

# DENVER SEMINARY ALUMNI CONNECTION



## From the President

Quick! Drop what you're doing (if it won't cause physical harm or material loss to do so) and give a warm round of applause for the 124 May 2013 graduates of Denver Seminary. They join the ranks of 4545 alumni serving the Lord in 53 countries around the world. Thinking back to those first few months and years after your own graduation from Seminary, you might want to take a moment and pray for them. Some are seeking the Lord's leading to their first vocational ministry while others are just beginning the process of learning how to

integrate into a new church, a new city, a new set of relationships and a new role.

If you are a 2013 graduate, welcome to your first Alumni eNews. Our desire is to remain an encouraging presence in your life through providing resources and ongoing training to support you in your calling. Be sure to take advantage of the online library access (<http://www.denverseminary.edu/resources/our-library/>) and past webinars on important topics and challenges facing those in ministry today (see the previous and upcoming webinars to the right). Most importantly, stay in touch with faculty, staff and fellow students that encouraged you along the way. We love hearing from you! As the Apostle John put it, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."* (3 John 4)

Grateful for you,

*Mark*

## Alumni Updates and Events

### Quiet Waters

QuietWaters Ministries knows that being a Christian leader can be inspiring, fulfilling and soul satisfying. But it can also be difficult and catapult you into a dangerous quagmire, sometimes all in the same day. Since 2001, QuietWaters



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### Upcoming Events

We might be coming to your area, click on the links below for more information

**August 28th**  
[Seattle Alumni Dessert](#)

**August 29th**  
[Portland Alumni Dessert](#)

**November 25th**  
Baltimore, Maryland (SBL Conference)

**December 5th**  
Littleton, Advent Service

## Alumni Resources

- [Job Board](#)
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Ministries has successfully helped hundreds of Christian leaders in personal and professional crisis. Through our Leadership Intensive Counseling program hosted at our beautiful Retreat Center in Parker, Colorado, we can help you get back in touch with God, renew your sense of call, restore your professional vision and priorities and strengthen your personal relationships. We welcome the opportunity to serve Denver Seminary alumni. For more information click [here](#).

### **Don Bigelow (BD '58)**

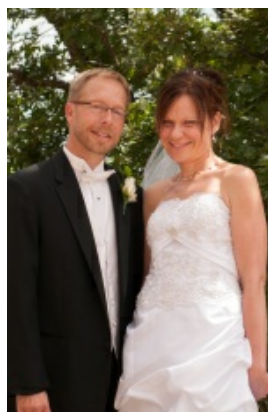
Don and Glenna have been married 57 years this August. We are doing quite well, despite aging and a few health issues. We still reside in Mesa, AZ and Don rides a VMax motorcycle when he can! We raise racing pigeons, although mostly for breeding, tend an acre of property with help, and rejoice in the grace God gives on a daily basis.

### **John Chesnut (MDiv '93, DMin '09)**

John and Kelly Chesnut have served with Wycliffe USA since 2001. After nine years in Asia, they moved to Orlando FL in 2011, where John is a Wycliffe USA Senior Vice President, serving as Chief Engagement Officer. John and Kelly have three adult children and four children still living at home.

### **Lisa (Smits) Nagel (MA Counseling Ministries '09)**

Since graduation I have been ministering all over the world (but based in Colorado) with Barnabas International as a counselor to missionaries. In July 2012, I got married to a wonderful man named Mark Nagel and we currently live in Colorado Springs. Since our marriage, I have switched mission agencies from Barnabas to my former mission International Messengers and have recently begun a part-time role with them as a missionary counselor and staff care overseer offering care to the worldwide staff of International Messengers. I am transitioning into a part-time role due to the fact that Mark and I are expecting our first child this coming October and being a wife and mom will be my number one ministry! I was blessed to have my time at Denver Seminary. Those were such transformational and wonderful years in my life, which I'll never forget!

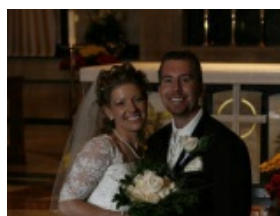


### **Steve Ranney (MDiv '89)**

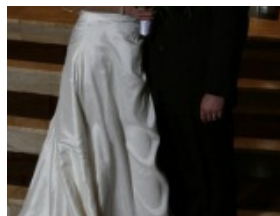
On May 11, 2013 I received my Doctor of Ministry Degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. The degree was granted in conjunction with the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching, which is a program sponsored by six seminaries in the Chicago area. The title of the thesis was [A New Language for Preaching: The Power of Theological Stories in Preaching](#). It is about a new style of preaching that is called the Story Sermon.

### **Daniel Seatvet (MA Leadership '08)**

Quite a bit has happened since graduation in 2008 with my Master of Arts in Leadership. Most recently, in April of 2013 I married Jana Stobrova (now, Seatvet). In attendance as groomsmen were Denver Seminary alumni and



Pastors Tony Lombardo, Clint Wilson, and Tim Shenk. God brought us together in an amazing way, her being originally from Slovakia. God continues to guide and lead our marriage and where we belong in ministry. We continue to listen intently as we discern ministry involvement at our parish, St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Centennial, CO. I continue to work out my natural gifting as a business leader doing marketplace ministry as an Account Executive for New Horizons, the world's largest IT training provider. God is good, all thanks to Him!



### **Charles Walter Wooten (MDiv '78)**

Married to Mildred Louise Wooten, with three adult children and five grandchildren. Over the years I've done a variety ministry experiences, such as, pastoring, teaching in public schools for over 25 years, teaching English at Foshan University, Guangdong, PR China, and served in a short-term mission at the Bamboo Valley Bible Camp, at Puli, Taiwan, ROC. I also directed a wilderness camp program for teens five years in the Colorado Rockies, entitled, "Upward Bound Expeditions," that were blessed with many great memories, and no accidents. Praise God! Encore (Retirement) Ministry: author of three Christian novels, in the AngelTeam series: *Letters From A Chinese Angel*; *Mission to Moscow*; and, *Journey to Jerusalem*. Keeping in touch with friends and former students continues to be an incredible blessing, via mail and e-mail. To God be all the glory, Amen!



**We want to know what is happening in YOUR lives...** your ministry, your family, and anything else you would like to share! Send your life and ministry updates, pictures, degree, and year of graduation to [alumni@denverseminary.edu](mailto:alumni@denverseminary.edu) to be included in the next Alumni Connection.

### **Faculty Updates: New Faculty**



**Dr. Tim Dolan** serves as the new director of the Doctor of Ministry program following the retirement of Dr. David Osborn. He also serves as the Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Ministry. Dr. Dolan earned a PhD in leadership studies from Gonzaga University, a DMin from Fuller Seminary, an MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and a BA in education from Western Washington University. Before joining the faculty of Denver Seminary, he spent fifteen years

as the director of the Institute for Clergy and Lay Leadership Development at Whitworth University. For six of those years he also directed Whitworth's Master of Arts in Theology program. Prior to that, he spent seventeen years as an associate and senior pastor in two congregations in Washington State.

He has written an article on how churches can be more inviting and welcoming to newcomers for *Congregations* magazine. In addition, he wrote a chapter on the use of clergy peer groups for continuing education in the book, *A Lifelong Call to Learn: Continuing Education for Religious Leaders*. He recently contributed two chapters on calling and vocation and staying healthy in ministry for *Foundations*



**Ms. Janelle Hallman** is the assistant professor of counseling. She is a licensed professional counselor and a member of the American Counseling Association, Christian Association of Psychological Studies, American Association of Christian Counseling, and currently serves on the executive committee of the Colorado Counseling Association. Ms. Hallman is a doctoral candidate in counselor education and supervision at Regent University, earned an MA from Denver Seminary, and a BA from the University of Colorado at Denver. She has served as adjunct faculty at Colorado Christian University as well as Denver Seminary.

Ms. Hallman is the founder and clinical director of a private practice counseling clinic in Denver. She has been in a private practice setting specializing in female same-sex attraction for almost twenty years and offers consultation and supervision to other counseling professionals. She is the author of *The Heart of Female Same-Sex Attraction* and has spoken at national and international professional conferences. As an ordained minister, she also founded and directs a non-profit organization called Desert Hope Ministries which provides retreats for parents with gay-identified children, international missions, and a national speaking ministry focusing on sexual and gender wholeness.



**Dr. Chris Hull** is the professional development director and associate professor of counseling. He is a licensed mental health counselor, national certified counselor, and approved clinical supervisor. He is an active member of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) and the American Counseling Association (ACA). He currently serves on the board of the Association of Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC) and is a member

of the ACA Cyber Task Force.

Dr. Hull received a PhD in counselor education and supervision from Regent University, an MA in Counseling from Reformed Theological Seminary, and a BA from Dordt College. Prior to joining the Denver Seminary counseling department, Dr. Hull was chair of the online clinical mental health counseling program at Grace College and Seminary and an assistant professor in the College of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences at Argosy University. He has practiced counseling in a variety of diverse settings and continues to teach, write, and present on topics related to addictions, clinical supervision, creative use of technology in clinical training, and professional development issues in counselor education and training.

## Campus Events

**Church Fair**, Denver Seminary Chapel, September 9 at 11:00 am. Looking for a new church? Or would like to network with other pastors? Over 40 churches will be represented, you are welcome to join us.



**11th Annual Golf Tournament,** The Ridge at Castle Pines,  
September 23 at 11:30 am. Join us to raise money for student  
scholarships. [More info.](#)



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