



DENVER SEMINARY ALUMNI CONNECTION



From the President

"What are you reading these days?" That's one of my favorite questions to ask a friend or acquaintance. It almost always kindles some good conversation. If you're not in the middle of a good read right now, I'd like to recommend that you add to your reading list a couple of insightful and important books that I've recently finished. Gary Haugen's *The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence* exposes the devastating effect on the poor of ineffective and corrupt law enforcement and criminal justice systems. When violence against

the poor goes unchecked, all other efforts to eradicate poverty are severely compromised. Haugen's book should be read by all of us that are engaged in efforts to help the poor in the developing world. Our own Craig Blomberg's *Can We Still Believe the Bible: An Evangelical Engagement with Contemporary Questions* addresses the most pressing issues in bibliology today—reliability, canonicity, translation, authority, and inerrancy. Craig's writing is pointed and clear. He tackles head on recent controversies about the Bible that have sown confusion both inside and outside the Church. My advice, make this book the next one you read.

I've been reminded throughout the year that Denver Seminary is a unique and special place. Perhaps Vernon Grounds' description of the Seminary that he penned years ago best describes what makes us different. "*Here is no unanchored liberalism—freedom to think without commitment. Here is no encrusted dogmatism—commitment without freedom to think. Here is a vibrant evangelicalism—commitment with freedom to think within the limits laid down in Scripture.*"

I love this place and the people that God has called to serve here. We would love to host you on campus when you're in the area. Come see us when you can.

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Alumni Scholarship Fund

Alumni Webinar

June 11th 12pm - 1:00pm (MDT)

Dr. Ron Welch will speak on, "*What Every Pastor, Counselor, and Helper needs to know about Power and Control in Marriage*" [click here for more info and to register.](#)

Upcoming Events

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

Save The Date:

Alumni Picnic
August 23rd
Littleton, CO

Alumni Resources

- [Job Board](#)
- [Alumni Webinars](#)
- Book reviews in the [Denver Journal](#)
- [More Resources...](#)

Alumni Updates

Congratulations to this year's graduates! On May 17th, Denver

Seminary will celebrate its 63rd Commencement Ceremony. Over 140 students will be graduating and participating in the ceremony. Pray for them as they go out and engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture!

Geoff Folland, (M.Div., 2010) Geoff is serving in Sydney as the New South Wales State Director for Student Life (the Australian ministry of Cru). He currently oversees five teams with a total of 34 missionaries reaching over 300,000 university students in a diverse, multi-cultural city. This is his twentieth year serving with Campus Crusade. His wife, Liz, was originally from Littleton and this is her thirtieth year serving with Campus Crusade.



Jo Ellen Christian, (M.A. Counseling, 2004)

Jo Ellen is the Executive Director at Healing Strides Inc. She is using her counseling training to help couples and victims of trauma and hardship. Healing Strides uses healing through prayer, horses, and other experiential therapy to release people from ineffective behavior patterns and emotional pain, so that they can explore new options and solutions to life's challenges.

Jo Ellen is also a director and dance instructor for Just For Fun Dance! She teaches social, country western, Latin and line dancing in a relaxed setting where couples and line dancers can make new friends while they enjoy learning new dance steps.

Kyle Rohane, (M.A. Theology, 2012)

After graduation in May 2012 I was accepted to a year-long editorial residency with Christianity Today's *Leadership Journal*, and that December I married fellow Denver Seminary student Liz Waldfogel. Liz graduated in the spring of 2013 with an M.A in Christian Formation and Soul Care. After concluding my editorial residency, I was hired as Editor at LeaderTreks, a student leadership development ministry where I edit and write curriculum and manage the *Youth Ministry Leader* blog. I have written articles for many publications, including *Christianity Today*, *Leadership Journal*, *Christ and Pop Culture*, *PARSE*, and *Church Law and Tax*. Liz and I currently live in the Chicago area and attend Church of the Resurrection in Wheaton, IL.

[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.

Finding Alumni on 

Looking for your fellow alumni in your field or living near you?

Maybe you are praying about your calling and opportunity to serve God with your Seminary experience and education. Networking can help! Using LinkedIn may help you find the place where you can serve next. No matter your situation in ministry, vocation, or life, you are invited to join the [Denver Seminary Alumni](#) group on LinkedIn! Join the discussions and find support and resources in your work.

12th Annual Golf Tournament

Join us on August 4th at Lakewood Country Club for our annual golf tournament. All proceeds go towards the General Scholarship Fund which provides financial aid to students in need. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Faculty Updates:

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

Dr. Craig Blomberg, Distinguished Professor of New Testament

Dr. Blomberg will be teaching at Ridley College in Melbourne Australia from May 19 to June 18.

Dr. M. Daniel Carroll R., Distinguished Professor of Old Testament

On May 19-20, Dr. Carroll will be speaking at the Immigrant Hope Seminary at New Life Evangelical Free Church in Aurora, CO. In July, he will be teaching at the Seminario Teológico Centroamericano in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

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

Dr. Hess will be at the NIV Committee on Bible Translation, Biblica in Denver, CO from June 23-27.

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 Alumni Relations office! You are a part of the Denver Seminary family, we care for you, and we invite you to stay in touch.

More Alumni Updates...

Alison Cotter (M.A. Counseling, 2013)

Alison is working as an Early Childhood Therapist and Mental Health Consultant for Community Reach Center in Thornton, CO. She considers it a tremendous blessing and joy to be using her degree in the capacity she was hoping for!

John Frazier (M.Div., 1979)

After 34 years of ministry, starting two churches and raising 7 children God has moved John & Robin from rural Idaho to the Boston area last fall where they began an entirely new chapter in their lives. Robin is the half-time CE Director for Cambridgeport Baptist Church in Cambridge and John has launched a product on Facebook that replaces reverse mortgages. (Converting home equity into cash without resorting to debt).

They both are excited to serve in a church filled with MIT & Harvard students, grad students, post-docs and alumni as well as the always interesting citizenry of Cambridge. An added blessing is getting

reacquainted with Dave & Sue Forsythe and Denis and Joann Frediani, also class of '79.

Their middle son, Robert, is the newest senior staff member of Grace Chapel Church, pastoring the new campus in Watertown. That Robert's first child is due in any day did have some influence on Jon & Robin's relocation!

Steve Garufi (M.A. Counseling, 2002)

Steve has a private practice in Salida/Buena Vista:

www.solidchristiancounseling.com.

He also does telephone counseling/coaching, mostly for men with sex addictions: www.cairncounseling.net.

Wylie Johnson (M.Div., 1980)

For the past 17 years, Wylie has served as the Senior Pastor at Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, PA. He is a retired US Army Chaplain after 25.5 years of service. Now he is involved with [Warriors 2 Citizens](#), as chaplain for local Law Enforcement forces and leader on the county suicide prevention task force.

Krishna Napit (M.Div., 2004)

I continue to serve our Lord Jesus in Nepal. There is a need for a ministry to support worship teams in many newly established small churches in Nepal. I myself do not have any musical talents. So I would like to offer this as a prayer request: Please, pray that our Lord Jesus will send one or two or a team of people to Nepal to contribute to developing and teaching worship teams in churches. If any of you feel led to serve Lord Jesus in Nepal, please feel free to email me. There are many opportunities for you to serve. Although I continue to volunteer in my church in Kathmandu, Nepal, I still do not have a paid job. Please, pray that God will lead me to the right job that will be according to God's plan and purpose for me and for Nepal. My dear wife, Asha still lives in Denver, Colorado and continues to pray and discern what might be God's plan for her. Please, pray for God's peace and wisdom for her as she goes through this process.

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