S. Navy veteran earning dual degrees in conflict transformation

and counseling. With a professional interest in serving veterans, McAndrew recently was awarded a scholarship to help finish his studies.

Additionally, EMU's peacebuilding experts have over the years engaged with military communities. For example, "[The Journey Home From War](#)" is an adaptation for veterans and military families of Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) trainings by counselor Carolyn Yoder '72.

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