



The Western Wave

San Jose Campus Student Newsletter

Christmas 2017

CAMPUS NEWS

INTRODUCING WILLIANA PURNAMA

Director of Student Services

Williana Purnama joined Western Seminary as Director of Student Services at the San Jose campus on December 4 with nearly a decade of experience in higher ed. Prior to Western Seminary, she served as the Student Success Center Manager and Faculty Manager at Carrington College, where she focused on creating a holistic student experience, providing academic support to students, and supporting faculty. Her greatest joy is seeing students empowered and lives transformed. Williana holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of California, Davis, and a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Her husband, Danny, is a Western alum and they have a little boy at home.

Williana loves to travel and in her spare time, she enjoys spending time reading travel books, websites and blogs, watching travel shows, and planning her next destination. The highlight of her travel experiences was a trip to Africa, where she was



able to combine her two passions, travel and education. The opportunity to visit a local school and library in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as well as interacting with the students and teachers has continued to fuel her passion for education.

She is excited to be part of the Western Seminary family and is looking forward to serving the students as they seek to be equipped for bringing the Gospel to God's people. You may contact her at wpurnama@westernseminary.edu, (408) 356-6889 x 405, or in person Monday through Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES



DECEMBER 12

Spring 2018 New Student Orientation, 6:30pm-9:30pm, the Sequoia Room

DECEMBER 16

The Fall 2017 Semester Ends

DECEMBER 16-31

Limited Campus Hours. (See pg. 2)

DECEMBER 25-26

Campus Closed for Christmas

JANUARY 1, 2018

Campus Closed for New Year's Day

JANUARY 6, 2018

Spring 2018 Semester Begins

JANUARY 15, 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Campus Closed

JANUARY 31, 2018

Free Discover Coaching Event, 7:00pm-9:00pm. **RSVP by Jan. 24.** (see pg. 3)

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Theology of Addiction Conference at Grace Church in Fremont, Guest Speaker: Dr. Gerry Breshears, a Western Professor of Theology **Sign up here!** (see pg. 2)

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**SPRING 2018 REGISTRATION
CONTINUES**

Registration for the Spring 2018 semester for current students continues, but late fees may now apply. If you haven't done so already, please check in with your academic advisor regarding course selection and sequencing and come up with a course plan that works well with your other personal responsibilities.

**LAST CALL FOR SPRING AND
SUMMER 2018 GRAD APPLICATIONS**

Applications to Graduate with the class of 2018 were due on November 15th. If you are planning to finish your degree program by the end of Spring or Summer 2018, please submit an [Application to Graduate](#) ASAP! Be sure to submit the ["Request to Change into New 2017-2018 Degree Programs"](#) form if you intend to graduate under the [new degree requirements](#). For graduation questions, contact [Michelle Workman](#).

LIMITED CAMPUS HOURS DEC. 16-31

The Education Building will be accessible based on church facility hours of operation and will be open every day during this period, except for Sundays and 12/25. Please note, entry to education building will be limited to north door entrance, closest to Student Resource Room (203) and classrooms will remain locked. The resource room and kitchen will remain open. Starting Wednesday, December 20-31, the Western Administration offices may have limited hours as well. Please call ahead for information on exact hours of operation during this time.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE NOTICE

The Library Department will be holding a book sale in the new year. This will be an opportunity to purchase used books at a very steep discount. Some books are donated in very good condition, duplicates of current library titles and library circulation. Look for posted notices and an email in the coming months announcing book sale dates and other details.

[Sharon Ho](#), San Jose Librarian**PERSPECTIVES CLASSES BEGIN JAN. 7**

The first Perspectives class will begin on Sundays, January 21-May 20, 2018 at Westgate Church, 1735 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. Visit the first class session on January 21 at no charge. For more information or to register, go to www.perspectives.org or contact the class coordinator, Tish Seguin at 2018perspectives@gmail.com or 408-455-4234.

**NEXT GEN CHURCHES SEMINAR
THEOLOGY OF ADDICTION - FEB. 28**

On February 28, 2018, Next Generation Churches will be having a seminar at Grace Church in Fremont called "Theology of Addiction." The Guest speaker, Dr. Gerry Breshears, is a Professor of Theology at Western. We are living in a culture that is steeped in all different kinds of addiction. Come for this one day seminar as we look at the area of addiction and its impact on our churches. Dr. Breshears will walk us through biblically some views and approaches to the mental, spiritual and physical devastation that is addiction. The cost is only \$30 and lunch is provided! For more information, contact Next Generation Churches at 408-782-1145. [Sign up now!](#)

**PREMARITAL COUNSELING CLASS
CNS 561L - MARCH 3 & 4, 2018**

Includes training in [SYMBIS](#), an online premarital assessment tool developed by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. SYMBIS is the most widely used pre-marriage system, used by over one million couples as well as 100,000 pastors and counselors. As certified facilitators, you can use SYMBIS to provide an excellent framework to discuss topics such as communication, roles, sexuality, finances, spiritual beliefs, personality differences and more. Mar. 3 from 1pm-8pm, Mar. 4 from 8am-5pm. 1 credit. Professor: Norm Thiesen. \$80 for materials, in addition to the cost per credit or audit. Check the schedule and syllabus for more info.

**INTRODUCING
MORENE CHOW***Student Services Associate*

On November 7, Morene Chow joined our team as the new Student Services Associate. She has a dual role assisting in the Student Services Department and the Marital and Family Therapy Program Department.

Morene went to UC Davis for her degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and stayed for her Masters and Credential in Education. She had been teaching High School Chemistry in Menlo Park for the past three years before coming to Western with an interest in Pastoral Counseling.

Morene's name comes from the Chinese pronunciation for lotus flower, but it is spelled differently because her dad intentionally wanted a unique spelling (she says that's usually the most common question once people see her name). She was born and raised in San Francisco and loves music and drawing.

Morene is here Monday through Thursday to assist you with any student services questions. You may reach her at 408-356-6889 x416 or mchow@westernseminary.edu.

WESTERN COMMUNITY FALL SOCIAL

On November 10, the Administration Building was transformed into an elegant place to have Western's Community Fall Social. Artistically designed charcuterie platters were peppered at multiple stations. Lively conversations,

laughter and music filled the building as more than 35 students, staff and professors congregated for fellowship. At the 6:30pm class break, a group of students came back for more!



DISCOVER COACHING

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

January 31, 2018 - 7pm-9pm

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 Jan. 24 at www.westernseminary.edu/coaching/discover or contact Lisa Krehbiel at Lkrehbiel@westernseminary.edu

Also, an opportunity to experience:

**Introduction to Coaching (CO 200/500)
February 1-2, 2018**

The Non-credit application deadline (for audit/enrichment) is January 25, 2018. It is past the deadline for the Master's level spring application deadline (for credit).



Western Seminary is located at:
Christ Community Church, 1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas

