



# Candler NEWS



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## Fall Convocation Opens New Year, Chapter at Candler

The Candler community gathered on August 29 in Cannon Chapel for the school's annual Fall Convocation, welcoming new students, staff, and faculty, and officially opening a new chapter as **Jonathan Strom** was installed by Emory University President Gregory Fennes and Provost Ravi Bellamkonda as Mary Lee Hardin Willard Dean of Candler. [Read more about Fall Convocation.](#)

## Strengthening the Soul of Emory: The Ekonomou Distinguished Professorship

At Candler's Fall Convocation, **Anthony Briggman** was installed as the inaugural Dr. Andrew J. and Georgia L. Ekonomou Distinguished Associate Professor of Patristic Theology. Both Andrew and Georgia Ekonomou have long relationships with Emory University—Andrew through his four degrees

(!) and associations with history and law, and Georgia through her involvement with the Department of Music.

“But there is something extraordinary about Candler School of Theology that represents a core value within the university, and we want to see that perpetuated,” Andrew says. “The college may be Emory’s heart, but Candler is Emory’s soul. When you give to Candler, you nurture the very soul of the university.” [Learn more about the Ekonomous' gift.](#)

### **Foundry to Host Book Webinars with Candler Connections**

This fall, Candler’s public theological education initiative, The Candler Foundry, will host three online book panel discussions as part of its “PUBLICATIONS” series. “PUBLICATIONS” focuses on recent books with Candler connections. [Learn more about this semester’s slate of panels](#) featuring alumnus **Jonathan Merritt** 10T and faculty members **Danielle Tumminio Hansen** and **Susan Hylan**.

### **Morgan Forum to Address Moments 'When Translation Really Matters'**

Candler’s Pitts Theology Library will host its second annual Morgan Forum on September 19, exploring how the decisions of biblical translators can impact the church, culture, and scholarship. This year’s forum will feature a screening of the documentary film *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*, followed by a panel discussion with **Sharon “Rocky” Roggio**, the film’s director; **Jennifer Quigley**, assistant professor of New Testament at Candler; **Nicole Symmonds** 13T 23G, assistant professor of Christian ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary; and **Andromeda Woodworth** 990x 01C 07T, pastor of Atlanta’s Neighborhood Church. Attend in person or online. [Learn more about the Morgan Forum.](#)

### **Celebrate Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month with Candler**

Candler will celebrate Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month with a series of three public events running from September 17 through October 10. Candler’s La Mesa Academy for Theological Studies and student organization La Familia at Candler are co-sponsoring the events to honor the cultural heritage and contributions of Latinx communities and help foster deeper

connections with Latinx and Hispanic faculty, staff, and students. [Learn more about HLHM events at Candler](#) .

## **Tummino Hansen Publishes New Book on Trauma-Informed Spiritual Care**

Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Spiritual Care **Danielle Tumminio Hansen** has published her second book of 2024. *Trauma-Informed Spiritual Care: Interventions for Safety, Meaning, Reconnection, and Justice* was released in August by Fortress Press. [Read more about Tumminio Hansen's latest volume](#).

## **Inaugural La Mesa Residency Fosters Growth and Connection**

Candler's La Mesa Academy for Theological Studies welcomed its first-ever cohort to campus from August 12-16 for an in-person residency. 28 students took part in events intended to connect them more deeply to Candler, Emory, Atlanta, and one another ahead of pursuing their online studies. [Read more about the La Mesa residency here](#).

### **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](#).*

Sept. 10: [PUBLICATIONS Book Panel Discussion: Jonathan Merritt 10T](#)

Sept. 17: [Service of Word and Table: Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month](#)

Sept. 19: [The Morgan Forum](#)

Oct. 2-3: [Black Seminarians Day](#)

Oct. 10: [PUBLICATIONS Book Panel Discussion: Danielle Tumminio Hansen](#)

Oct. 10: [Día de la Raza Celebration](#)

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