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From Dr. Randy MacFarland



Warmest greetings to my fellow Denver Seminary alumni at the start of a new year! I continue to be thankful for my years of ministry preparation at Denver Seminary in the early 70's. In the spring of 1974 Karen and I began serving with CBHMS (now Missions Door) as a church planter in Rehoboth, MA.

After fifteen years in pastoral ministry we transitioned into theological education. Following eight years in theological education at Seminary of the East in New England, we moved back to Denver. In 1997, I was appointed Vice

President of Training & Mentoring and in 2001 transitioned into the Dean's office. In 2008, I added the responsibilities of Provost.

Karen and I celebrate forty-four years of marriage this coming summer. We are grateful for three sons, three daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. Karen has worked in a high school library near our home since 1998.

In addition to my work at the Seminary, I serve as an elder in my local church and as a board member of World Venture, as well as a volunteer at our local food bank.

I am grateful to God for his faithfulness and the prayer support of so many over the years. As we enter a new year I commend to you two

## Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Alumni Scholarship Fund was created with you in mind. All of the donations go to scholarships for current students. You can [give online here](#).

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## Upcoming Events:

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

texts, taken out of their immediate context but reminders of important truth about our God:

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, ‘Destroy them!’ - Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV)

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” - Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

May the Lord richly bless each of you in your area of ministry as you continue to pursue Him and serve Him.

Randy MacFarland

Provost; Dean  
M.Div., 1974

## Alumni Updates

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### **R. Judson Carlberg (M.Div., 1965)**

Dr. Jud Carlberg passed away on November 20, 2014 after a battle with cancer. He was 74 years old. Dr. Carlberg served at Gordon College for 35 years, first as Dean of Faculty, two years as vice president of development and twenty years as the President.

Not only was he an Alumnus of Denver Seminary but he served on the Board of Trustees from 1990 to 2013. Denver Seminary President Mark Young said of Carlberg “There was little doubt that Jud’s voice was the most respected in the room, a status well-deserved. But there was an undercurrent of safety in his razor-focused questions and perfectly placed pearls of wisdom. Jud willed me to trust him by the sheer strength of his person. And I did. I trusted him to do what was right and noble and above reproach.”

A Memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015, on Gordon's campus in Wenham, MA. You can find his full obituary [here](#).

## Alumni Resources

- [Job Board](#)
- [Alumni Webinars](#)
- [Denver Journal](#)
- [Other Resources](#)



**Dan Marotta (M.Div., 2014)**

I have taken a pastoral residency position at The Falls Church Anglican in Northern Virginia. We will spend the next two years apprenticing there under the senior clergy in preparation to be sent out to plant a new church in the Fall of 2016. My time here will be mostly spent serving in the day-in-and-

day-out rhythms of shepherding a parish, along with studying for ordination and doing a fair bit of preaching and teaching. Though we miss the Rocky Mountains and our DenSem friends, we are excited to be on this new path and grateful for the ways the Lord has taken care of our little family.

**Haley French (M.A. Counseling, 2012)**

Congratulations to Haley French! Haley has recently been accepted into the PhD in Divinity program at the University of Aberdeen where her husband is currently a student. Her doctoral program will be focused on practical theology. Haley completed an M.Div. program at another institution before coming to Denver Seminary for a counseling degree.

**Debbie Swanson (M.A. CFSC, 2009)**

After graduating, I joined the DenSem faculty as an Associated Faculty member teaching in the Christian Formation and Soul Care department. I am also a Spiritual Director with a certificate in Ignatian Spiritual Direction from the Lanteri Center in Denver. I offer spiritual direction in a private practice setting. In conjunction with my spiritual direction practice, my husband and I are co-owners of Vacare Deo, a small retreat space, offering guided retreats, spiritual direction, and a place for silence and solitude in the Arvada, CO area.

[More Alumni updates](#)

**What's New with You?** We want to know your ministry and family updates and anything else you would like to share! Send your update along with a photo, degree and year graduated to [alumni@denverseminary.edu](mailto:alumni@denverseminary.edu) to be included in the next Alumni Connection.

**Events & Resources**



**Join us for "The Authority of the Bible" Biblical Studies Conference**

Denver Seminary's Biblical Studies Division is excited to host the 2015 Biblical Studies Conference entitled "The Authority of the Bible." Join local and national scholars of

the Bible as they address key concerns on the integrity of the Bible and how it can speak to us as Christians. The conference will take place

February 6-7, 2015 in the Denver Seminary Chapel. The cost on or before February 5 is \$45.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



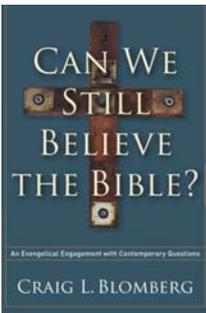
### **Community Christmas Gathering.**

In December, Denver Seminary hosted their annual Christmas Gathering on Campus. We invited faculty, staff, alumni, students, and friends of the Seminary. Felix Gilbert, Director of Urban Initiatives encouraged us to make room for Jesus. Along with child care, we had a photographer take a family photo for everyone. Pictured left is our Advancement Department Staff.

Top left: Ron Gascho, Chris Johnson, Jessica Henthorne, Christy Diamond. Bottom left: Jessica Brown, Lisa Ricci, Leanne DeRemer.

## **Publications & Blogs**

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**Can We Still Believe The Bible?** by Craig Blomberg

Congratulations to Dr. Craig Blomberg! His book, *Can We Still Believe the Bible* was given an award of merit in the category of Apologetics/Evangelism by *Christianity Today* for books published in 2014. You can find the full list of award winning books [here](#).

**The Heart Behind "Why You Hate Work"** by Brian Gray

In this blog at [patheos.com](http://patheos.com), Brian delves into how our attitude about work directly effects how we perform our jobs. "Christians must embrace the biblical vision of work which claims that all work which is not sinful can be sacred." Read the whole article [here](#).

**SUVs, Sweatpants, and Youth Ministry** by Brad Winstrom

Dr. Winstrom is now on the team of regular bloggers at [LeaderTreks](#), a youth ministry leadership training organization. You can find his first submission [here](#).

## **Faculty Updates:**

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**Craig Blomberg PhD, Distinguished Professor of New Testament**

Dr. Blomberg will be in Ithica, NY from January 30-February 1. He will be speaking at Cornell University and Bethel Grove Bible Church.

**M. Daniel Carroll R. PhD, Distinguished Professor of Old**

## Testament

Dr. Carroll will be in Chicago, Ill speaking at Moody's Founders Week. On March 4th he will be a presenter at the NAE/World Relief national leadership gathering on immigration.

## Come Back to Campus!

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We would love to see you and hear your story. In fact, we have a gift for every alumnus that comes to 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. You can also watch the latest chapel services [here](#).

## More Alumni Updates

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### **Chuck Borden (M.A., 1992)**

I am the chaplain at The Gospel Mission in Sioux City, IA. I have been here for three years and before that I was at the People's City Mission in Lincoln, NE for eight years. I enjoyed my years at Denver Seminary and feel blessed for the faculty that shaped my life.

### **Wylie Johnson (M.Div., 1980)**

For the past 17 years I have been the Senior Pastor at Springfield Baptist Church in Springfield PA. I am a Retired US Army Chaplain after 25.5 years of service, both Active Duty and Reserve Duty. I serve as a leader on the Delaware County suicide prevention task force and a volunteer chaplain for 4 local law enforcement organizations. I am also a dedicated grandpa!

### **Kiara Jorgenson (M.Div., 2008)**

I am in my fourth year of Ph.D. studies (ABD) at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. I am teaching biblical studies and theology courses part-time at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. My husband Andrew, also a former student of Denver Seminary, started his own custom home contracting firm, Baldr Contracting and Construction and serves many families throughout the Twin Cities area. We've recently moved to West Saint Paul, where we're enjoying the snow with our three year old daughter, Olia.

### **Robert Parmenter (M.Div., 1988)**

I am currently the Senior Pastor at Living Faith Church in Circle Pines, MN, a suburb of the Twin Cities. Last year I had 40 pages of homiletical work published in Haddon Robinson's 3rd Edition of Biblical Preaching. He gives me credit for it in the forward and at the end of the

book. I developed the material working on a doctorate and taught it at Bethel Seminary for 10 years. The book came out last March.



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