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J. Aaron Simmons receives Chiles-Harrill Award

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1985

John B. Eberly Sr. '85 recently published his book "Toys, Tears, and Shepherd's Pie: A Father's Thoughts on Parenting." It is available at several bookstores in Greenville, South Carolina, including M. Judson Booksellers, which is home to Furman on Main.

Timothy Earl Smith, MD '85 and **Julie Jones '84** live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he is a pediatric anesthesiologist at Brenner Children's Hospital of Wake Forest Baptist, and she is the head of lower school at Summit School. They were recently joined in Winston-Salem by their daughter, **Carolyn Julia Smith '15 Sutton**, and son-in-law, **Cameron James Sutton, MD '13**. He is a resident in anesthesiology at Wake Forest Baptist, and she teaches high school English at Forsyth Country Day School while working on her master's in human services at Wake Forest University.

1986

Joe Hallett '86 was selected as the recipient for this year's National Horton Smith Award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding and continuing contributions in developing and improving education opportunities for their fellow PGA professionals. He will be recognized at the 102nd PGA Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, California.

Daniel S. Sanders Jr. '86 joined the firm Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as a

partner in the Greenville and Atlanta offices on March 15. Sanders returns to the firm after spending more than 20 years at Michelin.

1989

John Blevins '89, a professor at Emory's School of Public Health with a secondary appointment in the graduate division of religion in the Laney Graduate School, recently published a book by Routledge Press as part of its series "Research in Religion

and Development." The book, titled "To Transfer the Empire of the World: Christianity's Role in United States Global Health and Development Policy," is available at www.routledge.com.

1993

Stacey Simpson Duke '93 received her doctorate of ministry in gospel and culture from Columbia Theological Seminary in May 2017. She received the John Nelsen Award for the best Doctor

of Ministry final project, focusing on the Bible and the missional church. Stacey and her husband, Paul, have served together as pastors of First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, since January 2001.

1995

Ernest Abisellan '95 started serving as the economic counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, in July 2017.

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Aaron Simmons, associate professor of philosophy, is the 2018 recipient of the Chiles-Harrill Award. The award, endowed by **Frank Keener '64**, is presented annually to a member of the faculty or staff chosen by graduating seniors as having the greatest influence on the class. Recipients of the award become honorary members of the class.

"Dr. Simmons is the model of university engagement – through his intentional advising, his extraordinarily engaging classroom teaching, and his passionate support of extracurricular activities, including sports and clubs. When he told me to do something that 'really blows my hair back,' he provided the encouragement I needed to pursue achievement that had real meaning for me, not just activities for resumes and job applications," says **Noah Zimmerman '18**, who graduated summa cum laude in philosophy and politics and international affairs.

Professor Simmons was seated with the class of 2018 at Furman's 2018 commencement ceremony.