

PARTEE EARNS CALIAN AWARD



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Dr. Charles Partee, P.C. Rossin Professor Emeritus of Church History, with The Calian Award for Campus Community Service.

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This year's awardee is not known for being a vocal, highly visible part of the PTS community. But, in quiet and steady ways he has had significant impact on generations of students. Partee has been a dedicated employee, a colleague, and gracious spirit to students, faculty, and staff. Returning graduates from the past 30 years number this professor as one of their favorites. His door was always open for good conversation. His annual chapel services, no matter how bizarre the theme, drew crowds to Hicks Chapel. In more recent years, his style evolved as he drew students into the planning process for special music, dance, drama, and technology.

After more than 30 years of teaching at Pittsburgh Seminary, Partee retired this spring. He received his bachelor's from Maryville College, Tenn. with a major in philosophy. He continued his studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he received the B.D. and at the University of Texas (Austin) receiving his master's in classical philosophy. He earned his doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary in theology with a concentration in the history of doctrine. Prior to coming to Pittsburgh Seminary in 1978, Partee served as a pastor in Arkansas and New Jersey and as a professor at two colleges. Most of his scholarly writing concerns the theology of John Calvin. Recently he wrote *The Theology of John Calvin* (WJK, 2008). Partee has also written a book dealing with the pioneer missionary career of his father-in-law, a 1934 graduate of Pittsburgh Seminary, entitled *Adventure in Africa: The Story of Don McClure* (University of America, 2000), *Calvin and Classical Philosophy* (Interpretation Bible Studies) (WJK, 1977), and with fellow PTS professor Andrew Purves *Encountering God: Christian Faith in Turbulent Times* (WJK, 2000).

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