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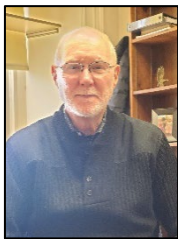
## A Loss in the Sociology Department

By Maria Shemer

Anyone who has met Dr. Bradshaw Frey will likely tell you that they have met one of the most kind and humble professors on Geneva's campus. His ready smile invites you into conversation. Unfortunately for the Geneva College community, he plans to retire at the end of this semester. A professor of sociology, Dr. Frey has served the Lord for the past 38 years through his teaching.

Dr. Frey first received his B.A. in Social Science from Geneva College. From there, he went on to the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He graduated in 1977 with a M.Div. degree. Dr. Frey originally planned to be a pastor, but after working for the Coalition for Christian Outreach, a campus ministry organization, he "fell in love with being on campus." He discovered his calling to be a college professor and began to pursue the necessary degrees to do so.

In 1983, Dr. Frey graduated with his S.T.M from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and went on to receive his doctorate in Social Foundations of Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 2002.



When he was a student at Geneva, Dr. Frey developed a relationship with Dr. White, the Campus Minister. A few years later, when Dr. White's assistant left, he reached out to Dr. Frey and asked him to fill the position. Dr. Frey gladly accepted. He also began teaching part-time in the Bible Department.

After Dr. White became the president of Geneva College, Dr. Frey became Campus Minister. He received the Peter J. Steen Memorial Award for Excellence in Campus Ministry in 1986. Eventually, he became the director of the Student Ministry Program and a sociology professor.

In 2004, Dr. Frey was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from Geneva College and was honored by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as a Distinguished Alumni in 2017.

When asked what course his favorite had been to teach, Dr. Frey responded by saying, "I don't know if I have a favorite. I had one that was pretty remarkable though." For 16 years, Dr. Frey taught a criminology course during which he took 10 students down to the county jail where 10 inmates would participate in the class with them. Over the course of the semester, both the students and inmates experienced transformation from intimidation to friendship. He described the impact the class had on both him and the students as

remarkable. Unfortunately, when Covid-19 hit, the class was suspended. However, Dr. Frey said that conversations are taking place about reinstating the course.

One challenge Dr. Frey has experienced as a higher education professor is watching what he believes to be the deterioration of American higher education throughout the country. "We are controlled so much by budgets and enrollments that the deeper educational philosophy is unraveling," he said. "Over half of the courses nationwide are taught by part-timers." This restructuring of higher education means that professors are not as available for their students.

Dr. Frey is very engaged in community renewal initiatives, and he plans to continue in those efforts when he retires. He also hopes to spend more time with his grandchildren.

## A Need to Know

By Celia York

Dr. Adel Aiken, an education professor at Geneva College, will retire at the end of this semester. An alum, Dr. Aiken received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Geneva College, and later had the joy of seeing her own four children graduate from her alma mater. During her time teaching at Geneva College, Dr. Aiken has taught a variety of courses including Language Arts, Reading Methods, Reading Program in the Elementary School, Diagnostic and Remedial Reading, Children's Literature, History and Philosophy of Reading, and Phonics and Orthography of Reading.

In her classes, Dr. Aiken requires her students to memorize Psalm 19:1,14, which says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands," and "May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." She enjoys hearing from students what those verses have meant to them after graduation. Another of her favorite parts of teaching at Geneva is reading children's books to students in her Children's Literature course and hearing back what students remember about the books years later.

The following are Dr. Aiken's answers to three questions I posed to her.

*Q: Why did you decide to teach at Geneva?*

A: I decided to teach at Geneva because God called me to teach there through circumstances and the gifts that he gave me.

I had enjoyed teaching children for eleven years and had earned a master's degree as a Reading Specialist, but I was hungry to find out more about the reading process by working on a doctorate. When I read in the newspaper that one of my classmates had completed a PhD and was teaching at Geneva, God nudged me to go to campus to congratulate her and ask questions

about graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh where she studied. On that day she asked if I would consider working at Geneva. That set a process in motion that led to me teaching part time at Geneva and studying for an Ed.D. in Reading.

I respected the mission of the college and graduated from Geneva in 1975. That education had provided me with a strong foundation in the liberal arts and in thinking about serving others with the gifts that God gave. I loved going to school because I had a need to know. When I was a child, I had a child's set of encyclopedias that I read along with Nancy Drew Mystery books and a Bible Story Book. In my teens, I read my own Bible and my textbooks because I was driven to learn more. This process of learning independently with joy motivated me to teach others. I think God planted that desire to learn in me and I wanted to influence others to that end.



*Q: What is a challenge you faced during your time teaching at Geneva? How did you resolve/overcome this?*

A: When I became the chair of the Education Department in 2013, the decline in enrollment that had been predicted ten years before was upon us and it necessitated changes that were a challenge to make. We had created a master's degree in education program in 2005, but we had to phase that out. When professors retired, we did not replace them. Fewer classes could be offered. In short, making the changes was a challenge, but there was a rainbow in the clouds.

The department had always wanted a classroom that could be outfitted like an elementary classroom, but there had not been a room that could be reserved to be used just by education majors. With smaller class sizes and fewer offices, the space was available in the McKee Education Office to create just such a classroom. Devoting time to decorating that space helped to refocus our energies and look forward to the future.

*Q: How have you grown during your time here?*

A: Learning to think about a problem from many different perspectives is one way that I have grown. That happens when you are surrounded by young people and colleagues who are astute and insightful. I have also grown in my love of the Psalms, singing Psalms 139 and 117 in chapel and hearing the Genevans sing Psalm 103.

## Golden Thread

By Kelsey Gerhard

**Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?**



Lydia Beare | Class of 2023

A: Psalm 66:20 – “Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!”



Anne Holdeman | Class of 2023

A: Ephesians 1:4-5 – “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.”



Alexis Montgomery | Class of 2023

A: Habakkuk 2:14 – “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”



Angela Volpe | Class of 2024

A: Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

## Retiring Professors Share Final Words

By Caleb Willis

On Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Professors Shirley Kilpatrick, Adel Aiken, John Stahl, Bradshaw Frey, and Daryl Sas worked together to present the final GVALS of the semester. Titled “The Last Lecture,” the event was led by Provost Melinda Stephens. Dr. Stephens asked the professors questions relating to their faith, philosophies of education, and memorable moments at Geneva College. The event was held in Skye Lounge and refreshments were provided afterward.

Dr. Stephens asked questions such as “How has your faith empowered your time in higher education?”, “What have been the most influential factors in your methods of teaching?”, and “What has been your biggest classroom disaster that you can laugh about now?”

Each professor provided both insightful and humorous answers. Contributions varied from Dr. Kilpatrick’s view of her work as more of a priestly duty than an educational one to Dr. Stahl’s comical story about a shot put that he accidentally embedded into a wall in an S&E classroom.

Overall, the event was sweet but sad. A common sentiment among attendees was that it was short, and that each professor individually deserved an event at least as long and as grand in celebration of the incalculable contributions they each have made to Geneva. Hopefully, “The Last Lecture” was just the beginning of the Geneva community expressing gratitude to these wonderful teachers – each of whom is directly responsible for the high standard of academic and spiritual excellence that sets Geneva apart from other schools.

## Many Years of Excellent Scholarship

By Celia York

Dr. Daryl Sas will retire at the end of this semester after many years of serving as a biology professor and department chair at Geneva College. Dr. Sas grew up in Minnesota. In 1977, he graduated from Dordt University with a B.S. in Natural Sciences. He later received a Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology from the University of Minnesota.

Since becoming a faculty member of Geneva College, Dr. Sas has authored several published lab manuals, as well articles and a textbook.

Dr. Sas has served as the Biology Department Chairmen since 2004. In both 1991 and 2003, he received the Excellence in Scholarship Award from Geneva College.

In his spare time, Dr. Sas enjoys gardening, wood-working, baking, and classic rock music.

His expertise and excellent teaching will be much missed in the classroom.



## Arseneaux Wins at Ohio State

*Courtesy of Geneva College Athletics*

Two members of the Geneva College track team headed west on Friday, April 21, to compete at the Ohio State Jesse Owens Track Classic. Despite facing mainly NCAA Division I runners, sophomore Kevin Arseneaux won the 1500m race in rainy conditions. Freshman Carmen Medvit also performed well for the Golden Tornadoes in the 5000m race.

Arseneaux surprised a group of mainly Division I runners by pulling out a victory in the 1500m race with a time of 3:51.86 seconds. That time is two seconds off his own school record but still extremely impressive considering the rainy conditions that made for slower times for everyone. Arseneaux finished just ahead of runners from Cincinnati University, Wright State University, and Ohio State University.

Medvit competed in the 5000m race, and she placed 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 42 runners, finishing with a time of 17:52.24. She was the only runner that wasn't running for a Division I school.

Both Arseneaux and Medvit, along with the rest of their teammates, will now prepare for the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships, scheduled for the last week in April at West Virginia University.



## Mens Golf Finishes Well at PAC Championships

*Courtesy of Geneva College Athletics*

The Geneva College men's golf team continued its improved play on Saturday, April 22, during the final round of the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships. The men shot a team total score of 317, two better than the prior year and just three strokes off the school record. Geneva finished fifth overall during the two rounds in the spring, and combined with the fall rounds the Golden Tornadoes placed sixth at the championships, which was won by Washington & Jefferson.

Sophomore Michael DeMiere led the men, carding a career-best 76. Sophomore Joshua Hido was right behind, shooting a 77. Freshman Austin Goehring shot an 81, while sophomore Timothy Ehko finished with an 83.

"I am so proud of how the men played this season," said Head Coach Henry Kennedy. "Our three lowest scores in the program have all been at PACs, and that shows how mentally tough the guys are. I have nothing but greatest things to say about their performances this year... I couldn't be prouder."

The top five golfers for the men this spring were all underclassmen, paving the way for improved performances in the years to come.



## Is Christianity a White Man's Religion?

By Caleb Willis

On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, The Geneva College Diversity Team held a panel discussion on differences and conflicts between white and black churches. The discussion was mediated by Dr. Bradshaw Frey, a professor of sociology at Geneva. The panel also included Dr. Jonathan Watt, professor of biblical studies and linguistics; Rochelle Burks, Director of Community Development in Beaver Falls; and Dr. Todd Allen, Geneva alum and Vice President of Diversity at Messiah University. The discussion ran for about an hour and closed with members of the CSE asking the panel questions submitted by the audience.

The event began with a short discussion on how Jesus is often depicted in Western art as a white man. The question was asked whether this was symbolic of how white people have dominated the practice of Christianity in the West. Dr. Watt acknowledged that this was a reality, but quickly pointed out that any race or ethnic group that makes up the majority in a country will most likely hold the most influence over how the dominant religion will be practiced. He cited Islam as an example of this.

In response to the opening question, Dr. Allen pointed out that the white church has been complicit in a lot of evil across history. In reference to some of the most recent racial issues in America, he said, "The Civil Rights Movement was a competition to see whose God was the right God." Later, Rochelle Burks also referenced America's history of racism by saying she felt the black church had better conceptions of worship because it was more used to submitting to authority without question.

One topic of discussion that garnered comments from every member of the panel was on how churches might seek to integrate so that they are no longer classified as "white" or "black." Dr. Watt referenced research showing that whites are moving from being the largest percentage of the population to becoming a simple plurality among other races. He said that, regardless of what white Christians may want, they will have to be okay with increasing diversity in their churches. Rochelle Burks rebutted this point slightly by saying that religious systems would continue to be "white" even if whites ceased to be the majority.

Dr. Allen stated that he did not see anything barring anyone from attending most churches regardless of their race. However, he also said that being in a predominantly black church was helpful to him. Referring to the relationship between his work life and church life, he said, "To be in a black church is to prepare for a week in white spaces."

Ms. Burks had a unique take on the topic of integration. Toward the end of the discussion, she said, "I can't believe that churches should be segregated, but I don't know how to desegregate them correctly." She went on to suggest that it may be better in certain cases for white people to avoid attending black churches.

The final question of the night was how attendees should continue the conversation on race and learn more about it. The panel members gave suggestions such as spending more time in places and communities with different cultures and reading books that present challenging ideas on the subject.

## Chapel Digest

Rev. Will Baker – "God's Purpose for Evil Plans"



- Evil entered the world through the rebellion of mankind. It is caused by us, not God. (Genesis 3)
- Jesus was the only truly good person, so why did bad things happen to him?
- If God can deal with the evil plans that were successful against Jesus, He can deal with evil plans that are against our lives.
- God uses evil plans to separate those who believe in Him from those who reject Him.
- God works in the sinful plans of man to give life.

### Testimony

*Caleb McCracken, Assistant Director of Integrated Marketing*



- McCracken talked about moments in his life when he misunderstood who God was.
- As a child, he kept himself up at night keeping a list of all the sins he ever committed so he could go to each person he sinned against and apologize. He believed that this was going to keep him from going to hell.
- Later in life, he talked to a friend from a different denomination about theology. He knew all the rebuttles to her arguments and was excited about 'winning' the debate. Later he found out he hurt her by his lack of love.
- When he was 28, McCracken learned that a pastor who had been influential in his life was under church discipline for unrepentant sin.
- "I don't have all the answers still, but at each of these points in my life, the Lord was faithful, and he was gentle with me."

## Asked & Answered

By Abigail Plitt

### A: What do I do in times of hardship?

We have all faced times of hardship in our lives. We have all had our fair share of pain and suffering. But let me encourage you with this - even Jesus suffered. Even Jesus wept. We are not alone in our pain.

I am no stranger to pain, and I'm not going to lie - it is so much easier said than done when it comes to dealing with our pain. There is no right or wrong answer here. There are things we shouldn't do, but our judgement falters when we are in pain.

Here is what I can tell you: don't run from or curse God. Our first reaction is often to push the blame on God, but we forget that nothing bad flows from Him. Job is the perfect example of this. Satan had to ask permission to harm Job, and God had to grant it. However, God was not punishing Job for nothing. God took all the pain Job went through and instead used it for good.

We cannot run from God; He is our only solace. He is the calm within the storm. I know it is easy to blame God because you wonder why He would let these things happen, right? But whatever you are facing, it is for a reason.

Here is what I will say: be hopeful in the midst of destruction. God is giving you a powerful testimony that will impact someone in a way you could never imagine. He will use you for His glory, so take heart - God hasn't forgotten you. He is right there with you.

### Q: What am I supposed to do after graduation and leaving all of my friends?

Graduating is so exciting but so hard for so many of us. It is a time of change and a time of growth, and both of those things are painful. It isn't easy for any of us to have to move on from what we have known for four years.

But change isn't always a bad thing. I don't think that change is something we should fear. We should embrace it with open arms. It can be a good thing to be thrust out of our comfort zone. Change is natural to humans and will happen sooner or later.

Regardless of whether or not change is natural, we still struggle with it. So, going into graduation, what are some things to think about?

This is normal, everyone has to do this at some point, and you are not alone in this. We are all experiencing the same thing.

Your friends will still exist outside of the campus limits. I think it is easy for us to believe that after graduation, they will disappear. Thankfully, in today's day and age, the reality is that they are only a call away.

The new chapter of your life has so many blessings hidden within. Don't get too caught up in the past; remember that new friends and experiences are waiting.

Graduation is a really scary time but remember how exciting it is going to be too. Happy graduation!

## Did You Know?

By Kelsey Gerhard

*Did you know that Route 18 used to run through campus?*

Originally, the track made two “S” curves, one at the bottom of campus and one at the top of the hill. Back in the day, the trolley ran up and down the hill, and these curves likely made it easier for the trolley to get up the hill.

Over time, the trolley was replaced with automobiles, and Route 18 became a state highway. These changes brought increased traffic through Geneva College. This made the roads more dangerous for students, faculty, and staff. Geneva College’s President Charles M. Lee, who held office from 1949-1956, was the first president to advocate for the state to create a bypass in order to reduce traffic on the road. However, it was not until 2006 that the road would be changed through Geneva’s Beyond the Bend project.



The Beyond the Bend project led to the changing of the course of Route 18, renovations to Reeves Field, and the creation of the entrance to Geneva College and the pedestrian walkway that runs from the round-about at the entrance of the college to McCartney Library.

## Student Government Election Results For 2023-2024

Sophomore	President - Mara Ramsay
	Vice President - George Cottenden
Junior	President - Lillie Berryman
	Vice President - Tomisin Taylor
Senior	President - Savannah Byers
	Vice President - Noah Whipple
Student Body President	Lillie Berryman

## Senior Reflection

By guest writer, Anne Holdeman

My favorite memory from my time at Geneva would probably be going to Myrtle Beach for Spring break in 2023 with the track team. It was such an amazing trip and allowed for real growth in relationships with my teammates, as well as some very unique experiences to share the gospel with people in West Virginia, on our trip down, and the people at our hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC. In West Virginia, our bus broke down at a Burger King. The entire team went inside while we waited two hours for our new bus. Some of the athletes had brought instruments for a worship night we were planning later on in the trip. They started a spontaneous worship time in the Burger King. In the end the manager thanked us for the music and for being really respectful. Some of the other customers who came in even took videos and pictures of them playing the music. Overall, it was a really cool experience, and it was really encouraging to see how open and excited people were to hear the gospel.

*Anne Holdeman is a senior marketing major and an athlete on the track team. After she graduates this spring, she plans to move back to Indiana and begin working as an interior designer.*

## MGN

By Celia York

My Generation Night will take place on Friday, April 28 at 8 pm in Metheny Fieldhouse. During this event, students and the occasional faculty or staff member perform songs released during the last 24 years. Whether you prefer rock music or country, jumping in the mosh pit or sitting calmly on the bleachers, MGN provides a unique experience. Come to enjoy a variety of music performed live by bands, duets, and solo artists.



## Volleyball’s Season Comes to an End in the First Round of the NCAA Tournament

*Courtesy of Geneva College Athletics*

It was quite a run for the Geneva College men’s volleyball team, advancing all the way to the NCAA National Tournament for the first time in program history, but the Golden Tornadoes saw their season come to an end at No. 2 Stevens Institute of Technology on April 21 in the first round of the tournament. Stevens won in straight sets 25-11, 25-12, 25-15. Geneva wraps up its season with a 19-15 overall record while achieving the program’s first AMCC Championship.

Stevens came into the match with as impressive a resume as any team in NCAA Division III, and the Ducks took control of the first set quickly. Stevens jumped ahead 16-2 since Geneva could not get into a rhythm against the powerful Ducks. Freshman Andrew Ubinger got Geneva’s first kill of the match on the next point, but Stevens finished off the set, 25-11.



Geneva took its only lead of the match in set two, 4-3, behind back-to-back service aces from junior Emerson Spear. An ace from junior Carter Milroy a few minutes later leveled the score at 8-8. Stevens took over from there, though, going on a 10-1 to take control, winning the second set 25-12.

The Golden Tornadoes tried to stay close in the third set, trailing just 6-5 early, but the Ducks were just too talented. An 8-2 run gave Stevens a 13-7 edge, and Geneva never got closer than four points the rest of the set, falling 25-15.

The Golden Tornadoes could never get their attack going, finishing the match with just 12 kills, along with 20 errors, for a -0.113 hitting percentage. Stevens, on the other hand, hit .414. Ubinger finished with a team-high four kills.

Geneva will have a lot of talent to replace next season with six seniors graduating, including Byron Spear, Jake Williams, and Curtis Thomas. Spear and Williams were both First Team All-AMCC selections, while Thomas was a Third Team selection. The trio’s names are all over the school’s record books.

Have a great summer. Be safe. And for those returning, we’ll see you again on Aug 28, 2023!

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