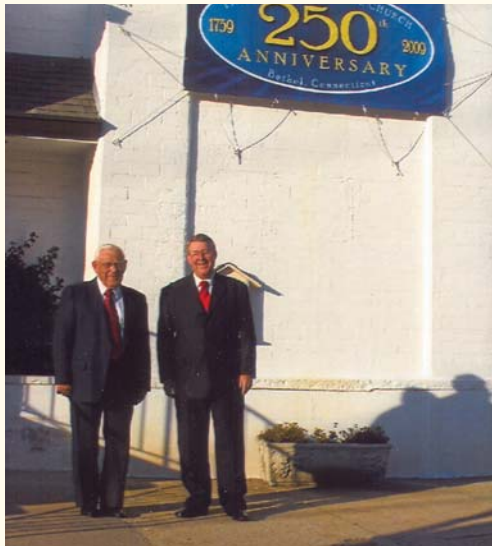


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Treasure Bacon, Archbold - The daughter of LuAnn Bacon, she attended Archbold High School. On campus, she is an ambassador for the admissions department, a student worker for the business office, a writing consultant for the Academic Resource Center, and a Carolyn M. Small Honors student. She was also awarded the 2009 Calista Olds award for Excellence in Bible and Religious Studies. Bacon is a junior double majoring in criminal justice and public communication.

Bryant Green, Fishers, Ind. - The son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Green, he attended Fishers High School. On campus, he is an active member of the football team, a criminal justice student assistant to two professors, plays in the pep band, is involved with PULSE, and is a member of the Criminal Justice Society. He also formed a student string ensemble to play at local and campus events. Green is a sophomore double-majoring in criminal justice and psychology.

Gregg Harter, Sherwood - The son of Jacqueline Harter, he attended Fairview High School, Sherwood. On campus, he is involved with the Alpha Rho Lambda Criminal Justice Honor Society and flag football. Harter is a junior double majoring in criminal justice and psychology. ♦



First Congregational Church in Bethel, Conn., recently observed its 250th anniversary. Current pastor of the church is 1967 Defiance College alumnus Rev. Sheldon Smith, pictured at right with Professor Emeritus Randy Buchman who was a special guest for festivities held in November.

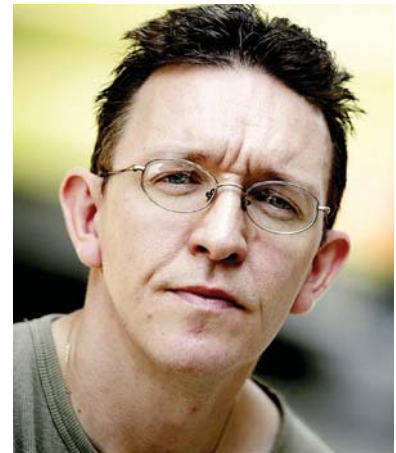
McMASTER SYMPOSIUM

Two outstanding keynote speakers anchor the annual event

Two outstanding speakers will be the keynote speakers for this year's McMaster Symposium. The event will be held on April 7 and 8, 2010, with the theme being "Democracy and Education in the Face of Rural Change."

Patrick Carr, associate professor of sociology at Rutgers University, will speak on Thursday, April 8, at 2 p.m. Carr co-authored the book, *Hollowing Out the Middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What it Means for America*, with his partner Maria Kefala.

Carr and Kefala spent a year living in "Ellis," a small town in northeastern Iowa, conducting ethnographic research on the residents and the young adults who moved away. Through in-depth interviews Carr and Kefala identified four categories of residents: the working-class "stayers;" the college-bound "achievers;" the military-bound "seekers;" and the "returners." Evidence gathered by Carr and Kefala indicate that the town's decline can be attributed to its own well meaning residents. Parents, teachers/coaches, and clergy encouraged the "best and brightest" to leave and subsequently did not support the social and civic development of the "stayers." Carr will argue that the decline and continual loss of small Midwestern towns has already had and will continue to have a major detrimental impact on the economic health of the United States. Carr will discuss solutions for small towns to retain, attract, and develop a creative and entrepreneurial mindset that will re-position rural America for the global economy.



Patrick Carr



Adam Renner

Adam Renner, associate professor of education at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY, will speak on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Renner has a Ph.D. in cultural studies from the University of Tennessee and focuses his research on issues of pedagogy, social difference, and service learning. He will clarify the necessary long term (and feasible) work ahead for future educators.

Renner has done research and long-term service with schools and social service agencies in Jamaica, Mexico and Canada. He has also been published in *Educational Studies*, *EcoJustice Review*, *Rethinking Schools*, the *Rouge Forum*, the *High School Journal*, the *Kentucky Journal of Excellence*, the *International Journal of Learning*, and the *Journal of Curriculum Theorizing*. ♦

The 2011 McMaster Symposium will focus on whether promotion of individual liberty is a key to improving the human condition.