Doctor of Ministry

Theology in Ministry Cohort 2022-2024

Efecting Gospel-Centered Transformation

with Dr. John Kwak, Dr. Steve Mathewson Course: Jan. 8- Apr. 15, 2022 | Intensive: Mar. 8-11, 2022

Mere Sexuality: Rediscovering the Christian Vision of Sexuality with Dr. Todd Wilson Course: May 7-Aug. 12, 2022 | Intensive: July 11-14, 2022

Augustine as Pastor-Theologian

with Dr. Ryan Lister Course: Jan. 7-April 14, 2023 | Intensive: March 13-16, 2023

Ministry Leadership and the Reformers

with Dr. Scott Manetsch Course: May 6-Aug. 11, 2023 | Intensive: July 10-13, 2023

CS Lewis and Friends on Making Disciples in a Post-Christian Age with Dr. Dwain Tissell Course: Sept. 2-Dec. 8, 2023 | Intensive: Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2023

Engaging Church History for Theological Formation and Ministry

with Dr. Gavin Ortlund Course: May 4-Aug. 9, 2024 | Intensive: July 15-18, 2024

The Word of God Made Flesh: Critical Issues in the Doctrines of Christ and Scripture with Dr. Todd Miles Course: Aug. 31-Dec. 6, 2024 | Intensive: Nov. 4-7, 2024

Research Design and Methodology

with Dr. Reid Kisling, Dr. John Kwak, and Matthew Thiesen Course: Jan. 7-April 14, 2023; May 6-Aug. 11, 2023; May 4-Aug. 9, 2024 Intensives: March 17, 2023; July 14, 2023, and July 19, 2024 (This course is broken up into three, 1-credit courses.)







Reid Kisling

Dr. Kisling (PhD, Regent University, ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary) previously served as Western Seminary's VP of Student Development and Chief Information and Effectiveness Officer. He currently serves as Director of Systems Integration for Stellic, and also teaches our Research Design and Methodology course. His life vision is to mentor and shepherd others, both personally and professionally, and to impact administrative and leadership structures and operations in theological education.



John Kwak

Dr. John Kwak (PhD, University of Rochester) is an Asst. Professor of Pastoral Theology at Western Seminary. He also serves there as the Chair for the Center of Ministry and Leadership and as the Asst. Director for the Doctor of Ministry program. Previously, John served as the Assoc. Pastor of Adult Education, Life Groups, and Asian American Ministry at Village Church (2012–2019), and the Assoc. Pastor of Teaching and Administration at Living Way Community Church of Los Angeles (2000-2005).



Ryan Lister

Dr.Lister is professor of theology at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon. He is the author of "The Presence of God, Images and Idols: Creativity for the Christian Life", and, most recently, "Emblems of the Infinite King", a theology book for kids. Ryan also serves as a pastor at Trinity Church of Portland and isthe director of doctrine and discipleship at Humble Beast, where he helped start the Canvas Conference. He lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, Chase, and their four children.



Scott Manesch

Dr. Manetsch (Ph.D. University of Arizona) is Professor of Church History and the History of Christian Thought at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is a specialist in Early Modern Europe, John Calvin and Reformed Christianity, the history of the pastoral office, and the history of exegesis in the Reformation era. He has authored two monographs, "Theodore Beza and the Quest for Peace in France, 1572-1598" (Brill, 2000), and "Calvin's Company of Pastors: Pastoral Care and the Emerging Reformed Church", 1536-1609 (Oxford, 2012)



Todd Miles

Dr. Miles is Professor of Theology at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon, where he teaches theology, church history, hermeneutics, and ethics. Prior to becoming a seminary professor, he was a nuclear engineer at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Married, with six children and two grandchildren, Todd serves as an elder at Hinson Baptist Church. He is a fan of all-things Oregon State, and enjoys running and reading (though rarely at the same time).



Gavin Ortlund

Dr. Ortlund (PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary) is a husband, father, pastor, and writer. He serves assenior pastor of First Baptist Church of Ojai in Ojai, California. Gavin is the author of several books, including "Theological Retrieval for Evangelicals," "Retrieving Augustine's Doctrine of Creation," and "Why God Makes Sense in a World that Doesn't."



Dwain Tissell

Dr. Tissell is pastor of the church he planted in 1994. He has seen that theology, particularly historical theology, has a major role in local church discipleship that results in seeing lives changed. Dwain is a visiting researcher at the Marion E. Wade Center, at Wheaton College–archives of seven authors including C.S. Lewis. He has taught on Lewis and friends in DMin and Center for Leadership Development courses at Western Seminary.



Todd Wilson

Dr. Wilson is the Cofounder and President of the Center for Pastor Theologians. He is the author or editor of over a dozen books related to Christian ministry, theology, and biblical studies, including "The Pastor Theologian," "Real Christian," and "Mere Sexuality." Todd has over 15 years of pastoral ministry experience, and most recently served for a decade as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park, Illinois.