



Alumni Connection

Training and Mentoring: Celebrating 25 Years!



This year marks **25 years of Denver Seminary's commitment to the mentored life.** While programmatic structures have changed over the decades, the conviction that seminary graduates need mentoring as part of their formation for the sake of Christ and others has not changed. Being formed in and through relationships for both character and professional skill development reflects the communal calling on all Christian lives and the educational philosophy of Denver Seminary.

Each year, we professors of Training and Mentoring are privileged to hear stories of students' relationships with their mentors, many of whom are alumni. This year, I had the joy of meeting a mentoring pair who were direct "descendants" of a previous pairing who were also a student and alumni mentor. This trio from Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church illustrates the power of a mentor's influence. One of our current students is being mentored by Pastor Phil Bremerman, who was mentored by Pastor Chris Piehl, both of whom are Denver Seminary graduates.

Pastor Phil remarked, “The mentoring program, what I was reading, the practices I was engaging with, and the relationship I had with Chris were all foundational in helping shape and form what the Lord was already doing in my life to prepare me for ministry.”

Pastor Chris reflected on how “One of the greatest joys is getting to walk through the crucible of seminary with students and then to get to watch as they are sent out to pastor and bear fruit in their own ministries.” He continued, “It has been fun to connect Phil and TJ for the mentoring process. I’ve known TJ almost since he was born and was so excited when he responded to the call to ministry. I’m grateful for the Seminary’s intentionality in helping to encourage these kinds of relationships!”

By Dr. Teri Elliott Hart

Assistant Professor of Training and Mentoring



Alumni, encourage others by sharing your experience of formation with prospective or current students.

Training and Mentoring

Need Prayer?

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Professional Development Webinar Series: Adaptive Leadership

Denver Seminary Alumni
Professional Development Webinar Series

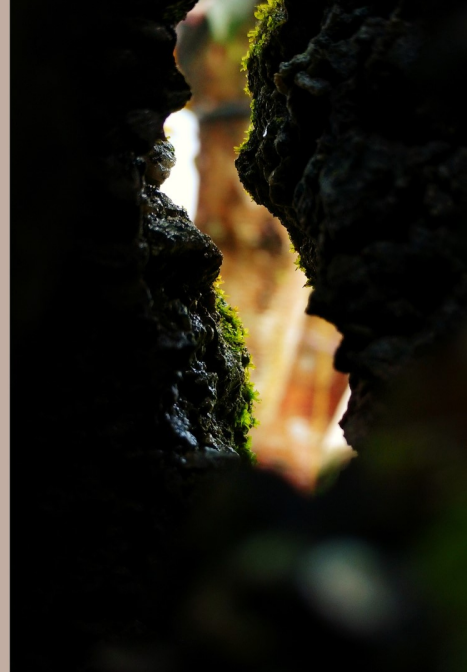
03: USING ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP TO FACE COMPLEX CHALLENGES



Dr. Tim Koller, Associate Dean
of Academic Affairs

Thursday, October 26, 2023
12:00 p.m. MDT

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3O1UdrE>



Join us **October 26** for our next webinar, focusing on the topic of **adaptive leadership** taught by Dr. Tim Koller, associate dean of Academic Affairs and director of the leadership program here at the Seminary.

Thursday, October 26, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. MDT | Zoom

[Register](#)

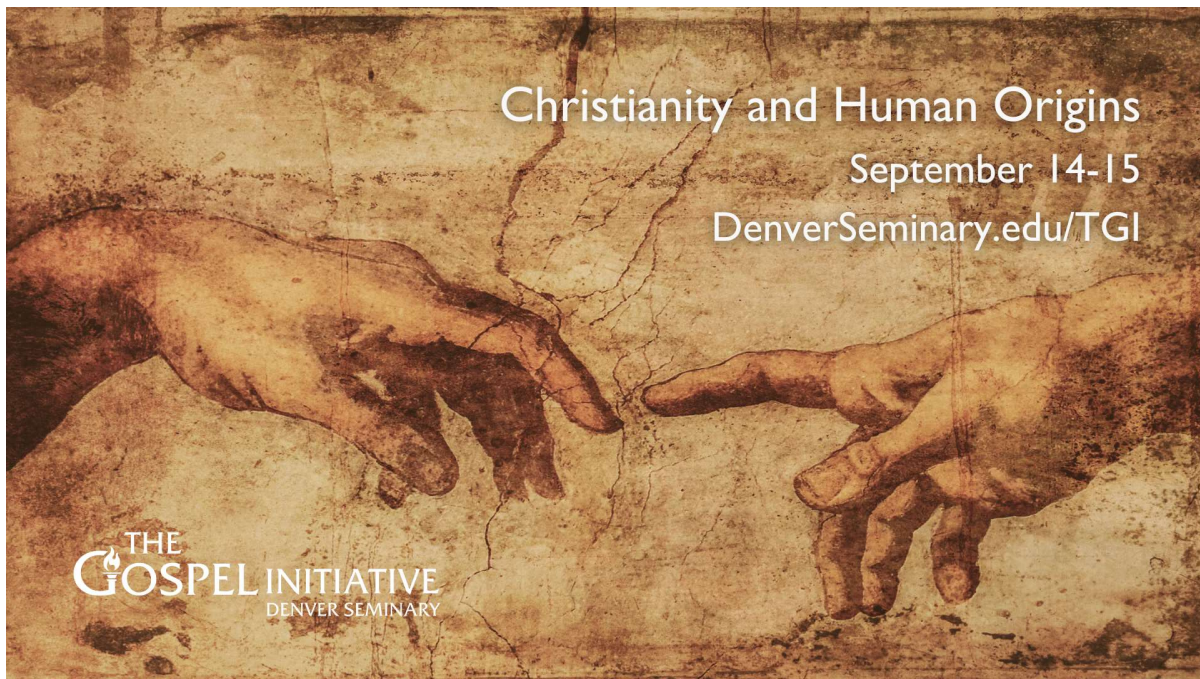
Missed the first two webinars? No problem!

If you'd like to watch the recording of "How to Create and Lead an Elder Board" by Dr. Scott Wenig, you can watch that [here](#).

To watch the recording of "Grant Writing" by Joanna Schoenhals, click [here](#).

FREE TGI EVENT

The Gospel Initiative Presents: Christianity and Human Origins



For many in our culture, the relationship between Christian faith and the science of human origins directly impacts the credibility of the Church's gospel witness. And for many in our churches, this matter can often become a reason to question their faith. Does the biblical account of creation concord with scientific findings, and if so, how? What are the ramifications of the various views on the rise of humanity to the Christian faith? What room is there for Christians to explore these issues and remain faithful to Scripture? How can pastors and Christian leaders walk others through these questions in an intellectually credible and faith-compelling manner?

Join us for this FREE, two-day event, during which we will hear different views on this issue from four Christian scientists across several academic disciplines, as well as theological and hermeneutical perspectives from Denver Seminary faculty members on the matter of human origins and the approaches presented by our guest speakers.

We will hear four different viewpoints from four speakers:

- Dr. Fuz Rana, president and senior scholar of "Reasons to Believe" who has addressed more than 500 universities, churches, and conference audiences on issues of science and the Christian faith;
- Dr. Josh Swamidass, a physician and computational biologist and author of *The Genealogical Adam and Eve*;
- Dr. Jeff Schloss, Distinguished Professor of Biology and T. B. Walker Chair of Natural & Behavioral Sciences at Westmont College, where he directs the Center for Faith, Ethics & Life Sciences and also serves as senior scholar for the BioLogos Foundation; and
- Dr. Denis Lamoureux, Professor of Science and Religion at St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta and author of several books, including *I Love Jesus & I Accept Evolution* and *Struggling with God & Origins*.

Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15, 2023 | Thu: 4:30–6:00 p.m.; Fri: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. MDT | Denver Seminary Chapel and Online

This is now a FREE EVENT!

[Register for Free](#)

This event is sponsored by The Gospel Initiative, Reasons to Believe, and the Gordon Lewis Center for Christian Apologetics at Denver Seminary.

Compelling and Credible Witness: The Church and Christian Nationalism



Save the date for this upcoming event, featuring special guests Rev. David A. Ritchie, pastor of Redeemer Christian Church in Amarillo, TX, and author of *Why Do the Nations Rage? The Demonic Origin of Nationalism*; and Dr. Samuel Perry, Professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma, and author of *The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy*.

Friday, October 13, 2023 | 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. MDT | Denver Seminary Chapel and Online

Cost: TBD

REFER A STUDENT



Alumni referrals are one of **our most effective means of recruitment and enrollment**. Our 2022 survey of entering students showed **alumni as the TOP referral source**.

THANK YOU!

Know someone interested in theological training? Counseling skills? Equipment for ministry?

Refer an interested student or let them know about our upcoming visits, including options on campus and over video.

[Refer a Student](#)

[Campus Visits](#)

DENVER SEMINARY NEWS

2024 Israel and Jordan Course



Looking for a job? Looking to hire?

Browse through the current listings or post a job on the Denver Seminary Job Board.

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[Post a Job](#)

Denver Seminary is Hiring!



Denver Seminary seeks out highly qualified and gifted individuals to assist us in our mission to prepare men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. A number of roles are currently available, including:

- **Adjunct Faculty – Counseling Division**
- **Assistant Professor of Counseling** (Residential/Remote options)
- **Open Rank Professor of Counseling** (Residential/Remote options)
- **Facilities Tech**
- **Administrative Assistant** (part time)
- **...and more!**

See our complete list of open positions at the link below:

[Job Openings](#)

GIVE TO THE SEMINARY

Did you appreciate your seminary experience? Give that gift to others!

When you give to Denver Seminary, your gifts make an eternal impact. Your generosity engages the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.



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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.

Engage360 Podcasts



Episode 118 | Feedback and Personal Transformation

Prof. Debra Anderson, Dr. Teri Elliott-Hart, and Prof. Nathan Scherrer, Training and Mentoring program faculty, discuss the importance of feedback in increasing self-awareness and personal growth. Pulling from their own experiences, they emphasize that self-awareness requires feedback from multiple people who you know love and care for you. Alongside examining the need to be proactive in the search for feedback, they also explore the challenges of finding, receiving, and giving feedback, especially in leadership positions where feedback can be hard to find.

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Episode 119 | A Rallying Call to Evangelicalism: "A Burning House"

"I've come to believe that we are integrating into a burning house." These words from Martin Luther King Jr. describe how some may feel about the current state of evangelicalism in the United States. With many walking away from the evangelical movement, it's important to earnestly engage in the conversation of why and examine the value of the term. Brandon Washington, pastor of preaching at The Embassy Church, discusses his book, *A Burning House: Redeeming American Evangelicalism by Examining Its History, Mission, and Message*.

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Episode 121 | Building a Career from Training and Mentoring

Alumna Dr. Liz Selzer discusses her journey of building a career utilizing Denver Seminary's Training and Mentoring program, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. Dr. Selzer highlights her experience in mentoring, coaching, and talent development, revealing how her faith-driven approach has positively impacted individuals and organizations worldwide. She also shares about her book, *3G Mentoring*, tips for developing a successful mentoring relationship, and some tactics for bridging generational, gender, and cultural differences.

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Engage Magazine



The Spring/Summer 2023 edition will drop soon; **make sure your contact info is up to date!**

The Fall/Winter 2022 edition of Denver Seminary's *Engage* magazine is **available to view online.**

Didn't receive this in the mail? New mailing address? Update your contact information using the link below or email alumni@denverseminary.edu.

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Alumni Facebook Group



Stay connected to other alumni.

Join the Denver Seminary Alumni Facebook Group to share updates, ask questions, and find resources while receiving details about news and events from Denver Seminary.

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Digital Theological Library: Seminary Bookshelf



As Denver Seminary alumni, you can get discounted access to the Digital Theological Library's (DTL) Seminary Bookshelf.

The Seminary Bookshelf now contains:

- Over 1,300,000 eBooks,
- Over 850,000 eBooks from the last 25 years,
- Over 400,000 eBooks from the last 10 years, and
- Over 125,000 eBooks from the last 5 years.

Base price for individual member access is \$10 a month.

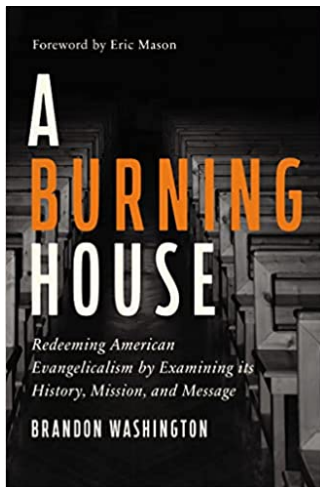
Denver Seminary Alumni are eligible for one of two discount options:

- A free trial for three months (use code: dtlalum25)
- A 25% discount with an annual membership (use code: callmerev23)

Learn More & Register

FACULTY, STAFF, & ALUMNI PUBLICATIONS

If you have a publication you'd like us to consider sharing, please email [Alumni Relations](#).

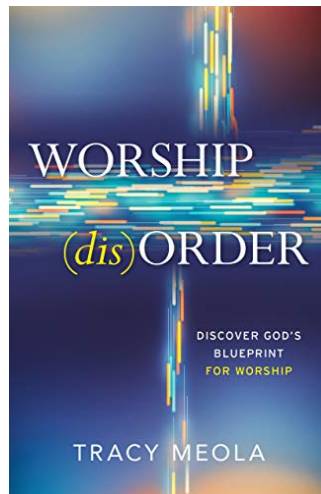


**A Burning House:
Redeeming American
Evangelicalism by
Examining Its History,
Mission, and Message**

Brandon Washington,
Alumnus ('14), Trustee

In *A Burning House*, Washington contends that American Evangelicalism is a house ablaze: burning in the destructive fires of discrimination and injustice. Common doctrine may unite black and white evangelicals, but rifts such as social ethics and cultural influences still separate us.

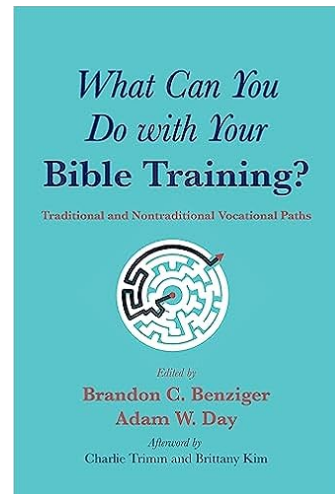
This book is a rallying call to a waning movement whose most public leaders have often turned a blind eye to, or even justified, the sin of racism—a movement whose theology is sometimes compromised by a secular anthropology. This is a call to both white and black evangelicals to better understand our past so that we can better embrace the unifying and comprehensive message of the gospel we preach.



**Worship Disorder:
Discover God's Blueprint
for Worship**

Tracy Meola, *Alumna ('14)*

Many churches seem to struggle with a worship DIS-order these days. We often focus on getting the best technology and musicians money can afford or seeking the emotional experience, but is this what God wants for His church? There is a common misconception that the Bible does not give specific and clear instruction to the church regarding our church worship services, so we try our hardest to put together services that honor God and yet appeal to the people. Unfortunately, raised hands and emotional responses are not necessarily the best measure of true worship and there just might be a better way—God's way!



**What Can You Do with
Your Bible Training?:
Traditional and
Nontraditional Vocational
Paths**

Brandon C. Benziger,
*Adjunct Faculty and
Alumnus ('16)* and Adam
W. Day

The purpose of this anthology is to inform and inspire evangelical students and graduates of biblical studies programs about the wide variety of training-related vocational paths they can pursue, both conventional and unconventional. The book does this by listing and categorizing twenty-five relevant pathways, sharing the stories and insights of insiders within each pathway, and calling for further creativity in putting one's biblical training to work. Each contributor shares (1) how they settled into their represented occupation, (2) the ways in which they have used their biblical training in that occupation, (3) the "joys" and "trials" of their work, and (4) advice for those who would like to follow in their footsteps.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Bible Study



30-week study of the books of Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, and Ephesians taught by Dr. Jim Greenberg.

Home study, fellowship, teaching, and commentary. Small groups for men, women, and married couples. Non-denominational study for every level of Bible knowledge. Both in-person and Zoom groups available.

First meeting is September 11.

Questions? Email Dr. Greenberg at jimgreenberg@sprintmail.com.

[More Info](#)

FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & UPDATES

Dr. Don Payne Upcoming Speaking Engagements

Men's Ministry Retreat - Faith Evangelical Church

Friday, October 20, 2023 and Sunday, October 22, 2023

Estes Park, CO

Leading the men's ministry retreat on mentoring and discipleship.



Dr. Rick Hess Website Update



New website: [Old Testament Questions](#)

This new website presents a variety of discussions of the most popular and perplexing Old Testament-related questions. Read Dr. Hess' comments on archaeological, theological, and interpretive questions from Bible readers. View discussion videos on Genesis and creation, on the Holy Spirit and his role in the Bible, on the Exodus and its historical value, and lots more.

Emmanuel Engulu Teaches New Testament Video Commentary Series

Alumnus and adjunct faculty Emmanuel Engulu presents in a new video commentary series on the New Testament. The hope of this commentary is to help the church make disciples by offering affordable Bible training to disciple-makers all around the world.

[Video Commentary on Right Now Media](#)



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