



DENVER SEMINARY

# C ALUMNI CONNECTION



## From the President

How are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? One of mine was to hit all of my writing deadlines this year. Unfortunately, I'm two weeks late getting this communique out to you. So much for my 2014 resolutions! Maybe I should just apply James 2:10 to my list and go ahead and scrap the rest of them now. (How's that for some shaky exegesis?!?)

If you haven't had a chance to read to "[The World the Missionaries Made](#)" in the latest issue of Christianity Today, read it soon! The article describes the ground-breaking research of Robert Woodberry, who explored the influence of Protestant non-state missionaries on the development of contemporary societies. His findings are striking.

"Areas where Protestant missionaries had a significant presence in the past are on average more economically developed today, with comparatively better health, lower infant mortality, lower corruption, greater literacy, higher educational attainment (especially for women), and more robust membership in nongovernmental associations."

Woodberry's carefully executed research changes the commonly held narrative that the presence of missionaries was not beneficial to the nations where they served, an assumption widely held by diplomats, academics, and, unfortunately, many Christians.

New year; new way of thinking. 2014 is off to a great start!

*Mark*

## Alumni Updates

### Dana Jensen (M.A. P.R., 1981)

What does the new year bring to your church and leaders? What goals do you have to bring a new spiritual experience to your church members? How about your staff and leaders—what plans do you have for them? This is my passion—I love to help churches develop their vision and plans. I taught philosophy for several years, helped

## Alumni Scholarship Fund

### Alumni Webinar

February 5th  
12pm-1:00pm MST  
Congregational Size and You: A Panel Discussion led by Dr. Scott Wenig, [click here for more info and to register.](#)

### Upcoming Events

We might be coming to your area, check our [news and events](#) page regularly to see if we will be in your area!

March 28th 11:30am - 1:00pm. Majerles Sports Grill, Scottsdale, Arizona. Save the Date! Details are coming soon.

## Alumni Resources

- [Job Board](#)
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- Book reviews in the [Denver Journal](#)
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run our mortgage office for 18 years, and now I use my spiritual gift and business background to help pastors grow and develop their church. Sometimes an outside resource to help guide your church development can be just the right thing to kick off new things. For a quick 10-question self-survey to get your new year started, email me at [ritzy1@aol.com](mailto:ritzy1@aol.com).

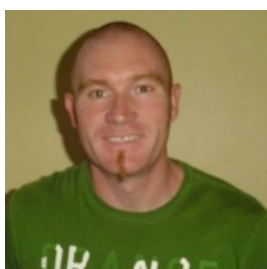


**Robert Hawk (M.Div. 1985)**

Since 1996 Robert has been the Pastor at Mission Evangelical Congregational Church in Maynard, MA. From 1985-1995 he served as the Pastor at Lynnfield Street Baptist Church in Lynn, MA.

**Larry O'Reilly (M.Div., 1995)**

Larry continues to teach and minister at Southeast Christian School now as the Education Technology Specialist.



**Craig Barrow (M.Div., 2000)**

Craig is currently serving as Principal at Pathways College in New Zealand. They focus on internships and partners with local churches of all denominations throughout NZ.

**Andrey Puzynin (MA Biblical Studies, 2000)**

Andrey continued on in his studies and received a Ph.D. He now is the Director of the Lugansk Regional Bible College in the Ukraine. You can read more about his ministry in his latest [newsletter](#).

**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](mailto:alumni@denverseminary.edu) to be included in the next Alumni Connection.

**Recent Gatherings**

Thank you to all the alumni who came to the **2nd Annual Alumni Advent Service** on December 5th! We had a wonderful time remembering our Savior's birth. It was a great way to begin the Advent season. Dr. Randy MacFarland, Provost, led the service. Special thanks to our Alumni who participated in the readings; Kevin Albright, Ann Watson, Sarah Vander Neut, Scott Lundeen, Kimra Perkins, Penny Thome and Sandra Hammond.

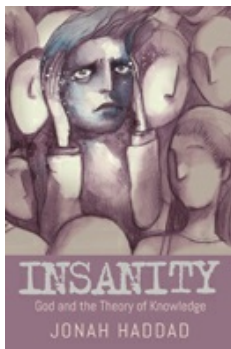


After the service we enjoyed coffee and dessert and had a great time reconnecting with other Alumni. If you are in the Denver Metro Area, join us next year on December 4th!

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](mailto:jessica.brown@denverseminary.edu).

## Alumni Publications



### **Jonah Haddad (MA Philosophy of Religion, 2008)**

He recently published a book, *Insanity: God and the Theory of Knowledge*. Unsoundness of mind disrupts our ability to think clearly and to form knowledge about the world. Our understanding is dangerously incomplete and our minds are corrupt. We are all insane. How then can we ever hope to know our world? Is it possible to form justified true beliefs about anything? What possibility, if any, do we have of escaping this condition of madness that

keeps us from the light of knowledge? In *Insanity*, Jonah Haddad explores these very questions by introducing the main problems of the theory of knowledge and by offering a response to our madness—a response grounded in God, the ultimate Knower. Jonah and his wife Amy are living in France and are involved in ministry doing apologetics and evangelism. You can purchase his book [here](#).

## Events & Resources

### **Versio Conference on Ministry to Millenials.**

Shepherd Project Ministries (directed by Denver Seminary alum Craig A. Smith, Ph.D.) is hosting the Verso Conference to explore the new challenges of - and effective strategies for - ministering to the Millennial generation. This is a FREE event produced by Shepherd Project and hosted by Front Range Christian School in Littleton, Colorado. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 8. Registration is free but limited to the first 250 attendees, so find out more and register yourself and your ministry team today at [www.shepherdproject.com/verso-conference](http://www.shepherdproject.com/verso-conference).

### **Shepherd's Heart Ministry**

Are you in ministry but struggling with burnout? Is your marriage in trouble and have no idea how to get it back on track? Are you struggling with addiction or a moral failure? Shepherd's Heart Ministry provides healing and restoration to Ministry Leaders across the globe. They have retreat centers in Colorado, Canada, France, Israel and Southeast Asia. This is a free resource for ministry leaders, all you need to do is provide transportation to and from a retreat location. For more information, please click [here](#).

## Faculty Updates:

### **Dr. David Buschart, Associate Dean and Professor of Theology and Historical Studies**

Dr. Buschart will be preaching at Castle Rock Bible Church on Sunday February 16th.

### **Dr. Helene Dallaire, Professor of Old Testament**

In November, Dr. Dallaire was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of Old Testament. She will participate in the Lausanne Consultation for Jewish Evangelism from March 2-6, 2014 in Chicago. She will be leading the Israel course *Historical and Geographical Settings of the Bible* in May and will organize lectures with Messianic Jewish and Palestinian Christians who serve in Jerusalem, Jericho, Tel Aviv, Haifa, etc.

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

Dr. Widstrom will be on sabbatical in the spring. During that time he will be working on a reserach project with his wife, Dr. Sandra Widstrom, on the engagement between Faith Organizations and Public Schools.

### **Dr. Craig Blomberg, Distinguished Professor of New Testament**

Dr. Blomberg's newest book, *Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship* was released in November. His most recent article, "Why I am a historical Premillennialist," is in the *Criswell Theological Review* n.s. 11.1 (2013): 71-87. Soon three talks that Blomberg gave at the Alliance Theological Seminary in Hong Kong will be published in the *Jian Dao* periodical. Look for, "The Goodness of Wealth-But Not Like the Prosperity Gospel claims," *Jian Dao* 41 (2014):1-37; "The Seduction of Wealth—When Money Becomes a God," for *Jian Dao* 41 (2014): 39-75; and "Generous Giving—The Antidote to Idolatry," for *Jian Dao* 41 (2014): 77-102.

Dr. Blomberg also has various speaking engagements which you can find listed on the [Faculty Travel Page](#).

**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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