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Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  January/ February  
at Evangel University 2016

## Keeping Alumni Connected

AGTS at Evangel hosts 8th annual Stanley M. Horton Pentecostal Heritage Lectureship series



Dr. Renea Brathwaite ('05) was the featured speaker of the Stanley M. Horton Pentecostal Heritage Lectureship held February 9-11, 2016. He is the Dean of the Ohio Ministry Network and adjunct professor of Theology at Malone University and Hosanna Bible Training Center.

Speaking on the topic of "A re-examination of the theology of William J. Seymour, A Pentecostal Pioneer," Renea engaged students during class sessions and special chapel services. [Read more.](#)

## Connect with the President



Dr. Hausfeld will be at the following events:

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- *March 6:* Preaching at Highlandville First Assembly of God, Highlandville, Mo.

Dr. Hausfeld wrote an article for the winter edition of the *Occasional Bulletin*, published by Evangelical Missiology Society, entitled, "What are the Missiological Implications of Affirming or Denying that Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God?"

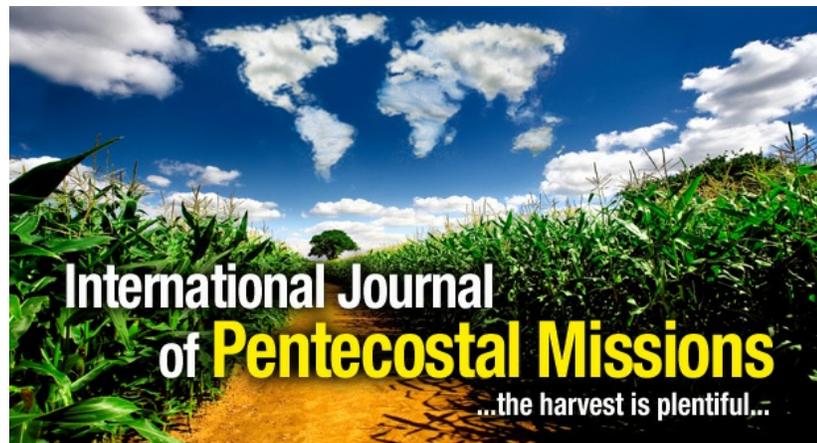
## AGTS News

AGTS Discipleship Network launches new blog to offer fresh perspectives on whole-life discipleship



Funded by a generous gift from the Kern Family Foundation, the AGTS Discipleship Network website was created as an interactive communication tool to keep the conversation about Christian discipleship fresh and invigorating. Offering essays and blogs that share how network participants strive to live out their personal faith and ministry, the site welcomes readers and contributors. [Read more.](#)

Don't miss the new *International Journal of Pentecostal Missiology, Volume 4*



Adult, Graduate, and Seminary Studies Open House

# open house

ADULT > GRADUATE STUDIES > SEMINARY

## TUESDAY

March 15, 5-7pm

Evangel University will be hosting an open house for adult, graduate and seminary studies Tuesday, March 15, in the Riggs Hall Atrium. Open Houses are held every semester and are intended for prospective adult and graduate students with a desire to complete their undergraduate degree or pursue a master's or doctoral degree in a convenient format. This come-and-go event is a great way to visit facilities, network with faculty and learn more about admissions procedures. Evangel waives the \$25 application fee for attendees. [Learn more or register.](#)



### New Hogan Professor Sobhi Malek to deliver inaugural lecture

AGTS is pleased to announce that Dr. Sobhi Malek has been chosen as the 2016-2017 J. Philip Hogan Professor. Dr. Malek will present three lectures in Seymour Chapel on the general theme of "The Challenge to

Understand Islam."

- Inaugural lecture: Tuesday, March 8 at 11 a.m.
  - "The Caliphate: The Islamic State"
- Second lecture: Friday, March 11, at 2 p.m.
  - "Muhammad in the Bible: Alleged Prophecies"
- Third lecture: Wednesday, April 6, at 11 a.m.
  - "The Bible for Muslims"

As an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God, Dr. Malek has ministered for over forty years in over fifty countries. He has served as a visiting professor of missions at several seminaries, and speaks in conferences and seminars on Islam, Muslim evangelism, and missions to Muslims. In addition, Dr. Malek has translated the Bible into Islamic Arabic. The *Sharif Bible* was the first Bible to be published in Arabic that Muslims understand.

The J. Philip Hogan Chair of World Missions at AGTS is an endowed professorship that honors the missionary leadership of the former executive director of AGWM. As a partnership between AGTS and AGWM, it calls on today's missionaries and scholars to continue in the heritage of thoughtful, incisive and Spirit-led missiology. A leading missiologist is invited annually to fill the chair in order to explore new dimensions in missiology through teaching, research and writing.

## AGTS Offers Church Business Administration Training

In association with The Church Network, an interdenominational professional association, AGTS offers training seminars every summer in church administration. Church leaders, paid and unpaid, have an opportunity to enhance their leadership in human resources, finance, communication, strategic planning, tax and legal issues and property and facilities management.

### Summer 2016 Courses

- June 14-17 (Module A: HR, Communication, Planning)
- June 21-20 (Module B: Finance, Legal, Facilities)

[Learn more or register.](#)

## Libraries in a bottle: CBC, Evangel, & AGTS books resource Bible schools across Africa



Recently, Africa's Hope, a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, Africa region, received more than 55,000 textual resources from Evangel University (EU) in Springfield, Missouri, as a result of the 2013 consolidation of EU with Central Bible College and Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. This donation served to provide library resources for several Africa AG Bible schools. [Read more.](#)

## AG scholarships key to helping AGTS chaplaincy candidates reach the field



Missouri Army National Guard Assemblies of God chaplain candidate Peter K. Pyo is scheduled to graduate from Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in May, after which he expects to go on active duty.

Pyo is one of 196 U.S. Missions AG Chaplaincy Ministries candidates to be awarded a total of 610 scholarships to attend the Springfield seminary since 1983. To date, Chaplaincy Ministries has given \$1,026,368 to help AGTS students who are in full-time preparation for the chaplaincy. [Read more.](#)

## Connect to EU Alumni Newsletter---The Quad



Stay up-to-date with what's happening at Evangel University.

[Read the January, 2016, edition.](#)

With the addition of [new men's soccer coach John Giffen](#), Evangel's first sanctioned soccer game since 1974 is less than 50 days away.

Homecoming 2015: Celebrating you! Join us October 1-3, 2015.

Featured reunions will be:

- All soccer players 1974 and prior
- 1965
- 1975
- 1990
- 2005

More information coming soon.

Introducing the new president of AGTS at Evangel



Did you know?

### JURASSIC WORLD

has now brought in more than half a billion dollars at the box office since its release on June 12. But did you know Evangel adjunct professor Doug Olena is credited for a key element of the look and feel of the Jurassic franchise?

Olena designed the font set used for the promotional materials to go with Steven Spielberg's 1993 blockbuster Jurassic Park. The set is called Nueland Inline, and it was just one of more than a hundred fonts created by Olena living in Vermont.

The set was purchased from a font service, and Olena saw just a small royalty on the sale. Olena is proud of his influence, as the franchise has retained a similar font design through its four films released across 22 years.



## Refer a student

Do you know someone interested in attending AGTS? Use this [online form](#) or connect with [Christina Ketchum](#), AGTS Enrollment Representative.

## Faculty News

### Roger Cotton

- *March 2:* Attending Chi Alpha meeting, Q & A Topic: "Old Testament: God of Wrath," College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo.
- *March 13-14:* Attending the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in St. Louis, Mo.
- *March 10-12:* Attending the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies at Life Pacific College, San Dimas, Calif.



### Paul Lewis

- *March 10-12:* Attending the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies at Life Pacific College, San Dimas, Calif.
- Panel participation:
  - Volume in honor of Ruth and Stan Burgess
  - Volume on ethics (Essay topic: International Ethics)
  - Presenting Essay: "Worship and Spirituality in the First Millennium Church of the East Mission in China: Lessons for the Pentecostal Mission Work Today"
  - Chairing: Mission Interest Group



### Johan Mostert

- Assumed the position of Director of Family and Community Resources at COMPACT Family Services, a part of the AG Family Services Agency, on February 1, 2016. Dr. Mostert will head up COMPACT's resource and empowerment strategy to better assist and mobilize local churches and AG districts to more adequately redeem and serve vulnerable children and families in their communities. He will also assist in the enhancement of the agency's professional programs. For additional details, [visit COMPACT'S website](#).



### Lois Olena

- *March 10-12:* Attending the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies at Life Pacific College, San Dimas, Calif. (This is her final year of a five-year term as SPS executive director.)
- Presentation participation:
  - Co-edited book, *Children of the Calling: Essays in Honor of Stanley M. Burgess and Ruth V. Burgess*
  - Upcoming volume of Global Pentecostal and the Charismatic Studies series
- Publication:
  - "[Building Bridges to Your Jewish Neighbor at Hanukkah.](#)" *Vital Magazine*, December 3, 2015



### Ava Oleson

- March 10-12: Attending the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies at Life Pacific College, San Dimas, Calif.
- Panel participation:
  - "Women in Pentecostal and Charismatic



### Delonn and Valerie Rance

- *March 2-6:* Speaking at the Assemblies of God "Together in Missions" Regional Congress, which includes Hispanic Districts in the U.S. and 20 Latin American countries.
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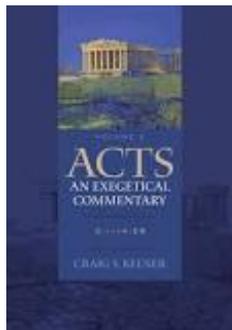


### Randy Walls

- *Feb 18-20:* Attending the Association of Theological Schools Peer Group on International Education Models, Pittsburgh, Penn.



## Alumni News



Craig Keener's ('85/'87) four-volume Acts commentary won the award in biblical studies this year for *Christianity Today's* 2016 Book Awards. Gary Burge, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College writes,

*"Keener is a scholar with gifts that come along once every century, and here we see them employed in full force. Words like encyclopedic, magisterial, and epic come to mind when you examine 4,000 carefully argued pages on every aspect of the Book of Acts.*

*Nothing like this has ever been done-- and it's doubtful that anything like it will be done for a long time. Keener has a grasp of the ancient world like few scholars anywhere, but he also has a heart for the church and its mission."*

Bill Parks ('08) passed away in January after a long battle with cancer. AGTS professor Jim Hernando writes,

*"Bill came to AGTS to pick up a few more tools and sharpen a few others. While in Springfield he made connection with another alum, Everett Ward, director of the LACLS and put together a plan to help the rural pastors of Nicaragua, a Latin American country he deeply loved. Shortly after graduating and taking a pastorate in Crawfordville, Ind., he invited me to teach in Nicaragua. I accepted, went and have been going back yearly ever since. Bill's love for the people of Nicaragua was infectious. He raised tens of thousands of dollars to buy books for the pastors who attended our two-day seminar on basic principles of biblical interpretation."*

Greg Stone ('95) is the associate pastor of Jewish Ministries at Gateway Church in Dallas, Texas. [Watch his testimony.](#)

**Scott Stripling** ('96) serves as the director of excavations at Khirbet el-Maqatir in Israel. Khirbet el-Maqatir is believed by many evangelicals to be the site of Ai and Ephraim. [Visit the dig website.](#) A new Logos course entitled Archaeology 101, which prominently features Scott and his dig is also [available](#).



Chaplain **David Wright** ('15) and his call to have a maximum spiritual impact in the military was the subject of the the 2015 fall edition of Evangel University's *Vision* magazine. [Check it out.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

**AGTS Spring Study Week**  
February 22-26

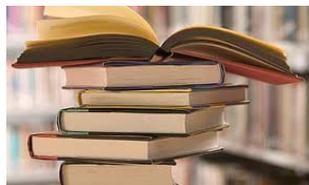
**Adult, Graduate Studies & Seminary Open House**  
March 15, 5-7 p.m., Riggs Hall Atrium

**Good Friday/AGTS Offices Closed**  
March 25

**AGTS Graduation Events**  
May 5-7

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## We want to hear from you!



Do you have family or ministry news you want to share? Send your recent news and photos to [alumni@agts.edu](mailto:alumni@agts.edu) and we may publish it in the next newsletter, *Rapport magazine*, or in our "Alumni Spotlight" website feature.