

From The President



I confess. I like to fly-fish. And sometimes that means I end up in the middle of a rushing stream trying to get to that perfect spot where I just know trout are lined up waiting for the fly that I've carefully chosen. Unfortunately, a couple of times in my quest for trout I've taken the equivalent of an ice bath in those streams. Not a pretty picture.

Wading across a rushing river can be pretty disorienting. The force of the water creates pressure on your legs that you're not used to. And when a rock shifts under your foot that pressure gets you off balance pretty quickly. Once you've lost your balance it's really hard to regain it. Trust me. I know. That's why I bought a wading staff recently. It provides another point of balance to help keep me on my feet when the water is trying to push me over.

What's your wading stick in ministry? What do you grab hold of when it feels like you're about to lose your balance and get pushed in a direction you didn't intend to go? I've thought about that question a lot in recent days. I suspect that our answer to it says more about what we value than perhaps we're willing to admit. Even more it exposes what we really believe our mission to be.

It's been interesting to observe the hue and cry from many evangelicals in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision legalizing gay marriage. I get the feeling that many of them feel threatened by the decision. It's as if they've been knocked off balance by the cultural force of support for gay marriage and the inevitable decision by the court this past summer. So they've reached instinctively for their wading stick to find equilibrium and stay on their feet. For some that wading stick has been a battle cry of defiance against the forces of cultural decay and the erosion of religious liberty. For others it's been a reaffirmation of the centrality of the gospel of grace and our need to make that gospel the centerpiece of our ministries and public presence.

Hard times force us to ask hard questions. Hard questions force us to examine those deep places of conviction and values. What's your wading stick?

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

[Network for Alumni](#)

Holding on,

Mark Young
President

Every 3rd Tuesday
Tuesday, October 20
7:00 a.m.
Jake's, Littleton

Events & Resources



Alumni Resources

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

RECLAIM: an exploration of orientation, disorientation and reorientation

The current exhibition at the Bridge Gallery investigates the interwoven themes of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation. What happens to wasted lives, discarded values, and forgotten histories? If reclamation is the central narrative of history, as Christians claim, how does time move from its initial orientation to the all too common, too human, disorientation, and then into a radically new reorientation of all things?

RECLAIM raids this question by charting particular points along the way toward reorientation. Not every piece resolves the question, but taken collectively, the exhibition examines reality with symbols of faith and the story of wholeness.

The Bridge Gallery will host an open house on October 27, which will include dialogue with the artists, refreshments, and a short lecture. [Click here](#) for more details.



2015 Preaching Conference with Robert Gelinas

The [Preaching Initiative](#) at Denver Seminary is excited to host Robert Gelinas for the 2015 Preaching Conference. You are invited to join us as Robert speaks about the important ministry of preaching in today's culture.

Monday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Denver Seminary Chapel.
[Register online.](#)

Nancy Pearcey

Finding Truth

5 Principles for Unmasking Atheism, Secularism,
and other God Substitutes



Gordon Lewis Center: Nancy Pearcey

Friday, October 2, 7:00 p.m. - Saturday, October 3, 1:00 p.m. Additional information and registration are available [online](#).

13th Annual Golf Tournament

We are honored and excited to invite you to our [13th Annual Denver Seminary Golf Tournament](#) at The Club at Rolling Hills in Golden, Colorado on Monday, September 28.

All proceeds will be given toward the General Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid for students.

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Join Denver Seminary faculty, staff, students, and alumni

Run for Denver Seminary
Denver Rock 'n' Roll Marathon
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

Choose your distance and fundraise.

You can choose marathon, half, 10K or 5K. Make every step count and raise money for the Seminary Fund which supports all students. Select Denver Seminary as your charity, create a fundraising page and then ask your friends and family to support you in your efforts to make an impact on the world. If you run 'n' raise, you ROCK!

Register online at runrocknroll.com/Denver

Personalize your bib with DenSemRocks. Online registration closes October 11.

Contact Sarah Damour at
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Network for Alumni: Colorado Springs

Alumni Relations is pleased to announce a new Network for Alumni starting up in Colorado Springs on Tuesday, September 22. Whether you are looking for professional or personal growth, service opportunities, creative ideas, or ways to grow your contacts, you will benefit from this time with like-minded Denver Seminary alumni. Contact [Cavin Harper](#) for details.

Network for Alumni started in Denver in April but our hope is to have networks in cities all across the

Alumni Updates



John McCalister, MA Leadership, 2013 (and wife Joy) :

John and Joy are serving as missionaries in Mexico and stopped by the Alumni office during a visit to Colorado to pick up John's alumni t-shirt.

U.S.
Send us an [email](#)
if you have an interest in starting a group in your area.



Lee Lee Dart, MA Christian Formation/Soul Care, 2011

Lee Lee Dart is RMC's (Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists) very first woman pastor to serve at The Adventure Church in Greeley. Lee Lee's relationship with the Greeley congregation goes back to nearly four years when she was employed as a part-time ministry leader in the position of director of worship. She has faithfully served in that capacity by helping to plan creative, contemporary and most of all, Spirit-led worship services.



Sarah Marsh, MA Christian Formation/Soul Care, 2015

Sarah is now working towards her Certificate in Chaplaincy and shares a note written to Howard Baker, Assistant Professor of Christian Formation.

Hi Howard,

I just wanted to send you a quick email to say thank you. I feel so equipped!! I was nervous about walking into the world of chaplaincy without having an MDiv or at least an MA in Chaplaincy. That anxiousness has been laid aside as I am seeing I am well equipped to offer pastoral care and soul care to the patients, families and staff I see because of what we learned in our program.

What I love as well is the little tidbits of Catholic information we picked up along the way. Working for a Catholic hospital, this has come in handy! I have been able to offer pastoral care across denominational borders.

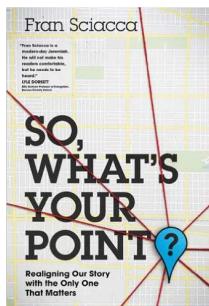
Also, I am on staff at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church as the Women's Ministry Coordinator. This is just an amazing opportunity to offer spiritual direction and soul care to women in the church setting. Again, I feel so equipped!!!

I am just so grateful for the personal healing that took place through this program as well as what I

learned that can be applied to my career.

The way God is working in my life is better than I could have ever imagined or dreamed.

*Shalom,
Sarah*



Fran Sciacca, MA Systematic Theology, 1980

Fran announces the release of his latest book *So, What's Your Point?* which was independently published by Hands of Hur ministry and has been picked up by NavPress in alliance with Tyndale. Look for Professor of New Testament Bill Klein's comments on the list of endorsements.

Faculty/Staff Updates:



Dan MacLeay, Residency Director has launched a blog site which addresses going into ministry and realistic alternatives to accumulating large amounts of debt. Visit graduatefree.com for information and real life stories from those who are actively living out their faith without forsaking the real practical physical needs of themselves, their families, and those that depend on them.

Faculty Travel Schedule

Our faculty speak across the globe. Find out if any will be near you soon. [Schedule](#)

Your Comments Needed

Denver Seminary is seeking comments from the public about the Seminary in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The Seminary will host a visit February 8-9, 2016 with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Denver Seminary has been accredited by the Commission since 1972. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the Seminary:

Public Comment on Denver Seminary
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

You may also submit comments on the Commission's website at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. **Comments must be in writing. All comments must be received by January 11, 2016.**

Come Back to Campus!



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.

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