



The Western FRONT

August 2015

where the gospel meets the world

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



From L to R: Ariana Rice (MFT class speaker); Dean Endo (MAML) and Trang Latone (MABTS); Eric Kuo (MDiv), Huy Le (MDiv), Dr. Tuck, and Daniel Chen (MDiv).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 6-7 [Global Leadership Summit](#)
Western will be at the San Jose & Foster City host sites.
- Aug. 29 Fall 2015 Semester Begins
- Sept. 7 Labor Day - Campus Closed
- Sept. 9 [Discover Coaching](#) (see page 3)
- Sept. 19 Western Alumni Gathering, San Jose campus: a financial workshop, 9am-10:30am (see pg. 2)
- Oct. 3 Western Alumni Gathering - Fellowship Night at the San Jose Earthquakes Soccer game, 7:30pm (see pg. 2)
- Oct. 7 [Campus Connection](#), 7pm-9pm, San Jose campus (see pg. 4)
- Oct. 24 [Regeneration Forum](#)
9am-5pm, Christ Community Church in Milpitas (see pg. 2)
- Other [Community Calendar](#) Dates

On Saturday, July 11, Western Seminary San Jose held its annual commencement ceremony at Christ Community Church in Milpitas to celebrate the accomplishments of 40 graduates. It was the biggest graduating class in history for the San Jose campus. Some 600-700 guests and Western staff and faculty came to cheer them on and celebrate their accomplishments,

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FREE COACHING FOR 2015 GRADS!

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. Coaching can help you 1) discover, grow and reach your God-given potential, 2) maximize your God-given strengths for your ministry/career and kingdom impact, 3) establish personal goals and lasting, transformational change, 4) brainstorm next steps and plan with accountability, and 5) transition from student life to ministry/career. For questions, contact [Cecil Wong](#).

AUDIT A CLASS FOR FREE EACH YEAR!

Alumni can audit one eligible class per academic year for free. Search the [Fall 2015 schedule](#) for specific courses, times, and to download syllabi. Complete a [Non-Credit Application](#) form and the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form and submit them to [Carrie Priest](#).

IDONATE MAKES GIVING EASIER!

Now, giving to Western is made easier. Aside from donating [monetary gifts](#) by credit card or eCheck, we now offer two new non-cash donation options: [iDonate](#) and stocks. iDonate allows you to donate your vehicles, real estate, jewelry, electronics, gift cards, or other items. iDonate handles the details of the donation from shipping or pickup of the item, to the assessment of its value, to its liquidation into a cash donation. Western Seminary gets a percentage of this cash donation within 30 days of the sale. The percentage will vary based on the type of item. If you are interested in giving charitable stock donations, please contact [Patricia Prichard](#) in the Western Seminary accounting office (503-517-1806).

REGENERATION FORUM - OCT. 24

The Regeneration Project is a gospel-centered ministry of Western Seminary

responding to this generation's biggest questions about Christianity and faith. On October 24 from 9am-5pm, join Scot McKnight, Dan Kimball, other church leaders, students, 20-somethings and theologians at the [ReGeneration Forum](#). Other speakers include Tim Mackie, Joshua Ryan Butler, Jay Kim, Dave Lomas, Ryan Ingram, Keivan Tehrani and many other local leaders. We will explore questions being asked today, including: Can I believe in both science and the Bible? Does God endorse violence and genocide in the Bible? How can Jesus be the only way to God in a world of so many religions? This event will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas. Lunch will be provided. [Order tickets online](#).

**2016 WESTERN SEMINARY
ISRAEL STUDY PROGRAM**

The next Western Seminary Israel Study Program will be May 15-June 5, 2016. 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. For more information, visit our [website](#) or pick up a brochure in the lobby at the San Jose campus.

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Two Western Alumni Gatherings

(Sponsored by [Thrivent Financial](#))

September 19 - Financial Event and Breakfast

Time: 9am-10:30am
Location: Western Seminary, 469 El Camino Real, Ste. #205, Santa Clara
Cost: This is a free event!
Details: David Brock from Thrivent Financial will come share his financial expertise on savings/budgeting, investing, insurance and retirement to help shed some light on these challenging economic times. There will be time for Q & A, group interaction and fellowship. A continental breakfast will be provided.

RSVP: **By Sept. 11** to Lisa Mueller at Lmueller@westernseminary.edu.

October 3 - Christian Fellowship Night at the San Jose Earthquakes soccer game

Time: 7:30pm
Location: [Avaya Stadium](#), 123 Coleman Ave., San Jose 95110
Cost: **Western discount - \$17/ticket*** (normally \$35/person)
Details: Local churches will gather together to see the Earthquakes vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC soccer game on Fellowship Night. Western will be reserving group tickets, which includes seating in the Fellowship night section, and entrance to hear a post game player's testimony about the role of faith in sports, and get pictures autographed. The first 300 people get a commemorative t-shirt.

RSVP: **By Aug. 21.** Reserve your tickets by mailing a check to Western by Aug. 21 for the amount of tickets you are purchasing. Make a check out to Western Seminary, attention Lisa Mueller. The address is on the back page. This will ensure seating with the Western group. After Aug. 21, tickets may still be available, but you will not be guaranteed the discounted price or seating with Western. You can pick up your purchased tickets on campus after Sept. 1 or they can be mailed.

*The Western discount is available to Western alumni, students, staff and faculty.
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**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 lobby on campus for more information about the postings below. You may also check out other [ministry opportunities](#) on our website.

Young Adult Mandarin Pastor
[Lord's Grace Christian Church](#),
1101 San Antonio Road, Mountain View
Contact office@lordsgrace.org for
more information.

Consultant (PT - 5-20 hrs/week)
[Kids Club Consultants, Inc.](#),
3150 Almaden Expressway, Ste. 104
San Jose 95118, 408-363-0600
Submit a resume to [Bev Daily](#) and request
an application.

Youth Leader (PT - about 4 hrs/week)
[Friendship Agape Church](#),
5150 Camden Ave., San Jose
Visit www.friendshipagape.com/intern.

Children's Director or Minister (FT)
[The Crossing/Chinese For Christ Church
\(CFCCH\) of Hayward](#)
22416 Meekland Ave., Hayward 94541
Send your resume and references to
Matthew Teng at the address above. List
the ministry title and church name or
email church.office@cfccchayward.org.

Male Staff Member
[Christian Counseling Center](#), Hayward
Western students and alumni welcome!
Contact [Mary Triplett](#) and [Keith Hinson](#).

Full-time English Pastor
[West Valley Christian Alliance Church](#),
2404 Rinconada Dr., San Jose
Contact [Pastor Abel Fong](#) for more info.

Children and Youth Ministry Leader (PT)
[Union Presbyterian Church](#), Los Altos
Contact David Mitchell at personnel@unionpc.org.

Part-time (paid) Internship
[West Valley Christian Alliance Church](#),
2404 Rinconada Dr., San Jose
Contact [Pastor Abel Fong](#) for more info.

Family Pastor
[Awakening Church](#)
1242 Del Mar Ave., San Jose
Contact [Steve Saccone](#) for more details.

Worship Leader/Creative Architect
[Awakening Church](#),
1242 Del Mar Ave., San Jose
Contact [Steve Saccone](#) for more details.

Pastor of Adult Ministries (FT)
[Riverpark Bible Church](#)
7500 N. Millbrook Ave., Fresno
Email Jerry Unruh at jobs@riverpark.org

DISCOVER COACHING

Learn how to help people navigate their lives
from where they are to where they aspire to be.

Sept. 9, 2015 from 7pm-9pm

Also, two opportunities to experience:

**Introduction to Coaching (MCS 510S)
September 10 & 11, 2015**

Master's application deadline (for credit) has passed.
Non-credit application deadline (for audit/enrichment)
is September 3, 2015.

and

January 14-15, 2016

Master's level spring application deadline (for credit) is Nov. 16, 2015.
Non-credit application deadline (for audit/enrichment)
is January 7, 2016.

Discover how coaching can:

- Help people grow and achieve their goals
- Empower you to listen well and ask good questions
- Increase your leadership know-how
- Maximize your ministry and kingdom impact

At Discover Coaching:

Learn more about coaching and coach training
options available at Western Seminary.

**RSVP by Sept. 2 at the [registration page](#) or contact
Lisa Mueller at lmuller@westernseminary.edu**



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including Dr. Judith Needham-Penrose (Western's former MFT Program director) and Dan Jackowitz (Western's former Administrative Coordinator for the MFT Program). Western's Chancellor, Dr. Bert Downs, gave the commencement address. Three of our graduates, Isaac Serrano (MABTS), Ariana

Rice (MFT) and Joshua Camacho (MDiv) shared of how God has transformed their lives as a result of their training at Western Seminary. Dr. Jeff Louie gave the charge to the graduates and prayed over them. Graduation is always one of the biggest highlights of the year. Training up leaders to become agents for

Gospel-centered transformation in the lives of others is why Western exists. A big thank you goes out to those of you who volunteered your time to help make this big day possible. We appreciate you and could not have done it without your help. It was a great day of celebration and praise to our great God!



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When it comes to seminary training,
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ON OCTOBER 7TH
7:00PM - 9PM**

RSVP BY SEPT. 30

**WESTERN SEMINARY'S ONLINE
COMMUNITY TRANS-FORMED BLOG**

The [Trans-formed blog](#) is a resource from the faculty and friends of Western Seminary focused on “living the Gospel in an everyday world.” The purpose of this blog is to create relevant, insightful, Gospel-centered content that you can put to use in your ministry. If you are involved in Christian leadership in any capacity, then this blog is for you.

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www.westernseminary.edu/alumni/sanjose
(click on the “San Jose” button)

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www.westernseminary.edu/students/sanjose



The Class of 2015 from L to R - GSD: Melissa Moore, Melissa Moy, Ben Palm; **MABTS:** Chris Chen, Jeff Hopkins, Trang Latone, Isaac Serrano; **MFT:** Derek Barmby, Makela Benoit, Annette Boken, Eric Cabalu, Chanel Cramer, Joshua Crocker, John Hodges, Stanley Kuo, Chris Lee, Roberto Ma, Mike McGeoy, Ariana Rice, Peter Shum, Dorothy Stowe, Melissa Moscardon Yu; **MAML:** Stephanie Chang, Max Critchfield, Dean Endo, Mark Fisher, Israel Labson, Dorothy Mak, Matt Moore, Elgin Quan, Joey Zhou, **MDiv:** Daniel Baxter, Josh Camacho, Dean Chao, Daniel Chen, Charles Gregory, Joseph Kim, Eric Kuo, Huy Le, Boman Tang