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From the President

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because gratitude is my favorite virtue. Have you ever noticed how compelling folks who have a thankful heart really are? In essence gratitude is an expression of humility. It's hard to be upset with a thankful person. I think that's why Paul includes an attitude of gratitude in all three exhortations in Colossians 3:15-17. He writes, *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and*

*admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God **with gratitude in your hearts.** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through him.**"* Written to a church struggling with a movement of false teaching in their midst, Paul's reminder of gratitude's central role in their life as a community of faith is particularly powerful.

November is a favorite month for food lovers. It is "Banana Pudding Lovers Month," "Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month," "National Pomegranate Month," and "National Peanut Butter Lovers Month." As we gather in a few days on Thanksgiving Day to enjoy the good things that the Lord has caused to bring forth for us, let's make gratitude the main course. Take a moment to speak a word of gratitude for each person seated at your table and to remember with gratitude those loved ones who can't be there this year.

Grateful for you,

Mark

Alumni Updates

Elizabeth Staples (MA Counseling Licensure, 2013)

After graduation I spent the summer traveling. My last stop was Rwanda, East Africa to visit my friend who recently moved there. I never imagined God would put a desire in my heart to stay on a long term basis. I'm not much of a planner, although I did daydream about my travels turning into a cool job opportunity somewhere. I thought of more realistic possibilities like teaching English on an exotic

Alumni Scholarship Fund

Alumni Webinar

December 12th
12pm-1:00pm MST
A Christmas Devotion and Time of Personal Reflection, by Alumna Kathy Spackman. The webinar is free, [register here](#).

Upcoming Events

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

Baltimore Gathering

November 22nd
7:00-8:30 a.m.
Sheraton Inner Harbor
Chesapeake Ballroom II
This breakfast meeting is in conjunction with the AAR/SBL Annual conference. Many of our faculty will be in attendance and would love to connect with local Alumni.

Advent Service

December 5th
7:00-8:30 pm
Denver Seminary
Chapel. Dessert reception following the service.

Alumni Resources

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island off of Thailand. I also considered by this time I might be eager to return to the states and begin working on my hours for counseling licensure. I believe God has different plans for me.

I have been presented with an opportunity to serve with a counseling organization called Live Again Rwanda (liveagainrwanda.com). Live Again wants to see healing for the people of Rwanda through the provision of counseling and teaching counseling skills. Cross-cultural counseling can be a difficult process due to the language barrier, but this is one of the reasons Live Again wants to raise up lay counselors. Once these lay counselors are trained, they can begin to counsel and support their fellow Rwandans.

I am currently working to learn the training material in one of the 6 month lay counselor workshops. In addition to teaching lay counselors, another specific role that I will have with Live Again is to work with adolescents, as this is an area that has not been devolved in the organization. I want to help that age group develop their identities and live with purpose because of knowing who they are. More specifically, I will be working to develop a program for high schools in Kigali that teaches coping and grounding techniques for trauma, because the genocide is still affecting this generation and their families. See more about Liz at: youcaring.com/LizInRwanda.

What's new with YOU? We want to know your ministry & family updates and anything else you would like to share! Send your life and ministry updates, pictures, degree, and year of graduation to alumni@denverseminary.edu to be included in the next Alumni Connection.

We need your input!

We at Denver Seminary are interested in learning about the experiences, perceptions, and expectations pastors and ministry leaders have regarding Doctor of Ministry programs, and we need YOUR help!

If you 1) have a Masters of Divinity degree, OR 2) have ever considered, or would ever consider, a Doctor of Ministry degree, OR 3) have pursued a Doctor of Ministry degree, please follow the link below to share your thoughts and opinions by taking a short, 10 minute, survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6Q8PDJM>

The project has been approved by the Human Subjects Review Board at Denver Seminary. Your voluntary and anonymous participation will help the Doctor of Ministry program at Denver Seminary better meet the needs, expectations, and desires of DMin students, equipping graduates to better serve in their specific ministry contexts.

Thank you for your time and input. Any questions can be directed to the researchers: Dr. Betsy Nesbit (Betsy.Nesbit@denverseminary.edu) or Dr. Ron Welch (Ron.Welch@denverseminary.edu)

Recent Gatherings

Thank you to all the alumni who came to the Alumni Gathering in Lexington, MA on November 5th!

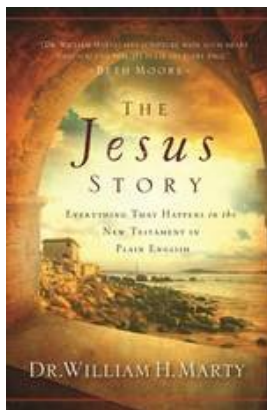


Alumni reconnected, learned about the current happenings at the Seminary, and Alumnus Bryan Wilkerson talked about longevity in ministry.



It is the Seminary's hope that each and every one of you would get the chance to attend an Alumni Gathering in your area so that we can get to know you and learn how we can serve you! If you are interested in hosting an **Alumni Gathering** please contact Jessica Brown at jessica.brown@denverseminary.edu.

Alumni Publications



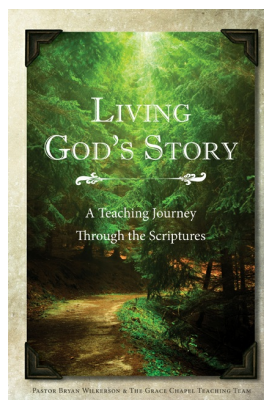
Dr. William H. Marty (MDiv, 1973)

The story of Jesus is the most remarkable ever told. It's an exciting adventure, a tender love story, and a drama full of danger, betrayal, and the ultimate sacrifice. But sometimes the genealogies, the confusing repetition, and the varying order of events in the Gospels can distract readers from this powerful narrative. Or maybe you've heard the story so many times that it has lost its impact. Here, Dr. William Marty presents the complete narrative of Jesus in an easy-to-read, chronological account. It's a fascinating retelling of everything from his birth

to his ascension—as well as what happened in the church after he left. The Jesus Story is perfect if you want to get to know Jesus better or recapture the amazement of hearing his story for the first time.

Bryan Wilkerson (MDiv, 1984)

We live story-formed lives. From our earliest days, the stories told and read to us shape our values, our beliefs, and the way we look at the world. Knowing this it's no surprise that God has chosen to reveal himself primarily through stories. We invite you to join us on a life-shaping journey through that story. Click on the book to find out more.



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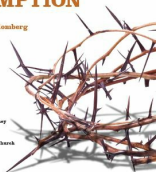
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Introducing: Engage

The inaugural issue of Denver Seminary's new magazine, Engage, was released in October. The issue themed, "Redemption" features articles by Dr. Craig Blomberg and Dr. Betsy Nesbit. The magazine can be viewed on our website, [here](#). Please share the link with your family and friends! If you did not receive a copy of the magazine in the mail and would like to add your name to the subscription list, please email: magazine@denverseminary.edu.

Events

Isreal & Jordan Trip 2014

Join Professors Dr. David Mathewson, Dr. Bill Klein & Dr. Hélène

Dallaire as they visit the "Historical and Geographical Settings of the Bible." The trip will be three weeks starting May 18th- June 11th. For more information please contact Dr. David Mathewson at david.mathewson@denverseminary.edu

Faculty Updates:

Dr. Helene Dallaire, Associate Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Dallaire will be traveling to Baltimore, MD in November to present at the Society of Biblical Literature conference. She will present on "'Words, Words, Words': What Does it Mean to 'Learn' Vocabulary in a Biblical Language?"

Dr. Danny Carroll, Distinguished Professor of Old Testament

The second edition of Dr. Carroll's book, *Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible*, will be coming out in November. It is an updated and expanded version of the first edition. Dr. Carroll just delivered the Annual Missions and Evangelism Lectures at Dallas Theological Seminary on November 5-8. On November 23-25, 2013, Dr. Carroll will be attending the annual meetings of the Institute of Biblical Research and Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion in Baltimore, MD. At the latter, Dr. Carroll will be joining Ron Sider on a panel to comment on Jim Wallis' new book, *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good*. On a personal note, Dr. Carroll and his family is celebrating the recent marriage of his son Adam.

Dr. Brad Widstrom, Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministries and Mentoring

Dr. Widstrom will be preaching on November 17 at Disciple Mission Church of Denver, a Korean fellowship. He and Dr. David Buschart, Associate Dean and Professor of Theology and Historical Studies, recently attended the annual gathering of the Seminary Stewardship Alliance in Wilmore, KY. It is a group focused onto environmental stewardship, creation ethics, and sustainability. For more information: <http://seminaryalliance.org>.

Dr. Don Payne, Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Formation

Dr. Payne will join other Denver Seminary professors for the Evangelical Theological Society meetings in Baltimore, MD on November 19-21. Dr. Payne will deliver a paper on "Positional Sanctification as Divine Performative Speech." On January 22, Dr. Payne will provide mentoring program training with the Federal Bureau of Land Management in Portland, OR. Dr. Payne is currently working on a book for those living in the aftermath of a loved one's suicide.

Dr. Rick Hess, Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages

Dr. Hess continues to preach at 316 Church here in Denver. Dr. Hess has authored two articles recently:

"The Use of the Old Testament in New Testament Commentaries," pp. 131-146 in Stanley E. Porter and Eckhard J. Schnabel eds., *On the Writing of New Testament Commentaries: Festschrift for Grant R. Osborne on the Occasion of His 70th Birthday* (Texts and Editions for New Testament Study 8; Leiden: Brill, 2013).

"Hypocoristic Names," 2.219-220; "Names of People: Biblical Hebrew," 2.758-61, in *Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and*

Linguistics. 4 vols. Ed. G. Khan et al. Leiden: Brill, 2013.

Dr. Bill Klein, Professor of New Testament and Director of MA Christian Studies

Dr. Klein wrote an article published in The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation:

“Authority of the Bible,” in The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation, 2 Volumes, editor in chief Steven L. McKenzie (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), I: 52-60.

Dr. Craig Blomberg, Distinguished Professor of New Testament

Dr. Blomberg will join other Denver Seminary professors at the end of November in Baltimore, MD for the Evangelical Theological Society, Institute of Biblical Research, and Society of Biblical Literature annual meetings. Dr. Blomberg’s newest book, *Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship* is slated for release from Zondervan very soon!

Why does the Seminary ask me to give financially?

Let's talk about it..

“...What I can give won't make a difference.”

Giving is your vote of confidence and an indication of value you place in the ministry of Denver Seminary. If alumni giving percentage increases, we can build a stronger case for support to major donors and foundations. Did you know that many of charitable foundations ask about our alumni giving percentage, which is calculated by how many alumni have made a gift of any amount over the last 12 months? For example, a charitable foundation might make a donation of \$200,000 if our alumni giving percentage increases from the current 4%, to 10%. And we know that God blesses the seeds we sow. You are part of a larger group that does make a financial difference for God's mission! Every gift from alumni is appreciated and leveraged.

“...I'm still paying off my student loans!”

We do wish we could have given you more scholarships! And it's true; many of you are budgeting for your student loans 15, or even 30 years after graduation. Keep in mind that tuition only pays for 73% of what it costs to educate a student. So all of you, whether given a scholarship or not, benefitted financially from the contributions of others to the Seminary. Paying your loan for your tuition is important, don't misunderstand. When we ask you to prayerfully consider the Seminary as a part of your charitable giving, it's in response to the call of giving and stewardship that God has placed on your heart, not for a repayment of what is owed. Your gift is not owed to the Seminary, but it is invited.

“...I don't make much in my ministry. I don't have any to give!”

We don't want to presume anything about your financial situation. What we do presume, is that if you are in ministry, you are invested in seeing the Kingdom expand. Everything you do day in and day out is focused on expanding the Kingdom. “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Even if you don't choose to give to Denver Seminary, you are called to give, and your heart will be there also. Functionally how can you do it? Start with a small annual or monthly gift. It's about the heart of the giver, not the amount of the gift.

"...I don't feel connected to the Seminary."

We are sorry that we got disconnected and we take responsibility for that. We want to be connected to you! After you graduated, you surely had many life changes and ministry updates. Some of you may be engaging the needs of the world through engineering, teaching, being a parent, business leadership, serving in the military, or missions around the world. We'd love to hear about what has happened in your life. Email us at: alumni@denverseminary.edu.

In attempt to connect with you, we offer personal and professional development webinars every other month, gatherings of alumni in many geographical regions, and events on campus. Make sure you are receiving the twice annual Seminary magazine, newly published as Engage.

Also, **please come back to campus!** We'd love to see you and hear your story. In fact, we have a gift for every alumnus that comes through the Advancement office! You are a part of the Denver Seminary family, we care for you, and we invite you to stay in touch.

Also, remember that all chapel services are open to alumni. It is held from 11am-12pm every Monday and Tuesday in the chapel on campus.

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