NEED A VALID REGISTRATION STICKER?
If you are registered for classes this semester and need an updated registration sticker for your student ID card, please drop by Carrie’s office during office hours or ask for one to be placed in your campus mailbox.

FALL 2012 STUDENT DIRECTORY
If you are registered for classes this semester, a Fall 2012 Student Directory has been placed in your campus mailbox. If you don’t remember your mailbox number, there is a list posted on the side of the stack of mailboxes (close to room 205).

ARE YOU FEELING OVERWHELMED OR DISCOURAGED IN YOUR STUDIES?
You may be feeling overwhelmed, confused, discouraged or ill-prepared in some of your classes, especially if you are a first year student. If that’s the case, may this help bring you some encouragement:

- **Remain in prayer.** Let God know your concerns and struggles. He knows just what you need. You may consider beginning your study time with prayer. Ask others to hold you up in prayer, as well. You can let Dan Ruiz know if you have any specific prayer requests for Western’s weekly prayer meetings.

- **Remember your calling.** God called you to Western Seminary for a particular purpose. Don’t lose sight of your calling. You may feel ill-prepared in your classes or in the ministry He has called you to, but remember that in Christ we are made strong. From God’s perspective, He can use you right where you are.

- **Form a study group with your classmates.** Besides learning from your

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classmates in a study group, you can lift each other up in prayer with your challenges and struggles, fellowship, rejoice with and encourage each other.

- **Identify and build a support system.** Stay in close contact with your professors, advisors, Graduate Success Team member (Jenna Ross), your classmates (especially those further along in the program) and Western alumni. They may offer support in the way of mentorship, prayer, encouragement, counsel, coaching and advice. Who else can support you through this? Don't forget God is there!

- **Expect to be challenged and transformed.** Your courses will challenge you and even reshape your theology. Other times they will confirm what you already believe and live out. This is all part of the process every student goes through here. Expect to be spiritually transformed into the image of Christ.

- **Weigh your priorities.** Of course you want to do your best in your classes, but there will be times when you need to say, “This is good enough.” Academic success is important but don’t let it become your focus, sacrificing so much to the detriment of your relationship with God, relationships with others, ministry, peace of mind, your health, etc.

- **Make your projects personal.** Do your assignments for “you.” Choose topics and projects in your courses that you are most passionate about. You will do your best work on things that you are interested in or curious about.

- **Remember good self care.** The busier you are the more you may need to schedule “self care time” on your calendar. Self care can be doing a daily devotional, praying, exercising, taking a quick break, cultivating your relationships, eating healthy, getting enough rest (when you can), getting your annual medical check ups, or taking vacations.

- **Stick to it!** Be encouraged that with perseverance, God’s help, and the support around you, you will get through this!

**A few ministry opportunities**

Please take advantage of the job and ministry opportunities available. We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. We have posted several ministry opportunities in September (below). If you are interested in any of these positions, please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities binder in the front lobby for more information.

- **Worship Director** for Great Exchange Covenant Church (GRX) - a part-time, exempt position. The church office is located in Santa Clara and the church is located in Sunnyvale.

- **Admin. Pastor of** New Harbor Community Church in Benicia - 20-25 hours/week

- **Director of Children’s Ministry** at The River Church Community, San Jose

- **Campus Ministry Staff** position at UC Berkeley and Stanford University - China Outreach Ministries - ideal for someone wanting to work in the ministry full-time

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**Fun Facts**

**KIMBERLY GRASSI**

Western Seminary adjunct professor

Kimberly is a long time fan of Western Seminary. She received her M.Div. from Western San Jose in 1997. Kimberly also completed a Th.M. at Golden Gate Seminary in 2007 and is currently working toward a Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies at Golden Gate Seminary. Since graduating from Western, Kimberly has been active in teaching and writing. She has served as a substitute for Dr. Eckman in his Hebrew and Old Testament courses. This semester she is teaching the Foundation of Hebrew Exegesis. She has written study guides in Hebrews, 2 Corinthians, and Proverbs. Kimberly is married to Jerry Grassi and has two elementary age children. She and her family attend church at Creekside Community Church in Alamo, CA. Kimberly also had a brief career in the culinary world teaching cooking classes, testing recipes, and making wedding cakes.

- Estimated Ph.D. completion date: Before oldest child goes to High School (he is in 5th grade)
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Manhattan, without kids
- Place I Have Always Wanted To Visit: Prague, Czech Republic
- Hidden Talent: The one-handed egg crack
- Weekend Past-times: Enthusiastically cheering on my kids in their non-stop sporting events
- Crowning Achievement: Learning to keep score in baseball
- Favorite Book of the Bible: Whatever book I am currently reading

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Purchase Western Seminary clothes and accessories for the new school year! Click here for more details!
TOPIC: Treating Spouses of Sex Addicts
WHEN: Friday, October 12th @ 12pm
WHERE: Western Seminary San Jose
        469 El Camino Real, Suite 205
        Santa Clara, CA 95050

There seems to be a lot of help and support out there for the sex addict, but what about support for the spouse of the sex addict who has been a victim of this destructive addiction? They are frequently the “forgotten ones.” Our speakers are from the Addiction Recovery Center (ARC), including:

- Mary Anne Fifield, DMFT, CSAT-S
- Invia Betjoseph, LMFT; CSAT
- Janelle Wilson, LMFT
- Marty Couch, LMFT

Bring your own lunch. 2 CEUs are offered at $5 for LMFTs and LCSWs. Contact Dan Jackowitz at danj@westernseminary.edu for more information.

Judith Needham-Penrose, PhD, LMFT is a Board Registered Provider: Provider Number #PCE 3044
INTRODUCTION TO THE WSSJ LIBRARY
Welcome new students and welcome back to all returning students! The library at Western Seminary San Jose has numerous online journal articles available for research, about 6,000 library books and various Bible software on our library computers for use by our students. Over 5,000 books are listed on our online library database at the link below. You may also access our online catalog on our computers in the library. Reference books are typically not cataloged online. If you need assistance or a tour of the library, please contact Sharon Ho.

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday - closed
The library is also open when weekday evening and Saturday classes are in session.

THE RESERVES SECTION
Please note that the required books for the classes for the current semester will be available in the Reserves Section, which is at the far right hand corner of the library. The books on reserve are for use in the library only so that they are available to any student who may need them during that semester. They can not be checked out until the semester is over and they are returned back to circulation.

CHECKING OUT A BOOK
The library here at Western Seminary – San Jose is a self-serve library, meaning that searches and check-outs are all done by you, the student. If any help is needed, please do not hesitate to ask by emailing Sharon Ho. Here are some quick and easy guidelines for self check-out:

• Search for books through our online catalog wherever you have internet access: http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home. We also have a shortcut to Library World on the desktop of all of the computers in the library. If prompted, the library name is WSSJ LIBRARY (all caps), leave the password blank, login and begin your search.
• Locate the book(s) you want to check out by call number and fill out the little card in the back of the book with your name and your student ID number.
• Place the card in the small gray card box on the librarian’s desk.
• Take a reminder card in the basket next to the gray card box and write the due date (2 weeks from the day you check out the book) on the card and place it in the book pocket as your reminder.
• Return the book(s) to the Book Return Box when due.
• Books can be renewed by emailing Sharon Ho as long as no other students are requesting the title.

ONLINE RESOURCES
In addition to our book collection, the library subscribes to online, peer-reviewed journal databases that can be accessed from wherever you have internet access. Please email the librarian for the Login ID and password or check your student handbook.

LIBRARY DONATIONS
The library is currently not accepting book donations until further notice. Please do not leave unsolicited book donations in the library without library approval. If you have any questions about donating books to the library in the future, please contact Sharon Ho or Dan Ruiz (druiz@westernseminary.edu).

The Librarian’s Corner

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