



# FORES News

## Trinity 2018

Welcome Back!



It was a joy to see so many Friends of the Seminary at our annual Opening Picnic on August 25, 2018. As ever, highlights included good food, good conversation, and a good time that was had by all.



## Contents

- 2 Student Profile: Gary Chique
- 3 Constitution Day Lecture Friends Helping Friends Save the Dates
- 4 Faculty Profile: Rev. Robert Pardon
- 5 Facilities Update Lynch Creek Farms Prayer & Care Bags
- 6 Keuhner Seminar





## Student Profile: Gary Chique

Gary Chique was born in 1958 in Hoboken, New Jersey. However, shortly thereafter, he moved with his mother back to Puerto Rico where he grew up. As a young man, Gary practiced martial arts. His interest in combat sports led him into ROTC and while he was in college getting a degree in Natural Science, he also participated in Officer Candidate School (OCS). After graduating, Gary joined the National Guard as a ranger. Over the course of Gary's military career, he worked his way up through the ranks from the position of a lowly enlisted soldier peeling potatoes to the rank of Colonel in command of 2,200 men.

Throughout this process, Gary did not exercise self-promotion at any point. He always relied on the merit of his work. Gary believes that it is better for one to be humble and wait for the Lord to exalt him than to exalt oneself only to be humbled by God.

Gary was deployed to Afghanistan three times. After his third tour, he felt that God was calling him away from the

battlefield and into a more mentor-oriented position. Gary took a training unit and worked closely with the men under his authority. He counseled them and mentored them through more than just their military training. However, after thirty-five years of service, Gary retired from the military.

Contemporaneous with Gary's military career, he also worked in the Pharmaceutical industry. Gary worked his way through a job in the anti-infective department to a position as Nuclear account specialist. As a result of his military and pharmaceutical background, Gary was employed by the Pentagon after his retirement from the military. He worked on Nuclear anti-proliferation with the government for several years.

After moving on from the intelligence community, Gary worked for Navy Federal Credit Union. He became a financial advisor, and found that he was once again mentoring people. He would teach his customers about financial responsibility and often dissuade them from taking out the very loans which he was supposed to provide.

In the fall of 2016 Gary began to pursue a Master of Arts in Theology degree at University of Valley Forge. During his time at Valley Forge Gary came into contact with Bishop Vince McLaughlin of the Episcopal Missionary Church. Bp. Vince convinced Gary to look into the Anglican Church. Gary had grown up in the Roman Catholic Church, but in 2001 he had started attending a Pentecostal

church. Bp. Vince also encouraged Gary to consider applying as a postulant in the EMC. After praying and seeking the Lord's will, Gary agreed. He found submitting the postulancy application to be more exciting and nerve-racking than anything he had yet done – even more than his military service or his work at the Pentagon. This is because he was following the Lord's call.

Gary was ordained a deacon in the diocese of the East in the Episcopal Missionary Church. He is attending Reformed Episcopal Seminary in order to receive theological and pastoral training in the Anglican tradition. Gary is currently ministering to a retirement community in northern Virginia, and attends Christ Church in Warrenton.

Gary has a wife, four adult children, and two dogs. Gary's wife is a doctor; however she is also currently pursuing a Master of Arts in theology. Gary enjoys all manner of physical activities, having competed in triathlons until his recent hip replacement surgery. Gary has never been one to back down from a fight. However, he finds that the most important battles, the battles which he is increasingly called to engage in, are spiritual rather than material. These are the kinds of battles which he will be equipped to fight through his training at Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

Rev. Tait Deems

# Constitution Day Lecture

Rev. Russ Buchanan



Reformed Episcopal Seminary observed Constitution Day on September 17, 2018 by hosting a special convocation lecture by our alumnus, Matthew Maule (Class of 2018). Matthew's lecture titled "Distinctives of the U.S. Constitution & the Current State of Religious Liberty," was presented in the Higgins Lecture Hall.

During the lecture, Matthew started by summarizing the founding, the basis and the text of the Constitution. Then he extensively reviewed the past 200 years of jurisprudence with focus on religious freedom.

Full audio of the lecture is available online at:  
<http://reseminary.sermon.net/main/main/21242618>

Matthew is well-qualified by interest and experience to speak on the Constitution. He is a current faculty member at St. Mark's Classical Academy in Jenkintown, a K-6 Christian Academy where he teaches math and science. Before attending Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Matthew graduated from Patrick Henry College where he majored in Political Philosophy. Along with RES faculty and students, he has attended the March for Life in Washington DC, making a practical application of the intersection of religious freedom and the Constitution.

Fall is here and so are the Boscov's Shopping Passes! As in past years, the Friends of Reformed Episcopal Seminary will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends annual fundraising event. 25% off Shopping Passes may be purchased from the Seminary Office for just \$5.00. This is an excellent way to support the ministry of RES and also check items off your to-do list— it's a real "win-win."

If you are not able to purchase your pass in advance the Seminary will have a table at Boscov's Plymouth Meeting location where you can buy one in store. Friends Helping Friends is a one day event on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and passes may be used at all Boscov's locations.

If you have questions, or would like to hear full details please contact Mark Cernero at 610.292.9852. Or, e-mail him at [mark.cernero@reseminary.edu](mailto:mark.cernero@reseminary.edu)

## Save the Dates:

10/ 16: Friends Helping Friends @ BOSCOV'S

10/29: RES Open House

10/29: FORES 7:30 PM

12/4: Kuehner Seminar

1/7/19: FORES 7:30 PM

5/11/19 FORES Luncheon at St. Mark's, Rydal

6/1/19: RES Commencement at St. Mark's, Rydal

## Faculty Profile: Rev. Robert Pardon

Reformed Episcopal Seminary is pleased to announce that the Reverend Robert Pardon will be returning to RES and teaching *Heresies, Cults, & Counterfeits: Pastoral Issues* during the March Intensive Term in 2019. He will also be the guest speaker at this year's FORES Banquet on May 11, 2019.

Rev. Pardon was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. There he attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. Rev. Pardon completed his M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Upon graduating from Gordon-Conwell with a Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.), he pastored a church in Middleboro, Massachusetts for eight years. He continued his theological education at Princeton Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Masters in Theology (Th.M.) with a concentration in ethics, and upon

graduation pastored a church in Watertown, Massachusetts for seven years.

He is a founding member of The New England Institute of Religious Research, founded in 1991, a 501(c)(3) religious non-profit organization designed to understand the various belief systems around the United States. He currently serves as Executive Director of MeadowHaven, MeadowHaven provides a refuge for former members of high control, destructive groups, to rest, heal, and grow. MeadowHaven helps former members of such groups recover their ability to be thriving contributors to society.

He frequently is called upon to educate others about such systems and those who adhere to them. He also receives calls from many foreign countries simply requesting information about groups that are both mainstreamed in society, as well as those relatively unknown to the larger community. Currently, he speaks throughout the

country on cults in general, and many groups specifically, at national conferences, Churches, secular organizations, etc. He works with families who have lost children to these groups, runs support groups for those who have left, conducts extensive research, provide seminars, works with law enforcement when requested, and child protection services in many States.

He recently served as Guardian Ad Litem for the Juvenile Court in Attleboro, MA regarding fourteen children removed from a destructive cult by the Department of Social Services. The past five years he has specialized in religious, communal groups, many of them destructive.

He has worked with and/or appeared on 48 Hours, Dateline, EXTRA, CNN, Early Show with Bryant Gumble, Today Show, Good Morning America, Inside Edition, PBS, Chronicle and numerous local television stations and cable outlets.

He lives with his family on the south shore of Massachusetts.

Rev. David France



Bob & Judy Pardon

**March Intensive Term:**

**Heresies, Cults, &  
Counterfeits:  
Pastoral Issues**

February 20 – March 1, 2019

# Maintenance & Facilities Upgrades

Rev. Vic Broberg



## Vending machines

We have had a busy past few months here at RES! Not only did we purchase a new combo snack and drink **vending machine** for the Peach Dining Hall and a smaller snack only vending machine for the classroom and break area of the Professional Building, but we were also able to repair the combo vending machine which formerly had been in the Peach Dining Hall, which we placed inside the vestibule of the Professional Building for the tenants' use.

## Energy Efficiency

We've been improving our **energy efficiency** as well. We replaced many of the light fixtures with money-saving LED panels, first outside the administrative offices, and then in the room in the basement where we store our Alibris books which we sell online. .

Four heating and air units have been replaced: one for the offices and dining hall, and the second one for climate control in the basement, not only our

Alibris books, but also for the library storage room which houses books relocated from the main library to free up space for new books added from donations and purchase. Also, two of our tenants have received new heating and air units. The dorm house has had some plumbing upgrades, including a new expansion tank for the well.

## Online Book Sales

You should take the opportunity to see our inventory and shop with us at [https://www.alibris.com/stores/resrec73?slr\\_ref=resrec73](https://www.alibris.com/stores/resrec73?slr_ref=resrec73)

## Lynch Creek Farm

As you plan your Christmas decorating and gift-giving, consider using Lynch Creek Farm as your source for wreaths, roping, and centerpieces. A generous 20% of each sale goes to support RES. Last year's Seminary door wreath (pictured above) was from Lynch Creek Farm. Details will follow soon.

## Student Prayer & Care Bags

Barbara Riches

One of the things that FORES does is to provide "Prayer & Care" bags for RES students right before finals week. This provides our students with snacks and small treats for them to enjoy, and relieves some of the stress that comes with knowing that exams are right around the corner. We also want to assure them that our prayers are being sent to God and that He will be a calming influence and give them peace of mind as He helps each student to recall all that has been studied. Be assured that these students will have our love and prayers throughout the year! If you would like to contribute, email [FORES@reseminary.edu](mailto:FORES@reseminary.edu)

# Kuehner Seminar



**Dr. Derek Cooper**

## **Saints & Sinners: The Real History of Christianity, Past & Present**

**December 4, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

**RE Seminary, Blue Bell PA**

**Cost: \$25.00 RES students  
free**

### **Dr. Derek Cooper**

#### **Associate Professor of World Christianity**

#### **Missio Seminary**

Dr. Derek Cooper has been teaching at Biblical Seminary since 2007 (now Missio Seminary). Before arriving at Biblical, he taught Spanish at Phil-Mont Christian Academy and Eastern University. Derek's primary teaching areas at Biblical are world Christian history and world religions, but he also teaches ancient languages. Derek is an enthusiastic teacher who seeks to instill his passion for history into the classroom. He delights in asking the big questions of life and in exploring thoughtful and gracious responses to them with students.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Cooper has served on the pastoral staffs at two churches and he regularly leads students and pastors on international trips. Most recently, he has led groups to such places as Israel, Palestine, Turkey, and Greece. On these trips, students not only experience the lands of the Bible and church history first-hand, but also the complex political and religious dynamics of life in the twenty-first century. MEJDI Tours has been a great resource for enabling this kind of travel.

A native East Texan, Derek enjoys watching the Dallas Cowboys and cooking and eating Southern and Tex-Mex foods. He loves traveling and exploring new cultures, and is the author of ten books.