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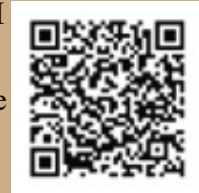
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Southern Methodist College welcomes Michelle Laruzek to the faculty. She will be teaching English composition and public speaking. She is a graduate of Southern Connecticut University and Liberty University and a literary agent for Worldwise Media Services. Not only has she helped various authors polish their works for publication, she is an award winning author in her own right for both adults works like *Righteous and Lost* (Serious Writer Medal, 2018) but also for children's books like *The Best Gift of All* (Golden Scroll Award Children's Book, 2020). Her work is not limited to books because she has also written for *Focus on The Family*, *ibelieve.com*, *crosswalk.com*, and *Dove.org*. My hope is that she will be a blessing to our students as they seek to improve their writing skills.

Her husband and she have served the Lord in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church for little over twenty years. While in the past, he was a senior pastor, today he serves as an interim pastor for churches undergoing a time of transition. Therefore, she will have insights into the expectations of churches upon a minister and his family. I think she will prove to be a great asset to Southern Methodist College.

Midland Gives has opened and is an opportunity to support the college online. We would like to challenge those who do not regularly give to Southern Methodist College to contribute through this yearly event, especially if you did not attend the yearly fellowship meal. A major advantage of contributing to the College through Midland Gives is that these gifts are often matched. Thus, when you give \$50.00, the College may receive \$100.00. Giving is open from now until May 5, 2026, 11:59 PM. Please consider supporting the College through this online event. Use the QR code above or the following link: <https://www.midlandsgives.org/organization/TheSouthernMethodistCollege>.



Please continue praying for Missy Magers as she recuperates from knee surgery. Her knee is getting stronger, and she has started to venture out of the house. I am thankful that she has come to our upstairs office on a couple of occasions. We hope that she will return to the office a couple of days each week.

Finally, we are looking for a new member of our administrative staff. We need a person who is willing to come into the office for five to ten hours each week. This person must have people skills. The job would be about contacting and keeping track of students, communicating the needs and situations of individual students to the administration, updating, and maintaining student records. The person would collaborate with Missy Magers and assist the acting Academic Dean. Wages are competitive based upon experience and will go up as mastery of the tasks is demonstrated. If you would like to apply, please email smcinfo@smcollege.edu and request a job application. We are looking forward to someone joining us as we seek to better train Christians to serve God and His Church.