

*OHIO WESLEYAN HERITAGE DAY, 2008*

*Phi Beta Kappa  
Eta Chapter of Ohio  
Ohio Wesleyan University*

*Established in 1907*



*Centennial Celebration*

*Gray Chapel  
5 March 2008  
7:30 P.M.*



*Co-sponsored by The Student Involvement Office  
& The Heritage Day Committee*



## *Initiation of Honorary Members The Order of Initiation*

### *Prelude:*

*"Prelude (Fantasy) and Fugue in G Minor," Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*



*\*Processional: "Trumpet Tune," Joseph Musser*

*(Written for the Ohio Wesleyan University Phi Beta Kappa Initiation)*



*Opening Remarks*

*Blake Michael*

*Historian's Address*

*Barbara MacLeod*

*Interpreter's Explanation*

*Lynette Carpenter*

*"Love of Learning is the  
Guide of Life"*

*John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta  
Kappa Society*

*\*Monitor's Admonition*

*Laura Tuhela-Reuning*

*\*Secretary's Pledge*

*Jeffrey Nunemacher*

*Signing of the Register*



*\*Recessional: "Processional in D," David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

*\*Postlude: "Dorian Toccata," J. S. Bach*

*Organist: Joseph Musser*



*\*All Who Are Able, Please Stand*

*The Phi Beta Kappa Chapter  
Ohio Wesleyan University*

*Laurel Anderson, Botany-Microbiology*

*Rita Boham, Administrative Assistant, Modern  
Foreign Languages*

*Dale Brugh, Chemistry*

*Thomas Burns, English*

*Scott Calef, Philosophy*

*David Caplan, English*

*Lynette Carpenter, English,  
Chapter Secretary*

*Karen Crosman, Grants Officer*

*Vicki DiLillo, Psychology*

*Amy Downing, Zoology*

*Chad Johns, Associate Chaplain*

*Ed Kahn, Theatre*

*Richard Leavy, Psychology*

*David Lever, Chemistry*

*Ülle Lewes, English*

*William Louthan, Politics and Government*

*Barbara MacLeod, Economics*

*Bart Martin, Geology*

*Amy McClure, Education*

*Stephanie Merkel, Humanities-Classics  
Phi Society Advisor*

*Blake Michael, Religion  
Chapter Vice President*

*Bernard Murchland, Philosophy*

*Joseph Musser, English  
Chapter President*

*Marilyn Nims, Music*

*Jeff Nunemacher, Mathematics and Computer  
Science  
Chapter Treasurer*

*Shari Stone-Mediatore, Philosophy*

*Dale Swartzentruber, Psychology  
Chapter Selections Committee*

*Brad Trees, Physics*

*Laura Tuhela-Reuning, Microscopy*

*Danny Vogt, Chemistry*

*Sally Waterhouse, Zoology*

*Barbara Wiesner, Library*

*Harold Wiebe, Mathematics and Computer  
Science*

*Alan Zaring, Mathematics and Computer  
Science*

*Emeriti*

*Harry Bahrick, Psychology*

*James Biehl, English and Humanities Classics*

*Phillips Burnside, Physics*

*Norman Gharrity, Economics*

*John Kneisly, Data Processing*

*Corinne Lyman, Politics and Government*

*Anna Macias, History*

*Mildred Newcomb, English*

*Laura Newman, Alumni Relations*

*Morgan Phillips, Religion*

*Richard Smith, History*

## *Elected to Honorary Membership in 2008*

### *Edward H. Burt, Professor of Zoology*

Professor Burt, in his thirty-first year at Ohio Wesleyan, co-directs the Ohio Wesleyan Honors Program. Among his zoology courses are island biology (in which he and his students travel to the Galápagos Islands) and honors course on tropical biology, which he co-teaches with David Johnson (in which the faculty and students spend ten days in Costa Rica). He chairs the National Audubon-Ohio Committee on Important Bird Areas, which identifies areas crucial to maintaining the diversity of wildlife in Ohio, and works to ensure that these areas are preserved and managed effectively. He is writing a book on Alexander Wilson, father of American ornithology, who made significant contributions to the science, literature, and art of the early 19th Century. With an active research program involving the microbiology of feathers and the evolution of color in birds, Prof. Burt is the co-holder with Jann M. Ichida of two US Patents on feather degrading and keratinase-producing bacteria.

### *David Johnson, Professor of Botany-Microbiology*

Professor Johnson has been on the faculty at Ohio Wesleyan since 1989. His research focuses on biodiversity and the evolution of tropical trees and ferns. He has traveled to twelve tropical American countries, two African countries, and southeast Asia to collect and study plants in his project to help document the rich biodiversity of tropical forests. He has described over 30 species of plants new to science and has written collaborative articles for publication with colleagues from Brazil, Colombia, England, Mexico, Tanzania, Taiwan, Thailand and the U.S. His research has synthesized a wide range of data—from morphological to molecular—in order to reconstruct the evolutionary relationships of plants. He has been awarded two Fulbright grants. Student research supervised by Dr. Johnson has taken place in the field (including Guatemala, Brazil and Tanzania), the lab, and in front of the computer screen. He is Director of The Jason Swallen Herbarium, the plant museum collection at Ohio Wesleyan and regularly works with students at the University's two nearby nature preserves.

### *Robert Olmstead, Professor of English*

Professor Olmstead joined Ohio Wesleyan's English Department in 2002, where he directs the Creative Writing Program. He is an established writer of fiction (four novels, numerous short stories) as well as magazine and journal articles. He previously served as Senior Writer in Residence at Dickinson College and, more recently, as director of the creative writing program at Boise State University. He has also published a textbook for fiction-writing workshops (*Elements of the Craft*) and a non-fiction memoir (*Stay Here With Me*). His most recent novel, *Coal Black Horse*, has won numerous plaudits and awards, including the 2007 Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize for Fiction. The Tribune characterizes the work as “a spare, elegiac novel about a 14-year-old boy's journey into the dark heart of the Civil War in search of his father.”



## *The Speaker*

### *John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Society*

As secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Churchill is the Society's chief executive officer and the head of its national office. He was born in Hector, Arkansas, and was reared in Little Rock. He was educated at Rhodes College, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, at Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and at Yale University, where he was awarded the Ph.D. in 1978. Churchill was formerly vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Hendrix College, where he also served as professor of philosophy and twice as interim president. In the 1970s, he served as assistant American secretary to the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, and has been active since that time in the selection of Rhodes scholars. His scholarly interests include the philosophers Ludwig Wittgenstein and David Hume, as well as topics in the history of philosophy, the philosophy of religion, and the philosophy of liberal education.