

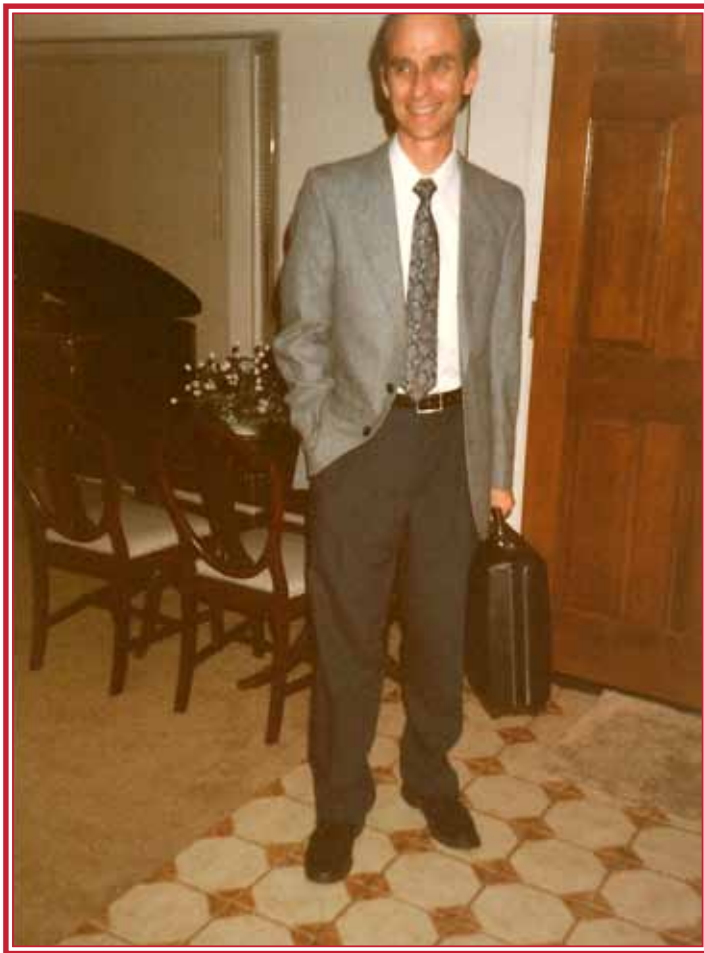


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*Dr. Gary Tuck Celebrates
25 Years of Teaching*



Lynne Tuck snaps a shot of Dr. Gary Tuck just before leaving his house to go teach his first Western Seminary class, "Survey of Prophets to Gospels," on January 8, 1988.

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Alumni **Connect**

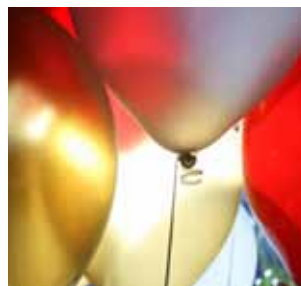
**Thursday, March 28
6:30-9 pm at Western Seminary**

You are invited to hear authors Dr. Steve Korch and Dr. Judith Needham-Penrose share about the joys and challenges of writing. Join us for an interactive conversation about the process one goes through in publishing material. Korch's newest book, [Coming to Your Senses](#), and Needham-Penrose's article (based on her Doctoral Dissertation) in November's edition of *The Humanistic Psychologist* journal will be covered. Her article is entitled "[Moral Identity versus Moral Reasoning in Religious Conservatives: Do Christian Evangelical Leaders Really Lack Moral Maturity?](#)" If you have a desire to get your work published or you have a curiosity about the process of writing, you won't want to miss this! There will also be a time for Q & A and to mingle with fellow alumni.

RSVP by March 22 to Christen Heaton at cheaton@westernseminary.edu if you are attending.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar. 8 & April 26** The Christian Therapist Fellowship presents: "Reaching & Healing Deeper Parts of the Soul." Mar. 8 is part 1. April 26 is part 2. Presented by [Pastor Mike Garner](#) from 12-2pm at the San Jose campus. For more info, email [Nancy McClymont](#).
 - Mar. 11** [Summer Application Deadline](#) (prospects)
The Doctoral deadline is Mar. 1.
 - Mar. 28** Alumni Connect event, 6:30-9pm (above)
 - Mar. 31** Easter
 - Apr. 8-10** [The Gospel Coalition](#) 2013 National Conference - Orlando, FL
 - April 29** Summer Semester begins
- Other [Community Calendar](#) dates



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If you weren't able to make it on January 26 to celebrate Dr. Tuck's 25 years of teaching at Western Seminary, here is a recap: about 80 Western alumni, friends, staff and faculty gathered at Calvary Church to honor Dr. Tuck. Peggy (Bingham) Ashforth (M.Div. '03) led us in a time of worship. Western alumni, Jeff Mammen (M.Div. '08) and Joel King (M.Div. '99) gave tributes to Dr. Tuck. Chancellor Bert Downs and Executive Dean Dan Ruiz said a few words as well. There was time to mingle and fellowship over appetizers and dessert. Charmaine presented Dr. Tuck and his wife, Lynne, with gifts on behalf of Western Seminary, including a plaque (pictured). Thank you everyone who came to honor him on this special day!

Generosity - Fruit of the Spirit

Written by Charmaine Williams

Did you know that the word “goodness” referenced in the fruit of the spirit verses of Galatians 5:22-23 has an extended meaning in the Greek language? Not exposed to much Greek interpretation, this was news to me. In the Greek, goodness is actually defined as **generosity**. Like all other virtues presented in this passage, these gifts are given by God to be displayed and exercised daily. However, people cannot adequately fulfill these ideals in their own power. Rather, each person is given the Holy Spirit, which enables the believer to reflect the very nature of our Heavenly Father. We glorify Him as we serve one another selflessly. Providentially, our alumni, students, faculty and staff are given ample opportunities to exhibit generosity through their time, talents and treasure. Just recently, volunteer students and alumni helped with set-up, parking, registration, music, food, testimonials, photography, and clean-up at the alumni event in Los Gatos celebrating Dr. Tuck’s twenty-five year teaching anniversary. Attendees honored this favorite hermeneutics professor with their uplifting presence, while others gave generously to Tuck’s scholarship honorarium. Donations will be combined to bless a San Jose campus student with a scholarship award. By the way, we welcome your contribution of any size to fulfill this goal. Go to www.westernseminary.edu/donors. Click “San Jose Campus” in the drop down menu of the online form and please specify “honor Dr. Tuck” in the box labeled “If other, please specify.” For questions, contact Charmaine Williams. We appreciate all the ways you support students and encourage Western faculty. Your **generosity** is far reaching and inspiring, touching lives in the name of Christ.

SPECIAL SUMMER ELECTIVES:

The [Summer 2013 Class Schedule](#) is now available online and summer syllabi will be posted soon. The audit deadline is generally one week before class starts. Here are a few electives that are open to auditors:

- Dr. Jeff Louie will be teaching **Gospel-Centered Preaching/ Practical Gospel-Centered Theology** (PTS 562JS or THS 566LS) – Monday afternoons April 29-June 17 (no pre-reqs!)
- Dr. Norm Thiesen will be teaching **Pre-Marital Counseling** (with Prepare/ Enrich, PTS 561LS) – May 3-4. Additional

materials fee (\$90) for this course (not covered by the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#)).

- Dr. Gary Thomas will be teaching **Developing Strong Families** (PTS 508SH) This is a hybrid course that combines distance learning with in-class time on these dates: June 13-15.
- Dr. Ron Allen will be teaching **Exposition of Psalms** (BLS 527S) – July 16-19.
- Dr. Jeff Garner will be teaching **Urban Mission & Ministry** (DIS 563GEH) This is considered an online course, despite the required experience in

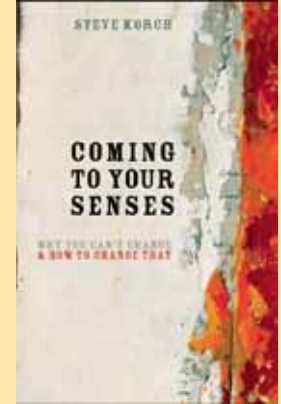
San Francisco on July 26-27. This course does not meet residency requirements for degree students. Coursework will be spread over the entire semester using a combination of online and on-site (San Francisco) instruction. Course is limited to 20. Credit students have priority.

AUDIT A CLASS FOR FREE!

Alumni can audit one eligible course per academic year for free. You need only to complete a [Non-Credit Application](#) form and the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form and submit them to [Carrie Priest](#), Director of Student Services. For questions, you may contact her at 408.356.6889 x 405.

NEW BOOK BY DR. STEVE KORCH: “COMING TO YOUR SENSES”

Coming to Your Senses* speaks to one of the most important yet least understood priorities of the Christian life – change. This is not just another “how to” book with more burdensome lists of application steps. In fact, there are none. While recognizing the vital role of practical direction, this book goes behind the how-to’s and addresses the very thoughts and images that drive our decisions. Through stories and creative exposition of the Scriptures, Steve Korch explores a different way of thinking that results in a different way of living. For readers who seek to live as different people, the promise of this book is simple: authentic change is literally a matter of coming to our (spiritual) senses.



*Be sure to purchase this book through the book link above or through the Amazon search engine on the [Current Students Page](#) in order for Western Seminary to receive some proceeds back at no additional cost to you.

RECOMMENDATIONS

“The stories of transformation shared in this book will not only awaken your own, but will make you ache for more . . . of your own.”
- Bert Downs, Chancellor, Western Seminary

“I highly recommend this book on spiritual life and growth.”
- Gary Tuck, professor, Western Seminary

“As I read *Coming to Your Senses*, I experienced a renewed hope; that the kind of radical, breath-taking change that Jesus offers really is possible for me. Instead of how-to’s, I found a fresh way to think about change.”
- Joe Bishop, *Respero*

“With characteristic insight and warmth, Steve pares away the external trappings of knowledge and morality and explores the inseparable link between the core truths we believe and the lives we actually live.”
- Becky Kimball, *Vintage Faith*

“This book will be a source of hope and possibility for those who respond courageously to the summons of the author.”
- Walter Brueggemann, author & theologian

Introducing Western Seminary's Chancellor



Following seven years of direct ministry to churches, Dr. Bert Downs actively rejoins the Western team. Western's president from 1998 – 2008, his tenure was

marked by many changes culminating in years of growth and stability that have continued under President Roberts' leadership.

Dr. Downs' 35+ years of ministry leadership include the vice-presidency of Walk Thru the Bible (WTB), presidency at Western, and senior leadership in three other Christian ministries. Bert has also served four times as an interim pastor, taught hundreds of WTB Seminars and spoken in hundreds of retreat and church settings.

In his new assignment as Chancellor, he'll enhance alumni services, support continuing education projects, help development efforts, advise the President and represent the seminary in various settings. As he begins this new adventure, he especially "welcomes contact from alumni who have ideas about how we can help one another remain sharp and effective in our respective callings."

You may contact Bert at bdowns@westernseminary.edu.

Welcome Back Christen Heaton!



The phrase "you can never go home again" does not apply in this case. Students, especially those from the graduating class of 2010, will remember Christen as dual MFT student and Western Seminary employee who worked in the Admissions-Recruitment Department until her graduation. Well, Christen has returned to work again at Western Seminary, San Jose. Since her graduation in 2010, Christen worked at Advent Group Ministries, a faith-based organization that offers social service-counseling services related to drug and alcohol treatment for teens in a residential setting. In her position as Associate Clinical Director of Residential Services, she was able to complete her hours for licensure and is in the process of studying for the first licensing exam. Christen's primary role will find her returning to the enrollment department as Enrollment Counselor to prospective students and outside recruitment activities. She will also provide additional support to the MFT department and Alumni Relations. We are excited to have her back at Western Seminary.

Christen, welcome home.

Here are some FUN FACTS about Christen to help you get acquainted with her:

- My husband, Jon, and I have been married 5 1/2 years and met in high school (The King's Academy in Sunnyvale). We're expecting our first child in July & could not be more thrilled!
- I have one sibling, a 23 yr. old brother, whose personality is the exact opposite of mine but he looks just like me.
- I ran my first full marathon 7 years ago in San Francisco and have run 12 or more half marathons since.
- Craziest thing I have ever done: Paragliding in Interlaken, Switzerland
- Being outside exploring nature any chance I can get is how I enjoy spending my free time. Hiking, swimming, fishing, & camping are things I loved to do growing up & still love today.
- I have been on 9 missions trips since I was 14: 6 to Mexico, 1 to an Indian Reservation in Arizona, 1 to Trinidad and Tobago, and 1 to Ethiopia.
- Scariest moment of my life: I've been working with drug addicted teenage gang members for the last 3 1/2 years and most days were relatively scary...probably more for them because they had to be seen all over town with their "white caseworker" (my favorite title given by a great client). I enjoyed every minute of it and am much more cautious when picking out my wardrobe now. :)
- I am a die hard Harry Potter fan and our cats' names are Voldemort and Snape...kidding, their names are Nimbus and Tonks.

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