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# Alumni Connection

## National Citizenship Award Presented to Dr. Jan McCormack



Chaplain Jan McCormack, Associate Professor and Chair of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Programs at Denver Seminary, was awarded the 2021 National Citizenship Award by the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, on Oct. 5, in Columbia, SC.

This prestigious award is presented annually to recognize an individual or individuals who make a significant contribution in public service and who support the values and needs of US military members and their families.

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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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With the war over in Afghanistan, many veterans are re-experiencing their injuries in isolation. Moral injury results in shame, guilt, and isolation. Processing shame and guilt in isolation exacerbates PTSD symptomology and contributes to the growing veteran/military suicide rate. Veterans need a community of loving relationships, and pastoral care providers to walk through this process with them as they process their moral injuries. The community's role in healing is critical and simple: show up and love others.

At Proximity, attendees will hear war stories with a purpose, better understand moral injury, learn how to play a role in the healing process, and be encouraged to perform simple acts of loving others.

***Wednesday, November 10 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Mission Hills Church, Worship Center***  
***Live Stream attendance is also available***

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We are excited to invite you to the Denver Seminary Breakfast at the 2021 [Evangelical Theological Society](#) (ETS) Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, TX. In addition to enjoying a meal together you can look forward to:

- Picking up some Denver Seminary swag.
- Time to connect with fellow alumni and Denver Seminary community members.
- Hearing from Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean Dr. Don Payne
- Entering a raffle to win a copy of Dr. Payne's recent book *Already Sanctified: A Theology of the Christian Life in Light of God's Completed Work*.

We want to ensure that there will be plenty of food for everyone, so if you are interested in coming please let us know through the RSVP link below. We'd love to see you there!

***Thursday, November 18 | 7:00 - 8:00 am | Convention Center 201 C***

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## Trips to Israel



We are pleased to share two unique opportunities to travel to Israel with Denver Seminary in 2022.

### Tour of Israel

The first trip will be an eleven day tour in January and will be led by world-class tour company, Morning Star Tours. Along with a private guide, you will be traveling with and learning from Denver Seminary President Dr. Mark Young and Dr. Joseph Dodson, Associate Professor of New Testament. Trip participants will stay in some of the best hotels in Israel.

- **Dates:** January 11 - 22
- **Faculty:** President Mark Young & Dr. Joseph Dodson
- **Tour Highlights:** Community feeling, opportunity for baptism or re-dedication in the Jordan River, boat ride across the Sea of Galilee on a replica from Jesus' time, a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, time for prayer at the Western "Wailing" Wall in Jerusalem, special communion service at the Garden Tomb, etc.

[ADDITIONAL DETAILS](#)

### The Historical Geography of the Bible

The second trip is an intensive 3-week course in Israel (with an optional 2-week addition in Jordan) that will introduce you to the geography, history, topography, geology, and archaeology of Israel. Field trips to biblical sites take place throughout the land and are supplemented with lectures, map study, excursions and special speakers.

- **Dates:** May 15 - June 5
- **Faculty:** Dr. Hélène Dallaire & Professor Elodie Emig
- **Class Locations:** Old and New Jerusalem, Western Wall, Temple Mount, Mount of Olives, Herodium, Bethlehem, Jericho, Gezer, Lachish, Ashkelon, Beth Shemesh, Arad, Masada, Qumran, EinGedi, Dead Sea, Nazareth, Caesarea, Megiddo, Hazor, Dan, Golan Heights, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, etc.

[ADDITIONAL DETAILS](#)

## Soul Care Initiative Advent Retreat



While the Soul Care Initiative's guided Advent retreat sold out prior to this newsletter, an additional opportunity is now available. In partnership with the Abbey Colorado, the Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative is offering a downloadable, digital retreat guide to prepare hearts and souls for the transformative season of Advent. Available for purchase on November 22, this trusted guide is intended to be a companion for a half-day retreat and will prepare both leaders and laity to enter deeply into the anticipation, rest, and hope of the Advent season that begins Sunday, November 28.

Learn more and get the guide [here](#).

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## DENVER SEMINARY NEWS

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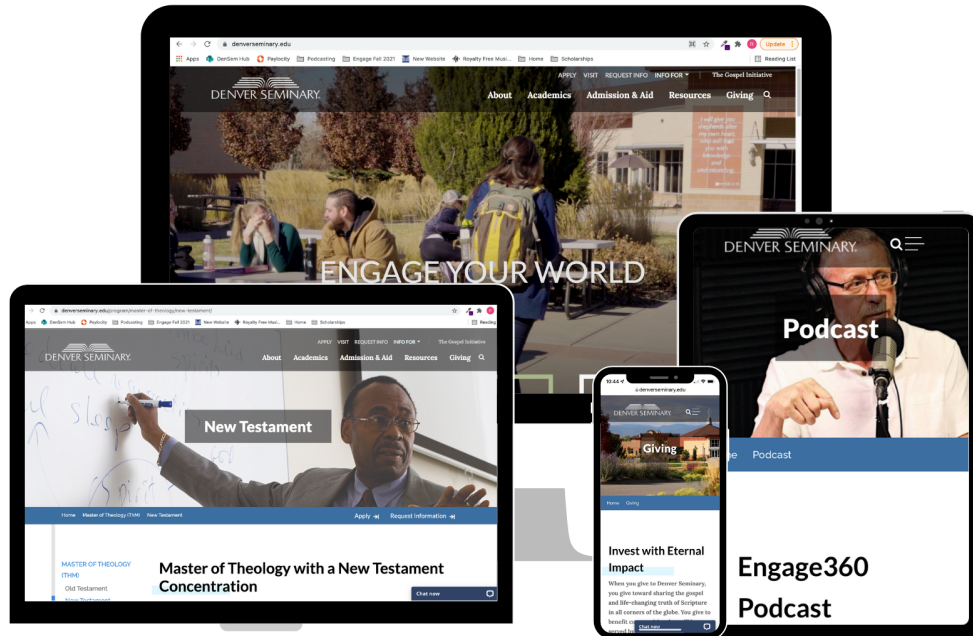
### Library Database Information for Alumni



Director of Library Services Matt Wasielewski has constructed an updated library guide for alumni (access [here](#)). Our library staff is eager to help alumni utilize these resources! Please don't hesitate to contact the [library staff](#) if you have any questions or require any support.

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## New Website



Have you seen the new [denverseminary.edu](https://denverseminary.edu)? Our re-launched website offers a fresh look and streamlined navigation, inviting prospective students and all of our site visitors into a more engaging and easy-to-navigate online experience

In addition, the new website allows for more flexibility so we can continue to strategically and efficiently keep the site current and fresh, and feature our faculty, students, alumni, events, programs, and more. For Denver Seminary, the website is the window into who we are and an opportunity for us to invite more people to learn how we are engaging the needs of the world through the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. Check it out and come back regularly to engage with Denver Seminary!

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## TM Staff & Faculty Update

In August, the TM department welcomed alumna Leah Robin Kohlsaas ('16), to their team as Program Specialist. Leah is supporting TM with administration, research, liaising with other departments, and bolstering mentoring culture.

We are sad to announce Professor Dan Steiner will be transitioning away from the world of academia at the end of this semester. We are so grateful for his innovative mind and pastoral presence during the last six years, but anticipate success in his next endeavor as a leadership coach.

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Did you know that Denver Seminary's Soul Care Initiative offers a one-year training and credentialing in Spiritual Direction? This Certificate in Spiritual Direction consists of quarterly seminary-level intensive classes, taught by Denver Seminary faculty and adjunct faculty. Students are introduced to theology which undergirds Spiritual Direction, historical and ecumenical teachings on spiritual formation and soul care, the interplay of psychological understanding and Spiritual Direction, practices for the spiritual journey, skills necessary for the Spiritual Director, and much more!

Each student continues to hone their attentiveness to the Holy Spirit and their personal skill through small practicum groups, which meet a couple times a month and are led by a trained Spiritual Direction Supervisor. This program can be completed remotely, though we highly recommend in-person attendance at the first two intensive classes.

Our next cohort begins August 2022! E-mail Program Coordinator [Stacey Cooper](#) for more information or to apply.

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## I.R.A Giving



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If you have an IRA for retirement you can start taking a distribution at 59 ½, but you **MUST** take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are 72 ½ or older. Good news: you get back hard earned savings. Bad news: you must pay income taxes on the withdrawal.

Giving your RMD to Denver Seminary could help students while also lowering your taxable income. For more information contact James Rider, Director of Donor Relations, at 303-762-6941 or via email.

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## Send Us An Update!

We want to stay in touch with our alumni. If you've moved, changed your name, or experienced a job or career move, let us know at the link below!

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## Denver Seminary is Hiring!



Denver Seminary is always looking for highly qualified and gifted individuals that God has called to assist us in our mission of preparing men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. Collectively, students, staff, and faculty at Denver Seminary work hard and play hard. Both Faculty and Staff positions are available.

[JOB OPENINGS](#)

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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.



### The Experience of Moral Injury

With the 20 year anniversary of 9/11 and conversations around the 20-year war in Afghanistan top of mind, this timely discussion with US Army veteran and Denver Seminary student Brandon Young sheds light on the experience of moral injury in post-combat veterans. He shares the realities of damage to the soul, the struggle of moral and ethical conflicts, and trust in those processing experiences in war so that civilians, pastors, and community leaders can have compassionate and empathetic interactions.

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### Uncovering Finds from the School Counseling Mental Health Initiative

The School Counseling Mental Health Initiative is seeing increasing levels of anxiousness, stress, depression, and more. Director Dr. Adam Wilson and research associate Liz Meier Thornton share their research findings, including effects of social media on early identity formation, lowered discomfort tolerance, and a decrease in “functional communication.” They share effective tools for supporting youth through empathetic engagement as parents, teachers, youth leaders, pastors, and more.

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## In Perspective: *The Emotionally Intelligent Leader*

Why is emotional intelligence important for effective leadership? How does self-understanding impact team relationships and work outcomes? What tools are available to leaders to cultivate healthy teams? What does the Bible have to say about living and leading in emotionally healthy ways? The world has never more deeply needed emotionally healthy and intelligent leaders. In this panel, we'll explore how emotional intelligence can be used to improve team dynamics.



Thursday, November 11, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, MT

*Online & In-Person Viewing Options*

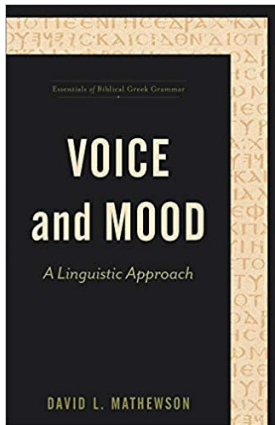
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## FACULTY & ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS

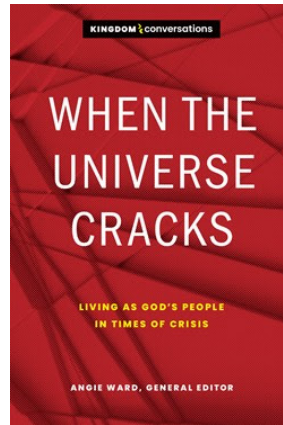
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**Voice and Mood  
A Linguistic Approach**

Dr. David Mathewson ('89),  
*Associate Professor of  
New Testament*

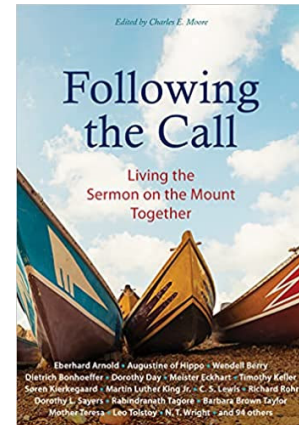
In this first volume of the *Essentials of Biblical Greek Grammar* series, Mathewson goes beyond the typical treatment of voice and mood to examine these important aspects of the Greek verb in light of contemporary scholarship - especially systemic functional linguistics - and offer the reader fresh insights. This book is illustrated with examples from the Greek New Testament, making it an ideal textbook for the intermediate Greek classroom. It is the first volume in a new series on Greek grammar edited by Stanley E. Porter.



**When the Universe  
Cracks**

Edited by Dr. Angie  
Ward ('96), *DMin Program  
Assistant Director*

When we face unexpected personal crises or when society around us seems to be collapsing, we wonder: Why is this happening? Can God be trusted? *When the Universe Cracks* is a sweeping, multifaceted look at the role of crisis in the life of faith from an esteemed gathering of pastors, faith leaders, and experts. This book includes a contribution from Dr. Marshall Shelley, DMin Program Director, Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Ministry, and alumnus ('82).



**Following the Call:  
Living the Sermon on the  
Mount Together**

Charles E. Moore  
*alumnus ('81)*

Jesus' most famous teaching, the Sermon on the Mount, possesses an irresistible quality. Who hasn't felt stirred and unsettled after reading these words, which get to the root of the human condition? This book brings together prophetic voices from every era and a range of traditions to consider the repercussions of these essential words. More than a commentary or devotional, *Following the Call* is designed to be read together with others, to inspire communities of faith to discuss what it might look like to put Jesus' teachings into practice today.

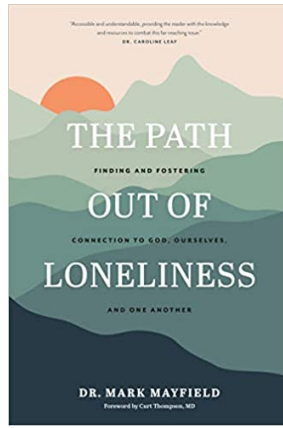


### **My Senior Year**

Jim Towne

*alumnus ('09)*

This novel tells the story of a 17-year-old boy whose life is turned upside down when he is forced to move to a new city one day before the beginning of his senior year of high school. But more than that, the story of Nick Bradford is one of friendship that grows into lasting community. Along the way, Nick sees what life can become when people of influence use their power to serve others. Told in the style of a memoir, this book is a coming-of-age story filled with laughter, pathos, surprises, and the kind of interesting people found in the mixed culture of Pueblo, Colorado.

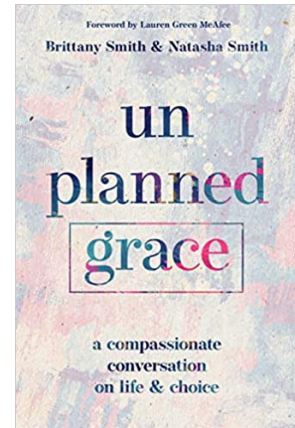


### **The Path out of Loneliness**

Dr. Mark Mayfield

*alumnus ('11)*

Loneliness has reached epidemic proportions. We have lost the art of connection and relationship. Odds are good that you have a loved one or friend whose struggle with addiction, mental illness, suicidal thoughts, or self-injury stems from loneliness. Dr. Mark Mayfield understands the crisis well, having dedicated his life to helping adults and adolescents confront their feelings of isolation and alienation. This book will guide you, the people you love, and the community you live in toward a richer, fuller, healthier life.



### **Unplanned Grace**

coauthored by Natasha Smith, *current student*

When a woman receives an unexpected positive pregnancy test, abortion often seems like the best or only option for a fulfilling future. *Unplanned Grace* beautifully challenges that myth, equipping readers to support abortion-vulnerable women with love that values life in every way. Writing not just from a "pro-birth" perspective but from a "pro-abundant life" perspective, *Unplanned Grace* is an ideal resource for churches and individuals who want to make a difference in the pro-life movement.

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