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Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.
~ George Eliot

Department News

The Paul W. Nisly Endowment for Literature, Vocation, and Reconciliation.

In recognition of Professor Paul Nisly's distinguished career, the English Department is proud to report that we are four-fifths towards our goal on the Paul W. Nisly Endowment. The purpose of this fund is to promote further understanding of the

writing and study of literature as a form of Christian vocation. It especially promotes activities that encourage inquiry into how this vocation is related to the task of peacemaking, the quest for social justice, and the work of reconciliation of human beings to one another and to God. The following are the programs involved:

Symposium on Literature, Peacemaking and Social Justice, the Paul W. Nisly Writer-in-Residence Program, and a Student Scholarship. For more information please contact Bob Brown at BBrown@messiah.edu.

In June, **Crystal Downing** presented a paper on Dorothy L. Sayers at an international conference held at Lille University in France. In July, she taught a graduate course for the University of British Columbia on the subject of her soon to be published book, *Changing Signs of Truth*.

Alumni News

Nate Rosentrater '11 is beginning his studies at Asbury Seminary in Kentucky this fall.

Emily Thrush '06 was offered full tuition funding from American University to pursue a Masters in "Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs."

Tessa Silvestri '03 and her husband, Chas, welcomed a baby boy, Jackson Charles Silvestri Higgins, on April 22, 2011. He was 8 pounds, 7 ounces at birth and 22 inches long. Everyone is home happy and healthy!

Natalie Urquhart '08 received her certification in Resume Writing (CARW/Certified Advanced Resume Writer) back in October from Career Directors International.

Please forward any additional alumni news to Marialana Gaetano mg1243@messiah.edu, under the subject heading "Alumni News."

Events and Opportunities

Reading and Lecture!

The English Department will be welcoming Dr. Kent Gramm, author of award-winning historical non-fiction, as well as poet, novelist, and playwright, on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 PM in Frey 110 for a reading and lecture entitled “True Lies: Writing Fiction and Creative Non-fiction.” A book signing and refreshments will immediately follow.

