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Momentum Campaign Honors Love's Legacy, Supports Scholarship Endowment

As the end of the academic year approaches, a special campaign through Emory University's Momentum crowdfunding platform is underway to honor Mary Lee Hardin Willard Dean **Jan Love**, who will step down from the deanship this summer after nearly 18 years of leadership. Gifts of any size will support the Jan Love Scholarship Endowment to pave the way for more students to serve as faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries throughout the world. [Give to the Momentum campaign by April 19.](#)

Remembering Two Candler Faculty Members

The Candler community grieves the recent deaths of Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology **Walter J. Lowe** and Arthur J. Moore Professor in the Practice of Evangelism **L. Wesley de Souza**.

- **Walt Lowe** died on February 23. He served on the Candler faculty from 1971 until his retirement in 2006. Bishop Mack B. and Rose

Stokes Professor of Systematic Theology **R. Kendall Soulen 86T** [shares this tribute to Lowe](#).

- **Wesley de Souza** died on March 17. He had been a member of the Candler faculty since 2005. A service celebrating his life and faith took place on March 30 in Cannon Chapel. Look for a written tribute by de Souza's colleague and friend, Associate Professor of Transformative Leadership and Communal Care **Gregory C. Ellison II**, in the coming weeks.

Geordan Hammond to Join Faculty in Methodist Studies

Dean Jan Love has announced that **Geordan Hammond** will join the Candler faculty in the fall of 2024 as Associate Professor of Methodist and Wesleyan Studies. Hammond comes to Candler from his posts as director of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre, senior lecturer in church history and Wesley studies, and director of research at Nazarene Theological College in Manchester, England. [Read more about Hammond](#).

Wright's *Why the Bible Began* wins PROSE Award

Professor of Hebrew Bible **Jacob L. Wright** has earned a PROSE Award from the Association of American Publishers (AAP) for his book, *Why the Bible Began: An Alternative History of Scripture and Its Origins*, released in October 2023 by Cambridge University Press. The PROSE Awards honor excellence in the increasingly competitive landscape of academia. [Learn more about Wright's award](#).

Candler to Host Summer Institute for Global Charismatic-Pentecostal Studies

Candler will host the 2024 Summer Institute for Global Charismatic-Pentecostal Studies on campus June 27-29. Established in 2023 in partnership with the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) and funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Institute brings together scholars, pastors, and leaders in the field of Pentecostal and charismatic Christianity. [Learn more about the Summer Institute](#).

New Books Added to Candler Faculty Shelf

Two Candler faculty members have published new books.

- William Ragsdale Cannon Distinguished Professor of New Testament **Musa Dube** has coedited two recent volumes: *African Woman Legends and the Spirituality of Resistance* (Routledge) and *Ecofeminist Perspectives from African Women Creative Writers* (Palgrave Macmillan). The volumes stand as critical contributions toward contemporary African feminist theories. [Read more about Dube's two new coedited volumes.](#)
- Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Spiritual Care **Danielle Tumminio Hansen**'s latest book, *Speaking of Rape: The Limits of Language in Sexual Violations*, has been published by Fortress Press. In it, Tumminio Hansen delves into the inadequacy of language available to survivors of rape, which often hinders their ability to articulate their traumatic experiences. [Read more about Tumminio Hansen's new book.](#)

Emory Day of Giving 2024: Thank You!

You did it again! Thank you for making the 2024 Emory Day of Giving such a success! Candler raised \$58,333 from 316 gifts, a 5% increase over last year, benefiting seven important funds, including: Theology School Fund for Excellence, Jan Love Scholarship Endowment, Erskine-Smith-Moseley Scholarship Endowment, La Mesa Academy, Youth Theological Initiative, Pitts Theology Library's J. Michael Morgan English Bible & Psalmody Collection, Master of Divinity Scholarship Fund, and the Student Emergency Fund.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Candler alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends, Candler topped the leaderboard in these Emory-wide challenges, securing additional funds for Candler students and programs:

- Schools And Colleges Most Donors Leaderboard: 3rd place, \$1,000 to Theology School Fund for Excellence

- Faculty And Staff Giving Challenge: 1st place, \$2,000 to Jan Love Scholarship Endowment
- Wonderful Wednesday After Dark Alumni Challenge: 3rd place, \$600 to Jan Love Scholarship Endowment
- Pop-Up Alumni Challenge: \$400 to MDiv Scholarship Fun

High Schoolers Can Apply for 2024 YTI Summer Academy

Encourage the teenagers in your life to apply for the Youth Theological Initiative Summer Academy, taking place on Emory's campus July 7-20. They'll experience deep questions, diverse perspectives, and personal growth to explore how faith relates to their passion and purpose in life. Applications are due May 1. [Learn more and apply for YTI.](#)

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](#)

April 9: [Book Launch: Hope Is Here!](#)

April 10: ["For the Church in the World: The Legacies of Dean Jan Love"](#)

April 11: [Table Talk: Celebrating and Supporting the Richard C. Kessler Reformation Collection](#)

April 11: [Keynote Lecture: "Book History's New Frontiers and the Perils of Big Data"](#)

April 12: [Black Church Studies Elders' Send Off](#)

April 13: [Faith, Civic Life, and Media: Information Skills for Community Leaders](#)

April 13: [Waits Chamber Music Concert: The Juilliard String Quartet](#)

April 15: [Workshop: Alumni Resources at Candler](#)

April 17: [Film Screening and Panel: *The Philadelphia Eleven*](#)

April 18: [Honors Day Convocation](#)

April 20: [Candler Worship Spring Concert](#)

April 25: [Service of Sending Forth](#)

May 11: [Candler Graduate Recognition Ceremony](#)

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