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Alumni Connection

Dear Alumni,

I thought you might be interested in reading the introduction to the report I sent to our board a couple of weeks ago. Perhaps you will find some encouragement in it as well.



Can we just call 2020 a “mulligan,” pretend like it never happened, and take another shot at this year? An unprecedented convergence of crises has created one of the most difficult periods I can ever remember. But God doesn’t do mulligans. He redeems. He doesn’t call us to forget a tough year and pretend like it never happened. He wants us to remember and reflect, to find him in the midst of it all, walking with us, sustaining us, guiding us, providing for us. This kind of year gives us the opportunity to look into places in our hearts, in our churches and in our nation that we wouldn’t normally peer into.

This year has exposed deep flaws and crippling weaknesses in our theology, our values, our behavior, our society, and our nation. The question we face is, “Do we have the courage to step back from the frenzy and anxiety of leading Denver Seminary through this year’s challenges, take the time to ask the hard questions, and muster the resolve to make the needed changes only a year like this year can help us see?” I believe we do, and I believe Denver Seminary will be a better institution because of this year, not in spite of it.

Thank you for staying in touch with the Seminary. Your notes and updates are such an encouragement to us. We’re always eager to hear how we can serve you better.

Grateful for you,

Mark Young
President

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Upcoming Events

Presentation at the 72nd ETS Annual Meeting

The Evangelical Theological Society has moved their Annual Meeting to an online format in light of the pandemic. Three of our Seminary faculty, Dr. David Buschart, Dr. Don Payne, and Professor Dan Steiner, will be co-presenting a paper entitled "Finitude: Rethinking the Grand Narrative for the Theology of Work".

Location: Online

Date: November 17-19, 2020



Dr. David Buschart
Professor of Theology and
Historical Studies



Dr. Don Payne
Associate Professor of Theology
and Christian Formation



Dan Steiner
Assistant Professor of Training
and Mentoring

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Israel/Jordan Trip

**Dates:**

May 16 - June 6, 2021 (Israel Only)

May 16 - June 8, 2021 (Israel & JUC 3-day Jordan)

May 16 - June 21, 2021 (Israel & UHL 2-week Jordan)

Cost:

\$4,580 (hotel double occupancy) + airfare

Optional JUC 3-day extension to Jordan (\$1,050 return June 8th)

Optional UHL 2-week extension to Jordan (\$2,860 return June 21st)

Denver Seminary is offering an academic course in Israel, with optional Jordan extensions, this coming May-June. This intensive three-week course will introduce you to the geography, history, topography, geology, and archaeology of Israel. Field trips to biblical sites take place throughout the land of Israel and are supplemented with lectures, map study, excursions, and special speakers (e.g., archaeologists, scholars).

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO

Seminary News

Departure of Provost/Academic Dean Lynn Cohick



In October Dr. Lynn Cohick announced her decision to resign from the position of Provost/Academic Dean, effective December 31, 2020. She shared the following at the Faculty Forum:

“As much as I have loved working with you all, and have grown in my admiration and genuine friendship with you, I have decided to move back to Chicago. Jim and I feel that our family needs are growing, and we need to be closer to my parents.”

Dr. Cohick has taken the position of Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs at Northern Seminary. Dr. Don Payne, Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Formation, has agreed to serve as Interim Academic Dean, beginning January 1, 2021.

Denver Seminary is Hiring!



Denver Seminary is growing and is actively hiring for several positions. Please visit the link below to learn more about our open roles (both staff and faculty positions available). Forward them on to your network to help Denver Seminary train up the next generation of leaders!

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Denver Seminary Launches PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Denver Seminary's new Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision began accepting applications on September 10 for classes beginning in Fall 2021. The doctoral degree program is designed to prepare students to serve as skilled counselors, educators, and supervisors, grounded in the Christian faith.

"Our graduates will be recognized as leaders in counseling, counselor education, supervision, and research. Our PhD program graduates will not only be extraordinary supervisors and educators in the counseling field, but will be prepared to engage in issues of advocacy and leadership on local, national, and international levels." - Dr. Ron Welch, administrative chair, Counseling Division.



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Blackbaud Data Breach

Blackbaud, the software company Denver Seminary utilizes to store its alumni and donor information, has informed its clients of a security breach in their systems that may have included your non-financial personal information. *They have assured us that no financial information was exposed or is in danger of being exposed. Specifically, no information regarding credit cards or bank accounts was compromised in this incident.* For more information about the incident click [here](#). Please reach out to Chris Johnson with any questions or concerns at chris.johnson@denverseminary.edu or 303.762.6924.

Resources and Media

Stay up-to-date on Denver Seminary panel discussions and podcasts by regularly checking out our [Newsroom](#) on the Denver Seminary website. New podcasts are released on Mondays and our next panel is scheduled for November 12th.



In ministry, how do we reach an ever-changing culture? What difficulties or opportunities does this present? Professors from our Apologetics and Ethics program, Dr. Doug Groothuis and Dr. Andrew Ike Shepardson, discuss cognitive and spiritual faith shifts in Christianity and what it looks like to keep up with and engage evolving cultures.

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Hear from Pastor John Allen on his various roles as a DMin student, pastor of International Community Church, Marine Corps member, and head of security for the Peace Corps in South Africa. He shares about his time leading his congregation in South Africa both during and after apartheid as he experienced a country moving toward forgiveness amidst racial tensions.

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InPerspective: Pastoral Leadership Post Election



In this webinar, we will explore how our churches have been affected by a hyper-partisan election season set against the backdrop of a global pandemic, the ongoing trauma of racial violence, economic uncertainty, and heightened feelings of anxiety. Our panelists will discuss their vision and strategies for healing the wounds and divisions we have experienced in the last few months.

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Mountain Time

Moderator: Dr. Mark Young

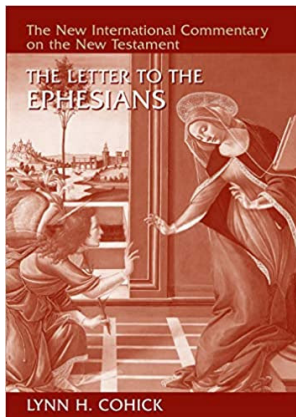
Panelists: Pastor John Moreland, Rev. Dr. Bryan Wilkerson, Pastor Kan'Dace Brock

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Faculty and Alumni Publications

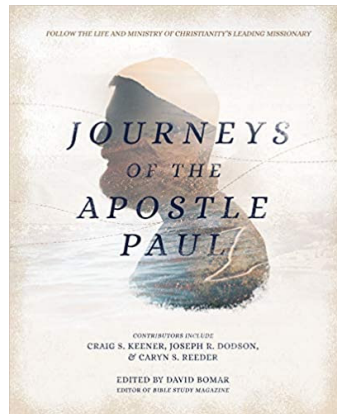
Check out recent publications from Denver Seminary faculty, staff, and alumni. If you have a publication you'd like us to consider sharing, please email Alumni Relations Specialist [Brian Gehr](#).



The Letter to the Ephesians (NICNT)

Dr. Lynn Cohick,
*Provost/Dean & Professor
of New Testament*

Ephesians provokes interpretive questions of authorship, audience, date, occasion, and purpose of writing. Interacting critically with this intense debate, Dr. Lynn Cohick provides an exegetically astute analysis of the six chapters of Ephesians.



Journeys of the Apostle Paul

Dr. Lynn Cohick & Dr
Joseph Dodson, *Associate
Professor of New
Testament* (contributors)

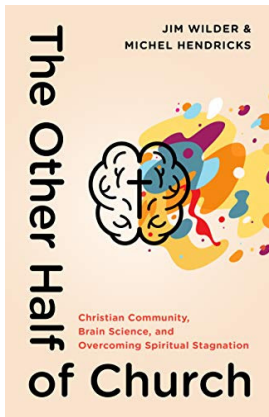
This beautifully illustrated book presents a coherent picture of Paul's life, connecting the events in Acts to his letters and theological teaching. Along the way, you'll discover new insights into his life, his teaching, and his role in the early church.



Keeping the Faith

Dr. David Osborn, *Senior
Professor of Christian
Leadership* (contributor)

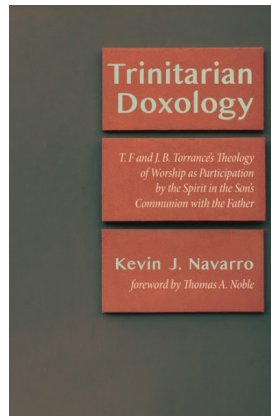
This "anthology of dissent" unites the voices of believers who fall outside the narrative—who are re-imagining how the Gospel should interweave our faith and politics. These essays cover dozens of complex and difficult topics, from foreign policy and immigration to race and abortion.



The Other Half of Church

Jim Wilder and Michel Hendricks, *alumnus* ('07)

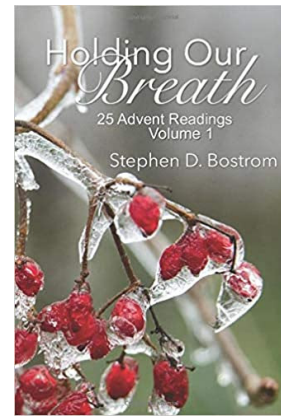
What does brain science have to do with spiritual growth? The epidemic of narcissism in our culture is the fruit of unhealthy soil, but with a new understanding of how God created us, we can create healthy, vibrant communities of faith.



Trinitarian Doxology

Kevin Navarro, *alumnus* ('93)

This book adapts a trinitarian and Christocentric approach to liturgical worship, rather than an anthropocentric one. This informs not only the “why” of worship and not simply the “what” or “how” of worship, but centers on the One whom we worship.



Holding Our Breath

Stephen Bostrom, *alumnus associate* ('76)

In an impersonal world, these Advent readings from across the centuries invite us to breathe in the impact of Jesus' coming. This book contains unique poetry, unknown carols, helpful etymologies and pastoral insights pointing us to The Treasure, God-in-flesh, baby Jesus.

Please note that the views expressed in alumni publications do not necessarily reflect the views of Denver Seminary.

Additional Publications



America, Critical Theory, and Social Crisis

Article by Dr. Douglas Groothuis

An analysis of critical theory and its intersection with American ideals.

A Short Note on Seneca's *Hercules Furens* and the Imperial-Critical Reading of Hebrews

Article in Biblica by Dr. Joseph Dodson

A scholarly comparison between Hercules, in the ancient tragedy *Hercules Furens*, and Jesus, as portrayed in Hebrews.



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