



Alumni Connection

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Audit without Record

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Audit with Record

Questions? Email alumni@denverseminary.edu.

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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.



Submit a Prayer Request

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Mission of God and the Future of the Church:
An Evening with Michael Frost**

THE MISSION OF GOD AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

An Evening with
Michael Frost

A free event with a special panel
featuring missiologist Michael
Frost, exploring the mission of the
church and the implications for our
cultural times today

6:30-8:00pm - Thursday, January 25

Denver Seminary Chapel

5:30pm Networking Reception

Register for Free:

<https://denverseminary.edu/michaelfrost>




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What exactly is the mission of God and what is the role of the church, both broadly and locally, in helping to fulfill that mission? This special panel conversation featuring missiologist Michael Frost and other prominent voices will explore the nature of God's mission and what it might look like for the present and future church to be faithful to God's mission in changing and challenging times and contexts.

Panelists:

- Dr. Michael Frost is an internationally recognized missiologist and one of the leading voices in the missional church movement. He is the author or editor of more than twenty books including *Mission is the Shape of Water: Learning From the Past to Inform Our Role in the World Today* (2023).
- Dr. Rowland Smith is National Director of Forge America, Founder and Director of The Pando Collective, and Pastor of Missional Culture at Pulpit Rock Church in Colorado Springs, CO.
- Dr. Patty Pell is Assistant Professor of Theology, Justice, and Social Advocacy and Executive Director of The Gospel Initiative at Denver Seminary.
- Dr. Angie Ward (facilitator) serves as Director of the Doctor of Ministry program and Associate Professor of Leadership and Ministry at Denver Seminary.

Thursday, January 25 | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Denver Seminary Chapel

Optional networking reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

Register

In Perspective: AI Benefits and Concerns for the Church



Have you ever wondered about the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on the Church? This webinar will investigate the possibilities and challenges of AI in spiritual contexts and discuss its potential role in worship, community engagement, and more. Our panelists will explore the impact technology has on the landscape of faith and the ethical considerations arising from integrating AI with sacred practices.

Whether you're a spiritual leader, tech enthusiast, or simply curious, this event provides a platform to delve into the dynamic relationship between faith and technology. Join us as we examine the evolving intersection of AI and the Church's journey forward.

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | Zoom

Register

Compelling and Credible Witness: The Church and Youth Mental Health



It is no secret that youth mental health remains a major challenge in our society. Loneliness, substance abuse, gender identity questions, social media, intellectual disabilities, and many environmental factors continue to erode mental wellness. Between 2017 and 2021, youth suicide soared, reaching record numbers by 2021. While suicide is now slightly decreasing, most challenges to youth mental health remain.

Churches bring young people through their doors every week, and while staff are committed to addressing the spiritual needs of their youth, they are often ill equipped to address these broader challenges. Schools face escalating mental health challenges, and not all are equally prepared. Parents struggle to understand the world of their children and teens, and some struggle with mental health issues themselves. Meanwhile, our young people will not all outgrow their symptoms of unhealth.

How should Christians respond to this youth mental health crisis? Can the Church take a more proactive and positive approach to mental health? How does youth psychology relate to the gospel? What are the skills and virtues youth need to cope with our society's challenges? How can those who care for youth be salt and light in this cultural moment? How can Christian educators, youth pastors, nonprofit leaders, and families think holistically and intergenerationally about promoting wellness? Join us as we explore the contours of creating a compelling and credible gospel witness to our youth.

Friday, February 9, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Denver Seminary Chapel

Register

TGI Presents:

**Voices of Lament: Reflections on Brokenness and Hope in a World
Longing for Justice**



How often do we hear from Christian women of color writing for themselves and the world more broadly about faith and how it informs their distinct experiences with justice, lament, anger, and hope? Inspired by Psalm 37, with its outpouring of emotion about the human experience, essays written by 29 Christian women of color comprise *Voices of Lament: Reflections on Brokenness and Hope in a World Longing for Justice*.

Join us for an evening with *Voices of Lament* editor Dr. Natasha Sistrunk Robinson and other contributing authors and local speakers as they express how this new collection of essays, poems, liturgies, and historical reflections invite empathy and healing. Their work has given a gift to those doing the work of justice by making public their private pain while modeling how faith allows them to hold the tension of injustice and heartache with hope and joy. Together we will learn from their perspectives and consider how we can join in solidarity, drawing us into deeper intimacy with God and a fuller understanding of one another.

Due to the generosity of our donors, this event is offered free of cost. However, registration is required.

The event will be held in person at Denver Seminary. It will be recorded.

Thursday, February 29, 2024 | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Denver Seminary Chapel

[Register](#)

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**.

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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

Christianity Today Book Awards

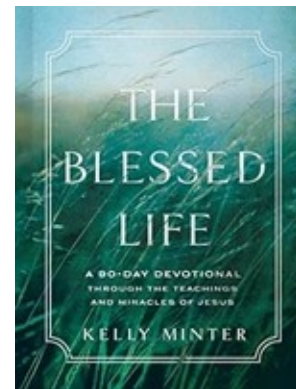
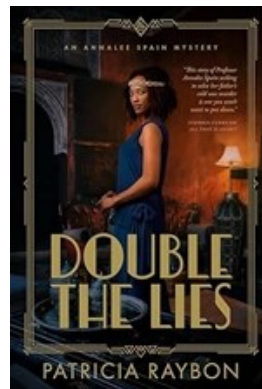
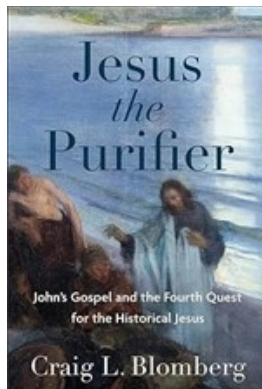
Christianity Today's 2024 Book Awards

Our picks for the books most likely to shape evangelical life, thought, and culture.

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We are proud to announce that the 2024 Christianity Today Book Awards featured books from professor emeritus Dr. Craig L. Blomberg (winner, Biblical Studies), former trustee Patricia Raybon (winner, Fiction), and current student Kelly Minter (award of merit, Bible and Devotional). See the full list of winners and honorable mentions [here](#).



Save the Date: Shannon Preaching Lectureship 2024



Monday, June 3 to Thursday, June 6, 2024

The Denver Seminary Shannon Preaching Lectureship and Seminar is a 3.5-day event designed to promote Big Idea Expository Preaching of a biblical book from either the Old or New Testament.

For 2024, we have the privilege of studying the book of Daniel under the expert tutelage of [Dr. Wendy Widder](#). Dr. Widder is a freelance professor and lecturer who has written two comprehensive commentaries on Daniel. She is an excellent communicator and will provide an overview of this exciting book and exegete all twelve of its chapters.

Experienced preachers Dr. Matt Wolf, Professor David Ward, and Dr. Scott Wenig will then facilitate group discussion among the participants to discern how these narratives and apocalyptic passages might be preached. By the end of the seminar, each participant will have the foundation of a sermon series on Daniel that can be preached in his/her local context sometime over the coming year.

The cost for this in-person seminar is \$150. For more information, please contact Dr. Scott Wenig at scott.wenig@denverseminary.edu.

Spiritual Direction Certificate



CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Denver Seminary Soul Care Initiative

Did you know that Denver Seminary's Soul Care Initiative offers a discounted, one-year training 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 the 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 primarily remotely**, with the exception of required in-person attendance at the first two intensive classes.

Email Program Coordinator, Stacey Cooper, at stacey.cooper@denverseminary.edu for more information regarding our 2024–25 Cohort. Application closes May 15, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Find or Post a Job on Our Job Board



Looking for a job? Looking to hire?

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

Questions? Contact Student Life at studentlife@denverseminary.edu.

[View Job Board](#)

[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:

- **Assistant/Associate Professor of Counseling** (Residential)
- **Videographer and Editor**
- **Instructional Designer**
- **Director of Educational Media and Video Producer**
- **Staff Accountant**

- **Facilities Technician**
- **Security Guard**
- **...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

Featured Alumni Resource - Library Access



As alumni, you still have access to the library! In addition to being able to check out books from the library on campus, you also have access to thousands of articles, hundreds of journal titles, and other electronic resources. Databases free for alumni to access include AtlaSerials, ProQuest, and OADTL.

On-Campus Library

Online Resources

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 128 | Exploring the Richness of Liturgy

With the recent revival of interest in the concept of liturgy, it's important to examine what liturgy is and what value it holds. Dr. Kathleen Mulhern, teaching fellow, interim director of the Christian Formation program, and Church historian, explores the meaning and history of liturgy and worship, and their overarching goal of glorifying God and enjoying Him forever. She also emphasizes the formative role of liturgical traditions as guiding handrails in faith expression, shares some ideas for integrating liturgical practices into contemporary Church settings, and reflects on the resurgence of interest in liturgy as a response to a desire for community.

[Listen Now](#)



Episode 127 | Finding Community in Education

"My dream is to see these women continue the good work that God started, but to also have formal seminary training, which will only serve to supercharge what they already teach and write." Vivian Mabuni—creator of Denver Seminary's Women's Leadership Cohort, current student, Board of Trustees member, and host of the *Someday is Here* podcast—shares her vision behind founding the cohort, emphasizing the importance of community and camaraderie in the educational journey. This is the first episode in a series featuring the women leaders in this special cohort, hosted by Elisa Morgan, Board of Trustees president, alumna, and host of the *God Hears Her* and *Discover the Word* podcasts for Our Daily Bread Ministries.

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Episode 126 | The Power of a Mentorship-Focused Life

What is the value of a lifetime of being mentored and mentoring others? Russell Verhey, MA in leadership alumnus, shares about the transformative influence mentorship has had on his life, from his childhood, through Denver Seminary's Training and Mentoring program, and into his career today, emphasizing the incredible impact that can be made on someone's life by something as simple as inviting them out for a meal to talk, process, and listen. Visit Russell's website, TheAdvance.net/Mentorship, for more mentoring resources, including updates about Russell's upcoming book on mentoring, *Marked: A Clarion Call to Mentorship for the Next Generation*.

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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.

Alumni Facebook Group

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.

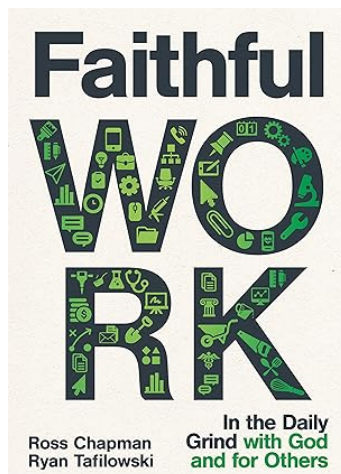
Denver Seminary Alumni are eligible for one of two discount options:

- 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

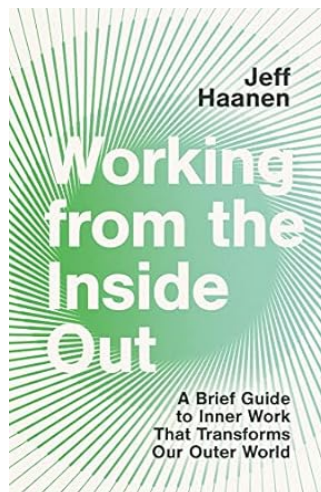
If you have a publication you'd like us to consider sharing, please email [Alumni Relations](#).



Faithful Work: In the Daily Grind with God and for Others

Dr. Ryan Tafilowski,
Assistant Professor of Theology, and Ross Chapman

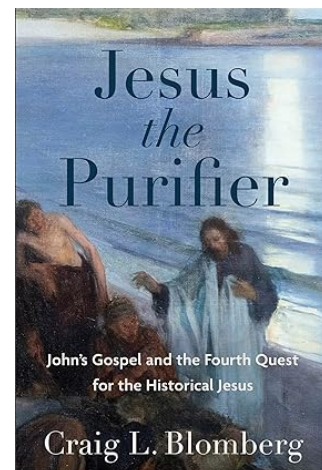
One-third of our waking lives is spent at work. Work



Working from the Inside Out: A Brief Guide to Inner Work That Transforms Our Outer World

Jeff Haanen, *Alumnus* ('09)

Many today are experiencing social



Jesus the Purifier: John's Gospel and the Fourth Quest for the Historical Jesus

Dr. Craig L. Blomberg,
Professor Emeritus of New Testament

In this book, renowned New Testament scholar

is where we make culture and come into contact with our world. Work is central to God's mission to redeem souls, systems, and structures. And God works through our work to bring hope to the brokenness and fallenness of our surrounding culture.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news for the world, and that includes the transformation of our ordinary work into a sacred calling. Ross Chapman and Ryan Tafilowski show how work is a way to love God, serve our neighbors, and demonstrate the gospel. With a broader understanding of God's work in the world, we are able to engage our daily work as part of how God makes all things new.

isolation, deep anxieties about the future, and various difficulties in the workplace. For too many of us, work seems tedious, painful, or meaningless. And we don't know what to do about it.

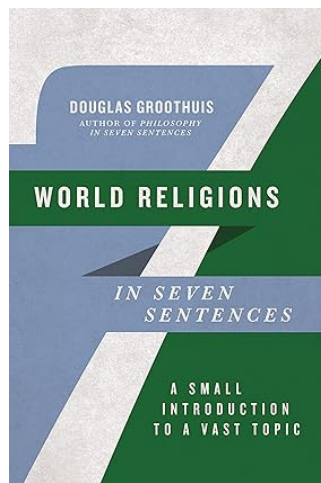
Working from the Inside Out pulls back the veil on the deep emotional and vocational challenges faced by the majority of workers and shows how work can become a way to love God, serve our neighbors, and demonstrate the gospel to the world. Bringing together emotional, relational, vocational, intellectual, and civic health through the seamless thread of vocation, Jeff Haanen offers a way out of the disintegration of our culture and toward a reintegrated life lived in response to God's voice.

Craig Blomberg advances the idea that John is a viable and valuable source for studying the historical Jesus. The data from John should be integrated with that of the Synoptics, which will yield additional insights into Jesus' emphases and ministry. Blomberg begins by reviewing the first three quests, reassessing both their contributions and their shortcomings. He then discusses the emerging consensus regarding demonstrably historical portions of John, which are more numerous than usually assumed. Peeling back the layers, we discover in Jesus' ministry an emphasis on purity and purification. Blomberg then explores the practical and contemporary applications of Jesus the purifier, including the "contagious holiness" that Jesus' followers can spread to others.

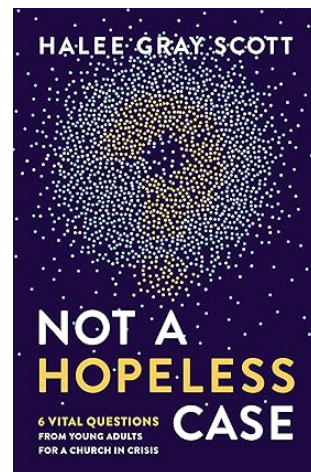


**Divine Suffering:
Theology, History, and
Church Mission**

Dr. Don J. Payne
(contributor), Vice
President of Academic



**World Religions in Seven
Sentences: A Small
Introduction to a Vast
Topic**



**Not a Hopeless Case: 6
Vital Questions from
Young Adults for a
Church in Crisis**

*Affairs, Academic Dean,
Professor of Theology,
Alumnus ('88)*

Divine Suffering is an interdisciplinary study that draws from systematics, philosophy, biblical theology, and pastoral experience. In addition to covering topics like the suffering of the Father in the Son and God's cruciform vulnerability, this book also explores how divine suffering animates the Christian gospel and resonates in the ongoing persecution of believers. The study of the suffering God has everything to do with theology, history, and Church mission. Like exploring a cathedral from all its entrances, both scholars and seekers will find ample opportunity for theological challenge, biblical insight, and missional hope.

*Dr. Douglas Groothuis,
Professor of Philosophy*

In this brief volume in IVP Academic's Introductions in Seven Sentences, philosopher Douglas Groothuis creatively uses a single sentence representing each of several world religions as a way to open readers to their depth and complexity.

With a sympathetic but not uncritical approach, Groothuis welcomes readers to a vital and global conversation, including:

Atheism: "God Is Dead."

Judaism: "I Am Who I Am."

Hinduism: "You Are That."

Buddhism: "Life Is Suffering."

Daoism: "The Dao That Can Be Spoken Is Not the Eternal Dao."

Christianity: "Before Abraham Was, I Am."

Islam: "There Is One God, and Mohammad Is His Prophet."

*Dr. Halee Gray Scott,
Director of the Young Adult
Initiative*

Is America the next missionary graveyard? Or is it ripe for spiritual revolution? The statistics seem grim. Every year, the decline of Christianity continues at a rapid pace, especially among young adults. Churches across the country are closing their doors, dying, or are being "adopted" by nearby larger churches. What is the story church leaders hear? We've lost the next generation.

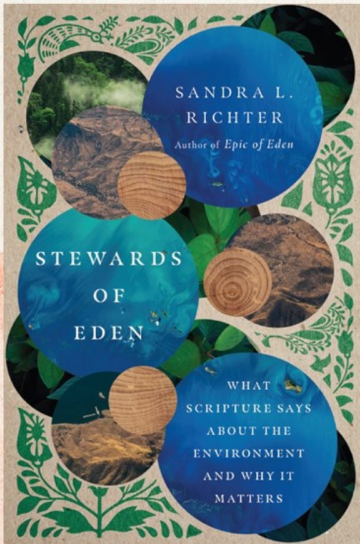
But this decline in religious affiliation has not made us less spiritual. Young adults are still asking questions that only faith (or religion) can fully answer. Questions are like seeds buried in the rich, dark soil of our hearts. Nurtured with oxygen and water, they unfold into that which they were meant to become.

Not a Hopeless Case is the story of the questions of young adults about faith and spirituality and the questions of pastors who seek to find them.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Stewards of Eden Book Club



BOOK STUDY

**Care about
creation?**

Winter/Spring 2024
Led by Dr. Jessica Schroeder

**Discover what
scripture says
about our roles as
stewards.**



Starting February 1, join Dr. Jessica Schroeder for a book study focused on creation care.

Together we'll spend 8 weeks reading and discussing Dr. Sandra Richter's recent book *Stewards of Eden: What Scripture Says about the Environment and Why It Matters*.

Thursdays 4:00–5:00 p.m. (starting Feb. 1) | Denver Seminary Student Center

Register

Alumnus Speaks at TEDxBreckenridge



2005 Counseling graduate Dr. Michael Ballard presented the talk “Why is it so hard to apologize?” at TEDxBreckenridge.

Most of us are terrible at apologizing. It's so easy for us to get stubborn, prideful, and defensive, and so hard for us to just admit that we were wrong. In this thought-provoking talk, Dr. Michael Ballard offers a unique perspective on the challenges we all face in saying those two meaningful words, "I'm sorry."

[Watch Now](#)

FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Rick Hess Podcast Episodes



Dr. Rick Hess is featured in several podcast episodes, available also in video format on YouTube:

- Three in the playlist linked [here](#).
- Dr. Richard Hess | [Was Noah's Flood Immoral?](#)

Also see “God of the Old Testament and Abuse” on the Naomi Wright podcast, October 5, 2023.

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