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New Dean Announced

HIV/AIDS in Africa Conference

Lutheran Agreement Signed

Renovation Update

# SPECTRUM

Dear Alumni/ae and Friends:

Transitions can be daunting, and the YDS community has had its full share this year. Our "habitat for divinity" changed repeatedly during the year as the renovation project of Sterling Memorial Quadrangle proceeded. The dedication of Niebuhr Hall in October was a major milestone signaling our move into new academic and administrative space. The spring saw the Institute of Sacred Music move to the northwest corner of the Quad and in June YDS faculty moved to their new offices in Bacon, Taylor and Stuart pavilions. The transition to new space was nearly complete by the end of the summer, with the opening of Marquand chapel, the new refectory, and most of the Divinity Library.

The Quad's recent transformation has been dramatic. Equally significant were changes in the school's leadership. Serious conversations with our colleagues at Berkeley Divinity School about our mutual

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relations marked the fall, and Bill Franklin's departure left a vacuum felt by the entire community. Yet the transition to renewed affiliation, under the leadership of Bishop Fred Borsch, has gone smoothly and we look forward to continued close collaboration between Yale and Berkeley.

The most surprising transition of all was, no doubt, the departure of Dean Rebecca Chopp at the end of June. In her year with us, Rebecca made significant contributions to the life of the school, particularly by inaugurating a long-range planning process and reconstituting the school's administrative structure. With her clear-headed and steady leadership, she won the respect of her colleagues at YDS and throughout the university. We wish her well in her new responsibilities as president of Colgate.

After consultation with the faculty, President Levin asked me in June to serve as dean for the next five years, and I accepted, with considerable enthusiasm. This is an exciting time to be at the school. The renovation of the physical plant mirrors the efforts of the past several years to maintain a superb faculty and to enhance the quality and diversity of the student body. The planning process initiated by Dean Chopp will help to strengthen the curriculum and lay the groundwork for an even more vibrant community life. There will be challenges, to be sure. Renovated student housing and increased financial aid will be among our leading priorities.

The daily newspapers tell us of the larger challenges facing YDS and the communities of conviction for which it trains leaders. The violence of terror and counter-terror, the moral lapses of business and religious leadership, the lingering reality of racism and other forms of hurtful bias, all cry out for the thoughtful analysis and moral courage that have marked our graduates. Those challenges are far more daunting than the transitions we have recently faced, but YDS possesses the resources to meet them, in a renewed Quad, a talented and dedicated, faculty and a thoughtful and loyal body of alumni and alumnae. I look forward to working with all the readers of *Spectrum* in the years ahead.

Peace,

*Harold W. Attridge*

Harold W. Attridge  
Dean and Lillian Claus Professor  
of New Testament



MICHAEL MARSLAND



GRACE PAULS

Departing Dean Rebecca Chopp and incoming Dean Harold Attridge pose with the statue of Roland Bainton that is displayed in the Dean's office.



ROBERT LISAK '02

1 The Class of 2002 gathered for a group photo on the steps of the Church of the Redeemer, New Haven. 2 O-jin Kwon and baby celebrate his S.T.M. degree. 3 Class Marshal Tommy Ayala embraces his wife, Asenath, after the Degree Awarding Ceremony. 4 Danielle James and Professor David Kelsey pose with the YDS banner. 5 Ben Hill and John Spencer proudly display their degrees with family and friends. 6 Graduates lined up on Beinecke Plaza before entering Woolsey Hall to receive their degrees.



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LISABETH HUCK '02