



STAFF QUARTERLY

ASBURY *theological* SEMINARY

Welcome, New Staff!

Jerry Barker: General Maintenance Technician (Full-Time)

Robin Matlock: Assistant to the Registrar (Full-Time)

Enrique Hernandez-Vigil: Associate Director of Student Success for the Asbury Latino Center (Full-Time)

Corey McLaughlin: Instructional Designer (Full-Time)

Zea Miller: Executive Assistant to the Office of the Provost (Full-Time)

Nicole Crespo: Temporary Receptionist for the Florida-Dunnam Campus (Full-Time)

Justin Mikesell: Admin. Assistant to the ARP Office (Full-Time)

Shannon O'Neill: Online Pastoral Care to Non-Residential Students (Part-Time)

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Staff Council Purpose Statement

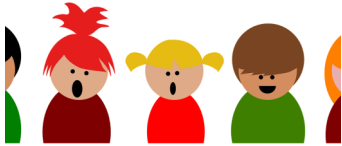
The Staff Council exists to represent the perspective of the staff with regard to the employment experience & sense of community at ATS. The council will partner with the administration to make recommendations and present ideas for improvement of employment policies and programs relating to the work environment & community life.

BIBLE VERSE

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

NOTEWORTHY



Cookies and Caroling Video

Staff Council (and our beautifully sounding staff volunteers) had a wonderful time going from building to building on December 17th, spreading Christmas cheer!

If you missed us coming by, you can view a few clips of our caroling [here](#).



Upcoming Staff Brunch and Talent Show

The Staff Appreciation Brunch will be on March 4th, 2022.

Please keep an eye out for more details in the near future on where it will be hosted.

As part of the brunch, Staff Council will be hosting a staff talent show. Please contact Paula Hisel if you have a talent that you would like to showcase!

We look forward to a fun time of fellowship and laughter!



Share with us!

Have you recently experienced a professional or personal event that you'd like to share with the Seminary Community?

Please email Staff Council at staff.council@asburyseminary.edu for consideration in the next newsletter!

STAFF NOTES

2021 KEMI DESTINY AWARD



In December, Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance (KEMI) recognized Asbury Theological Seminary for our commitment to workplace safety by presenting us with a 2021 KEMI Destiny Award. Less than one percent of their 27,000 clients receive this award. Asbury Seminary has been fortunate to receive this award three consecutive years.

The Destiny Awards are presented annually by KEMI to policyholders that best exemplify KEMI's motto, "Control your own destiny." The awards symbolize what can be accomplished when organizations work together to improve workplace safety. Policyholders who earn the KEMI Destiny Award effectively demonstrate to KEMI their ability to manage a formal safety program, provide on-site training and regular safety meetings for employees, and display an ongoing commitment to safety from all levels throughout their organizations.

"We are honored to present the 2021 Destiny Award to these outstanding organizations," said Jon Stewart, President & CEO of KEMI. "Earning the KEMI Destiny Award requires focus, teamwork, and a relentless pursuit of excellence in safety at all levels. These policyholders understand the importance of maintaining a close partnership with KEMI to control their workers' compensation costs, but more importantly, they demonstrate a steadfast commitment to ensuring their employees make it home safely at the end of each workday."

Have you recently experienced a professional or personal event that you'd like to share with the Seminary Community (award, journal publication, engagement, wedding, baby, etc.)?

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WESLEY WADDLE DEPARTMENT CHALLENGE



Win a FREE lunch for your department!

That's right, Student Services wants to buy you lunch!

How do you win it? Get your department to participate in this year's 6th Annual Wesley Waddle 10k5k race coming up on April 30th. The department registered with the most participation, by volume, wins a catered lunch. It's that simple!

What qualifies as participating? Want to sign up to run, walk, or waddle? GREAT! Or want to sign up to volunteer? Also GREAT! Both count towards participation for your department.

When is the deadline? The challenge will run (pun intended) until race day, April 30th @ 8am. The winning department will be announced in the first week of May.

Where do I register to participate? We're glad you asked! Visit our [race website](#) to register.

Contact Race Director, Robin Ferraro, if you have any questions about the challenge.

DEPARTMENT FEATURE

The Office of Communications



The Office of Communications manages branding and publicity for all 33 Asbury Theological Seminary departments. We provide expertise in graphic/web design, web development, videography, photography, copy writing and social media. We exist to help faculty and staff design materials for promotion, as well as support departments in matters of communication and branding. If you have questions, we're here to help, email communications.office@asburyseminary.edu.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you get to know us a little bit better by answering random questions.

Go to the next page to see our answers!

Deb Adams

What was your favorite childhood toy? A stuffed dog named Snuffy

What's your pet peeve? An empty toilet paper roll in the bathroom.

Fun fact? I grew up with 4 older brothers at the end of a dead-end road on 35 acres of land that was a hobby farm. We raised a handful of cows for ourselves and my grandparents and a few chickens and ducks.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Ironman (obviously)

Wes Wilcox

Favorite TV show? The Last Dance (technically a miniseries, but it is my favorite thing that has ever been on TV and nothing will ever top it)

Fun fact? I have memorized You've Got Mail, and can quote it in almost any situation.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Superman (there is no other choice)

Terry Turner

What was your favorite childhood toy? Stompers

Fun fact? Though I've previously worked in missions, IT and the military, my time at Asbury Seminary is the longest I've ever stayed in one place.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Ant-Man

Ryan Staples

What was your favorite childhood toy? My talking Ernest P. Worrell doll

Favorite TV show?
The X-Files.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Batman

Heidi Wilcox

If you had to pick a new name for yourself, what name would you pick? Princess Consuela Bananahammock

Fun fact? I was Wilmore Fire's first female firefighter and was on the department for 10 years.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Wonder Woman

Amanda Kessinger

What was your favorite childhood toy? Probably Barbies, I liked to give them makeovers and redecorate their house a lot.

Fun fact? There are currently 16 different podcasts that I listen to on a regular basis that cover topics such as infectious diseases, cults, true crime, horror movies, pop culture, folklore, and advice.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Does Buffy the Vampire Slayer count?

April Hardman

What's your pet peeve? I have a nickname from high school that I won't tell anyone. It was my pet peeve when people called me that. Randy, my husband, doesn't even know it, even though he often tries to guess it.

Fun fact? In another life I would have been an organic farmer.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Black Widow, I think it's really cool that she can fight off all kinds of villains with supernatural powers without having supernatural powers of her own!

Anna McAuley

If you had to pick a new name for yourself, what name would you pick? I would just make my middle name (Elisabeth) part of my first name. I plan to do this legally when I get married!

Fun fact? I was born in California and have moved 10 times in my lifetime.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

Anyone who gets to fly!

Kalin Folden

What's the best piece of advice you've received? "Did you hear metal crunch? Did you hear sirens? Are you hurt? Did anyone see? Alright then, just keep driving." -My Grandma, the time I hit a speed bump going 50 and almost knocked her out of my convertible bug.

Fun fact? Oddly enough, I can move my forehead and ears without touching them. As a kid, my hairdresser always made me do it for the old ladies underneath the dryers.

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

The Hulk, no one seems to want to irritate him. Or Aquaman so I could have a pet dolphin.

STAFF COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

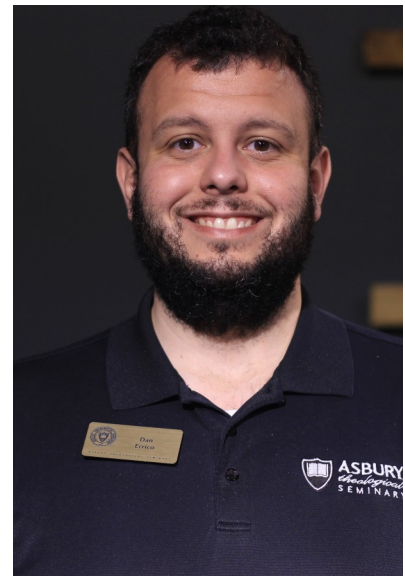
Dan Errico



Welcome
To Staff Council,
Dan Errico!

Dan Errico has been serving at Asbury Seminary for 14 and a half years. He came on as a video producer straight out of Asbury University and has changed positions and titles numerous times since. Currently he is the Manager of Instructional Technology. In this position he oversees the Academic Production studio in Stanger Hall that handles any academic recordings for faculty on campus. He also provides administrative and user support for our Learning Management System, Canvas.

Dan has lived in four different states in addition to Mexico, however he has now lived in Wilmore longer than anywhere else. He is a movie buff and new fan of the NHL (due to the creation of an expansion team in his “home” state, the Seattle Kraken). If you see him around campus, please say hi (he does tend to get lost in thought though).



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A Message to the Staff

from Karen Thomas, Chair of the Board of Trustees



A blessed 2022 to our esteemed staff at Asbury Theological Seminary!

As Chevrolet claims to be “the heartbeat of America,” I believe the seminary staff is the “heartbeat of the seminary.” If for some devastating reason ATS suddenly lost all her staff, our institution would suffer a massive cardiac arrest quickly ceasing vibrancy and then life.

Without admissions counselors and the registrars, how would we gain or enroll or maintain students?

Without a facilities, grounds and custodial staff, wouldn't our physical environment become unappealing, unsanitary, and eventually dilapidated?

Without a cafeteria, how would we break bread together?

Without administrative assistance, wouldn't our faculty, directors and cabinet be deeply handicapped?

Without our capable business office, how would we keep our lights on, or make payroll, and where would students pay their tuition?

Without an advancement team, wouldn't the mission remain unfunded and unknown?

Without a formation team, where would Asbury be spiritually without chapel, and the many formation activities and opportunities for spiritual growth and nurturing?

So, so, so much more would cease!

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During this inaugural week serving as the chair of your Board of Trustees, I am delighted to announce 2022 is deemed “***The Year of the Staff.***” An official affirmation will be read when we are all together in person in May. Our deepest desire is for you to know how appreciated and valued you are to the God-honoring mission of ATS!

As a student in the early 1990’s, the friendships I developed with a housekeeper in an academic building, a maintenance employee, an administrative assistant to the Dean of Students and a librarian regularly encouraged me and served as true examples of joyfully serving Christ.

Be encouraged! Initiate conversations with students. Ask faculty how you can pray for them. Be faithful to your tasks as serving the Lord, not humans. Create intentional community among yourselves. *And know, your board of trustees is cheering you on in prayer with deep respect and thanks.*

May ATS overflow with the love of Christ because of the presence of the Holy Spirit living in and through you.

Karen Thomas

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion;
therefore, I will wait for him.” **Lamentations 3:22-24***



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