YOU’RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
THE CLASS OF 2014!

It is now time to celebrate the Class of 2014, and the entire Western Seminary community is invited! The graduation ceremony will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas on Saturday, July 12th from 11:00am-12:30pm. Cheer on your friends and classmates as they celebrate this tremendous accomplishment. We hope to see you there!

FALL 2014 REGISTRATION
Registration for the Fall 2014 semester will begin July 1st. It is highly recommended that you check in with your advisor for input and guidance on course selection and planning. This is particularly important if you have plans to graduate by the end of Summer 2015. In order to preview course content and as an aid in course selection, Fall 2014 syllabi are posted online. If you do not see a particular syllabus posted, please be assured it will be posted as soon as it becomes available. You may also download the Fall 2014 schedule.

FALL ELECTIVES
Consider taking one of these fall courses for credit, as a restricted or open elective, as part of your degree specialization/track, or simply to audit for personal enrichment. Be sure to check with your academic advisor to make sure it fits within your program requirements.

- DIS 526S Religions of the World (below)
- PCW 512XSH Women in Pain – Part 1 (see page 2)
- PTS 561LS/CNS 561LS Premarital Counseling (see page 4)

DIS 526S RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6 (2 CREDITS)
A survey of each major world belief system is presented in order to learn the common themes expressed in different religions. Strategies are examined for establishing an effective witness to the uniqueness of Christ to each of the major religions. This course includes field trips to local places of worship. This class is designed to introduce you to the major religions most likely to be encountered in American society, to help you discern points of commonality as well as critical differences with Christianity, and to explore ways to sensitively and strategically proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in our increasingly pluralistic culture.

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A Celebration and Farewell for our Beloved Dr. Judi

This year marks the 16th year that Dr. Judith Needham-Penrose has taught at Western Seminary. As the Director of the Marital and Family Therapy program, she has been devoted and committed to the integration of Psychology and the Christian faith. She has made decisions and improvements to the program, including developing the Addiction Studies Certificate program, art therapy electives, and workshop development. She has also taught courses on group therapy and integration. Her love for Western’s MFT students and their development as excellent therapists has been one of her greatest goals and motivations. She is a beloved member of the Western Seminary staff and will be greatly missed.

Now, Dr. Judi has decided it’s time to move on to the next chapter of her life where she can devote more time to her counseling and group therapy practice. She will continue mentoring interns and hopes to teach at least one class a year for Western.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff: We want to celebrate her 16 years of excellence in leading the Marital and Family Therapy department, teaching, her faithfulness to the Western Seminary community, and the impact she’s had on students’ lives and their professional careers. Please save the date for Saturday, August 2 and plan to come be part of a special celebration.

This farewell event will be an opportunity to celebrate and show our appreciation to Dr. Judi.

This is a free event. Come, share, and fellowship any time between 12:30-3:00pm. There will be a formal presentation at 1:30pm. Hot and cold appetizers and dessert will be served. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Seating is limited. Adults only.

RSVP by July 28 to the evite you should have received by now. If you didn’t receive it, contact Lisa Mueller at lmueller@westernseminary.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We would appreciate some volunteers to help us at Dr. Judi’s farewell event. Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hours to help with set up, food preparation and replenishing, and/or clean up. If you are available to help out, please contact Lisa Mueller by July 28.

Calling All Women: Women in Pain - Part 1

Course ID: PCW 512XSH
Dates: October 3 & 4, 2014 (F/S)
Times: 9:00AM - 4:30PM
Instructor: Dr. Bev Hislop
Credits: 2
Location: 469 El Camino Real, Suite 205 Santa Clara 95050

You will:
- Understand the distinctive physiological, psychological, cultural and spiritual aspects of a woman’s life and be able to provide Biblically based strategies for effective ministry to women.
- Increase compassion, awareness, and understanding of women experiencing emotional pain. Some issues discussed may include divorce recovery, same sex attraction, eating disorders, sexual abuse, abortion recovery, suicide, pornography, and domestic violence.
- Learn how to shepherd women who are grieving losses and transitioning to emotional health.

The fall application deadline for new students to take this class for credit is July 14, 2014. The deadline to register for audit or enrichment (not for credit) is September 26, 2014. For additional information and to register, please contact Carrie Priest at carriepriest@westernseminary.edu or (408) 356-6889 x405.
MINISTRY AND 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.

Community Pastor
Awakening Church in San Jose
(40 hrs/wk)
Purpose: to lead, champion, and oversee the teams, systems, and processes to connect people into the life of their church. Email a cover letter and resume to Lorrie Sandoval at lorrie.sandoval@awakeningchurch.com.

Part-time Youth Pastor (15 hrs/wk)
Crosswalk Community Church in Sunnyvale
Purpose: to bring overall leadership to Jr. High and Sr. High youth program at Crosswalk. 10 hours in youth leadership and 5 hours of administration. Email resume to Pastor Mark Juanes at mjuanes@crosswalkchurch.com.

Ministry Opportunity to Seniors
There is a need for someone to conduct a short, informal Vespers service at The Terraces of Los Gatos, a Retirement Community at 800 Blossom Hill Road in Los Gatos. The service begins at 3:30pm and is usually 30 to 45 minutes. Currently the 4th (and 5th) Sundays are open. The usual format consists of a few hymns and a short message, and it is a blessing for those who cannot get out to church. The remuneration is $45 per service. For more information, please call Chaplain Gerald Cox (408-257-1103) who serves at The Terraces part-time (Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 4).

Student Social Recap
On June 3, approximately 55 Western students and faculty were treated by the Western staff to an ice cream sundae bar at the Student Social event during the dinner hour. Who says you can’t have dessert for dinner? It was also a great time of fellowship. Stay tuned for our next Student Social in the fall!

Global Leadership Summit Discount
Western students, alumni, and faculty can register for the annual Global Leadership Summit which will be held on August 14-15, 2014 at a special rate of $79 (Reg. $249). 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
- Pleasanton – Valley Community Church
- Richmond/Oakland – Hilltop Community Church

Interested in connecting with other Western people at one of the sites? If so, please contact Charmaine Williams at cwilliams@westernseminary.edu.

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 and send people our way!
What is Coaching?

Written by Cecil Wong, Coaching Student

What it’s not.
Coaching is not the sports coach who has all the plans and directs players to execute them.

So what is it?
Coaching is, “A powerful alliance designed to forward and enhance the lifelong process of human learning, effectiveness, and fulfillment.” Its purpose is to tackle your highest goals with the most difficult challenges. It’s a dynamic partnership based on trust and transparency. We navigate journeys through profound difficulties to discover, learn, and act. We seek to achieve goals that flow from deep, core desires and dreams. Coaching fosters clarity of values, and alignment of goals to generate concrete action steps by the person being coached (PBC). The PBC is the expert with access to the solutions and the coach works from this basis of faith. Basically, coaching helps you live out who you really are to experience and enjoy your God-given purpose.

Knowing the power of coaching, the Transitional Care Coaching Network wants 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 in life.

Coaching has been invaluable in my personal and professional growth. My coaches have helped me move forward to pursue life and ministry that is aligned with my strengths and passions, holding me accountable with respect and firmness that have helped me effectively navigate a lot of ambiguity. Today, I find myself free to explore, discover, execute, and do what God has put in my heart and mind.


Pre-Marital Counseling

featuring Prepare/Enrich

October 17 & 18, 2014

REGISTRATION
The registration deadline is October 8, 2014.
For more information and to register, contact Carrie Priest, Director of Student Services, at 408.356.6889 x405 or carriepriest@westernseminary.edu.

TWO-DAY COURSE (1 CREDIT HOUR)
Friday, Oct. 17, 3:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. and
Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

WORKSHOP ONLY
Friday, Oct. 17, 3:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

COURSE INFO:
Join Dr. Norm Thiesen, Western Seminary Professor of Counseling, to explore the rationale, tools, and procedures for pre-marital education and counseling from a Christ-centered perspective. Students will be credentialed in the use of Prepare/Enrich materials.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. Use the Prepare/Enrich assessment in premarital counseling.
2. Create a premarital education program.
3. Plan a premarital counseling program.
4. Discuss the value and role of premarital counseling in marital success.

COST
Two-day Course - $530 for credit or $175 for audit
Additional cost ($90) for dinner and snacks during the Friday workshop from 3pm-9pm, as well as Prepare-Enrich materials.

Prepare-Enrich Workshop Only - $185
This registration includes dinner and snacks during the 3pm-9pm workshop, as well as all Prepare-Enrich materials. Spouses may attend the workshop only, for FREE. This includes dinner but not the Prepare-Enrich materials. Materials are expected to be shared with spouse.