



# Nashotah HOUSE NEWS

AUGUST 2019



## alumni DAY 2019

FR. BEN HANKINSON '14

As I celebrated my five-year anniversary this May, I was reminded of the old saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

Some changes were on display as we encountered new faces and welcome additions to Nashotah's life and leadership. There was the imminent shift in the student body as more seniors wore collars than my last visit in January.

And then there were conversations on the shifting seasons of individual lives and churches, including the now concluded move of a dear friend, Fr. Pryor, to the mission fields of the Arctic.

And yet, amidst the change, that which makes the House a home to many remains the same. The mission continues front



and center. The ebb and flow of daily Masses and sung Evensongs rolls on unabated. There is the quiet, and sometimes not so quiet, hum of activities and work crews keeping things running smoothly (You should join us for Alumni Workday next year). And, of course, there are the people we have met there that soon became friends and even family.

I have great hope for Nashotah, and I pray that as I return for years to come the House will continue to change in order that we may ever remain the same through my fiftieth anniversary and for generations to come.

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019



## EARNED DIPLOMAS & DEGREES CONFERRED

### CERTIFICATE IN ANGLICAN STUDIES

Edward Beaudreau  
Jonathan Totty

### MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Todd Granger  
Jonathan Jameson

### MASTER OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Eric Ryniker  
William Barto

### MASTER OF DIVINITY

Adam Bucko  
Scott Greene  
Tyler Humphrey  
Ryan Jordan  
Jesse Lassiter  
Matthew Perreault  
Richard Roessler  
Shane Spellmeyer  
Spencer Stubblefield  
Dale Van Wormer

TO READ THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DELIVERED BY  
THE REV. DR. PHILIP TURNER,  
VISIT [WWW.NASHOTAH.EDU/COMMENCEMENT](http://WWW.NASHOTAH.EDU/COMMENCEMENT)

# PREPARED to serve

RECENT GRADUATES SHARE THEIR STORIES

## A Collaborative Mission Among North American Anglicans



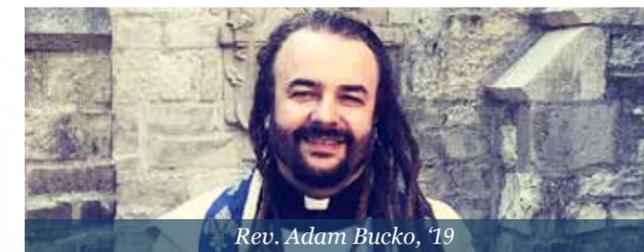
Fr. Scott Seely, '19

Having received my Master of Divinity at Trinity School for Ministry, my decision to choose Nashotah House for my doctoral education was based on desiring continued formation and training in the Anglican tradition.

The concentration of my doctoral research project was on collaborative church planting efforts among various overlapping Anglican jurisdictions along the I-35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio, Texas. My study chronicled the journey of a community of clergy and laity from several dioceses to discern the agency of the Holy Spirit through the works of Roland Allen. The project sought to discover new methodologies of church planting in the fastest growing region of the United States. Cross-jurisdictional mission is an ongoing reality in the realignment of North American Anglicanism, and it is both a challenge and an opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The wisdom and knowledge I have gained from my studies at Nashotah House have proved quite useful for implementation in parish ministry, as well as my diocesan responsibilities in church planting. God willing, I will take what I have learned and continue to apply that knowledge to facilitate greater unity among Anglicans in areas across North America where little, if any, collaboration is currently being done in church planting. I am grateful for my experience at Nashotah House as I believe it has shaped me into being a more well-rounded Anglican by which I can draw from the vast depth of the Anglican tradition.

## My Nashotah Experience & Ministry After Graduation



Rev. Adam Bucko, '19

I was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church a few months ago and will be ordained as a priest in September. My first assignment for this new phase of service will be at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, NY, a cathedral that is at the heart of a diocese that includes Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. There, I will be helping to launch The Center for Spiritual Imagination, which will focus on translating the gifts of the church's contemplative and justice traditions into programs, pathways of social engagement, and community building, all of which can be helpful in facing the problems that we as a society and the world face today. For over a thousand years, cathedrals have been sites of pilgrimage, places of holy hospitality that nourish the soul and spark spiritual insights for the world. It is that kind of a place we hope to create – a place where deep contemplative prayer and commitment to solidarity with the poor and the earth can flourish and inspire us all to act.

Reflecting on my years of training at Nashotah, I am especially grateful for three things:

Coming to Nashotah and entering the common life here felt like entering religious life. Founded as a religious community before monastic life was officially re-instated in the Anglican Church, there is much of that still present here. Prior to our arrival on campus we were asked to reflect deeply on the rule

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of St. Benedict and were provided a list of helpful questions to direct our meditations and invited to spend the summer before arriving praying with the rule and working on developing a habit of "listening with the ear of the heart" to the word of God spoken to us each day through Scripture but also through ordinary events of our lives.

The design of Nashotah's program places prayer at the center of formation. Everything else, including the deep engagement with classical sources of our tradition, is seen not only as something that one needs to be proficient in, but also as assistance in our journey toward greater intimacy with God, which, in the end, will transform how we minister to people once we are ordained.

Finally, I am grateful for the challenge of being in the minority, in terms of my progressive theological orientation. Considering all the division and tendencies people have towards those who don't agree with them in the church and in our world, I

found it a helpful experience to learn how to live, pray, and share life with people who may disagree with me. It allowed me to see that the heart of Benedictine spirituality is the practice of hospitality, where "hosting a stranger" and welcoming what is foreign and unfamiliar into our home is not only an opportunity to convert someone into our own way of seeing things, but ultimately is an opportunity for mutual conversion. Our views may not always change in the process, but a deep change happens within. ✚



Rev. Adam Bucko

## INTERESTING facts

### FROM OUR RECENT SURVEY

Nashotah House recently launched a survey to better understand the interests of our supporters and friends. We have received a phenomenal response so far! OVER 600 PEOPLE HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY. The overwhelming majority of responders believe in and support the mission of Nashotah House. Most reported that a deacon, priest, or bishop was the primary reason for their connection with the House. And a solid majority have indicated that they are already or would be interested in supporting the House financially.

We never expected this many people to respond, but we could not be happier with such an engaged audience.

Labin Duke  
Exec. VP for Institutional Advancement

Thank you to those who took a little time out of their day to respond. If you have not yet taken the survey, please take a few minutes to do so:  
[survey.nashotah.edu](http://survey.nashotah.edu)

# WELCOME to the House

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THESE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AND ADDITIONS TO OUR STAFF



DR. HANS BOERSMA and DR. ELISABETH KINCAID officially joined our faculty on July 1. They have both already done so much for Nashotah House, and we look forward with great anticipation to what is ahead.



DR. GEOFFREY WILLIAMS will be joining us as our new Assistant Professor of Church Music and Director of Chapel Music on August 1.



On August 1, we welcome FR. JASON TERHUNE to our team as the Senior Development Officer and Student Recruiter. As a Nashotah grad, Fr. Terhune brings with him a breadth of experience and a deep personal commitment to the House. We look forward to his work helping to secure the future of Nashotah.



KRISTEN OLVER is our new Admissions Counselor. Her position is currently part-time, but will become full-time effective September 1.

## >>> SPECIAL NOTE

Nashotah House is moving to a new database software, and we appreciate your patience during this process. Please contact Molly McFadzen at 262-646-6507 or [mmcfadzen@nashotah.edu](mailto:mmcfadzen@nashotah.edu) regarding changes to your contact information.

# Experience Nashotah

March 12-13, 2020

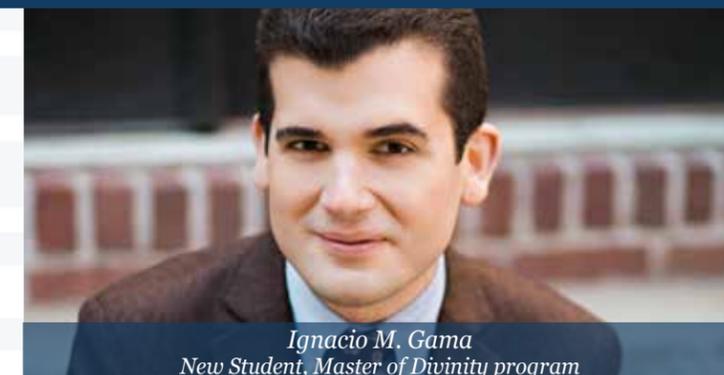
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SAMUEL CRIPPS  
NEW STUDENT, M.DIV.

## Two Attendees Share Their Experience



Samuel Cripps  
New Student, Master of Divinity program



Ignacio M. Gama  
New Student, Master of Divinity program

When I was first extended the invitation to attend Experience Nashotah I was pretty apprehensive. It was hard to imagine me taking time off work, getting a dog sitter, and driving seven hours to go visit a seminary. However, I knew that it was time to start taking God's calling in my life seriously and to start exploring the paths to ordained ministry.

As soon as I arrived I knew I had made the right decision. The campus was beautiful, and as I walked in the door of Shelton Hall I was immediately welcomed.

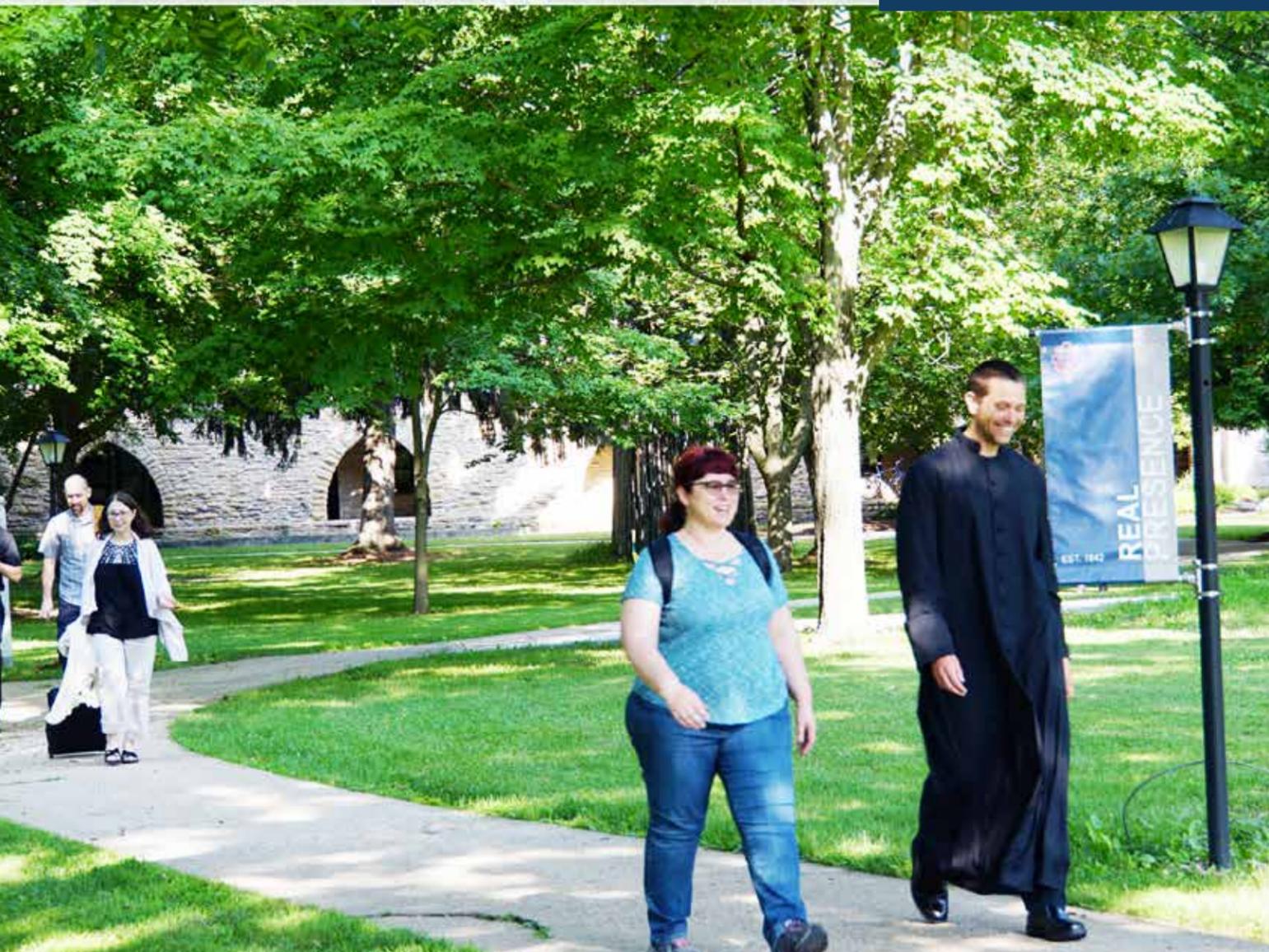
As students prepared for chapel that evening in the vesting room of St. Mary's Chapel, I was struck by the openness and hospitality of the other students. I had been worried that as small and closed as their community is, they would not be too keen on guests. The students were quick to help and direct me to my seat; one of them even came and sat with me the first night during evensong.

The next few days were a flurry of sitting in classes, presentations, and Mass. It felt a little overwhelming at first, but I fell in love with the pace of life at The House. The natural rhythms of work, prayer, and study that I had read about in monastic books were made manifest, and I knew that this was the place for me.

I began the applications process the day after I got back and was granted admission to the Master of Divinity program. I could not be more excited to join this community. I know that the program is a little more intense and involved than other seminaries and that I could go somewhere that would let me sleep in a little during the week; however, no other seminary that I've seen encourages such a community and prayer life as Nashotah House.

I was very happy to attend Experience Nashotah last Spring. I'd known about Nashotah House for some time and already had an impression of it as a solid institution both in its theology and spirituality, but nothing could have prepared me for the sheer beauty of the place. I was thankful for the opportunity to immerse myself in the life of prayer, study, and community, and to have engaging conversations with several faculty members and students. Their openness and generosity to find time to accommodate those of us in attendance was inspiring.

I especially liked the fact that the activities scheduled consisted not only of informative sessions about the application process, academics, and financial aid, but also that prospective students were given a clear picture of Nashotah's spirit and *raison d'être*. What stood out to me the most was the constant emphasis on and opportunities for prayer and real discernment. By the time I left, I was not only excited at the possibility of applying, but also hopeful for the future of the Church.



By attending, you will receive an exclusive \$500 EXPERIENCE NASHOTAH SCHOLARSHIP to be applied towards your tuition if you become a new student.

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