



## From The President

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Mark Young  
President

Last June Denver Seminary formed a Race Relations Working Group to examine the history and current state of the Seminary's relationship with the African-American church community in Denver. I've had the privilege of serving as a member of this group, and throughout the process, I have spent several hours in prayer, conversation, research, and reflection on the ongoing problem of racism. In addition several authors, friends, and colleagues have challenged and enriched my thinking. Ultimately, all of this led to the creation of a document entitled "[Racism: A Reflection and a Prayer.](#)"

This [personal reflection and prayer](#) has created opportunities for many deep, honest, and earnest conversations. I offer it to you with the prayer that it might do the same for you and your communities of faith.

## Events & Resources

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### Alumni Scholarship Fund

266 out of 5,008 alumni have made a financial gift this year. Will you be one more to help us reach the goal of 300 alumni giving to support current students?

You can [give online here](#).

### Amazon Smile

Denver Seminary is on [Amazon Smile](#).

Select us as your charity and .5% of your purchases will be donated to the Seminary Fund.



## Denver Seminary Offers new Master of Theology (ThM) Program

### FALL 2016 Master of Theology Degree ThM

We are pleased to announce that, starting Fall 2016, Denver Seminary will offer a 30-credit Master of Theology with concentrations in Old Testament, New Testament, and Theology.



This program is the most advanced master's level degree available and offers the chance to develop high level academic skills and to go deeper in specific subject areas.

Wondering if the ThM is for you? More information on the ThM Program can be found on [our website](#).

### 14th Annual Golf Tournament

We are honored and excited to invite you to our [14th Annual Denver Seminary Golf Tournament](#) at Red Rocks Country Club in Morrison, Colorado on Monday, August 8.

All proceeds will be given toward the General Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid for students.



### Network for Alumni

This is a space and time for professional and ministry partners to spark new connections and offer support to one another. Whether you are looking for professional or personal growth, service opportunities, creative ideas, or ways to grow your contacts, you will benefit from this time spent with like-minded Denver Seminary alumni.

Network for Alumni groups are meeting in Littleton, Broomfield, Colorado Springs and Nashville (see

### Alumni Updates

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#### Jeff Haanen, MDiv, 2009

Jeff is the executive director of the Denver Institute for Faith & Work and curator with HOPE International's Chris Horst of The Work of Our Hands. Read Jeff's [recent article](#) in Christianity Today.

sidebar for dates and times). Send us an [email](#) if you have an interest in starting a group in your area.

### Upcoming Events

**Network for Alumni**  
7:00 a.m.  
Spur Coffee  
Littleton, CO  
[Click here](#) for dates.

**Network for Alumni**  
5:30 p.m.  
CB & Potts  
Broomfield, CO  
[Click here](#) for dates.

**Network for Alumni**  
6:30 a.m.  
Roscos Coffee House  
Colorado Springs CO  
[Click here](#) for dates.

### Alumni Resources

[Job Board](#)

[Denver Journal](#)

[Other Resources](#)

## Barbara Moore, MDiv, 2001

Barbara recently released her latest book, [Lean In Closer With God Because You Can](#) and shares lessons on how to experience more of God in everyday living. Learn more about Barbara's ministry at [www.harvestmountainministries.org](http://www.harvestmountainministries.org).

## Roger Hedlund, B.D., 1963

Robert announces his recent book, *Indian Christianity: An Alternate Reading*, which was released at Clark Theological College, Mokokchung, Nagaland, on February 12, 2016, While visiting, Robert spoke as a lecture on Indian Christianity.

## Faculty/Staff Updates:

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**Richard S. Hess, PhD** Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages, Editor of the Denver Journal

Dr. Hess shares the following updates:

### Publications

"Joshua and Egypt," pp. 144-50 in C. Cohen, C. Gottlieb, and M. Gruber eds., *Visions of Life in Biblical Times: Essays in Honor of Meir Lubetski* (Hebrew Bible Monographs, 76; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2015).

### Grandchildren

Our seventh grandchild, a boy, Kelton Lachlan Glas, was born to our daughter Fiona (MA YFM from Denver Seminary) and her husband David Glas on April 7, weighing 7 lbs and 1 ounce and 19.75 inches in length. Mother and son are beautiful and well.

### Church

Rev. Drs. Jean and Rick Hess will celebrate the constituting of 316, a Celtic Christian Church, as part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church denomination, on May 21 at 5:00 pm at 1601 S. Clarkson St., Denver.



**Craig Blomberg, PhD**, Distinguished Professor of New Testament

Dr. Blomberg shares the following prayer and praise requests:

Praise that thus far Beth's pregnancy has gone well. She is due the end of August with our first grandchild.

Praise that Rachel made her first successful academic presentation as a doctoral student in molecular biology at a science conference in Breckenridge this spring.

Pray for three weeks of teaching in Singapore in August. Fran and I will go together. First time for both of us in this country.

Pray for Scum of the Earth Church as it moves from two half-filled services to one hopefully full 5 PM

Sunday afternoon service beginning in June to gain some new momentum.



**Howard Baker, ThM**, Assistant Professor of Christian Formation

A new involvement for me is serving as an editor for [Conversations Journal: A Forum for Authentic Transformation](#). The current issue topic is “Race and Formation” which is in line with the Vernon Grounds Institute theme for the year of Race Relations. I encourage you to preview this issue online for some great articles on this crucial concern, including those by Prof. Felix Gilbert and trustee Patricia Raybon.



**Marshall Shelley**, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program; Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Ministry

Denver Seminary is pleased to announce the hiring of Marshall Shelley to serve as the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program. Marshall was editor of Leadership Journal for 34 years, and served as a vice president at Christianity Today, oversaw Christian History, Marriage Partnership, Church Law & Tax Report, and Men of Integrity magazines and PreachingToday.com.

Marshall earned a BA in journalism from Bethel University and an MDiv from Denver Seminary. He also took coursework at Wheaton College Graduate School, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Stanford University, and received a DD from Denver Seminary. He has authored several books, including Well Intentioned Dragons and Leadership Secrets of Billy Graham, and he was general editor of The Quest Study Bible. He has served on the boards of the Evangelical Press Association, Marble Retreat, Denver Seminary, and as board chair of the American Tract Society. In addition, he worked as a copy editor for The Denver Post and served on the pastoral staff of two churches.



**Knut Heim, PhD**, Professor of Old Testament

Denver Seminary is pleased to announce the hiring of Rev. Dr. Knut Heim, Professor of Old Testament. Dr. Heim is a Presbyterian (an ordained minister) in the Methodist Church of the United Kingdom. He is a member of The Society of Biblical Literature, The Institute of Biblical Research, The Society for the Study of the Old Testament (UK), and The Tyndale Fellowship (UK). His vision is to help students discover the Old Testament as a resource for ministry and an inspiration for life.

Prior to his arrival at Denver Seminary, Dr. Heim has worked as a missionary (with Operation Mobilization), as an ordained minister in the Methodist Church (UK), as a Tutor in Old Testament at The Queen's Foundation/University of Birmingham (UK) and as a Tutor in Old Testament at Trinity College/University of Bristol (UK).

His PhD, completed at the University of Liverpool, is on editorial clusters in the book of Proverbs. His

most recent book, also on Proverbs, examines the phenomenon of variant repetitions. He has published numerous articles and essays on all of the poetic books of the Hebrew Bible, as well as the book of Isaiah. His new monograph on metaphors in biblical poetry, which includes a reception history of personified wisdom, is due to appear in print. He currently works on a new monograph on parallelism in the Psalms, as well as commentaries on the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

## Faculty Travel Schedule

Our faculty speak across the globe. Find out if any will be near you soon. [Schedule](#)

## Come Back to Campus!

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We would love to see you and hear your story. In fact, we have a gift for every alumnus that comes to the Advancement office! You are a part of the Denver Seminary family, we care for you, and we invite you to stay in touch.

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