



Q&A with New Faculty Member Lorissa Haveman

Q. Welcome to PCA Lorissa! For those who you don't know you yet can you tell us a little bit about yourself? Where you are from, where you went to school etc.?

A. My hometown is Lindsay, California, which is largely an agricultural area (I've never surfed in my life). In May 2015, I graduated from Providence Christian College in Pasadena, CA, with a B.A. in Liberal Studies and concentrations in Biblical & Theological Studies and Education.

Q. What led you to be interested in Providence Christian Academy?

A. Emily de Boer asked me to "just apply" to Providence Christian Academy. I quickly realized that Providence Christian Academy's size, culture, and focus on Reformed education aligned with my desires as an educator. Fun fact: Emily also asked me to "just apply" to Providence Christian College six years ago. She's very convincing.

Q. You will be focusing on the 1st and 2nd grades next year. Can you talk a little bit about why you wanted to be a teacher and what you like about the age you will be teaching?

A. This year, I've had a chance to step back and consider how my own Reformed education has shaped me in profound ways. I anticipate passing on my love of this theological tradition and love of learning to my young students. I enjoy working with children and using creative methods to help them make connections.

First and second graders are inquisitive and imaginative. They are learning rapidly about the order and wonder of their world. It is exciting to help this age group develop foundational skills and attitudes, which will enable them to learn for the rest of their lives.

Q. When the Board interviewed you it was via Skype and you were living in Germany! Can you talk a little bit about what led you abroad after college and what you were doing there?

A. After graduation, I was encouraged to take time and see another part of the world before I began teaching. With the support of my family, I became an Au Pair, which basically means being a nanny for the purpose of immersive cultural exchange. During the week, I helped my host family. On weekends, I explored Berlin and the surrounding area. I loved learning about German culture and worshipping with Christians from around the world. Among many valuable experiences, I'm proud to say I survived my first snowy winter.

Q. When we first spoke, you mentioned you were passionate about the Arts. Can you talk a little bit about that and maybe other subjects you really love?

A. While God could have made us strictly utilitarian beings, he allowed us to reflect His love for beauty, order, and creative expression. Creating and interacting with art allows us to live in wonder and reflect on truth about our world, our Creator, and ourselves. It has been a privilege to view some of the masterpieces of art and architecture on display in Europe. It also brought me joy to help my Au Pair host children create their own art.

I also enjoyed introducing some favorite childhood books to my host children, and I look forward to experiencing literature with my students. I really enjoy writing as well. I'm convinced there is always a way to make learning tasks enjoyable for students, even when it's not their favorite subject matter.

Q. As you know we are a distinctly Reformed school. How important is that to you?

A. In some ways, being Reformed is like a pair of glasses, which allow us to see truth and focus on our place in

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Lorissa Haveman 1st/2nd Grade Teacher

God's world with clarity and purpose. Everything is purposefully designed within the sovereignty of God, who also rules over and delights in His creation. Helping students see through this lens is a weighty responsibility, but it also makes learning exciting because all subject matter is interconnected and important in the kingdom of God.

Q. In our extensive background search on you we actually turned up one alter ego named Piet Hein. Who is this persona and can we expect to see Ms. Piet Hein at Providence this year do you think?

A. Well-I've hung up my mascot costume, but my klompen might make an appearance! Piet Hein is a historical figure and the mascot of Providence Christian College. He was a Calvinist privateer from the Netherlands whose fleet was commissioned to help his country gain their freedom. In my role as Piet Hein, I had great fun stomping around in my wooden shoes and teaching the history of my college, the Reformation, and the Netherlands. It is also fun to tell children I used to be a pirate. Who knows-maybe some other historical figures will visit my classroom!

Q. What do you love to do with your free time?

A. I love reading, hiking, baking, and sometimes dabbling in a little art. I loved exploring the museums, churches, and history of Berlin, so I hope a few trips to Chicago will be in my future.



Lorissa Exploring Alte Museum in Berlin

A Logical Progression at Providence

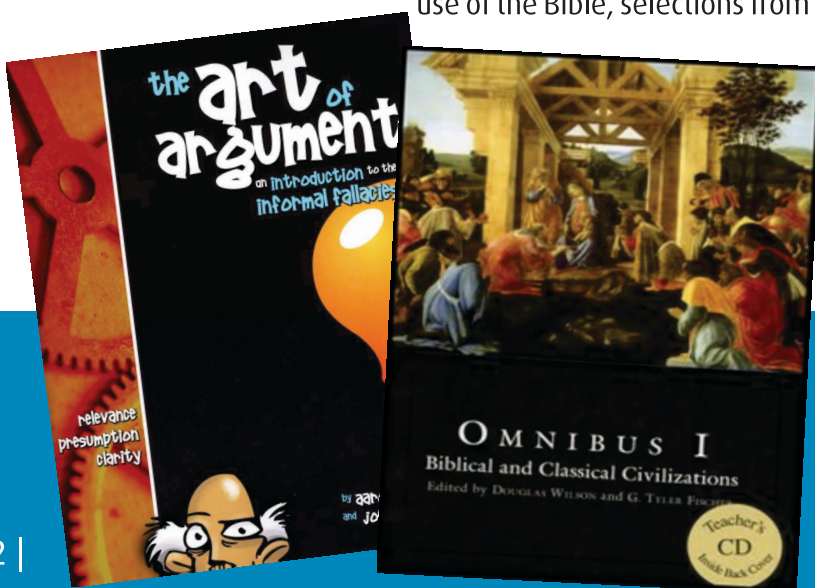
The 2016-2017 school year will be a milestone in the history of Providence Christian Academy: Lord willing next year's seventh grade students will be the first to experience the second stage of the Classical Trivium, building and expanding upon the foundation of knowledge that has been laid for them in the grammar years.

The classical paradigm is based on three stages of student development: Grammar, Logic or Dialectic, and Rhetoric. During the Grammar stage, which continues through sixth grade, children have a natural curiosity have for the world around them. Songs, chants and memory work are used in Bible, Math, Grammar, Latin, History, Geography, Science, Music and Art to equip students with the "grammar" or knowledge that provides the foundation they need for advanced study.

The Logic School, grades seven and eight, provides students with the opportunity to examine and debate opposing viewpoints and arguments. Teaching is done using the Socratic method with an emphasis on inquiry, discussion and debate. The students will continue to study many of the same subjects they did in the Grammar years, but a few changes should be noted. Theology, History and Literature will be combined and fully integrated through the Omnibus curriculum. Seventh graders will use Omnibus I, which studies Biblical and ancient civilizations, making use of the Bible, selections from the classical "Great Books" and influential Christian

authors such as C.S. Lewis and R.C. Sproul. The Composition curriculum will be based on Writing the Classical Way which integrates writing skills with ancient history and literature.

Logic is added to the curriculum, starting with informal logic in seventh grade using The Art of Argument and formal logic in eighth, using The Discovery of Deduction. In these classes,



students will learn to identify logical fallacies and understand and apply rules of valid reasoning, not only in Logic class but in their other studies as well.

Although Logic School students will experience new subjects and different ways of learning compared to their Grammar School years, perhaps the most important thing to be noted is not the change but the continuity in their studies. In keeping with the vision of Providence Christian Academy, Logic School will continue to build upon a foundation that is confessionally Reformed and committed to “nurturing students in knowledge and practice of Christian wisdom as they study God's creation through the lens of God's word, equipping students to use their God-given abilities to serve God and neighbor with excellence and consecrating all of life and learning to God's glory.”

Providence Finds a New Home

Beginning in the fall of 2016 Providence Christian Academy will be meeting at a new location – First United Methodist Church of Lansing (Illinois).

A little over a year ago a committee was established to search for locations that would be suitable for our school as enrollment continues to rise. Once again God opened a door for us. Committee members and teachers toured the church and the PCA Board agreed this would be a great place to call “home.”

First UMC of Lansing is located at 18420 Burnham Ave, just north of TF South High School. It is a large facility that is capable of handling our needs moving forward. We will be using the second floor of the education wing for our primary classroom space, as well as the fellowship area in the lower level for music and P.E. classes. The Board of Trustees at FUMC has encouraged us to utilize more than just the classrooms we will be renting. They have a small chapel where we will meet each morning for devotions. There is a comfortable parlor which may be used as a teacher's lounge or a place where prospective families can meet with our administrator. Other classrooms and activity rooms are also available to us.

Hospitality, kindness and an eagerness to work together has continued since our first contact with FUMC. As soon as our agreement was in place they began updating the areas where we will be having classes. They are currently in the process of changing all of the lights in the classrooms and hallways to LED fixtures. Fresh paint will be applied to most of the walls, new carpeting will be installed throughout the entire second floor and they are also creating an additional restroom on the floor. We hope to be able to move into the facility near the end of July.

As with any new situation there will be some adjusting. We move forward trusting that God is at the center of all these changes and will continue to lead, guide and direct us. We also look back and express gratitude to Community United Reformed Church (Schererville, IN) for hosting us the past four years. Wonderful memories were made and students recall warm greetings from the pastors and staff. They opened their doors to us and we will always be grateful that they allowed us to meet in their church.

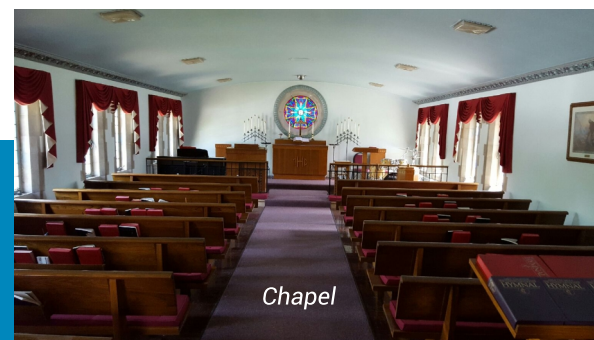
We encourage you to come and visit when school resumes! We would love to have you sit in on devotions or spend time in our classrooms and discover what Providence Christian Academy has to offer!



UMC Lansing Education Wing



Classroom



Chapel



Providence Christian Academy

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"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

--Proverbs 22:6 ESV

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