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# FAHE at Guilford College

June 18-21, 2009

Dear Friends,

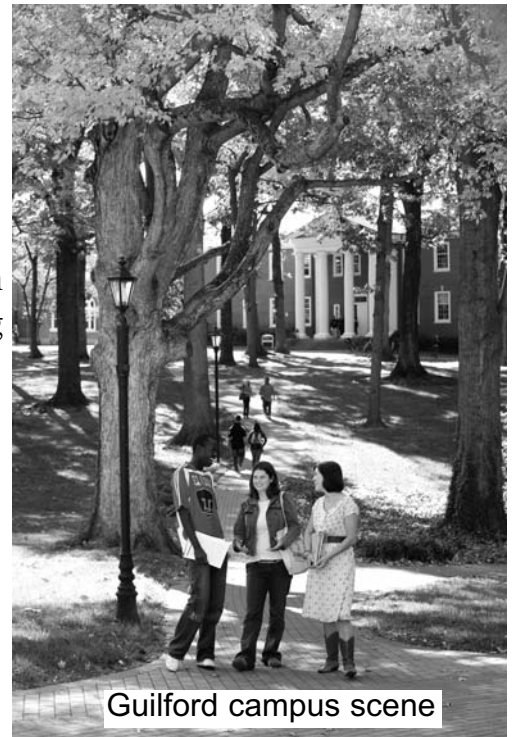
On behalf of the Guilford College community, I write to invite you to this year's annual conference of the Friends Association for Higher Education, which will take place on the Guilford campus from June 18-21, 2009. We anticipate welcoming FAHE members from across the country to our beautiful campus here in Greensboro, North Carolina.

This year's theme, *Education for the Abundant Life*, seems particularly germane in these times when continuing wars, economic upheaval, ongoing issues of injustice and environmental depredation engage our concern locally and globally. Guilford's commitment, shared by FAHE and its members, to educate, challenge and nurture the whole student in an environment that also offers those qualities to the educator is a clear response and witness to a world with such diverse needs.

A wonderful variety of presentations and workshops are in preparation, ranging from *Education for Healing – A Pedagogy and Curriculum for Under-Prepared Students from Poverty* to *Right Relationship: Rethinking Abundance in Terms of the Whole Earth Economy*. In plenary sessions we look forward to hearing from Guilford's own Max Carter, George Fox University's Carole Spencer, and Stanley Hauerwas, professor of theological ethics at the Divinity School of Duke University.

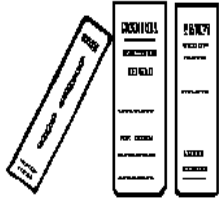
Coming together each summer to reflect and discuss our common work with students provides refreshment and renewal. We look forward to the privilege of hosting the 2009 FAHE conference and doing our best to welcome you to Guilford.

Kent John Chabotar  
President of Guilford



Guilford campus scene

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**NEWSLETTER**



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## *Selected List of Workshops and Presenters*

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**THE PURPOSE** of the Friends Association for Higher Education is to strengthen the Quaker mission in higher education. FAHE is devoted to:

\* Facilitating interaction and fellowship among all who share Friends' ideals of higher education;

\* Discerning the unity of spirituality, intellectual rigor, and social justice;

\* Sharing the scholarly research in the service of Friends' values; and

\* Providing resources and encouragement to Friends-connected institutions of higher education in understanding and applying Friends' values.

### Executive Committee

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*Engaging Friends in Multi User Virtual Environments; Scott Headly*

*Challenges of the Abundant Life: Sisters in Faith Encounter Early Friends and Personality Type; Stephanie Crumley-Effinger, Helene Pollock*

*Toward a Quaker Epistemology; Laura Rediehs, Margaret Benefiel*

*Liberation Theology Meets Quaker Pedagogy; Margaret Benefiel*

*Quaker Philosophy Roundtable; Laura Rediehs, Jeffrey Dudiak*

*Collaborating for Peace and Conflict Education in Kenyan Friends High Schools; Lon Fendall*

*Speaking Peace: What You Say Next Will Change Your World; Melinda Zipin*

*Liberation Theology Meets Quaker Pedagogy; Lonnie Valentine*

*Camino; Susan Schmidt*

*Right Relationship: Rethinking Abundance in Terms of the Whole Earth Economy; Keith Helmuth*

*Quakers and the Postmodern: Problems and Promises; Abigail Adams, Wess Daniels, Jeffrey Dudiak*

*Sharing and Cooperation; David Ross*

*Information Technology and the Abundant Life in a Quaker College: Friend or Foe - or Both?; Kate Hood*

*Testimony, Synergy and Abundance; Donn Weinholtz*

*An Abundance of History: The Guilford Campus as a Teaching Tool for Living the Testimonies; Max Carter*

*Teaching the Material and Teaching the Students: Reflections on Introductory Courses for Non-Majors; Shane Kirkpatrick*

*Nonviolent Diet in the Abundant Life: Research on Vegetarians; Rachel M. MacNair*

*Spiritual Listening: Finding One's Path and Solace Amidst the Busyness of Academia; June Wiley*

*How to Get Them to do the Reading; Don Smith*

*Caring in Community: Communal Illustrations of an Abundant Life; Stan Searl*

*Students' Experience of the Holy Silence: Beginning Composition*

*Students Write about Silent Worship in the Manner of Friends; Terry C. Miller, LeighAnn Oettinger*

*Dreams as a Path of Learning and Inner Self-Exploration in the College Classroom; Stephen Potthoff*

*Deepening Faithfulness and Compassion through Understanding Personality Type; Stephanie Crumley-Effinger*

*Education for Healing - A Pedagogy and Curriculum for Under-Prepared Students from Poverty (Curriculum Inspired by Young Adult Friends Gatherings); Diego Navarro*

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

**FAHE 2009: Education for the Abundant Life** at Guilford College on June 18-21, 2009 will feature:

**Thursday June 18:** 1-5 PM Registration and key distribution, Optional tours; 4:15 Conference Welcome, Plenary: Max Carter, workshop sessions

**Friday June 19:** Workshop sessions, 4:30 Plenary: Stanley Hauerwas

**Saturday June 20:** Workshop sessions, 9:15 Business Meeting, 4:30 Plenary: Carole Spencer

**Sunday June 21:** Workshop sessions, closing worship, and lunch

Detailed schedule will be available through the FAHE and Guilford websites later this spring. Register online in March or request registration materials from the FAHE office (see contact information on back of newsletter).

## Thursday Field Trips

### New Salem Pottery & Replacements, LTD.

This trip includes a visit to New Salem Pottery, owned by Quaker pottery expert Hal Pugh, and Replacements, LTD., a warehouse for discontinued china and crystal patterns, with a museum of interesting pieces. See [www.newsalempottery.com](http://www.newsalempottery.com) for galleries and more information about New Salem Pottery. See [www.replacements.com](http://www.replacements.com) for more information about Replacements, LTD. Leaves Guilford College at 10:00 a.m.



*Dennis Marbled plate reproduction from New Salem Pottery*

### Guilford County Quakers / Anti-slavery History Tour



This trip includes a visit to Mendenhall Plantation (pictured at left), a 19th Century Southern Quaker Farm, featuring one of two remaining false bot-tomed wagons used in the Underground Railroad; return to Guilford College to explore the rich heritage of the land that Levi and Vestal Coffin grew up on, which became Guilford College. Leaves Guilford College at 11:30 a.m. See also <http://www.mendenhallplantation.org/> for more information on Mendenhall Plantation.

### Guilford College Historical Tour

Opening in 1837 as New Garden Boarding School, the institution transformed itself into a four year liberal arts college in 1888, the only Quaker founded college in the Southeastern United States. Built in an area continuously inhabited by Friends since the 1750s, Guilford's rich heritage will be shared in this tour. [http://www.guilford.edu/about\\_guilford/](http://www.guilford.edu/about_guilford/) contains information about Guilford. See more about Guilford College on the other side of this page. Leaves at 2:00 p.m. from the registration area.

### The Friends Historical Collection

([http://www.guilford.edu/about\\_guilford/services\\_and\\_administration/library/fhc/](http://www.guilford.edu/about_guilford/services_and_administration/library/fhc/)) will be open in the Hege Library. Specific hours will be posted on the conference program.

## NOTABLE ON THE GUILFORD COLLEGE CAMPUS



### Green Building on Campus

Archdale Hall, left, underwent a renovation in 2008 which both improved the building's energy efficiency and brought its interior closer to its historical appearance. The building was originally constructed in 1885 with bricks salvaged from the burned King Hall. The renovation, mostly funded by a gift, was the first large-scale construction project since President Kent Chabotar signed the Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007. As part of the pledge, Archdale meets the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification standards.

**Friends Center** is a cooperative office of Guilford College and the wider community of Friends to strengthen Friends and their institutions.

Established by the Guilford Board of Trustees in 1982 to address the desire to maintain the College's Quaker ethos, Friends Center has since established the College's campus ministry program, Quaker Leadership Scholars Program (QLSP), Quaker Renewal Program, Quaker Studies Concentration, and a variety of distinguished Quaker visitors programs.

Unlike the move in the 1970s and 1980s at many religiously affiliated colleges and universities, the Friends Center was not begun to "ghettoize" Quakerism in a "center" so the rest of the institution could go its merry, secular way! Friends Center has functioned to keep the Quaker ethos central to the College's identity.

Today, five staff serve Friends Center: Max Carter is the director and campus ministry coordinator and directs the Quaker Studies program. Deborah Shaw is the assistant director and worship & nurture coordinator for the campus. Scott Pierce Coleman directs the Guilford Initiative on Faith and Practice - a Lilly Grant program secured by Friends Center - and directs the QLSP program. Frank Massey is the gifts discernment coordinator and teaches courses in Quaker history and spirituality. Gracie Harris is the Office Manager for Friends Center and the Initiative on Faith and Practice, and serves as outreach coordinator for older adult students.

**New local-food oriented food service**, Meriwether Godsey began providing food service for Guilford College in August 2008 after wide consultations in the campus community. The dining services bid was led by Jon Varnell, associate vice president of operations and facilities, and a 16-member advisory committee that included six students appointed by the Community Senate. A community electronic survey was conducted resulting in "Food quality" and "taste of food" being ranked as the most important priorities. Respondents also expressed concern for dining services staff to be paid a living wage. Providing many food options, keeping the current employees, having a commitment to environmental sustainability, and having low-fat food options also ranked more important than keeping the meal plan at its current price.

Criteria in the final decision included: The overall "fit" with Guilford, the company's ability to develop a customized Guilford food brand identity, the company's transparency with detailed financial information from the beginning of the bid process, evidence that a quality management culture applies throughout the company, evidence of time, attention and detail dedicated to Guilford, the company's commitment to a living wage, the company's proven commitment to local and organic sustainable purchases, and a diverse management profile.

*Mary Hobbs Hall, one of the stops on the campus tour, is celebrating its 100th and is one of the oldest women's cooperative dorms in the country.*



## CONFERENCE PLENARY SPEAKERS

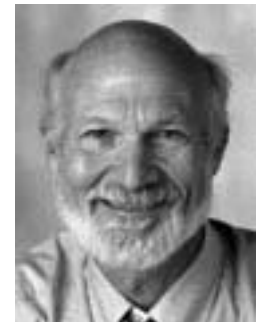


**Max L. Carter** is the director of Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator at Guilford College, where he also directs the Quaker Studies Program and teaches courses in Quaker history, faith & practice, and intentional communities. Originally from Indiana, where he grew up on a dairy farm in a largely Quaker community, Max's undergraduate education was in German and mathematics at Ball State University. Following alternative service as a teacher at the Ramallah Friends Schools, he did M. Min. work at the Earlham School of Religion, served at Earlham College, and taught at Friends Select and Friends' Central Schools in Philadelphia before receiving his Ph.D. in American Religious History at Temple University.

His dissertation was on Midwest Quaker work with Native Americans in the 19th Century. He has been at Guilford since 1990.

Max is a recorded Friends minister and serves on boards of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM), ESR, Pendle Hill, and the American Friends Service Committee. With his wife, Jane, he leads annual summer work/study trips to the Middle East to volunteer at the Friends Schools and support the work of peace communities in Israel and Palestine. Another major interest is Amish thought and practice.

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**Professor Stanley Hauerwas** has sought to recover the significance of the virtues for understanding the nature of the Christian life. This search has led him to emphasize the importance of the church, as well as narrative for understanding Christian existence. His work cuts across disciplinary lines as he is in conversation with systematic theology, philosophical theology and ethics, political theory, as well as the philosophy of social science and medical ethics. He was named "America's Best Theologian" by Time magazine in 2001. Stanley Hauerwas, who holds a joint appointment in Duke Law School, delivered the prestigious Gifford Lectureship at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland in 2001.



His book, A Community of Character: Toward a Constructive Christian Social Ethic, was selected as one of the 100 most important books on religion of the 20th century. Stanley Hauerwas recently authored Matthew: Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible, (Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2006) and "The State of the University: Academic Knowledges and the Knowledge of God," (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2007).



**Carole Spencer** teaches Christian history and spiritual formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, and is a recorded minister in Northwest Yearly Meeting. She also serves on the pastoral team of Reedwood Friends Church and serves as a spiritual director. Carole Spencer received her Ph.D. in theology from the University of Birmingham, England. She recently published the book Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism. When not teaching, preaching, or writing, she enjoys playing tennis. After raising four sons, Carole Spencer feels blessed with three granddaughters, and one grandson. She lives in Vancouver, Washington.

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