

# YOUNG CENTER

## *News*

THE YOUNG CENTER FOR  
ANABAPTIST AND PIETIST STUDIES  
AT ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE



## Ribbon-cutting ceremony marks reopening of Young Center building

It's time to celebrate the reopening of the expanded Young Center! Everyone is invited to attend the ribbon cutting to mark formally the opening of the new facility on Saturday, October 20, 1:30 p.m., at the new front entrance facing the parking lot.

The Brethren Heritage Festival, running from noon until 4:00 p.m., is the setting for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Come for fun, food, celebration, crafts, and music! The bicycle-powered ice cream freezer will be back, ready for riders and abounding in fresh, homemade ice cream for all takers. The Reist popcorn stagecoach will park at the Young Center, offering fresh popcorn, and other tasty treats will be available as well.

During the afternoon, music will fill the air. Days of Old, a country gospel group from Mohrsville Church of the Brethren that plays acoustical instruments, will share inspirational music, and a vocal quartet from Chiques Church of the Brethren will sing traditional hymns. Janice Holsinger will lead a short hymn sing as well.

As always, crafts will be available for children and the young at heart. Painting, bubbles, and other activities will keep the mood family friendly. Quilters will be on hand to demonstrate a long-treasured traditional activity.

The Young Center building will be open from noon until 4:00 p.m. for people to see the new space and learn about the center's activities. Staff and volunteers will be present throughout the building to help explain the changes. Visitors are welcome to see the new offices, the expanded reading room, and the new classroom. Photos will be displayed to tell the story of the Brethren heritage of Elizabethtown College.



Late in the afternoon, Young Center director Jeff Bach will unveil several special gifts for the college and the Young Center, which were given by friends in China to travelers in the study tour from Elizabethtown last May.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Noon: Brethren Heritage Festival begins; ice cream churning starts; popcorn and other food available; craft activities begin; Young Center open house begins
- Noon–12:15: Days of Old (music group), Bucher Meetinghouse
- 12:45–1:00: vocal quartet from Chiques Church of the Brethren, lobby
- 1:30–1:50: ribbon-cutting ceremony, entrance facing parking lot
- 1:50–2:10: Days of Old (music group), Bucher Meetinghouse

- 2:15–2:45: hymn sing led by Janice Holsinger, Bucher Meetinghouse
- 2:45–3:00: vocal quartet from Chiques Church of the Brethren, lobby
- 3:00–3:10: presentation of special gifts from China, lobby

A special feature this fall is an exhibit from LancasterHistory.org, the county's historical society. The exhibit, titled "Here, There is Welcome," tells the long, rich story of extending a welcome to immigrants in Lancaster County. All of the Anabaptist groups that came to Lancaster County and most of the Pietist groups came as refugees seeking toleration. Many others have come to the county through the years to find new beginnings, often with the assistance of Anabaptist and Pietist groups that live here. The exhibit will be on display from September 17 through December 3, 2018.



## From the Director

“Here, There is Welcome” is the title of an exhibit from LancasterHistory.org that will be at the Young Center from September 17 through December 3. It highlights the long tradition in Lancaster County of welcoming refugees and immigrants. The title also represents the spirit of celebration at the Young Center during the coming academic year. We celebrate the official reopening of the building with a ribbon cutting on October 20 along with the Brethren Heritage Festival that day. We will hold a formal dedication on March 14, 2019. We welcome everyone to come to these two events and to attend a series of special programs titled “Something Old, Something New at the Young Center.” The programs include familiar research themes about the Amish, but new perspectives on topics such as voting and mental health care. The year of celebrating will conclude with our Amish conference on June 6-8, 2019, “Health and Well-Being in Amish Society.”

In addition to welcoming old friends and new ones to a year of special events, we will welcome an exciting mix of researchers to the Young Center. In addition to Charles Jantzi, our Snowden Fellow this fall, Nao Nomura, a doctoral student and instructor from Japan, and Angela Kueny, a professor of nursing science from Iowa, will be in residence. Nao will pursue her research on Amish dress. Angela will explore patterns of health care for children in Amish communities. Also, Klara Schorer, a university student from Germany, will be here briefly to research dress in plain communities.

There is a welcome here at the Young Center as we mark the completion of our expansion project and move forward in our mission with new research and interpretation. Come and celebrate with us! All of us at the Young Center look forward to welcoming you.

*Jeff Bach  
Director*

# Students and Church of the Brethren members learn together on study tour

From May 12 to May 28, Jeff Bach, Young Center director, and David Kenley, professor of Asian history at Elizabethtown, led a study tour group to China consisting of six college students and twelve travelers who are members of the Church of the Brethren, some of whom are related to former missionaries to China. The trip was subsidized by a grant from the Mellon Foundation.

Bach and Kenley planned for learning about China’s past and present with information about the Brethren in China. In Beijing, the group visited the Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven. These sites reflect both China’s past and changes since the founding of the People’s Republic of China.

The travelers then spent five days in Shanxi Province, the site of the Brethren mission from 1908 to 1951. They visited cities where Brethren had churches, including Pingding, Shouyang, Taiyuan, and Zuoquan, making new friends in each place. In Pingding, local leaders arranged for demonstrations of traditional Chinese music, calligraphy, and painting for the group.

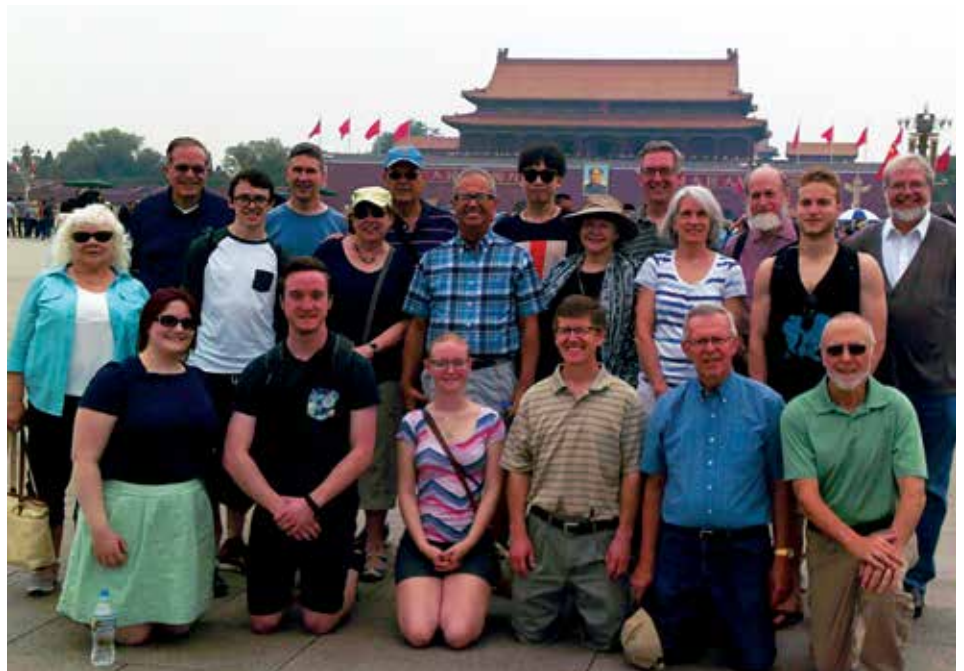
Near Zuoquan, tour members visited Matian, former headquarters of the Communist 8th Route Army during both the Sino-Japanese War and the Chinese Civil War. They saw the buildings related to the Chinese Brethren church in Matian, which Communist General Zuoquan took over for his personal quarters.

Also at Matian, the group toured a large museum for the 8th Route Army, which includes over a dozen photographs taken by Howard Sollenberger, whose parents were missionaries. Sollenberger, a Brethren pacifist, traveled behind Japanese lines of occupation in 1938–1939, taking relief supplies to Chinese civilians and soldiers.

The remainder of the trip included visits to towns that reflect the history of China and its modern situation. After a night in the old walled city of Pingyao, the group members visited Xi’an, the ancient capital of China, where they saw the famous terracotta warriors and experienced the aromas and colors of the Muslim bazaar.

The group spent the final two days of the tour in Shanghai. The bright lights and skyscrapers of the financial district symbolize the economic powerhouse that China has become.

“Although I have traveled throughout China on many occasions, this trip was truly memorable,” Kenley reflected. “Including many relatives of the Brethren missionaries on the trip really made the history come alive for our students. Our students were also very impressed with the level of interest shown by contemporary Chinese in the Brethren story.” Through new friendships, the Elizabethtown College group extended wishes for a peaceful future through mutual understanding.



## Peace Churches conference

Dora Maendel (left, rear), from the Fairholme Hutterite Colony in Manitoba, Canada, presented at the conference, “The Peace Churches and the Great War: A Centennial Reflection,” cosponsored by the Young Center and the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking on May 31-June 1. She and Duane Stoltzfus described the abusive treatment of four Hutterite men at Alcatraz. Barbara Royer (right, rear) discussed her book about her grandfather, an Old German Baptist Brethren conscientious objector. About 80 people attended conference events, which focused on Brethren, Mennonite, and Hutterite responses to WWI.



## Short-term scholars welcomed this fall

### RESEARCHERS STUDY PLAIN CLOTHING AND AMISH FAMILY CARE

Doctoral student Nao Nomura, an associate professor teaching American Studies courses at Japan’s Saitama University, arrived in late August to spend a month at the Young Center. Nomura, who is working on her dissertation on Amish material culture, received

a grant from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science to work with an overseas institution for more than six months over a course of three years. “It was natural for me to choose the Young Center as my research site,” she said. “This time, I would like to focus on writing about Amish dress. I look forward to intellectual exchange with the scholars at the center.”

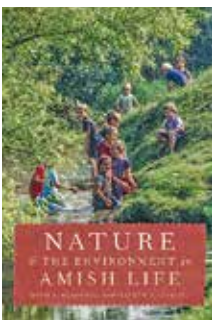
An undergraduate student from Germany, Klara Schorer, will spend September 7 through 21 at the Young Center. Schorer, who is studying fashion at Pforzheim University, will examine some of the plain clothing in the Young Center’s collection.

Angela Kueny, an associate professor of nursing at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, will spend October 22 to November 22 as a scholar in residence. While at the Young Center, Kueny will collect data and complete article manuscripts based on her dissertation and subsequent data collection. Kueny’s research focuses on Amish family care for children with chronic illnesses, especially alternative therapies. She began working with Amish families at the Iowa Children’s Hospital after graduating from nursing school, and she continues to work with the Iowa Hemophilia Team and her nursing students, providing outreach clinics to families in Iowa with hemophilia. Her research is intended to support these health care providers and others working with Amish families.

## New book explores Amish relationship with nature

*Nature and the Environment in Amish Life*, the most recent title in the Young Center series published by Johns Hopkins University Press, will be available in late September. Written by David McConnell and Marilyn Loveless of the College of Wooster, the book is a comprehensive study of how the Amish

understand nature in their daily lives and how their actions impact the natural world. For their study, the authors drew on 150 interviews as well as a survey of household resource use among Amish and non-Amish people.



## Staff update

Administrative assistant Hillary Daecher left the Young Center on July 12 to take a new job at a firm in Lancaster. The staff of the center and Elizabethtown College deeply appreciate Hillary’s eleven years of service and wish her great success in her new position. Through the years, she handled logistics, managed internal operations, assisted fellows and visitors, and interfaced with attendees at events and conferences with friendliness and superior skill. She fulfilled her numerous and varied tasks proficiently and graciously. We, along with the many supporters of the Young Center, will miss her as both a colleague and a friend, and we wish her continued professional success.

On July 30, the Young Center welcomed Sandi Hilsher as the temporary administrative assistant. Sandi retired in 2015 from many years of employment at Elizabethtown College, including several years as the administrative assistant at High Library. She fits in well at the Young Center, carrying on the work with great skill and friendliness. Meanwhile, we continue the search for a permanent person to fill the position of administrative assistant.

# Series celebrates the Young Center's expansion

The Young Center has planned a series of special events titled "Something Old, Something New at the Young Center" for the academic year 2018–2019 to celebrate the expanded building. Many of the events relate to the center's well-established work in Amish studies, but offer new perspectives.

The series begins on September 20 with "Chasing the Amish Vote: Politics, Polarization and the Old Order Community," by Steve Nolt and Kyle Kopko.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the Young Center at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, during the Brethren Heritage Festival.

The Snowden Lecture rounds out the fall semester activities: Charles Jantzi will discuss mental health treatment in plain communities on November 15.

Spring semester events begin on February 7 with Don Kraybill's presentation, "I Just Want a Red Convertible": Surprising Stories from 30 Years of Research and Publishing Amish Life."

On March 14 and 15, Christopher Herbert will deliver the Durnbaugh Lectures. Herbert, a recent graduate of the Julliard School with a D.M.A. in voice, soloist, and member of the male vocal quartet New York Polyphony, will present new findings about

music composition at the Ephrata Community. The college choir will perform some of Herbert's transcriptions.

The formal dedication of the completed Young Center will take place on the afternoon of March 14.

Kreider Fellow Joshua Brown, who teaches German at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, will speak about Amish identity in changing cultural contexts on March 28.

The final event for the year of celebration is the center's conference, "Health and Well-Being in Amish Society," on June 6, 7, and 8.

Check the upcoming events page of the Young Center website for details.

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## Center schedules conference on the Amish

**"HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN AMISH SOCIETY" TO BE HELD JUNE 6-8, 2019**

The Young Center will host "Health and Well-Being in Amish Society," a multidisciplinary conference, June 6, 7, and 8, 2019. The conference, cosponsored by WellSpan Health, will focus on health, healing, health care, and individual and community welfare and well-being in Amish life.

Joseph B. Martin, Edward R. and Anne G. Lefler Professor of Neurobiology, Emeritus at Harvard Medical School, will deliver the keynote address. Martin received his medical degree from the University of Alberta, completed a residency in neurology and a fellowship in neuropathology at Case Western Reserve University, and received his Ph.D. in anatomy from the University of Rochester. Martin taught at McGill University and Harvard Medical School before becoming dean and then chancellor at UCSF. He returned to Harvard Medical School where he served as dean and then as Lefler Professor of Neurobiology until his retirement in 2016. Martin is the author or coauthor of more than 300 scientific articles and reviews, and has

received numerous national and international distinctions throughout his career.

The conference will include three plenary sessions. In "The Amish as Healthcare Consumers," Katherine Hempstead will analyze the way Amish communities pay for health care in the context of broader healthcare economics and consider what Amish practice might tell us—and not tell us—about current policy debates. Hempstead directs the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's work on health insurance coverage and also works on issues related to health care price transparency and value. She holds a visiting faculty position at the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy.

Martha King will present "Medicine and the Modern Amish," a discussion of how Amish group identity, understandings of the body, and bodily practice contrast with many of the presumptions of biomedicine. King is a scholar and teacher working on the intersections of belief systems, expressive culture, rural communities, health care, and the body. She works as a teaching assistant professor in

the department of anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Melissa Thomas will discuss the cultural components of successful public health outreach efforts in "Understanding the Why: Engaging Amish and Plain Communities in Addressing Health Disparities." Thomas is an assistant professor in the family medicine department at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has worked on addressing health disparities through community-engaged research and outreach models for over 20 years, with a specific emphasis in rural and Appalachia Ohio. As founding director of the nonprofit Center for Appalachia Research in Cancer Education (CARE), Thomas served as principal investigator on a number of research studies aimed at reducing the burden of cancer through culturally competent health education programs.

Academic paper presentations and poster sessions will also be part of the conference. In addition, the conference will feature a series of seminars and panel discussions designed especially for health care providers who work with Amish and other plain community members. Topics include effective primary care, addressing barriers to care, death and dying, navigating alternative approaches to treatment, and issues in mental health, among others.

The call for papers remains open until October 1. Conference registration begins in January. For more information, visit [www.eto.edu/amish2019](http://www.eto.edu/amish2019), call (717) 361-1470, or send an e-mail to [amish2019@eto.edu](mailto:amish2019@eto.edu).



Joseph B. Martin



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Melissa Thomas

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## EXHIBIT

**Here, There is Welcome**

**September 17–December 3**

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“Here, There Is Welcome: 300 Years of Refugees in Lancaster County” a 15-panel exhibit produced by LancasterHistory.org, honors the long tradition of welcoming refugees and immigrants to Lancaster County. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be on display in the Young Center lobby Monday through Friday, September 17 through December 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule a group tour or a tour after hours, please call (717) 361-1470. The Young Center and High Library are joint sponsors of the exhibit.

## LECTURE

**Chasing the Amish Vote: Politics, Polarization, and the Old Order Community**

**STEVE NOLT & KYLE KOPKO**

**Thursday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.**

**Gibble Auditorium**

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During the 2016 presidential election, Amish PAC, a new political action committee based in Arlington, Virginia, sought to mobilize Amish voters in Lancaster County. Elizabethtown professors Steve Nolt and Kyle Kopko will describe the PAC’s efforts and the Amish response. They will report on research into Amish participation in the 2016 election and the possible impact of Amish PAC’s advertising on non-Amish voters, as well as suggest what this episode tells us about religion and politics in America today.

Steve Nolt is senior scholar at the Young Center and professor of history. Kyle Kopko is associate professor of political science and associate dean of institutional effectiveness, research, and planning.



## BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**Saturday, October 20, Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

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Pedal the bicycle to churn homemade ice cream and then taste the results along with popcorn from the Reist popcorn wagon and other treats. Enjoy country gospel music by Days of Old and hymns by a Chiques Church of the Brethren quartet, watch a quilting demonstration, and take a tour of the Young Center.

## RIBBON CUTTING

**Saturday, October 20, 1:30 p.m.**

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Elizabethtown College president Carl Strikwerda, Young Center director Jeff Bach, and others will cut the ribbon officially opening the expanded Young Center building.

## SNOWDEN LECTURE

**Mental Health Treatment in the Plain Communities**

**CHARLES JANTZI**

**Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.**

**Bucher Meetinghouse**

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Charles Jantzi will explore the current thinking about mental health issues and treatment approaches within the plain communities. His exploration will include both outside professional and plain community peer-to-peer treatment approaches.

Charles Jantzi, the Young Center’s Snowden Fellow for 2018, is a professor of psychology at Messiah College.





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## Charles Jantzi named Snowden Fellow

Charles Jantzi, professor of psychology at Messiah College, has been named the Young Center's 2018 Snowden Fellow. Jantzi received his Psy.D. in clinical psychology from Wright State University and worked as a clinical psychologist conducting therapy full-time for 13 years before shifting to teaching full-time and providing therapy part-time. He has spent two summers providing therapy at Green Pasture, the treatment center for members of the plain communities located at WellSpan Philhaven in Mount Gretna, Pa.

Jantzi has conducted research on the communication patterns through phone calls, texting, and other messaging platforms between parents and adolescents and emerging adults. He has also explored the use of social media by Amish youth. And he is interested in the attitudes that members of different faith traditions have towards mental health issues and treatment.

During his semester as the Snowden Fellow, Jantzi will focus on the mental health treatment of members of plain communities:

"I will be looking at treatment provided by outside professionals as well as treatment provided by nonprofessionals—oftentimes provided by other members of these communities or ministers. I would also like to discover the view of various mental health diagnoses and treatment approaches—medication and mental health counseling—held by members of these communities."

"I am excited to have the benefit of the experience of the Young Center staff as a result of their extensive work with various Anabaptist groups," Jantzi continued. "I believe both will be helpful in the gathering of information regarding the mental health approaches among the plain communities."

Jantzi will present "Mental Health Treatment in the Plain Communities" on November 15 in the Bucher Meetinghouse.

The Snowden fellowship and lecture are named for Armon and Lucille Snowden, whose generous gift endowed them. The Young Center invites nominations and applications for its fellows programs. Visit [www.etown.edu/youngctr](http://www.etown.edu/youngctr) for more information.

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