



Stressed? Fatigued? Take a Personal Retreat this Christmas!

by Peter Spychalla, PhD, DMin, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Spiritual Formation

The Thanksgiving through Christmas season is often filled with extra gatherings, festivities, busyness, and pressures. How can we cultivate an inner peace and groundedness in the grace and goodness of Christ, so that we can be attentive and loving to others? One idea is this: consider going on retreat! *What? I don't have time for that!* Well, we can be creative in cultivating an interactive life with Christ that helps us abide and rest in Him.

Consider the One-Minute Retreat – during your busy, pressure-filled workday, step aside and pause in silence and solitude for just 60 seconds to remember the Prince of Peace and rest in His *Shalom*. Look out a window, revel in His creation, and offer a short prayer adapting the words of Scripture: “Jesus, You are my Shepherd, I have all I need in You,” and “Surely Your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life – including this crazy, busy season” (Psalm 23). In a mere 60 seconds, we can re-collect ourselves in the presence of Christ and return to our life activities rested, centered, and grounded in the grace and calling of our Living, Loving Shepherd.

Consider a Walk Outside with Christ — with no electronic devices. Bundle up, put on your boots in the evening, and take a walk outside to abide in Christ and delight in God’s starry host. Inhale the crisp, clean, pure air — metaphorically depicting the grace and enablement of God’s Spirit — breathe out your burdens, troubles, sorrows, and cares to the One Who Cares for You. Sing and take joy

Continued on page 3...

“ As a pastor in a campus context for 13 years, investing in the MAR at Urbana Seminary simultaneously provided more confidence and humility as a leader, a teacher and disciple-maker. ”

Fred Kirstein, MAR Alumnus 2014

Student Spotlight: Michelle Lewis

Have you met Michelle? She's an Urbana Seminary student who says that when she walked into Prof. Todd Daly's class in 2017, it "confirmed to me that my lifelong, all-consuming pursuit, whether formally or informally, will be faith seeking understanding, until our Lord returns."

UTS: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

ML: I'm a single 40-something who works in Communications and Marketing for an insurance company. I serve in the single moms ministry at my home church, Windsor Road Christian Church in Champaign, and I teach women's bible studies there. I don't have any children, but still have my parents, who are entering the years where our roles may reverse; I am committed to honoring them as they age and caring for them when they can no longer care for themselves. My favorite hobby is photography, and I love to take photos of the sky and changing weather. God's grandeur is best seen in the creative expansiveness of the sky. I also write; my online home is simplyhisblog.com

UTS: Why did you choose Urbana Seminary?

ML: I chose UTS because it is local to me. I work full-time, and am not able to move away from the Champaign-Urbana area. I also prefer face-to-face instruction and interaction over online coursework.

UTS is an answer to prayer for me to continue growing in my theological understanding, receive that in-class interaction I enjoy, and stay close to home.

UTS: Can you share about the ways in which Urbana Seminary has been a guide to help you "love, know and serve God" in your life?

ML: Auditing classes at UTS help remind me of how deep and vast is the reality of God Himself. There is a surprising delight and comfort in realizing that God is greater than I could ever know, and that the more knowledge I gain of Him, the more I will realize how little I do know! His greatness compared to my smallness comforts me, sharpens my focus, and deepens my love for Him.

Continued on page 5...



Photo by Matt Difanis used by permission

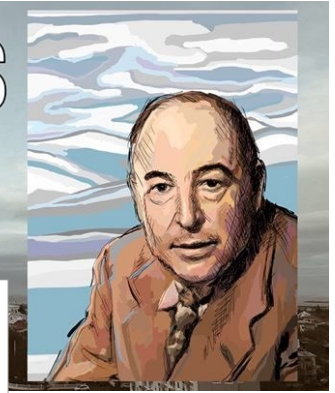


Dr. Jerry Root, Dr. Melody Green, conference attendee, Douglas Gresham

C. S. Lewis

Ráðstefna / Conference

October 18-19 2019



To listen to the talks go to :

<https://subsplash.com/lindin/media/ms/+56k4pqv>

Dr. Green Goes to Iceland

Dr Melody Green, our Dean and Assistant Professor of Christianity and Culture, was featured as a keynote speaker at the first C. S. Lewis conference held in Iceland in October, along with Douglas Gresham, C. S. Lewis's stepson, and Dr. Jerry Root, Professor of Evangelism at Wheaton College.

You had numerous speaking engagements during your time there. What all were you involved in?

They definitely kept me busy! On Thursday night, before the conference officially started, I introduced Jerry and Doug at a free event at the University of Iceland. We then had a panel discussion with questions from the audience about who C. S. Lewis was, etc. Friday morning, I did an interview for Icelandic Television, and then Friday afternoon, I gave a talk called "Redemptive Stories." This was an exploration of children's stories with redemptive themes. That evening I introduced the documentary *The Fantasy Makers*, explaining that I have sometimes required my students to watch it.

Saturday morning I did a story time in the children's library in The Nordic House, a cultural resource center. I was then rushed over to the National Library of Iceland, where I gave a talk called "J. R. R. Tolkien and the Sagas," looking at how one of Tolkien's poems was influenced by traditional Icelandic poems and sagas. From there I went back to the Nordic House to lead a reader's theater of select scenes from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, followed by another TV interview. That evening I gave my final talk, "*Tolkien, Lewis and Iceland*," which looked at a variety of ways the writings of both Lewis and Tolkien were influenced by medieval Icelandic literature. After the conference was over, they had each of the speakers preach in local Icelandic churches.

What was your most fun and/or challenging experience?

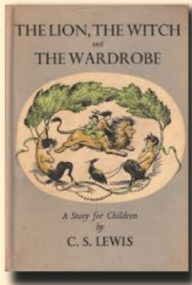
The reader's theater turned out to be an adventure! Our idea was to have multiple copies of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* on hand and people could volunteer to read different character's lines as we read a variety of scenes out loud together. Earlier that day, however, we learned that at the Nordic House, they wanted the story in a Nordic language. So, we borrowed a copy of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in Icelandic, and made multiple photocopies of two scenes from it. I found a variety of people to underline the words of different characters on the Icelandic texts. We finished marking up the Icelandic copies five minutes before the reader's theater was supposed to start. While the idea had been to get children in the audience to volunteer to read the different roles, for the first scene, I asked for volunteers among the adults who were registered for the conference. My readers included a wide variety of people, including a diplomat from the Faroe Islands and a sheep farmer who drove 11 hours from the other side of the Island to be at this conference. After the children saw the first scene, they began to volunteer.



What was it like sharing the stage with C.S. Lewis's stepson and Dr. Root?

To be honest, I was rather nervous to meet C. S. Lewis's stepson. After all, this is one of the two people to whom the book *The Horse and his Boy* was dedicated, and is a character in the movie *Shadowlands*. I had been looking forward to meeting Dr. Root as well: When I was in high school, my parents had given me a copy of a book of C. S. Lewis quotes that he had edited, so I was very much looking forward to meeting him as well. Both turned out to be incredibly gracious people.

The Chronicles of Narnia: Ljónið, nornin og skápurinn



Participatory Theatre
Leikhús með þáttöku áhorfenda

A fun event for families with children of reading age
Skemmtilegur viðburður fyrir fjölskyldur með börn sem eru læs.



featuring
Dr. Melody Green

Laugardagur
19. október kl. 15
Norrena húsið

An Icelandic advertisement for Dr. Green's Participatory Theatre

"Tolabokafloð" or the *"Dule Book Flood."* is the Icelandic tradition of gifting and reading books on Christmas Eve.

...continued from page 1

in your Savior. How wonderful it is to take a strategic pause from our electronic devices, the chaos, and the cacophony of our frenetic, noisy, always-connected culture.

Consider a Longer Personal Retreat — my habit is a day or two away at my personal hermitage in wooded, northern Wisconsin, where I grew up. I will cross-country ski for a few hours in the late afternoon, alone, contemplatively, reflecting on life, basking in quiet creation, enjoying communion with Christ. Then, I'll stoke a roaring fire in the woodstove, drinking tea, and being silent with Christ — perhaps journaling, reading Scripture, or just reflecting as I poke the coals — the Holy Spirit will be stirring and poking the coals of my mind, heart, and spirit, as The Trinity affectionately draws me close. Then, bundled, quiet, off-to-bed I go in the deep solitude of the northern forest. I awake fresh, renewed, and vitalized to love, serve, connect, and be active in wise ways in my world that bless and nurture others.

Retreat Can Even Be Just 7 Seconds — that is all it takes to offer the inward prayer: “Thy will be done” — Thy will in my heart and life, in my workplace, in my family, in my church, in my community — hey, we can even think big: “on earth as it is in heaven.” Yes, Lord — Yes, Dear Prince of Peace — in this busy, chaotic, overwhelming season, I look afresh — even if it is just 7 seconds — to You for your *Shalom* — here and now — that anticipates the Great Peace You will bring to the whole earth when You return. Indeed, “Peace on earth and good will toward men” . . . *including me!*

Peace

From the President's Pen

Another Christmas approaches. Another year draws to a close. Why am I excited about what God is doing through Urbana Seminary? Simply put, my excitement and hope draw from our students and the ways God is transforming lives through study and reflection. That's what we're here for. God has called us in a unique way in order to advance his Kingdom, to strengthen the church, and to reach the world through deepening lives and imparting ministry skills. Urbana Seminary offers a unique range of tools and opportunities for each person who comes here in modeling how to think as a Christian leader and servant, in tending to individual needs, and in being available for alumni on into the future. I encourage you to soak in some of the quotes and interviews with students and alumni that are in this Hearth, as well as to gain a sense of the breadth of all that God is doing!

In Christ,

Ken

P.S. Ordering Christmas gifts from Amazon? Please remember to use Amazon Smile with Urbana Theological Seminary designated as the nonprofit to receive the donations that Amazon gives!

www.smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1332634

Christmas at Urbana Seminary Library

As you prepare for the Christmas Season, bear in mind that the Urbana Seminary Library has resources that can be helpful for you! Whether you are looking for an advent devotional, books of prayers, sermons, or liturgy, or even something more historical, we have quite a few resources that may be helpful! While we have a good number of commentaries to help those working on sermons, we have a good selection of other Christmas-themed resources, as well. Just a few examples:

For those interested in Christmas music:

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: As Celebrated on Christmas Eve in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge—Edited by William Pearson Edwards (call#: BV 199 .C45 E38 2004)

This gives a short history of the traditional Christmas Eve service held at King's College, Cambridge, in the UK, followed by the text of the service itself. Includes a companion CD presenting a selection of the songs sung by the Choir of King's College.

Stories of Christmas Carols—by Ernest K. Emurian (Call#: BV315 .E53)

A collection of the stories of how some very well-known (and some not as well-known) Christmas carols were written.

For those who enjoy reading sermons by famous people:

Martin Luther's Christmas Book—Edited by Roland H. Bainton (Call#: BV 4257 .L88 1997)

A selection of 30 excerpts from Luther's Christmas sermons, this is an excellent devotional as well as a closer look at what Luther taught about Christmas.

Classic Sermons on the Birth of Christ—Compiled by Warren Weirsbe (Call#: BV 4257 .C57 1991)

A selection of sermons written by a variety of historical evangelical preachers, including G. Campbell Morgan, D. L. Moody, and Charles Spurgeon.

For those of a more liturgical bent:

Waiting for the Coming: The Liturgical Meaning of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany—J. Neil Alexander (Call #: BV 40 .A45 1993)

In this book, Alexander first takes his reader through the early history of the observation of these holy days, and then compares them to what has been done more recently in a few different traditions.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship—Brian Wren (BV 40 .W74 2008)

This is a collection of potential resources for use in liturgically-oriented services.

Friends Indeed



Dr. Joe Thomas, Director Jennifer Goran, and Doug Peterson

The play *Friends Indeed* made its debut on September 19 at Sleepy Creek Vineyard near Oakwood, IL. Based on presentations that Dr. Joe Thomas has given many times over the last twelve years, he and his writing partner Doug Peterson adapted the paper to the stage. Based on the improbable friendship between religious skeptic Benjamin Franklin and Great Awakening evangelist George Whitefield, it tells a story that begins with a business partnership in Philadelphia and ends with Whitefield's death in 1771. In between, we see how Whitefield and Franklin supported each other when they were facing criticism from people bent on destroying their reputations and worked together to create an orphanage and other productive social projects.

“We enjoyed the play, the history, the wit and the performance very much. Congratulations to you and the team, and thank you.”

A true friendship, Franklin and Whitefield didn't shy away from discussing their divergent beliefs with each other. To their mutual surprise, Whitefield's ministry was made stronger because of his friendship with Franklin and Franklin saw his belief in God grow from radical deism to calling for prayer at the Constitutional Convention, though he never bent the knee to Jesus and likely remained an “almost Christian.”

Do you do some of your shopping on Amazon?

If so, you can donate to Urbana Theological Seminary while you shop! Go to www.smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1332634 for more information.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



Doug Malcolm and Cameron Cornell as Whitefield and Franklin



“I highly recommend you seeking out a performance - and be prepared to be impressed!”

***Friends Indeed* has received overwhelming praise from its audience members and will be performed again on**

Sunday evening, February 16 at Windsor Road Christian Church.

For further information contact Dr. Thomas at joe.thomas@lifetogetherhouse.com

...continued from page 1

UTS: Can you take us to an "aha!" or "wow!" moment during your time with UTS?

ML: I had studied theology at another seminary some years ago, and stepped back into a classroom in the Spring of 2017 for a Systematic Theology class with Dr. Todd Daly. Just walking into the room was an "aha!" moment for me. Engaging in theological dialogue once again felt like coming home to me, and confirmed to me that my lifelong, all-consuming pursuit, whether formally or informally, will be faith seeking understanding, until our Lord returns.

UTS: How would you finish this statement: "Because I've studied with Urbana Seminary..."?

ML: ...my ideas and convictions about orthodoxy and how it relates to our lives has deepened. I have been able to better find the connecting points between what I believe and how I live, moving closer and closer to bridging the gap between the head and the heart. Theological pursuit becomes a way of seeing all of life, rather than the pursuit and apprehension of knowledge merely for knowledge's sake. The pursuit only makes sense when it touches real life and moves us closer to God.

UTS: What would you say to someone who's on the fence about studying with UTS?

ML: If you are unsure, I would encourage you to start by auditing a class. This is the best way to get a true flavor of the school. Talk to the professors; they are gracious and approachable and will help you ask the right questions about yourself and UTS to help you make that decision.

Faculty Speaking Engagements

Ken Cuffey

- Oct 20 - Sermon on Matthew 20:17-28, Twin City Bible Church, Urbana, IL
- Nov 8 - "How to Interpret the Bible: Principles for Right Understanding" Speaker at Pinnacle Forum, Champaign, IL
- Nov 22-23 - Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting
- Nov 23-25 - Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting

Todd Daly

- Oct 6 - "Christian perspective on death and dying as it relates to medical care" Bible Baptist in Rantoul
- Oct 8 - "The Ethical Challenges of Brain Science" Taste of Seminary Lecture Series, Stratford Park Bible Chapel
- Upcoming Dec 1, 8, 15 on the Nativity, Windsor Road Christian Church

Melody Green

- Oct 18-19 - C. S. Lewis Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland
"J. R. R. Tolkien and the Sagas"
"Redemptive Stories"
"Tolkien, Lewis and Iceland"
- Oct 20 - "The Church is a Greenhouse" Filadelfia Church, Reykjavik, Iceland,
- Oct 29 - " Virtue, Language, & Science; Why C.S. Lewis' 'Abolition of Man' Matters Today" Taste of Seminary Lecture Series, Stratford Park Bible Chapel

Mike McQueen

- Oct 15 - "Being a Faithful Witness in a Suspicious, Censorious, Post-Christian Culture" Taste of Seminary lecture Series, Stratford Park Bible Chapel
- Multiple Preaching Assignments - Peoria Chinese Christian Church (PCCC)

Alumni Spotlight: Bryan Mead



Brian and his wife Kate have been married almost 10 years, and have two wonderful children. He is currently a high school English teacher at Judah Christian School in Champaign, a place where the Lord continues to use his talents and passions for his Kingdom. "I love being able to teach subject matter I enjoy while proclaiming the gospel of Christ each day to high school students."

UTS: Why did you choose Urbana Seminary?

BM: I wanted a small seminary with a non-denominational focus, and I was familiar with the Champaign area from my time at the University of Illinois.

UTS: Can you share about the ways in which Urbana Seminary has been a guide to help you "love, know and serve God" in your life?

BM: Urbana Seminary was a major influence in my Christian walk, and I look back on my time as a student as one of the most fruitful times of growth I've experienced. The courses allowed me to more fully understand the nature of God's Word, the ways in which theology influences daily decisions, and how God uses real people throughout history to spread His message. I use things I learned at UTS all the time - in my daily Scripture reading, at work, and as a husband and father.

UTS: Can you take us to an "aha!" or "wow!" moment during your time with UTS?

BM: There was a moment in one of my classes at UTS where God confirmed my desire to be involved in Christian education. I've never been in a learning environment where the people sitting in class were more fully devoted to gaining new knowledge for the sake of God's kingdom. Not only did it strengthen my desire to teach, it also solidified my desire to teach in a Christian setting. UTS fully captured what it means to have Christ-centered, God-honoring education. This starts with the great faculty, but is evident in each individual in every class.

UTS: How would you finish this statement: "Because I've studied with Urbana Seminary..."?

ML: I have a stronger grasp of the Bible and a greater appreciation for God's work in and through history.

Pray for the Seminary

We treasure your prayers for the ministry of the Seminary. Here's some ways that you can pray for us.

- Praise for a good fall semester in classes! Pray for students finishing up the semester—for fruitful work that equips them well.
- For **strong enrollment** for the Spring—that the Lord would lead many to deepen their faith and understanding here at the Seminary.
- For generous year-end giving.
- For God to raise up many **new monthly and regular givers to the Founders Fund.**

Training through Travel

ISRAEL REMIX, AND OTHER EXCITING NEWS!



Library of Celsus, Ephesus

Urbana Seminary's **Training through Travel** ministry is ready for its third overseas educational opportunity. After Israel 2018 and Reformation 2019, how are we looking to the future? First, we are shifting our plans, and wanted you to know. The Israel trip planned for March 2020 has been rescheduled (see below). This means another incredible chance to learn through travel is coming up first.

The Footsteps of Paul: Turkey and Greece

will trace the apostle's missionary journeys throughout Turkey and Greece on **March 7-19, 2021**.

This trip will equip you to read the Biblical accounts of Acts, along with most of the New Testament epistles, in a living context. The people Paul reached out to, and the Jesus-followers who received his letters, all lived in the real world, and faced similar challenges to those we address each day, as well as unique obstacles. An indispensable key to reading with understanding is to see the dimensions of their life context and how that led to what Paul said and preached, and catalyzed their responses. There's no better way to deepen your resources for reading with understanding than by seeing the sites themselves, understanding what happened there, and how they are related to each other. The agency arranging the details of this trip is Tutku Educational Tours, based in Izmir, Turkey. Tutku has already produced an attractive and informational brochure describing the trip. Let the Seminary office know if you'd like to have one and we will gladly send you one--either e-mail office@urbanatheologicalseminary.org or call the office at 217-365-9005 to ask for the Footsteps of Paul brochure.

Urbana Seminary is returning to Israel as well!

Our next **Land of Israel** tour will take place on **March 8-19, 2022**.

So much of the Bible's story plays out in the land we know as Israel. The places you've dreamed of seeing--Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and of course, Jerusalem! The stories you know so well--the journeys of Abraham and family, Joshua leading the entry to the promised land, judges like Gideon and Samson, the kingdom of David, the temple of Solomon, Israel and Judah, the



Dead Sea/Qumran

ministry of Jesus around (and even on) the Sea of Galilee in the north, and the early years of the church in Jerusalem and then spreading outwards towards the ends of the earth.

We see all these overlapping layers of the history of God at work, delve into the rich fruit of archaeological digs that illumine the Biblical text, and then relate all of this back to the dimensions of space (geography) and time (history). Using the specially designed maps and timeline that each traveler receives, you will gain a powerful discipleship tool for reading the Bible with genuine understanding. Tutku has not yet produced a fancy brochure for this trip, but if you're interested, the Office will also be delighted to send you a description of where we will go and our itinerary. This gives a good sense of how you'll grow as you see the Land.



Tel Megiddo, Israel

There's a value-added proposition for those in central Illinois as well. Fall 2020 Urbana Seminary will offer the course *The Book of Acts*, to lead into the Footsteps of Paul tour. This will trace the message of the text of Acts and delve into the sites to which the group will travel. Then in Spring 2022 the Seminary curriculum will include *The Land of Israel: Geography, History, Archaeology, & Theology*--an excellent lead in to the trip that semester.

Save the dates! Plan ahead!

Training through Travel

Spring Course Schedule

BIBLICAL STUDIES

BI 502 - 100 3 Hrs

New Testament Survey

Dr. Kenneth Cuffey

Thursdays 6:00—9:00 pm

Twin City Bible Church

An introduction to New Testament Literature within the context of the Hellenistic-Roman world of the first century A.D. Interpretation of various genres, a survey of the individual books, their backgrounds and messages, the life of Jesus of Nazareth, and the early church.

BI 601 - 100 3 Hrs

How to Understand the Bible: Hermeneutics

Dr. Kenneth Cuffey

Wednesdays 6:00—9:00 pm

Twin City Bible Church

How can I read the Bible and really understand what it says? A survey of principles for and issues in interpretation of the Bible. Special emphasis on the history of interpretation, meaning and intention, genre, the use of linguistics in Biblical interpretation, and coherence analysis. Course will explore the major aids to Biblical interpretation, as well as issues arising in understanding Scripture, such as fulfillment of prophecy.

BL 502 -- 100 3 Hrs

New Testament Greek 2

Peter Spsychalla

Mondays and Wednesdays 4:10 -- 5:40 pm

Grace Community Church

A continuation of the introduction to the Koine Greek language with emphasis on vocabulary, syntax, the verbal system, and reading in the Greek text. Prerequisite: BL 501 or its equivalent. This course offers graduate credit for students in programs other than the M.Div. degree.

CHRISTIAN HISTORY & THOUGHT

CH 740 -- 300 2 Hrs

Bonhoeffer: Costly Community

Dr. Joseph Thomas

Tuesdays 6:30 -- 8:30 pm with 5 additional Saturday mornings

Windsor Road Christian Church

The life and thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer has been celebrated in countless writings, biography and film. His inspirational life and profound theological insight into the disciple's call to follow Christ and reject the idolatry of unchecked government power make his work timeless. This course will explore the interrelationship between Bonhoeffer's life and thought and its importance for today.

CT 502 - 100 3 Hrs

Theology 2

Dr. Todd Daly

Mondays 6:00 -- 9:00 pm

Windsor Road Christian Church

An overview of the Christian doctrines of the Holy Spirit, the work of Christ and salvation, the church as the Body of Christ, and the end times.

“**Through the knowledge I've gained from UTS, I'm able to see a more complete picture of how God is at work — throughout history, in literature and the arts, in science and academia, with individuals and groups, and in my own life. The community and posture of learning I'm invited into and receive from UTS helps encourage me to expand what I know about God as well as to experience Him more fully.**”

David Bostwick Current UTS Student

CT 620 - 100

3 Hrs

Christian Bioethics

Dr. Todd Daly

Fridays 6 pm – 9 pm; Saturdays 9 am – 4 pm

Jan 24--25, Feb 21--22, Apr 3--4, May 1--2 University Baptist Church

Our increasing technological powers over nature are continuing to reshape the discipline of medicine in ways that could scarcely have been foreseen a century ago. Christian Bioethics is concerned with addressing these, and related issues concerning medicine, the human body, and flourishing in light of the birth, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. In this course we will survey the history of medicine and the Christian contribution to it while learning to make biblically-informed, theologically sound judgments about medical and moral issues at the edges of life, human identity, justice, and well-being.

CT 740 -- 345

3 Hrs

Imaginative Apologetics

Dr. Melody Green

Fridays 6 pm – 9 pm; Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm

Jan 31--Feb 1, Mar 6--7, Apr 17--18, May 1--2; Location: TBA

While classical apologetics presents rational arguments for believing, imaginative apologetics (also called “cultural apologetics”) uses story to give context to the same concepts. While the term is new, the concept is not: Jesus used “imaginative apologetics” when telling parables. In this class we will look at works by recent scholars explaining what imaginative apologetics is, how it works and why it matters. We will also look at writings by twentieth century authors such as J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis who laid the groundwork for the study of imaginative apologetics and examine stories that have been written for this purpose, applying these theories to the texts.



Dr. Green's C.S. Lewis class fieldtrip to the Wade Center, Wheaton College

PRACTICAL MINISTRY

PM 554 - 100

3 hrs

The World Christian Movement: A Gateway to Mission in coordination with Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Dr. Michael McQueen & Josh Sauder, facilitators

Tuesdays 6:30 -- 9:00 pm

Christ Community Church

A survey of the global cause of Christ in Christian missions. Biblical, theological, and historical foundations for missions, crucial issues of cross-cultural ministry, recent developments in methods, application in the local church, and future trends. Consideration of personal relational evangelism. This course will use selected materials from Perspectives on the World Christian Movement courses of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

GN 700 - 100

2 Hrs

Integrative Senior Seminar

Brett Smith

Mondays 10:00 – 11:30 am

University Baptist Church

A synthesis of the student's seminary studies with the goal of helping the student integrate the whole seminary experience into a more focused preparation for active vocational ministry, usually through a major research paper or practical project. Opportunity will be given to study candidacy and interview methods. The student will be required to complete the assessment portfolio for graduation as part of this course. Required of all M.A.R. and M. Div. students. Recommended during the last semester of a student's program.



“ Because I studied with Urbana Seminary, I feel grounded in my core beliefs, and can now explore more "fringe" things and not feel like my foundation is being shaken.”

**John Elliot
Alumnus 2016**



“ Urbana Seminary is both rigorous and down to earth. This is how I want to walk with God — passionately pursuing truth, but humble and unpretentious about my own understanding. I see this lived out in the faculty and the ethos of the seminary.”

**Fred Kirstein,
MAR Alumnus 2014**

Mark your calendar!

The 8th Annual Forum on Preaching 2020

Monday, February 17, 2020, 9 am — 3 pm



featuring:

Matthew D. Kim, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Preaching and Ministry

Interim Chair of the Division of Practical Theology

Director of the Haddon W. Robinson Center for Preaching

Director of Mentored Ministry

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (South Hamilton, MA)

Preaching with Cultural Intelligence

Preaching with Cultural Intelligence: In Theory

Preaching with Cultural Intelligence: In Practice (Race/Ethnicity)

Preaching with Cultural Intelligence: In Practice (Location)

Windsor Road Christian Church

Cost: \$25

Register online or call the Seminary for further information.

A Taste of Seminary

Christian Perspectives on Faith, Culture, and Contemporary Issues

Tuesdays, 7— 8:30 PM at Stratford Park Bible Chapel, 2801 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign

February 4: “Prayer” — Dr. Mike McQueen

February 11: “How to Study the Bible” — Dr. Ken Cuffey

February 18: “Christian Boot Camp in the Third Reich: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Approach to Seminary Training” — Dr. Joe Thomas

February 25: TBA — Dr. Melody Green

Free! Coffee, tea, and dessert provided

Invite a friend and join us for a 1 hour lecture followed by lively discussion!

Urbana Theological Seminary
314 E. Daniel St. Champaign, IL 61820
217-365-9005

www.urbanatheologicalseminary.org