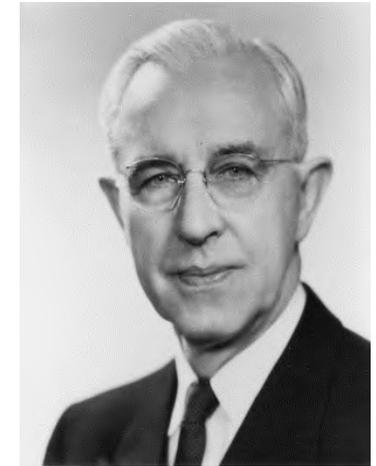


Charles Elliott Weniger, 1896–1964

Seminary dean, English professor, gifted public speaker. Charles Elliott Weniger influenced a generation of ministers through his classes in homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in the 1950s. He modeled the charismatic public speaking that he expected of students and encouraged them to explore the worlds of literature, drama, and music to enrich their lives and their sermons. His students remembered him for his modeling of excellence and his kindness, the two proving to be an inspiring combination.



Born October 22, 1896 to Charles and Ida Elliott Weniger, he grew up in Vallejo, California. He was president of his 1918 graduating class at Pacific Union College where he later became the chairman of the English Department. The University of Southern California was where he earned both masters and doctoral degrees in rhetoric. The same year that he earned his Ph.D. he was invited to serve as Dean of the SDA Theological Seminary—then in Washington, D.C. When the Seminary was moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan he was named vice-president for graduate studies and dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

In 1961, he was on his way to a seminary extension program in Beirut, Lebanon when he fell and injured his back. It was the beginning of several health challenges. But the pain he experienced did not change his sunny disposition. He was positive and optimistic even when under mental and physical pressure. Three short years later he died in Loma Linda, California leaving Eunice Clark, his wife of 44 years.

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Clinton Emmerson Annual Address Kendra Haloviak Valentine
The Irony of Orthodoxy

Fellows Presentation Daniel G. Matthews
Video Acceptances
Appreciation for Award Christopher Findley
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Gifts to the Society William J. Emmerson

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Accompanist Elvin Rodriguez

Memorial Tributes Bernard A. Taylor

Blessing and Benediction Bernard A. Taylor

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Catering: Donna Cline and Carol Jones

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William J. Emmerson, Lawrence T. Geraty, Betsy Matthews,
Daniel G. Matthews, Randall L. Roberts, Bernard A. Taylor

Lyndon Johnston Taylor



Violinist Lyndon Johnston Taylor comes from a family of musical excellence. While his parents performed as duo pianists, he and his siblings concertized as the Taylor String Quartet, appearing extensively throughout the United States and abroad, including performances at over 50 colleges and universities, and on national radio and TV in Great Britain, Sweden, and Norway. While in secondary school, Taylor received training from America's top string quartets.

Taylor earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and obtained graduate training in medicine and cell biology in preparation for a career in medical research. But after two years in an MD-PhD program, he recognized his passion for music and obtained a teaching position at the University of Redlands. He completed the Master of Music degree from California State University Northridge and the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the Juilliard School under the direction of Dorothy DeLay, where he received the Fritz Kreisler Scholarship. Taylor has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, among them the Coleman Chamber Music Award, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago Soloist Auditions, the Joseph Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Lipizer International Competition (Italy), and the 2000 Adventist Alumni Achievement Award for the Arts. Dr. Taylor has taught at University of Redlands, Andrews University, La Sierra University, and the USC Thornton School of Music. He is currently the Benjamin H. Culley Teaching Artist in Residence at Occidental College.

Taylor's orchestral career began as concertmaster of both the Redlands and Riverside symphony orchestras. He was also a member of the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia. From 2007–2011, Taylor served as Assistant Concertmaster for the New Zealand Symphony. He is now Principal Second Violin of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Gilbert M. Valentine

Transforming lives. That's a high compliment for an excellent teacher, but what about for an author and historian? With his six books and 80 some articles, particularly about Adventist pioneers John Nevins Andrews, W.W. Prescott, Ellen G. White, and the Presidents (of the General Conference), Valentine has transformed these icons of Adventism into real people, describing them in their relationships with each other. His latest book is a probing analysis of Adventism's intellectual struggles of the mid-twentieth century.

Valentine has also transformed lives during his career as a pastor, a missionary, an administrator, and professor. Born in Wanganui, New Zealand, he completed high school at Longburn Adventist College and a BA in Theology at Avondale College in Australia. After a decade in evangelism, youth ministry, and work as a college dean he furthered his education at Andrews University, first with an MA in Religion, followed by a Ph.D. in 1982, mentored by noted historian George Knight.

Returning to Australia, Valentine served as a senior church pastor in Sydney, then as president of the Adventist Seminary and College in Farooqabad, Pakistan. Next, he went to England as the Chaplain-Pastor at the Newbold College Church. In 1994, he was called back to Australia to be vice president for academic administration at Avondale College. The Southeast Asia Union in Singapore requested his assistance in the establishment of Asia-Pacific International University in Thailand, the result of successfully merging three existing educational institutions.

The fatal illness of his gifted wife Gail took the couple back to Australia in 2007 for medical care, where he served as an associate education secretary for the Division. In 2010, after marrying Kendra Haloviak, Valentine moved to California and took a leadership role in the School of Education at La Sierra University, retiring in 2017. However, he continues to write and transform Adventism with his insightful examination of history.



Kendra Haloviak Valentine

With a passion for Scripture, plus a gift for preaching and teaching, Kendra Haloviak Valentine attracts crowds—to her classes at the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University, and to churches and auditoriums where she preaches and lectures. Some have called her the finest preacher of her generation.

She earned her first degree in Theology and English at Columbia Union College, followed by a master's in New Testament from Andrews University Theological Seminary. Her first pastoral appointments were in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Kettering, Ohio. Then, in 1995, when she moved to Takoma Park, Maryland, the congregation at Sligo Church recognized her pastoral calling and ordained her along with two other women—a first for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. In 2002, she completed her doctorate in New Testament and Ethics at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley with a study on the ethical implications of the Apocalypse. That year she also began teaching at La Sierra University.

Among her notable publications on Revelation are: “The Book of Revelation” in *The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*; *Worlds at War, Nations in Song: Dialogic Imagination and Moral Vision in the Hymns of the Book of Revelation*, and “Cleopatra and the Interpretation of Revelation 17.” She has presented scores of seminars on the Apocalypse for both clergy and lay audiences.

She has also written creatively about the Gospels: *Signs to Life: Reading and Responding to John's Gospel*; and “Liberating Legion: An Ecocritical postcolonial reading of Mark 5:1–20” in *Ecotheology and Nonhuman Ethics in Society*. She is a regular presenter at scholarly conferences and has been published in the *Adventist Review*, *Ministry*, *Evangelical Quarterly*, and more than twenty times in *Spectrum*.

In 2009, she met Gilbert Valentine while guest lecturing at Avondale College. They were married in 2010.



David R. Williams

For his 2016 TED Talk “How Racism Makes Us Sick,” David R. Williams developed a scale to measure the impact of discrimination on well-being, going beyond traditional measures like income and education to reveal how factors like implicit bias, residential segregation, and negative stereotypes create and sustain inequality. The talk has been viewed 1.7 million times and translated into 21 languages. It is just one of the reasons that he is an internationally recognized authority on social influences on health.

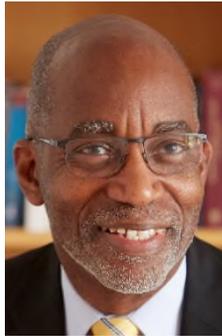
Dr. Williams is the Florence and Laura Norman Professor of Public Health and Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is also a Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. Previously, he served 6 years on the faculty of Yale University and 14 years at the University of Michigan.

A product of Christian education, he attended SDA schools in St Lucia as a child. After graduating from the University of the Southern Caribbean in Trinidad, he earned an MDiv from Andrews University and an MPH in Health Education from Loma Linda University. He received a PhD in sociology from the University of Michigan.

The author of more than 500 scientific papers, his research has enhanced our understanding of the ways in which race, socio-economic status, stress, racism, health behavior, and religious involvement can affect health.

He was the second Adventist elected to the National Academy of Medicine (in 2001) and the first Adventist ever elected to the National Academy of Sciences (in 2019). He has been ranked as the Most Cited Black Scholar in the Social Sciences worldwide, and as one of the World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds.

Dr. Williams has worked for the SDA church as a high school teacher, student literature evangelist, and public health educator. He currently serves on the board of trustees of Oakwood University and Loma Linda University.



Gerald R. Winslow

Bioethicist Gerald Winslow finds the intersection of ethical principles and health policy fascinating, and it is where he has made major contributions to the community at large, the Adventist health care system and the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Beginning in 1989 when he was chosen to serve on the Christian View of Human Life Committee at the General Conference, he has played a major role in the policy and statements of the denomination on health issues such as care for the dying and abortion. He is the founding director of the Institute for Health Policy at Loma Linda University and was instrumental in the formation of the Bioethics Consortium within the five Adventist health systems. He also led the Center for Christian Bioethics at LLU. The policy work has been in addition to 50 years of teaching at Adventist universities and colleges.

He received his undergraduate education at Walla Walla University and his Master’s degree at Andrews University. He earned his doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. He has also been a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, University of Virginia, and the University of Tübingen. He has specialized in teaching and writing about ethics, especially bio-medical ethics. His books include *Triage and Justice* published by the University of California Press and *Facing Limits* (edited with James Walters) from Westview Press. His articles have appeared in academic journals such as the *Western Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of Pediatrics*, the *Hastings Center Report*, the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, and *General Dentistry*. He has lectured at universities and for professional groups throughout North America and in Australia, Europe, Russia, Africa, and Asia. He is a member of the California Technology Assessment Forum, a public forum for the evaluation of new health care technologies.



The Weniger Fellows Student Scholarship Fund

The Weniger Fellows Student Scholarship Fund is established to apprise undergraduate students attending accredited North American Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities of the historical Weniger legacy, and to challenge them to emulate these qualities of excellence in all aspects of their lives.

Commencing with the 2013-2014 academic year, the annual honors award has been granted jointly by the Weniger Society and the institution to one undergraduate student who has met the requirements.

Recipients of the scholarship will have demonstrated excellence in all of the following areas:

- Spirituality
- Academics
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- Leadership

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Kettering Health, **Lindsey Daniel**
La Sierra University, **Christian Botello**
Loma Linda University, **Heather Jones**
Oakwood University, **Moselle Destour**
Pacific Union College, **Samuel Luque**
Southern Adventist University, **Shannelle Bennett**
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Walla Walla University, **Mitchell Powers**
Washington Adventist University, **Erin Greenlaw**

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The Weniger Society for Excellence

In 1974, ten years after the death of Dr Weniger, three of his friends—Clinton Emmerson, John Osborn, and Jerry Pettis—established the society to honor his memory and the qualities of excellence that were paramount in his life. Through its award program, the Society seeks to identify and recognize the contributions made to the world by people with similar significant traits of character.



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