



DENVER SEMINARY
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CONNECTION



From the Ecklebargers

Greetings from the Northwest. We have now transitioned permanently to Redmond, Washington to live near family. After retiring in July of 2001 I continued to teach two courses online every semester for 11 years. This truly was a distance education experience since we summered in the Seattle area and wintered in Tucson, Arizona. I fully retired in August 2012 when I stopped the online teaching.

A highlight of my retirement years has been attending churches pastored by Denver grads. What a blessing to be ministered to by former students and to teach adult Bible classes in their churches. Most significantly retirement has given us opportunity to visit with alumni in the Northwest and Arizona. The Seminary has invited us to host alumni gatherings in both areas--it is always special to catch up on the lives of our grads.

Living in the Seattle area we have been exposed to the SeaHawks "12th Man" phenomenon--cheering at the games so loud that it registers as a local earthquake! This extreme excitement reminds us of our 45th anniversary when we watched the Colorado Avalanche win the Stanley Cup. Several minutes before the game ended the crowd, sensing that victory was certain, started a cheer that increased in volume and lasted long after the game ended. We had never experienced such excitement. However, these great celebrations pale into total insignificance in contrast with the celebration described in Revelation 6:9-10. Then, the innumerable multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the Throne and the Lamb will celebrate crying out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

What a tremendous celebration that will be! How excited we are to know that God is using Denver Seminary graduates around the world to achieve His great missional purpose. Please contribute regular reports for the Alumni Updates below to keep us all informed about

Alumni Scholarship Fund

Alumni Webinar

April 16th
12pm-1:00pm MST
Improving your Intercultural Skills for Life, Work and Witness led by Alumnus Dr. Douglas Wilson, [click here for more info and to register](#).

Upcoming Events

We might be coming to your area. Check our [news and events](#) page regularly to see if we will be in your area!

March 28th
Scottsdale, AZ
11:30am - 1:00pm.
Majerles Sports Grill.
For details and to register, click [here](#).

April 10th
Colorado Spings, CO
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Woodmen Valley Church
For detaions and to register, [click here](#).

Alumni Resources

- [Job Board](#)
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what God is doing in your part of the world to advance His Kingdom.

Kermit and Shirley

Alumni Updates

Angie Ward, Ph.D. (M.A., 1996)

Angie is serving as Professor of Leadership, Education & Discipleship and Associate Dean at Capital Seminary & Graduate School. She and her husband, David (M.Div. 1996) live outside Indianapolis with their two teenaged sons.



Jack Giddens (D.Min., 2007)

Hello Denver Seminary Family! Just a quick update...I'm employed as Regional Chaplain at Covenant Hospice, Inc., Florida's second largest hospice organization, and as full-time adjunct professor of Religion & Ethics at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida.

Charles James (M.Div., 1978)

I am a professor of philosophy at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in California. The Lord blessed us 15 years ago with a baby who had Downs Syndrome. Yet, Christian is reading books like mad and playing his guitar with his older brothers; he is a joy to our family. I wish I could have his consistently content and happy spirit! He loves high school and football. The coach has Christian train with the football team and he even got him a uniform. It's great to see the team members watch out for him.

God is doing much work at the seminary out here. Our seminarians are seeing the reality of Christ every day. Happily, the Spirit of the Lord always works behind the scenes.

Donald Neidigk (M.Div., 1977)

I have been a pastor in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod for nearly 30 years and before that the Reformed Presbyterian Church - Evangelical Synod (now merged with the PCA). I will be retiring from my congregation, Calvary Lutheran Church in Rio Rancho, NM this spring and just needed to say I'm grateful for the role Denver Seminary played in my life and ministry. It prepared me well.

I plan to spend my retirement writing (I've published many homiletical series), counseling (Dr. Grounds inspired me to get an MA in Counseling), help with the grandchildren (one has the makings of a future pastor) and play with my old car, a 1949 Ford. I also serve as VP of a Hispanic mission board in El Paso. So maybe I'll have more time for that.

[More Updates](#)

What's new with YOU? We want to know your ministry & family updates and anything else you would like to share! Send your life and ministry updates, pictures, degree, and year of graduation to alumni@denverseminary.edu to be included in the next Alumni Connection.

Events & Resources

A Pastor's Thoughts Blogspot

Alumnus, Joe Serediński created [The Pastor's Thoughts blog](#). The purpose of the blog is to provide in-depth, Bible lessons in the areas of Pastoral Care, Theology, and Book Reviews. To date, the lessons have been accessed in nearly 80 different countries by pastors and lay people. Please visit the site and if you find it useful, please share the link! Joe does not request or accept financial consideration for any of the lessons posted.

Money, Ministry and You

Alumni are invited to join current students, faculty, and staff for this free workshop! **Saturday, April 5th 9am-1pm**, classroom 100a, Simpson Learning Center, Denver Seminary Campus.

Fellow Denver Seminary Alums Tim Leach and John Overmeyer with AXA Financial will be leading a financial seminar hosted by Student Life. Workshop sessions include:

- Biblical, Historical and Practical Understanding of Money
- Building Blocks to a Financially Healthy Life
- Financial Perks Problems and Possibilities for Clergy and for Private Practice
- Money and Relationships

Each workshop will be about 45 minutes long – come for one, stay for all! Lunch will be provided, so **please RSVP** to [Heather Taylor](#) by Tuesday, April 1st.

Faculty Updates:

You can find the speaking engagements of all the professors listed on the [Faculty Travel Page](#).

Drs. Heather Davediuk Gingrich & Fred Gingrich, Professors of Counseling

Heather and Fred will be attending the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) conference in Atlanta, April 2-5. Heather will be a plenary speaker as well presenting a post-conference workshop on working with complex trauma. Fred is a board member of CAPS and will be attending a board meeting prior to the conference.

Dr. Rick Hess, Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages

On March 29-30, Dr. Hess will be a presenter at the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature Regional Conference, University of Denver. He also serves as the Co-President of this Conference. On April 15, he will be at Oregon State University in Eugene, Oregon. He will be debating on the topic, Joshua and Genocide: The Cruelty of the Old Testament God.

Dr. Don Payne, Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Formation

On April 11th, Dr. Payne will participate in a panel discussion on Faith and Work at Colorado Christian University. On April 12th, he will be presenting a paper on "Who We Are Determines How We Prosper: A Theological Anthropology to Guide the Economics of Human Flourishing" for Vernon Grounds Institute of Public Ethics - Salt and Light Seminar.

Dr. Brad Widstrom, Associate Professor of Youth and Family

Ministries and Mentoring

Dr. Widstrom remains on sabbatical in the spring but you can find him preaching on April 20th and May 25th at the English services of Disciple Mission Church of Denver, a local Korean church.

<http://www.denverjeja.org/home2011/>

Come Back to Campus! We'd love to see you and hear your story. In fact, we have a gift for every alumnus that comes through the Advancement office! You are a part of the Denver Seminary family, we care for you, and we invite you to stay in touch.

Also, remember that all chapel services are open to alumni. It is held from 11am-12pm every Monday and Tuesday in the chapel on campus.

More Alumni Updates...

Chad Holladay (M.A. Counseling, 2002)

Youth Pastor at Washington Heights Baptist Church, Ogden Utah

Rob Hughes (M.Div., 2012)

After graduating in 2012 with my M.Div., I completed my ministry at Genesis Presbyterian in Littleton and shortly thereafter accepted the position of Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at Broadway Presbyterian Church in Sedalia, Missouri. Located an hour outside of Kansas City, Sedalia is a city of 40,000 surrounded by farm and ranch country. A beautiful area and a wonderful church.

Brandon Johnson (M.Div., 2006)

I am the National Director of Youth for Christ Cyprus. I am in Cyprus trying to establish the ministry and train locals to take over leadership.

Drew Moser, Ph.D. (M.A. Christian Studies, 2005)

I serve as Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Higher Education/Student Development at Taylor University (Upland, IN).

Dave Washburn (M.A. Old Testament, 1983)

Internet reviewer and Bible scholar. My life went nothing like I imagined. We wound up with a bipolar daughter, so I dropped out of the workforce to care for her while my wife went to school and became a nurse. I did some writing for a while, worked on computers for several years, all from home so I could tend to my little whirlwind. I had one chance to get my Ph.D. and go into teaching, and I let it go, not knowing it would be my only chance. Then I discovered the Internet, which I like to call "The Great Equalizer." There, I can rub shoulders with the big boys and girls and make my contribution to biblical scholarship. It doesn't pay, of course, but who ever went into this stuff for the money? My daughter is grown now, on a fairly stable medication regimen, and has a fairly decent life. But she will never be able to be totally on her own, so I still have a job to do. These days I make videos for the Internet, mostly reviewing video games and classic songs. I recently added a Bible teaching show, and my oldest daughter does a show of her own. You can check us out at www.irvingszoo.com Those who knew me might recall that, if you couldn't remember my name, I would introduce myself as Irving J. Frumplemeyer. I finally found a real use for that name!

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