



# ALUMNI CONNECTION

  
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On Tuesday, September 4, 2018 the Denver Seminary community came together for the annual convocation gathering. Convocation serves as the official beginning of the academic year at Denver Seminary. It is a time of worship, prayer, reading of scripture, a message of encouragement to the faculty and the installation of new faculty members and administrators. During convocation all faculty members and the administration publicly

in addition, a current student is invited to address the faculty. This year, Maggie Burns, a current student and co-chair of the Student Leadership Board at the Seminary, invited faculty members to remember the value of their influence in the lives of students through the relationships they build with them.

The following faculty members were installed at this year's convocation:

- Lynn Cohick, Provost/Dean
- Dusty Di Santo, Vice President of Student Life and Enrollment Management
- Adam Wilson, Assistant Professor of Counseling
- Debra Anderson, Mentoring Director
- Dan Steiner, Mentoring Director

We are excited to begin this new academic year with a renewed commitment to the mission and vision of Denver Seminary!

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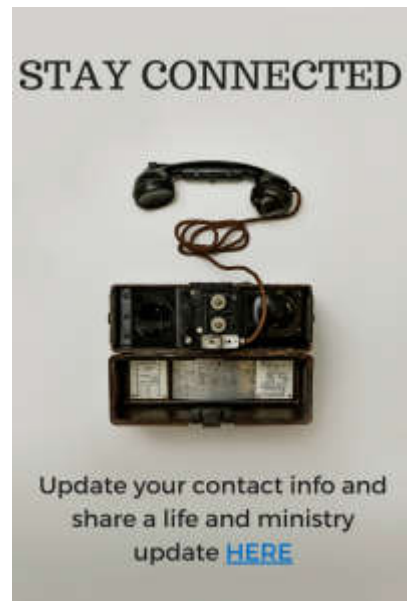


Denver Seminary faculty sign Denver Seminary's Statement of Faith

# Alumni Life & Ministry Updates

## **Vance Wegner, class of 1973**

My wife Marsha and I are active members of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity in Meridian, Idaho. We moved here from St. Petersburg, Florida, in mid-November, 2017, in order to live closer to our family. Besides being involved in various lay ministries at Holy Nativity, I have become a participant in the Interfaith Equality Coalition, which is "an alliance of faith communities working together to bring equality, justice, and dignity for all people through our compassionate witness, education, and advocacy." Marsha and I also volunteer at the Meridian Food Bank.



## **Jesse Tink, class of 2006**

### **Alumni Prayer Requests**

I am the Executive Pastor of Campus Development at Prairie Lakes Church, a multisite church of 6 campuses across Iowa that welcomes around 3,000 in attendance weekly. I am also a Ministry Consultant with the Unstuck Group, which does church consulting and leadership coaching for hundreds of churches nationally.

## Upcoming Events

**Women Engage** is a dynamic, intergenerational community of women in Denver committed to pursuing communal development and personal growth. As part of Denver Seminary, we address these areas from a perspective that engages and proclaims the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.

At each event you will have the opportunity to hear from a dynamic speaker and

participate in discussion. Topics will typically rotate between current cultural issues and personal growth challenges. On **Tuesday, September 25** we are excited to welcome [Elisa Morgan](#) who will speak on the topic of prayer. How might we pray as Jesus did, with honesty and abandon—in the same breath?

**This event is open to the public. We encourage you to bring friends!**



**Date:** Tuesday, September 25

**Time:** 4:15-5:00 p.m. Prayer Team (all are welcome!)

5:00-7:00 p.m. Reception and Speaker

**Location:** Denver Seminary Chapel

[www.denverseminary.edu/womenengage](http://www.denverseminary.edu/womenengage)



**Date:** Saturday, September 22

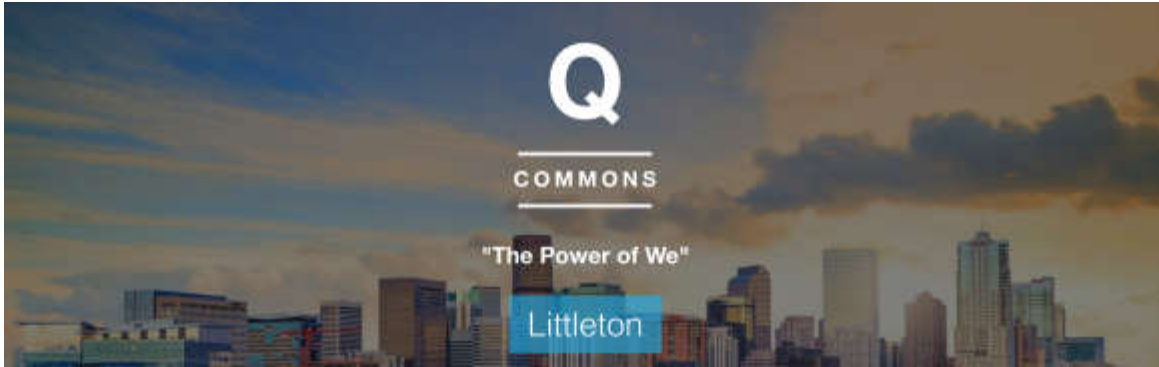
**Time:** 8:45 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.

**Location:** Denver Seminary Chapel

Register [online](#)

## **Extraordinary Invitation: God's extraordinary invitation to people and families with disabilities**

Join us for a half-day mini-conference co-sponsored by Denver Seminary's Asian Initiative and the International Section Community of Cherry Hills Community Church. The conference will include three sessions and Q&A discussions. This conference is designed for all audiences regardless of one's age, disability/ability, culture, gender, or role in church. It will be a great opportunity to increase the awareness of God's extraordinary invitation and His special callings for all believers and to bridge the gap between people and families with disabilities and others who do not have disabilities. Everyone is welcome, and this conference is our gift to you. Light refreshments will be served.



## Q Commons

**Date:** Thursday, October 25

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Denver Seminary Chapel

[www.qcommons.com/Littleton](http://www.qcommons.com/Littleton)

Denver Seminary will serve as the host of the Q Commons Littleton gathering.

During this special event, we will join with thousands of attendees in hundreds of cities to be equipped on how to engage this unique, American moment.

You can register [online](#)

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## The Evangelical Theological Society 70th Annual Meeting The Program Theme: Holy Spirit

**Date:** Thursday, November 13 - 15, 2018

**Location:** Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver CO 80202

[www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org)

Founded in 1949, the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) is a group of scholars, teachers, pastors, students, and others dedicated to the oral exchange and written expression of theological thought and research. The ETS is devoted to the inerrancy and inspiration of the Scriptures and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It's not too late to sign up for the Annual Meeting! Visit the ETS [website](#) for more details.

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**Date:** Thursday, November 15, 2018

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.

**Location:** ETS Conference, Sheraton  
Downtown Denver Hotel, Director's Row J

## Welcome Home Breakfast

We are excited to invite you to the Welcome Home Breakfast at the 2018 ETS Annual Meeting. In addition to enjoying a meal together you can look forward to:

- Picking up some exclusive Denver Seminary swag
- Time to connect with fellow alumni and Denver Seminary community members
- Meeting our new provost and dean Dr. Lynn Cohick
- Entering a raffle to win a copy of Dr. Craig Blomberg's newly released book, *A New Testament Theology*

We want to ensure that there will be plenty of food for everyone, so if you are interested in coming please let us know by clicking on the link below.

**RSVP**

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Keynote Lecture: Prof. Jeremy Begbie, Duke University  
"Incarnation, Creation and New Creation: What T. F. Torrance offers to a Theological Re-visioning of the Arts"

Torrance's immense contribution to the theology-science interaction could lead us to assume his work is of little relevance to the arts. Certainly, references to the arts are few and far between in his writings. However, Begbie will argue that his Christological and trinitarian integration of creation and new creation is of immense significance for the current dialogue between theology and the arts, opening up a much-needed way between an undisciplined aestheticism on the one hand, and a knee-jerk iconoclasm on the other.

## TF Torrance Theological Fellowship Annual Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2018

**Location:** Mile High Ballroom 1A, Colorado Convention Center

[www.tftorrance.org](http://www.tftorrance.org)

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## Advent Retreat For Pastors and Leaders

**Date:** Thursday, November 29, 2018

**Location:** Stone House at Mother Cabrini Shrine, 20189 Cabrini Blvd, Golden, CO US 80401

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

**What:** Two brief sessions of Scriptural input to guide your times of silence and solitude

**Cost:** \$50 which includes retreat, lunch, and an optional 30-minute session of spiritual direction. Spiritual direction will be provided by graduates of Denver Seminary's MA in Christian Formation and Soul Care. A limited number of scholarships are available.

This retreat is sponsored by the Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative. For more information contact Howard Baker at [Howard.Baker@denverseminary.edu](mailto:Howard.Baker@denverseminary.edu).



Rather than “peace on earth,” the seasons of Advent and Christmas can produce stress in our souls. Instead of the joy of expectation we are seduced into the agitation of crowds, noise, hurry, and consumerism. As pastors and leaders, not only are we not exempt, but we may experience even greater pressure as a result of increased levels of church or organizational responsibilities. Possibly a day away with the Savior on a guided retreat would help provide a grounding space from which you could not only survive the holiday craziness, but thrive in holy anticipation of the glory of Christmas.

Register [online](#)

## Seminary News

Denver Seminary Alumni,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the Open Access Digital Theological Library (OADTL) co-owned by the members of the Digital Theological Library which includes Denver Seminary. The mission of the OADTL is to make all open access content in religious studies and related fields discoverable to everyone, everywhere in the world, through a single search algorithm. The goal is free content in the theological disciplines for all forever.

According to the release announcement, OADTL has gleaned high quality content from hundreds of publisher sites, institutional repositories, museums, scholarly societies and public domain collections. The OADTL currently contains about 100,000 Open Access ebooks and several hundred thousand articles in religious studies. Highlights from the collections contain published books from Brill, de Gruyter, the Society of Biblical Literature and the University of Chicago among others. The collections also contain thousands of Ph.D. dissertations and D.Min. projects. The collections are growing quickly. The OADTL offers both simple and advanced searching for content. All content is fully cataloged by professional librarians.



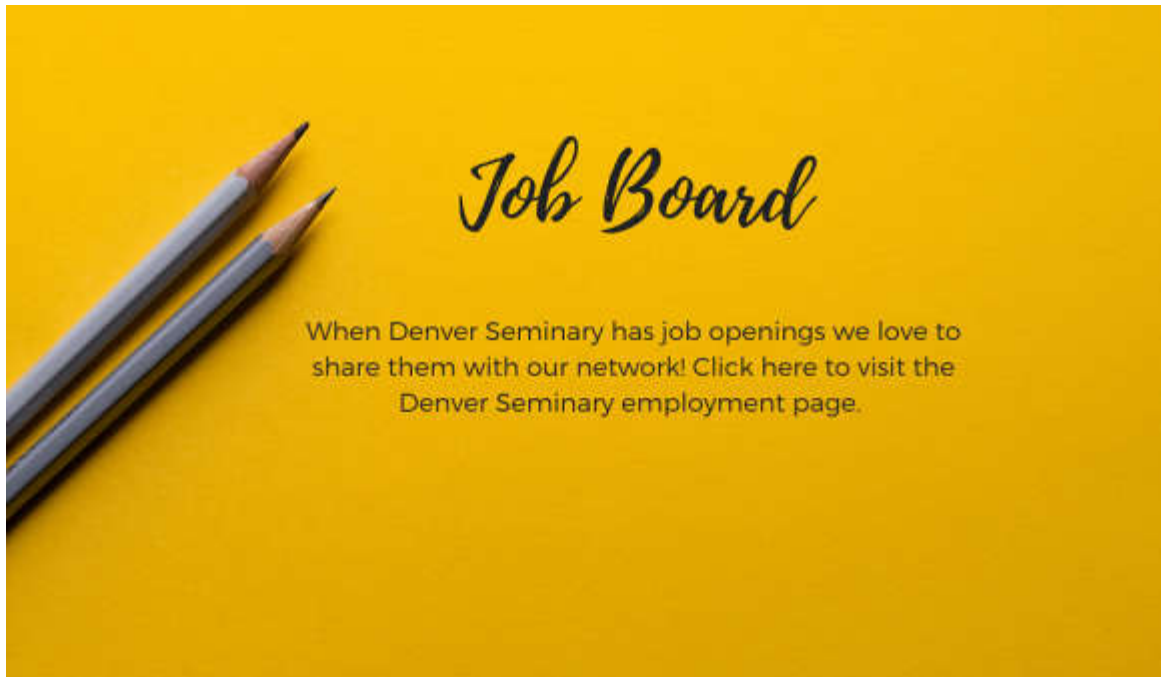
The sponsors of the OADTL are: Claremont School of Theology, Denver Seminary, Evangelical Seminary, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Hartford Seminary, International Baptist Theological Study Centre (Amsterdam), Lexington Seminary, and Singapore Bible College. The web address is: [oadtl.org](http://oadtl.org)

Needless to say, the library staff is excited and enthused about OADTL. We encourage you to explore the OADTL and let us know what you think. Thank you!

Dr. Keith Wells

Library Director

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**Howard Baker, ThM- Assistant Professor of Christian Formation; Director of Christian Formation**

- **September 6-7, 2018:** Breckenridge, CO  
Retreat Leader, Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative (*The Praxis*)
- **September 22, 2018:** Elizabeth, CO  
Enneagram Seminar, Elizabeth Presbyterian Church
- **September 23, 2018:** Colorado Springs, CO  
Teaching, Academy Christian Church
- **October 2, 2018:** Golden, CO  
Retreat Leader, Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative (*The Praxis*)
- **October 4, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Teaching, Nexus International Staff Meeting
- **October 12-14, 2018:** Snow Mountain Ranch, CO  
Speaker, New Denver Church Men's Retreat
- **October 25, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Board Meeting, Nexus International
- **November 6, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Retreat Leader, Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative (*The Praxis*)

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

- **September 20-24, 2018:** Dublin, Ireland  
Teaching Summer Institute, Irish Bible Institute, Dublin, Ireland, and speaking at graduation
- **November 13-20, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Annual conferences of the Evangelical Theological Society, Institute of Biblical Research and Society of Biblical Literature



**Sung Wook Chung, PhD- Professor of Christian Theology; Director of Asian Initiative**

- **August 26, 2018:** Littleton, CO  
Lecture on Trinitarian Theology, St. James Presbyterian Church
- **September 10, 2018:** Atlanta, GA  
Speaking for a Theological Seminar for Pastors
- **September 22-23, 2018:** Seattle, WA  
Leading a conference at Kurios Church
- **October 5-7, 2018:** Tulsa, OK  
Leading a conference at Korean Baptist Church
- **October 21-22, 2018:** Washington, DC  
Leading a conference at Open Door Presbyterian Church
- **November 6-9, 2018:** Bangkok, Thailand  
Leading a conference for Korean missionaries
- **November 13-15, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting



**Hélène Dallaire, PhD- Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages; Director of Messianic Judaism**

- **September 5, 2018:** Denver, CO  
The Sacred Grace, teaching on the Book of Esther
- **November 11-14, 2018:** Phoenix, AZ  
Messianic Leadership Roundtable
- **November 14-16, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Evangelical Theological Society  
Chair of Messianic Jewish Studies Consultation
- **November 17-20, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Business Meeting of National Association of Professors of Hebrew



**Heather Gingrich, PhD- Professor of Counseling**

- **September 22 - October 1, 2018:** Guatemala  
Teaching a 5-credit course on Extreme Trauma for SETECA (Seminario Teológico Centroamericano) in Guatemala City
- **October 11-12, 2018:** Deerfield, IL  
Presenting a one-day workshop on Restoring the Shattered Self: The Treatment of Complex Trauma open to mental health professionals and students, offered by Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- **November 8-11, 2018:** Houston, TX  
Co- presenting a preconference workshop and a plenary session with Dr. Fred Gingrich on various types of trauma, as well as presenting a workshop on complex trauma for the American Association of Christian Counselors

**Monte Hasz, PhD- Assistant Professor of Counseling**

- **October 6-13, 2018:** Guatemala  
Teaching in the counseling program at SETECA



**Richard Hess, PhD- Distinguished Professor of Old Testament; Editor of the Denver Journal**

- **November 15, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Board Meeting, *Near Eastern Archaeology*, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting
- **November 16-17, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Board Meeting, Institute for Biblical Research
- **November 16, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Chair, Emerging Old Testament Scholars Group, Institute for Biblical Research
- **November 18, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Chair, Langham Trust Scholars Group, Institute for Biblical Research
- **November 18, 2018:** Denver, CO  
Co-Preacher (with Rev. Jean Hess) Institute for Biblical Research Worship Service

**Don Payne, PhD- Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Formation**



- **September 22, 2018: Amarillo, TX**  
Meeting with TH502 Students at the West Texas Extension Campus
- **November 13-15, 2018: Denver, CO**  
Evangelical Theological Society annual meetings
- **November 16-17, 2018: Denver, CO**  
American Academy of Religion annual meetings



**Patty Pell, MA- Director of Justice and Mission Program**

- **October 31-November 4, 2018: Chicago, IL**  
Christian Community Development Association National Conference

**Marshall Shelley, DD- Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program & Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Ministry**



- **September 6, 2018: Online**  
Fresh Hope Webinar on Preaching about Mental Illness
- **September 17-18, 2018: Ontario, California**  
Association of Doctor of Ministry Education Board Meeting
- **September 25-27, 2018: Colorado Springs, CO**  
New Life Leadership Conference
- **October 1-4, 2018: Miami, FL**  
ATS Accreditation visit, Barry University
- **October 22-24, 2018: Oak Park, IL**  
Center for Pastor Theologians Conference on Spiritual Formation



**Daniel Steiner, ThM- Mentoring Director**

- **September 7-9, 2018: Hot Sulphur Springs, CO**  
Facilitating a cohort at the 5280 Fellowship fall retreat
  - **September 21-22, 2018: Glenarden, MD**  
Teaching GS500 at the Washington DC extension site
  - **October 5-7, 2018: Westcliffe, CO**  
Keynote speaker at the Southern Gables Church Men's Retreat
  - **October 11-13, 2018: Chicago, IL**  
Presenting a paper at the Faith @ Work Summit
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We are happy to share information regarding recent publications of Denver Seminary Alumni. The views expressed in these publications do not necessarily reflect the views of Denver Seminary.

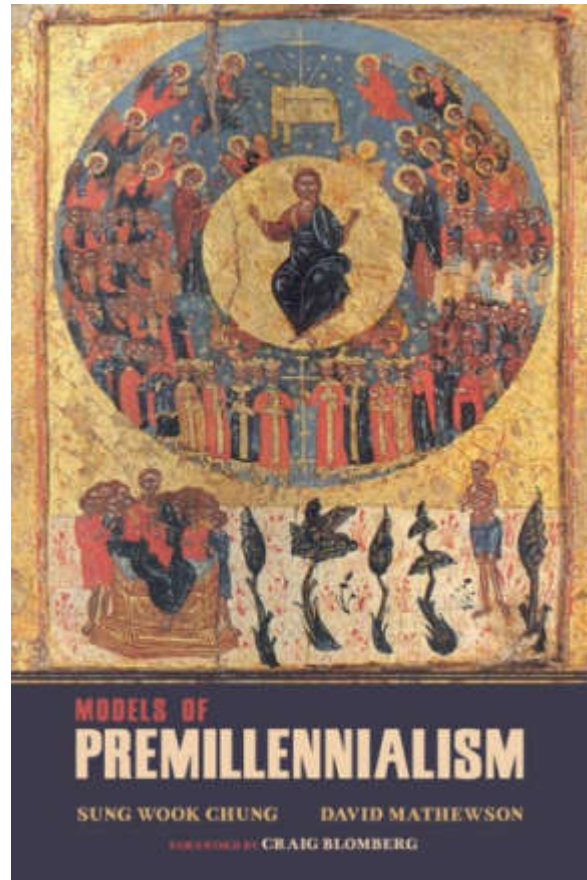
## Models of Premillennialism

By **Sung Wook Chung, David L. Mathewson**

Foreword by **Craig Blomberg**

The meaning of “the millennium”—the thousand-year reign of Christ spoken of in Revelation 20—has been controversial for much of the church’s history, and even the main perspectives on the matter turn out to be more variegated than is often realized. This book takes the oldest of those options, premillennialism, and offers an excellent introduction to a variety of models of premillennialism currently available, including classical dispensationalism, progressive dispensationalism, historic premillennialism, thematic

premillennialism, and historic premillennialism in Asian context. The product of collaboration between a systematic theologian and a New Testament scholar, this book provides a fascinating reference tool for anyone interested in what Scripture teaches about the last things of redemptive history, the Parousia, and the millennial kingdom.





## Alongside: Loving Teenagers with the Gospel

By Drew Hill, class of 2010

My name is Drew Hill (MDiv). My wife Natalie (MA in Counseling) and I both lived on campus, worked at DenSem, and received our degrees from 2007-2010.

This book is a guide for how to practically love teenagers with the gospel. I wrote it for parents, youth pastors, Young Life leaders, teachers, coaches, small group leaders, grandparents, and anyone who has teenagers they love.

*Drew Hill's passion for Jesus and teenagers is contagious! "Alongside" is an excellent read. Short, fun to read*

*chapters, packed full of relevant stories and practical ministry ideas. Powerful and helpful guiding questions at the end of each chapter to help both parents and youth leaders process and apply the information. And I love that each chapter is drawn together with a pertinent scripture passage and prayer intended to be used by the reader. These prayers alone are worth the price of the book. Warning: don't read this book unless you want to be impacted in your personal and your ministry life. You won't be the same, your family won't be the same, and because of your increased effectiveness as a Kingdom minister, the teenagers with whom you share the journey won't be the same!*

*-Dr. Bradley J. Widstrom, Associate Professor of Youth and Family Studies, Denver Seminary*

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