

Halbert Center Director

A Changing of the Guard



In 2010, Chris Flanders (left) took over directorship of the then Halbert Institute. Chris' tenure as Director has been extremely productive and substantial. Under his leadership, a number of changes took place. As alluded to above, the name changed from the Halbert Institute for Missions to the Halbert Center for Missions and Global Service; this change reflects the greater influence of the Center on our campus. It is not an exaggeration to say that all missions activity on campus was brought under the oversight of the Halbert Center.

With the help of his capable staff, Chris has highlighted missions in the life of the university. The newly-constituted missions chapel is now one of the largest breakout chapels on campus. The Global Service Trip program was initiated, increasing student involvement and establishing preparatory training for participants. In addition, the GAP year program was started, for students interested in longer terms of ministry. Chris began a program called Reveal for debriefing and mentoring students who participate in missions. The WorldWide Witness program continues to attract students; in fact, the program recently reached a milestone of over 1,000 participants since its inception.

With the support of the Halbert staff and the approval of the Provost, I am delighted to appoint Dodd Roberts (right) as the new Director of the Halbert Center, effective July 1. Dodd's experience over the past few years has demonstrated his administrative and leadership ability. I'm confident that Dodd will continue in the fine tradition that Chris has shown.

Please join me in thanking Chris for his leadership and service and in congratulating Dodd on this new appointment. I'm excited for the Halbert Center; our staff is top-notch, and the opportunities are abundant.

-Ken Cukrowski
