

"This was his first year leading and he had committed to doing a couple more years. He was a fine person and we were really looking forward to him taking a leadership role."

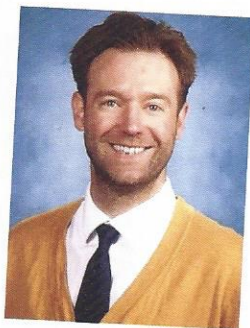
"All of us who know Doug are aware that there is not a more caring person in the world," wrote Dr. Norm Beauchamp, chair of radiology at the University of Washington. "His genuineness, selflessness, and unmatched devotion to teaching and patients serve as an inspiration to all. Doug is a role model for how we should treat others."

Green owned a home in Sugar House, UT, a suburb of Salt Lake City, where he had hoped to retire in five years, to spend more time enjoying his favorite pastime, skiing. A memorial event was held in Seattle by the UW Radiology Department.

As the magazine was going to press, we learned of the passing of Thomas B. A. Godfrey '38, Hamilton Kean '43, George "Frolic" Weymouth '54, and Joseph Beckford '55. Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to their friends and families. Full tributes will appear in the next issue of *St. Mark's Magazine*.

## Former Faculty/Staff

### Matthew William Geiger



Matthew Geiger, who served as Assistant Chaplain in 2006-07 while Father James LaMacchia was on sabbatical, died on March 9, 2016, in his home in Alexandria, Virginia, surrounded by

his parents and loving wife, Emily. He was 43. He had battled cancer for the last two years.

Born in Carbondale, Illinois, Geiger moved with his family to Vermont, graduating from Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington after receiving his primary education in Essex Junction schools. After one year at SUNY Oswego, Matthew transferred to the University of Vermont, where he completed majors in both history and religion, as well as a minor in philosophy, in 1997. He lived with Benedictine monks in Chicago while doing graduate studies at the University of Chicago, from which he received a master of divinity degree in 2004. Following several adjunct instructor positions at local colleges, he began his high school teaching career at St. Mark's.

After his year in Southborough, Matt Geiger moved on to St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School (SSSAS) in Alexandria, where he taught in the Religion Department until his death. He continued his studies while doing award-winning teaching at SSSAS and earned a doctor of ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2013.

Matthew's commitment to the service of others was evident from a young age. While at Rice Memorial High School, he was involved in missionary trips to Selma, Alabama, and to Caracas, Venezuela. He later traveled with teams to Guatemala and El Salvador. These experiences reinforced his growing commitment to service of those in need and to the inclusion of all in the human family.

Matthew found a confluence of his interests in scholarship and service in high school teaching. In his brief academic career, he made substantive contributions to the teaching practices of high school religion and ethics. He published papers and essays having their origin or foundation in his doctoral work ("Religious Education Person to Person: the Reflective and Relational Practice of 'Notebooking' in an Academic Setting") in major journals, with one reviewer characterizing the work as "groundbreaking." Matthew's manuscripts recently accepted by *Religious Education* and by *British Journal of Religious Education* will be published posthumously. Matthew also gave a number of invited lectures and organized workshops at national meetings of the Association of Religious Education. The substance of his teaching was one-on-one interactions with his students, and he was deeply committed to each of them. After his illness became known, he received countless cards, texts, and visits from former students who recalled specific conversations that they had had with Matthew that were important in their paths to personal development. Matthew and his family were heartened and encouraged by these outpourings and offer their deep thanks and gratitude to all who reached out.

He enjoyed reading, classical music, and going anywhere with Emily. As a young man, Matthew loved playing sports and was a Little League all-star pitcher and infielder. He was a four-year varsity basketball player at Rice, where he became an accomplished point guard and set a school record for assists. He continued to enjoy playing and watching these sports as an adult and was a regular attendee at Washington Nationals games. He eventually forgave his father for raising him as a Buffalo Bills fan.

Matthew's greatest good fortune was meeting the math and economics teacher Emily Catherine Repp at SSSAS. Matthew and Emily were married in Alexandria, VA, on July 18, 2009, and built a deep relationship based on mutual unconditional love. Emily remained Matthew's greatest strength and source of meaning during his illness. Matthew is survived by Emily, by his loving sister, Karen Marie Geiger, and by his mother, Edwina, and father, William.