

This Week in Eden History

September 18 | Allen Ott Miller



Allen Ott Miller, Eden faculty member from 1946 to 1978, began teaching at Eden on **September 18, 1946**. He was born at Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania on June 9, 1912 (died Aug. 26, 1999 in Webster Groves). After graduating from Lafayette College in 1933, Miller received a Bachelor of Divinity cum laude from Yale Divinity School in 1936 and a Ph.D. in philosophy of religion in 1941. He was ordained at Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Stone Church, Pennsylvania, on April 3, 1938 and subsequently taught religion and philosophy at Heidelberg College until 1946.

Miller joined the faculty of Eden in 1946 as Associate Professor of Christian Theology and later became Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy. Although he officially retired in 1978 he continued to teach part-time until 1996—a total of 50 years. In addition to his work at Eden, he taught courses on comparative religions and ecumenism at Washington University, Kenrick Seminary, Christ Seminary—Seminex, and Webster University for many years.

Professor Miller was instrumental in forming the Interfaith Clergy Council of St. Louis and was President of Caroline Mission from 1950 to 1955 and again from 1958 to 1960. He served as a delegate to the World Council of Churches conference in 1954 and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches conference in 1954 and 1959.

Eden faculty member Dr. Damyanthi Niles was inaugurated as the Allen and Dottie Miller Professor of Mission and Peace on May 20, 2021.