



The Western FRONT

San Jose Campus Alumni Newsletter

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Western Seminary's new home at Christ Community Church located at 1000 S. Park Victoria Drive in Milpitas.

Getting Settled in Milpitas

It's been a busy transition getting up and running at our new location at Christ Community Church since we moved in August, as well as starting a new academic year. With any move to a new neighborhood, there are things to get used to – a different commute and battling traffic (though it seems that is just life in the Bay Area these days), [eating/shopping establishments](#), and general surroundings. What has been great to see is that students seem eager to learn and interact with professors and classmates in our new digs. Some technical difficulties within the first couple of weeks of class were our biggest challenges, but those seem to have decreased and the sense is that faculty and students alike are very pleased with the new campus

([see campus map](#)), particularly the very comfy classroom chairs! We've had our first ever live-streamed course (instruction from Portland; class in Milpitas)! Christ Community Church has been extremely welcoming and gracious to us and for that we are very grateful. They are excited to partner with us in equipping men and women for Kingdom work. An added bonus - there is a coffee shop on campus called Community Coffee, which has been a big hit. Read [October's Western Wave](#) for more information about the new campus. Though we're at a new campus and in different surroundings, the same focus of Gospel-Centered Transformation has remained the same, and we're thankful for the Lord's provision and care for Western Seminary San Jose.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 19-31

Limited campus hours. The Education Building will be accessible based on church facility hours of operation. The Western Administration offices may have limited hours as well. Please call ahead for information on exact hours of operation during this time.

DECEMBER 23-26

Campus closed for Christmas

JANUARY 2, 2017

Campus closed for New Year's Holiday

JANUARY 7, 2017

Spring 2017 Semester Begins

JANUARY 16, 2017

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
(Campus closed)

JANUARY 20, 2017

Christian Therapist Fellowship
Topic: Addiction and God's Grace in Recovery
12pm-2:30pm. At Western Seminary's new campus in the Education Center, 2nd floor
1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas
RSVP to [Steve Darrow](#) by January 13. (see pg. 3)

MARCH 1, 2017

Deadline for the Master's application for the Marital and Family Therapy program for the Summer 2017

MARCH 13, 2017

Deadline for the Master's application for all other programs (non-MFT) for the Summer 2017

MARCH 22, 2017

Discover Coaching, 7-9pm (see pg. 2)

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 Student Resource Room for more info about recent (and previous) postings below. You may also check out other [employment opportunities](#).

Youth Ministry/Pastoral Intern (PT)
[Home of Christ Church in West San Jose](#)
20548 Lomita Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070
Assist in overseeing the English youth

ministry and assist the English-speaking congregation pastor in all areas of the English-speaking ministry. Salary \$1500/month. 20 hrs/week. Send resume to the address above or email contact@hoctoga.org. Email [Elder Lin Huang](#) or [Elder Jerry Wang](#) or call them at 408-867-6264.

MFT Intern & Psychological Assistant
[Christian Psychotherapy Services](#)
1100 Sanchez St., San Francisco 94114
MFT graduates who have about 1000 hours toward licensing. Interns are paid. Email [Kathie Taylor](#) at 415-823-1654 or 415-764-0252. May also email [Dr. Sam B. Leong](#), Ph.D. or call 415-550-6964.

**FREE
DISCOVER
COACHING**

**Mar. 22, 2017
7pm-9pm**

at Western Seminary San Jose
1000 S. Park Victoria Dr.,
Milpitas, CA 95035

Learn how to help people
navigate their lives from
where they are to where
they aspire to be.
RSVP by March 15

Learn more about
[coach training](#).
Contact Lisa Krehbiel at
Lkrehbiel@westernseminary.edu
for more info.



Welcome, Amanda Reid!



Amanda Reid is our new San Jose campus Enrollment Team Leader. She helps Bay Area prospective students and applicants discern if Western provides the sort of training they need. If so, she'll help them make their way into studies.

Amanda studied youth ministry and psychology at Azusa Pacific University. She's invested her professional life at Mt. Hermon Christian Camps and Conference Center in the recruitment and onboarding of new staff, as well as in training and managing in local Starbucks stores.

Amanda is part of the Calvary Church Los Gatos community (where our San Jose campus launched in 1985!) where she serves as youth ministry leader with high school age girls.

You can reach Amanda at areid@westernseminary.edu, or by phone at 408.356.6889 x403.

Some more FUN FACTS about Amanda:

- She is a Bay Area native, born in the East Bay, currently living in the South Bay.
- She's a huge Bay Area sports teams fan. To clarify, that means the Giants, Warriors, 49ers, and Sharks.
- She's a proud alumna of Azusa Pacific University.
- She gets the hiccups approximately 10 times a day. Doctors still don't know why.
- She has a slight obsession with personality tests. For wondering minds, her MBTI is ESFP.
- When she was 8 months old, she played Baby Jesus in a live nativity scene.
- If she had to choose one food to live off of for the rest of her life, it would be chips and salsa.
- She was a big fan of Downton Abbey.

**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. We are looking for contributing writers to blog posts tied to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Day holiday. If interested, contact Tim Harmon at tharmon@westernseminary.edu.

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WESTERN SEMINARY GEAR?**

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**The Christian Therapist Fellowship Presents:
Addiction and God's Grace in Recovery**

Who: The Christian Therapist Fellowship is a vibrant gathering of local counselors encouraging and equipping one another in Christ for excellence in service.

When: **Friday, January 20, 2017 from 12:00pm-2:30pm**

Presenter: **Tobey Hall** - Leading recovery support groups for 20 years, Tobey has a deep appreciation for the power of God's grace and the value of partnership in staying clean and sober and growing spiritually.

The Topic: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Location: **New site:** Western Seminary, 1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas 95035. In the Education Center, 2nd floor. See [campus map](#).

Feel free to bring your lunch as we delve into this subject. A free-will offering will be taken. RSVP to stevedarro@aol.com by January 13.

Buy on Amazon, Western Benefits!

In order for Western Seminary to receive the benefit, you must make your purchase on Amazon by following the links on the [course syllabi](#) or through the Amazon portal at the bottom of the [San Jose Students page](#). The proceeds (4%-10%) will be used to help underwrite seminary scholarships.

**Announcing San Jose's New MFT Program Director -
Dr. Lorraine Hutchinson!**

Dr. Lorraine Hutchinson

Last year, Dr. Ken Logan, Nancy Broxton, and Joanne Kim teamed up to give leadership and support to our San Jose MFT students. With the addition of Ken's new role as Director of the New Day Counseling Center in Portland, we were left with a vacancy. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lorraine Hutchinson has stepped into the role as the Marital Family Therapy Program Director for the San Jose campus with Nancy and Joanne continuing to support the program. Lorraine has been an instructor in our MFT program since 1997, often teaching four or more courses a year. She has been an encourager and mentor to students in the classroom and in their counseling practice. We are delighted to have Dr. Hutchinson on our team. You may reach Dr. Hutchinson at lhutchinson@westernseminary.edu, or by phone at 408.356.6889 x414. You can learn more about her at www.hutchinsoncounseling.com.

Introducing the Senior Vice President of Stewardship



Robert Bridges

In June, Western Seminary hired a new Senior Vice President for Stewardship, Mr. Robert Bridges. He will assume leadership of the system-wide Stewardship team.

Bob comes to us with decades of professional experience. He was VP for Advancement at Asbury Theological Seminary, later

at Asbury University, Executive VP for the RTS Foundation, Executive VP for Water Missions International and consultant and VP for Marketing at Robert F. Sharpe and Company, Inc., now the Sharpe Group. Bob is also an ordained minister. He earned an M.Div. at Asbury, so he is also familiar with the student side of seminary life.

Bob has been married for 46 years to Candy. They have one adult son.

Please also be praying for Bob. He affirms

our commitments to gospel-centered transformation and he will serve in a key position guiding our ongoing implementation of that philosophy during a strategic time in Western's history. We are grateful to the Lord for giving us a person of Bob's character and competence, and we look to Him as well to supply Bob with the wisdom needed to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to him.

Feel free to reach Bob at rbridges@westernseminary.edu.

Campus Community Open House

On October 8, approximately 50 people gathered at Western Seminary's new location in Milpitas to celebrate God's provision of our new site and partnership with Christ Community Church. This also marks Western's 30th year of instruction. There is much to celebrate and for which to give thanks to God!

Wing-Kit Chung, from Western Seminary, fellowships with some of the leaders of Christ Community Church.



Photo by Eric Kuo, Western grad

AUDIT A CLASS FOR FREE EACH YEAR!

Alumni can audit one eligible class per academic year for free. Search the [Spring 2017 schedule](#) for specific courses, times, and to download syllabi. Contact Hannah Hayes at hhayes@westernseminary.edu to audit a course, and then submit the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form.

Stay Tuned for the Next Alumni Connect Gathering in March 2017...

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