



FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Robson Marinho, PhD

Thank You!

This month we have a special issue of the newsletter featuring our Orientation and Conference Memories. Thanks to all of you who made our 2nd AU Leadership Conference so special! I am sure the reflections we made on Emotional, Social and Spiritual Leadership will contribute to our leadership performance in different areas. And those who participated in the pre-session on Spiritual Leadership (with presentations by Richard Blackaby and Stan Patterson) asserted that this was the major innovation of the 2012 conference. Thanks to Stan for implementing and coordinating this high level pre-conference program.

Our Roundtable program, now embedded in the AU Leadership Conference, has always been our major opportunity for reviewing and encouraging participants' progress in the program. Thank you all for your honest feedback and evaluations. You've given us plenty of suggestions for improvement; you can be sure our faculty will review together every single comment and suggestion so we can make next year's program even better. I'd like to share a few general highlights that you and your fellow participants noted:

"The quality of the speakers and discussions was outstanding."

"More competency workshops in the future. They were eye opening and the best part of the roundtable. It was extremely helpful and productive."

"The practical material on competency presentation was TERRIFIC!"

"Thanks for a super equipping, professional and resourceful roundtable."

"I was richly blessed and empowered!"

Above all, your participation was the major highlight of the conference. The support and involvement of each faculty member and each participant made this conference a productive opportunity.

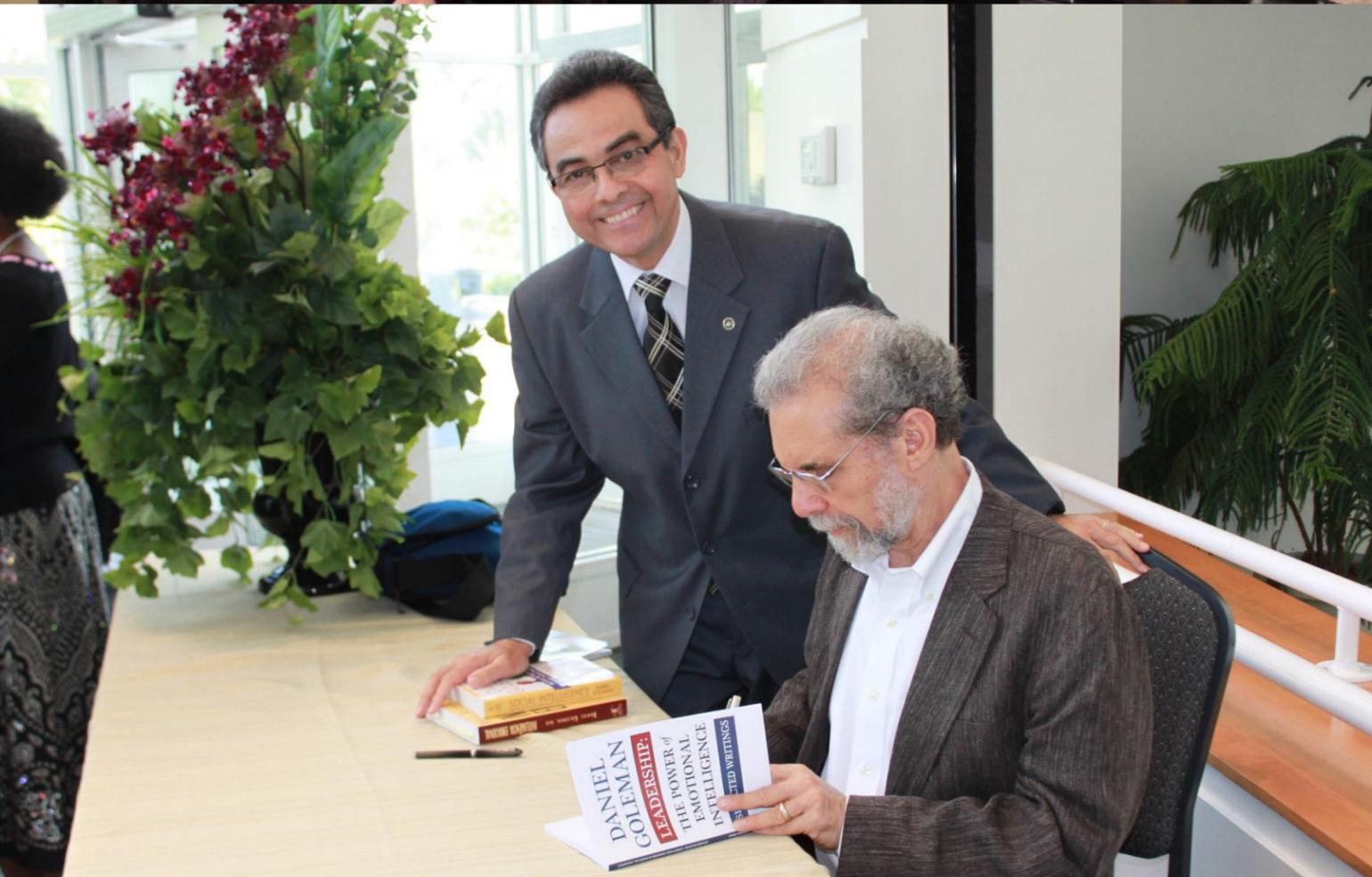
Now take a look through our photo album and reflect on your memories of the 2012 Leadership Conference!

Orientation Memories





Roundtable General Memories





Spiritual Memories



Social Memories





Emotional Memories





Learning Groups





LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations Pamela Consuegra, PhD!



On July 19, Pamela Consuegra defended her dissertation, titled "A Multiple-Case Study Describing Collaborative Relations Between Adventist Pastors and Teachers in the Eastern United States." The dissertation was chaired by Shirley Freed; Janet Ledesma and Duane Covrig were members of the committee.

Joe Brettnacher Defends Dissertation



Joe Brettnacher defended his dissertation on July 26, titled "Principals' Perceptions of Teacher Attrition in Indiana Catholic Schools Checking for Agreement with Ingersoll's Theoretical Framework on Teacher Attrition in Private Schools." The dissertation was chaired by Gary Gifford; the committee members were Isadore Newman as methodologist, Lou Trenta and Duane Covrig as content experts, and Sunimal Kulasekera as the external examiner.

Congratulations Shawn Collins, PhD!



Shawn Collins successfully presented his portfolio on July 22. Since Shawn defended his dissertation in May, this completes his doctoral work. Committee members were Duane Covrig (advisor), Shirley Freed and Erich Baumgartner.

Clark Barrett is Awarded Military Distinction



LTC Clark C. Barrett (PhD Graduate 2002) was presented the Commandant's Award for Distinction in the graduation ceremonies at the Army War College on June 9, 2012. Clark also received The Commandant's Award for Distinction in Research for his paper, "Finding 'The Right Way': Towards an Army Institutional Ethic." His paper will appear in *Army Parameters*. Watch a snippet of the award ceremony at <http://youtu.be/ms5XbbaRygg>

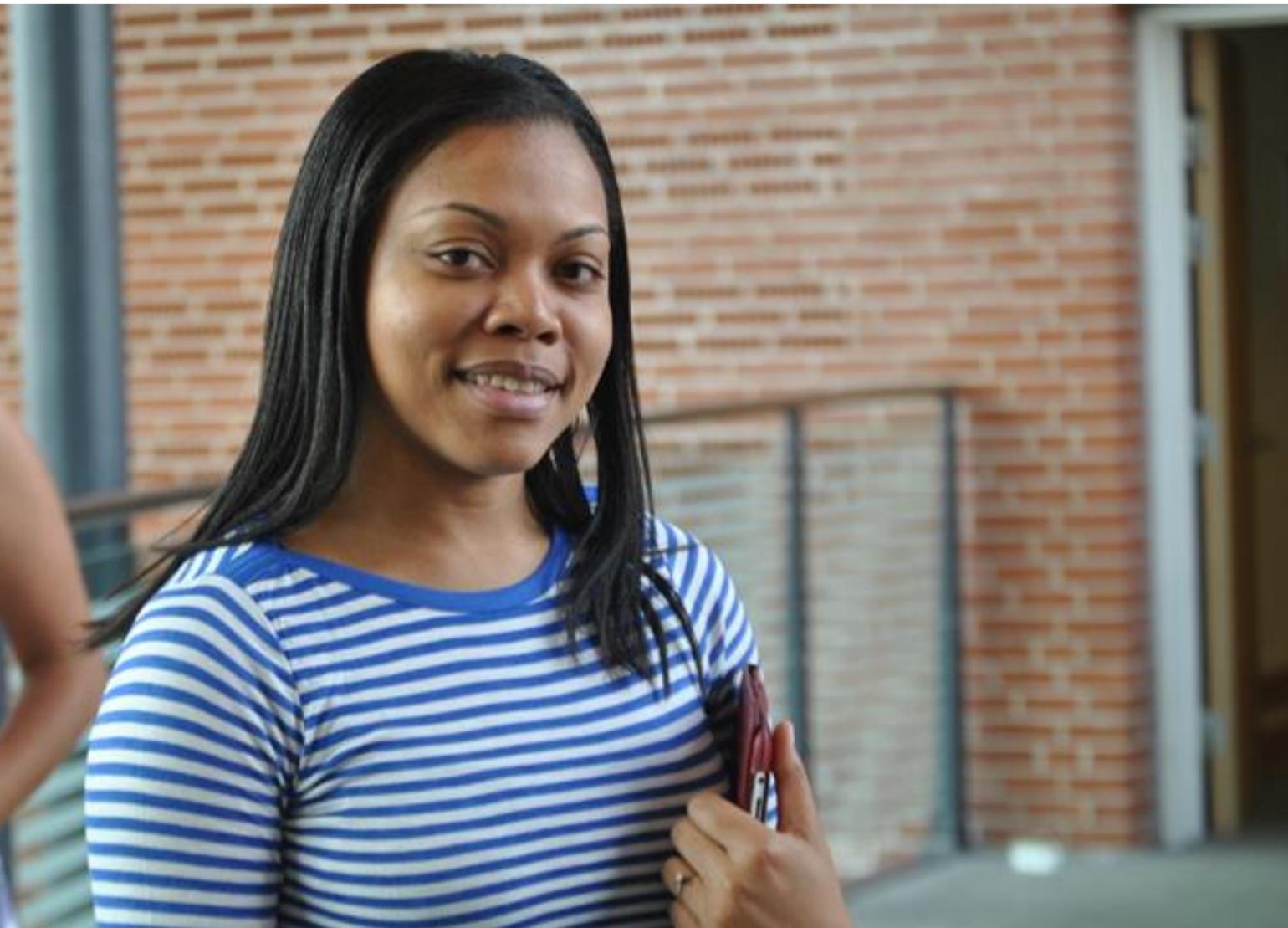
Cindy Lou Bailey Presents Portfolio



Cindy Lou Bailey (2008 cohort) successfully presented her MA portfolio on July 22. Committee members were Becky De Oliveira as advisor and Duane Covrig.

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

Amilah Jamieson Presents Portfolio



Amilah Jamieson successfully presented her MA portfolio on July 19. Committee members were Becky De Oliveira as advisor and Duane Covrig.

Jeanne Herman Presents Portfolio



Jeanne Herman successfully presented her MA portfolio on July 25. Committee members were Becky De Oliveira as advisor and Robson Marinho.