

PTS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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Mary Barbour is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She is an active community volunteer serving on the Board of Rumsey Hall School and was a former Board member of Sewickley Academy. Mary also served as past president of the Garden Club of Allegheny County and is currently on the Garden History and Design Committee. She attends Orchard Hill Church in Wexford, Pa.



William Bevan III is a partner at Reed Smith and has been practicing law for more than 40 years. In addition to his work in the labor and employment field, Bill counsels employers concerning the hiring, antidiscrimination and verification provisions of U.S. immigration law, and issues relating to undocumented workers. He has been a guest lecturer at Carnegie Mellon University School of Industrial Management, Pennsylvania State University, and is a frequent presenter for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute where he serves as a course planner for PBI's Labor Law Symposium.



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Eliza Smith Brown is director, communications and external relations, of the Association of Theological Schools. She is responsible for developing and implementing the ATS communications plan, which includes print and electronic publications, the website, media relations, and promoting use of ATS resources and services by the Association's member schools. A lifelong resident of Pittsburgh, she serves on the boards of The Carnegie Museum of Art and The Landmarks Financial Corporation.



The Rev. **Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy '13** is the director of mission at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. Additionally, she is the liaison to the East Liberty community, serving on the East Liberty Development Inc. Board of Directors and the East Liberty Neighborhood Improvement District Steering Committee. She was accepted as one of 50 individuals from across the country to participate in the Harvard Divinity School Summer Leadership Institute for Church-based Community and Economic Development.



David Murdoch is an attorney for K&L Gates working in corporate, international, commercial, and bankruptcy law. He was given The Cross of the Order of Merit, the highest tribute that the Federal Republic of Germany can pay to individuals, for his work in strengthening German-American relationships. Additionally, Dave has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America placing him among the distinguished group to be listed for 20 years or more.



The Rev. Dr. **Robert Weingartner '82** works with The Outreach Foundation, a validated mission support group of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His ministry takes him across the life of the church and around the world. He was awarded the Seminary's Distinguished Alumnus in Mission Award in 2012. Additionally, Rob has served on the Board of Directors for New Wilmington Missionary Conference (1995-1997) and Presbyterians for Renewal (1996-2001).



The Rev. **Kristin Beckstrom Widrich** '04 is the alumna representative on the Board. She is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry at PTS. Widrich is the acting head of staff of First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner, a 265-member congregation. She has been active in both the Charleston Atlantic and Pittsburgh Presbyteries, currently serving as chair of Self Development of People Local Committee in Charleston Atlantic.

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