



Candler NEWS



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Welcome, Dean Jonathan Strom!

Today marks the start of a new chapter at Candler, as **Jonathan Strom** takes the helm as dean for a two-year term. Strom certainly isn't new to Candler; he's served on the faculty since 1997. You can learn more about his contributions to Candler and Emory [in this story from the Emory News Center](#), and [read a letter from Strom to the Candler community here](#).

With this new beginning, there's also a chance to learn more about Dean Strom beyond the classroom. [Check out this Q&A](#) where he shares his vision for Candler's future, what alumni can do to support the school in this pivotal period, and even a hidden talent or two.

Fall 2024 Brings New Faculty, New Titles

Each fall marks the opening of a new academic year, but the fall 2024 semester will bring even more newness than usual to Candler: a new dean,

a new professorship, new faculty, and new titles. As the school looks forward to the start of classes at the end of August, we welcome new and visiting faculty to Candler's ranks and celebrate promotions of current faculty. [Read on to learn about our freshest faculty faces.](#)

Candler to Open New Academic Year with Convocation, Faculty Installations

Candler School of Theology will open the 2024-2025 academic year with a fall convocation service on Thursday, August 29, at 11:05 a.m. EDT in Cannon Chapel. Two faculty members will be officially installed in named chairs—[Jonathan Strom](#) as Mary Lee Hardin Willard Dean, and [Anthony A. Briggman](#) as the inaugural Dr. Andrew J. and Georgia L. Ekonomou Distinguished Associate Professor of Patristic Theology—and Strom will give the convocation address. [See more details on Fall Convocation.](#)

Foundry Online Certificate Program Opens Year with New Track in Trauma-Informed Care

In September, Candler's public theological education initiative The Candler Foundry will start the third year of its online certificate program "Foundations in Faith & Leadership," which provides training and micro-credentialing for those who seek to develop ministry skills through structured and interactive learning—including lay leaders, deacons, church boards, pastors, teachers, activists, and community organizers.

Led by Candler faculty and other expert practitioners, the program offers tracks in peacebuilding and conflict transformation, essentials for biblical interpretation, essentials for youth ministry, and now a fourth track in trauma-informed care and ministry. [Learn more and register for a Foundations track.](#)

Candler Alum Ordained Bishop of Mississippi Episcopal Diocese

Dorothy Sanders Wells, a 2018 graduate of Candler's Doctor of Ministry program, has been ordained, consecrated, and seated as 11th bishop of The

Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. Wells is the first woman and Black person to serve in the role. [Read more about Wells.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that events are subject to change. All events are on Eastern Time. Click on the event title to see more details and registration information. [See a full listing of upcoming Candler events here.](#)

Ongoing: [Courses in the Community](#) offered by The Candler Foundry

August 29: [Fall Convocation](#)

September 4, 5, 17: [Foundations Online Certificate Program track cohorts begin: "Trauma-Informed Care and Ministry"](#)

September 9: [Foundations Online Certificate Program tracks begin: "Essentials for Biblical Interpretation," "Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation," "Essentials for Youth Ministry"](#)

September 19: The 2024 Morgan Forum, "When Translation Really Matters: Momentous Decisions in the History of the English Bible"

Candler's Pitts Theology Library will host the second annual Morgan Forum on Thursday, September 19. Named for the library's [J. Michael Morgan English Bible & Psalmody Collection](#), the forum is centered around the history of the English Bible and its ongoing significance to the church and world. [Stay tuned for more details and registration information on The Morgan Forum.](#)

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