

Doctor of Ministry

Faith, Reason, and the Christian Worldview Cohort | 2023-2026

C.S. Lewis and Friends on Making Mere Disciples in a Post-Christian Age

with Dr. Dwain Tissell

Course: Sept. 2-Dec. 8, 2023 | Intensive: Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2023

Effecting Gospel-Centered Transformation

with Dr. Steve Mathewson and Dr. John Kwak

Course: Jan. 6- April 12, 2024 | Intensive: March 11-14, 2024

By web conference

Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics

with Dr. Scott Rae

Course: May 4-Aug. 9, 2024 | Intensive: July 15-18, 2024

By web conference

Old Testament Ethical Challenges

with Dr. Paul Copan

Course: Aug. 31-Dec. 6, 2024 | Intensive: Nov. 4-7, 2024

By web conference

The Latest on God and the Problem of Evil and Suffering

with Dr. R. Douglas Geivett

Course: May 3-Aug. 8, 2025 | Intensive: July 7-10, 2025

The Resurrection of Jesus:

A Historical, Theological, and Philosophical Defense

with Dr. Ben Shaw

Course: August 30-Dec. 5, 2025 | Intensive: Nov. 3-6, 2025

By web conference

Pastoral Challenges in Church and Society (tentative)

with Dr. John Kwak

Course: Jan. 3-April 10, 2026 | Intensive: March 9-12, 2026

Research Design and Methodology

with Matthew Thiesen and Dr. John Kwak

Course: Aug. 31-Dec. 6, 2024 | Aug. 30-Dec. 5, 2025 | Jan. 3-April 10, 2026

Intensives: Nov. 8, 2024 | Nov. 7, 2025 | March 13, 2026

By web conference. This course is broken up into three 1-credit courses.



Instructor Bios



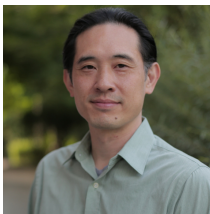
Paul Copan

Dr. Copan (Ph.D., Philosophy, Marquette University) is the Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and Ethics at Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Florida, and he has also helped establish the new M.A. in Philosophy of Religion at PBA. He is author or editor of over 40 books, and he has been the president of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. Paul is married to Jacqueline, and they have six children; his website is www.paulcopan.com.



R. Douglas Geivett

Dr. Geivett taught in the Talbot Department of Philosophy at Biola University for nearly 30 years and was the first director of the MA program in philosophy and chair of the department there for ten years. He has served as minister to college students in churches in California and the Pacific Northwest, is author and editor of several books in philosophy, Christian apologetics, Christian living, and church life, and is contributor to over thirty books and reference works. Doug enjoys motorcycling, sea kayaking, and travel. He and his wife, Dianne, have two grown daughters.



John Kwak

Dr. John Kwak (PhD, University of Rochester) is an Asst. Professor of Pastoral Theology at Western Seminary. He also serves there as the Chair for the Center of Ministry and Leadership and as the Asst. Director for the Doctor of Ministry program. Previously, John served as the Assoc. Pastor of Adult Education, Life Groups, and Asian American Ministry at Village Church (2012–2019), and the Assoc. Pastor of Teaching and Administration at Living Way Community Church of Los Angeles (2000-2005). His academic passions are in the areas of pastoral ministry and leadership, belief and spiritual formation, analytic philosophy, Christian apologetics, and Church and society.



Steve Mathewson

In addition to his role as Western Seminary's DMin Director, Dr. Steve Mathewson serves as Senior Pastor of CrossLife Evangelical Free Church in Libertyville, Illinois. Prior to moving to the Chicago area in 2006, he served as a pastor in Montana for two decades. He is the author of several books, including "The Art of Preaching Old Testament Narrative" and "RISEN: Fifty Reasons Why the Resurrection Changed Everything."

Instructor Bios



Scott Rae

Dr. Rae is Professor of Christian Ethics at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. He has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Social Ethics from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA and a Th. M. from Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Rae is the author of *Moral Choices: An Introduction to Ethics* (Zondervan), *Brave New Families: Biblical Ethics and Reproductive Technologies* (Baker), *Beyond Integrity: A Judeo-Christian Approach to Business Ethics* (with Kenman L. Wong, Zondervan), and *Body and Soul: Human Nature and the Crisis in Ethics*, (with JP Moreland, Intervarsity Press). He speaks widely in the area of medical ethics to physicians, nurses and hospital administrators and business ethics to companies and executives.



Ben Shaw

Dr. Ben Shaw (PhD, Liberty University) has done extensive research on Jesus' resurrection. In addition to his MA thesis and PhD dissertation on the subject, he served as Gary R. Habermas' Research Assistant for several years. He has also published around two dozen book chapters, articles, and reviews.



Mathew Thiesen

Mr. Thiesen serves as Western Seminary's Director of Library and Information Services, in addition to co-teaching the DM702 research course. Matthew began his career as a theological librarian in 2011, having previously worked in the libraries at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (now Gateway Seminary) and William Jessup University.



Dwain Tissell

Dr. Tissell is pastor of the church he planted in 1994. He has seen that theology, particularly historical theology, has a major role in local church discipleship that results in seeing lives changed. Dwain is a visiting researcher at the Marion E. Wade Center, at Wheaton College – archives of seven authors including C.S. Lewis. He has taught on Lewis and friends in DMin and Center for Leadership Development courses at Western Seminary.