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Candler Honors 2025 Alumni Award Recipients

On October 23, Candler presented three alumni with the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards, an honor recognizing alumni for their work in service to Candler, the church, the academy and/or the community. [Read more about this year's honorees](#): **Codi Norred 17T**, **Dominique A. Robinson 10T 11T**, and **Sue Hauptert-Johnson 95T** (pictured above after the ceremony).

Carol Newsom Awarded British Academy's Burkitt Medal

Charles Howard Candler Professor Emerita of Old Testament **Carol A. Newsom** has received the 2025 Burkitt Medal for Biblical Studies from the British Academy, the United Kingdom's national academy for the humanities and social sciences. Cited for her distinguished contributions to the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient Hebrew wisdom literature and apocalyptic, Newsom was presented with the medal on October 16 at the British Academy's annual awards ceremony in London. [Read more about Newsom's award](#).

Nov. 8 Events to Reflect on Gissendaner, Death Penalty Advocacy 10 Years Later

Members of the Candler community past and present will gather on November 8 in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Kelly Gissendaner's execution on September 30, 2015. "#KellyOnMyMind: An Afternoon of Reflection on the Death Penalty and a Meaningful Life" will feature two panel discussions that honor the legacy of a powerful moment in Candler's history a decade ago. The panels will include Candler alumni **Kim Jackson 09T** and **Hillary Taylor 18T**. [Register to attend #KellyOnMyMind in person or online.](#)

Hammond, Pitts Play Key Roles in Wesley Works Project

Candler's longstanding strength in Wesleyan studies recently gained a new proof point: **Geordan Hammond**, associate professor of Wesleyan and Methodist studies, has been named associate general editor of The Wesley Works Editorial Project, a decades-long collaboration between four United Methodist seminaries to make the full published writings of John Wesley broadly accessible to the general public. Hammond will work with colleagues in Candler's Pitts Theology Library, which is hosting the new digitization portion of the project in partnership with the Emory Center for Digital Scholarship. [Learn more about Candler's role in the Wesley Works Project.](#)

New Faculty Books Explore Mary, Psychology

Make more room on your bookshelf for these new books from Candler faculty members! Check out the links to learn more:

- Assistant Professor of Theology and Africana Studies **Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones'** first monograph, [*Immaculate Misconceptions: A Black Mariology*](#), was published in June by Oxford University Press.

- [Two companion volumes](#) by Associate Professor of Psychology and Spiritual Care **Geoff Goodman** were published by Routledge: *Using Psychoanalytic Techniques to Transform the Attachment Relationship to God* and *Practical Applications of Transforming the Attachment Relationship to God*.

Atlanta Congregations: Learn More about Nurturing Children's Faith

The Sacred Arts Collective (TSAC) at Candler engages Atlanta-area congregations to imagine how to nurture and grow children's faith through the integration of the arts in worship. TSAC is now recruiting congregational teams for its 2026 cohort experience to engage with and hear from children, facilitate intergenerational participation in creative arts, and develop networks for ministry leaders to connect for dialogue and to enrich congregational ministries. Is your congregation interested? [Take part in our online info session on November 20 from 7:00–8:00 p.m.](#)

Replay: "Pastoral Leadership in a Time of Christian Nationalism"

Videos of the presentations by **Tim Alberta**, **Kristin Kobes Du Mez**, **Katherine Stewart**, and **Matthew D. Taylor** from Candler's September public lecture series "Pastoral Leadership in a Time of Christian Nationalism" are now [available to watch on our website](#).

The event brought together clergy and laypeople from around the country to hear from these nationally recognized speakers, along with Candler faculty, about how faith leaders can navigate the intersection of religion, politics, and power in their communities. [Watch the videos here](#).

Nov. 13 Chapel Service to Remember Abbington

Join the Candler community in Cannon Chapel or online for a service of remembrance honoring **James Abbington**, who served as Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship from 2005 to 2025. Abbington died on September 27. [Learn more and watch the livestream](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nov. 8, 1:00 p.m.: [#KellyOnMyMind 10th anniversary commemoration](#). In person and online.

Nov. 13, 11:05 a.m.: [Worship: Celebrating the Life of Dr. James Abbingdon](#). In person and online.

Nov. 14, 12:00 p.m.: [Panel Discussion: Experiences in Chaplaincy Endorsement](#). Online.

Nov. 14, 5:00–6:30 p.m.: [Film Screening: *Three Chaplains*](#). In person and online.

Nov. 19, 12:00 p.m.: [Kessler Conversation: “The Gutenberg Analogy: What Can the History of Printing Tell Us About AI?”](#) Online.

Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.: [The Sacred Arts Collective Info Session](#). Online.

Dec. 2, 11:05 a.m.: [Advent Worship: Blessing of the Greens](#). In person and online.

Dec. 3, 12:00 p.m.: [Kessler Conversation: “Expanding the Reformation Corpus with AI-Powered Transcriptions.”](#) Online.



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