

# Alumni Connection

## Seminary Alumnus Promoted to Rank of Brigadier General



Congratulations to Paul Franz (MA, 2010) on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General as he becomes the Air Guard Chaplain serving under the USAF Chief of Chaplain Service. His diverse career includes serving as a fighter pilot in Vietnam and flying as a commercial airline pilot, as well as studying chaplaincy at Denver Seminary. According to Brigadier General Franz, every time he thinks he has reached the end of his chaplain ministry, God keeps wanting him to continue to “engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.”

**Did you know that each week the Alumni Relations team prays for Denver Seminary alumni? Click the button below to share a prayer request.**

**ALUMNI PRAYER REQUESTS**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### ***Racial Injustice "Under the Law" - The Gospel Initiative Issues Forum***



**March 25**  
**11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. MT**  
**via Zoom**

**REGISTER HERE**

Join [The Gospel Initiative](#) for *Racial Injustice 'Under the Law'*. This free forum will discuss the underpinnings of racial profiling and high incarceration rates among people of color. This event is intended to empower ministry leaders to engage this difficult issue with the redemptive power of the gospel. Issue experts will answer guided questions based on recent research. The event will be moderated by Dr. Mark Harden, The Gospel Initiative executive director.

[Upcoming Issues Forums](#)

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## DENVER SEMINARY NEWS

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### Colleagues and Friends Remember Dr. Bruce Demarest



On Wednesday, January 27, Denver Seminary learned that Senior Professor of Christian Theology and Spiritual Formation Dr. Bruce Demarest passed away. Bruce was a part of the Denver Seminary community for more than 45 years and will be dearly missed.

A number of Bruce's colleagues and friends [penned tributes](#) in his honor of him. Bruce's memorial service was held February 27 at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church. A recording of the service is [available here](#).

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### Is Our Ministry Residency Program a Fit for Your Church or Nonprofit?

Our [Ministry Residency Program](#) is a partnership between Denver Seminary and local churches/non-profits in which students from the Seminary work as interns in return for tuition compensation.

This is a win-win-win situation! Students receive practical, hands-on experience and a reduction in tuition. Churches/nonprofits hire ministry-minded individuals for a lower cost than a permanent employee. And Denver Seminary graduates are more well-rounded individuals, leaving school with less debt. If you work for a church or nonprofit near one of our campuses and are interested in learning more about offering a Ministry Residency, contact [Brian Gehr](#), alumni relations specialist.



## "Doing My Reasonable Best" Pins



[Preorder your pin today.](#)

The phrase "Doing My Reasonable Best" has become part of the student culture, and now you can show it off! The Chi Sigma Iota counseling honors society is hosting a presale for lapel pins and stickers. The order deadline is March 12, 2021. Please reach out to [Kelsey Bocher Garren](#) if you have any questions!

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## 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 regularly. Our next In Perspective panel is scheduled for March 18.



### Mark Harden and The Gospel Initiative

How can Christians engage our complex and broken world with the redemptive power of the gospel? How do we respond to the tough issues, skepticism, and indifference that characterize our times? Dr. Mark Harden, executive director of The Gospel Initiative, joins us to introduce The Gospel Initiative. Hear more about the purpose of this Seminary initiative and its aim to help the Church engage difficult questions in ways that commend the gospel with compassion and credibility.

[Listen here.](#)



### Farewell Reflections with Monte Hasz

Dr. Monte Hasz, a longtime friend and colleague in our counseling department, reflects on counseling, teaching, and our seminary community as we anticipate his retirement this spring. We discuss how the fields of psychology and counseling can complement the Christian faith and the process of discipleship. We also enjoy reminiscing on Monte's time with faculty and students over his years of service at Denver Seminary.

[Listen here.](#)

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## ***In Perspective Panel Discussion: When Leaders Thrive***



**Thursday, March 18  
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. MT**

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When leaders thrive, teams thrive, and organizations accomplish their mission. What does it mean to thrive as a leader? What are the practices and structures that help them thrive? What are the values and disciplines that leaders must develop in order to thrive? How do we know when a leader isn't thriving and what are effective ways to help them? Together, our panelists, all seasoned leaders in their areas of service, will offer their experience and expertise on this critical topic.

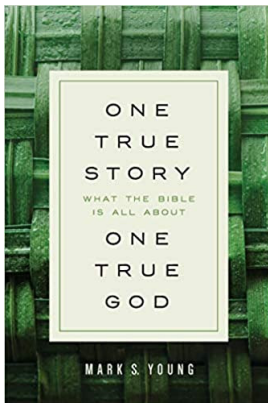
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# FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

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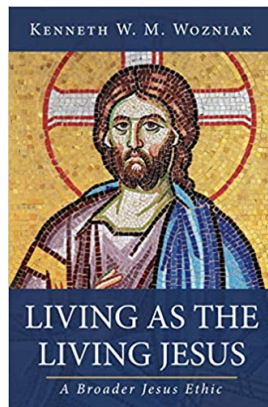
Check out recent publications from Denver Seminary faculty, staff, and alumni. If you have a publication you'd like us to consider sharing, email Alumni Relations Specialist [Brian Gehr](#).



## One True Story, One True God

Dr. Mark Young,  
*President*

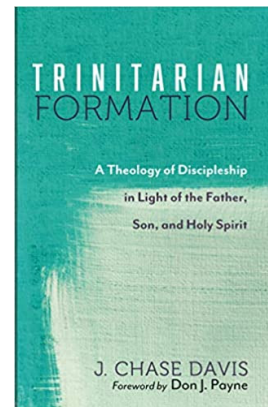
This book shows us where we've been, where we are, and where we are going. By seeing the historical context of God's redemption plan, you'll better understand the whole story and see where you fit in it. And you'll get a glimpse of how God will use you to further accomplish His mission.



## Living as the Living Jesus

Dr. Kenneth Wozniak,  
*alumnus ('76)*

*Living as the Living Jesus* explores how the image of our living and exalted Lord as found in the letter to the Hebrews and the gospels can serve as the basis for Christian maturity. Wozniak argues that faithfulness entails a disciplined life lived in the moral realm and grounded in Jesus.

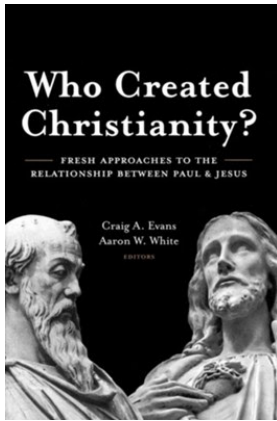


## Trinitarian Formation: A Theology of Discipleship

J. Chase Davis,  
*alumnus ('15)*

If believers cannot agree on a common definition of discipleship, is it any surprise that churches are creating disengaged Christians? This book is an attempt to create a common definition based on one of the most foundational Christian doctrines - the Trinity.

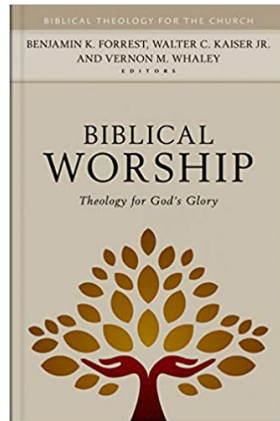




### **Who Created Christianity?**

Dr. Craig Blomberg,  
*Distinguished Professor of  
NT* (contributor)

This *Festschrift* for David Wenham contains essays that reinforce the relationship Paul had with Jesus and Christianity. Dr. Blomberg's chapter is titled, "The Rediscovery of David Wenham's Rediscovery: Reflections on a Pre-Markan Eschatological Discourse Thirty-Six Years On."



### **Biblical Worship: Theology for God's Glory**

Dr. Craig Blomberg and  
Ben Crenshaw, *alumnus*  
(*'17*) (contributors)

*Biblical Worship* plumbs every book of the Bible to uncover its teaching on worship and then applies these insights to our lives and churches today. Dr. Blomberg and Ben Crenshaw's co-written entry is entitled "Worship in the New Testament: A Concept Study."

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

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## Additional Publications



### Abortion Isn't Health Care - Not Even Close

Dr. Groothuis critiques the use of "women's health care" as a euphemism for access to abortion.

### American Religion and Politics after President Trump

Dr. Groothuis explores the role of religion in American politics in light of the recent election and the riots at the Capital.

### God and Our Ignorance

In this podcast, Dr. Groothuis explains how Christianity is a "knowledge tradition" and calls people to knowledge of God, themselves, and the gospel. This also means, paradoxically, that we ought to know what it is that we cannot possibly know and how we should orient ourselves to our not-knowing under God.

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