



# The Western Wave

## CAMPUS NEWS

### YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2015!



The entire Western Seminary community is invited to come celebrate with the Class of 2015 at this year's Commencement! The ceremony will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas on Saturday, July 11th from 11:00am-12:30pm. Cheer on your friends and classmates as they celebrate this tremendous accomplishment. We hope to see you there!

#### SUMMER 2015 REGISTRATION CONTINUES

You don't want to miss out on three great summer courses, and there is still time to register as an audit participant! Consider inviting a friend to audit one of these courses with you.

- **Developing Strong Families** (see pg. 3)  
PTS 508SH (2 credits) - Gary Thomas  
(June 30-July 2)
- **Isaiah/BLS 523S** (2 credits) -  
Dr. Ron Allen (July 7-10)
- **Art Therapy Introduction/CNS 565FS**  
(1 credit) - Ann Arnold (July 22-31)

#### NEW AUDIT RATE THIS SUMMER - \$75/CREDIT! TELL A FRIEND!

There are great learning/growing opportunities even in auditing a course. The audit rate has been significantly reduced to \$75/credit (from \$175/credit) to enable more people to get a taste of Western. Tell a friend! There is a simple registration process. Please contact Carrie Priest at [carriepriest@westernseminary.edu](mailto:carriepriest@westernseminary.edu) for any audit registration questions.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- June 4 Student Social, 7pm (see pg. 2)
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 22 Online Campus C Session Begins for 2015 Summer Semester
- July 1-31 Open Registration for Fall 2015
- July 1 Returning Students Financial Aid Deadline 2015/2016
- July 4 Independence Day - Campus Closed
- July 11 Commencement, 11:00am-12:30pm  
Christ Community Church, Milpitas
- July 13 Master's Application Deadline for Fall 2015 Semester
- Aug. 6-7 Global Leadership Summit (see page 4)
- Aug. 14 End of 2015 Summer Semester
- Aug. 26 Fall 2015 New Student Orientation, 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Aug. 29 Fall 2015 Semester Begins
- Sept. 4 Fall 2015 Tuition Due
- Sept. 7 Labor Day - Campus Closed

Other [Community Calendar](#) Dates

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**PREPARING FOR FALL 2015  
REGISTRATION**

The Summer 2015 semester is under way, and it's time to begin planning for Fall 2015. Registration for the fall semester will begin July 1st. One reminder to be aware of for fall registration is the requirement to meet with your academic advisor to discuss your plans for the coming semester. This is particularly important if you have plans to graduate by the end of Summer 2016. A registration hold will be placed on your SIS account that will prevent you from adding classes for the fall semester until that meeting has taken place and confirmation has been sent from your advisor to Student Services. This mandatory requirement is for the purpose of helping you plan well for the coming semester and academic year. It's highly recommended that you plan to meet with your advisor in June or July. [The](#)

[Fall 2015](#) schedule will be posted just prior to Open Registration.

**WESTERN OUTREACH EVENTS**

Western Seminary will have a presence at the following events:

- [Spirit West Coast](#) on June 14 in Concord
- [Global Leadership Summit](#) from August 6-7. See page 4 for more information.

Stop by our booth and send people our way if they are interested in seminary training!

**2016 WESTERN SEMINARY  
ISRAEL STUDY PROGRAM**

The next Western Seminary Israel Study Program will be May 15-June 5, 2016. The instructor, J. Carl Laney, will introduce the class to the Land of the Bible. Jan Verbruggen will serve as the group leader. The course is titled, "Geographical and Historical Setting of the Bible." The course, offered in association with the Jerusalem University College, provides an

excellent introduction to the geography, history, and archaeology of Israel. Students earn 4 semester hours of academic credit, transferable to Western Seminary. The campus will be on Mt. Zion at the Jerusalem University College, just a five minute walk from the Old City of Jerusalem. This program includes lectures, map work, assignments, and exams. The projected cost is about \$5,200, which includes airfare, tuition, room and board, and field trips. Read more about why you should consider [investing in a visit to the Holy Land](#). To participate in the program you need to (1) send an email to [Jan Verbruggen](#) to request a Jerusalem University Short-Term Studies application form, (2) fill out the application and return it to Jan (*not* Jerusalem University College), (3) pay your first of four payments toward the program (\$1000) with a check.

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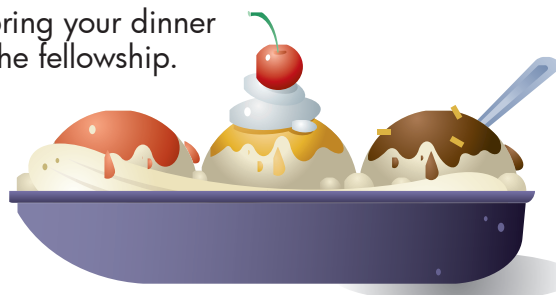
**Commencement  
Volunteers Needed**

Commencement for the San Jose campus will be held on Saturday, July 11 from 11:00am-12:30pm at Christ Community Church in Milpitas. The Class of 2015 is the San Jose campus's largest class yet, so we'd love your help making this an incredible and memorable event for our graduates and their families and friends! We'll need help with set-up, greeting/ushering, reception, and clean-up. If you can help for any amount of time, we'd greatly appreciate it! Please contact Carrie Priest at [carriepriest@westernseminary.edu](mailto:carriepriest@westernseminary.edu) if you are interested.

## All students, staff, and faculty are invited to a Western Student Social Thursday, June 4 @ 7:00pm

*Come join us in the lobby for an ice cream sundae  
on Western and a little fellowship too!  
Who says you can't have dessert for dinner?*

We'll have options for those who can't have dairy; or bring your dinner and just come for the fellowship.



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The deadline for your application and first payment is October 15, 2015. Three equal payments follow on 12/15/2015, 02/15/2016, and 03/15/2016. For more information, visit our [website](#) or refer to the brochure that is posted on The Wire student bulletin board at the San Jose campus. Get future updates about the 2016 Israel Study Program by giving [Jan Verbruggen](#) your email address. For additional questions, contact [J. Carl Laney](#) or [Jan Verbruggen](#).

**MINISTRY & EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the front lobby for more information about the recent (and previous) postings below. You may also check out other [ministry opportunities](#) on our website.

**Pastor of Discipleship and  
Missional Ministries  
[Valley Baptist Church](#)**

3 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael 94903  
Oversee leaders and management of all ministries, assist the Senior Pastor, strengthen existing ministries and launch gospel communities. Qualifications: Master's degree from an Evangelical Seminary and licensed or ordained. Salary, housing allowance, medical insurance, conference time and moving expenses are included. Send inquiries and resume to [pastorsearch@vbcsanrafael.org](mailto:pastorsearch@vbcsanrafael.org).

**English Assistant/Associate Pastor (FT)  
[Community Baptist Church of San Jose \(CBCSJ\)](#)**

2215 Curtner Avenue, Campbell 95008  
The pastor will be responsible mainly for the English Ministry. The applicant shall meet all of the following qualifications: 1. Seminary graduate, M.Div. preferred; 2. Good experience in English young adult Ministry; 3. With passion outreaching young adults; 4. Native English speaking; 5. Experience in

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# GARY THOMAS

Closer to Christ. Closer to Others.



## Gary Thomas Returns to Western Seminary to Teach **Developing Strong Families (PTS 508SH)** From June 30 - July 2

This course will explore theological principles that should inform Christian family dynamics and their practical outworking. The class will critique contemporary views and expectations of marriage and parenting and develop models of ministry with which to strengthen Christian families. 2 credit hours.

*Gary Thomas has written over a dozen books and speaks nationally on marriage/family issues. For more info, you may visit his website at [www.garythomas.com](http://www.garythomas.com).*

## Welcome, Lorren Penner!



We are thrilled to introduce Lorren Penner, our newest employee at Western Seminary San Jose! She hails from Shafter, California (a stone's throw from Bakersfield), and has started her 2nd semester as an MFT student. Lorren completed her BA in Bible and Theology at William Jessup University in Rocklin, CA in May 2014. She is fulfilling the role of Student Services Associate, a brand new position at this campus. She will be assisting Carrie Priest with all things student services. Hip Hip Hooray!!

### Some FUN FACTS about Lorren:

- I love to travel and have visited 11 countries so far!
- I love the outdoors, especially anywhere near a body of water.
- I grew up on a farm and agriculture is very near and dear to my heart.
- I love animals, especially horses and dogs (cats are ok too).
- In junior high and high school I showed chickens, sheep, and dairy heifers in the Kern County Fair through 4-H and FFA.
- My favorite animal is my horse, Foxy.
- I recently became a member at Garden City Church, where I also help out with the Kids' Ministry.
- I love to try new things because you never know if you have been missing out on something great!

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North America Chinese churches preferred;  
6. Baptist background preferred; Please  
contact [William Yung](#) at (408) 802-9647  
for more information or to obtain the  
applicant package.

**Lead Pastor****[Hillside Evangelical Free Church](#)**

545 Hillsdale Ave, San Jose 95136

Responsible for teaching, shepherding, and  
leading the church family. Qualifications:  
at least 5 years experience in pastoral min-  
istry and be ordained by the E-Free Church,  
licensed by the E-Free Church leading to  
ordination, or willing to pursue such creden-  
tialing. M.Div. degree strongly preferred but  
not required. Refer to the Ministry Binder  
in Western's lobby for more info about  
this position and for the recommendation  
form (and feel free to recommend yourself  
if you like). Fill out the recommendation form  
and email it to [pastorsearch@hillside.org](mailto:pastorsearch@hillside.org)

## Global Leadership Summit Discount

Western students and faculty (and those in the military) can register for the annual [Global Leadership Summit](#) which will be held on August 6-7, 2015 at a special rate of \$89 (Reg. \$249). If your Western student ID card has expired, contact [Carrie Priest](#) for an updated registration sticker. GLS is telecast live from Willow Creek Community Church and features world class speakers, music, and drama to help equip Christian leaders around the world.

**Here are the Bay Area Global Leadership Summit host sites:**

- San Jose – Church on the Hill
- Foster City – Central Peninsula Church
- San Francisco – Cornerstone Church
- Dublin – Valley Christian Center
- Richmond/Oakland – Hilltop Community Church

Interested in connecting with other Western people over lunch at one of the sites? Check in at Western Seminary's booth during the Leadership Summit.

No longer live in the Bay Area? There are [national](#) or [international](#) host sites.

*Western will have a booth at most of these sites.  
Stop by to say "Hi!" and also send people our way!*

## Transitional Care Coaching Network A Western Alumni Benefit for 2015 Graduates

**The Transitional Care Coaching Network (TCCN)** is made up of a team of Western-trained coaches who want to serve Western graduates with 90 minutes of complimentary coaching to give clarity, encouragement, accountability, and concrete steps to those moving on from seminary to their next phase of life. Learn more about [Western's coach training](#) and read a [sample coaching conversation](#). For questions, contact [Cecil Wong](#).

### FREE COACHING SESSIONS

For 2015 Western Seminary Graduates

**LET US HELP YOU:**

- Discover, grow, and reach your God-given potential
- Maximize your God-given strengths for your ministry/career and kingdom impact
- Establish personal goals and lasting, transformational change
- Brainstorm next steps and plan with accountability
- Transition from student life to ministry/career

GOALS WORKSHOPS SEMINARS CAREER SUCCESS  
HELP WORK LEARN MOTIVATE LEADERSHIP DIRECTION DEVELOP MENTOR INSPIRE PRACTICE PEOPLE TRAINING IMPROVE MENTORING