



# STAFF QUARTERLY

## ASBURY *theological* SEMINARY

### Welcome, New Staff!

**Martha Santana:** Admin Assistant to the Director of ALC / FL

**Ryan Staples:** Videographer / KY

**Sarah Evans:** Asbury Inn & Suites Breakfast Support Staff / KY

**Ben Allen:** Asbury Inn Housekeeper / KY

**Amber Shirley:** Admin Assistant for Advanced Research Programs / KY

**Grace Abbott:** Custodian / KY

**Jordan Stanley:** Custodian / KY

**Justin Mikesell:** Custodian / KY

**Hannah Thibaudeau:** Childcare Facilitator / KY

**Nathan Saunders:** Asbury Inn Laundry Services / KY

**Brian Ballinger:** Asbury Inn Housekeeper / KY

**Emily Allen:** Coordinator of Worship / KY

**Lenuta Chronic:** Asbury Inn Housekeeper / KY

**Keagan White:** Videographer / KY

**Abigail Cole:** Admin Assistant for the Office of Financial Aid / KY

**John Pachau:** Custodian at Asbury Inn & Suites / KY

**Victoria Butler:** Visit & Event Coordinator/Enrollment Advisor / KY

### 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.*

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## BIBLE VERSE

*If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (ESV)

## NOTEWORTHY



### Flu Shots in October!

On October 14th, there will be a mobile unit on the KY Campus distributing flu shots, free of charge, to all insurance members. This means that family members of staff that are covered by their insurance plan are also eligible to receive a shot as well.



### Summer is Coming to a Close!

Please refer to the below dates for information about the upcoming Fall semester.

**Summer Hours and Attire** ends on Friday, August 27th.

**New Student Orientation** on the KY campus goes from Wednesday, September 1st to Thursday, September 2nd.

**Student Center Dining** opens back up on Tuesday, September 7th.



### Safety Tip!

Make sure that you have your most up-to-date information in the Seminary's **Emergency Alert Response System (EARS)**.

To check, go to <https://connect.asburyseminary.edu/departments/library/emergency-alert-response-system-ears/>

The EARS system is how you will be notified about any weather-related or other emergency information regarding the Seminary



## STAFF NOTES



### Mid-Morning Snack!

Mark your calendars for August 25th at 10am. Staff Council will be serving a light mid-morning snack on the Seminary Green. Come and get some food and enjoy some fellowship with your fellow staff members.



### Staff Appreciation Week

August is normally the month where we have our Staff Appreciation Week. However, this year (and possibly going forward) this week will be moved to March. Please keep an eye out for the fun activities that we are planning for March 2022 to show our staff how appreciated you all are.



### Fall Events

Staff Council and the Community Formation Team are working on the details for a Faculty & Staff fall event in early October. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

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.)?

Please email Staff Council at [staff.council@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:staff.council@asburyseminary.edu) for consideration for the next newsletter! (Note: We must receive permission from the person being featured before we share their news with the Seminary Community.)

# STAFF COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Williams



Welcome  
To Staff Council,  
Stephanie Williams!

Stephanie Williams has a BA in Youth Ministry from Spring Arbor University and just graduated from ATS with her M.Div in May of 2021. She has worked in the facilities department as a custodian since 2015 when she moved to Wilmore from Michigan.

In her free time, Stephanie enjoys taking road trips, visiting family, and reading (school unrelated!) She is passionate about her volunteer work with youth and Sunday school at her church in Lexington. Right now she is looking forward to her first extended break from school as she prays about what is next.



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# NEW BOARD MEMBER FOCUS

With 10 long-time trustees retiring at the end of 2023, the board has been focused on recruiting and electing strong board members to carry on with the work of the board, whose primary duty is to guard the mission and fiscal sustainability of the Seminary. We had 3 new trustees elected to the board earlier this spring, although, as alumni, they are new to the board, but not new to Asbury Seminary.

**Dr. Steve Elliott** is likely well known locally among staff as he has served as a pastor for First Alliance Church (CMA) in Lexington since 2001, and is the husband of Marilyn Elliott, the former ATS VP of Community Formation (now retired). Dr. Elliott earned his DMin as an early graduate of the Beeson Scholars programs at ATS. He brings an abundance of gifts to the Board and is described as a builder of young leaders, a creative designer and developer of systems and a faithful student of the sacred Word. In addition to leadership roles in the CMA, he has participated with many other denominations in conference/retreat work and strategic development.



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**Dr. Elaine Friedrich**, brings to ATS years of professional and academic experience in education, organizational management, and leadership development. She is a consummate teacher with a contagious enthusiasm and love for lifelong learning, and an innovative professor with a devotion to education. Dr. Friedrich currently serves as the Director of Digital Discipleship at Mt. Bethel UMC, in Marietta, Georgia. She is an alumnus of ATS where she earned an MA in Christian Education and also holds a doctorate in Higher Education from the University of North Texas.

**Dr. David Olshine** is the Director and Professor of Youth Ministry, Family and Culture at Columbia International University (CIU) in Columbia, SC, and the recipient of the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award for SC Colleges & Universities. He has authored 15 books, is a prolific speaker at conferences, and seminars both nationally & abroad, and brings to the board gifts in leadership coaching, communicating, administration and evangelism. Raised in a Jewish family, Dr. Olshine's spiritual journey began at age 18 when he was introduced to the Messiah Jesus. He is an ordained elder in the UMC and has pastored churches in Ohio and Oklahoma, and currently serves as teaching pastor at Sandhills Community Church in Columbia, SC. He received his MDiv from ATS in 1980.



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